

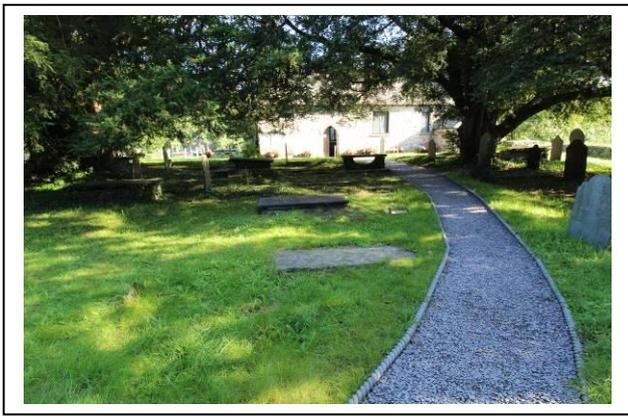


# ***The Friends of St. Michael's Cyfeillion Eglwys Sant Mihangel***

***Newsletter – September 2019***

## ***No More Puddles!***

*At long last, thanks to a generous donation and Jim's efforts in organising contractors we now have newly laid and properly edged paths leading from both Lytch gates to the church door.*



*The new surface and drainage near the door were put to the test with a truly Welsh deluge soon after completion and happily we no longer have a big puddle in front of the church door.*

*The work was completed under the auspices of St Mary's church, who are legally responsible for the paths and churchyard, but was paid for in full by an anonymous local benefactor. Both St Mary's and St Michael's are most grateful to them for their support and help.*

*Some tubs of bright flowers put together for us by Matthew Wyn at the Betws-y-Coed Garden Nursery really finishes off the job nicely. Many thanks to him. We hope to plant them up with daffodils and snowdrops etc this autumn so that we have a good show of early spring flowers also.*

## ***Flower Festival***

*Thanks to fantastic support from everyone in Betws y Coed our Flower Festival last year raised £677.89. This was a fantastic achievement and thanks to everyone who worked so hard especially following the sudden death of Lilian Boughton, who had organised the event for so many years. She was in the throes of making the final arrangements last year when she died very suddenly and unexpectedly. She is greatly missed.*



*We will be taking a break from our Flower Festival this year, but we certainly intend to return in 2020. The event will take place between Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> next year (2020). Do please do put it in your diaries.*

## ***Finances***

*Jillie Sanders ran a White Elephant stall for St Michael's at the WI Special Effort in August and raised £205. Wow! Thank you Jillie.*

*The wall box takings and sales over the summer although looking slightly down on last year, still give a tremendous boost to our finances. So far this year, these receipts total £1947.60. against £2098.00 last year over the same period (January – August).*



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*The reason for the short fall is that we currently don't have enough volunteers to open the church every day of the week. Anyone who would like to get more involved and help us out please contact our Chairman, Jim Boughton.*

## **Events at St Michael's Old Church in 2019**

### **Open Doors – European Heritage Days**

*The church will be open most days throughout September (approx 10am – 5pm) to mark this annual event. If the church is closed, a key is always available from the Conwy Valley Railway Museum, just across the road from the church.*

### **St Michael's Day Service**

*Sunday 29th September, 6pm Holy Eucharist. Light refreshments will be served after the service. Celebrant Rev Stuart Elliott – Vicar of Betws-y-Coed.*

### **Village Christmas Fair**

*The Friends of St Michael's will be having a stall at the Betws y Coed village Christmas Fair on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 11am – 4pm. Items for sale, Bric-a-Brac etc always welcome!*

### **Candle-Light Carol Service**

*The Annual Candle-Light Carol Service will be held in St. Michael's Old Church on Sunday 29th December at 6pm. All villagers and visitors are welcome to come along for this service of readings and carols. Seasonal refreshments will be served after the service. It has become the "alternative Carol Service" and is a firm feature of the village calendar.*

## **Events at St Michael's Old Church in 2020**

### **Flower Festival**

*Friday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 10 am until 5pm each day.*

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