DECEMBER 2017 & JANUARY 2018
The Magazine of UNITING CHURCH SKETTY

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Minister: Reverend Leslie Jane Noon

**Senior Elder:** Pat D  
**Senior Steward:** Jan C

**Weekly Notices** by Friday morning to Lynne W  
**Sunday Services:** 10.30am including regular All-age Worship. 
Refreshments in the Wesley Room following morning worship.  
Evening at 6.30pm  
Adventurers: 10.30am Departments 3-15 years  
Creche available on request – please speak to a Church Steward  
Baptisms on Sunday mornings by arrangement with the Minister.

This Magazine is available on Memory Stick for the vision impaired. We are also able to record some of our services on Memory Stick for anyone unable to attend, whether regularly or on a particular Sunday. 
Please contact Jean K

**Please submit all items** for the **February** magazine to Jan T  
by **Friday, 19th January 2018.**

The Magazine for **February** will be issued on **Sunday, 28th January 2018.**

**Redevelopment Fund-raising**
Some of the funding we have been granted to assist with the building project, in order to improve facilities for community use, require that we should show the sponsors’ logos on certain documents including magazines.
Dear Friends,

What is Christmas? What does it mean? I presume in some way that we would all be able to answer those questions (I jolly well hope so!). But it's true for all of us I think that we get caught up in other things that mean we fail to really reflect on the meaning for us today.

I hope that our Advent and Christmas services will help us to hear the beautiful story with ears that really listen and hearts that really respond. See the details in our magazine about all of these. And then we have our Advent Faith and Fellowship sessions. Please consider trying to come along to these, as we seek to discover buried treasure in stories that are so familiar.

But why not do some work on your own? I challenge each of us to find a quiet time and space over the next few weeks and sit down to read Luke 2.1-20 and Matthew 2.1-11. Think about which character in the story you identify with most at this point in your life: the expectant mum, the worried father, the lowly shepherds, the travelling magi, the animals wondering at the spectacle happening in their stable. Like Mary, ponder where you are in the story – for it's a story that continues today, and all of us are a part of it.

The story continues for us in the New Year, when we seek to serve homeless people in Swansea through the night shelter, recalling as we do, Jesus' own beginnings.

With my love for a Christ-filled Christmas and New Year.

Leslie
CRAFT FAIR IN NOVEMBER
I wish to send a huge **THANK YOU** to all those people who supported the Craft and Coffee morning held in November. Whether you were involved in the frantic manufacturing process; cake making in the kitchen, or by your attendance at the coffee morning. You all helped us to raise an amazing £659 for Church Funds. Thank you.

**Kath D**

AUTUMN MEETING OF THE URC SYNOD OF WALES
The Autumn meeting of the URC Synod of Wales, was held at the Spa Pavilion in Llandrindod Wells. We were introduced to the process called, "Walking the Way", which is similar to the Methodist, "Holy Habits". Another new venture is the Churches’ Mutual Credit Union, which is a vital antidote to Pay Day Lending. A representative from Eco Church, outlined the URC Environment Policy, followed by an excellent presentation from Beulah Church, Rhiwbina, which has been recognised as an Eco Church.

Cytun has established a working party on Wales and Europe, chaired by our own Noel Davies. It seeks to explore the effect of Brexit on Wales and the best way of dealing with the outcome. We had an inspiring talk from the Youth Moderator who had been working with the young people in their own session in the morning.

The final contribution was entitled "Good Grief". This is a training course for lay people who support the bereaved or are willing to conduct funerals. The worship at the beginning and end of the day was uplifting.

**Delyth R**
Advent

Buried Treasure

Tuesdays from 10am-11.30am: 5, 12, 19 December

Thursdays from 7.30pm to 9pm: 7, 14, 21 December

Christmas comes round once again and the challenge for each of us is this: how can we hear that familiar story in such a way that we gain fresh insight into God at work in the world? This year in our Advent Faith and Fellowship we hope to discover buried treasure in the Christmas stories that we love so deeply. And so we will explore the stories through image, poetry and genealogy.

