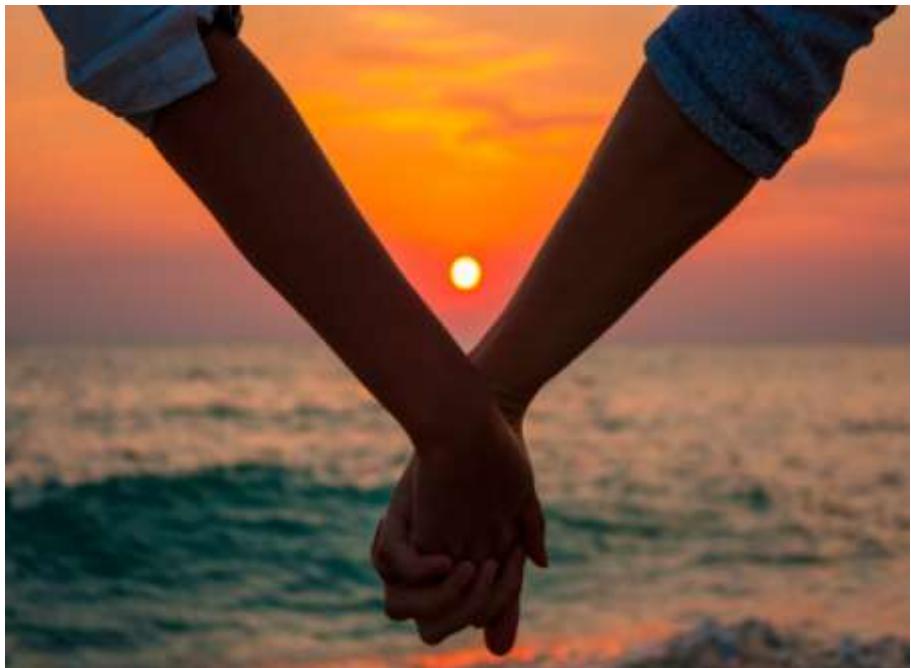


# Llantrisant Parish Monthly Magazine

## May 2020

*For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV))*



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## Rev's Ruminations

My Dear Friends,

A second month, and we are still in lockdown. No doubt this is a really frustrating for some of you, I know that I feel that way at times. In normal times I love taking a drive to the coast to see the sea, or up towards Brecon to the mountains and revel in the wonder of God's creation.



However, I, like everyone else am mostly at home at the moment. That doesn't mean that I don't get to enjoy God's creation; for those of you who have been able to join me on Facebook from my garden, you will have heard the birds (as well as Max, the dog next door). My garden, thanks to the 'wild flowers' (weeds, mostly), is full have of Primroses and a blanket of Forget-me-nots, it is a haven for insects, especially bees, and birds, and I have been fortunate to be able to enjoy it. But there are of course the frustrations.

One of those is not having the ability to visit people at the moment. Especially, those who are sick, dying, and those who grieve. It has always been the privilege of being a vicar that I have been able to visit hospitals whenever I wished, unfortunately, that is no longer the case and it saddens me, that I have not been able to visit people before they have died. Rest assured that they are in my prayers, and I always try to remember people at our daily prayer session at 5pm on Facebook, but it isn't the same. Likewise funerals are very different at the moment, we cannot commit people to God's care from church, and gravesides and crematoria are restricted to just 10 mourners. But even there, there are reasons to be joyful. It was Karin's uncle's funeral last week. Ian was from Coytrahen near Tondu, and as the funeral cortège left the house, the streets were lined by people on their doorsteps or at a safe distance from each other, to say goodbye. There were banners, and people raising a toast, as well as applause, it was a genuinely moving tribute.

Then there are the signs of hope for us as a church. Our online services and worship are helping people connect in a way they

were unable to previously. There are housebound parishioners who are able now to join us for worship, where they were unable previously to do so. We have people viewing us from all over the world, which is lovely, but more importantly, we have people joining us from within our community, who haven't been to church, for a long time, or even at all. This is certainly part of our calling, to share The Gospel in our community. Likewise it is encouraging to see how people have supported the ministry of our parish, a big thank you to all those who have recorded, or gone live at 5, with messages and prayers for us. The videos the worship group have produced of songs, have been fantastic, and I am so grateful of all the hard work they have put in to this really important ministry here, especially Rhiannon and Miriam. Thank you also to Ceri for producing the magazine, and for Pam for producing a newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has sent a personal message of support, be it an email, letter, or phone call, your support is certainly making a difference for me, and I am very grateful to receive it. It is such a blessing to be part of a parish where people are so willing to be a part of building God's kingdom.

