



Clychau'r Cwm

Diolchgarwch/
Harvest



Editor's Letter

There has been a lot in the news about relations with Islam recently. Much of it is negative, focussing on terrorism, or recently, the veil. These issues might not seem to be important to us in this very rural area, but it is important to understand what is going on in the wider world. So, it would be good to get a greater understanding of Islam. With this in mind I have organized a Middle Eastern meal for the 3rd November at 7:00pm. This will be part of a series of meals that are also intended to help us understand the wider world. Before the meal Dr Dawoud El-Alami will give us a talk about Islam and peace. Proceeds from the meal will go to The Red Cross.

Another venture that is starting in November is the Menter course. This course has been designed by the Diocese especially for the West Wales. The course has Welsh and English books. This year the course will be run in English but we need Welsh speakers to come so that we can run the course in Welsh next year.

We are meeting at 6:30 on Wednesdays at the Rectory. Each session will start with a bring and share supper, so there is no need to eat at home. Eating together and sharing is an important part of the course because it is an important part of being Christian. The course is not just for church people; anyone who is interested in what the church is all about is welcome. The course will help us to learn and talk about what Christians believe and why. I would strongly commend this course to you.

The Vicar



Diary

Hydref 1 October Pentecost 17

9:45am	Abergorlech	Harvest Communion
11:00am	Brechfa	Cymun/Communion
2:30pm	Llanfihangel	Cymun/Communion
4:00pm	The Rectory	Confirmation class
Dydd Mercher/Wednesday		
7:00pm	Capel Gwernogle	Diolchgarwch
Dydd Iau/Thursday		
2:00pm	Brechfa	Cwrdd Diolchgarwch Ysgol Brechfa
7:00pm	Brechfa	Cwrdd Diolchgarwch
Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday		
Diocesan Conference		

Hydref 8 October Pentecost 18

9:45am	Abergorlech	Cymun/Communion
11:00am	Brechfa	Cymun Y Diolchgarwch
		Harvest Communion
2:30pm	Llanfihangel	Gosber/Evening Prayer
4:30pm	The Rectory	Confirmation Class
Dydd Llun/Monday		
Clergy chapter		
Nos Iau/Thursday		
7:00pm	Capel Bethania	Cwrdd Diolchgarwch
Dydd Sadwrn		
Annual General Meeting of CMS in Pontargothi		

Hydref 15 October
Pentecost 19

11:00am	Brechfa	Cymun/Communion
2:30pm	Llanfihangel	Harvest Service
followed by tea		
5:00pm	The Rectory	Confirmation Class
6:30pm	Abergorlech	Cymun
Dydd Mercher/Wednesday		
Clergy terms and conditions of service consultation		
5:00pm	Chapter with Clive and Lynn	
7:00pm	Capel Lliadiad Nenog	Diolchgarwch
Sadwrn/Saturday		
10:30-4:30	Brechfa Church Hall	Brechfa Autumn Fair

Hydref 22 October
Pentecost 20

9:45am	Abergorlech	Cymun/Communion
11:00am	Brechfa	Cymun/Communion
2:30pm	Llanfihangel	Gosber/Evening Prayer
4:00pm	The Rectory	Confirmation Class

Hydref 29 October

Sul Olaf wedi'r Pentecost - Sul y Beibl
last Sunday after Pentecost - Bible Sunday

9:45am	Abergorlech	Boreol Weddi/Morning Prayer
11:00am	Brechfa	Cymun/Communion
2:30pm	Llanfihangel	Cymun/Communion
4:00pm	The Rectory	Confirmation Class
Nos Iau/Thursday		
Yr Holl Eneidiau/All Souls		
7:00pm	Brechfa	Service for All Souls day
This is a service for those who want to remember someone who has died.		
Nos Wenner/Friday		
7:00pm Middle Eastern Meal in the Church Hall Brechfa. Dr Dawoud El-Alami will be giving a talk on Islam and Peace.		

