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Something for everyone



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## Your Contributions

**Do you have an idea for a great article?**

**Maybe you have a story to share?**

**Are you aware of any local events or**

**important notices that need to appear within this publication?**

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**DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER EDITION**  
**Friday 18th October 2019**

## PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

September 12th, this was the first meeting after the Summer holidays.

Mrs. Margaret Roberts welcomed all the ladies present and Mrs Flitcroft started the evening with a short poem. As we had no Speaker we shared our thoughts on the holidays and caught up with news about all our friends who have not been able to join us tonight.

Mrs. Roberts thanked tonight's tea hostess, Mrs. Flitcroft and Mrs Janet Burden who provided tonight's raffle prize which was won by Mrs. Anne Davies.

*C. Flitcroft.*

Poetry by Joseph Caruana

### DAILY LIFE

With all might happen  
Whether it is gradual or all of a sudden  
We always try our best  
Even if after a while we need a rest

If the best we want to be  
The good in one another we must always to see  
For we must always keep in our sight  
That only the lord has all the might

Some of us work hard and keep so fit  
Some others do not even try to do a bit  
Some stay looking from the side  
Some others come along just for the ride

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# LEESWOOD NEWS UPDATE

## WE NEED:

### Additional committee members:

- To organise fund-raising
- To help with fund-raising
- As support for Leeswood News

### Paper deliverers:

- Your own road or area
- Other areas

- *Thank you to Doreen Chuter for all her help, over the years, in delivering the paper around the Pensioners Bungalows - Is there someone that would take over this round please? Doreen is finding she is unable to continue.*

## **BINGO - DONATIONS NEEDED**

Leeswood News is organising a Bingo and Raffle on the 23rd October and we are looking for prizes. We would be hugely grateful for any donations / prizes / vouchers: to help support our fund raising efforts, so that we can continue to bring the Leeswood News to you.



CYMUNED EGLWYSIG

# Bethania

CHURCH COMMUNITY

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What a very special occasion in Leeswood it was when at a packed church service Jackie and I were welcomed to Bethania Baptist and I was inducted as the new minister. It was a wonderful family event with all ages participating in the induction and greetings from local churches and friends from near and far.

Having been a pastor in Bournemouth and Oswestry in the 1980s and 1990s we have lived in Cardiff since 2000 while I served as Director of the Evangelical Alliance in Wales until we moved to north Wales in November.

Since starting ministry at Bethania I have had the privilege of meeting a number of Leeswood residents through my visits to the Community Centre, especially the café on a Thursday morning, and by walking around the village, attempting to familiarise myself with the neighbourhood. So please say hello if you see me in the street! I look forward to meeting you.

Rev. Elfed Godding

## A warm welcome to everyone!

### Morning Service

Our morning service begins at 10:15am and finishes about 11:30am. The service is structured but fairly informal in style. We sing modern Christian songs and some classic hymns too. We have Bible teaching that is relevant to our lives and journey of faith, and should be appropriate for those who are seeking faith as well as those growing in faith.

**Kidzone** is available for younger children. After the service we have tea and coffee, and sometimes a meal together as a church family.

### Sunday Evenings

On alternate Sunday evenings we meet at 6:00pm for prayer and in the autumn the Christianity Explored course (see below).

### Children and Youth

Bright Sparks under 4s – Fri. 9:30am to 11:00am

High Fives - Reception to Year 6 – Weds. 5:45pm to 6:45pm

Lasers – Year 6 and over – Weds. 7:15pm to 9:00pm

**Safe Haven** If you know someone who has a disability please let them know about Safe Haven Crafts. Check out [www.safehaven.wales](http://www.safehaven.wales)

### Croeso

Er mai Saesneg ydi prif iaith ein cyfarfodydd, mae sawl un ohonom ni'n siarad Cymraeg ac yn falch iawn o gael byw yng Nghoedllai a'r cyffiniau ac o gael gwasanaethu ein cymuned drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg. Mae croeso mawr iawn i chi ymuno â ni ar y Sul.

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## CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

### SERVICES

#### **IN OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2019**

##### **SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER: TRINITY 16**

4.00P.M. HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

OFFICIANT: REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

##### **SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER: TRINITY 17**

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

##### **SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER: TRINITY 18**

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

OFFICIANT: MRS SUE SAWYER

##### **SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER: TRINITY 19**

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

##### **SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER: ALL SOULS**

4.00P.M. HOLY COMMUNION FOR ALL SOULS

CELEBRANT: REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

##### **10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

10.50 A.M. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

##### **SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: KINGDOM 3**

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV'D MARY BROTHERSTON

##### **SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: CHRIST THE KING**

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV'D KATHY STEWART

##### **SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER: ADVENT SUNDAY**

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV'D JOHN POOLMAN

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME  
AT ALL OF OUR SERVICES**

*During a clergy vacancy in Northop other members of the clergy team will stand in for Carole when she needs to be in Northop Church.*

#### **CHRIST CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS**

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## IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN.

26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER &

30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

“COME 4 COFFEE”

10.30 A.M. – 12 NOON

*The Vicar may not be available on these dates, however, if you wish to speak to her on Church Business, please contact her to arrange a mutually convenient date to meet.*

### **ALL SOULS SERVICE – 4.00 P.M.**

**SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

#### **IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN**

Once again we've reached the time of year when we remember, with thanksgiving, all our friends and loved ones who have died.

