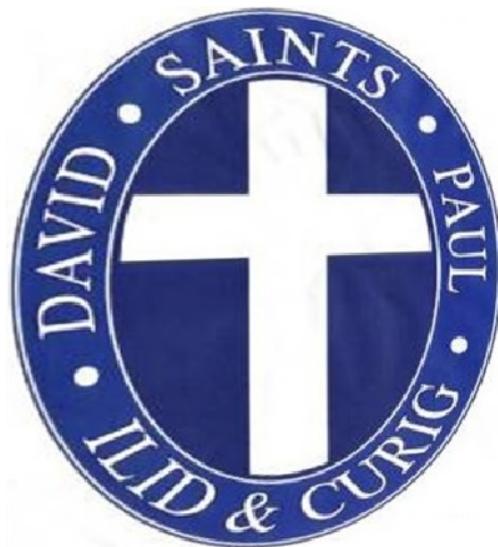


**Parish of Llanilid with
Pencoed & Heol-Y-Cyw**

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

Meeting at
St David's Church, Pencoed
Tuesday November 24th 2020
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
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Independent Examiner:

Graham Paul, Chartered Accountants

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Architect:

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PCC Members:

Jean Clanfield, Cynthia Thomas, Kathleen Evans, Marlene Liley

Churchwardens:

Kevin Murphy, Janet Nichol, Nigel Ritchie (emeritus)

Treasurer:

Diane Morris

Curate:

Rev Glenda Oglesbee

The Annual Vestry Meeting of the Parish of Llanilid
Tuesday 24th April 2020 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 29th April 2019 at 7.00pm.

1. Opening Prayers.

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

3. Apologies:- Mr K Murphy.

4. Chairman's Welcome.

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

5. The minutes of the the last Easter Vestry meeting were read out and accepted as a true record by Mrs K Evans and seconded by Mrs J Nicol

6. The accounts were read out and accepted by the PCC, the Rector signed them.

8. The Parish report was read out and accepted by the PCC. The PCC thanked the Rector for a well written and interesting report.

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

10. To Receive other reports.

Area Deanery Conference and Diocesan Conference.

All representatives for the conferences are as follows:-

Area Deanery- Mrs Jean Clanfield, Mrs Marleen Liley, Ms Cynthia Thomas, Mrs Diane Morris, Mr Kevin Murphy.

Diocesan Conference. Mrs Jean Clanfield

11. Elections.

Peoples Warden Mrs Jan Nicol

Rectors Warden Mrs Marleen Liley

Side persons continuation of existing arrangements.

12. The following were elected to the PCC.

Mrs Diane Morris. Mrs Jean Clanfield. Ms Cynthia Thomas. Mr Nigel Ritchie.
Mrs Kath Evans

13. To Appoint an Examiner.

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

14. A.O.B. Diane will send a thank you letter to Kevin for all his hard work as our Warden.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm with prayers read out.

Date of next meeting - to follow this Easter Vestry Meeting.

2019 Annual Vestry Report (and a bit of 2020 too)

I have just been looking back through the diary of 2019 and the early part of 2020 to remind myself of all the things that have been happening in the parish and in the deanery and in the diocese over the last few months since we sat down for the 2019 Annual Vestry meeting.

As an Area Dean I had to spend a lot of time in the first half of 2019 in looking after vacant parishes. At one point there were three vacant because the previous clerics had left the deanery at the same time and a fourth needed my assistance after the incumbent fell off his motorbike and did a very good job of breaking his arm. For the first part of the year then you may or you may not have noticed that my mind was not always able to be fully on parish things such as the pull in many directions.

Again, being Area Dean, it was my duty and joy to bring the deanery together for two conferences. I decided that it best to meet with music and food and so we had a good old sing song together and ate lots of grapes and other buffet options.

In preparation for 2020 being a year of pilgrimage the clergy school, which happens every three or four years, saw me jetting off to Santiago De Comp Estela in northern Spain for a couple of days back in the spring. It raised some eyebrows in the media but then we all know that sometimes a training event or holiday in another country can sometimes work out cheaper than in this country. The reason +June took us was that if we were going to be thinking about pilgrimage in 2020 then it would be best to experience pilgrimage first hand by going to a centre of pilgrimage. And it really was fascinating to stand in the town square in Santiago and watch people's faces as they got to the end of their journeys. Some of them having walked hundreds and hundreds of miles along the pilgrim routes to get there.

In the parish we explored an experimental pared back way of worship after Easter coming together on Thursday evenings to have an Appointment with God. We sang a few songs and listened to a talk and then spend the remainder of the time thinking about some posed questions or just resting in the quiet of the church. This turned into a monthly SNAP (Sunday Night Appointment with God) meeting which always gathered a handful of people.

