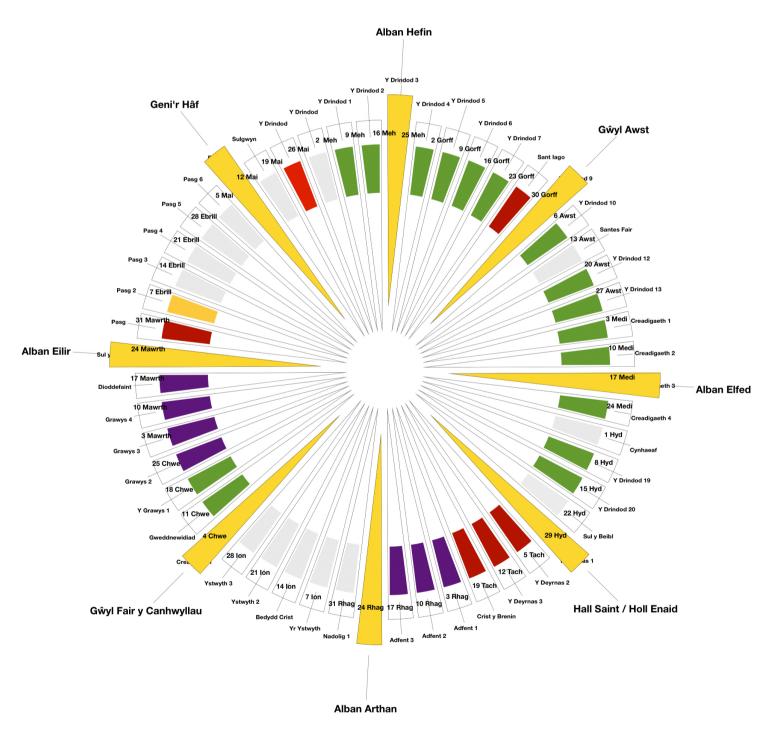
# Calendr Gwasanaethau Calendar of Services o Adfent 2023 hyd at yr ŵyl Crist y Brenin 2024 from Advent 2023 until the feast of Christ the King 2024





**Over the past few years** we've been attempting to respond to a number of challenges in our Ministry Area of Bro Gwydyr. One of these challenges is: How do we have a cycle of public worship which is recognisable and predictable for the majority of the time, but which also responds to the seasons and encourages us to gather for worship at appropriate times?

**Our Christian calendar** is overlayed upon a much older calendar, that of the seasonal cycle of the earth together with the Sun, the moon and other stars. We therefore have a calendar which doesn't quite fit these natural seasonal celebrations, yet still recognises them in the locating of particular feasts and festivals which celebrate and commemorate moments in the life of Jesus.

We have attempted to restore a little of this natural balance to our church calendar by recognising and prioritising the eight moments of the 'Celtic Year'. These are at All Hallows, Winter Solstice, Celtic Spring, Spring Equinox, Birth of Summer, Summer Solstice, Lammas, and the Autumnal Equinox. These are the moments we gather together as a Ministry Area.

**Firstly the year is divided in half.** Christmas and the winter solstice are mirrored by the feast of John the Baptist (24th June) and the summer solstice. These two festivals reflect one other - Jesus is juxtaposed with John the Baptist. c.f. John 3.30 'He must increase, but I must decrease'.

Then divided in half again. Easter falls close to the vernal equinox (21st March). It is a point of balance of day and night, light and dark, a time to celebrate in Christ's resurrection the reconciliation between God, the earth and all its creatures. The autumnal equinox lies close to our traditional harvest festival. Easter marks spiritual fullness in eternal life, and harvest thanksgiving marks the fullness of God's provision for life.

These are divided once more to create the eight celtic seasons or moments through the year. It is upon these that the Celtic Seasonal material has been drawn. A new Daily Prayer is being written this year to reflect each of the seasons in their turn.

The midpoint between winter and spring falls on 2nd February. This 'Celtic Spring' sees a plethora of feasts: Candlemas, St Bridget, St. Seiriol, and St. Teilo. It is the time when snowdrops are in full flower, a sure sign that earth is warming after the winter.