Our new rector, Vincent will be licensed in early May, via Zoom. This means that he will start in earnest to build the new Benefice, and I know he will be delighted by how people have been working together in lockdown. Sadly, until the lockdown is lifted he will be unable to physically move, but I have no doubt he will be working hard for us, even if it is remotely. In the mean time if anyone has any suggestions for how we can keep in touch during this lockdown period, especially for those without internet access please do let me know.

With every blessing,

*Rev'd Steve*

## Parish of Llantrisant Church Services

### Sunday and Weekday Services

At this present time and due to extraordinary circumstances, there are no public services of worship or weddings being undertaken within the Church in Wales.

Funerals at time of print, are however going to be held with certain restrictions. More information can be sought from:

**Curate : Rev Steven Brett**

Tel : 01443 266402.

Email : [stevenbrett@parishofllantrisant.org.uk](mailto:stevenbrett@parishofllantrisant.org.uk)



Are you internet savvy? Do you belong to Facebook? Are you 'friends' or 'followers' of Llantrisant Parish Church?

Get all the up to date information on this page on what is happening in the Parish, especially at this present time. Rev'd Steve Brett is broadcasting services while the churches are closed as well as undertaking times of prayer.

News and of course all the latest photos is also being published on our page too.

## **From the Parish Registers**

*April 2020*



### **Funerals and Cremations**

Douglas Jones of Beddau  
Janet Davies of Beddau  
Jean Thomas of Beddau  
Peter Evans of Beddau  
David Phillips of Cross Inn  
Graham Burton of Crown Hill  
Shirley Lambert of Llantrisant  
Lucy Ann Heart of Miskin  
Eirlys Lewis of Talbot Green  
Ian Frith of Tondu

### **Baptisms**

There were no baptisms in April

### **Weddings**

There were no weddings in April

Please pray for all those who have lost loved ones at this time,  
that they may feel God's comfort and peace.

## **Weekly News Letter**

If you have any articles, or important dates and events that you'd like included in the weekly news letter, please send them to Pam Thomas or Steve, the curate, via the Parish website. This will still be produced and will be published online every week on the Llantrisant Parish website.

Thank you.

### **Please remember in your prayers :**

Please remember in your prayers the families of all who have recently died including:

Noel Jothan, Carole Powell, Ceri Roberts, Leighton Holcombe, Anthony Maitland, Dot Willan, Gwen Payne, Clive Burr, Tony Willis, Keighley Old, Arthur Smith, Richard David, Betty Pine, Philip Williams, Eirwen Hardwick, Malcolm Doster Chris Jones, Enid Ratliff and Jean Golding



### **Please Pray For:**

Alex Morgan, Chris Clark, Linda Rigby, Peggy Utting, Pat Parkinson, Margaret Hocking, Stan David, Ron Havard, Susan Saunders and Lindsey, Beverley Duddridge, Phillis Williams, Kitty Evans, Betty France, Christine Smith, Mary Evans, Phineas Elliott, Tony Cale, Rebecca and Steve Davies and family. We also pray for those living with dementia and their carers, and all those suffering with coronavirus, those in isolation and all who are worried.



### **Grow Your Lawns**

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) has called on people to allow flowers to grow on their lawns, instead of insisting on smooth green surfaces. The reason is because nearly 7.5million acres of meadows and pastures rich in wildflowers have been lost since the Thirties, thus removing a vital source of food for pollinators, many of whom are now in steep decline.

The nation's 15 million gardens could help a lot in supporting bees, butterflies and other bugs looking for nectar.



## Lockdown recipes

### Muesli Flapjack

What you'll need :

8 inch tin	Small saucepan
Baking paper	Mixing bowl

Ingredients:

200 grams butter  
200 grams dark brown soft sugar  
80 grams golden syrup  
500 grams muskellunge ( untoasted )  
50 grams pumpkin seeds ( optional )  
2 tsp ground cinnamon

Instructions

Preheat oven 160 C fan/ 180 C & lightly grease the baking tin.