Tachwedd 5 November
Teyrnas 1 Kingdom (Trinity 21)

9:30am	Llanfihangel	Cymun/Communion
11:00am	Brechfa	Cymun/Communion
2:30pm	Llanfihangel	Myfyrdod/Meditaion
4:00pm	The Rectory	Confirmation Class
6:30pm	Abergorlech	Gosber/Evensong

Tachwedd 12 November
Teyrnas 2 Kingdom (Trinity 22)

9:45am	Abergorlech	Cymun/Communion
11:00am	Brechfa	Cymun/Communion
2:30pm	Llanfihangel	Gosber/Evening Prayer
4:00pm	The Rectory	Confirmation Class
Dydd Llun/Monday		
Clergy Chapter		

Tachwedd 19 November
Teyrnas 3 Kingdom (Trinity 23)

11:00am	Brechfa	Cymun Y Teulu/Family Communion
2:30pm	Llanfihangel	Cymun/Communion
4:00pm	The Rectory	Confirmation Class
6:30yh	Abergorlech	Cymun
Nos Iau/Thursday		
Swansea Interfaith Forum		
Nos Wener/Friday		
7:00pm	Brechfa	Confirmation

Tachwedd 26 November
Crist Y Brenin/Christ the King (Last before Advent)

9:45am	Abergorlech	Cymun/Communion
11:00am	Brechfa	Cymun/Communion
2:30pm	Llanfihangel	Gosber/Evening Prayer

Rhagfyr 3 December
Adfent 1 Advent

9:30am	Llanfihangel	Cymun/Communion
11:00am	Brechfa	Cymun/Communion
2:30pm	Llanfihangel	Myfyrdod
6:30pm	Abergorlech	Gosber

Ystlyswyr/Sidespersons

01-Oct	Angela/Nigel/Mark Phillips and Clive Hoare
08-Oct	Roger Nock and Dilwyn Davies
15-Oct	Rosie Carmichael and Peter Winchester
22-Oct	Christine Hoare and Mary Jones
29-Oct	Helen Daniels and Audrey Dyer
05-Nov	Jeanette Nock and Domenic Carmichael
12-Nov	Meuris Thomas and Aeres Lewis
19-Nov	Nancy Davies and Christine Hoare
26-Nov	Ian Philips and Anita Davies
03-Dec	Jeannette Nock and Joan Jones
10-Dec	Lillian Jones and Rosie Carmichael
17-Dec	Iris Lenny and Ceinwen Johnson
24-Dec	John Price and Clive Hoare
31-Dec	Roger Nock and Dilwyn Davies

St Teilo's Flowers Cleaning rot

October	Mrs I Phillips and Mrs L. Harris
November	Mrs A. Lewis and Mrs Helen Daniels
December	Mrs Anita Davies



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Clychau'r Cwm News

Please contact Yvonne Thomas (01267 202216) with Gwernogle and Llanfihangel News and David Haydn Davies (01558 685649) with Abergorlech News.

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If there are other contact details or numbers people would like included in Clychau'r Cwm please let me know.

The Vicar

I have equipment for photocopying and laser printing (10p), colour laser printing (75p), spiral binding (50p) and laminating (A4 50p, A3 £1.00).



Community News

Obituaries

Cecylia Elzbieta Poray

19.11.1922-28.02.2006

Cyta Poray was an important part of our community and we all miss her. All in the community extend sympathy to her family. Here are some of the things people said about her

'We all felt we knew her'

'always modest, never needy'

'helped so much'

'clever, we respected her intellect but she was always humble'

'fitted in with everybody'

'a no fuss person'

'so very, very tolerant'

'never wanted to be any trouble to anyone'

'positive - of good heart'

'supportive'

'extraordinary giver and gave with pleasure.'

If anyone would be willing to write Cyta's story I would like to include it in the next copy of Clychau'r Cwm.

Abergorlech

We are already in the Autumn season of our calendar year. Summer with its' holidays, and this year in particular, with its hot spells, has passed, and prior to the recognised children's holidays in August, will be remembered for a long time. But what of the children's holidays? Well! I am sure that they didn't mind a few cloudy days. It is lovely to see everyone home safe, some having been visiting other parts of the world.

The Raft Race

We are very grateful to the organisers of this event for promoting such a wonderful day in aid of charity. Also to the participants a great thank you, because without the strong entry again it would not have been such a great occasion, which brought a huge crowd of spectators to support this year's special charity.



The Chapel Harvest

The Annual Festival of the Congregational Chapels was held this year at Abergorlech. We did not only see everyone in their 'Sunday Best', but we saw the Chapel looking really nice in its 'New Suit'. As we say in Welsh 'Ar ei newydd wedd'. There are some passages in Welsh which, translated into English do not convey the same feeling, especially from a spectators point. A job well done. Mae y Capel yn edrych yn hyfryd, hyfryd oedd clywed y plant yn gwneud eu rhan, a'r canu well! Hyfryd oedd bod yn rhan o gynulleidfa ag oedd yn mwynhau prynhawn hyfryd o Haf yn canu emynau o ddiolch in creawdwr.

