



# **NEWYDDION BRO YSTUMANNER NEWS**

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No need to wait

Rev. Ruth Hansford

There are many kinds of waiting. Some waiting is a time of busy preparation, like those waiting for a wedding, the birth of a baby, a special party, or indeed Christmas. However, some waiting, such as for the results of a job interview, university application, or medical tests, can press the pause button on life, making it difficult to focus and get on with our normal routines, let alone cope with anything different or special. Waiting can be loud and frantic, or calm and quiet. It can allow for reflection and insight, or it can be full of trepidation and fear. Yet it is something all of us do in different ways every day.

Advent is a season of waiting. The name comes from the Latin *adventus* meaning ‘coming/arrival’. It anticipates the ‘coming of Christ’: in our Christmas celebrations of Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem, in the hearts of those who believe in Jesus, and in the return of Christ in the future.

Our passage through this time of waiting is marked by the lighting of the Advent wreath candles each Sunday and the daily opening of the Advent calendar (with chocolates for some!), in addition to all the shopping, cooking, present wrapping, and singing of carols! Throughout it all, if we take the time to listen, we hear the ever-increasing voices of the prophets of old, of Zechariah and Elizabeth, of the angel Gabriel and Mary, all proclaiming that God is sending the one who will bring an end to everyone’s waiting! Then the loud crescendo as the angels appear to the shepherds singing ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven’ and saying, ‘**Today** in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.’

This is the good news of comfort and joy that Christmas brings.  
We no longer need to wait!

Jesus is named Emmanuel, meaning ‘God is with us’ – now, today. He offers forgiveness, healing, wholeness, and peace to all those who seek it. In his coming and being born as one of us, and living among us, he has shown us how to live in a way that means that no one should have to wait in fear or trepidation because of the situation they are in or are facing. In the midst of the darkness, he offers light and life.

So why do we have the season of Advent? To remind us that many people in the world today are still waiting for light and hope in their darkness. We need to be sharing that good news of comfort and joy in our actions and our prayers, helping and supporting those across the world waiting for love, kindness, care, and peace in their lives. There is no need for us to wait until Christmas to do that!

May you enjoy sharing the love of God and the peace of Christ with all those you encounter in your journey through Advent.

*Rev. Ruth*

# But what of the Future?

Nigel Adams

Sue and Roger Whitehouse's daughter, Liz, is in effect the Vicar of five of the churches in the centre of York apart from a big Anglican Evangelical church and the Minster. She is also a Canon of the Minster now.

The Archbishop of York (Stephen Cottrell) is very much an evangelist. Before he became a bishop he was the Diocesan Missioner in Wakefield diocese and in 2006, when he had just been made the Area Bishop of Reading, he wrote a book called 'From the Abundance of the Heart – Catholic Evangelism for all Christians' which I have recently been reading again. In the Introduction to the book he wrote:-

*'Evangelism is that aspect of mission which brings people to faith in Christ. It is the process whereby people become disciples of Christ.'*

He says that the New Testament uses the Greek word *mysterion* to describe the Gospel of Christ. Hence Anglo Catholics use the words 'the Holy Mysteries' to describe the Eucharist because their evangelism has always been rooted in the very practical social action and the beauty of worship that would draw people to the presence of God. That was certainly the strategy of that great generation of priests who planted and built churches in Victorian England and Wales and for whom 'presence and proclamation' went 'hand in hand.'

Archbishop Stephen says in his book that he well remembers visiting a church in a very wealthy part of England to speak about evangelism and someone said to him 'We don't need to worry about evangelism here – our church is full on Sundays and we pay our quota (parish share)!'

If our motivation for evangelism is simply filling the pews and paying our 'parish share' we won't get very far with spreading the Gospel! Of

course, we would all like our churches to be full but they are not meant to be ‘private worship clubs!’ Everyone, rich or poor, can have a relationship with God.

Archbishop Stephen also says ‘Evangelism is about people. For ‘bums on seats’ read ‘hands ready to serve, ears to listen, hearts to love and minds shaped by the will and purpose of God. Without people there will be no mission. We want the Church to grow, not because we are concerned with building the earthly empire of the Church, but because we want to build God’s Kingdom in the world.’

I fully appreciate that rural ministry is different to ministry in large cities and in big ‘Council estates’ such as those where Celia and I served our curacies, but the message of the Good News is unchanging. It is the same yesterday, today and forever. It is the way we ‘put it over’ and make it relevant to people in 2024 and beyond that we have to think about now.