At our special service we will remember by name those we've known and loved, including all those whose funeral services have taken place at Christ Church during the past 2 years.

If you would like a friend or loved one to be remembered during that service, we invite you to contact the Rev'd Carole Poolman by phone or email (see opposite), or add their name to the list which will be available at the back of Christ Church from mid-October.

## THE BIG BRUNCH!



**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
in Leeswood Community Centre**

**Look out for more details**

*Proceeds in aid of Christ Church, Pontblyddyn*

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On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30 pm there will be a harvest thanksgiving service led by Revd. Robert Parry.

Organist Mr Christopher Enston will be in attendance and all are welcome.

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, Professor Steve Taylor of Liverpool University will speak at Leeswood Community centre on Science and Christianity. If you wish to get in touch, our email address is [cedron.congregational@gmail.com](mailto:cedron.congregational@gmail.com).

### **SPEAKERS for September/October 2019.**

September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mr Clive Davies
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Robert Parry (Harvest Thanksgiving)
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Clive Davies
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Professor Steve Taylor (Leeswood community centre)
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	TBA

There is an account of Bertrand Russell giving a public lecture defending his atheism when he was asked: "And Lord Russell, what will you say when you stand before the throne of God on judgment day?" Russell replied: "I will say: 'I'm terribly sorry, but you didn't give us enough evidence.'" I suppose a short response would be "Why did you not more diligently seek him out?" (**Luke 11:9 - And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you: seek, and ye shall find: knock, and it shall be opened unto you.**). Many require a more detailed response than this. Here is an account of a extraordinarily detailed response to a critic. On Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 1899 a Russian émigré to America by the name of Ivan Panin picked up a copy of the New York Sun which had for some months been devoting most of a page to debating the truth of Christianity. On that date it printed a letter from one W.R.L., in which he denounced Christianity, and demanded some "facts" in defence of the Christian religion. Panin, a mathematics professor responded thus: Sir: In to-day's Sun Mr. W.R.L. calls for a "champion of orthodoxy" to "step into the arena of the Sun;" and give him some "facts." Here are some facts:

The first 17 verses of the New Testament contain the genealogy of the Christ. It consists of two main parts: Verses 1-11 cover the period from Abraham, the father of the chosen people, to the Captivity, when they ceased as an independent people. Verses 12-17 cover the period from the Captivity to the promised Deliverer, the Christ.

Let us examine the first part of this genealogy. Its vocabulary has 49 words, or 7 x 7. This number is itself seven sevens and the sum of its factors is 2 sevens. Of these 49 words 28, or 4 sevens, begin with a vowel; and 21, or 3 sevens, begin with a consonant. Again: these 49 words of the vocabulary have 266 letters, or 7 x 2 x 19; this number is itself 38 sevens, and the sum of its factors is 28, or 4 sevens, while the sum of its figures is 14, or 2. Of these 266 letters, moreover, 140, or 20 sevens, are vowels, and 126, or 18 sevens, are consonants. That is to say: Just as the number of words in the vocabulary is a multiple of seven, so is the number of its letters a multiple of seven; just as the sum of the factors of the number of the words is a multiple of seven, so is the sum of the factors of the number of their letters a multiple of seven. And just as the number of words is divided between vowel words and consonant words by sevens, so is their number of letters divided between vowels and consonants by sevens.

Again: Of these 49 words 35, or 5 sevens, occur more than once in the passage; and 14, or 2 sevens, occur but once; seven occur in more than one form, and 42, or 6 sevens, occur in only one form. And among the parts of speech the 49 words are thus divided: 42, or 6 sevens, are nouns, seven are not nouns. Of the nouns 35 or 5 sevens, are Proper names, seven are common nouns. Of the Proper names 28 are male ancestors of the Christ, and seven are not. Moreover, these 49 words are distributed alphabetically thus: Words under A-E are 21 in number, or 3 sevens; Z-K 14, or 2 sevens; M-X also 14. No other groups of sevens stopping at the end of a letter are made by these 49 words, the groups of sevens stop with these letters and no others. But the letters A, E, Z, K, M, X, are letters 1, 5, 6, 10, 12, 22, of the Greek alphabet, and the sum of these numbers (called their Place Values) is 56, or 8 sevens.

Panin's full response ran to 50 pages! In it he demonstrated that the entirety of the New testament is constructed on an elaborate design of sevens which no human author could ever hope to accomplish. Truly we can be confident, as affirmed in

**Psalm 118: v8 - It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.**



## Science & Christianity Friends or Foes?



An illustrated presentation by

### Prof. Steve Taylor

University of Liverpool

School of Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Computer Science

## Saturday 5th October

7:00pm start

with refreshments and resources available afterwards

Leeswood Community Centre  
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## LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN NIGHTINGALE HOUSE HOSPICE FRIENDSHIP GROUP

### BINGO

Thank you all for the Bingo and Raffle prizes and Donations you so generously gave for the Bingo held on 4th September. Thank you to those that came to play and to the volunteers, without who's help these events wouldn't go ahead.

We had a minutes silence for Clive Venables our magnificent caretaker at the community centre and long term member of our group and who had been our Bingo caller for many years. We miss his quiet but very effective help, advice and support. Raymond Hughes (Leeswood County Councillor) kindly stepped into the breach and called the Bingo numbers for us.

Thank you also to the Brand family for sorting out the hall for us. We very greatly appreciate how much they have been doing, to keep the Community Centre going in the 16 weeks since Clive died. Thank you also for advertising our events on Social Media..

