

CHARITY COMMISSION REPORT FOR BRO ARWYSTLI

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT for 2024

Worship:

During last year services continued with a regular pattern of worship. Our services included a midweek Eucharist service, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, a Passover meal, Holy Saturday, Easter Day, harvests, Remembrance, services of light, sung eucharist, crib and carol services. We saw the introduction of three new services – Healing, Taize and Celtic – which are to move around the churches and held on the Second Sunday of the month in the evening.

Ecumenical worship continued in Caersws, Llanwnnog, Llandinam and Llanidloes, and we also joined together for Lent lunches and for lent courses, fundraising for Christian Aid, messy churches, Open the Book, community carol services, knitted candles which were given away at Christmas time in Llanidloes and a community prayer breakfast.

There were a number of Baptisms, weddings and funerals throughout the year, and my thanks go to the wardens / vergers who come along on those occasions to give their help and support, especially when the services are not on Sunday mornings.

Our bell ringing team continues to meet in Llanidloes and Llandinam churches.

2024 saw the reinstatement of the Archdeacon's visitation and the Archbishop also came and preached at a united service.

Evangelism:

We continued with our thought for the day on both Facebook and Youtube – my thanks go to all of the contributors. It really is amazing at the comments we receive both online and in person, it is a ministry which gives many people comfort and hope. Viewer numbers reach into the hundreds, it shows that we can never tell who we are touching with our love for Jesus.

Rock Solid continues and has moved location to see if it can attract new people.

Work with children and young people continued with two after school clubs and a youth club, headed by Julia and Debbie. With Messy Churches being held in Llanidloes and Caersws.

Contact is continuing with the local Primary Schools through Open the Book and assemblies, two of which are held in Welsh medium schools. Last year Llanidloes attended a Pentecost Experience over the course of a week, run by the local churches -Cytun - in the area.

Fund-raising included coffee mornings and afternoon teas, quiz nights, concerts, stalls at village shows, and the Big Picture – a large scale artwork.

Mel from Carno church took part in CHOTA – Churches on the Air – for the first time and hopes to do so again this year.

My grateful thanks go to everyone for helping to look after our church buildings and graveyards, especially the wardens, and to all those who give such a warm welcome to everyone who attends services in our area.

I also thank our treasurers for the work that they have done and do, with their workloads now being reduced due to the establishment of one bank account for the area.

My last thanks, though not the least, go to the ministry team, who continue to meet to discuss all manner of things to do with the ministry of God in this area.

I pray that we are all able to continue with the churches mission of reaching out to people through fund-raising and fellowship.

Rev'd Alison Gwalchmai, Bro Arwystli Ministry Area Leader

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parish of Bro Arwystli (Registered Charity 1184994) is a Ministry Area of the Church in Wales situated in the Synod Area of South Meirionydd within the Diocese of Bangor. The geographical area of Bro Arwystli begins in the North at Talerddig and ends in the South at Llangurig. Contained within Bro Arwystli are the Churches of Carno (St John the Baptist), Llanwnnog (St Gwynog), Penstrowed (St Gwhrai), Llandinam (St Llonio), Llanidloes (St Idloes), Llangurig (St Curig), Trefeglwys (St Michael & All Angels), and other small communities that lie in between.

The Ministry Area can be contacted in a variety of ways:

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Email: broarwystli.ma@cinw.org.uk

Web: <https://broarwystli.churchinwales.org.uk>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/broarwystli

Ministry Area Council (MAC) members who have served as council members and trustees from April 2024 are listed below.

Membership of the MAC of the Parish of Bro Arwystli are as follows:

Incumbent/Chairman: Rev Alison Gwalchmai

Associate Priest: Rev Steve Leyland

MA Warden appointed by the Incumbent: Mr Stephen Leggett

MA Warden elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting: Mr Kevin Challinor

MAC Secretary: Mr Michael Dean

Treasurer: Mrs Jackie Maginnis

Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Beth Hughes

Church Representatives

St John (Carno) : Mrs Linda Rollin, Mrs Penny Pearce, Ms Pauline Walker

St Llonio (Llandinam) : Mr Jim Preston, Mrs Linda Evans

St Curig (Llangurig) : Mr Michael Dean

St Idloes (Llanidloes) : Mrs Christine Byrant, Mrs Sandra Jones

St Gwynog (Llanwnnog) Ms Helen Green, Ms Carol Green, Mrs Judith Hughes

St Gwhrai (Penstrowed) : Mr Stephen Leggett, Mrs Elsa Tooke, Mrs Rikki Renshaw

St Michael (Trefegwys) : Mr Kevin Challinor, Mrs Jackie Maginnis

Co-opted Members

Pioneer Youth Worker: Mrs Deborah Peck

Children's Work: Mrs Julia Schultz

Health & Safety Officer: Mr Rod Evans

Eco-Church: Mrs Maya Bimson

Ex - Officio Members

None

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Church in Wales is governed by its Constitution, set up under section 13(1) of the Welsh Church Acts 1914, as amended from time to time by its Governing Body. Due to organisational changes currently underway within the Church in Wales the MAC has the same powers as a Parochial Church Council (PCC) with the main difference being the size and coverage of a MAC being much larger than a traditional PCC. The MAC is not a body corporate. Its composition, procedures and powers are regulated by the Constitution, which provides that before assuming office, every member must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution.