Combine butter, sugar and golden syrup in the pan. Allow to simmer for 2 mins.

Stir in muesli, pumpkin seed and cinnamon.

Spoon into the tin and press down until the top is smooth.

Bake for 15-20 mins until lightly golden and set.

Leave to cool for 10 mins before lightly scoring the bars.

When the flapjack is completely cool, remove from the pan and cut into bars.

I found this on the internet and made it with muesli from Truffles at the Boars Head. It's delicious!!

Anne Clark

## Readings for May 2020

3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31: 1-5 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10 1 Peter 4: 12-14;5: 6-11 John 17:1-11	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104: 24-36 1 Corinthians 2:3b-13

**Online Service daily at 5pm and**

**Services at 10am Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday**

**On Facebook Live - Log into Facebook and search for Llantrisant Parish Church. Click like and Follow the page and you will be able to access these services and see all our news as it happens.**



The twins had been doing Messy Church at home.



Our church warden is not letting people into the church just now

## Something to make you smile

### **Why Jesus walked on water**

A tourist, planning a trip to the Holy Land, was aghast when he found it would cost £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee. “Goodness,” he objected to the travel agent. “In the UK it would not have been more than £20.”

“That might be true,” said the travel agent, “but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord Himself walked.”

“Well, at £50 an hour for a boat,” said the tourist, “it’s no wonder He walked.”

### **Top Ten Silliest Questions asked on a Cruise Ship**

– Paul Grayson, Cruise Director for the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line

Do these steps go up or down?

What do you do with the beautiful ice carvings after they melt?

Which elevator do I take to get to the front of the ship?

Does the crew sleep on the ship?

Is this island completely surrounded by water?

Does the ship make its own electricity?

Is it salt-water in the toilets?

What elevation are we at?

There’s a photographer on board who takes photos and displays them the next day... the question was asked: ‘If the pictures aren’t marked, how will I know which ones are mine?’

What time is the Midnight Buffet being served?

### **Meow**

“What is your kitty’s name, James?” asked the visitor.

“Ben Hur,” said James.

“That’s a funny name for a cat. Why did you name it that?”

“Well, we just called him Ben – until he had kittens.”

### **The red tent by Anita Diamant**

This opens with the story of her mothers, the four wives of Jacob, each of whom embodies unique feminine traits and concludes with Dinah's own startling and unforgettable story of betrayal, grief and love.

### **Delilah by Eleanor De Jong**

Tempted by an offer she can't refuse, Delilah is persuaded to make a bargain. She makes an astonishing discovery, one that she could never have imagined.

### **Jezebel by Eleanor De Jong**

The young princess of Tyre, is destined to marry King Ahab of Israel. Set against the backdrop of the Holy Land comes an epic tale of one of the most courageous and controversial women of all time.

If anyone would like to read these please call me on 07890483568 and I'll deliver them to your door.—Anne Clark

## **COVID-19 CORONA VIRUS**

If anyone needs any help, or has a friend or neighbour who needs help, please let us know.

There are a number of people who are willing and able to get some shopping or collect medication.

Contact Steve or Shirley

## **Magazine Deadline**

The deadline for articles for April's Magazine is

**Friday May 23rd 2020**

## **STEWARDSHIP**

As all the churches are closed, all those who normally give to the parish through their stewardship envelope or the yellow gift aid envelopes obviously cannot do so at the moment but we are able to take card payments over the phone. If you would like to do this please ring **Roger 208312 or Shirley 226006** – just have your debit card ready and you can tell us how much you want to give.

Please do not send cheques to Roger as he is not able to go to the bank at the moment.

Thank you to all those who give by Standing Order, those will carry on as usual.

If you would like to set up a Standing Order with your bank (you will probably need to do so online or over the phone at the moment) ring Roger for the parish bank account number and sort code.

These are difficult times for all of us and reduced income for the parish/benefice over this period will have a big impact.

Please pass the message on.

Stay safe and God bless.



## Quiz by Mary Fairchild

These influential women of the Bible impacted not only the nation of Israel but eternal history as well. Some were saints, some were scoundrels. A few were queens but most were commoners. All played a key role in the spectacular Bible story. Each woman brought her unique character to bear on her situation, and for this, we still remember them centuries later.

Good Luck!



