

DEWI SANT CHURCH NEWS

SOME LESSONS FROM SEPTEMBER SERMONS

Two sermons in September by Rev. Robert Metcalf were based upon the following readings. Thanks to Rev. Metcalf for preaching while Rev. Anne was away.

It is always striking to see how relevant Biblical words are today. On Sept. 18 the reading from Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 included the phrase 'Is there no balm in Gilead', which Rev. Metcalf explained in his sermon. There are plenty of countries where I am sure this question is being asked, ranging from the USA to Syria. We should think about how the balm of Canada can help those who suffer.

Why have they aroused my anger with their images, with their worthless foreign idols? ²⁰The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved. ²¹Since my people are crushed, I am crushed; I mourn, and horror grips me. ²²Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people?

On Sept. 25 the sermon was based on 1 Timothy 6:6-19 which was Paul writing to his disciple Timothy. Rev. Metcalf's point was that as Christians, we are not supposed to consider 'fighting', but the concept still has merit because it can be difficult to apply Christian values in all of our actions, and the imagery of fighting is a good one.

¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses... ¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

The Editor, using the ideas from Rev. Metcalf's sermons

Y GWASANAETH CYMRAEG

Ar nos **Sul Hydref 2** fe fydd gwasanaeth Cymraeg yn Eglwys Dewi Sant am 7 o'r gloch. Byddwch yn falch o wybod - **Y Parch Deian Evans** fydd yn gwasanaethu (trwy fideo). Fel arfer fydd côr Merched Dewi yn cymryd rhan, a fe fydd 'paned (disgled) o de - a cyfle i gael sgwrs - wedi'r oedfa. Croeso cynnes i bawb.

Y gwasanaeth Cymraeg nesaf ar nos Sul Tachwedd 6edd.

On **Sunday October 2nd** there will be a Welsh language service at Dewi Sant church at 7 p.m.. We are pleased to announce that our guest preacher on that day will be our previous minister - **Rev. Deian Evans** (by video). As usual the Merched Dewi choir will participate, a translation of the sermon will be available, and we will have a cup of tea and chat following the service. ALL WELCOME - CROESO!

Next Welsh service on Sunday Nov. 6th, 2016.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENTS

The Sunday School held its summer event again this year at the Toronto Zoo on a beautiful Saturday in late August. Pam Evans, her daughter Stephanie, Sheila Holyer and her son Lewis Contini attended along with Teresa Thomas, Tegan Thomas and Daniel Thomas. The morning was spent looking for babies and we weren't disappointed at all! We saw a newborn Grevy's zebra, the Indian rhino calf Nandu, polar bear cub Juno and of course, the twin panda cubs!



Tegan Thomas and Daniel Thomas meeting a friendly hippo

We worked up an appetite with all the walking and headed to Caribou Pizza for a hearty lunch. Afterwards, we enjoyed an amazing animal show at the Waterside Theatre. The day ended in the splash pad as a welcome cool down for all. Can't wait for next year's visit!

Please consider bringing your children and grandchildren to the Sunday School for fellowship and reflection on living every day as a Christian. The more children there are the more fun they have. Also the Sunday School team is already preparing for the Christmas pageant and we would like to see as many of you participating as possible

Pam Evans, Sunday School Head

IN MEMORIAM – KEN HUGHES

A Celebration of Ken's Life will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 2 p.m. at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church. Tea reception to follow.

Ken left us on Saturday, August 27 in his 95th year. He was the beloved husband for 67 years of the late Irene Hughes. He was the dear father of Patricia (Peter) Stevenson, Robert and John, grandfather of Kelly (Edward) Watson, Kassandra Stevenson, Kaitlyn (Brandon) Stevenson, Evan (Heather), Morgan (Kaylee), Jagger and Levi Hughes and great-grandfather to Ava-Jade, Pierce, Logan, Tristan and Savannah.



Ken Hughes Born on October 2nd, 1921, in Pantyscallog Village (Pant) near Merthyr Tydfil, Ken's Welsh roots ran deep as the family tree goes back to the 1700's in Llanidloes, North Wales, where at least two ancestors served as local mayors. Ken was a survivor; he conquered diphtheria and double phenomena at the age of 12 but his poor health forced Ken to leave school at 14 years of age and take sundry jobs as available. It was the time of the Great Depression and when the steel works closed down, 78% of the work force in Merthyr were unemployed. In 1936, Ken moved to Cardiff where new steel works were opening up. He was lucky enough to get an apprenticeship in the same company where many other family members were employed and fortunately by this time, his health had improved.

