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Neges y Gweinidog Minister's Message.

Dear readers,

May I take this opportunity to wish all readers of the Gadwyn the very best wishes and blessings. Fall is in the air, and many of God's creatures are preparing to hibernate.

But at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church there is no such thing as hibernation. The Church has been a constant hive of activity, and the Sunday services regularly very well attended by members and the numerous visitors to Toronto from Wales and beyond.

And now we are looking forward to a continuation and an increase in activity as we move into the Fall and Winter months. The Bible Study group resumed at the end of September, following the resurgence in attendance during the first half of 2009. All are welcome to join us for this social and learning gathering every Tuesday at 10am. The Sunday School is now well under way after the Summer break – how wonderful to see those smiling, innocent faces once more. But let me tell you that there has been no complete break for the Sunday School members this Summer, because they have been busy helping the Lansing Outreach Project by endorsing and urging donations from members for the less fortunate in our society. In September the main concentration of effort was the collection of cereals. October is 'can' month. Good on you, the pupils and leaders of the Sunday School.

If you think that Merched Dewi are 'just a Church choir', listen to this! They are now in the process of arranging a visit to Wales and London next year, when

they will be invited to take part in concerts and events during their two week stay. What an experience for them, and all who will hear them.

Within the Church there are events and projects going on regularly. The M&S held their annual September BBQ at Joan Lloyd's house recently, thus raising funds for this worthy cause. The Outreach team are again visiting the Scott mission in October to help out at the centre. The UCW are, as usual keeping busy with their work on behalf of the Church, and we are all working through prayer on behalf of those with physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

Dewi Sant Church is indeed a vibrant and busy Christian community. A community that is now looking forward to a year of celebration as we remember that we have worshipped at Melrose Avenue since 1960, and that we therefore celebrate a special 50th anniversary next year. Already we are thinking about ways of celebrating, and I hope to include as many of the members as possible to share in our joyful events.

Remember, you do not have to be standing on the sidelines when it comes to Dewi Sant Church. You are welcome to be in the centre of the action. All you need to do is decide that you want to. No person, no concept, no idea, no hope or dream is too insignificant to be accepted and welcomed.

Bless you all, and my gratitude to the marvellous workers in the vineyard of Christ's Church and God's Kingdom.

Bendith Duw fyddo arnoch. God's blessings be with you.

Deian.

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U C W --- Merched Y Capel.

As the Reverend Deian mentioned in his message to us, Dewi Sant folks are always busy doing something, be it tending the outside borders, making refreshments or just helping in general. There is always "something on." Why should we be any different this year? We have **Nina Morris** at the helm this year. The UCW is very lucky, delighted to welcome her with her knowledge and expertise.

The Lunch Bunch. This very successful monthly event is starting up again. Thanks to The UCW president Nina Morris. IT was so popular that it was decided to "borrow" the trade name and carry on where Jean Thompson had left off. Please come out and support the first event which will be on **Tuesday October 27th at 11.00 am.**

Christmas Bazaar---November 21st 10.30 am.

The Christmas Bazaar is the big fundraiser for us here at Dewi Sant and we ask that every available hand be on deck. You never know what hidden talents that may lay dormant. "I didn't know how to type or use the computer when I started to "do Y Gadwyn!" It is still search and peck but the job gets done.

Noah's Wing.

These little bunnies, about 6 days old, were attacked by a dog and orphaned. Two out of the litter of five did not survive, and these three were not doing very well.

Noah is a non-releasable, one-legged homing pigeon that we have here in rehab. Noah kept going over to the bunny cage and looking in...even sleeping in front of the door to the cage.

Then, 2 days ago, I only counted 2 bunnies in the cage, so I hurriedly picked Noah up from the front of the cage so I could look inside. And to my surprise...there was the tiny bunny...under Noah's wing...sound asleep! The bunny had crawled through the cage....preferring a featherbed, no doubt.

Now, they are all together, and the bunnies are doing GREAT. When the bunnies scoot underneath Noah's feathers, he extends his wings out to surround them...and they snuggle. When one of them moves and they start sticking out here and there, he gently pushes them back under him with his beak!!!! This is amazing!!!

He will cover you with his feathers, And under His wings you will find refuge.

Psalms 91:4

Meriel Simpson.

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The Flu.

In 1919 when the flu killed 40 million people there was this Doctor that visited the many farmers to see if he could help them combat the flu. Many of the farmers and their family had contracted it and many died.