### Mother and Child Match

Read the scriptures below.  
Put the correct letter next to the mother.

1. ____ Eve	A. Solomon (2 Sam 12:24)
2. ____ Sarah	B. Mahlon & Chilion (Ruth 1:2)
3. ____ Rebekah	C. Samuel (1 Sam 1:20)
4. ____ Zipporah	D. John the Baptist (Luke 1:57)
5. ____ Ruth	E. Isaac (Gen 17:19)
6. ____ Bathsheba	F. Timothy (2 Tim 1)
7. ____ Naomi	G. Obed (Ruth 4: 16-17)
8. ____ Hannah	H. Abel (Gen 4: 1-2)
9. ____ Elizabeth	I. Yeshua (Mat 1:16)
10. ____ Mary	J. Gershom (Ex 2: 21-22)
11. ____ Eunice	K. Jacob (Gen 25:28)
12. ____ Salome	L. James and John



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## **St James the Least of All (second time around)**

### **On the Perils of a Scout Camp**

*My dear Nephew Darren*

*It seems that the basics of parish ministry are no longer taught in theological colleges. Don't you know anything about consulting your diary in public? When you are asked if you are free on a certain date, accepted practice is to open it so that the enquirer cannot quite see. You then shake your head sadly, saying you are committed to blessing a new tea urn, or on some other vital ecclesiastical activity that day. Then you regretfully give your apologies. You do not open the thing in full view of your enquirer, so he can see the blank pages! Really, it serves you right that you are now committed to going on Scout camp.*

*The last time I agreed to pay the Scouts a visit was when I found that there was a splendid restaurant only a mile away from their camp. I arrived and parked my car by the side of the river where they were all canoeing, wound down the car window and made encouraging noises for some minutes before explaining I had to find a garage for petrol.*

*Several hours later, after an excellent lunch, I drove to where they were now rock climbing, wound down the car window and made encouraging noises for some minutes before explaining that I had a standing committee to return to that evening. It was a splendid day.*

*You, however, will experience the charms of two days under canvas. Whatever site for your tent you choose, it will be the one that floods first. The early hours will undoubtedly find you wading about in water in the pitch dark, retrieving your sleeping bag and clothes – which you will then have to wear for the rest of the day. Watch out for the food, as well: all camp food contains grass and usually sheep droppings. This will make you ill, though for some reason Scouts thrive on it.*

*Whatever the weather and whatever activities you do each day, you will end up wet, chilled and bruised. At least your evenings will be warm, for you are bound to spend them at Casualty, with youngsters suffering from sprained ankles or dislocated shoulders.*

*My only advice is to use those hours in Casualty to practise the art of opening your diary in a way that only YOU can see it.*

*Your loving uncle,*

*Eustace*



### **PARISH HALL BOOKINGS**

The hall is available for hire for occasions such as parties, Christenings, Weddings, meetings etc.

The cost is £10.50 per hour plus an additional £10.50 if use of the kitchen is required.

Thank you to Megan for all her work with  
this over the past months.

Please could all enquiries now be sent to Shirley using  
[hall@parishofllantrisant.org.uk](mailto:hall@parishofllantrisant.org.uk)

MANY THANKS



## Word For Today

### The power is in God's word

*'All scripture is God-Breathed...so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.' 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

As you read this devotional, always remember that the power doesn't lie in the writers thoughts or comments, but in the written word of God. Paul tells us, "*All scripture is God Breathed.*" It is impregnated with divine seeds of life and those seeds will spring to life within us, producing the fruit of the Spirit and 'delivering on' the promises of God. View this devotional as a gateway rather than a goal. See it as a little book which whets our appetite for the Big Book! When you read each day's devotion, have your Bible beside you and turn to the Scriptures that are referenced. As you deposit the Word of God within you every day, wonderful things will begin to happen in your life. The Psalmist writes: '*Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or stand around with sinners or join in with the mockers. But they who delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the river bank, bearing fruit in each season. Their leaves never wither and they prosper in all they do'* Psalm 1:1-3. Note the words 'they prosper in all they do'. As we renew our minds with scripture, our faith will grow, our outlook will be altered and every area of our life will start to change for the better. '*All Scripture is God-Breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.'*'

Thank God that His Word has the power to transform us.