Church Festival

The Church Festival was this year held at Llansawel Church where the churches of our communities got together to sing praises through the medium of hymns especially selected for all churches and chapels over a vast area. Thanks to all our churches for making sure that the children played their part, with great sincerity. Hyfryd bob amser i glywed y plant, mae'r gymanfa yn ran neilltuol o galendar yr Eglwys oherwydd dyna ddyfodol ein gyrfa ni, wrth geisio diolch. Ie, diolch yn fawr i blant ein Eglwysi ni fe wnaethoch yn dda eleni. Cadwch at i.

Harvest Festivals

At this time our Chapel and Church thanksgiving services have already been held. The Chapel service on September 27th, when the visiting preacher was

Carys Winn from Cardiganshire, and on September 29th at the Church when the visiting preacher was Rev. L. Richardson, Vicar of Abergwili. It would be wonderful if many more took advantage of these services just to say 'Thank You'. See you next year then.

David Haydn Davies

Sympathy

We would all like to express our sympathy to Haydn and family on the loss of Elizabeth Jean Havies.

Congratulations

To Haydn on his 80th Birthday.

Gwernogle

Exam Success

Congratulations to George Newman Byrffon Gwernogle who gained an HNC in Mechanical Engineering at Coleg Sir Gar Llanelli.

He is a past pupil of Brechfa primary school and Queen Elizabeth Cambria Carmarthen (photo enclosed)



Cyrddau Diolchgarwch.

Fe fydd cyrddau diolchgarwch Capel Gwernogle ar Nos Wener Hydref 6ed am 7 or gloch pryd y pregethir gan y Parch Wyn Thomas Llandysul.

Capel Lliadiad Nennog Nos Fercher Hydref 18fed am 7 or gloch Pregethwr Parch Wyn Thomas

Farwell

We had to say good by to Roger Crissy and Alfie Clun Gwernogle last month who have moved to Cambridge to live, They had lived in the village for over 30 years and the children Jason, Lucy and Alfie had attended Brechfa and Carmarthen schools and had made many friends in the area. We wish them all the best in the future and we shall miss them very much.

We welcome Jo and Sophie Morse who have moved to Clun and hope they

will be happy in their new home.

Thank You

Kevin and kath Norway (London House) would like to thank family and friends for the cards and best wishes they received on their recent engagement.

Yvonne Thomas

Dymunwn

Dymunwn adferiad llwyr a buan iwan i Yvonne Thomas, London House Gwer-nogle, ar ôl wedi bod yn ysbyty Glangwilw yn ddiweddar.

Betty

Brechfa

Conrgatulations

Angela Phillips would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts she received for her birthday and graduation. Also congratulations to Angela and Martin on their recent engagement.

Also Congratulations to Llinos Dyer on passing her driving test.

Thanks

Elfed Daniels would like to thank everyone who sponsored him in the **Carmarthen raft race** which raised £155 for the **Welsh Air Ambulance**.
Diolch

Helen and Elin Daniels would like to thank those who sponsored them in the **Abergorlech Raft Race** which raised £220.00 in aid of Turner Syndrome.
Diolch.

Church hall

Bingo in Brechfa Church Hall every 2nd Thursday of the month.

Proceeds to the Hall.

Whist Drive every 3rd Monday of the month in Brechfa Church Hall at 7:30pm.

Middle Eastern Meal

There will be another in our series of meals on 3rd November, at 7:00pm in Brechfa Church Hall. We will start with a talk by Dr Dawoud El-Alami from Lampeter University about Islam and Peace. Proceeds from the evening will go to the Red Cross. There is no charge for the meal but a donation (suggest £5.00) would be appreciated.

If you want to come please let the vicar know (01267 202389) so that we can have an idea of numbers. If you can contribute with food the vicar has some Middle Eastern Recipes.

Prayer Group

We will be starting a prayer group in the Rectory on Tuesdays at 7:00pm. Please keep an eye on the weekly notice sheet in the church porches for details.

Cwrs Menter Course

The Diocese of St Davids has created a course in Christian discipleship called Menter. What does that mean - it is a course that tells us about what Christians believe and helps us to think about how we should live. The course is to help two sorts of people (1) those who already come to church to learn more about our faith and (2) those who don't come to church but are interested in Christianity to find out what it is about.

The course begins at 6:30pm on Wednesday 1st November. The reason for the early start is that we will begin with a bring and share meal.

Please come if you can. The course is open to everyone, church, chapel or just interested. I would particularly like some Welsh speakers to come so that we can think about running the course in Welsh.

