

# **NEWYDDION BRO YSTUMANNER NEWS**

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**The Knife Angel...Ever Heard of It?**

**Fiona Mann**

It's a sculpture, 27 foot high, made from 100,000 confiscated knives and was completed in 2018. 200 knife banks were created nationwide and amnesties were held for individuals to anonymously donate their knives. Knives seized by police were also included. The Knife Angel has been on tour around the UK and made it to Newtown a few years ago.

Its purpose is to highlight knife crime in the United Kingdom and educate young people on the harmful effect violent behaviour can have on their communities.

It is a cause of concern that there seems to be more people, especially students, carrying knives, which they say is for their protection. We remember the recent death of the young lad in Sheffield, while in school. It is also apparent that such crimes seem to be committed when the students are unsupervised - before school ( the incident in Croydon), lunchtime, (Sheffield) and after school.



*Image courtesy of Wikipedia*

I know that while I was a Street Pastor in Northampton, I probably sat next to and conversed with individuals who were carrying weapons, like many other Street Pastors up and down the country. The interesting fact is that police forces throughout the country state that while Street Pastors are out in the communities, there are fewer incidents that require their presence. Whether this is the non-judgemental attitude of the Street Pastors or the Prayer Pastors, who support the patrols while they are out.....I'll leave that decision to you.

School Pastors are regarded as a valuable resource to the communities. They usually support students after school for only about an hour, and can provide a calm, reassuring presence. With this in mind, there is to be a meeting at the police station in Tywyn on Monday, March 3rd from 3pm.

The local police and British Transport Police, Council and members from a variety of the Churches feel that this can only be beneficial to the community. St Cadfan's has agreed to support this initiative financially and the police are seeking further grants.

If you are interested in finding out more, please do come along. After all, we need to keep everyone safe.

## The Archbishop's Visit Roger Whitehouse

On Sunday March 9th there will one service in Bro Ystumanner, a Ministry Area Holy Eucharist in St Cadfan's Church, Tywyn at 11.15 a.m. The Most Revd Andrew John, Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Bangor, will preside at this service.

We are most grateful for the pastoral care and concern shown in our present circumstances by both the Archbishop and Archdeacon Robert. In particular, the Archbishop will be making a round trip of about 70 miles each way on Sunday 9th. He wishes to meet as many of us as possible, so please support the service he is leading, even if it is not in your usual church.

People from several other churches in the Area will contribute to the service, and the offertory money on the open plate will go to Ministry Area funds.

# Eco Ystumanner

## Gardening with Birds

Max Birchenough

Do you regularly find bulbs and other plants popping up in parts of your garden where you didn't place them? We do, and we have come to the conclusion that our wonderful local birdlife is the culprit.

We don't mind, as a little unexpected variety is actually rather welcome. The principle can be repeated widely in dealing with the great outdoors, particularly in land management.

There has been a welcome recognition in recent years that old ways of controlling nature with rigidly-planned drainage projects and the like are not helpful, and actually make problems such as flood control harder.

Restoring peat bogs, un-straightening rivers, and the use of small dams to help slow down the flow of water are now seen as the way forward.

We can perhaps take note of this in our gardens, selecting plants which like the soil we have, and allowing birds and insects freer rein than we have perhaps done in the past.

And, of course, we should be praying that enlightened land management will spread everywhere.



# CRAFTS FOR GIVING

Monday 10th March

2.00-4.00 pm

St Cadfan's Church, Tywyn



Knitters (crocheters, stitchers) and Natterers are welcome to join us for an afternoon of creative fellowship on Monday, 10th March, 2 till 4 pm in the Glass Room at St Cadfan's Church.

The items we make are all for donation to individuals or charities, and they are prayed over and a blessing is asked for the donor and recipient of each item.

We can begin to accept donations of yarn and other materials and equipment again now, but please notify Sue Whitehouse in advance (see Contacts page)



## Monthly Prayer Walk



Back to the accustomed Third Thursday this month!

The date will be March 20th. The time 10am.

The place? Fairbourne Cambrian Coast railway station car park.

No hills to climb this time except the path up to the church (optional).

Lunch at the Penrhyn Grill, provisionally.

It would be good to know numbers in advance, please call or text Sue Whitehouse on 07789 442035.

Still looking for an alternative walk-leader for the summer months!

## **Thank You from the Hansford Family**

We have been so humbled and touched by the extent of everyone's support for us. We have been held by many prayers and kindnesses that have brightened the journey with love and light, and have been greatly comforted by your cards, messages, and gifts..... Thank you.

