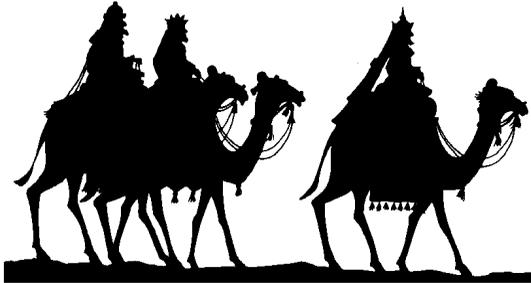


**Welshpool & Bro Hafren
Methodist Circuit**



**WISE MEN
STILL
SEEK HIM**

**Circuit Magazine & Plan
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As I write this article, we are still a quarter of a year away from Christmas, although you could be forgiven for thinking that it was a lot closer from looking at the merchandise in the shops and adverts for Christmas meals etc. It seems that we no sooner get over the summer holidays than we lurch

straight into preparations for Christmas. I think that we are in danger of losing something by starting things so early and somehow if

we are not careful it becomes very materialistic. Then when we start to get near the date people are saying, it doesn't feel very Christmassy.

I guess that by the time you read this article some of you will be all prepared for the festivities, some may have already had Christmas meals, others may be pan-

icking a bit that they haven't done as much as they intended.

So where am I going with these thoughts ... I certainly enjoy the Christmas celebrations, the trees, the lights and decorations, they certainly brighten up the dark winter days. I do feel though that for Christians its important to reflect on the mean-

ing of the season, but not by being a kill joy and criticizing what others do. Rather by sharing what is important about Christmas for us.

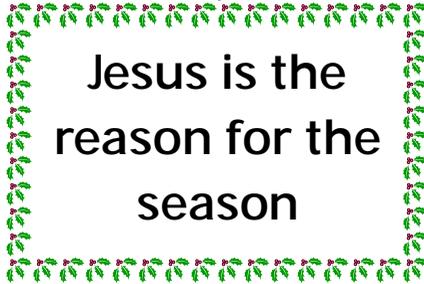


For me, I'm celebrating a very important birthday, that of my very best friend Jesus Christ. Yes for Christians Jesus is at the Heart of Christmas, the time when we reflect on the fact that the God of all creation chose to become one of us, to experience the joys and happiness of being human, as well as the pain and suffering.

Because of Jesus the human, we are able to call God, Father, and we are able to have a personal relationship with Him.

My hopes for this Christmas season then are that when there is an opportunity, I will have the confidence to share my beliefs about Jesus and the

meaning of the season for Christians, without sounding like a killjoy.



I feel that Jesus did in fact enjoy a party and will be a part of all our celebrating.

Anthea Bradburn

Hope

Following the Faith Feast in the summer, Rev Sue followed up the theme of "hope" in worship in Welshpool. These were the contributions in the context of prayer:

- ♥ hope for all the helpless
- ♥ thank you for being a constant inspiration & bringing hope
- ♥ for all the children with autism, may they receive love and acceptance
- ♥ hope for those in despair
- ♥ I pray that I may be like those who do not judge
- ♥ Listen, learn and help
- ♥ prejudice is often based on limited knowledge about a person, institution etc. we need to learn to understand
- ♥ thanks to those who go the extra mile, even break the rules to help those in distress
- ♥ the schoolboy helping the poor with his pocket money brings me hope
- ♥ a prayer for the vulnerable young that they may have experiences that give them hope for the future

The Twelve Days of Christmas

One Christmas Carol that has always baffled many. What in the world do leaping Lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas? Well just read on:

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for the young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning, the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church.

Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

1. The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
2. Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
3. Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.
4. The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
5. The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books.
6. The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of the creation.
7. Seven swans a swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit--Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy.

8. The eight maids a milking were the eight beatitudes.
9. Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit ... Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
10. The ten lords a leaping were the Ten Commandments.
11. The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
12. The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.

I found it interesting and enlightening and now I know how that strange song became a Christmas Carol ...

*Submitted by **Gwen Lander**,
Newtown*



Rolling Reports from the September 2016 Circuit Meeting

Caersws

We continue to enjoy our usual Sunday morning worship with most of our members able to attend. Readings are shared and our lusty hymn singing is very ably accompanied by Owen on our venerable pedal organ; not for him to succumb to the modern electric version. We also have an active fellowship group which takes place fortnightly on a Thursday.

Rev. Bob Thomas and wife Jenny have been well received by everyone, and they are forging very useful links with the wider Cytyn family in Caersws. How fortunate we are in having the services of our ministers and our very interesting lay preachers who bring with them such a variety of experiences that are so ably shared with us.