All are welcome to attend. Let's make a determined effort to put Christ into Christmas this year and come along. We'd love to see you.
JOINT SERVICE WITH ASIAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.
On Sunday, 3rd December at 5 pm, instead of our usual evening worship, we are invited to join with our friends from the Asian Christian Fellowship, in our Bethel building. As we prepare to welcome Christmas around the world, we will worship in two languages, sing hymns and carols in two languages and afterwards we are invited to stay for hot and cold food. Even if you do not usually come to our evening worship, please consider coming to this joint service; what an opportunity!

THE STABLE TRAIL IN REYNOLDSTON
On Saturday, 9th December, Reynoldston is holding ‘The Stable Trail’ again this year. It starts at the Village Hall in Reynoldston and trails around the village doing the Nativity Story, for children and adults, it is an interactive adventure for everyone. Trails leave every 10 minutes from 10am to 1pm and from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. For further information, please contact South Gower Messy Church on 01792 230226.

POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS
As it has now become our custom, we invite you to bring a poinsettia to church at Christmas in memory of loved ones. Please bring your poinsettia to the church on Saturday, 16th December between 2pm and 4pm when Rosemary will be at church to receive them and display them in the sanctuary.
On Christmas Eve the congregation will be invited to take a poinsettia to someone they know, not necessarily a church member, who would appreciate one. Any queries, please contact Rosemary. Many thanks.
Rosemary B
CHRISTMAS – with or without JESUS
I wonder how many times we will talk about Christmas over the next few weeks with friends, family, neighbours, and shopkeepers etc.? I wonder how many times JESUS will be mentioned in these conversations?

On Sunday morning, 17th December we will all be invited to visit the stable again. Why not bring someone with you this year, a friend, a relative, a neighbour or even a shopkeeper, all are welcome. After all, Jesus’ birth is what Christmas is all about.
Jan C

JUST DESSERTS TO FOLLOW CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
After the Carols by Candlelight Service on Sunday, 17th December, we will enjoy the delights of Just Desserts. On a cold winter evening, what could be more delightful? So come and enjoy the large variety of delectable desserts and share in the warmth of our fellowship. A feast for all the senses.
Donations for Ogof Adullam in lieu of tickets for the event will be taken. A list will be put on the notice board for people to sign, if they are able to donate a dessert for this event. Please see Jan C for further information.

CHRISTMAS CARDS
As many people in church like to exchange cards at Christmas, a table will be placed in the corridor near the Wesley Room from the 5th December until Christmas.
The cards will be distributed regularly and you need not pay postage!
Pat D
COMMUNION COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY
Communion collections for December will be for Stepping Stones. Stepping Stones provides support for children under five years of age, with diagnosed and emerging disabilities and their families. Members of our church have had connections with this group in Killay for many years.

In January we will be supporting Christians Against Poverty who are working in Swansea. They provide free debt advice which can help people to avoid losing their homes and can also help with finding work.

In addition, our Christmas collections will be for Ogof Adullam, the drop-in Centre for the homeless running from Brunswick Methodist Church.

Susan G

THE LEADERSHIP TEAM
The names below now make up the current Leadership Team:
Senior Stewards: Jan C & Alan J
Stewards: Laurie H, Pauline L, Les W & Maggie C
Senior Elder: Pat D
Elders: Gwyn B, Gaynor B & Julie G

We would all like to remind you, that if you have any concerns or suggestions about our life together as Uniting Church Sketty, you may contact any one of us at any time.

Pat D (Senior Elder)
CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT UCS

Come and join us for our Christmas Services. Why not bring a family member, a neighbour or a friend with you? Don't keep the good stuff to yourself!!

**Sunday 17th December**
**10.30am Nativity Service**
Our children and young people will once again present the ancient story of the birth of Jesus – but as ever with a modern twist.