A lot has happened in the last few months and, as a family, we are still coming to terms with Paul's death on January 19<sup>th</sup>, Ruth's breast cancer diagnosis on December 10<sup>th</sup> and continuing treatment.

We were amazed by the number of people who came to celebrate Paul's life on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Paul's one regret would be not being able to be there chatting and catching up with everyone! Thank you to all those who were able to be physically present, those who were with us in heart and mind, those who took part in the service, the many who helped to provide food for a fantastic tea in Neuadd Pendre and the team who set up, served drinks, and cleared up afterwards. You all made it a very special day of remembering and reconnecting..... Diolch yn fawr iawn!

Ruth's medical journey continues. Further treatment is aimed at decreasing the risk of cancer coming back.

She has now seen the consultant oncologist. Due to the fact that she is still a 'young women' (the consultant's words!), the tumor being quite large (64mm), one of the 9 lymph nodes removed testing positive, and lobular breast cancer statistically being more likely to recur than other types of breast cancer, she will be having 6 months of chemotherapy starting in the next few weeks. Therefore, you might not see a huge amount of her due to the need to protect herself from infection. However, she continues to hold you and all the churches in her thoughts and prayers. Thank you from us all for all your prayers and support!

*Ruth, Brendan, Krysty, Martin and Anna*

# Golden Girls are Back!

Golden Girls will be back on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1:00 pm at The Magic Lantern, Twywn. There will be a simple lunch with choices to accommodate dietary requirements within a budget of £6:50. Drinks and teas and coffees will be available.

We are grateful to the staff at the Lantern who are keen to support Golden Girls. We ask for your patience in this first meeting which is a trial run for both the Lantern and Golden Girls.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Anita Inman **07939 287172**



**GOLDEN GIRLS** New Venue!  
The Magic Lantern  
Twywn

## Get Together

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1:00 PM

### A LIGHT LUNCH

All dietary requirements catered for  
within a £6:50 budget

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# News from the Churches

## Aberdyfi



Please do join us for our weekly services on Sundays at 11:15am, except on March 9<sup>th</sup>, when the Archbishop is with us at 11:15am in Tywyn for a united service. All are welcome to any of our services!



# Abergynolwyn



***"March hack ham  
Comes in like a Lion  
Goes out like a lamb".***

March sees the beginning of Lent, in days gone by a sombre time of fasting and prayer. For me, Lent is a special time for prayer and reflection and instead of giving up a favourite food, ie chocolate, I prefer to give extra instead for example the local Food Bank or a Hygiene Bank.

St David's will hold 3 Services during March, a Holy Eucharist on Sunday 2nd March, Morning Worship on Sunday 16th March and a special Morning Worship on Sunday 30th March to celebrate Mothering Sunday.

Thank you very much to Meryl Gover who has kindly led Morning Worship in my absence and I am pleased to say that I will be returning to duty to lead the Service on Mothering Sunday. It will be lovely to see everyone again.

Many thanks to everyone who has kindly visited with cards, flowers and good wishes since I came out of hospital following my knee surgery. Your visits have brightened my days. I am extremely grateful to those who have given up their time to drive me to various appointments, your kindness is greatly appreciated.

*Janet Wright*

## Arthog

Our February service of Holy Eucharist was taken by Rev Nigel and Rev George, we are grateful to them for their support. We are also glad that the QR code facility has been installed in St Catherine's, thank you.



A key feature of the ministry here in Arthog is that the church building is opened on a daily basis. Ongoing thanks to Peredur for this. Walkers on the Eryri footpath and visitors to the area regularly spend time in the building. Many leave a prayer request or a memory and it is always a joy read their appreciative comments in the visitors' book.

Our next service will be on March 16th. In the meantime we continue to pray healing for Rev Ruth and God's grace and comfort for her, Brendan and Krysty.

*Catherine Horton*

## Fairbourne



'Spring in The Air', sang the Marvelettes. With longer and hopefully dryer days, a merry band of faithful, maybe on hand for spring cleaning duty, inside and outside!

It was a pleasure to welcome our Archdeacon to our service of Holy Eucharist last month.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> March the Archbishop will be in St Cadfan's for a Ministry Area Service of Holy Eucharist

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

*Rev George*

## Llanegryn



We are looking forward our service at 11.15am on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. On March 9<sup>th</sup> we will be in Tywyn for the visit of our Archbishop. Please do continue to pray for our community here in Llanegryn as well as for Bro Ystumanner and the wider world. Naturally Rev Ruth and all her family are at the heart of our prayers. Please do join us if you can.

