

DEWI SANT CHURCH NEWS

In the June 3 service Rev. Bell spoke about things of simple significance, which included a story, and a song and a smile. We are meant to be characters in God's story; we have a place in the drama of life in Christ. Song is a human, universal experience and is as old as humanity. And there's music everywhere in Scripture. Finally with another word from the Psalmist, paraphrased: "Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; do not hold your peace at my tears. Turn your gaze...that I may smile again" (Psalm 39: 13).

The second service of June concerned choosing and experiencing abundant Life – reflecting on the Gospel of John where Jesus is quoted as saying, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." This abundant life is given to us in the form of freedom, joy, peace, love which we can have at any stage in our life. At Rev. Bell's final service we had a farewell with abundant food, prepared as always by the ladies of the church.



Rev. Bell about to start the celebration





The tea committee for the farewell

IN MEMORIAM

The funeral for Betty Evans was held at Dewi Sant on June 28. It was a wonderful service of celebration of Betty's life. The Rev. Meriel Simpson officiated and Rev. Cerwyn Davies spoke about Betty's life. The Evans family – children and grandchildren – also presented many endearing stories about Betty. At the reception which followed, the family had assembled many photographs of Betty and Gareth throughout their life. In the next edition of Y Gadwyn we will include some of those stories and pictures.

The Editor

OUTREACH

Meanwhile, please mark September 12 on your calendars as the date of our Dewi Sant visit to the Scott Mission. We are looking for a group of 8 at least.

Anna Dunets, Chair, Outreach Committee

WELSH LANGUAGE SERVICES

As you are aware Dewi Sant Welsh Church was established 110+ yrs. ago by a small group who wanted to hold a religious service in their native tongue - WELSH. In an effort to adapt to changes Dewi Sant Welsh United Church has modified its form of worship, and other aspects of church life.

There is concern about the decreased attendance at the regular Sunday services, as well as other church functions. The time of the service (Sunday at 7 p.m.) was mentioned as another factor affecting attendance and so a questionnaire was circulated in 2017, and as a result the time was changed to 10 a.m. In general, this has made no noticeable difference. A second questionnaire was included in last month's Gadwyn for mail-in and presented at the congregational meeting on June 3rd. There were **26** responses from the congregational meeting, **3** which came later, and **1** by email, for a grand total of **30**.

also a celebration of where I'm from - Bevan's home and the place where the NHS all began". "I can't think of a more fitting location for the piece," said Mr. Wyburn. "The Valleys has so much to offer, from its rich heritage to the beautiful, green landscapes.

Mr. Wyburn's artwork is also part of the Love the Valleys campaign, which celebrates the area's heritage and culture.

RESURRECTED WELSH WARRIOR INSPIRES ST THOMAS WAY

A series of hiking paths based on the supposed pilgrimage of a medieval warrior William Cragh who came back to life after being executed for fighting against the English is to open in the Welsh Marches. Named St Thomas Way, the paths meander through the long-disputed borderland, linking Hereford and Swansea.

Cragh was hanged in 1290 for rebelling against King Edward I for allegedly killing 13 men. He was executed just outside Swansea by the Norman lord, William de Briouze. For reasons lost in the mists of time, the lord's wife, Lady Mary, prayed to the deceased bishop of Hereford, Thomas de Cantilupe, requesting him to ask God to resurrect Cragh. Cragh did, apparently, come back to life and set off with the De Briouzes to give thanks at the bishop's shrine in Hereford. The story was one of those that persuaded the Vatican to make De Cantilupe a saint.

The route moves through the heart of the medieval March of Wales, in many ways the wild west of medieval Britain. The case of William Cragh is the archetypal Marcher story – it's all about different cultural and ethnic identities, political tensions and rebellion. The trail is not one continuous path but a series of individual circular walks of between 2 and 8 miles, aimed at making them more accessible and inclusive.

Locations on the route include Hereford Cathedral, where St Thomas's shrine is still to be found, the castle at Caerphilly and the Norman church and lost medieval village at Kilpeck, Herefordshire. In Swansea, visitors can see the castle and dungeon where Cragh was held before he was hanged on Gibbet Hill.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY OF TORONTO

MIDLAND 30,000 ISLAND BOAT CRUISE

Join us for a wonderful day on Georgian Bay. First stop is Penetanguishene, Ojibwe for "land of white rolling sands" and also known as the "Gateway to Georgian Bay". Stroll around this historic town at your leisure. After lunch (bring a picnic if you like) we'll set aboard the 300-passenger Miss Midland and experience the sparkling water, the windswept pines and rocky grandeur of Muskoka-Georgian Bay's 30,000 Islands. Seating is limited so book soon!

When: Saturday July 21st
Departure: 9:00 a.m. Dewi Sant
Return: 6:30 p.m. Dewi Sant
Cost: \$75
Contact: Donna @ (416) 756-1249 or donnamorris2010@hotmail.com

MEET UP TORONTO FOR WELSH SPEAKERS

A chat group for Welsh speakers has been started. The first gathering was at *the Quail* on 23 June 2018. The language of “Sgwrsio” is Welsh. Check the *meet up* app for future chat dates. Cyfle I sgwrsio yn y Gymraeg – manylion ar yr ap.
The Editor

FALL FAIR

Please mark our Fall Fair on the 27th October. Please think of how you can help us help the church for this event:

- your assistance on the Friday before in setting up;
- your presence on the day of the sale itself;
- donating items for us to sell;
- baking yummy goodies for the Bake Table;
- helping us clear up afterwards; or
- ALL of the above!

Whatever you will be able to do will be gratefully accepted. The important thing is that you know early on to keep the date clear...
Many thanks, Lynette Jenkins

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