Ffair Hydref Brechfa Autumn Fair

Sadwrn Hydref 21 October Saturday : 10:30-4:30

Neuadd Yr Eglwys Brechfa Church Hall

Creffftiau/Crafts, Bwyd/Food, Lluniaeth/Refreshments

Gweithdy Celf i'r Plant/Children's Art Workshop

Mynediad/Entrance £1.00 Plant am ddim/Children Free.



Brechfa Women's Institute

Brechfa Women's Institute celebrating their 40th birthday at Penybont Llanfynydd.



Betty, Anita, Janet and Nancy at the Indoor Bowls competition held at the Ammanford Bowls Centre earlier this year.



Articles

Indian Journal

Tues 1 July

Today was very informative in terms of lectures. The first lecture I went to was about Dalit theology. Dalit is the word used by people outside the caste system (one called untouchables) to describe themselves. The word dalit means oppressed. It was interesting an interesting lecture because it was looking at caste and how Dalits fit in - or rather how they are outside the system. It seems to me that Dalits occupy a position that like those on the margins of society in Britain such as gypsies and new age travellers. Dalit theology looks at the oppression that the Dalits suffer.

The second lecture on the gospel and Indian culture gave the background to the Syrian and Mar Thoma churches. They claim to have been started by St. Thomas in 52AD. St. Thomas is said to have come to India and been given a commission to build a temple. So he went off and asked for lots of money, gold etc. Then next year he asked for more and so on. Eventually the maharaja went to see the temple but there was nothing there. St. Thomas had given away all the money. He said it would build the most

beautiful temple for the maharaja in heaven. The maharaja was not impressed and threw St. Thomas into prison. But that night the maharaja dreamt of the most beautiful temple built in heaven. So he released St Thomas and the Syrian church started. The Mar Thoma church is a reformed version of the Syrian church that started in the last century. I have arranged to go to a Mar Thoma church on Sunday so I must get prepared for 2 hours of worship.

Later the first years asked me to go with them to Half Way House. It is programme for people with psychiatric problems who have left hospital and are being rehabilitated. It was well run and the patients who opted to stay after rehabilitation showed clear improvements. Some had better communication skills than others. The students were surprised by the normality of the people. Compared to the West there is not much psychiatric help for people in India or, for that matter, much understanding .

After returning I did a spot of drawing and played some volleyball. The latter is good because I not only enjoy it but I am getting to know the security staff.

In the evening I went to Sathi's again for dinner with some of the college visitors (John from Boston) and staff. The conversation was a little over my head but on the whole I could follow. I was interested in what was said about environmental ethics. They suggested that the Indian religious idea of dharma (or duty) is not sufficient by itself to produce better environmental ethics.

Wed 2 July

I had some discussions with Ekie and Visa from Nagaland.

Naga culture is based around the villages each of which has its own boundaries and the villagers possess their own land. The villages are independent village-states. Originally the Nagas had an animistic religion but now about 95% of them are Christian, mainly Baptists. We talked a little about what we might learn about the imminence of God from animistic religion. Ekie also told me that many of the Christians are nominal, but that is the same everywhere.

In many ways the people of the North East of India find it as difficult to adjust to Bangalore as Westerners. Their food is largely boiled and not as spicy as in the rest of India. They also find the food too oily in S. India. Like other more Eastern people they eat dog meat, indeed this is a highly prized meat. Dogs are also kept for hunting and Ekie says his family

wouldn't eat their own hunting dog, if they killed it would be given or sold to someone else. We discussed differences in attitudes to animals in the East and West, especially the sentimental attitude in the UK.

The other lecture I went to was on Church and society, and was largely about India's history of development plans. The room was large and echoed so it was difficult to understand what was being said. The accents made matters worse.

Most of the afternoon was taken up reading in the library as I have a lot of catching up on the courses. I am getting there. After finishing reading I played some volleyball. I was concerned that someone else might have been excluded so I could play, but I think he had his own problems.

For evening meal I went to the students mess, then I was invited to the hall fellowship. It was songs, sung rather loudly and not entirely in tune, a scripture reading and exposition and a few prayers. Then I went and saw Ekie and we talked about many things including his home land. He gave me a copy of his BD dissertation, on his tribe, to read.

Wed 3 July

In the morning lectures the most interesting part was students reflections on caste and what they had read in the light of their own experience. After lectures I went to see Phil (another student on placement) at TAFTEE (a Christian education organization). Hopefully we can do some things together, visit places, both tourist and non-tourist. Sathi suggested Phil could come to a lecture or two here.

