

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE MINISTRY AREA OF BRO ARWYSTLI FOR DECEMBER							
Date	Carno	Llandinam	Llangurig	Llanidloes	Llanwnnog	Penstrowed	Trefeglwys
6 th December	9.30am FS <i>Lauris</i>	11.00 am HC <i>Alison</i>		11.00am <i>Lauris, Julia, Christoph</i>	10.30 am CYTUN <i>Presbyterian</i>	9.30am HC <i>Alison</i>	11.00 am HC <i>Jon</i>
13 th December		10.30 am Chapel	11.00 am FS and Baptism <i>Alison</i>		11.00 am HC <i>Jon</i>		
20 th December	9.30am HC <i>Jon</i>	11.00 am CRIB SERVICE <i>Team</i>		11.00am HC <i>Alison</i>		9.30am HC <i>Jon</i>	
24 th December CHRISTMAS EVE		11.00 PM HC <i>Alison</i>	8.00 PM HC <i>Beth</i>	4.00 pm and 5.30 pm NATIVITY <i>Team</i>	7.00 pm NATIVITY & HC <i>Peter</i>		4& 5.00 pm NATIVITY Jon and Team
25 TH December CHRISTMAS DAY				10.00 am HC <i>Alison</i>	10.30 am CYTUN Methodist		10.00 am HC Jon
27 th December	11.00 am – UNITED CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION IN LLANIDLOES CHURCH <i>Alison</i>						
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Bro Arwystli Ministry Area



NEWSLETTER December 2020 and January 2021

Seven Churches – One Family

St John's – Carno	St Gwrhai's – Penstrowed
St Idloes' – Llanidloes	St Llonio's – Llandinam
St Curig's – Llangurig	St Michael's – Trefeglwys
St Gwynog's – Llanwnnog with Caersws	

Welcome to Newsletter for December and January

We have decided to do a combined newsletter this month, because January is normally a quiet month for our church activities - although this year our activities have almost been non-existent! However, I sincerely hope that this will be able to change next year sometime, sooner rather than later.

We are now in Advent and we begin a time of preparation and waiting for the birth of Jesus. This year, our festivities will be somewhat curtailed, but this gives us a chance to go back to basics and rediscover the simplicity of the Christmas message. That Christ was born for us in a lowly cattle-shed, but grew to become the Saviour of the world. There was no lavish feast on his birth day and the only family that were there were his parents, and for many this year that could well be the case. Although we have been told that three households can meet up for a few days, this will mainly consist of family members, so we must remember those who are living on their own; those who do not have any close family; those who are homeless. As we enjoy ourselves let us spare a thought for them and offer up prayers for their well-being.

Although our festivities will be different this year, our reason for the celebration remains the same as it has down through the centuries. Remember the Christ child who brings the light into our darkness, and welcome him into your hearts once more, or even for the first time.

I encourage all of you who have access to the internet to join in with our zoom advent course, and also to test your brains with some Christmas trivia questions.

May you all find the precious gift of peace and love this Christmas time and carry it through into 2021.

Every blessing
Rev Alison

To arrange Baptisms, Weddings or for any other pastoral matters please contact:

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CHURCH SERVICES IN THE MINISTRY AREA OF BRO ARWYSTLI FOR JANUARY 2021							
Date	Carno	Llandinam	Llangurig	Llanidloes	Llanwnnog	Penstrowed	Trefeglwys
3 RD January EPIPHANY	9.30am FS <i>Lauris</i>	11.00 am HC <i>Jon</i>		11.00am <i>Lauris, Julia, Christoph</i>	11.00 am Caersws CYTUN <i>Peter</i>	9.30am HC <i>Jon</i>	11.00 am HC <i>Alison</i>
10 th January BAPTISM OF CHRIST		10.30 am Chapel	11.00 am HC <i>Alison</i>		11.00 am HC <i>Jon</i>		
17 TH January	9.30am HC <i>Jon</i>	11.00 am MP <i>Team and Julia</i>		11.00am HC <i>Alison</i>		9.30am HC <i>Alison</i>	11.00 am MP <i>Jon and Team</i>
24 th January			8.00 PM HC <i>Beth</i>		11.00 am HC <i>Alison</i>		
31 st January# CANDLEMAS	11.00 am – UNITED SERVICE IN LLANIDLOES CHURCH <i>Alison</i>						
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Mid-Week Services

Every Tuesday at 10.00 am there is a service of Holy Communion in Llanidloes. This is followed by a Bible Study group at 11.00 am led by Cathryn Davies.