The midpoint between the spring equinox and Midsummer (1st May) falls close to Ascension, Rogation, Pentecost, and the feast of St. Melangell.

Between Midsummer and the autumn equinox we celebrate the beginning of the harvest season with Lammas cf. Loaf Mass. Finally between the autumn equinox and midwinter we celebrate All Hallows, a recognition that if there is to be re-birth, then first there must be death. This 'Calan Gaeaf' is a traditional beginning of the Celtic year. Our liturgical year begins soon afterwards with Advent.

**Our Sunday by Sunday worship** follows the Lectionary set readings for each day. We have occasionally transposed feasts to the closest Sunday where appropriate. The opportunities to come together as a Ministry Area have been intentionally located at or on the eight celtic celebrations to allow a creativity with these themes.

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#### **Season of Advent**

The decrease of daylight and the deepening darkness stirs the church to prayer: the bleakness of December can naturally cause us to yearn for signs of hope. In its scriptures, psalm, prayers and songs of Advent the church shares in much of the natural and very human yearning for light and life, for hope and salvation, for survival and well being, health and wholeness. Is it any wonder that the world outside the church cannot wait to begin their celebrations prematurely?

Rhagfyr 3 3 December	Adfent 1 Advent 1	09.30 Eucharist		11.00 KW Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	Trefriw - Carols and Tree lights 17.00
Rhagfyr 10 10 December	Adfent 2 Advent 2		09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist		
Rhagfyr 17 17 December	Adfent 3 Advent 3	09.30 Eucharist		11.00. SW Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	Celtic Service Llanrhychwyn 16.00
Rhagfyr 24 24 December	Adfent 4 Advent 4	Christmas Eve Carol Service	09.30	11.00 Eucharist		
24 December	Noswyl Nadolig Christmas Eve	18.00	Eucharist	23.30 Midnight		

#### **Christmas**

At Christmas, we are celebrating a mystery and not simply an historical event or anniversary of a birthday. The mystery we celebrate is the Mystery of the Incarnation, the Word made flesh, Emmanuel, 'God with us,' the whole humanity of Jesus, from birth to death, from cross to cradle, from feeding through to upper room, from swaddling clothes to shroud, from the town of the shepherd David's boyhood in Bethlehem to the seat of his throne and rule in the City of Jerusalem, where Christ's redeeming death, resurrection, ascension and the outpouring of the Spirit complete his saving work. A high point of the Church's celebration of Christmas is the First Eucharist usually celebrated at Midnight.

Rhagfyr 25 25 December	Dydd Nadolig Christmas Day	09.00 Eucharist		10.30 Eucharist	10.30 Eucharist	
Rhagfyr 31 31 December	Nadolig 1 Christmas 1		09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist	11.00 KW All age service	

# **Epiphany**

The Feast of the Epiphany is the climax of Christmas and Christ's manifestation to all people. It is the most ancient date associated with the celebration of Christmas and in the Orthodox tradition today is the primary Christmas feast. The Blessing of Chalk is a traditional custom, reminding us that Christ is incarnate in the love we offer to one another in our daily lives. As the Magi came in search of the light of Christ and were welcomed by the Holy Family into the house, we welcome all who come in the Lord's name, praying that our homes may be protected from darkness and be filled with the light of Christ and the warmth of his Spirit. This rite uses the traditional names ascribed to the Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Doorways are marked: 20+C.M.B+24

lonawr 7 7 January	Yr Ystwyth The Epiphany	09.30 Eucharist		11.00 SW Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	
Ionawr 14 14 January	Ystwyth 2 Epiphany 2		09.30 DS Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist		

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lonawr 21 21 January	Ystwyth 3 Epiphany 3	Evensong Gosper 18.00		11.00 KW Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	
lonawr 28 28 January	Ystwyth 4 Epiphany 4		09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist		

#### The Presentation of Christ

Candlemas celebrates the close of the Christmas Festival of Light. It is a traditional custom that, at the beginning of the Eucharist, candles are blessed and carried in procession to welcome Christ. We celebrate the moment when Mary and Joseph, fulfilling the Law of Moses, presented Jesus in the temple. There Simeon welcomed and embraced the child Jesus, the Light of the Gentiles and the glory of his people.