We manage to keep on top of our chapel building needs, but the time will come when "make do and mend" will no longer suffice. This is the dilemma of worshipping in a 140 year old building that was designed to cater for far greater numbers than we are today.

Modern buildings are far more economical to heat and are more adaptable to a greater variety of uses that cover every day of the week, and not just our recognised day of prayer.

Our congregation is very upbeat about our future. Val sees that our flower decorations are a real tribute to this wonderful rural area in which we live. We are now turning our minds as to how to provide for Methodism to continue and maintain mission in the area with manageable resources.

May God add his blessing to our efforts.

Michael Jones

Llawryglyn

We continue to meet on alternate Sunday's with Zoar members and we enjoy worshipping together.

We're very sad that Sue, Miny Nant, next to our chapel, has sold her house and will be leaving this week. For many years she and her husband Eric have done so much for us. They have kept tubs of colourful plants on the windowsills outside and put flowers from their garden in the chapel for every service. Eric has polished the door knobs and candlesticks. The chapel has been hoovered and dusted by Sue, a task that is difficult

for some of us who live so far from the village. We will miss them both but hope that they will visit us as often as they can.

We've had a worrying time recently as we were hoping to reroof our chapel with help from the Circuit. It seems that this plan is not feasible as we are so few but we are determined to do as many repairs as we can and spruce up the inside of our much loved chapel.

We will continue to welcome friends and visitors and enjoy our fellowship for as long as possible.

Wendy Wigley



An unusual request



Readers of the Circuit magazine will be familiar with the preaching plan. This of course is 'a tool of the trade' for those of us entrusted to lead worship. A local preacher who showed great loyalty to his Circuit plan lived in the north of England and died in the 1880s. Throughout his preaching ministry he kept all the plans. In his will he requested that they be placed in his coffin to act as his pillow and this was complied with.

This request shows a most unusual faith and loyalty to our Methodist Circuit ministry.

Terry Jobling



The wonder of it all

By Mary G Topham



It just swept over me, the wonder of it all
That in the person of his Son
God came to this poor world undone
In such humility.
With Mary on her ass to ride
And faithful Joseph by her side
They made their way to Bethlehem
But found no shelter at the inn
And no one else could take them in.

So in a stable he was born
The Christ of God that wondrous morn
Amidst the cattle and the hay
As in his mother's arms he lay
In such simplicity.
And in the babe that day began
The great unfolding of God's plan
Of full salvation brought to man
At such a cost and what a price
Was paid by God's great sacrifice
At Calvary.

Continuing still that plan unfolds
Until one day the story's told
When Jesus Christ appears again
In glorious majesty to reign.
With hearts and voices we exclaim
'All glory be to his great name!'
The wonder of it all, the sheer wonder of it all.

A faithful follower of Jesus and passionate supporter of Tearfund, Mary Topham died in 2012, aged 98. This poem is taken from *The wonder of it all*, a selection of Mary's poems compiled and illustrated by her friend Lalage Carswell as a tribute to Mary. All proceeds of the book are being donated to Tearfund.

Submitted by Val Owen, Llanidloes



Letter from the Superintendent

In September I noticed that the Christmas goods were beginning to appear on the shelves of local shops and supermarkets. When I say "Christmas" I mean the likes of Santa novelties, cards with robins on, toiletry sets with snowflake decorations, and so on. By mid-October there were far more, and it seemed as if "Christmas" was in full swing.

At the same time, alongside the "Christmas" things, and vying for shelf space, came the Halloween stuff - ghoulish rubber faces, fangs painted red, witches hats, and tubs of sweets for the children that would be calling on All Hallows' Eve.

Together the falsely-sweet Christmas and the falsely-

demonic Halloween made an incongruous sight and, quite frankly, looked ridiculous. But, as the shops are masters at getting us to spend our money on stuff we don't need, I can only assume that the strategy works. Very soon it will be fluffy Easter bunnies and chocolate eggs.

Our calendar is punctuated by consumerist events such as these, which come and go with little meaning to the majority of the general shopping public. Once one event is over it is forgotten and attention turns to the next. Perhaps you think I am being too harsh?

To Christians, however, these important times of the year are not forgotten, or shouldn't be, once they are over. What we celebrate at Christmas, and what we celebrate at Easter, are to be remembered and celebrated right through the year: the birth, death and resurrection of our Lord,



Jesus Christ: an eternal truth to those who share the faith.