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Feel in need of a quiet prayer space?
St Gwynog's Church, Llanwnnog will be open on
Tuesday afternoon 2-4pm on the
1st December.

Covid precautions are in place.



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ADVENT COURSE “CHANGING LANDSCAPES”

This year the course will be held via Zoom on Tuesdays at 2.00 pm led by Revd Beth. The course will start on 1st December and will run for a total of four weeks (8th, 15th and 22nd).

The booklet is available to download from the Diocesan website, but should you need a copy printed, please get in touch with Revd. Alison.

To join the Zoom meeting:

Meeting ID: **882 7341 7738**

Passcode: **814802**

Please let Revd. Beth know if you are thinking of joining.

Beth.weston@ymail.com or 01686 440696

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Can you break the Christmas Code?

QR codes that lead to the Christmas Story will be in place in Llanidloes and Trefeglwys from Monday 14th December



Meetings

Monday, 11th January – Caersws CYTUN at 6.00 pm in the Presbyterian School Room

Monday, 25th January – MAC Meeting at 7.30 pm at Trefeglwys Church and via Zoom.

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Zoom Christmas Quiz

This will take place on Friday 11th December starting at 7.30 pm.

You can join the meeting from 7.15 pm using the following:

Topic: Bro Arwystli Christmas Quiz
Meeting ID: **893 4721 5642**
Passcode: **563868**



Donations of £2.50 per person will be greatly received and this can be paid directly into the Ministry Area's bank account.

WORD-FIT



See if you can fit these words into their correct positions in the grid. BAPTIST has been put in to start the puzzle.

3 letters

ARK
HAM

4 letters

AMOS
KIRK
TYRE

5 letters

BABEL
MOSES
RIGHT
SIMON
VICAR

6 letters

Martha
Novena

7 letters

BAPTIST
LAZARUS
LEBANON

8 letters

HITTITES
SHADRACH

9 letters

BETHLEHEM

The Church Office

Please do ring before visiting the office to ensure someone will be present. Because the nature of our work is very varied without office staff we cannot guarantee someone will be always present.