We were also delighted to welcome Nightingale House Hospice Trustee Alison, who obviously enjoyed herself, fitted in well and ran the raffle with great glee. We hope to see her at future events. We banked £389.50 for the Hospice. Particular thanks to the butchers opposite the car park in Caergwrle who donated a Breakfast Deal Voucher; The Bridge Inn, Pontblyddyn who donated a meal voucher and to Spavens Sweet Shop, Mold who gave a Sweet/Food voucher.

### CURRY NIGHT

We are looking forward to this new event in the Leeswood Community Centre. . The food is being cooked Mark the marvellous chef who teaches at the College. There will be spicy, mild and vegetarian options at £7 per person. There will be background music, a curry themed quiz,



Nightingale House Hospice  
Hospis Tŷ'r Eos

Leeswood & Pontblyddyn  
Nightingale House Hospice  
Friendship Group

Bar Raffle 'Curry-Themed' Quiz  
Guess The Distance

# CURRY NIGHT

(Mild & Vegetable Options)  
- Also Available -  
Saturday 26 October 2019  
7pm Onwards  
Tickets £7 each

VENUE: Leeswood Community Centre

Tickets available from:  
Group Members  
Tel. 07858 776594  
OR via the Brand Family

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Jennifer, Moraine or Norma at Leeswood Community Centre

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sale of hospice Christmas cards, a 'guess the distance' competition and the bar will be open.

As we need to know how many people we will be catering for, we need to sell tickets in advance: from the 'Brand' family, group members, 07858776594 or/ any Tuesday between 10 am and 2pm at the centre, from Anne, Cynthia, Jane, Jennifer, Maureen or Norma.

### PRESIDENT and VICE-PRESIDENT

Sadly both Mrs Lucille Ingman and Mrs Flora Roberts have not been as well as we would all wish. We think of them and wish them to be comfortable while they are not able any longer to take an active part in our fund raising efforts.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

On Friday 20th December 2019, please join us for an evening of Carol Singing, wine or/ juice and mince pies at 7.30 pm., at the Leeswood community centre. £3 per adult, £1 per child. Margaret Roberts has kindly agreed to play the organ and Dewi Hughes honours us by conducting. Carol sheets will be provided.

Nightingale House Hospice greatly appreciates all that this small community has done for them over the years and the hard work and support all the parish continue to provide.

Anne, Bryn, Jane, Bryan & Jennifer.

### HELP WANTED

- 1) People > We very much need more helpers in running our fund raising events, any assistance whatsoever would be very much appreciated. No pay, but we can offer a Hospice T-Shirt and we hope, a lot of fun.
- 2) Paper > If anyone has any spare wrapping paper to wrap parcels for "Trash or Treasure", it would be gratefully received: 07858776594
- 3) Paper Tablecloths or Serviettes > Would be useful for the Curry Night, if you have any you can spare.



# The Methodist Church

## Wesley Church, Leeswood

6<sup>th</sup> Oct. Morning Worship 9.30 am  
with the Lord's Supper



led by Rev Pat Christopher

13<sup>th</sup> Oct. Harvest Festival 10.45 am  
led by Rev Pat Christopher

20<sup>th</sup> Oct. Morning Worship 10.45 am  
led by Rev Rosemary Clarke

27<sup>th</sup> Oct. Morning Worship 10.45 am  
led by Members and Friends

# FAMILY BINGO NIGHT!

## and Raffle

at

## Leeswood Community Centre

Doors open 7 pm  
eyes down 7.30 pm

## Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

in aid of Wesley,  
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**30th November 2019**

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

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# BINGO

## LEESWOOD AND DISTRICT NEWS



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Eyes down 7.30 pm



*Wednesday 23rd October 2019*

at the LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

## CHRIST CHURCH PONTBLYDDYN

invite you to their

# BINGO

*WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup>*

*NOVEMBER 2019*

at the LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Doors Open: - 6.45pm**

**Eyes Down: - 7.30pm**

Proceeds in aid of Church funds

## MAES GARMON

If 1869 saw a battle in the streets of Mold, you would need to go back as far as AD 420 to find Mold's first recorded Battle. According to the chronicles of the monk Bede, it was in this year that 'Saint Garmon' led the Christian Welsh to victory over pagan Saxons and Picts. The Welshmen hid behind trees in a narrow valley, and as the opposing forces reached a clearing, the Welsh came out of hiding and under the guidance of their saintly leader shouted "Hallelujah" three times and brandished their weapons and flags. Their voices echoed from the rocks, leading the enemy to believe there were many more fighters. In a panic the invaders dropped their weapons on the ground and rushed away. Some fell into the river, it is said, and were drowned.

Bede does not identify the exact spot where the battle took place, but in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century Archbishop Ussher suggested it happened on farmland at Maes Garmon, just outside the town of Mold. In 1736 a member of the gentry, Nehemiah Griffith of Rual, erected a column on land nearby. Engraved on the column are the words, in Latin, "In the year 420 the Picts and the Saxons made war with their combined army against the Britons in this country, known as Maes Garmon today."

This column, or obelisk, is on private land, but it is possible to walk to Maes Garmon from the town. Take the road to Gwernaffield [there is a pavement for much of the way] and turn off left down Maes Garmon lane. You can imagine, if you wish, where the Hallelujah battle took place, and then walk back to Mold over fields.

