

Cysyllte Dyffryn Clwyd

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Dyffryn Clwyd – becoming an Eco Church



The most pressing issue of our day is climate change and recent weather with huge rainfall and heat waves both here at home and across Europe and beyond show that it is real and happening now. The countdown to COP26 has begun where the leaders of the nations of the world will come together with their concrete plans to try and limit global warming, a huge task and one in which we must all play our part.

The Church in Wales has joined the race to limit climate change committing to divest from fossil fuels with immediate effect and to become carbon net-zero by 2030. This means

that we as a Mission Area must do our part to become carbon-neutral as well.

Our churches should be leading by example to our communities and be ambassadors of change, as Christians, God's creation is precious to us. One practical way we can demonstrate this is through the AROCHA scheme called Eco-Church. Llanbedr DC became the 1st church in our Diocese to be awarded the Bronze award, since then a number of churches across our Diocese have joined in. Llanbedr has just been awarded a Silver award, St Peter's Ruthin and St Saeran's in Llanynys a Bronze award and Llanfair has begun to work towards their first award.

The registration of our churches for Eco-Church is a simple process, there is then a questionnaire that asks about our buildings, how we manage our churchyards, whether we teach and pray about climate issues and how we engage with the wider community. It's as simple as ticking boxes, but this questionnaire is designed to get us thinking, that with only a few simple measures we can make a big difference in the world.

Rather than trying to find people in every single one of our churches, we'd like to gather 3-4 people who are passionate about caring for our environment and equip them to help all of our churches to register and begin the process. If you think this could be you, then please get in touch with Fr Huw – Tadhew@hotmail.com or 01824 705286

The Olivia Window

On Thursday, 27 June 2019, a loud, horrific sound of a crash was heard in Efenectyd followed quickly by the menacing sound of sirens. Olivia Alkir, the beautiful 17-year-old and only daughter of Jo and Mesut Alkir was involved in a terrible car crash less than a mile from where she lived. She was travelling in a car with two other girls from Brynhyfryd School

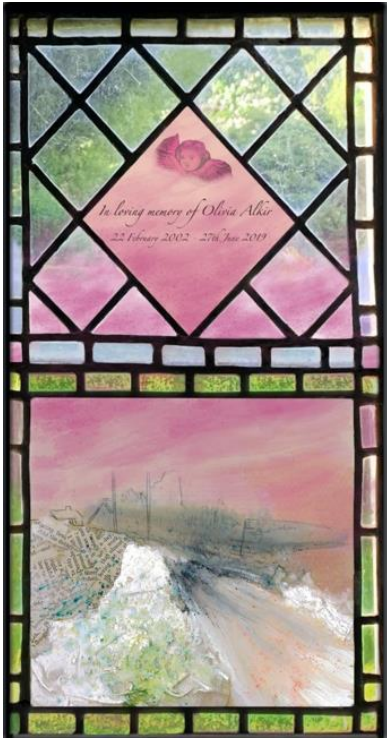


when the driver from Olivia's year at school - having only passed his driving test the day before - lost control of his car on a bend and hit an oncoming car head-on. He was recklessly racing with another boy at the time; ignoring pleas to slow down. Olivia, in the back seat, received massive internal injuries at impact and tragically died at the scene. Olivia, born and raised in the hamlet, was a beautiful and popular A-grade student about to join her final year of school as deputy head girl, take her A-levels and head off to

university. Olivia was planning her life and career when it was so cruelly and prematurely taken from her.

The close-knit residents of Efenechtyd who had watched Olivia grow and develop from a small child to a wonderful teenager were shocked and totally





devastated. No words can describe the effect of Olivia's death on the community.

Within a few days, Olivia was buried in the medieval churchyard of the parish church of St. Michael and All Angels in Efenechtyd – attended by over 300 people; a testament to Olivia's extensive popularity and the love felt by everyone towards her.

Olivia will always be remembered. Her friends, family and school chums come regularly to the churchyard with flowers, sign her memorial book or light a candle by her

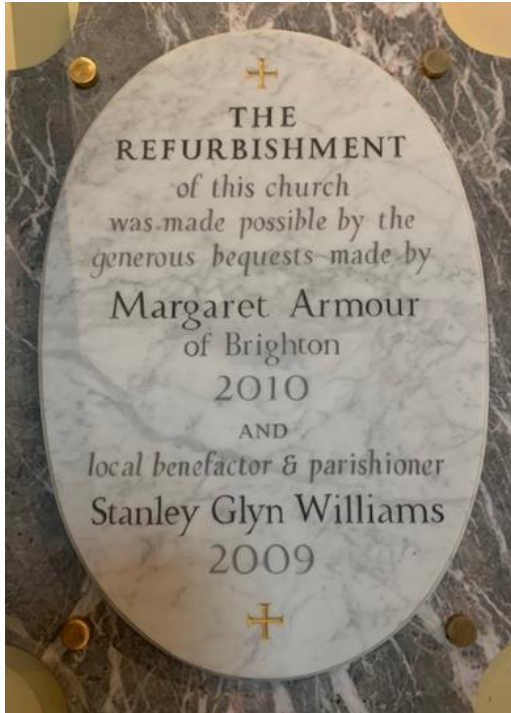
photograph.

But Jo, Mesut and the community feel that more is needed to keep Olivia in our thoughts forever. Olivia was very artistic and, by choosing an image from her school art book, Jo engaged a stained-glass window designer from Chester to reproduce one her best loved artworks depicting a lane in Efenechtyd. It will replace one of the existing, clear church window panes. The cost of the project is substantial and fund raising has already started. The goal is to have raised sufficient funds and have 'The Olivia Window' installed by Christmas.

Olivia's memory will live on through her artwork in St. Michael and All Angels parish church and will give countless number of people enjoyment whilst experiencing the peace and tranquillity of this very special place.

Llangynhafal News

We are almost open again after several months of refurbishment, which has seen for the very first time, running water being connected. We can now boast that we have a kitchen & two toilets (one of which can accommodate Wheel chairs & baby changing facility).



The extra space now created by removing some of the old pews has become a multi-purpose area to host both Church & community events whilst transforming the up cycled oak into creative panelling that the kitchen & vestry sit behind.

Our thanks firstly go to the benefactors named on the newly erected plaque together with Mr Graham Holland Architect & the Tyddyn team who have worked so hard to complete the project. We look forward to welcoming everyone very soon as we open up for our first Church service back on the 29th August. 10-30.AM

Please also look out for some new exciting events that we will be hosting at Llangynhafal Church including

**Friday evening
3rd September
The Welsh Elvis
in concert .**

**Open doors
Denbigh on Sat 11th Sept.**

11-4 PM



St Meugan's News

An Open Garden/Coffee Morning was held at Delgar, 2 Lon Menlli, hosted by Bri and Haf Roberts on the 17th July to



raise funds towards purchasing a replacement organ for St. Meugan's, as the one we had has gone to "pastures new". This was such an eventful morning, although this was the hottest day of the year – 34 people attended – refreshed with



tea, coffee, cold drinks and of course a selection of cakes etc. The amount raised was in the region of £750+ - what a marvellous result – thanks to everyone who helped on the day and their support with prizes etc. raffle, tombola. Many many thanks also for those contributed towards this fund



raising including businesses, friends and Church worshippers and to you all who attended, to make this such a success.

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