

**Parish of Llanilid with
Pencoed & Heol-Y-Cyw**

Report to the Annual Vestry
of St Illid & Curig, Llanilid

Meeting at
St David's Church, Pencoed
Monday April 24th 2017
at 7pm



Llanilid is a rural parish between Pencoed and Llanharan, in the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taff. It is in the Church in Wales Diocese of Llandaff and part of the Deanery of Bridgend. The 12th Century Church is dedicated to Saint Ilud and Saint Curig and is situated in a small woodland near to the "Old Rectory" in the community area of Llanilid.

The Incumbent is:

Revd Ian Hodges
The Rectory
60 Coychurch Road
Pencoed
Bridgend CF35 5NA

Independent Examiner:

Graham Paul, Chartered Accountants

Bankers:

National Westminster Bank Plc
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Bridgend

Architect:

Kevin Sutton
Davies Sutton Architecture
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PCC Members:

Diane Morris, Cynthia Thomas, Kathleen Evans,
Janet Nichol, Marlene Liley

Churchwardens:

Kevin Murphy, Nigel Ritchie (outgoing)

Treasurer:

Jean Clanfield

The Annual Vestry Meeting of the Parish of Llanilid
Monday 24th April 2017 at 7p.m. in St David's Church

AGENDA

- 1 Prayers
- 2 Apologies for absence
- 3 Chairman's welcome

- 4 To receive and confirm the minutes of the last meeting

- 5 To receive and discuss the Parish Report
(Including the Accounts)

- 6 To receive and discuss other reports:
 - a. Area Deanery Conference
 - b. Diocesan Conference

- 7 Elections:
 - a. The People's Warden
 - b. Parochial Church Councillors
 - c. Sides men/women

- 8 Representatives for Conferences to check those elected are still serving
 - a. Diocesan Conference (1)
 - b. Area Deanery Conference (5 + 2 supplemental)

- 9 To appoint the Auditor

- 10 To set the Date & Time for the First PCC Meeting

- 11 Any other business (for which notice has been given to the secretary and to which the meeting consents).

- 12 Closing Prayers

The Minutes of the Easter Vestry Meeting held at St.Davids Church, Pencoed
On Monday April 4th 2016 at 7.00pm

1. Opening Prayers

2. Rev.I.Hodges. Mrs.D.Morris. Mr K Murphy. Mr N. Ritchie. Mrs.K.Evans.
Mrs M Liley. Ms.C Thomas. Mrs J Nicol.

3. Apologies:- Mrs J Clanfield. Mrs J Ritchie

4. Chairman's Welcome:-

The Rector welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for all their help over the last year.

5. The minutes were read out and accepted as a true record by Mr N Ritchie and seconded by Mrs K Evans.

6. The accounts were unable to be read out as the Treasurer was unavailable, but as a meeting was held on 8th March to adopt the accounts and were accepted by the PCC at that meeting it was decided to continue with the meeting, and the Rector will sign them at the next PCC meeting.

7. The parish report was read out and accepted by the PCC.

8. The wardens report was presented and accepted by the PCC.

9. To Receive other Reports:-

Area Deanery Conference
Diocesan Conference.

10. Elections:-

Rectors Warden	Mr Kevin Murphy
Peoples Warden	Mr Nigel Ritchie

Sides persons continuation of existing arrangements.

The following were elected to the PCC.

Mrs Diane Morris. Mrs Kath Evans. Mrs Jan Nicol. Mrs Jean Clanfield.
Mrs Marlene Liley. Ms Cynthia Thomas.

11. To Appoint an Examiner.

Graham Paul & Company were elected to continue with the existing arrangement, the PCC expressed their thanks in preparing the Accounts.

12. Any Other Business.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

13. Date of next meeting – to follow the Easter Vestry Meeting

Parish Report 2017

Thank You

As ever I want to begin this report with a huge thank you.

Thank you to my family for being behind me and keeping me sane whilst also being content to be considered public property such as my role requires me to be.

Thank you to everybody who has a hand in the day to day running of the three worship centres we have here in Llanilid, Pencoed and Heol-Y-Cyw. That does not just mean those who you see up the front but those who are quietly working away unseen, oiling the wheels and making sure that year on year the Church continues on.

Thank you as well to all who come here to worship and month by month faithfully give to keep the mission of the church going. It's your giving at our times of regular worship that means we can use every opportunity we have to tell people about Jesus.

Looking Back

A quick trip back through my diary for 2016 showed:

We have continued working with all our Christian brothers and sisters in the United Churches activities. Stand out event for this year was the huge tent we all bought so we could have a stronger presence at the Bridgend show which proved brilliant when it rained cats and dogs.

We continued our schools work with Open the Book at Pencoed Primary and Croesty Primary and Brynna. We have continued to host mock baptisms and weddings. I have been helping out Croesty with their building of an electric car which helps promote the idea that the Rector is a real person who can use spanners. St Paul's got a visit this year from the next door primary school to have a look around. Pencoed comprehensive school needed some help with their A Level RE class so I went along twice to explain that Christianity was not a noddy lifestyle choice but a real relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

We have continued to host the Welsh Nursery. They come in about three times a year to look around the church and learn about the seasons and they do love to sing for us.

We continued at local wedding fayres to let people know that it is their legal right to get married in a church if they have a link to it.

We continued to work with the ATC. I am still their chaplain and go along to squadron once a month to spend time with them. They have been brilliant helping us with Messy Church. A few times we have been so so busy at Messy Church had the ATC not been there to help it would not have been able to run.

We have had open days the success of which varied from church to church.

We changed the Lent Lunches to be on Wednesdays after morning communion and that seemed to give them a boost. We also changed the Harvest Festival to occur around one

weekend as it did seem to be faltering a bit being stretched out along three weeks.