Martin Hackett in his book, "*Lost Battlefields of Wales*" has difficulty connecting this site with the story. Where are the rocky slopes? Where is the narrow valley? And is the river deep enough to drown soldiers? Some scholars say the famous battle took place elsewhere, by the side of the River Dee, perhaps, near Valle Crucis. Others suggest the Nant y Garth pass near Llanarmon-yn-yal. Perhaps several battles and several stories have been blended together.

Who was Saint Garmon anyway? There was a Saint Germanus, a bishop from France, who came to Britain in 429, but "*Germanus*" does not translate naturally into the Welsh *Garmon*. Interestingly there is a Welsh word, *Garmon*, stemming from *Garm*, meaning a "shout" Perhaps that is the connection?

There is another problem, however: would a Bishop lead Christian forces into "war"? though there are some instances in Wales of such an event taking place. It has become a well remembered story, anyway, and provides us with a history of another "battle" near Mold.

Mike Stevens

### Volunteers wanted



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Help us bring people together  
&  
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**Macmillan Coffee Morning  
Saturday 5th October  
Leeswood Community Centre**



11am-2pm- CH7 4SB  
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**LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE**

*invite the Community to their*

**"UNLUCKY FOR SOME..."**

## **"CHRISTMAS" PRIZE**

# BINGO

*to be held at*

**LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

**Doors open 7pm/Eyes down for prizes 7.30pm  
various hampers, vouchers, drinks & gifts to be won**

**Raffle Prizes also available**

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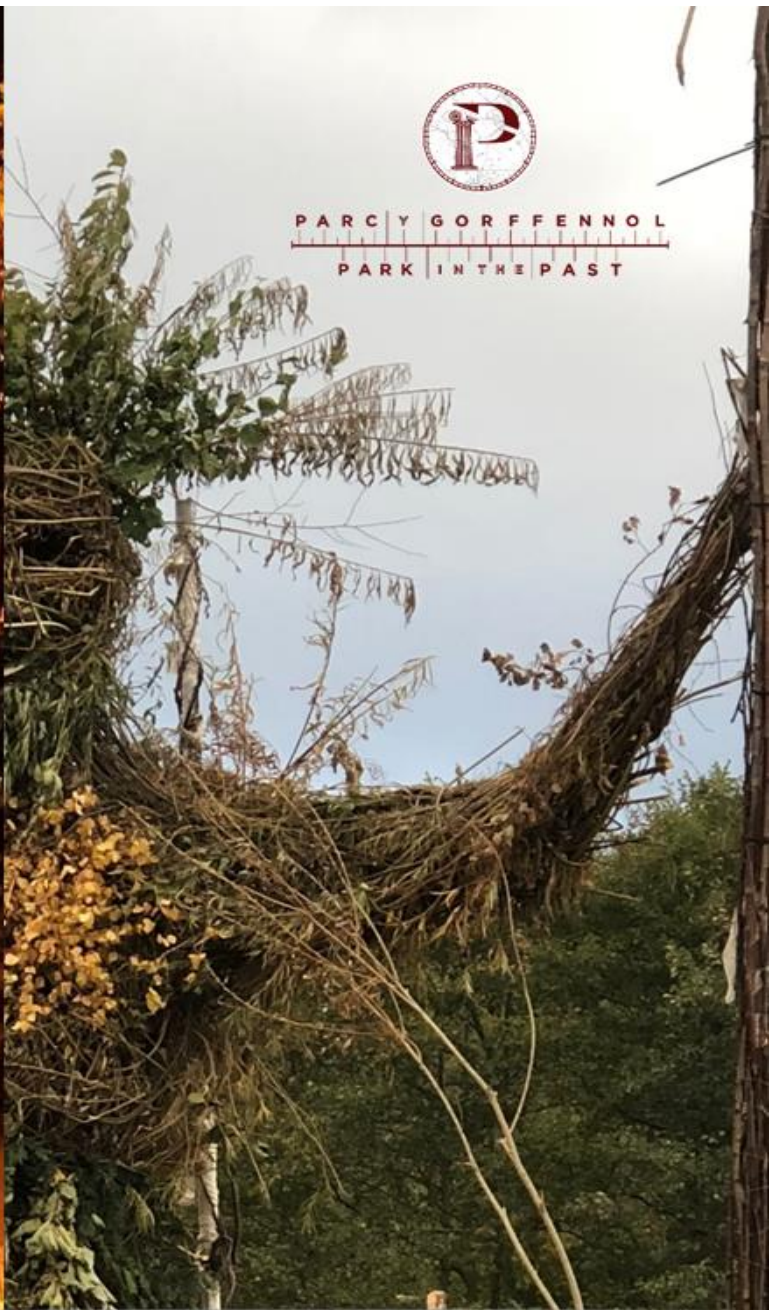


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## What really matters?

*'Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously\*, and he will give you everything you need.'*

Matthew Ch. 6 v. 33 (NT) NLT



We can be tempted to think that our children, our partner, money, popularity, relationships, success, our job, importance, sex, important titles, and material things, are the way to happiness.

Notice that Matthew doesn't say that God will give you everything you WANT, but what you NEED. There is a difference!

This is all well and good, but, of course, it is essential that we are part of that kingdom in the first place, and not 'pretenders' or outsiders looking in.

\*To live 'righteously' means to be virtuous, just, blameless, honourable, honest and upright.

Amen means 'So be it'!