In the afternoon I met Alan from Edinburgh University. He has been to India many times so it is useful to sharpen my own impressions by talking with him. One example, we were talking about child labour. The West for example wants to control child labour in rug making but their efforts only affect the international part of the trade that is 3% of 100 000. This compares with 80 million child labourers in the construction industry in India. To get these children educated would be very difficult as their parents depend on the income they generate. I have seen many children working in restaurants myself.

Then I went to the fellowship group in Bob Robinsons house. It was quite western, we sang songs, elected a secretary, and discussed what we might do. Music seems a common interest. Then to dinner, I wasn't feeling 100%, a little nausea so I avoided the meat. Next I went to the hall fellowship and then to the chapel to learn some Bhajans (A classical form of Indian

Music). They were difficult for me to sing as the music is so unfamiliar. I must try to learn more about them.

The slum on the way to TAFTEE was the most shocking thing I saw today, but is becoming harder to be shocked. The best thing was sharing in the fellowship of the students who are warm and want to share faith, music and prayer.

Fri 4 July

At 10 am I went to find Alan and we went off to TAFTEE. We had a long stay there and decided that we would try to go to Cochin next weekend. Then we went to Cantonment railway station to buy the tickets but the queues were so long that we got an autorickshaw to the main station.

There were a large number of different queues, 14 downstairs and more upstairs. The procedure is: 1) find a booking form, 2) find what train you want, 3) fill in the form including names of those travelling with their sex, the train name and number, destination and time. We queued up in the short tourist queue, but there were problems. Only 2nd class tickets were available for going out and nothing for coming back. We were wait listed for the return journey which meant we would have to hope we could buy tickets for the return in Cochin. The idea was that we ought to be able to get tickets from the tourist quota coming back. Next we went upstairs and back down behind the counter to try to pay in British money. Unfortunately Alan hadn't got his passport and they wouldn't accept his drivers license. So back upstairs to the credit card queue. This had about 7 people in front of us. The man behind the counter must have been slow even by Indian standards as the Indians in the queue were tutting and complaining. The booking system is automated but the credit cards have to be checked manually against a list of stolen cards. It took an hour and 10 minutes to be served. By that time we were quite hungry so we headed to Brigade road for lunch. We had an excellent chicken Biriani eaten off banana leaves. Then to Thomas Cooks for Alan to change money- more queues. Our next stop was the cyber cafe, I needed to get in touch with Prof. Chandrashekar in JNC and to send some emails to Europe. In fact it works out cheaper than sending letters at Rs 11 each.

We visited ATC to look at theological books and then the Cauvery craft shop. This was better than a museum. There were some very beautiful carvings, marketry tables and pictures, statues, and all sorts of odds and ends.

Back at UTC some more volleyball and a long conversation with Laxman about Nepal. His people are very poor, Nepalese rupees are about half the value of India rupees. He sees education as being the answer to problems of poverty. There is much in what he says but I wonder if he would ever see caste as part of the problem.

Dinner in the mess was very wet; there was a lot of water being thrown around. I was threatened with the same at some stage. I went to the hostel prayers and music practice. Then two of the Nagas asked me to come with them to get a Pepsi. I didn't catch their names. They told me a bit more about Naga history. How it was conquered by Britain and wanted to get its Independence separate from India. The students felt that they were never part of India and that Britain should have restored them to the same condition when they left. The way the world was divided up post colonially seems to be a big problem in the world. One only has to look at other groups like the Kurds to see that.

Sat 5 July

I was intending to go into the city today but so far haven't managed it. After breakfast I found Glen trying to convert Laxman. I have to say that I disagreed with his approach as well as his analysis of history. Also he seemed largely unwilling to engage in real conversation. I doubt that such an approach is really effective with a person as intelligent as Laxman. I also learned a little about Laxman and his family. He has 3 brothers, one studies in Australia and his other, Ram, will be joining him in Bangalore in 3 or so days. Being from outside he is finding it difficult to get cheap accommodation and the best he can do is the hostel annexe at Rs 150/day. He hopes that he might be able to move into the hostel but this will take some negotiation.

Finding a school was also difficult for him. Christian colleges put Christians first. One asked him for Rs 40 000 to register but he bargained them down to Rs 5 000. The college is two bus rides away, which is hardly convenient. He mainly worships Devi and he explained some of the puja he does. Talking with him, it is clear that when Christians eat beef the offence they give to Hindus is enormous. If Hindus consider the cow as their mother, can we respect them and eat beef?

