

## ST. MELANGELL AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2009

The sun shone  
on our  
Melangelltide  
Celebrations  
this year.



We had glorious weather over the whole weekend, and this helped to draw the many visitors who came to appreciate the Art Exhibition in church, and enjoy the Harp Concert by David Watkins



The Sunday was the Day of Pentecost, so we celebrated a 12 o'clock Sung Eucharist, during which the eighteenth century candelabrum was re-dedicated, having been lovingly and expertly restored at the University of Wales, Cardiff.

Later that day, we held three workshops on the Healing Ministry, and were able to welcome to them, people from all over the country. Rev'd Harry Edwards did an excellent presentation on 'Healing through the Sacraments', speaking from his long experience as chaplain at the Severn Hospice. I did one on 'Healing of the Psyche' which included experiential exercises, and Mr. Robert de Hoxar, also a member of our Board of Directors, did one on 'The Father's Heart ministry of healing.' All were well-attended.

The afternoon culminated in a quiet but very powerful Healing Service in church. I am grateful to Mrs. Pauline Jenns and Mrs. Barbara Morgan for their help in conducting the service. We used the simple order of service produced by Jacob's Well, and just brought people into the presence of God to be anointed with the oil of healing. It was indeed a blessed time.

A few weeks later, we were very pleased to be able to dedicate the statue of 'Melangell' which now sits in the Centre garden on the lawn. It is a piece that conveys the energy and vivacity of the young woman who fearlessly pursued her vocation, and made an impact on all who met her. Thanks to her, Pennant became a sanctuary, and the tradition continues fourteen centuries later. We have welcomed several groups for Quiet Days over the last few months, and all have commented on the sense of sanctuary they find here.



This Autumn, instead of a Harvest Festival service, we are going to mark St. Luke's Day with another celebration of the Healing Ministry. As St. Melangell's does not have its own congregation, but is rather a pilgrim church, drawing people from all over the country, it seems more appropriate to focus on healing, since this is what attracts people here. We will hold another Jacob's Well Healing Service, to which all are welcome, but especially Friends of the Church and Centre. We would love to renew your acquaintance and welcome you here to enjoy the peace and beauty of Pennant Melangell at a beautiful time of year. Thanks again for your support.

Every blessing,

Linda Mary Edwards

Director and Priest Guardian of the Shrine

### ***Forthcoming Special Services***

**Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>: 3.00 p.m.** Evensong and Healing Service in Church followed by Tea and Cake in the Centre

**Christmas Day: 10.00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist

**Feast of the Epiphany: January 6<sup>th</sup> 7.00 p.m.** Plygain

Dear Friends,



It has been a summer of many blessings for me at the Centre. I have met and welcomed people from all over the world. I've also met some of you and have received prayer requests by letter and phone. I look forward to receiving prayer requests by email.

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I have a few faithful volunteers who willingly offer their gifts of service and welcome to all our visitors. We have welcomed large and small groups, families, and individuals of all ages. All seem to have found the special peace of this area, refreshing and renewing them in body, mind and spirit.

My prayer, for all of you, is that you are able to remember the peace you found here, and know that it is the peace that only comes from Jesus that refreshes and renews you, and never leaves you. Just remember.....

Thank you for your continued support for this small charity's ministry at the head of this beautiful Tanat Valley.

May God bless you all,

Jacqui Sharpe  
Centre Co-ordinator