I still remember the words of a lady some years ago at a Deanery meeting, when I was Area Dean. We were discussing the future of the churches and what should be done about the falling numbers attending our churches and she said ‘I’m not worried about the future, my church will see me out!’

If everyone in our churches thinks like she did, her views will be self-fulfilling! That should be a frightening thought to all of us who hope that the Church will be here for our grandchildren and great grandchildren when they grow up. The big unanswered question is ‘**What are we going to do about it?**’

Nigel Adams

## **Croeso Dydd Mercher – Welcome Wednesdays**

Did you know that Croeso Dydd Mercher – Welcome Wednesdays in St Cadfan's is one of the two registered Warm Hubs in Tywyn under the Gwynedd Croeso Cynnes scheme, the other being the Library?



Croeso Dydd Mercher continues to thrive with around twenty people coming to most sessions, every Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 in ST Cadfan's Glass Room.

**Don't miss our Christmas Special on 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Festive fare and activities, and carol singing!**

Please note that Croeso Dydd Mercher – Welcome Wednesdays will take a two week break over Christmas (no sessions on 25<sup>th</sup> Dec and 1<sup>st</sup> Jan) but will return on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025.

### **Golden Girls**

Golden Girls are not meeting during the busy Christmas period at the end of December.

Instead we are having a 'Special Celebratory Meal' at the Whitehall on 31st January, 12:30 for 1:00. The menu will be available at the November Meet-up.

**Save the date!**

# Eco Ystumanner

## Max Birchenough

I don't know if you, like me, have looked on in disbelief as the President of Azerbaijan crowed over the "Gift from God" of his country's reserves of oil and gas at a conference which was supposed to be about reducing the use of fossil fuels and limiting the effects of climate change. This comes as scientists are warning that global temperatures are already reaching the 1.5 degrees increase which it was hoped would be the absolute limit reached by the middle of the century. The election of Donald Trump in the USA, who doesn't believe in climate change, is another worrying thing.

In the face of all this, it is tempting to ignore the problem, as there seems to be so little any of us can do in our own little lives. The challenge is to remain faithful, and to see what we can do ourselves to continue changing the way we live, knowing that our God calls us to be faithful, not necessarily successful.

*Max Birchenough.*



## CRAFTS FOR GIVING

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**2.00-4.00 pm**

**St Cadfan's Church, Tywyn**



Next meeting is due on the afternoon of Dec 9th (second Monday of month). Come with your needles and yarn, fabric and thread, whatever floats your boat...but come with a smile and your winter woollies and we'll see what we can do!

Enquiries to Sue Whitehouse 07789 442 035.

## **Monthly Prayer Walk**

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Reflections**

#### **10.00 am Meeting at Tyn y Cornel, Hotel, Talyllyn**

In December, we will again enjoy a mainly flat walk along the far side of Talyllyn Lake, going as far as participants and weather allow, reflecting on the message of Christmas on the way. We will then repair to Talyllyn Hotel for a meal together for those able to stay for that. Wear warm clothes and shoes, as who knows what the weather will be! If you need a lift, do please contact Rev. Ruth. Everyone is very welcome!

*Rev. Ruth*

## **Hansford Family Update**

Another Christmas approaches and we give thanks for the past year, the gift of time together, and the prayers, support, understanding and patience of so many people as we negotiate an ever-changing pattern of life. Since Paul's MRI scan on October 15<sup>th</sup>, he has struggled with increasing mobility and cognitive issues (although he's still able to keep the 'dementia actif' group laughing!). A fall down the bottom few stairs at home required a trip to A&E due to a bleeding head and resulted in his next MRI being pulled forward to November 26<sup>th</sup> (results on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>). He has also now been put under the Palliative Care Team and has recently had visits from the Palliative Care Team, Occupational Therapy, and the District Nurses, and is still awaiting the Physios. He has also seen the Podiatrist again for a sore toe and is awaiting confirmation of a date for nail surgery to sort that. In the midst of this we are so aware that we are greatly blessed in our NHS, and the many skilled and dedicated people who work for the NHS and care for us in so many ways – from top to toe! So for the moment, we are waiting to see what Paul's latest MRI shows and we'll go from there.

*Rev. Ruth*

# News from the Churches

## Aberdyfi



We have been blessed to welcome our local congregation and also many Half term visitors to Services and Messy Church.

For the fifth consecutive year we look forward to seeing the village brightened by the Aberdyfi Advent Windows, organised by St Peter's and embraced by local homeowners without whom it could not happen. So a huge thank you to all who said 'Yes'. A full list of the Windows can be found in the Lych Gate notice board of St Peters and the Post Office ... also here in the Newsletter.