Chwefror 4 4 February	Gwyl Fair Canhwyllau Candlemas	Candlemas Creation Service 11.00 SE/EP  Dolgarrog Gŵyl Fair Canhwyllau a Creadigaeth	Celtic Service Llanrhychwyn
Chwefror 11 11 February	Gweddnewidiad Transfiguration	09.30 11.00 Eucharist	

#### Lent

As we begin our Lenten journey, we turn to the Lord in a corporate act of penitence, acknowledging our need for his forgiveness and love, his grace and strength. As we set our faces toward the paschal celebration of Christ's saving death and resurrection, we pray that we may use the season of Lent as a favourable time of preparation, a time of sacrifice and fasting, a time of reconciliation and service of our neighbour, so that reconciled with God and one another, we may embrace the gospel of Christ and rejoice in his Passover Feast.

Chwefror 14 14 February	Dydd Mercher y Lludw Ash Wednesday			14.00 Eucharist with Ashing		
Chwefror 18 18 February	Y Grawys 1 Lent 1	Evensong Gosper 18.00		11.00 SW Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	
Chwefror 25 25 February	Y Grawys 2 Lent 2		09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist		
Mawrth 3 3 March	Y Grawys 3 Lent 3	09.30 Eucharist		11.00 SW Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	
Mawrth 10 10 March	Sul y Mamau Mothering Sunday		09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist		

#### **Passiontide**

As we draw close towards Easter the focus turns towards the events of Jesus' last days. Passion Sunday marks this transition and we will use these two weeks up until Easter Eve to reflect on the last journey of Christ from Bethany to Jerusalem at Palm Sunday and up to Good Friday on the Cross.

Mawrth 17 17 March	Sul y Dioddefaint Passion Sunday	09.30 Eucharist		11.00 Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	
Mawrth 24 24 March	Sul y Blodau Palm Sunday		09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist		

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#### **Easter Season**

Easter or Pasha in many countries including Wales - Pasg is the greatest celebration in the church calendar. It is the completion of the story that began in Advent, yet it is also a new beginning in itself - 'Behold, I make all things new'. As early as the end of the second century, the Easter season was kept as a fifty day feast, beginning on Easter Day and ending with Pentecost.

Mawrth 30 30 March	Noswyl y Pasg Easter Eve				Gwasanaeth Golau 19.30 Service of Light	16.30 Tân a Bara Llanrhychwyn
Mawrth 31 31 March	Dydd Pasg Easter Day	09.30 Eucharist	09.30 SW Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	11.00 All age Service KW	
Ebrill 7 7 April	Pasg 2 Easter 2	09.30 Eucharist		11.00 Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	
Ebrill 14 14 April	Pasg 3 Easter 3		09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist		
Ebrill 21 21 April	Pasg 4 Easter 4	Evensong Gosper 18.00		11.00 Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	
Ebrill 28 28 April	Pasg 5 Easter 5		09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist		
Mai 5 5 May	Sul y Gweddïau Rogation	10.00 Eucharist	10.00 Eucharist Dolwyddelan and Annual Vestry Meeting			
Mai 12 12 May	Sul ar ôl y dyrchafael Sunday after Ascension		09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist		

#### Pentecost

This Sunday marks not only the Holy Spirit on the gathered apostles, but the whole work of God's Spirit which is written throughout the scriptures - indeed in the first chapter of Genesis we hear the spirit of God brooding over the waters of creation. Pentecost is also the formal end of the Easter Season and the paschal candle, which has taken a place of honour in the liturgical space, may now be transferred to the font where it remains throughout the year, apart from funerals when it may be placed near the coffin. A procession may accompany the paschal candle as it is placed near the font. Just as the people followed the candle into church at the Easter Vigil so they now follow the candle to its place at the font, which should be filled with water and the people may be invited to sign a cross upon themselves with the baptismal waters.