What takes first place in your life? We can be tempted to think that our children, our partner, money, popularity, relationships, success, our job, importance, sex, important titles, and material things are the way to happiness. We can put those things first in our lives, but in the process we can forget that what really matters is God and His kingdom. The Kingdom of God in this sense is not a place, heaven! It is the place we give to God in our hearts and souls. When we lose sight of what really matters, we can become stressed and anxious without realising it. We think that we need to keep up with everyone else, and that we're not valuable if we don't have the things that magazines, cold callers, adverts, the telly and friends tell us we need. But living God's way means we're at peace because we're living for the approval of God, not people and their/our culture. He's the One who provides for our needs, and these needs are not always material, but spiritual and/or emotional. And in Him we find our value and identity too because He loves us. The Bible says: **'Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously\*, and he will give you everything you need.'** Notice that Matthew doesn't say that God will give you everything you WANT, but what you NEED. There is a difference! Often we are not happy with that difference either! So, what does it mean to 'seek the kingdom'? Here are a few ideas: 1) We look out for opportunities to serve other people and put them before ourselves. 2) We sacrifice our time, abilities and resources to help bring kingdom values such as peace, love, and joy to those around us. 3) We look to God when we're making decisions, and ask Him to help us live according to His will. 4) We rely on Him to meet all our needs, and trust that He has good plans for us. This is great stuff, but, it is essential that we have sought and found that kingdom in the first place, which is now in our heart and soul, and that we are not 'pretenders' or outsiders looking in. In Micah Ch. 6 v. 8 (OT) CEV The Bible says: **The LORD God has told us what is right and what he demands: "See that justice is done, let mercy be your first concern, and humbly obey your God"**. Amen.

**What Now?** Before you do any more today, as a priority, decide to start living for what really matters in this life (and the next) and ask God to help you live the rest of your life in His kingdom and not outside it.

Simon

PS. If you want to contact me I am available via [TheLDNBibleBlog@gmail.com](mailto:TheLDNBibleBlog@gmail.com), and don't forget to enjoy the autumn colours as they progress.

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## **Hannah Blythyn AM/AC** **Assembly Member for Delyn** **Aelod Cynulliad dros Delyn**

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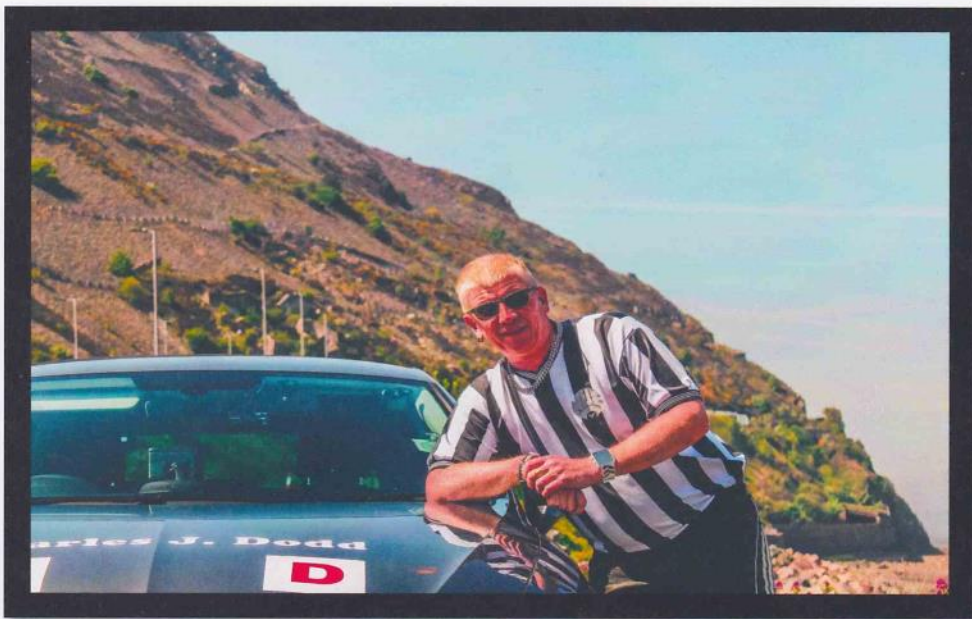
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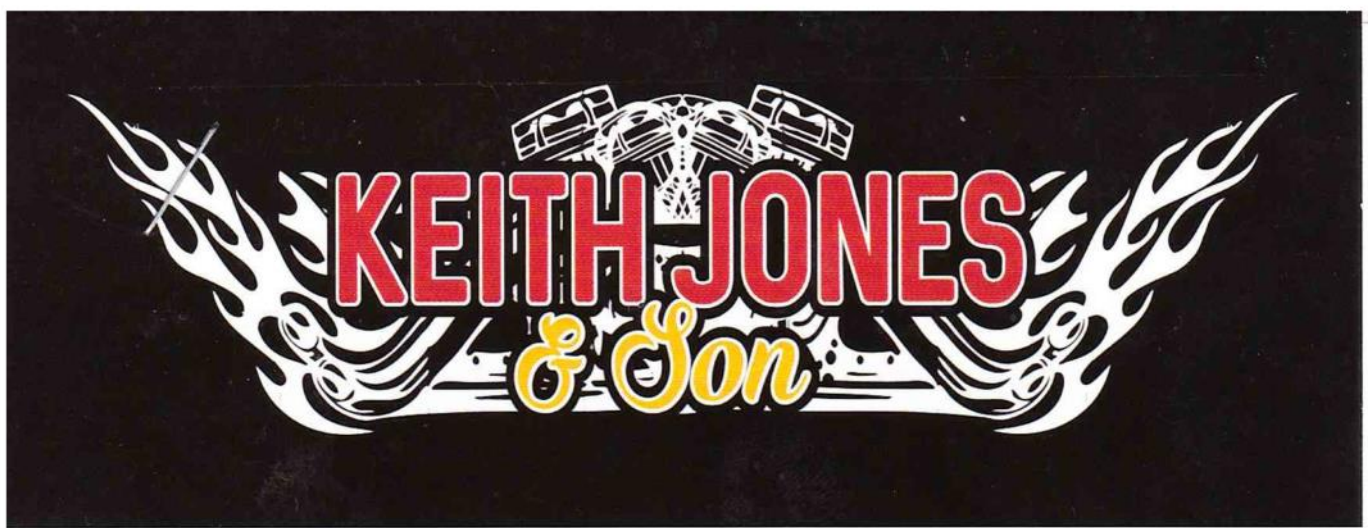
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## LEESWOOD ALLOTMENTS