We also extend a warm welcome to all who wish to take a moment from the commercial business of Christmas and contemplate The Christmas Journey. Prayer stations with pictures and a short Bible passage to reflect upon will be dotted around St Peter's, you might link the story with your own by giving thanks and praying for others. These events took place over 2000 years ago, yet the people in them faced issues that people still face today. So, we invite you to take time to reconnect to the Christmas story.

May the blessings of The Christmas Story be yours, now and always.

**St Peter's Church**  
**Aberdyfi**

**"A Christmas Journey"**

Church open everyday  
Sun 1st Dec to Sun 2nd Feb  
10am - 3pm

**"Come inside and follow us  
on the Christmas Journey  
in words and pictures."**  
Croeso Cynnes i Bawb



## Aberdyfi Advent Windows 2024

- 1st. Cartef, Penrhos
- 2nd. 4 Maes Newydd
- 3rd. Warren Point, Rhoslan
- 4th. 9 Tai Newyddion, Copperhill St
- 5th. Glascoed, Balkan Hill Drive
- 6th. Clwyn, Argoed Rd off Copperhill St
- 7th. 3 Maes Newydd
- 8th. 2 Bryncynlas, Copperhill St
- 9th. 8 Tai Newyddion, Copperhill St
- 10th. Ty Gwyn off Balkan Hill Drive
- 11th. 44 Maes Newydd, Copperhill St
- 12th. 18 Rhos Dyfi
- 13th. 1 Gwelfor Rd
- 14th. 19 Mynydd Isaf
- 15th. 1a Mynydd Isaf
- 16th. 5 Hafan Dyfi off Copperhill St
- 17th. Nant Glynn, Terrace Rd
- 18th. Hafod 13a, Glandyfi Terrace
- 19th. 1 Bryncyn Las, Copperhill St
- 20th. Tan y Graig, [5 Church St](#)
- 21st. 2 Corbett Lane off Gwelfor Rd
- 22nd. 7 Maes Newydd
- 23rd. 22 Mount Pleasant off Copperhill St
- 24th. Brynawel, 26 Seaview Terrace.



A wonderful morning of fellowship, fun and food was had at St Peter's All Saints Day Messy Church. We were encouraged to follow Jesus' footsteps and teaching to love one another and be kind to others, even in difficult situations, so that we may also one day Shine like the Saints. A huge thank you to our dedicated Messy Church team for the time, effort and dedication they put in to all aspects of each session... the result of which is that we are in our 8th year of passing God's word on to next generations.

*Alison Sayes*



## Abergynolwyn

Our lovely Remembrance Sunday Service, led by Sue Whitehouse and Janet Wright, was well attended. It was heart-warming to see so many honouring our War heroes. Thank you very much to Elwyn Evans who once again played the Last Post for us and also to John Baxter for laying the wreath.

As Winter moves us into shorter days and darker nights we look forward to Christmas and, in particular, our Carol Service on Sunday 8th December at 2pm.

My favourite Service is on Christmas Eve and once again at St David's, this year, it will be held at 3pm.

As always, my grateful thanks to everyone who helps with the Church, playing the organ, tending and maintaining the grounds, cleaning and assisting with the Services. Words are inadequate to express how much I appreciate all that you do. Thank you.

### **On a Personal Note**

As a family we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has kindly telephoned, visited and sent cards following my mother's sudden death on 24th October. Your warmth, prayers and support have meant a great deal to us and shine as a bright light during a dark time.

The day before my mother died was my birthday and we all went to Aberdyfi to celebrate and whilst there Mum wanted an ice cream. I will always cherish the memory of the three of us sat together in the Autumn sunshine; love, laughter and an ice cream.

Finally may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. Take care and stay warm.

*"The Son of God came  
from a secret habitation  
to visit and console  
those who desire him  
with all their heart".*

(Aberdeen Breviary 1516)

*Janet Wright*



## Arthog

Thank you to all those who helped make the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial possible.

A little damp perhaps, but an opportunity to remember those locally who gave their lives to bring us peace.

We are now looking forward to Christmas. We will be gathering at 2.30pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December to decorate the church. Everyone is welcome to come along and help!

Our Carol Service will be at 3.00 pm on December 15<sup>th</sup> (our regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday). Gerallt and Dorothy Hughes have kindly invited us to Tyn y Coed after the service for refreshments, so do come along and enjoy the festive celebrations.