We had another Parish Walk which was really quite warm this time walking from Llanharan to Llanilid and then on to Pencoed.

We have continued with our Joint PCC meetings. We are looking to make stronger links with the parish of Llanharan and Brynna rather than get sucked into one of the large Ministry areas that are forming in Bridgend or Talbot Green. We'll begin 'Pulpit Swaps' later in 2017.

We opened as an outlet for the Bridgend Foodbank.

We went on parish trips to Weston-Super-Mare and to Winchester.

We have decided in St David's to have quarterly leaving collections so fulfill the Christian ethic of tithing and giving away a bit of what God has given us.

We had a confirmation service with Bishop David in the Parish as some adults and children wanted to stand up and be counted for Jesus.

We have continued with our Messy Church experiment. It has just got busier and busier and many people now have Messy Church as their regular place of worship and join in other parish events too. We went to a Messy Church training event and noticed that many people slot Messy into a gap in their weekly schedule on a Sunday or use it to get people into 'real' church whereas we let it be its own thing.

All the clergy gathered in Oxford for a last Clergy School with Archbishop Barry. It was a difficult time as we began to say goodbye to him in the light of his wife's death a few weeks before. As a whole the school felt incredibly honest about the real challenges faced by the Church in the next decade and the grueling nature of ministry and its effect on all of us that partake fully in it.

I had to take the funeral of one of my children's friends who was also known to me as he was a former ATC cadet. He was 16 and died after being hit by a motorbike whilst crossing a road after a day out with his friends celebrating the end of his GCSE's. It was tough being a God representative and also having to say that you had no answers as to why this happened. It made me decide to have a Sabbatical time of learning and reflection in 2017 to think through this and other things.

We also had to say a sad farewell to some of our friends, Gwyneth and John Scoggins and David Chilcott. 2016 was their time to go home.

We have also had people who have just walked in and stayed over the year which is surely an endorsement that the parish is managing to achieve that 'welcome' feel that I believe God wants us to express and is indeed at the centre of the Trinity.

The Future

In the end its all down to God really and up to us to make sure we walk well the tightrope of bringing from the past the timeless truths of God and the Good News of his son Jesus but making sure we are able to present it to people who have fallen away from God or the people of all ages who have never know him.

Again let us see what God will do here

Ian

Report on Conferences

Diocesan Conference:

The Diocesan Conference was held, as always, at the end of September, but for the first time at the recently re-sited St Teilo's Church in Wales Secondary School in Cardiff, which proved to be an excellent venue.

Many church-based organisations were on hand to display their work, which added interest to a day which encompassed a review of the previous year, statement of accounts, etc. There were also short presentations given about the Evangelism Symposium which some clerical members of Conference had attended earlier in the year, and which will be the focus of the 2017 Diocesan Conference.

Two Motions from the Deaneries were considered, one relating to the promotion of church-sponsored counselling services in the deaneries, and the other seeking clarification on how additional funds for missional projects can be accessed. Members then had the opportunity to discuss in Deanery groups how they might like to use these newly-available funds, which resulted in the drawing up of Agenda for many Deanery Conferences.

Finally, there was a period of hustings for those members seeking election to some of the Provincial bodies.

Deanery Conferences:

There were two Conferences held in 2016. At the earlier meeting in June elections were held to many of the Diocesan bodies. In addition, a very informative talk was given by Mrs Julie Davies, Diocesan Lay Training Officer, about how the work of the St Padarn Institute is being rolled out in the Diocese.

Members requested that Deanery Conferences be held more frequently than just once a year, and so an additional Conference was organised for October. It had a single-agenda item, namely to respond to the question from the Diocesan Standing Committee: 'What are the main challenges facing the next Bishop of Llandaff?'

Group discussions produced a variety of responses, which were summarised and submitted to the Standing Committee to assist in the preparation of a Diocesan Profile and Person Specification for the next Bishop of Llandaff.

Canon Mike Komor

Warden's Report

GENERAL

Llanilid has enjoyed another year of worship.

The bad weather had no effect on the church though the graveyard has taken a beating.

This year has seen the completion of some major projects and the application of grants.

All the paperwork for the forthcoming visitation is up to date.

HARVEST FOOD

Given to food bank and the fresh stuff around the parish.

CHURCH FABRIC

The church fabric is good. See note below.

CHURCH LINEN

The white burse hopefully will be with us by Easter.

CHURCHYARD

The gatepost next to the coffin style became unsafe (see harvest festival risk assessment) and as it was next to a public right of way, had to be repaired immediately. This was arranged by Diane.

The graveyard path has been granted a faculty and a grant as it has become hazardous under foot. This has also arranged by Diane.

We have been invaded by a squirrel from the graveyard, who had some fun with the flowers on Christmas Day. Likely entrance holes were blocked up, not by Diane, but by Colin. Traps were set for the furry interloper but he never fell for them. My guess is he has found another way in. This will be perused.

Damage to the graves due to the wet weather has been remedied.

The chest tomb previously noted as being a risk to life has been lowered. (Grave 73)

A cross on the Swan Morgan has been repaired. (Grave 155)

Next graveyard survey is June 2017.

Flowers have been put on the Sumner grave as per the legacy.

The visitation passed without any major problems.

CONGREGATION NUMBERS

Our weekly numbers stand at 8. This is the quota figure.

Our average congregation figures stand at 21.

The wardens wish to thank all those who have helped run the parish, from counting coins to cleaning brass. Full marks to Diane who has cut through the red tape to get things done and to Colin for this helping hand.

Grateful thanks to Jean for continuing with being the treasurer.

N.J.Ritchie and Kevin Murphy