**6.30pm Carols by Candlelight**
The Church will be decorated, the candles will be lit, and once again we start our preparation for Christmas by singing carols and hearing the story in new and old ways. *It will be followed by Just Desserts* (when we bring and share yummy puddings!).

**Sunday 24th December**
**10.30am Morning Worship**
Amidst the frantic preparations for Christmas Day and the drama of getting everything ready, take some time out to reflect on the *quiet drama* of God.

**11.30pm Christmas Communion**
“When the world was dark, and the city was quiet, God crept in beside us”. This quiet, communion service is in many ways the meeting place of heaven and earth as we greet the Christ-Child.

**Christmas Day**
**10am Family Service**
Bring a present with you to our family service when we celebrate together the birth of Christ. How else would you want to start your Christmas Day?
CHRISTMAS IN JERUSALEM, 1947

It is difficult to comprehend how the world has changed in the seventy years that have passed since I was a nineteen-year-old surveyor in the Royal Artillery, stationed at the Syrian Orphanage in Jerusalem. We manned a series of Observation Posts across the city, as part of the security arrangements. Britain was trying to hold off the civil war brewing between Jewish and Arab factions, which eventually flared up the following May when the British Mandate ended.

For us on the ground, security was tight. We always carried loaded weapons at all times, tucking them under the blankets at night; very uncomfortable. We were only allowed out of barracks in groups of six. One of our chaps had been kidnapped the week before Christmas, his rifle was stolen, but he was lucky to be released unharmed after a couple of hours.

Memories of Christmas have faded over the years, but I do recall a few highlights, such as a visit to the YMCA pool on Christmas Eve. This was the only pool I have ever encountered where costumes were NOT allowed! Men and women bathed at different times, to the disappointment of many!! My shift on the Observation Post ran from 8pm on Christmas Eve until 8am on Christmas Day. Therefore, that Christmas Eve, I made a brief visit to the concert which started at 7pm. Star of the show was a rather plump blonde girl, who sang and performed a high-kicking can-can number. Unfortunately the stage had not seen a broom for many a year, and the song ended in a fit of coughing and a cloud of dust. My partner, Dicky Bird and I were still chuckling as we climbed the stairs up the tower to the Observation Post.
The night was fairly quiet until midnight, when a multitude of church bells rang out all over the city, to be followed a moment later by bursts of machine gun fire. Most of this was directed skywards, sending great fan shapes of tracer bullets into the sky. After a brief radio conference with Control, we were ordered not to report any of this, and just to note any big bangs. Presumably the pyrotechnics were security forces letting off steam, as the night returned to quietude a few minutes later.

Coming off duty in the morning, we met some of the people who had gone over to Bethlehem for the Midnight Service. They were pretty disgusted with the whole affair, finding an atmosphere more like a fun fair or a street market than that of a holy place.

Later that morning I attended a service in the hut which doubled as a camp cinema and a church. There were only six people present, including the padre, but at least we avoided any commercial tat. After that, the lack of sleep began to take over, but I do recall a Christmas dinner, with officers waiting on the men and the Sergeant Major vainly attempting to carve a turkey with the Commanding Officer’s sword. And so to bed.....

John P
SWANSEA NIGHT SHELTER
Thank you, thank you, thank you! To all those who have volunteered to serve in the Swansea Night Shelter at our church. Once again I have been delighted that so many have come forward, and we have some new volunteers this year as well. A final rota will be sent to all volunteers in the next couple of weeks.

I am extremely grateful to Dilly's, just down the road from the church. At cost price (which is extremely minimal) they are willing to make a hearty beef stew every Saturday for the guests and volunteers. When I went in to ask them about this possibility, they were so glad to help – indeed were looking for a project. So next time you go in for a coffee, please tell them you're from UCS and thank them!

As last year, David and Peggy LJ have offered to make a vegetarian lasagne to the beef stew. So that's wonderful too!