During the first few weeks of the new year, chapels will be holding their covenant services in which we shall each renew our commitment to God: **"I am no longer my own but yours...."**.

Our covenant, renewed every year, is more than just another service. Unlike the shops clearing their

shelves of festive merchandise once the season has passed, we must make every effort to keep our commitment to God at the front of our daily lives throughout the year, a profound and eternal truth: our lives belong to God all ways and for every season.

May God bless you and yours

Sue

The year is fading quickly Lord

A New one lies ahead,
And you know what's in store,
Along the path we tread.
There could be days of happiness
Or maybe shadows on our path,
With times we must seek new hope,
And rainbows after rain.
We know the trees will bud again,
We know the birds will sing,
We know the Winter passes by
And we will welcome Spring.
And so as the Seasons change,
Lord, help our spirits climb,
And let us share in love and joy
The precious gift of time.



Iris Hesselden



Submitted by **Doreen Robinson**, Newtown

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Church	Times	04-Dec	11-Dec	18-Dec	25-Dec	
& Hymn		2nd Sun of Adv	3rd Sun in Ord	4th Sun of Adv	Christmas Day	
Books		Matt 3:1-12	Matt 11:2-11	Matt 1:18-25	Matt 2:13-23	
Welshpool	9.00			Lawler HC		
H ON	10.45	J Francis LA	Lawler HC	N Evans	10am Lawler	
StF WB	6.00	Lawler Comp	WCT @ New Street	Lawler C&C		
Cefn	10.00	Lawler BC				
H ON	6.00		Lawler HC	E Jobling		
P Lliffior	2.30	T Jobling	AACG	Lawler HC	10.30am P & P	
H StF WB						
Newtown	10.30	T Jobling	B Thomas HC	Smith	10am J Thomas	
H StF WB	6.00	B Thomas HC	Burkill	B Thomas CS		
Llanidloes	10.30	B Thomas HC	Burkill UM	P & P Nativity	10am UA	
H ON WB						
Caersws	10.30	UP	T Jobling	B Thomas HC	B Thomas UM	
H WB				6.00pm CS		
Trefeglwys	10.00	@ Llawryglyn	Harbron	@ Llawryglyn	@ Caersws	
H M						
Llawr Y Glyn	2.30	Lawler	@ Trefeglwys	B Thomas HC	@ Caersws	
H WB						

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01-Jan	08-Jan	15-Jan	22-Jan	29-Jan
Covenant Sun	Sun after Epiphany	2nd Sun in Ord	3rd Sun in Ord	4th Sun in Ord
John 1:(1-9) 10-18	Matt 3:13-17	John 1:29-42	Matt 4:12-23	Matt 5:1-12
		Lawler HC		
Taylor	Lawler Cov HC	T Jobling	Rowell	Lawler UM
	Lawler Comp WCT		4pm B Thomas ATS	@ Cefn
T Jobling BC				
	Rowell	Smith	Lawler Cov HC	B Thomas
E Jobling	AACG	Lawler Cov HC	AACG	Rowell
N Evans	B Thomas Cov HC	Lawler	E Jobling	B Thomas HC
	Burkill		Harbron	
B Thomas Cov HC	Harbron	Smith	Lawler HC	T Jobling
11am @ Llanwnog	E Jobling	B Thomas Cov HC	Harbron	J Thomas
@ Llawryglyn	N Evans	@ Llawryglyn	B Thomas Cov HC	@ Llawryglyn
T Jobling	@ Trefeglwys	B Thomas Cov HC	@ Trefeglwys	Burkill

Times	05-Feb	12-Feb	19-Feb	26-Feb
	5th Sun in Ord	6th Sun in Ord	7th Sun in Ord	Sun before Lent
	Matt 5:13-20	Matt 5:21-37	Matt 5:38-48	Matt 6:24-34
9.00			Lawler HC	
10.45	Jubilate	Lawler HC	B Thomas	Smith
6.00	Lawler Comp	WCT @ Welsh Chapel		4pm Stewards ATS
10.00	E Jobling BC			
6.00		N Evans	Harbron	Lawler HC
2.30	AACG	Lawler HC	AACG	B Thomas
10.30	T Jobling	Rowell	Harbron	B Thomas HC
6.00	Smith		Lawler HC	
10.30	Harbron	Smith	E Jobling	J Thomas
10.30	UB	B Thomas HC	T Jobling	Lawler
10.00	Lawler	@ Llawryglyn	Burkill HC	@ Llawryglyn
2.30	@ Trefeglwys	B Thomas HC	@ Trefeglwys	Smith