Taken from UCB's WORD for TODAY

## Take a Break.....

### Solutions to April's puzzles

Wordsearch:



Crossword:



Sudoku

Easy:

8	7	4	6	9	5	3	2	1
1	9	6	2	4	3	8	7	5
2	3	5	8	7	1	4	6	9
4	5	8	1	6	2	9	3	7
7	6	1	9	3	8	2	5	4
3	2	9	7	5	4	6	1	8
9	1	3	5	8	6	7	4	2
5	4	7	3	2	9	1	8	6
6	8	2	4	1	7	5	9	3

Intermediate:

3	5	2	1	6	4	8	7	9
7	8	1	9	5	2	4	3	6
6	4	9	7	8	3	1	2	5
8	6	7	4	9	1	2	5	3
9	2	5	6	3	8	7	1	4
4	1	3	2	7	5	6	9	8
5	3	6	8	2	7	9	4	1
1	7	8	3	4	9	5	6	2
2	9	4	5	1	6	3	8	7

How did you get on? Fancy another go? Grab a cup of tea / coffee and a couple of biscuits, settle down in a comfortable chair and take a few minutes out of your hectic schedule to get your brain cells firing.....

## Wordsearch (answers in June's Magazine)

This month the Church celebrates the Ascension of Jesus, the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the fact that our God is a Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. After the Resurrection, Jesus was seen on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He encouraged his disciples, and said that He was sending them to all corners of the earth, as his witnesses. 40 days after Easter, Jesus ascended into heaven; his work on earth was done. The disciples returned to Jerusalem, and on the fateful morning of Pentecost, there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues – to the astonishment of those who heard them. That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell all those who believed in Jesus: the Church was born. And so we have a triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



**Ascension      Blessed      Taken      Jerusalem      Wait**

**Prayer**

**Power**

**One**

**Room**

**Disciples**

**Tongues**

**Flame**

**Joy**

**Praise**

**Confusion**

**Languages**

**Earth**

**Peter**

**Holy**

**Spirit**

**Trinity**

**Father**

**Son**

**triune**

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R	T	E	W	B	W	D	R	R	O	P	F	L

## Sudoku

### Easy Grid

8		6	5		4	
		7	4	3	2	
3	8	9		1	5	
4		1	2			
2	7		1		9	
	8	6		7		
4	7	2	1	6		
8	6	4	3			
9		8	6		1	

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### Intermediate Grid

8			4			5
5		7		8	6	
	4			5		2
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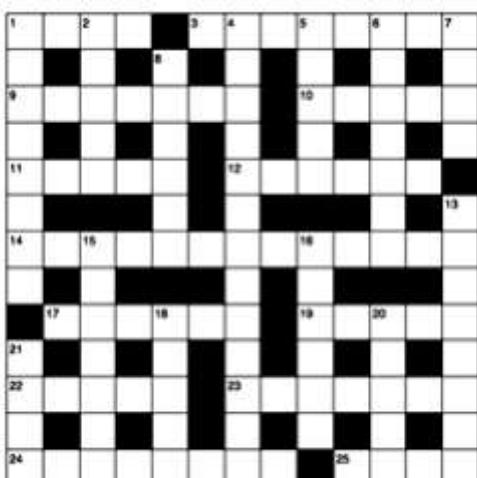
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## Crossword

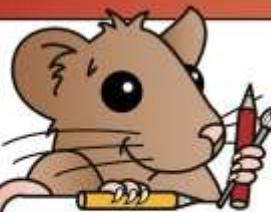
**Across:** 1.'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4) 3.'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4) 9. According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7) 10. Group of eight (5) 11. The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5) 12. — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6) 14. Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9) 17.'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6) 19. Attend to (3,2) 22. Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5) 23. Tea rite (anag.) (7) 24. Rule of sovereign (8) 25. Test (anag.) (4)

**Down:** 1. The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8) 2.'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5) 4.'We have

been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5) 5. Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5) 6. Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7) 7. Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4) 8. Minister of religion (6) 13.'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8) 15.'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4) 16. Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6) 18.'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5) 20. Establish by law (5) 21. Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)



## Children's Area



### Mouse Makes

How many other words can you find using the letters from:

#### FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT?



"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness gentleness and self control.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also behave in accordance with the Spirit"



Read  
Galatians  
5:13-26



Which symbol goes with which fruit?