On Christmas Eve, Rev. George will be leading our Communion by extension service at 11.30pm. Communion by extension is where the bread and wine are blessed by a priest at a previous service. As a Distinctive deacon, Rev. George has been given permission by the Bishop to lead this type of service and distribute the consecrated (blessed) bread and wine.

Everyone is welcome to come and join us for all our services and events.

*Rev Ruth*

## Fairbourne

November started with a concert given by Stephen. The concert was enjoyed by those who attended and the monies raised will go towards church repairs.



We also held our annual hour of *Remembrance Reflections*, and of course Remembrance Sunday service. I would like to thank those who did the flower arranging and those who knitted poppies and placed them around the lychgate in readiness for the service.

Everyone is invited to a Family Carol Service at 4.00 pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Come and raise your voices to celebrate the ‘comfort and joy’ of the Christmas season

There will be a Family Service at 10:00 am on Christmas morning and as ‘tradition’ dictates – Christmas Jumpers can be worn!

We also remember those in our community not only locally but also our wider church community who have asked for our prayers.

As always if you know of anyone who would like our prayers or any pastoral support, please do get in touch.

*Rev George*

## Llanegryn

We look forward to reflecting on the season of Advent in our regular services on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.



Then we look forward to the magic of welcoming the Christ-child in our worship at our Christmas Eve Communion at 9.30 pm on Christmas Eve. Everyone is welcome!

*Rev. Ruth*

## Llanfihangel y Pennant

At the time of writing we are looking forward to welcoming in Advent at our Ministry Area Advent Carol Service. Christmas is a quiet time for St Michael's, but for all those who pass by or pop in, the church will witness to the wonderful Christmas message of Emmanuel – God with us – present in our midst, even in wilds of the foothills of Cadair Idris.



## Llwyngwrl



In November the community gathered to remember, first on Remembrance Sunday, and then at the funeral of Fusilier Jack Wilkes on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Jack's family, friends and colleagues.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to our Christmas Market starting at 10.30am on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November in the Ganolfan. This will be a great opportunity to buy Christmas presents, enter the Christmas raffle, and catch up with old friends and new. Come for a panad and mince pies or light lunches from 12 noon. We look forward to welcoming as many people as possible.

Our Crib Service at 9.30 am on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December is another opportunity to welcome in the Christmas season. Then at 3.00pm on Christmas Eve, we gather to sing carols by candlelight in Llangelynnin Old Church and hear again the story of Jesus coming into the world as a baby, offering the amazing gift of love and peace to all.

## Pennal

November of course starts with the Saints and then moves straight to Remembrance - which became a moving weekend in Pennal. On the Friday we welcomed Cor Meibion Aberystwyth and two local soloists for a very moving and much appreciated concert, particularly thinking of the Forgotten Army in North India and its special link with a Pennal family. On Sunday at the War Memorial we heard of another link – this time between Passchendaele, an army hospital in Genoa, and Pennal. And on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> the children of Ysgol Pennal, with some parents and supporters, observed the silence on either side of the trumpet – an event that will certainly help them “Remember Them”.



Now we move towards Christmas. The Machynlleth Wind Band and The Dyfi Singers join again for their special Christmas Concert in the church at 7.00 pm on Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> (details in this Newsletter). We look forward to another Plygain on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm. And children of Ysgol Pennal, parents, grandparents and other supporters come for the annual Christingle on Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 pm.

And we also have our ‘window’ in the Pennal Village Advent Windows - windows in 25 different houses / buildings (or in our case church notice board) being decorated for a special Advent Calendar which we all enjoy exploring.

And then Christmas Week – “Midnight” Mass (at 8.00 pm) on Christmas Eve; the Family Service (“some peace between stockings and turkey”) on Christmas Day; and messages of peace and joy to all.

*Hugh Ramsbotham*

## Tywyn



The biggest event here at St. Cadfan's has been the Remembrance Day service. Several people have commented on how moving they found it, led as usual by Revd. Ruth. It was good to see St. Cadfan's at the heart of the community, with people clearly valuing its presence here.

Meanwhile, the work to restore the Vestry has begun, and we are finding ways of coping with not being able to use or enter it! We are still serving tea and coffee after the Sunday morning service, which has needed some thought, and dealing with Communion vessels is also something of a challenge. It's all part of the life of a parish church!

*Max Birchenough*



### **Introducing . . . IDRIS!**

'Idris' is the name of the cashless donation scheme currently being developed for the churches of Bro Ystumanner. It is also the name of the card machine being piloted in St Cadfan's.