What I need now is some people who would be willing to make a dessert and do the shopping each week. One or two have come forward, but we still need more, and it is a relatively easy way to be involved in this great project. If you are able to do this, could you let me or Gwen know.

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me. Matthew 25:40

Leslie
COMMITMENT FOR LIFE PROJECT — BANGLADESH

From Harvest to Easter, our donations and prayers are supporting Christian Aid’s long term projects for the poorest people in Bangladesh, one of the most densely populated and disaster prone countries in the world. A population of 160 million people, 80% live in rural areas and depend largely on agriculture for their livelihood. There is substantial poverty, 80% of people survive on less than 2US dollars a day. Christian Aid states, “Our work on resilient livelihoods will contribute to building thriving communities with greater income, food security and a better ability to respond to extreme climate uncertainties, natural disasters and emergencies. Essential to all aspects of our work, we have named equal rights as a cross-cutting objective, to ensure gender and power analysis are central to everything we do.”

Christian Aid’s partner, Shushilan in the south of the country, has organised a farmers’ group to help small scale and marginalised farmers, especially women, to receive training on cultivating rice, fish farming and homestead gardening. Mrs Sharma Rani, a mother of four, has a husband who hunts in mangrove forests. Before the Shushilan training, their income relied on whatever fish or wood he could find. Today, Sharma grows salt-resilient rice, which gives them a regular source of income. She now shares her knowledge, training others in the village, to learn new agricultural techniques.

At UCS, we support Christian Aid’s strategy. “We hope to see innovation that increases poor people’s power in the market and links humanitarian work with long term climate change responses, resilience building and sustainable livelihood work: an integrated response to rooting out poverty.” (from Partnership for Change/ Christian Aid Bangladesh/Strategy 2012-2017)

An interesting reflection as we make preparations for Christmas.

Mary J
RECYCLE, REDUCE, REUSE
Our church has been recycling for several years. “Yes,” you say, “I know that”. But do you know what we recycle and where the recycling “depot” is within the church building?
SPECTACLES: These are taken to a local optician who sends them to countries where people would otherwise be unable to read or work because of their poor eyesight. But, please take them out of the cases; the cases are of no use.
STAMPS: These are given to a local Scout Group.
USED PRINTER CARTRIDGES: These are taken to the Civic Amenities on Derwen Fawr Road, commonly known as "Derwen Fawr Dump". They are recycled via the local authority. Please ensure that the cartridges are wrapped securely, so that ink doesn’t leak everywhere. Please see my anecdote that follows!
I recently took cartridges to the “dump”. One hadn’t been wrapped securely and ink leaked all over my hands and in my car. Anyone want to join me in “The Black Hand Gang”?
USED BATTERIES: These are taken to the amenity site or Sainsbury’s.
Where is our recycling “depot”? It is at the end of the walkway, near the door and stairs that take you to the office.
I have taken responsibility for this “job” for several years. If anyone would be willing to help by taking items to the various places mentioned above I would be grateful. It is not an onerous task.
I am hoping that our recycling efforts can lead to us becoming an ECO FRIENDLY church.
As Christians we need to reduce the amount of the earth’s resources we use. We need to think – don’t just bin it. Could someone else reuse it?
After all – “God in his love for us (ONLY) LENT us this planet
Janet N
SPARE, UNWANTED, OR OBSOLETE KEYS?
We need old keys to give away as one of the bases at the Stable Trail. If you have old keys that you are happy to give away, please can you give them to Heather Coleman at UCS; drop them into Reynoldston Chapel, give them to David & Sue A, or Rev Andy Walker by **Wednesday 6th December**. Please contact Andy Walker on 01792 232867 if you have any queries. Thank you.

Andy Walker

QUOTES’ CORNER
Just a little something to make us think:

“Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.”