The Constitution also provides that the members of the MAC shall be: The Incumbent, Vicars and Assistant Curates; two Church Wardens, one appointed by the Incumbent and one elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM); two Sub-wardens for each Church where there is more than one Church in the Parish, one appointed by the Incumbent and one elected at the AVM; up to 25 lay members elected at the AVM, 1 co-opted Secretary and Treasurer (if not already ex-officio or elected); and up to 7 further co-opted members.

The elected MAC members are elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting by the members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Parish. All persons over the age of 18 who attend services and are members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and seek election to the MAC.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Church in Wales is a Province within the Anglican Communion and seeks to advance the Christian religion through world-wide mission. The Ministry Area Council's (MAC) objectives are to ensure that Church life and work within the Parish of Bro Arwystli help to fulfil that mission, both locally and more widely.

The MAC believes that, by fulfilling its responsibility to work together with the incumbent in the Parish and co-operate in all matters of concern and importance for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, it provides a benefit to the public by:

- providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers;
- promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Churches in the Parish of Bro Arwystli to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

The MAC is responsible, inter alia, for the parochial budget and all expenditure thereunder, the care and maintenance of Church fabric and of the Churchyards it owns, and for any action or other matter referred to it in accordance with the Constitution, and is the normal channel of communication between parishioners and the Diocesan Bishop.

We work within our Diocesan Vision of Worshipping God, Growing the Church and Loving the World to assist us to inform our behaviour and measure our performance against the above.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

As well as those things mentioned in the Chair's report the following happened:

The Ministry Area Council met six times during the course of 2024, and has addresses and discussed a variety of themes and subjects. The Wardens and Treasurers also met to discuss BMF figures and the move towards a single bank account.

Areas that were discussed during the year included the membership app, and ongoing work with the Genesis document.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Bro Arwystli Combined

		Cronfeydd Anghyfyngedig Unrestricted Funds	Cronfeydd Cyfyngedig Restricted Funds	Cyfanswm yr holl Gronfeydd Total of all Funds
		£	£	£
INCWM / DERBYNIADAU INCOME / RECEIPTS	Rhoddion a Chymynroddion Donations and Legacies	32,099.17	0.00	32,099.17
	Casglaidau rhydd: Loose collections:	19,284.12	0.00	19,284.12
	Rhoddion: Donations:	6,630.99	3,058.00	9,688.99
	At y Genhadaeth: For Mission:	4,438.30	1,000.00	5,438.30
	Ad-daliad Treth - Cymorth Rhodd: Tax reclaims - Gift Aid:	4,270.79	0.00	4,270.79
	Ad-daliad Treth - CRBCR: Tax Reclaims - GASDS:	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Cymynroddion: Legacy gifts received	290.00	114.90	404.90
	Nifer cymynroddion a derbyniwyd: Number of legacies received:	0		
	Grantiau: Grants:	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Gweithgareddau Elusenol: Charitable Giving:	10,364.96	3,593.00	13,957.96
Gweithgareddau Masnachu Eraill: Other trading Activities:	Codi Arian: Money Raising:	15,141.34	0.00	15,141.34
	Buddsodiadau: Investments:	3,211.00	384.54	3,595.54
	Arall: Other:	29,532.67	2,888.60	32,421.27
	CYFANSWM: TOTAL:	125,263.34	11,039.04	136,302.38
ADNODDAU A WARIWYD / TALIADAU EXPENDITURE / PAYMENTS				
Cynnal y Weinidogaeth: Support for Ministry:	Cyfran y Plwyf: Parish share:	59,850.00	0.00	59,850.00
	Treuliau plwyfol clerigion: Parochial expenses of clerics:	4,295.39	0.00	4,295.39
Support for Ministry	Arall: Other:	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
	Cynnal gwasanaethau: Maintenance of services:	704.56	0.00	704.56
Gweithgareddau Plwyf: Parish Activities:	Treuliau cyffredinol y Plwyf: General Parish expenses:	1,965.52	0.00	1,965.52
	Cynnal eglwysi: Maintenance of churches:	26,188.35	0.00	26,188.35
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	Gwariant arbennig: Exceptional expenditure:	2,724.48	0.00	2,724.48
Eiddo'r Eglwys: Church Property:	Plwyf: Parish:	30.00	0.00	30.00
	Cartref / Byd: Home/World:	1,702.44	0.00	1,702.44
Church Property	Taliadau Cyfalaf: Capital Payments:	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Codi Ariain: Cost of Money Raising:	300.00	0.00	300.00
Cenhadaeth a Grantiau: Mission & Grants:	CYFANSWM: TOTAL:	104,944.10	357.10	105,301.20
Mission & Grants				
Arall: Other:				
Codi Ariain: Raising Funds:				
INCWM / GWARIANT CLIR: NET INCOME / EXPENDITURE:				
Trosglwyddiadau rhwng Cronfeydd: Transfers between Funds:	neu DDERBYNIADAU / GORDALIADAU: or RECEIPT / PAYMENTS EXCESS:	20,319.24	10,681.94	31,001.18
		0.00	0.00	0.00
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SYMUDIAD CLIR MEWN CRONFEYDD: NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS:				
GWEDDILL YR HOLL GRONFEYDD: FUND BALANCES:				
Dygwyd ymlaen ar 1af Ionawr: Brought forward 1st January :		129,528.88	150,404.30	279,933.18
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