In the afternoon I went to see if Ekie wanted to go out but he was busy. Some of the other students asked me if I wanted to go to Inter-sem. This

is an organisation of all the seminaries in Bangalore. We went to Christa Jyoti College. The event was very good, a powerful sermon on the church's need to be missionary. Then there was a cultural event with music and sketches. There was one about an Indian doctor in the country which was very good and one about a family visiting all the troubled areas of India. There was also a classical Indian dance done by some nuns!

The journey back was through the inevitable slums and streets.

After dinner I joined the group practising music for Monday. Somehow the time went after that. I also managed to borrow an iron to press my clothes.

Sun 6 July

Today I went to a Mar Thoma church with Thomas. We took the bus which was a new experience. At one stage the bus from the station wouldn't start and the driver opened up a door into the engine and prodded around with a stick. Then as the bus rolled forward he bump started it.

The Mar Thoma church looked very modern, no icons and plain white walls. Incense and liturgy remained and so I was there for 2 hours. Of course I couldn't understand the Malayalam but Thomas brought a book for me to follow the service in English. The sermon was in English so I could follow that. For communion most people took their shoes off to go to the rail, but only some of the people took communion. The wine was administered with a spoon and the wine thrown into people's mouth. After the Eucharist it was quite a rush back for Thomas to get lunch.

In the afternoon Lamboi, Ekie and I went for a trip out into Bangalore. First we went to Commercial street for Lamboi to look at some trainers. But he didn't find anything suitable that were cheap enough. Then we went to the science museum. The standard wasn't as good as in the west. Many of the displays were old and didn't work, but it was interesting never the less; we enjoyed going round. Then we went to Lalbagh Botanical gardens. This was quite a large park with a lake. Not so many things were in flower this time of year.

Back at UTC the evening worship had a powerful liberation theme. The preparation contained the following:

"Freedom as a biblical principle and ethical category plays a crucial role in the life of every individual. This ideal has found its way into the constitutions of all the countries. The fact remains that social realities do not always match constitutional provisions. Rather,

freedom appears to be an ambiguous term that lends itself to different interpretations.

Apparently freedom is understood by many in different ways. Nevertheless, how free are women, dalits, tribals and vulnerable sections in our society?

What is freedom, after all? Is it possible to make use of freedom without social, economic and cultural security, without exploitation. These and other related questions ought to become the subject of our debate, reflection and action."

I thought about developing my own approach to these problems. In particular, what should the churches role be in promoting freedom in British society? What are the plans of the new labour government and how will they produce freedom and social justice in Britain?

The preacher told a story of a typhoon in Andhra Pradesh and how the central government voted relief but the local administrator did nothing. When people got so desperate that there was a protest he agreed to do something, but the following day arrested the leaders of the demonstration. This sort of thing seems common in India but it is hard for me to imagine. The power of officials and their corruption is huge.

The Vicar

Ysgol Brechfa Autumn Puzzle

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w h e a t f j a k l c n h c o l e a f

squirrel	bird
trees	acorn
corn	wheat
fruit	berries
cold	leaf
harvest	

Gan/by
Sophie Davies

On a lighter note

A man and his wife went on vacation to Jerusalem. While they were there, the wife passed away. The undertaker told the husband, 'You can have her shipped home for \$5,000, or you can bury her here, in the Holy Land, for \$150.' The man thought about it and told him he would just have her shipped home.

The undertaker asked, "Why would you spend \$5,000 to ship your wife home, when it would be wonderful to be buried here and you would spend only \$150?"

The man replied, "Long ago a man died here, was buried here, and three days later he rose from the dead. I can't take that risk.'

On a very much lighter note

A school master friend told me this one years ago, so take it as true. A Sunday School teacher had been telling a class of little boys of the 'Crowns of Glory' and the 'Heavenly Rewards for Good Boys' and of course good people. "Now tell me" she said at the close of the lesson, "Who deserves, and who gets, the biggest crown?" There was silence for a while (as you would expect), then a hesitant voice suggested, "Him wots got the biggest head". Of course, there is always a comedian in every class, isn't there?

Another little story comes to mind. No, not the same Sunday School Teacher, but this lady was taking the class and of course after the lesson was asking questions on God's omnipotence (big word, I'm still learning at 80) "Is there anything God can't do?" she asked. As you can guess there was a long silence, after which a little girl held up her hand. The teacher was disappointed really. The girl said, " Is there any layman present who will kindly express my feelings?"

I do hope I have been able to make you at least smile with this little episode.

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