Mai 19 19 May	Sulgwyn Pentecost	09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	
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## **Trinity**

The period from Trinity Sunday to the feast of Christ the King is a time for the Church to explore both the mystery of God and our call to mission and discipleship.

Trinity Sunday is unusual in being a feast which commemorates neither people nor events in the life of Christ. Trinity Sunday celebrates and acknowledges the mystery at the heart of God.

Mai 26 26 May	Sul y Drindod Trinity Sunday	09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist	

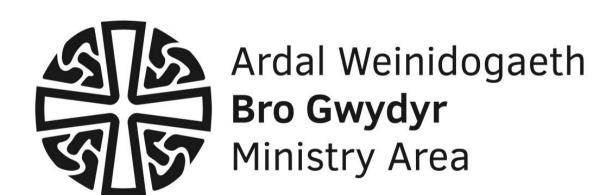
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Mehefin 2 2 June	Drindod 1 Trinity 1	09.30 Eucharist		11.00 Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	
Mehefin 9 9 June	Drindod 2 Trinity 2		09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist		
Mehefin 16 16 June	Drindod 3 Trinity 3	09.30 Eucharist		11.00 Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	18.00 Llanrhychwyn
Mehefin 23 23 June	Drindod 4 Trinity 4	Midsummer - Alban Hefin 11.00 Eucharist Penmachno				
Mehefin 30 30 June	Drindod 5 Trinity 5	Evensong Gosper 6pm	09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist	11.00 All age Service	
Gorffennaf 7 7 July	Drindod 6 Trinity 6	09.30 Eucharist		11.00 Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	
Gorffennaf 14 14 July	Drindod 7 Trinity 7		09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist		
Gorffennaf 21 21 July	Drindod 8 Trinity 8	09.30 Eucharist		11.00 Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	
Gorffennaf 28 28 July	Drindod 9 Trinity 9		09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist		
Awst 4 4 August	Drindod 10 Trinity 10	Gŵyl Awst - Laı	18.00 Llanrhychwyn			
Awst 11 11 August	Drindod 11 Trinity 11		09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist		
Awst 18 18 August	Drindod 12 Trinity 12	Evensong Gosper 6pm		11.00 Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	
Awst 25 25 August	Drindod 13 Trinity 13		09.30 Service	11.00 Service		
Medi 1 1 September	Drindod 14 Trinity 14	09.30 Eucharist		11.00 Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	
Medi 8 8 September	Drindod 15 Trinity 15		09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist		
Medi 15 15 September	Drindod 16 Trinity 16	Cyfnod Creu a Creation time a	18.00 Llanrhychwyn			
Medi 22 22 Septemer	Drindod 17 Trinity 17		09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist		
Medi 29 29 Septemer	Sant Mihangel a holl angylion St. Michael and all angels			11.00 Eucharist At St Michael's (old) Church	11.00 All age service	
Hydref 6 6 October	Drindod 19 Trinity 19	09.30 Eucharist		11.00 Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	
Hydref 13 13 October	Drindod 20 Trinity 20		09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist		

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Hydref 20 20 October	Drindod 21 Trinity 21	Evensong Gosper 18.00		11.00 Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	
Hydref 27 27 October	Sul y Beibl Bible Sunday		09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist		

## **Kingdom Season**

At the end of the liturgical year the kingdom season incorporates our season of remembrances for All Saints and Souls and for the tragedy of war. It reminds us of the alternative kingdom of God shown to us in the life of Jesus that we have reflected on from the beginning of Advent until the final Sunday in this season celebrating a new kingdom under Christ the King.

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	chwedd 10 November	Sul Cofio Remembrance	Service of Remembrance	Service of Remembrance	Service of Remembrance	Service of Remembrance	
	chwedd 17 'November	Y Deyrnas 3 Kingdom 3	09.30 Eucharist		11.00 Boreol Weddi Morning Prayer	11.00 Eucharist	
	chwedd 24 November	Crist y Brenin Christ the King		09.30 Eucharist	11.00 Eucharist		



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The Celtic seasonal leaflets and morning prayer liturgies can be found on the Bro Gwydyr website.

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