However, the sea beckoned to Ken and at age 20, he joined the British Merchant Navy as a junior engineer and was on the seas during World War II when enemy submarines were a constant threat. Ken was the last veteran from WWII in Dewi Sant. Ken travelled widely and made trips to New York and the Middle East during his service. In 1946, Ken left the Merchant Navy and returned to the steelworks in Cardiff. It was love at first sight when Ken met Irene two years later. In only two weeks, Ken asked Irene to marry him and although she was at first noncommittal, after four overtures the answer was yes. Their daughter Trish Stevenson (long time and hardworking member of Dewi Sant, the OGGA and of Merched Dewi) was the only one of the three Hughes children born in Wales before the family emigrated from Cardiff to Canada in 1954. Two sons were born in Canada and all three children were baptized by the Reverend John Humphreys Jones in 1961 at our church on Melrose. Soon after his arrival in Canada, Ken began working for the CBC as a Machinist and remained with them until his retirement in 1987. It was during the ministry of Reverend Cerwyn Davies that Ken and Irene became members at Dewi Sant. Ken was always ready to help with any technical projects as needed and it is his handiwork on display in the Christmas star that adorns our sanctuary each December. If you remember the black light show that commemorated our 75th anniversary, Ken played a central

role in its technical development. The family has asked that memorial donations to Dewi Sant Welsh United Church or Hill House Hospice, 36 Wright Street, Richmond Hill, would be appreciated.

From notes from Betty Cullingworth and the Editor

VISIT TO THE SCOTT MISSION....MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Ten members of Dewi Sant spent the morning at the Scott Mission on the 19th. To a one, each member felt that it had been a morning well spent. The feeling of warmth (figuratively not literally) that pervades the mission is palpable. The staff are committed to their work and have developed a format in which each volunteer is assigned to tasks that are both meaningful and productive. Some help with food preparation and delivery, some in dining hall set up and clean up; others work in the mail room and in clothes distribution. Whatever the area of assignment, the tasks have been developed so that no time or effort is wasted.



Ross had the unenviable job of washing up! Here are the pots that he washed & scrubbed. He did this for both meals!

At the end of the day, one of our members was moved to offer her services on a more regular basis. The Mission is mainly funded by donations from individuals though Costco has recently committed to providing fresh food on a regular basis. If you are looking for an additional location for your charitable dollars, the Scott Mission is indeed a worthy recipient.

We hope to repeat our visit as a church group again in 2017. Perhaps you will consider joining us. I hope so!!

2014 to promote Welsh dance, song and culture, they were truly balm for the soul. Betty raved about Carys Lewis, originally from Calgary but now living in Toronto (!!) A play written and performed by Carys, "Beyond the Pail" examined life in rural Wales.

Côr Meibion Bae Colwyn was the guest choir on Saturday night. Along with mezzo-soprano Edith Pritchard, they performed to a packed church and received a standing ovation. Guest minister at the Sunday morning service was the Rev. Eirian Wyn Lewis of Pembrokeshire. It was a joy to receive his bi-lingual "message". Diolch, Eirian. And, finally, the two Gymanfa sessions. The hymn singing was spectacular, aided by the choir and the several tag-alongs who were travelling with them. I doubt that Knox United Church, Calgary, has ever heard such splendid singing.

Llongyfarchiadau, Calgary.



A member of the Calgary Welsh Society with the First Nations Chief and the Dancer. Taken by Beth Landmesser.

Hefina Phillips

AND MORE FROM THE WNAA

Did you know about the e-hymnal on the WNAA site? See www.thewnaa.org. On the Home page you will see the button for "Download the e-Hymnal" on the upper left and follow instructions. You get the musical soundtrack for all of the Gymanfa hymns in each of the 4 voices, as the whole choir together and a spoken reading of the Welsh verses. Great for

anyone trying to learn a particular voice or the Welsh words especially if they don't have a piano or cannot read music. Time to practice for the Gymnfa Ganu at Dewi Sant in 2017.

Editor

ONLY IN WALES....

A Muslim woman was apparently told she "should really be speaking English" by a stranger on a bus, when she was actually speaking Welsh. Fellow passenger Tom Bradbury says he saw the moment as he got a rail replacement bus from Cardiff to Newport.

"After about five minutes of the mother talking to her son in another language, the man, for whatever reason, feels the need to tell the woman, 'When you're in the UK you should really be speaking English.'" wrote Tom in his Facebook post. "At which point, an older woman in front of him turns around and says, 'She's in Wales. And she's speaking Welsh.'"

