

Happy Birthday PACCD!

On 5th February, there was a special celebration in the Archdeaconry of Carmarthen: the PACCD birthday party. Rhian Morgan explains

PACCD was established by Archdeacon Dorrien Davies in 2019 and there are ten hard working members on the committee who meet every couple of months in various churches in the area.

For those of you unfamiliar with the work of the committee, the letters PACCD stand for Pwyllgor Archddiaconiaeth Caerfyrddin Cymreictod a Dwyieithrwydd, or Carmarthen Archidiaconal Committee to promote Welsh and Bilingualism. Quite a mouthful!

Our aim is to discover new and exciting ways of using the Welsh language in our churches and, as we celebrate the centenary of the disestablishment of the Church in Wales, we feel 2020 is an ideal time to fulfil our aspirations.

Over the past year we have discussed the challenge of bilingualism, and suggested small and large changes in the way the Welsh language is used in the diocese and beyond, from ensuring that forms and certificates are bilingual, to establishing new part time/full time posts of translators.

PACCD, under the leadership of the Archdeacon, has sown new seeds as far as delivering services is concerned.

Since its conception, opportunities to come together to worship through the medium of Welsh have been created and those have been at auspicious occasions in the Church calendar.

Last year, a St David's Day service was held in Llandeilo Fawr, a service celebrating Trinity Sunday in Carmarthen in June, and to crown it all, on a stormy, wet evening, an unforgettable Christmas service was held in the cathedral.

It is intended to hold a traditional Plygain service for the first time in the cathedral on 4 January 2021, so watch this space!

Another highlight was a conference held in Lampeter. We discussed the history of the Welsh language and its future as a means of worship, and we had plenty to discuss following an uplifting lecture by Revd Dyfrig Lloyd from Cardiff. This was a diocesan conference and it was good to socialise with others from Cardigan and St Davids Archdeaconries over refreshments.

The aim now is to establish similar branches of PACCD in the other two archdeaconries so that we can meet from time to time to discuss our ideas at a diocesan level.

PACCD looks forward to the future with confidence, therefore, to celebrating two years of existence, and to inviting new members from other areas to our party.