John Wesley
COVER TO COVER
Our next meeting is on Thursday, 7th December at 10:30am in the Bethel Room at UCS. As has been our custom at Advent, I’d like you all to bring a reading, verse, prose, hymn or anything that is appropriate to the season and has relevance to you. Anne and I will supply nourishment appropriate to the season and I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it.
Our meeting in January will be on Thursday, January 4th 2018 at 10.30am, when we will discuss, ‘Britt-Marie Was Here’ by Frederik Backman, I hope to lead our discourse. All are welcome to join us.
Mike W

THURSDAY CIRCLE
The Thursday Circle will meet at Bethel Hall on Thursday, 7th December at 2.00pm for their Celebration of Christmas, with Carols, Cake and Cheer. A warm welcome to all, so please come and join us if you can.
Thursday Circle wish all our friends at Uniting Church Sketty, a very blessed and peaceful Christmas and A Happy and Healthy New Year.
Pat B D

FOLK DANCING ON MONDAY AFTERNOONS
We meet on Mondays at 2pm in Bethel Hall (entrance via back door). We are a friendly group who always welcome new members of any age and ability. Why not come and join us? We look forward to welcoming you.
Rosemary B
**LADIES’ KEEP FIT**

*No More Keep Fit!* Due to the drop in numbers in the Keep Fit class, it has been decided that it is no longer viable to continue. Therefore, the last class will be on **Tuesday, 5th December**.

However, on **Tuesday, 12th December**, they will all be meeting in **Sketty Hall** for coffee and mince pies and invite all past members to join them. Please let Rosemary B or Mary H know if you are coming so that we can confirm numbers with Sketty Hall. We look forward to seeing you.

Mary H

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**CRAFT GROUP**

We will meet in the Wesley Room every **Tuesday**, from **2pm to 4pm** during term time. We look forward to seeing everyone and extend a warm welcome to any newcomers.

Kath D

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**REEL TO REAL**

Due to copyright issues we are unable to display any information regarding film chosen in this online version of the church magazine. For details please see posters in the church or the paper copy of the church magazine.

The discussion will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 5th December in the Wesley Room. We will question faith and doubt, righteousness and wickedness, judgement and mercy, and the relationship between humanity, the world and God.

If you have any queries, please contact me.

Sandra C
TRAIDCRAFT NEWS
The **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday, 2nd December**, will be raising money for Traidcraft. We will be having a cake stall in addition to the usual Traidcraft products, and donations of cakes are welcome, especially if they have fairly traded ingredients included. Also, we will be having a stall taking items of unwanted jewellery which can then be sent to Traidcraft as another means of fundraising. This can include costume jewellery and broken or snapped items; so if you have anything at home that may be suitable, please bring it along on the 2nd December.

The next **Traidcraft stall** is on **Sunday, 17th December**. As usual, there will be a selection of Christmas cards and gifts on the table, but people can also contact us with Christmas orders. The new Christmas Magazine is now available and copies are being left on the table in the entrance porch. Please return the catalogue as soon as you have finished with it, as we only have a limited supply. Please remember that all Traidcraft goods can also be viewed on the website [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk). Please note this year, the chocolate advent calendars will only be ordered on request. Please contact Jackie and Gary with any orders.

There will be no stall in January, so please let us know if you need extra stocks of items in December.

**Jackie & Gary C**
RECIPE FOR A FRUIT CAKE

Ingredients:
125 grams of butter
175 grams dark brown sugar (Fairtrade)
175 grams currants (Fairtrade)
175 grams sultanas (Fairtrade)
50 grams candied peel
225 mls water
1 level teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
1 heaped teaspoon of mixed spice
2 beaten eggs
125 grams of plain flour
125 grams of self raising flour
Pinch of salt

Method:
1. Place butter, sugar, currants, sultanas, peel, water, bicarb.of soda and mixed spice into a large pan and bring to the boil; then simmer for 1 minute.
2. Pour into large mixing bowl and allow to cool.
3. Add eggs, flours and salt to cooled mixture, mix well.
4. Line a 20cm round tin with grease proof paper and pour in mix.
5. Bake in oven at Gas 4, 180C, 160C for fan oven for 1.5 hours.
6. Take out and place on cooling rack.
7. Once cool, the cake is ready to eat or decorate.