Tom, 26, told Newsbeat that he isn't a Welsh speaker himself, but "the woman seemed to be joking with her son [and] making him laugh. Then the guy in front interrupted. He came across quite rude. I was surprised to hear someone come out and say something like that so directly." "The woman's response was almost immediate, though. It made the few of us in the surrounding seats laugh and the guy seemed to shrivel up a little bit and mumble something to himself, but stayed quiet afterwards."

His post has now been shared nearly 20,000 times on Facebook.

Meg Lloyd-Jones who saw it on BBC Newsbeat

A STRATEGY FOR INCREASING THE USE OF THE WELSH LANGUAGE

Ymgynghoriad strategaeth ddrafft y Gymraeg/Draft Welsh language strategy Consultation

Rwy'n cysylltu gyda chi i'ch hysbysu bod Llywodraeth Cymru yn ymgynghori'n gyhoeddus ar hyn o bryd ar strategaeth ddrafft sy'n amlinellu gweledigaeth Llywodraeth Cymru i gyrraedd miliwn o siaradwyr Cymraeg erbyn 2050. Mae modd i chi ddarllen y strategaeth ddrafft a lleisio eich barn ar y cynnwys ar ein gwefan yma: <https://ymgynghoriadau.llyw.cymru/ymgynghoriadau/strategaeth-y-gymraeg>. Y dyddiad cau ar gyfer ymatebion yw 31 Hydref 2016.

Carwyn Wycherley
Uned y Gymraeg

I am contacting you to draw your attention to the fact that the Welsh Government is currently consulting on a draft Welsh language strategy which outlines the Welsh Government's vision of reaching a million Welsh speakers by 2050. You can read the draft strategy and have your say on its content on our website here: <https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/welsh-language-strategy>. The closing date for responses is 31 October 2016.

Carwyn Wycherley
Welsh Language Unit

In July, Trisha and Donna represented the St. David's Society at the "5th Annual Brilliant British Patio Bash" held at the Marche's MuvBox Patio. The event was hosted by the British Canadian Chamber of Trade and Commerce in honour of the Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday. In August, members and friends of the St. David's Society boarded the Oriole for a "Sip and Sail" cruise around the Toronto Harbour. The weather was perfect and the full moon over the lake provided a spectacular finish to a delightful evening. On September 13th, the Society celebrated the 100th anniversary of Roald Dahl at the musical production of his well-known book, Matilda. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the excellent performance.

Upcoming events.....

On October 22nd, we will be heading to Mennonite country where we will visit St. Jabob's market, Cheese Factory Outlet, Quilts Galore and much more. Lunch is included at Anna Mae's featured on the Food Network's "You Gotta Eat Here". Contact Donna at (416) 756-1249 to sign up for this tour. Pick-up will be at Dewi Sant at 8:30 a.m.; returning at approximately 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$65. St. David's Society and Dewi Sant Welsh United Church celebrate the start of the Christmas season with a traditional Christmas dinner on Saturday December 3rd. Mark your calendar now. Further details to follow.

Donna Morris

DEWI SANT ANNUAL CHURCH BAZAAR, RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

Mark This Date!!!! **Saturday November 5**, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

This is our main annual fundraiser. Please come on out and support us. Have a cup of tea, a chat with friends, and spend some money. There are good buys to be had on:

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| JEWELLERY | BOOKS |
| BAKED GOODS | WELSH KEEPSAKES |
| WOMENS ACCESSORIES | CHRISTMAS ITEMS |
| GENTLY USED GOODS | CHILDREN'S GOODS |
| KNITWEAR | TREASURES |
| (touques, mitts, scarves, baby clothes, afghans) | |
| WHITE ELEPHANT | SILENT AUCTION |
| TEA ROOM | |

Donations are needed of gently used goods. Now is a good time to do that fall clean out. Volunteers are needed:

- For setup on Friday Nov. 4 from 10 am onwards. We desperately need help on this day
- For working on the stalls on the Saturday
- We also need some strong energetic young people to help with packing and loading the cars after 1 p.m. on Saturday.

If you have donations or can help out, please contact Arleigh Quesnelle at arleighquesnelle@sympatico.ca or [416-483-6870](tel:416-483-6870)

THE TUESDAY GROUP

Going forward, I intend to start up the Tuesday Group on November 1st which will be `Game Day` starting at 11 a.m.. There will be the usual nominal charge of \$2, to cover expenses of tea,