We also had a go at calling people together to have a go at writing by starting the Scribblers group. A place to come and do some writing exercises and explore your gifting's with like-minded people. I think the church should be about more than Sunday worship only but should offer space and time for people to explore who they are and what God has given them to share in terms of their talents and abilities.

We put a projector into St David's in June 2019 the 26th as I remember which happened to be my birthday. It was the next logical thing to do in the life of the church. We had bought a projector a year or two back to make it easier to do sermons for Messy Church and installing a projector into the fabric of the church made sense. We have used it with visiting schools and clubs and also begun to use it on Sundays to enhance the ways that we learn and share together. I can remember one teacher telling the school children who had come for a visit that *old church buildings* were very different to other places and one kid pointed out that we had a video projector so we were not that old!

We have been involved with all the usual stuff from previous years namely Bridgend Show, Air Training Corps, United Churches, Foodbank, B-Hive Nursery, Cylch Meithrin Nursery, Mock Baptisms and Weddings with Croesty School, Open the Book Assemblies as well as the broader range of things with 2Pray, 2Praymore, seasonal extra services and our biggest foray into the

community Messy Church which started as an experiment and has turned into a thriving extra congregation.

The two most interesting things that have come into focus both started at the beginning of 2020. There first was the idea of embracing the year of pilgrimage by having our own parish bear and taking him around all the various places that our Christianity took us. As usual not being able to be conventional I ended up with two Teds who spent the first few months of the year going to many many places and then blogging about it (www.teds2020.blog) which really caught the imagination of all who met them. Indeed, some of you took them on trips too to see where your Christianity took you. It's not been so busy for the Teds from the spring but then they are not the only ones who found this.

The second thing that was not on the radar was the suggestion by +June that in her mind this parish would be a suitable place for a curate to train. Many years ago, when times were very different there was a curate here but the general parish feeling was that we would never have another one again. How wrong we could be. Rev Glenda or Glenda as she was then came for a sneaky visit and was so thrilled by the opportunity to learn and join in with all the things that we had on the menu she agreed to come and train here for three years after her ordination in June 2020. It was touch and go whether the Church in Wales could justify the ordination of curates back in June when the 1st lockdown was still in place but they managed it and as of June 27th we have had a shiny new curate amongst us. I think I speak for us all when I say it has been really sad that lockdown has meant that Rev Glenda has not yet been able to be fully released into the parish but thank you for all of you in your generous welcome of her- the best is yet to come.

We lost 15 Sundays when lockdown was thrust upon us in March and it is a vicar's worst nightmare when he cannot easily find out how his parishioners are bearing up or when he is not allowed to open the church for worship and praise and thanksgiving. So for your willingness to keep in contact, your determination to keep the money flowing in, your love and care for each other and your patience as myself and Rev Glenda try to come up with a pattern of worship that allows us to gather as much as possible whilst keeping on the right side of the rules (mostly) I say a hearty thank you.

It is good to be a vicar and especially so in this part of the Diocese.

God Bless

Rev Ian Hodges

October 2020

Curates Report

I suppose under normal circumstances I would not be contributing to this report but it has been a strange year and the vestry meeting is 7 months late so it is appropriate that I contribute something.

As you know, I was ordained in June and arrived in a parish very much restricted by the Covid rules. Many of the things that I came to this parish to experience cannot happen. I was looking forward to Open the Book and Messy church, neither of which I have experienced before but are an important part of the Church's mission to the community. I have been unable to experience services in the parish and there are many people I have not yet met. It is indeed a strange time to be a curate. However, it is not all negative.

I have met many people through zoom coffee and through being present when the churches have been open for private prayer. I have been able to meet some of the children from the school when they came to St. David's to put their crosses in the memorial garden...and I have learned a huge amount about video editing!

I found a parish that was as welcoming as it could be under the circumstances. A parish that is supportive when I want to try something and a parish that has maintained its faith despite the circumstances. I look forward to the time when I am able to do all things I wanted and take a full part in parish life. I look forward to meeting those of you I have not yet met and meeting again those who I have met only briefly. Until then I wish you all God's blessings and keep safe.

Rev Glenda

Deanery Conference 28th May 2019 in St David's Church Pencoed 7.00pm

The Deanery was gathered for the first time under the rule of Rev Ian the Area Dean. There was a buffet and some congregational singing to settle the crowd and then Mark Brampton from the Diocesan Office came to talk about the ways that Stewardship and giving could be approached and built upon in our parishes.

Deanery Conference 13th November 2019 In St David's Church Pencoed 7.30pm

As per the previous DC there was a buffet and some congregational singing to settle the crowd and then there were two activities related to the 2020 Pilgrimage year and the travelling of artifacts. Activity one – in your mixed group come up with some ideas of what we could do to showcase our Deanery. Activity two - in your parish group and chatting to your neighbouring parishes come up with some ideas of what we could do to showcase our Deanery. This was then collated.