It is hard to make a mistake with this reliable recipe. It produces a good everyday fruit cake or when decorated will make a fine Christmas cake, especially if iced with sherry icing! Enjoy.
NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICES
This year New Year's Eve is on a Sunday. Our morning service will be at the normal time of 10.30am and will have an upbeat, festive feel to it.

Our evening service will be a bit different! It will be sandwiched between a bit of a party, to which all are invited. If you spend New Year's Eve on your own, then come along and join us! Even if you have a gathering to go to, come along to ours first! Won't it be great to spend this time together as a church family! You could even bring a friend or a neighbour!
5pm  We gather together to have a drink and socialise!
6pm  A short, informal reflective service, as we commit the coming year into God's hands.
6.45pm  Bring and share tea, games laughter and music!
8pm-ish  Finish

If you would like to come, but need a lift, please speak to Pat D so that we can arrange this.
Bring some food to share.
Bring a game to play.
See you there!

OPEN HOUSE AT THE MANSE
Instead of our usual January Coffee morning, you are all invited to come and have a coffee (or something!) at The Manse
Saturday 6th January
Between 10am and 1pm
All welcome!
**BLOOD BIKES WALES VISIT WESLEY CLUB**

Have you ever heard of **Blood Bikes Wales**? Wesley Club members hadn’t until at a recent meeting they were told all about it. Have you ever been stuck in traffic when an enormous motor bike covered with yellow stickers has passed you, filtering between the vehicles and causing a few comments from frustrated motorists? Well, the rider would be one of many volunteers for Blood Bikes Wales, transporting blood supplies, plasma, documents and other items between hospitals.

The Charity provides out of hours service all free, saving the NHS considerable costs which can be used for front line patient care. Wesley Club was treated to an informative and enjoyable talk by Peter, all about the organisation, plus a chance to sit on an actual motor bike, which was carefully manoeuvred into the corridor alongside the Wesley room by rider Malcolm. It was quite a treat to see some of our members (and guests) sitting astride the enormous machine!! The charity relies solely on donations by the public, members and business, which is quite a challenge and any support is welcome. More information can be found on their website – just Google ‘Blood Bikes Wales’ and you’ll find it!

**Pauline L**

**THE BIG DAY OUT**

On **Saturday, 3rd February 2018**, The Big Day Out event has been organised for young people. Everyone should meet in **Mumbles Methodist Church at 10am**. There will be swimming at LC2. The cost is £10 per person. Please see Janet for any further details.

**Janet N**
SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB
There has been an encouraging response to the proposed Sunday lunch get together after service one Sunday a month. For all those who have put their names on the list, the first lunch will be at 12.30pm on 21st January at the Hen Dderwen. Reminders will be in the weekly notices in January. If anyone needs a lift or any further information, please contact Pauline Pauline L

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

WE SEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS IN DECEMBER TO:
Ameilia on the 2nd
Chloe on the 15th
Elisha on the 15th
Olwen on the 15th

WE SEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS IN JANUARY TO:
Matilda on the 8th
Aimee on the 9th
Tabitha on the 13th
Charlie on the 17th
Efan on the 20th
Lucas on the 25th
COMING EVENTS

Services: 10.30am & 6.30pm  Adventurers: 10.30am
On Sundays a Steward will introduce the preacher and ask the congregation to stand as the Bible is brought in.
Please stay and have refreshments with us after the morning service in the Wesley Room.
There is an induction loop for those with hearing aids.
There are large print versions of hymns in the pews and large print notices at the door.
For evening services the offerings plate is placed at the entrance.

