

Bryn Seion Welsh Church

A home for all who seek Christian worship, fellowship, and singing in the Welsh tradition.

Dear Friends of **Bryn Seion Welsh Church**,

May 27, 2022

In Person Services ~ We have very happy news, we've begun to meet again for in person services. We eased into our first service on Easter Sunday and then again on May 22 and, as promised a year ago we sang Betty Pierce's favorite hymn *Gwahoddiad* to celebrate the occasion of being back together in our little church again. We have tentative plans to resume services at the church on 2nd and 4th Sundays with extra occasional Zoom gatherings to stay in touch with folks who have been able to join us from afar throughout the pandemic. As always, a special thanks to Pastor Larry Jorgenson for guidance, comfort and grounding, he has been a true friend to us these many months. To "attend" a virtual meeting, send an email to BrynSeionWelshChurch@gmail.com for a link.



Gymanfa Ganu ~ Regrettably, there will be no Gymanfa Ganu again this year at Bryn Seion as there is not enough time to make the numerous preparations to hold the event this year. Additionally, even before we experienced the worldwide pause in normal proceedings, there has been concern that the usual Gymanfa date on the 4th Sunday in June has consistently become too warm to pack the church with singers without added ventilation. This will involve professional advice as to the best installation for historic structures of this type. It was decided that the easiest solution would be to move the date of the Bryn Seion Gymanfa to later in the year. Since we are still in the early stages of reopening, we are planning for the 4th Sunday in September 2023.



Grounds Maintenance ~ *Diolch yn fawr iawn*, a very big thank you to the Grounds Committee for keeping everything looking its best. With rain the only complaint this spring, the flowers are bright as jewels against the greenery. There have been some new additions of native plants and we hope to incorporate a few more in keeping with the organic beauty of the surroundings and keeping the Habitat Conservation area near the creek as natural as possible. We've added a security camera to keep an eye on things while we are not there and have been surprised at how many people come by to take a photo or just walk the grounds and smell the flowers.

In an unexpected way our small congregation have been pulled together even closer during this pandemic, communicating more often outside of the regular 2nd and 4th Sunday meetings.

Your continued support and generous contributions have enabled us to maintain the church buildings and continue the church's mission this past year. Every little bit helps. The Bryn Seion congregation continues to support the local food pantry and homeless services. We applaud the people who have kept charities and services functioning. Keep well, we look forward to meeting in person again.

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