During last Summer it became evident that visitors now expect to find a cashless donation facility in the churches and cathedrals they visit.

Idris in St Cadfan's is a Payaz Giving Station 3, which we purchased through Parish Buying. It consists of a tablet computer and a SumUp card payment machine securely mounted in a substantial and attractive casing suitable for unattended operation. The casing can be secured to a strong point in the building (in our case a large central heating pipe) with a wire cable and lock.

We selected the Giving Station because the tablet screen and the Give a Little software offers the visitor a choice of ‘campaigns’ to donate to, currently General Donations and the Vestry Floor Appeal (both with Gift Aid enabled) plus a separate campaign for Sales for which Gift Aid is not applicable. All options offer an email receipt facility and give a ‘Thank You for your Donation’ sign-off message. The Give-a-Little App enables us to continually monitor donations. For a Giving Station to work in a church the following are necessary:



- Sufficient visitor numbers to warrant the £500 investment.
- In the absence of Wifi a mobile phone signal with a minimum strength of about 2 bars of 4G. St Cadfan’s system uses a SIM card which searches for the optimum mobile signal. The running cost of the SIM is about £1 per week.
- At least one person within the congregation who is sufficiently tech-savvy to take on the maintenance of their system after suitable training. Paul will help with the setting up process (it’s a long and steep learning curve, believe me!).

It will be the decision of individual congregations whether they go for a Giving Station. However, if you are beginning to think this isn’t for your church then don’t despair. The scope of the Idris project is to support all our churches. To that end we are applying to the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) so that we can set up a dedicated donation button facility for each individual church page within the Bro Ystumanner website, as well as the Ministry Area as a whole. (This again is a process which has taken a long time.) CAF will process donation button payments and credit the Bro Ystumanner Charity bank account for a small percentage fee. To limit the administrative effort the plan is to distribute the donated money to each church quarterly.



So, the next question is: How do we get people to look at the website? We plan to provide each church with an A4 display stand complete with a dedicated QR code which will take visitors to the individual church's web page where they will find the Donation Button. Even if there is no signal, their phones will create the link which will become live when they again have signal. For people apprehensive about using QR codes there are alternative simple instructions on how to get to the church web page. It is anticipated that visitors and people attending large church events (e.g. weddings and funerals) who may not have cash available will appreciate the availability of cashless giving.

The first Giving Station (Idris) machine is now live and collecting donations in St Cadfan's. If anyone would like a demonstration in their own church (provided they have some mobile signal) please get in touch. We will test the Donation Button system first in Llangelynnin Old Church and Llanfihangel y Pennant, and hope to have it available to all churches before the Christmas holiday period. I would like to thank Roger Whitehouse and Rev Ruth for their support and encouragement with this project, and Rev George who found out that the Charities Aid Foundation offer the Donation Button facility for a very reasonable fee.

*Paul Inman*

**GOLDEN GIRLS** White Hall Tywyn

**Special Celebratory Meal**

FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

12:30 PM FOR 1:00 PM

**Save the Date!**

Set Menu - to be announced

CONTACT:  
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**Croeso Dydd Mercher**

**Welcome Wednesdays**

2.00 – 4.00 p.m.  
Eglwys Cadfan Sant  
St Cadfan's Church  
Tywyn

Join us at our mid-week meeting point.  
Chat, free refreshments, friendship and support.  
Board games, quizzes, crafting.  
Or just come and enjoy the church.  
Drop in and stay as long as you wish.

Contact: Paul Inman 07980 374770

**Croeso cynnes i bawb!**  
**A warm welcome for everyone!**

## The Carol Train

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2024, Talyllyn Railway, Tywyn

**There's nothing quite like Carol singing to get you into the Festive Spirit... especially when it includes a Steam Train Ride.**

We are delighted to say that for 2024 the Talyllyn Railway's Carol Train will be returning to Abergynolwyn for an evening of Christmas Carols and festive joy. Enjoy a trip from Tywyn Wharf, departing at 18:45 to Abergynolwyn where we will sing together many of our favourite Christmas carols.

Abergynolwyn Café will be open serving refreshments and a complimentary mince pie will be provided. The usual hot and cold refreshments will be available, including mulled wine and other alcoholic drinks for those that wish to enjoy a festive tipple.

The trip will return to Tywyn Wharf before 22:00.

**Adult** – £15.00 | **TRPS Member** – £10 | **Child 6-15** – £5 | **Child 0-5** – Free

We expect demand to be high so book early to avoid disappointment!