Weekly in term-time:
Monday  2pm Folk-dancing
       7pm Wesley Club
Tuesday  2-4pm Craft Group
       4.30-5.45pm Beavers
       6.15-7-30pm Cubs
       6.15-7.30pm Brownies
Wednesday  10-11.30am Sunbeams Play Group
          7.30pm Sketty Madcaps

Uniting Church Sketty weekly notices:
Lynne W (Please send to Lynne by Friday morning)
Property Stewards:
Alan J
Keith M
Gwyn B (Bethel property)
Booking enquiries and heating requirements:
Kath & Bill D

Bethel booking and heating requirements:
Sonia B
DECEMBER 2017 DIARY

2\textsuperscript{nd} Sat 10am-12 noon Coffee Morning with collection of old and broken Jewellery. Proceeds for TraidCraft

3\textsuperscript{rd} Sun 10.30am Rev Leslie Noon: \textbf{Communion}
5.00pm at Bethel building, joint service with Asian Christian Fellowship

4\textsuperscript{th} Mon 7pm Wesley Club: More about Leipzig with Noel Davies

5\textsuperscript{th} Tues 7.30pm Tuesday Evening House Group at Rosemary B’s Studying Gospel of John Chapter 3

6\textsuperscript{th} Wed 7.30pm Methodist Circuit Meeting at UCS

10\textsuperscript{th} Sun 10.30am Rev Noel Davies
6.30pm Rev John Jones \textbf{Communion}

11\textsuperscript{th} Mon 7pm Wesley Club: Christmas Devotions with Rev. Leslie

17\textsuperscript{th} Sun 10.30am Rev Leslie Noon: \textbf{Nativity}
6.30pm Rev Leslie Noon: \textbf{Carol Service}

18\textsuperscript{th} Mon 7pm Wesley Club: Carols and Mince pies

24\textsuperscript{th} Sun 10.30am Rev Leslie Noon
11.30pm Rev Leslie Noon: \textbf{Communion}

25\textsuperscript{th} Mon 10.00am Rev Leslie Noon: \textbf{Christmas Day Service}

31\textsuperscript{st} Sun 10.30am Rev Leslie Noon
5pm Rev. Leslie Noon. See Page 20 for Details
**DECEMBER 2017 ROTAS:**

If you are unable to fulfil your place on a rota, please make other arrangements or contact the organiser.

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JANUARY 2018 DIARY

1\textsuperscript{st} Mon NO WESLEY CLUB MEETING

7\textsuperscript{th} Sun 10.30am Rev Leslie Noon: \textbf{Communion}
6.30pm Rev Andrew Walker

8\textsuperscript{th} Mon Wesley Club: \textbf{Lunch at Sketty Hall.} NO EVENING MEETING

9\textsuperscript{th} Tues 7.30pm Tuesday Evening House Group at Pam T’s,

14\textsuperscript{th} Sun 10.30am Mr Ken Allison
6.30pm Rev Leslie Noon: \textbf{Communion}

15\textsuperscript{th} Mon 7pm Wesley Club: Saints and Sinners with Debra Johns

18\textsuperscript{th} Thurs 7.30pm Church Meeting of UCS

21\textsuperscript{st} Sun 10.30am Rev Leslie Noon
6.30pm Rev Siperire Mugadzaweta

22\textsuperscript{nd} Mon 7pm Wesley Club: Victorian Costume with Rosemary B

28\textsuperscript{th} Sun 10.30am Rev Ivor Rees
6.30pm Rev Mr Jeff Coleman

29\textsuperscript{th} Mon 7pm Wesley Club: Let’s Go To The Pictures in Swansea with John Powell

30\textsuperscript{th} Tues 10am Events Committee
**JANUARY 2018 ROTAS:**

If you are unable to fulfil your place on a rota, please make other arrangements or contact the organiser.

**Welcome Teams: Myrddin**

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THURSDAY 15th FEBRUARY at 7.30pm
FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY at 7.30pm
SATURDAY 17th FEBRUARY at 2pm & 7pm

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