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REFERENCES USED IN THE PLAN

BOOKS

H Hymns and Psalms
M Methodist Hymn Book
ON Methodist Hymns Old & New
S The Source
StF Singing the Faith
WB Methodist Worship Book

UNITED SERVICES

UA at Anglican
UB at Baptist
UM at Methodist
UP at Presbyterian
URC at URC
UW at Welsh Chapel

SERVICES

AA All Age Worship
AACG All Age Cell Group
ATS Afternoon Tea Service
BAP Baptism
BC Breakfast Church
BTCS Back to Church Sunday
CA Chapel Anniversary
C&C Carols and Christingle
CHS Community Hymn Singing
CMM Christian Music Ministries
Cov Covenant
CS Carol Service
FF Flower Festival
HC Holy Communion
HF Harvest Festival
Jub Jubilate
LA Local Arrangement
OWW One World Week
P&P Prayer and Praise
SKS Sankey Service
SoP Songs of Praise
SS Sectional Service
WCT Welshpool Churches Together
UnS Circuit United Service

OTHER

T Transport Required

Saying Yes to God

I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance. Ephesians 1:18

After our wedding, my wife and I moved to a new country. During our first church service there, I found an announcement asking for articles for the church magazine. The thought of writing something lingered with me for a few minutes, but then I forgot about it.

The next week when we went to church, the same announcement appeared in the notices. Then the pastor announced that if the Holy Spirit led anyone to write, their contribution would be welcomed. I had never written about the gospel before; I didn't know if I could offer any wisdom to spread God's word. But I listened to the Holy Spirit's call and wrote for the magazine. My articles received praise from the

pastor and other members of the congregation. God has beautiful ways of working in our lives and of drawing us closer. He created every life on earth to fulfil a divine purpose. We do not know our full potential, but our Creator does. God waits patiently for us to discover and say yes to that purpose.

*Deepika Sagar (India)
Taken from The Upper Room*



Writing about God, an eight year old American boy said: "You should not waste God's time by asking for something that your parents have already said you cannot have".

He also said: "God and Jesus have arranged things so that there is always one of them on duty to hear your prayers".

Everything happens for a reason

Or so the proverbs say
Sometimes that's hard to understand
When things don't go our way
The reason may be quite obscure
And part of life's rich plan
But we must strive and hope and dream
And do the best we can
So keep on stepping forward
And hold your head up high
Whatever reason there may be
We'll find out by and by

*Submitted by **Doreen Robinson**, Newtown*

Smile Awhile...

Origin of the Species

A little boy, after attending a lesson at school on human origins, was asked to write an essay on the subject "How life begins".

At tea-time the same evening, he asked his mother how he had come to be born. His mother replied that he had been found under a gooseberry bush.

"What about Dad?" the little

boy asked.

"He came from a gooseberry bush too" said Mum.

"And Grandad" asked the boy (dreading the answer) "where did he come from?"

"Oh the same" said Mum, "he came from a gooseberry bush too"

After tea the boy began his essay: "according to my Mum there hasn't been a normal birth in our family for the past three generations".



Young People's Page



True Christmas Alphabet



In the days before X Factor, there was the chance the Christmas No 1 record could be about Christmas. Some songs were about the Christmas story, others about the traditions and the spirit of Christmas.

In 1955 British heart-throb Dickie Valentine had a No 1 record with "Christmas Alphabet" which included Candy, Mistletoe and Santa. To mark its 60th Anniversary at an Afternoon Service at Welshpool, I wondered what we would include in a "True Christmas Alphabet". Anne Smith has come up with these inspired lyrics to celebrate Christmas, 61 years after the original was No 1. Now we have a true No 1.

John Harbron

C is for the **C**arols ... we sing round the Christmas tree

H is for the **H**appiness ... in the Church family

R is for **R**ejoicing ... that's what we do today

I is for **I**mmanuel ... the King to whom we pray

S is for the **S**hepherds ... for Him they left the fold

T is for the **T**reasure ... Frankincense, Myrrh and Gold

M is for the **M**agi ... they gave their gifts with love

A is for the **A**ngels ... who brought the message from
above

S is for our **S**aviour ... He came for me and you
Be good and try to live the life that He would want you to.

Anne Smith, Welshpool

Children Learn What They Live

I used this at a service in Welshpool. How we relate with children can affect their lives, but the same applies in how we relate with other people.

After the service I was shown one of their notice boards, and there was "Children Learn What They Live".