Deanery Conference 20th May 2020 – Cancelled due to Covid

**Diocesan Conference Saturday 15th July 2019
in Llandaff Cathedral**

Something new was tried. The business meeting of the Diocesan Conference was held in Llandaff Cathedral beginning with Evensong at 5.30pm.

**Diocesan Conference Saturday 28th September 2019
In St John Baptist CiW High School Aberdare**

With the business being done in July the conference proper was able to allow us time to think about the year of Pilgrimage coming up in 2020. The conference was split into three sections which delegate moved around. These sections were Llandaff Cathedral, Communications & Diocesan Values and Diocesan Vision & Finance.

**Diocesan Conference Thursday 24th & Saturday 26th September 2020
by Zoom online**

Due to the ongoing pandemic this conference was hosted online. It was still done over two days like the previous year. This time the focus was on ensuring that the Ministry Area project which the Diocese has started after its major review was going to be completed by the end of 2021 when new and significant Charity Commission regulations come into force.

The conference broadly worked around two sessions:

Meeting the Challenge: how we will bring the Vision to life in our communities, working together in Ministry Areas.

Learning from others: what the formation of Ministry Areas elsewhere in the Province has meant for all areas of church life, including ministry and worship, education and young people, outreach, social justice.

WARDENS' REPORT FOR LLANILID CHURCH

Last year has been business as usual. The congregation mucks in to assist us and makes the What a year, unlike any other but we still have much to be grateful for.

Firstly we would like to thank Rev. Ian and Glenda for keeping the parish alive and informed. A great help and comfort for all. Also to Nigel and Kevin who assist at services and contribute regularly to the Parish Magazine.

We owe special thanks to our secretary, Diane, for her unstinting work in securing grants and liaising with builders while major roof repairs were carried out on the church. The work is now complete and we look forward to a time when services can resume.

Thanks also to the Liley family for continuing the maintenance of the churchyard and to all those involved in the cleaning and care of the church.

Sadly we lost a much loved member of the congregation in August. Dorothy Mikelsons was a loving and generous friend whose passing will touch the hearts of all who knew her.

We also remember Rev. Elwyn Evans, former Rector of the parish, who was interred in Llanilid last November. He is remembered with great fondness.

Phyllis Nicholas was for many years' organist for us at Evensong service. Phyllis and Bill were a

great team and their support much appreciated.

Thank you, stay safe,

Marlene and Jan.

Electricity supply.

Church supply is by a 2 year contract with SWALEC. Contract renewal invitation for 2 years commencing October 1st 2020 showed an increase of 32% for the quarterly charge, 16% increase in the FiTs Recovery charge, and 5% increase in the Unit charge. The quarterly charge is standard in the industry for "micro businesses", and the FiTs charge is a Government levy for businesses so these have to be paid.

I have negotiated that the Unit charge will be maintained at 13.99p/kWh, which is effectively a 5% decrease on their renewal offer of 14.761/unit, and our new contract is locked in on that basis for 2 years, commencing October 1st 2020.

We are in credit to date approximately £130, but this, of course, reflects the minimal usage during lockdown, and the last few summer months. It also includes the use of power for electric tools, cement mixer etc. used in the refurbishment of the roof. This may alleviate any lessening of costs we might see because of non attendance owing to Covid.

Nigel Ritchie

TREASURERS / SECRETARY REPORT

Another year has passed and how quickly it has gone.

As secretary it has been a busy one, there was the challenge of trying to find how we had been left a legacy that was put in trust in 1704 by a Charles Price in the sum of £501.00, and we still receive a sum of £3.17 approx. Per quarter, so not a bad investment, and we are still not sure who this gentleman was.

I started applying for quotations to do the roof repairs in September 2019, also arranging for Mr Pelageman Q.I Surveyor to give a report prior to me applying for a Faculty. Then came the applications for 10 number grants from various organisations, (that caused Ian and myself a lot of headaches trying to answer some of the questions asked for) we were only successful in 3 but that just covered the first quotation. (I will not go into figures in this report)

Then along came Covid 19 and everything came to a halt including our Easter Vestry Meeting. So the months go by and June arrives and we are able to start the renovation work on the church. The next episode to this story will be given next Easter Vestry Meeting.2021

The accounts are down on last year by just £2000, but if you take into consideration that we had to pay Mr Pelageman £1275 that means we were only a few hundred down, so well done all of you again, I think next year's accounts will be looking a little different but nothing to worry about and I do not wish to go into any figures at this point as it will look confusing.

Diane Morris