Tickets are available now

online <https://www.talyllyn.co.uk/events/carol-train-3/or> in person from Wharf Station Booking Office or by calling 01654 710472. Please book your tickets today.

# Dates for your Diary

<b>Every Wed</b>	Welcome Wednesdays <i>(No sessions on Dec 25<sup>th</sup> or Jan. 1st Dec)</i>	2-4pm	St Cadfan's, Tywyn	p19
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<b>Dec</b>	6	Christmas Concert	2-4pm	St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal	p14 & 24
	9	Crafts for Giving	2-4pm	St Cadfan's, Tywyn	p6
	14	Decorating St Catherine's Church	2.30pm	St Catherine's, Arthog	p11
	18	Welcome Wednesdays Christmas Special	2-4pm	St Cadfan's, Tywyn	p5 & 17
	19	Monthly Prayer Walk <i>Meeti at Tyn-y-Cornel Hotel, Talyllyn. Followed by lunch.</i>	10am start	Tyn-y-Cornel Hotel, Talyllyn	p7
	21	Carol Train, Talyllyn Railway	6.45pm	Wharf Station, Tywyn	p18
<b>Jan</b>	31	Golden Girls Special Celebratory Meal	12.30pm for 1pm	Whitehall, Tywyn	p5 & 17

## Deadline for the January Newsletter Monday 16th December 2024

### Instructions for sending items for the December newsletter:

Please email items to Lee Taylor:  
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Bethany House, College Green, Tywyn, Gwynedd LL36 9BY

**Diolch / Thank you**

# Services in December

## Midweek Services

Wednesdays 10.30am Holy Communion St Cadfan's, Tywyn  
*(December 11th – Followed by Prayers for Healing and Wholeness)*

## Sunday 1st December – Advent Sunday

9.30am	Crib Service	St Celynnin's, Llwyngwriil
10am	Holy Eucharist	St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal
10am	Holy Communion	St David's, Abergynolwyn
11am	Morning Worship	St Cynon's, Fairbourne
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Peter's Aberdyfi
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Cadfan's, Tywyn
3pm	Ministry Area Advent Celebration <i>followed by refreshments</i>	St Michael's, Llanfihangel-y-Pennant

## Sunday 8th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

10am	Holy Communion	St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Mary & St Egryn, Llanegryn
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Aberdyfi
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Cadfan's, Tywyn
2pm	United Village Carol Service	St David's, Abergynolwyn

## Sunday 15th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.30am	Holy Communion	St Celynnin's, Llwyngwriil
10am	Morning Worship	St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal
10am	Morning Worship	St David's, Abergynolwyn
11am	Holy Communion	St Cynon's, Fairbourne
11.15am	All Age Worship	St Peter's Aberdyfi
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Cadfan's, Tywyn
3pm	Carol Service	St Catherine's, Arthog

## Wednesday 18th December

4.00pm	Family Carol Service	St Cynon's, Fairbourne
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## Friday 20th December

2.30pm	Ysgol Pennal Christsqingle	St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal
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## Sunday 22nd December – 4th Sunday of Advent

10am	Morning Worship	St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Mary & St Egryn, Llanegryn
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Aberdyfi
11.15am	All-Age Worship	St Cadfan's, Tywyn
6pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	St Cadfan's, Tywyn

## Services in December cont.

### **Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve**

3pm	Candlelit Carol Service	Llangelynnin Old Church
3pm	Christmas Eve Communion	St David's, Abergynolwyn
3.30pm	Blessing of the Crib and Christingle Service	St David's, Abergynolwyn
5pm	Crib Service	St Cadfan's, Tywyn
8pm	Christmas Eve Communion	St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal
9.30pm	Christmas Eve Communion	St Mary & St Egryn, Llanegryn
9.30pm	Christmas Eve Communion	St Peter's Aberdyfi
11.30pm	Christmas Eve Communion	St Cadfan's, Tywyn
11.30pm	Christmas Eve Communion by Extension	St Catherine's, Arthog

### **Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day**

10am	Christmas Day Family Service	St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal
10am	Christmas Day Family Service	St Cynon's, Fairbourne
10.30am	Christmas Day Holy Communion	St Peter's Aberdyfi
11.15am	Christmas Day Holy Communion	St Cadfan's, Tywyn

### **Sunday 29th December – 1st Sunday of Christmas**

11.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Aberdyfi
11.15am	Christmas Season Songs of Praise	St Cadfan's, Tywyn

**We look forward to welcoming you to our churches!**

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