I've said numerous times how lucky we are to have allotments in the heart of our village. There are many reasons why I have felt the benefit of having one of the plots but I wondered how other Leeswood allotment people felt...so I asked them. This is what they said..

" I have benefitted from having an allotment as I am new to Leeswood (18 months ago) and it has helped me meet local people. Gardeners are a friendly bunch who happily share their knowledge as we all learn from each other. I get to eat healthy food which tastes much better than anything you can buy and I spend more time in the fresh air"

"The allotment is my calm place. I can escape from the stresses of work, the jobs at home and the noise round and about. I can spend as little or as much time as I have available, pottering around or getting stuck in to a new project as we see our allotment develop. It is a peaceful place to watch the chickens feeding and butterflies busying round sunflowers. It is amazing to sow seeds, hoping that they will grow and then watch the plants develop and blossom. We generally pop the seeds in and hope for the best and have not been too disappointed over the last 12 months.

I love popping up to the allotment in order to pick the vegetables, knowing that we have grown them ourselves and they taste so much better than those from the supermarket. It is also nice to share the produce with grateful friends, family and colleagues from work. It is a new skill for me. I can now watch gardening programmes in order to pick up tips, or ask seasoned allotment holders for their advice"

The view, the peace and tranquillity and being in the fresh air are all important components of being a Leeswood allotment holder. Adding to those huge benefits is the comradeship which comes from being part of a well-rounded and forward-thinking association. Besides the above, I just love being able to pull up weeds out of soil which does not hold on like the heavy soils of Northamptonshire!"

"The things I like best about my allotment are meeting others and discussing the difference in produce etc. and exchanging ideas. Also getting the good fresh produce and popping up to the allotment early in the morning to pick fresh raspberries for breakfast. Peaceful days gardening - it's so relaxing."

Thank you to Tim, Andrew, Clare and Moya for those heart felt and heart-warming thoughts and if they have inspired you to join us, get in touch with Joseph on 01352 770187. If there isn't a plot available at the time he will put you on the list.



Finally this month Leeswood Allotments members wish to express their condolences to Margaret and the Mainwaring family on the loss of Roli. Margaret and Roli were among the founder members of the allotment association here. In the early days, when we were finding our feet, Roli was always an active and supportive member and had continued to be so up until he became ill. The allotment group will remain grateful. His helpful, calm, good humour will be remembered.



2 July 2019

**PRESENT**

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman (in the Chair), Councillor D.K. Crowther, Vice-Chairman, Councillors J. Atkinson, J. Caruana, L.T. Coleman, D. Foster, L.C. Richardson, J.E. Saul, G. Sherwood and R. Williams.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

These were received from Councillors T. Hughes and D. Rule.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

There were no declarations of interest.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor J. Caruana that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

**POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was unable to attend this evening. He had forwarded a report to the Clerk which was circulated to Councillors.

**Incident update** - (from 30/05/2019 to 01/07/2019)

**Crime Issues / Trends****This Month**

Ffordd Derw, Leeswood – Criminal damage offence, front bumper of car damaged which was parked on driveway overnight. CCTV of this incident which shows a male causing a damage. Officers have seized the CCTV and investigations are ongoing.

**ASB Issues**

Llys Ann, Leeswood – Caller stated that she could hear a big disturbance on a nearby street with a lot of shouting but could not see anything. Officers attended but could not find anything as described.

**Suspicious Activity**

Bryn Clyd, Leeswood – caller reporting concerns after finding a man wandering the street. Caller stated that he was wearing a call help button which contacted callers care line but when answered they had no idea who the male was. Officers managed to get in touch with his family and made sure he was safe.

**DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LEESWOOD**

The North Wales Ambulance Service have been in contact about the Defibrillator in the Community Centre. This is currently recorded with them as unavailable to use. An estimation of costs to site this defibrillator in an outside cabinet to make it more accessible has been given, £354 for an unlocked cabinet, £384 for a locked cabinet. A fully certified professional installation of the cabinet could cost between £90 and £190. If the Ambulance Service were able to have any time access to the defibrillator they would need the make and model of it as there is a possibility of it going to the hospital with them and these details are required so it can be returned to the Community.

Comment was made that as the defibrillator had been purchased through the fundraising efforts of Mrs Louise Fennell, then it would only be courteous to approach her about this. Councillor G. Sherwood proposed that, if Mrs Fennell was in agreement, the defibrillator should be sited outside the Community Centre in a locked cabinet. The Community Council to stand the cost for this and any further maintenance. This was seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther. All Councillors in agreement. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, was to speak with Mrs Fennell.