*Ven Robert*

## Llanfihangel y Pennant

The church continues to be open during daylight hours, for the many pilgrims who visit, drawn by the story of Mary Jones.



*Roger W*

## Llwyngwril



Our services this month are at 9:30am on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March. A warm welcome will be offered to all!

# Pennal



February has seen a significant work achieved in the vestry - eight fuse boxes established over the past thirty years have been replaced by one modern one, and a new single simplified switch system has replaced the scattered previous ones. Everything now is safe and controllable. Meanwhile we have managed to continue with our services except for one, but the church has been closed to visitors for two weeks.

We now look forward to the new church year, Dewi Sant telling us that Lent is coming, and hopefully better weather bringing visitors and friends back to the village, We are also so pleased to support the Glan yr Afon./ Riverside as it has won a place in the final of the Countryside Alliance awards.

Our coffee morning will be on Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> when all are again very welcome

*Hugh Ramsbotham*

## Tywyn



The last four weeks have been dominated by Paul Hansford's funeral, which took place on February 14<sup>th</sup>. It was, as expected, well-attended, with over 170 people, most of whom

partook of refreshments and conversation at Neuadd Pendre after the service. Special mention goes to Lee Taylor, who coped magnificently with reading out Paul's (self-written) eulogy.

We are gradually eliminating all the spots where water enters the church where it shouldn't, and there has been a noticeable reduction in the amount of fallen plaster dust, especially since High-Life have replaced two of the downspouts and repaired two lots of storm damage to the roof. When the Vestry floor finally dries out (which is taking rather longer than expected) we hope to have a nearly completely sound building, able to face the varied Tywyn weather with equanimity

*Max Birchenough*

St Cadfan's has no Congregational Secretary at present. The role involves dealing with papers for and writing minutes of three meetings per year: for more details please ask Max Birchenough or Paul Inman

If you feel able to assist the running of the church in this way, or think of someone else who might, please let me know.

*Roger Whitehouse*



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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!**

## Warm Food Warm Spaces

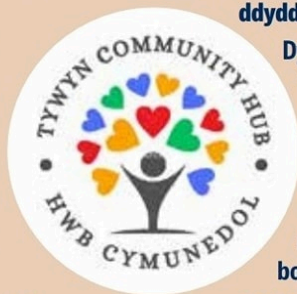
Warm Food and Warm Spaces  
with Tywyn Community Hub

**JOIN US at the Magic Lantern on  
Mondays and Fridays:**

Mondays 11am - 3pm: for a  
movie, hot drink, and some  
yummy soup after the film -  
**ALL FREE!**

If the film isn't for you,  
please just come along  
between 1pm and 3pm for a  
hot drink and soup!

Fridays 1.30pm - 5pm FREE soup  
and hot drink - you can pop in and enjoy or  
chill out all afternoon with board games and  
a bit of chat!



Bwyd Cynnes a Llefydd Cynnes  
gyda Hwb Cymunedol Tywyn

**YMWUNWCH Â NI yn y Magic Lantern ar  
ddyddiau Llun a Gwener:**

Dyddiau Llun 11am - 3pm: ar gyfer  
ffilm, diod boeth a chawl blasus  
wedi'r ffilm -  
**Y CYFAN AM DDIM!**

Os nad ydych chi awydd ffilm,  
mae croeso i chi ddod draw  
rhwng 1pm a 3pm ar gyfer diod  
boeth a chawl!

Dyddiau Gwener 1.30pm - 5pm Cawl a  
diod boeth AM DDIM - gallwch daro heibio  
a mwynhau neu ymlacio drwy'r prynhawn  
gyda gemau bwrdd ac ychydig o sgwrs!

# Dates for your Diary

<b>Mar</b>	3	Street Pastors	3pm	Tywyn Police Station	P1
	8	Coffee Morning	10am-12am	St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal	P13
	9	Ministry Area Holy Eucharist	11.15am	St Cadfan's Tywyn	P3
	18	Ministry Council Meeting	7pm	St Cadfan's Tywyn	
	20	Prayer Walk	10am	Fairbourne mainline station car park	P5

<b>Every Wed</b>		Welcome Wednesdays	2-4pm	St Cadfan's, Tywyn	P15
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## Deadline for the April Newsletter Friday the 21st of March 2025

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

Please email items to Lee Taylor:  
foxeshome@sky.com  
Bethany House, College Green, Tywyn, Gwynedd LL36 9BY

**Diolch / Thank you**

# Services in March

## Midweek Services

Wednesdays 10.30am Holy Communion St Cadfan's, Tywyn  
(*March 19<sup>th</sup> – Followed by Prayers for Healing and Wholeness*)