LOVE • CARE • CHERISH • JOY • DELIGHT • PEACE • ACCORD  
AGREEMENT • UNITY • CALM • CONTENTMENT • REST  
PATIENCE • TOLERANCE • KINDNESS • COMPASSION • HELP  
GOODWILL • GENEROSITY • GOODNESS • HONESTY • INTEGRITY  
FAITHFULNESS • LOYALTY • TRUST • GENTLENESS • CONSIDERATE  
SELF CONTROL • RESTRAINT • FRUIT • SPIRIT • LIVE • SERVE

## Bible Bites

# Bible Bites

It can be read in the Bible in  
Samuel 8:1 - 10:1, 17-24

A short story from the Bible

Samuel had been a good leader of Israel but he was now old. The leaders of the twelve tribes came to talk to him...



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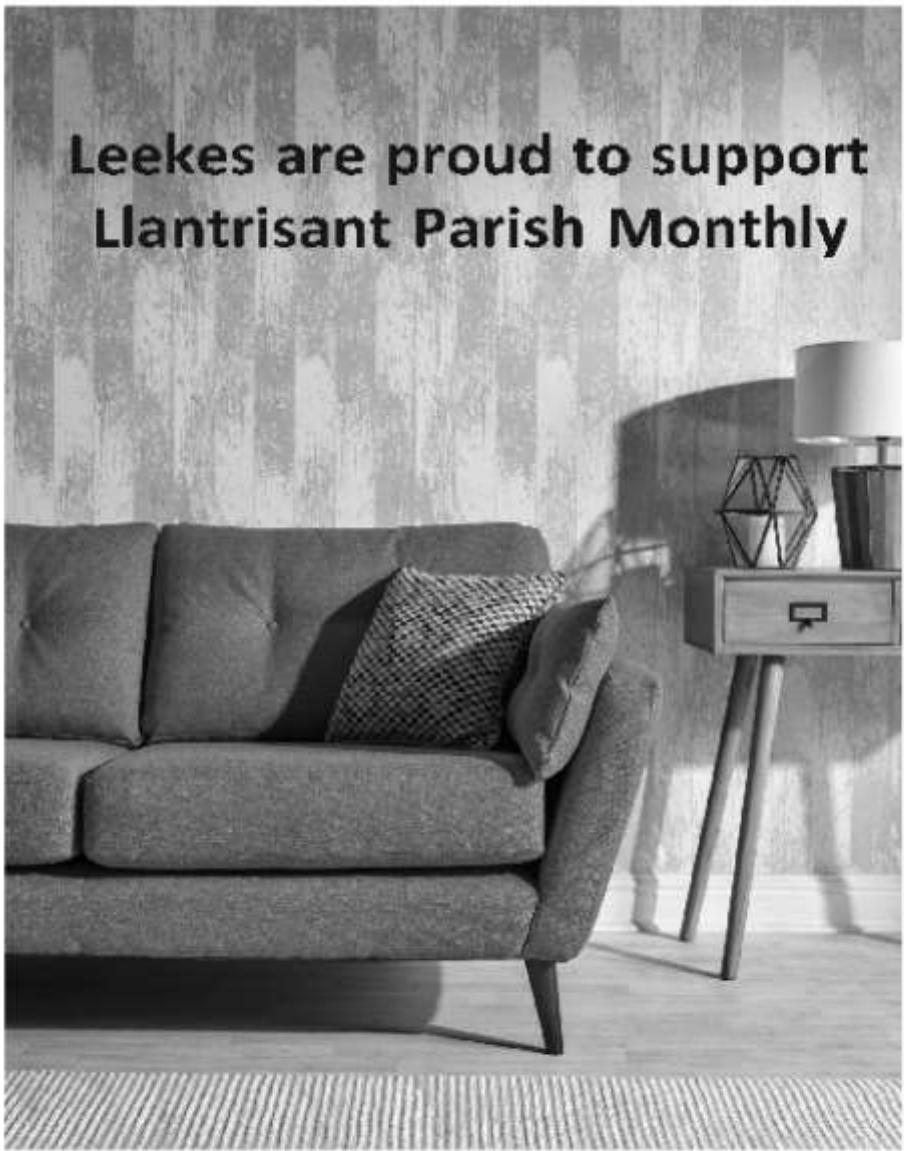
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