I think it's worth us all sharing in it!

John Harbron

If a child lives with criticism,
they learn to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility,
they learn to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule,
they learn to be shy.

If a child lives with shame,
they learn to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance,
they learn to be patient.

If a child lives with fairness,
they learn justice.

If a child lives with security,
they learn to have faith.

If a child lives with approval,
they learn to like themselves.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
they learn to find love in the world.

Author unknown

A reflection on Ezekiel 34:11-16

¹¹ For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹² As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Ezekiel reminds us that there is a shepherd who cares: and we are his sheep. His promise is to seek us out when we have strayed, to find us when we are lost, to feed us when we are hungry, to give us rest when we are weary, to bind up our wounds, and strengthen us. We have a good shepherd who will save his flock.

Sometimes it can seem that

we are in a day of cloud and thick darkness, just like in the passage from Ezekiel. On such a day there can be confusion, disorientation and lack of perspective. Sometimes it can seem that our life is in pieces and the pieces scattered here and there, like the dry bones in the desert. At other times we may feel like we have inadvertently strayed into a foreign land, where we don't understand the ways and

are the stranger that every-one avoids – an alien in our own land. And sometimes we are hungry – desperately hungry, for God and for meaning, and for justice – if not for food. Other times perhaps we just want to rest: to get off the merry-go round for a while and have time to think, instead of rushing round and round and round... Yet other times we might feel lost and afraid, weak and injured – and it seems as if no-one even notices our wounds or very much cares.



Am I the only one who is guilty, just occasionally, of wondering “what good is a shepherd to me”? To be fair it doesn’t fill you with confidence does it – a shepherd? They have no weapon but their rod, no tools but their staff, they have little wealth or authority and seem to go around wearing sandals and

sheets: a whimsical image from Sunday school nativities. Shepherds wear tea towels on their heads and carry stuffed toys under their arms – and look lost and confused. Sometimes they cry and someone has to fetch them out. Oh, the irony: “Thank you Father God, for sending a shepherd to save me”!

But, our shepherd is quite different to this. Our shepherd is one who comes in glory, accompanied by all the angels of heaven - our shepherd has a

throne in a throne room so big that all the nations can be gathered before him. Our shepherd has authority, and wealth and power over all things: our shepherd is no less than the King of heaven and earth, the All-mighty who has prepared an inheritance for each one of us from the foundation of the world. No-one is richer and

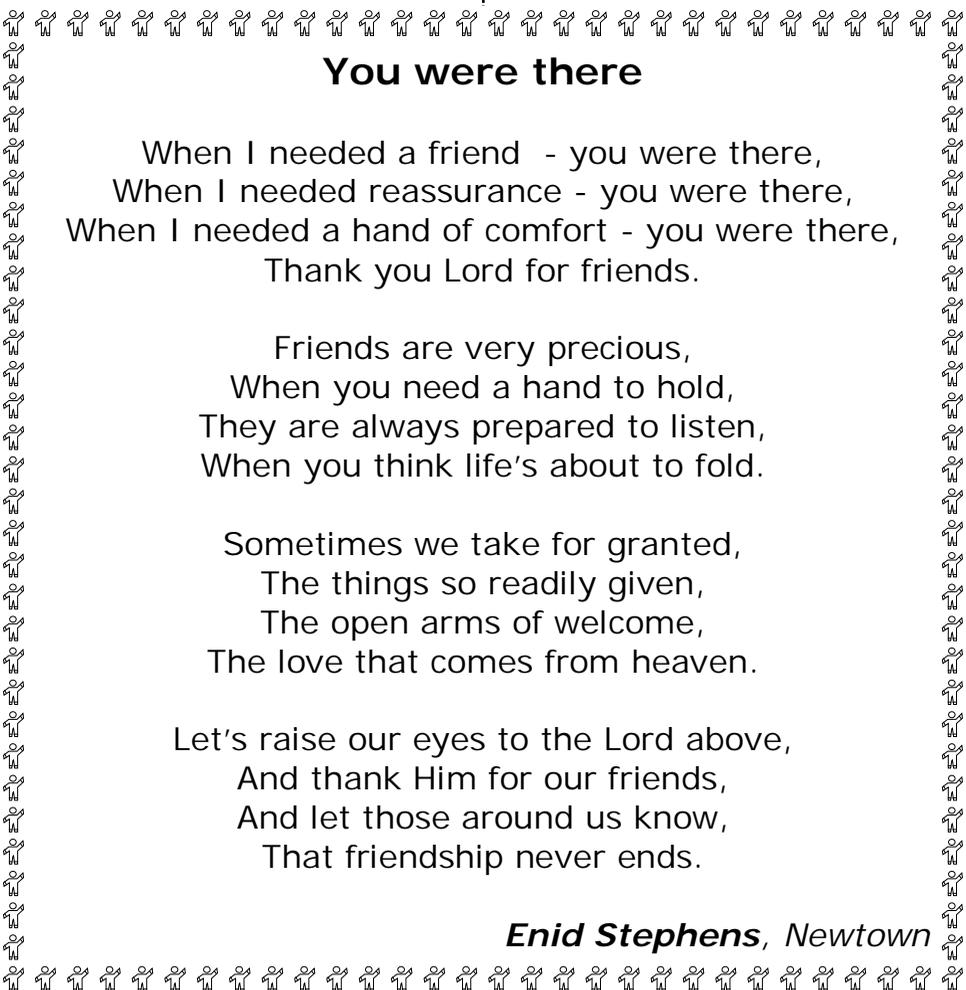
more powerful, more mighty
and more just, more merci-
ful and more loving to his
sheep that our shepherd-
king.