2 July 2019

**CEMETERY**

Councillors noted that the Cemetery was looking very well. It was pointed out that Mr Aled Davies and his team were doing a very good job there. All Councillors were in agreement that they are very pleased with the Cemetery. Councillor G. Sherwood had been to investigate the potential of a water leak at the Cemetery. Hafren Dyfrdwy had read the Church water meter in error and applied it to the Community Council Cemetery account so there is no leak. The Clerk to contact Hafren Dyfrdwy in regard to this.

**AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

Councillor G. Sherwood advised that a Dementia Friendly event would be taking place at Ysgol Derwenfa next week. The Book Club is to be launched on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, pointed out that the Community Café is still well supported but new volunteers are required to help out.

**PARKING ISSUES – BELL'S CORNER AND JUNCTION OF BRYN CLYD/KING STREET**

The Clerk reported that she had e-mailed Mr Lee Shone of Highways, Flintshire County Council advising that this Council no longer wished to proceed with double yellow lines on the junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street. No response to this e-mail had been received. It was pointed out that parking on the pavement at Bell's Corner has started again, Councillor J. Atkinson confirmed that she had noticed this tonight as she came to the meeting. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that he would speak to Mr Shone of Highways, Flintshire County Council about this matter with urgency.

**150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOLD RIOTS, 2019**

Mr Kevin Matthias, Chair of the Daniel Owen Festival had sent e-mail correspondence asking if this Community Council would be prepared to fund some transport from Mold to Leeswood on the afternoon of the proposed walk from Leeswood to Mold on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 19

for walkers to return home or back to their cars. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Community Council would fund the cost of a bus to transport people back to Leeswood from Mold.

**WELSH NHS AMBULANCE TRUST – FEED-BACK FROM CARERS**

Members had been circulated with e-mail correspondence from the Older People's Commissioner, over the course of the last year the Patient Experience & Community Involvement Team within the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust have been engaging with and collating feedback from carers (especially older carers) that has demonstrated the importance to better understand their needs. Carers have said that they are reluctant to seek help for themselves due to carer responsibilities. A survey is being carried out to capture more in-depth information to help develop the approach to improving experiences and outcomes for carers. This Carers Survey is now live and can be completed bilingually via the same link. The correspondence was accepted.

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE – VISITS TO TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

Correspondence from Gareth Owens, Chief Officer Governance, Flintshire County Council had been circulated to all Councillors. This is Mr Owens' fifth update regarding the visits by the Independent Members of the Standards Committee to Town/Community Council meetings to observe practice and gain an understanding of how local council business is conducted. The findings from further visits undertaken in January, February and March 2019 were reported to the Committee on the 3rd June and Mr Owens is writing with feedback to all Town/Community Councils to give assurance on good practice and procedures. As with previous reported visits, the four Independent Members agreed that these had been positive experiences and again praised the level of

commitment and contributions by those in attendance.

Although outside the scope of the visits to Town and Community Councils it has become apparent that a number of Councils are losing their clerks, and that Councils generally are finding it increasingly difficult to recruit. Mr Owens is aware that several Councils employ the same clerk though they do so as separate employers and therefore do not share the costs of training and the time/effort of appraising and developing the clerk.

The Independent Members have also commented on the difficulties they sometimes encounter in locating information on Council websites. Each Council should, of course, be free to choose the design and layout of their websites to reflect their local priorities. However, the statutory requirements for what it must include are listed below and the key point is that residents must be able to find basic information (such as dates, times and agendas for meetings) quickly and easily.

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  - a postal address;
  - an email address;
- (b) information about each of its members, including —
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  - how the member may be contacted;
  - the member's party affiliation (if any);
  - the ward which the member represents (where relevant);
  - any office of the council held by the member;
  - any committee of the council to which the member belongs;
- (c) the minutes of the proceedings of the Council's meetings and (in so far as is

reasonably practicable) any documents which are referred to in the minutes;

(d) any audited statement of the council's accounts;

(e) the register of members' interests.

### **FLINTSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Correspondence from Andrew Roberts, Service Manager – Strategy, Flintshire County Council had been circulated to all members. This correspondence advises that the LDP will be placed on Deposit for consultation in September 2019. Prior to this the draft Deposit LDP will be reported to Flintshire County Council on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019. This was accepted.

### **LEESWOOD MEMORIAL CENTENARY FIELDS**

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Fiona Mocko, Strategic Policy Advisor, Flintshire County Council, advising that Flintshire County Council have been successful in applying for Leeswood Memorial to be registered as a Centenary Field. Councillors expressed their pleasure at this information.

### **COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

a) Constitution Hill, Leeswood – grass growing out of the grids, Flintshire County Council will unblock these. Water remains on the concrete blocks on the bridge, Flintshire County Council will repair, but needs permission from the Railways first.

b) School Buses – there has been a lot of press recently regarding the charges being made to transport a child to School if they wish to attend their non-designated Secondary School. The dividing point for Leeswood is the Community Centre area, with the bottom side of the village attending Castell Alun High School and the top side of the village attending the Alun School. Many parents have expressed their dismay at these changes.