## Sunday 2nd March – Sunday Before Lent – Transfiguration Sunday

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

## Wednesday 5th March – Ash Wednesday

10.15am Holy Communion with St Cadfan's, Tywyn  
7.30pm Ashing St Cadfan's, Tywyn

## Sunday 9th March – First Sunday of Lent

11.15am Holy Communion St Cadfan's, Tywyn

## Sunday 16th March – Second Sunday of Lent

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 Morning Worship St Peter's, Aberdyfi  
11.15am Holy Communion St Cadfan's, Tywyn  
3pm Evening Prayer St Catherine's, Arthog

## Sunday 23rd March – Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am Morning Worship St Celynnin's, Llwyngwriil  
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 All Age Worship St Cadfan's, Tywyn

## Sunday 30th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

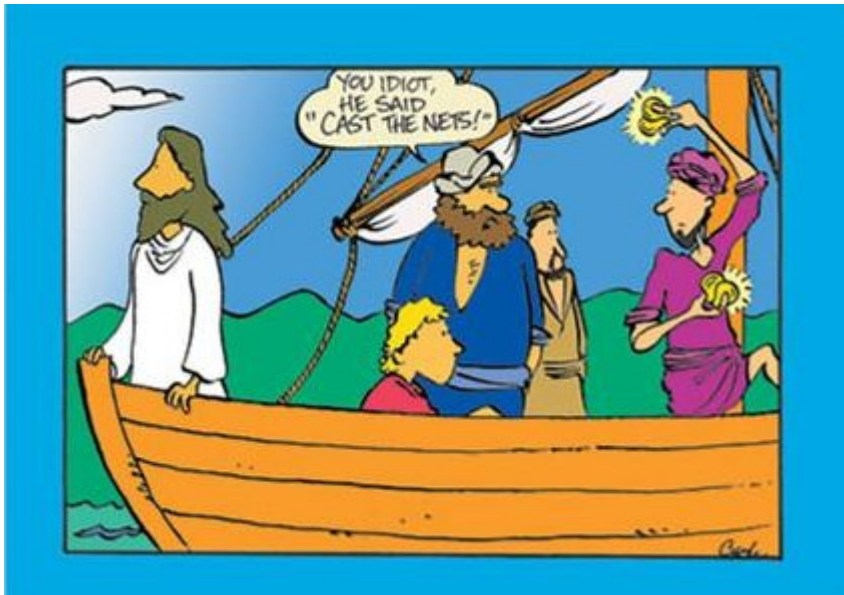
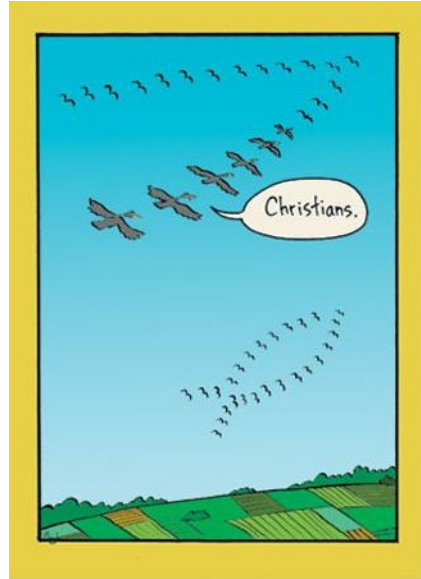
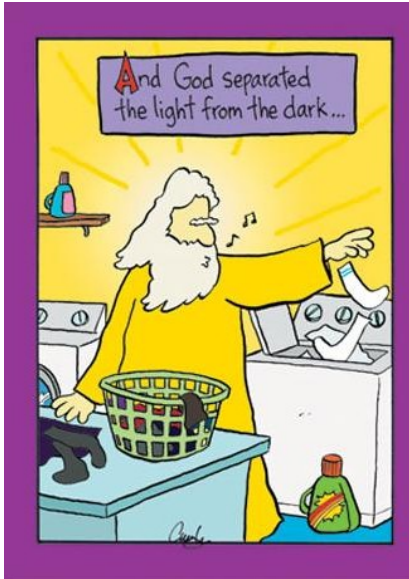
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11am Morning Worship St Cynon's, Fairbourne  
11.15am Holy Communion St Peter's, Aberdyfi  
11.15am Morning Worship St Cadfan's, Tywyn

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



Please safeguard your health and the health of others and do not attend a service if you have symptoms of coronavirus or have a positive test.

*Thank you for your support and your consideration of others.*



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