With that shepherd seeking
us out, and bringing us
back, and binding our
wounds and strengthening
us when we are weak and

feeding us when we are
hungry, and giving us rest...
What more could we want or
need?

Thank you Father God, for
sending a shepherd to save
me!

Rev Sue



You were there

When I needed a friend - you were there,
When I needed reassurance - you were there,
When I needed a hand of comfort - you were there,
Thank you Lord for friends.

Friends are very precious,
When you need a hand to hold,
They are always prepared to listen,
When you think life's about to fold.

Sometimes we take for granted,
The things so readily given,
The open arms of welcome,
The love that comes from heaven.

Let's raise our eyes to the Lord above,
And thank Him for our friends,
And let those around us know,
That friendship never ends.

Enid Stephens, Newtown

Dates for your Diary

- ◆ **Friday, 2nd December**, from 6.30pm at Welshpool
'Carols and Hot Chocolate' – carol singing on the church steps as part of Welshpool's Winter Festival (Lights switch on)
- ◆ **Saturday, 3rd December**, 10am to 2pm at Welshpool
Winter Festival Coffee Morning and Lunches
- ◆ **Saturday, 3rd December**, 7.30pm at Welshpool
Winter Festival Concert: "JIGSAW SOUND"
- ◆ **Saturday, 10th December**, 10am-12 noon tbc at Llanidloes
Coffee morning with Window Displays
- ◆ **Monday, 12th December**, 10am at Welshpool
Coffee and Carols for Action for Children
- ◆ **Saturday, 17th December**, 10am in Welshpool (Broad Street)
Carol Singing for Action for Children
- ◆ **Sunday, 18th December**, 6pm at Welshpool
Carols and Christingle
- ◆ **Sunday, 18th December**, 6pm at Newtown
Candlelit Carol Service
- ◆ **Sunday, 18th December**, 6pm at Caersws
Christmas Carol Sing followed by mince pies
- ◆ **Sunday, 18th December** time tbc Trefeglwys and Llawr Y Glyn
Carol Service with St Michael's
- ◆ **Tuesday, 20th December**, 6.30pm at Pentre Llifior
Carols by Candlelight
- ◆ **Tuesday, 20th December**, 7pm at Llanidloes
Wesley Singers Concert
- ◆ **Saturday, 7th January**, 10.30am at Welshpool
"Messiah" Choral Workshop Day organised by Montgomeryshire Festival, with Patrick Larley, Festival Choir Director
- ◆ **Thursday, 23rd February**, 7pm at Newtown
Circuit F & GP Meeting for all Church Treasurers & Circuit Stewards
- ◆ **Thursday, 16th March**, 7pm at Newtown
Circuit Meeting



Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year



Editorial

**"Good news from heaven the angels bring,
Glad tidings to the earth they sing:
To us this day a child is given,
To crown us with the joy of heaven."**

Martin Luther

Many thanks to all our contributors; you make our task so pleasurable. Please keep up sending us contributions for all to enjoy across the Circuit.

Our next issue covers Spring and Easter; yes it will soon be here! Contributions on any Christian theme are very welcome at any time but for inclusion in the next edition we need them by **1st January 2017**.

We are happy to receive articles by post (our address is not printed here for security reasons) or by email — editors.marlow@btinternet.com or you can pass to the ministers or stewards.

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