The doctor came upon this one farmer and to his surprise, everyone was very healthy. When the doctor asked what the farmer was doing that was different the wife replied that she had placed an unpeeled onion in a dish in **the rooms of the** home, (probably only two rooms back then). The doctor couldn't believe it and asked if he could have one of the onions and place it under the microscope. She gave him one and when he did this, he did find the flu virus in the onion. It obviously absorbed the bacteria, therefore, keeping the family healthy.

Now, I heard this story from my hairdresser in AZ. She said that several years ago many of her employees were coming down with the flu and so were many of her customers. The next year she placed several bowls with onions around in her shop. To her surprise, none of her staff got sick. It must work. (And no, she is not in the onion business.)

The moral of the story is, buy some onions and place them in bowls around your home. If you work at a desk, place one or two in your office or under your desk or even on top somewhere. Try it and see what happens. We did it last year and we never got the flu.

If this helps you and your loved ones from getting sick, all the better. If you do get the flu, it just might be a mild case.

**Whatever, what have you to lose? Just a few bucks on onions!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
(From the desk of doctor Bajaj.)**

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The Ontario Welsh Festival

As I write, the rain is pouring down, it's gray and miserable and I am already dreaming about next Spring! And with Spring comes the annual Gymanfa Weekend. The Board is hard at work with the 2010 plans and is delighted to report that our visiting Choir will be Côr Meibion Llangwm, prize winners at this year's National Eisteddfod in Bala.

I googled "Llangwm" to learn that it is in the Hiraethog region with stunning, unspoilt landscape of rolling heather moor, deep forest and quiet lakes. Llangwm is in the heart of North Wales and is the gateway to Snowdonia. Sounds gorgeous. I was even more impressed when I learned that one of the area's attractions is "fine, handmade chocolates" at Pentrefoelas!

The 2010 Gymanfa will be back at the Arden Park Hotel in Stratford. Watch this space for more details about the event!

In addition to planning the 2010 event we are already hard at work planning the 50th anniversary weekend in 2011. The venue will be Niagara Falls – the location of the very first Ontario Gymanfa Ganu in 1961. Any one with photographs or memorabilia of past Cymanfaoedd, please contact Betty Cullingworth (cullingwho@rogers.com). Also be certain to watch our website at www.ontariowelshfestival.com

Hefina Phillips.

Aled Wyn Davies.

Aled Wyn Davies: Wales' favourite tenor! Those of us who had been fortunate to hear this prize winning singer, eagerly anticipated his recital in Toronto on October 6. And we were definitely not disappointed. In fact we were totally won over by Aled's exquisite voice – and his delightful personality.

With such a voice one would naturally assume that Aled is a professional musician. He has won the tenor solo three years in succession at the National Eisteddfod, and in 2006 won the coveted Blue Ribband – the ultimate accolade in Wales. He was also "Singer for the Year" at the Llangollen International Eisteddfod in 2005. Despite his reputation as one of the best tenors in Wales, Aled earns his living as a sheep farmer in Llanbrynmair, Powys.

His visit to Ontario was arranged by Alan Thomas of Ottawa. Alan is well known to the Welsh community of North America as the organist and accompanist of choice for the North American Festival of Wales and the Ontario Welsh Festival. When Alan heard Aled sing at the Chicago NAFoW in 2008 he invited him to

come to Ottawa and Toronto. The visit was arranged for October this year (sheep farmers can't travel far from home during the lambing season!)

Aled's choice of solos took us around the world- but constantly returning to his beloved Wales. His repertoire ranged from the familiar Arafu Don to Rogers and Hammerstein, religious works and operatic arias. La Donna e Mobile by Verdi is well known to everyone, but it was the first time for me to hear the exquisite Musica Proibita by Gastaldon.

Accompanying is an art, and Alan Thomas is extremely gifted in this field. He is also a first class soloist and he thrilled us with four organ recitals, ranging from the 17th century Handel to 20th century Russian composer, Georgi Mushel.

Instead of the regular Intermission, we were allowed a "break" to stretch our legs: we all stood to gustily sing Cwm Rhondda!

What a splendid musical evening! I have rarely hear the Welsh National Anthem sung with such fervour. We were reluctant to end the event and, thanks to the St. David's Society, we were able to extend the evening at a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Hefina Phillips.

As promised in the last Gadwyn, here is part 2 of :-

Wales: Where Visions of a Christian Future Are Being Born.

<http://astore.amazon.com/bishopspng-20/detail/0060762063>>Eternal

Life: A New Vision. Beyond Religion, Beyond Theism, Beyond Heaven and Hell. This was to be the last testing place.