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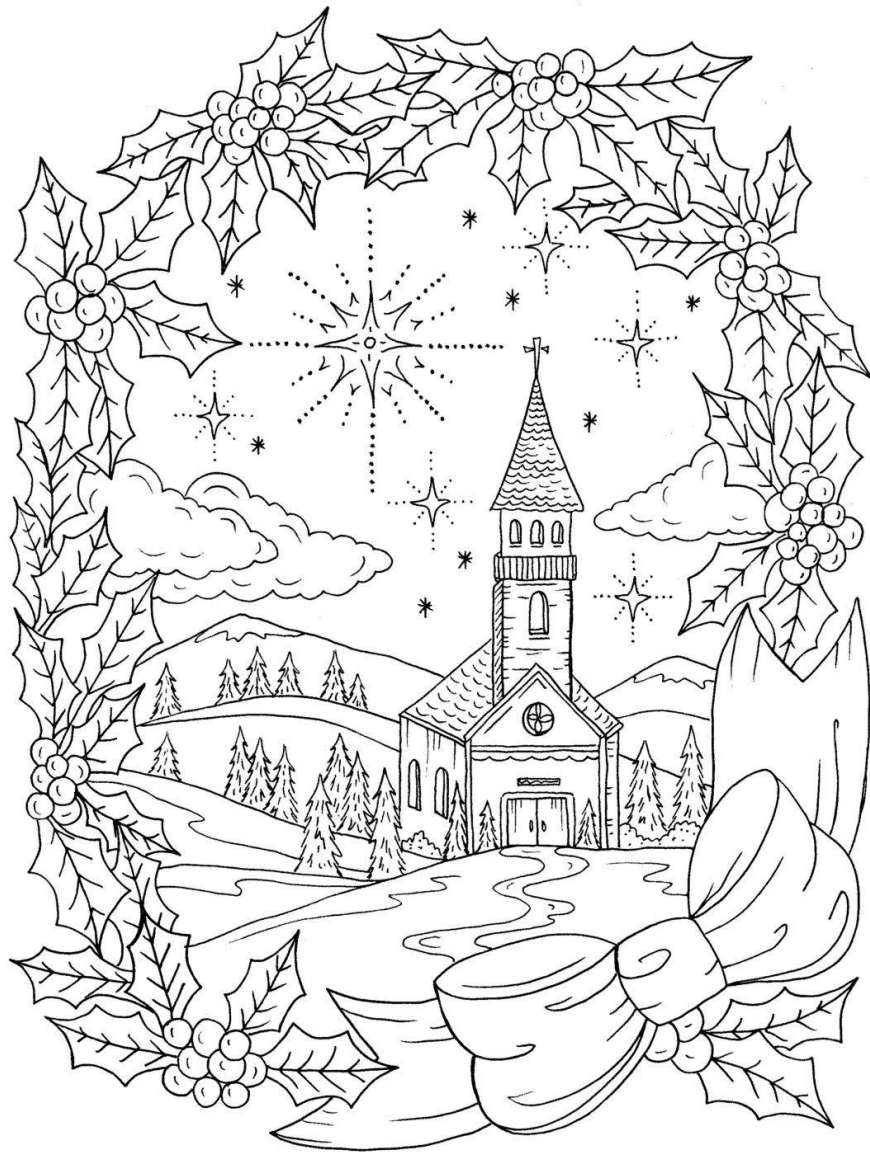
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This Christmas

The census crowds were occupied
When God first breathed and tears he cried;
And for a world that's still in danger,
Won't you be his living manger
- this Christmas?

A frightened girl, a worried spouse
Left on the streets, no room, no house;
And for a world that's still unsure,
Won't you be his human stall
- this Christmas?

Nightshift workers, angel-driven,
See the join of the earth and heaven;
And for a world so full of woes,
Won't you be his swaddling clothes
- this Christmas?

Far-travelled gold was a gift for him
Who came as our sacrifice for sin;
And for a world, so rich but poor,
Won't you be his bed of straw
- this Christmas?

Hillside choirs sang out in chorus;
To sing again, they're waiting for us;
O, for a world that's tired and worn
Won't you be the place he's born
- this Christmas?

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN BRO ARWYSTLI 2020



24th December CHRISTMAS EVE

- 4.00 & 5.30 pm Crib Service in **Llanidloes**
- Hear from those who were there
- 4.00 & 5.00 pm Nativity in **Trefeglwys**
- Story with the Shepherds
- 7.00 pm Nativity in **Llanwnnog**
with Holy Communion
- led by Revd. Peter
- 8.00 pm Holy Communion in **Llangurig**
- led by Revd. Beth
- 11.00 pm Midnight Mass in **Llandinam**
- led by Revd. Alison



At 7.00 pm please stand on your doorstep and sing
Silent Night, in the language of your choice.



25th December CHRISTMAS DAY

- 10.00 am **Llanidloes** – Holy Communion
- led by Revd. Alison
- 10.30 am **Llanwnnog** – CYTUN
- in the Methodist Chapel
- 10.00 am **Trefeglwys** – Holy Communion
- led by Revd. Jon



Sunday 27th December

- 11.00 am **Llanidloes** – United Holy Communion

If you wish to attend any of the Christmas Services you will need to contact the following people and let them know, leaving a message if necessary:

Carno – Polly on 420721	Llanidloes – Please see posters
Llangurig – James on 440687	Trefeglwys – Noreen on 688092
Penstrowed – Rikki on 627448	Llandinam – Jim on 688807
Llanwnnog – Rose on 689165	

To avoid disappointment please book early as we would hate to have to turn you away, as numbers are limited.

Face coverings to be worn, if you are able.

All necessary precautions for Covid-19 are in place.