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The flame

Cylchlythyr gan Carwyn Tywyn, Ysgrifennydd y Gyfadran Gymreig

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A newsletter by Carwyn Tywyn, Welsh Department Secretary

Blasphemy!

Did you know that we are celebrating 200 years of the “Trinity Act”? Until 1813, the Unitarian faith was considered to be blasphemous by the British state. The Trinity Act rectified this situation, and legalised our faith. To celebrate this occasion, I have edited a booklet entitled “Our Faith”, a selection of some 30 statements of faith by individual Unitarians in Wales. Copies will be sent to congregations shortly. Or, contact me directly if you would like a copy.

At your service...

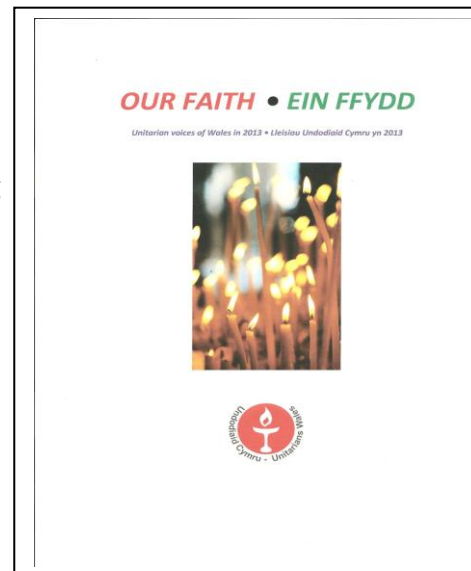
It has been a pleasure for me to visit a number of congregations recently. I have had the privilege of taking part at services in Nottage, Bangor, Capel y Bryn and Pantydefaid. I look forward to my visits to Swansea and Brondeifi shortly, as well as supporting the new services in Carmarthen.

I have also been discussing matters relating to the Governance of our congregations. I have had Constructive discussions in Nottage and Trebanos. The evening workshops in Ceredigion have discussed all manner of issues regarding constitutions. In May, the focus of these workshops will turn towards congregational leadership.

I look forward to visiting Cardiff Unitarians in order to have a discussion and offer some guidance on the all-pervasive “new media” that proliferates in today’s world: *Twitter, Facebook, Blogging* and the like.

Remember – I am ready to visit **your congregation** if you wish to have a discussion or raise any matter of concern. When I am contacted by a congregation, then your request will go straight to the top of my list of work priorities as Department Secretary. I look forward to hearing from you. I am also happy to meet up with any **individual** Unitarians who do not have a congregation.

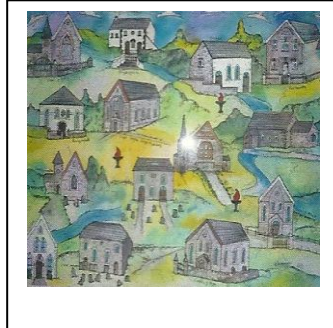
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*Ceredigion chapels placemat
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*Unitarians Wales Badge
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The Welsh Department: working for you

- **Resources:** Since 2011, the Unitarians are members of the **WCVA** (Welsh Council for Voluntary Action), which represents all voluntary organisations in Wales. The WCVA offers resources training, information and advice for organisations such as ours. The WCVA also campaigns on a issues such as poverty, health and equalities which are of relevance to the most vulnerable people in Wales.
- **A Unitarian voice:** Since 2012, the Unitarians are members of the **Inter-faith Council for Wales**. This organisation gives the Unitarians a voice on faith issues in Wales an equal level with larger religions such as Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism and Islam.
- **Publicity:** The radio, Twitter, Facebook, pamphlets, gifts, public meetings, the press: the Department Secretary is making an effort to try and spread the Unitarian message in a difficult world. In doing so, he has attracted occasional new friends to our denomination.
- **Development:** Constitutions, trustees, leadership, co-operation between chapels, leadership, publicity: the Department Secretary travels regularly from meeting to meeting, trying to promote and share good practise with congregations and district committees. He is ready to visit your congregation to discuss any matter that you wish to raise.

You pay for him – make use of him!

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