Under the brilliant guardianship of its current warden, Peter Francis, this center has become a place of challenging and progressive thought. In a church that so often has been visibly afraid of contending with new thought, in a faith that condemned Galileo, resisted Darwin, and encourages a ghetto religious mentality, St. Deiniol's has become a place that celebrates and welcomes the future with all of its challenging new knowledge. In the Anglican Communion that seems to place ecclesiastical unity ahead of either truth or justice, St. Deiniol's has become a place where the search for truth and justice is held to be the highest virtue. In a religious tradition that hides and resists with passion and anger the world's emerging new consciousness that relegates the prejudices of yesterday, like racism, sexism and homophobia, to the dustbin of history, St. Deiniol's Library welcomes in both word and deed those who help to open up to the light of day yesterday's darkness. In a world in which the traditional forms of the Christian Church are in steep decline, St. Deiniol's Library is dedicated to being a place where the world can glimpse what >the church of tomorrow might be like.

The New Testament warns Christians time after time against the distortions that come when churches forget that their purpose is not to conquer, to dominate or

On The Move.

This is our dear friend May Hale's latest address.
Wellington Terrace. #428-47 Wellington Road 18. Fergus. Ontario. N1M 6A1
May does not have a telephone available to her at the moment, but she would
love to receive a few words now and again from her old friends at Dewi Sant.

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Katharine Jones

On behalf of the family of the late Katharine Jones, I want express our thanks to
the Dewi Sant family for the support given us through cards, personal messages
and memorial donations. To the Rev Deian Evans and Dr Glenys Huws, and
family members, heartfelt thanks for the moving memorial service to
commemorate the long life of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Gaynor Jones Low.

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Reverend John Pinion Jones.

Our sympathies are extended to Tom and Betty Jones, Sion Glyn and his family
on the loss of a brother and an uncle. The Reverend John had been suffering
from cancer for quite some time. Our thoughts are with you and the family in
Wales.

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New Lady In Town.

Congratulations to Gwyndaf and Marlene Matos-Jones on the birth of their
daughter, Aria Elizabeth on October the 8th, weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz. She waited until
Aled Wyn Jones' concert was over and then decided it was time to meet the
world. God bless her and may she have a long healthy happy life.

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Many congratulations to Harold Woodey on arriving at the grand old age of 90.
Love from all of your friends at Dewi Sant. May you have many more years of
good health.

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Christmas dinner.

On Saturday December 12th. There will be a Christmas dinner at Dewi Sant.
There will be turkey, stuffing and gravy, in fact a full hot cooked Christmas dinner
and all for the low price of \$15. We are asking those who are able, to bring a
children's toy to give Santa. It will help him on his way.

We are holding a Noson Lawen after the dinner and singing carols. Please come
and join in the fun.

The Saint Davids Society of Toronto. Tickets will be for sale shortly. Myfanwy.

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Gadwyn Donors.

Margaret Reynolds: Shirley Evans: Maureen Davies: David Jones: Pat and Clive Mason

Thank you again for the donations.

Please mark on your calendar the following church activities.

Dewi Sant Church Services are held every Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m.

Y Gwasanaeth Cymraeg/The Welsh Service – November 1st 7:00 p.m.

Sportball classes : -

Thursdays September 17-December 17, 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Fridays October 2-December 18, 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Saturdays September 19-December 5, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Hope Korean Church Friday evenings 7:00 –9:00 p.m. and Saturdays 6:00 – 7:30 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. and Sundays 2:00-5:30 p.m.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR.

*A few years ago I used to tell folks how much I loved writing y Gadwyn. It is the type of thing that interests me. There were always interesting tales to tell. What a pleasure it was to start out every month on a new exciting journey...worrying if I could get everything in...or if the printing would be too small if I crammed it all in!. **Now** it is very different. If it weren't for the Minister's letter and articles from Hefina it would be pretty hopeless. Y Gadwyn does provide a link (!) between many people and the church. Good monetary contributions come in to help produce it. If I am unable to produce Y Gadwyn full of information and a laugh here and there it makes me feel unhappy. I would enjoy filling this Gadwyn once a month rather than struggle through a second month and STILL not have enough. This is **YOUR** paper and it is what you make it. I am not here to copy things from the internet etc. just to fill pages.*

*You all have a story in you. If you don't like writing, phone and tell me your story. I will show you a copy before printing it. Many subjects have been suggested-nearly anything goes. Certainly interesting holiday experiences would be good, as long as they are not too long. **I thank you in advance hoping that you will answer my plea. Diolch yn fawr Myfanwy.***

Please note that Y Gadwyn Deadline will be on November 15th.

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