2 July 2019

**CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Flint Town Council, Mayor's Civic Sunday – the Mayor of Flint, Councillor Norma Davies, will be holding her Civic Sunday on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019. A parade from Market Square to the Parish Church of St. Mary and St. David will leave at 10.30am. The Service starts at 11a.m. Following the Service, the parade will return to the Town Hall where the Mayor, Councillors and Civic Guests will take the Salute. Light refreshments will be served at the Town Hall. The Clerk advised that she had accepted the invitation on behalf of Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman.

b) Mold Town Council, Mayor's Civic Service – a Save the Date notice has been received advising that the Mayor of Mold, Councillor Tim Maunders, will be holding his Civic Service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 11am, at St. Mary's Church, Mold. The Clerk advised that she had accepted the invitation on behalf of Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman.

c) Ysgol Derwenfa, Leeswood – a thank you letter for the £500 donation re the IT equipment had been received from Mr C.E. Jones JP, Chairman, Ysgol Derwenfa's Governing Body.



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## Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

We all want our industry to be the best in the world, and we all take great pride when we are told that our products are world leader in their field. We do not have to look very far to spot British products showing the technological capabilities and technical expertise which we have at our disposal in this country. For those of us that has been abroad during the summer holidays might have noticed that most of the aeroplanes are powered by Rolls Royce engines. Rolls Royce engine has been the flag ship of our industry for many many years, and they have brought allot of revenue into the country. Nevertheless, we sometimes take these things for granted, and we do not appreciate the effort by those involved in keeping such a national brand at the pinnacle of world class manufacturing.

There are different formulas that can be applied to measure the level of world class manufacturing within an industrial establishment, however, they all give an accurate figure which can be used as a base for further developments. Obviously, if a manufacturing establishment does not apply its available time with at least seventy per cent effectiveness, a manufacturing establishment falls below world class manufacturing. If a product is manufactured at an establishment which operates below world class level, the product is likely to be more expensive, because it took longer to produce a finished product.

Looking busy does not necessarily translate into wealth creation, and one can look busy moving things around the shop floor without adding value of the product. We need to understand the difference between value added action and non value added action. Transportation of goods halfway around the globe does not add any value to a finished or semi finished product. To the contrary, moving things about can sometimes have a negative effect and a costly outcome. The smaller a manufacturing organisation is, the more efficient it needs to conduct its operations. This is because it will not be in a position to afford wastage, neither in time nor in material let alone manpower.

As today's society is controlled by the finances, it may not be possible to embark on a costly industrial adventure just for the sake of someone's dream. From my experience in Industry, I have seen many investments which did not make any profitable returns, and some of them did not even enter production. With this in mind, an overall picture needs to be analysed so that practical investment is applied from the very beginning.

Going back to lean manufacturing, it is of interest to mention that the number of defects is no longer measured in percentage terms, but in parts per million, and one defective part in a million parts produced is not acceptable by certain manufacturers. To achieve this high level of quality, a process capability control is put into practice. This is a system which measures how closely identical each and every manufactured item is within a preset limit. The narrower the preset limit is, the more efficient the process is, and the more efficient the process is, the leaner a manufacturing establishment is.

Manufacturers these days come in different forms, sizes, and competition comes from all over the world. We are no longer competing with manufacturers within one nation or with manufacturers within a few selected nations, but with manufacturers from all over the world. It is due to this aspect that goods must be manufactured to a world class level because they will face stiff international competition. Companies have to produce what the customer wants or the customer will go elsewhere. It is therefore imperative, that prior to any major investment, a comprehensive research is undertaken to establish what the demand is going to be.

There is allot of analysis that a progressive company does conduct in order to hit the ground running when it launches a new product. One wrong move, or one aspect overlooked and the whole project will come crushing down with a strong possibility that a few million pound has been poured down the drain. A progressive manufacturing company might also need to anticipate what the competition is going to come up with in order to keep one or two steps ahead. To conclude, I would like to emphasise that for a manufacturing establishment to be successful, a positive collective effort needs to be adopted, implemented, and maintained.

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## LEESWOOD AND THE 2019 DANIEL OWEN FESTIVAL

The Daniel Owen Festival is held every year in October in and around the town of Mold.

This year the festival runs between the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of October. It celebrates the arts, literature and heritage of the area with a local Welsh emphasis. It is named after the Welsh language author Daniel Owen who was born and lived in Mold, and whose birthday and the anniversary of his death falls in the same month. The full programme is to be found on [www.danielowenfestival.com](http://www.danielowenfestival.com) and Leeswood is the venue for two of this year's events.

2019 is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mold Riots and Theatr Clwyd's community play of the same name, based on the events of 1869 will be the central feature of the Daniel Owen Festival this year. Industrial unrest and violence in Leeswood, Coed Talon and Treuddyn were the causes of the tragedy which happened in Mold later.

The first event is a walk from Leeswood Community Centre to Tyddyn Street chapel, Mold on Sunday afternoon 20 October: 'In the footsteps of the rioters'. Walkers will be greeted with a well-deserved cuppa by chapel members and have a chance to see a display about the riots and learn a little about the history and causes of the event. Children at Ysgol Derwenfa will be creating art work and banners helped by Theatr Clwyd, for the walkers to carry! The walk starts at 1:30 and full details of the route, etc. will appear on the Festival's website. Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council have generously organised transport back to the Centre at 5:30.

The second item in the programme is a guided walk around the places in Leeswood and Pontybodkin associated with the 1869 riot and the history of its industry on Thursday morning, 24<sup>th</sup> October starting at 10:30 at the Community Centre. These are only two of the events in a packed week so I hope to see you in one or two of them.

Kevin Matthias

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