

Peniel Welsh Chapel Association Celebrates St. David's Day

“Be joyful and keep your faith and your creed....

As for me, I will walk the path that our fathers have trod before me.”

St. David of Wales

Two Corbins took St. David's advice on Sunday, March 3, 2024 and led the St. David's Day Celebration at Trinity Episcopal Church, Oshkosh Wisconsin. We don't know yet whether or not we are directly related. The Rev. Dr. Chris Corbin, Rector of Trinity, hosted the event and gave devotions and a prayer. Fr. Corbin grew up in Florida, the son of a United Methodist minister, and has served the parish in Oshkosh for three years. He lived in Wales for a time while his father served a chapel there. His Welsh relatives settled in Virginia in the mid 1600's.



Rev. Corbin and Fr. Corbin



The Rev. Joseph Corbin, a retired Presbyterian Minister, directed the Gymanfa Ganu. Rev. Corbin, who visited Wales in 2001, longs to return some day. He traces his Welsh roots back to 1637 when his first ancestor landed in Muddy River (now Brookline) Massachusetts. Joe has directed Cymanfoedd Canu in Wisconsin, Colorado, Nebraska, Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, and has been a member of the North American Welsh Choir. He also had the privilege of singing with Moch Pryderi as they toured across Nebraska for the state's sesquicentennial.



Piper Dylan

The afternoon's festivities began with Piper Dylan Huhn, Life Wind Bagpiping, Cedarburg Wisconsin, welcoming early arrivals with his outdoor piping and later providing several special numbers throughout the Gymanfa. He played *The Rowan Tree*, *Leaving Rhu Vaternish*, *Suo Gân* and *Amazing Grace*, the latter joined by the congregation for several verses. The pipes and voices rang out filling the beautiful church and its Tiffany stained glass windows.

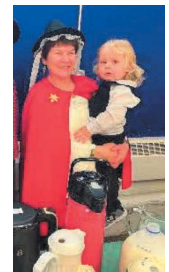
Four sets of three hymns each were sung plus *Cwm Rhondda* and concluding with *God Be with You*. The Rev. Tom White, president of the Peniel Welsh Chapel Association, served as the chairperson.

Carolee Schultz (whose grandson Jimmy was the youngest in attendance), gave announcements about coming events from April through September at the Chapel (See: <https://wggaw.org/peniel> for more information). The highlight event will be the 102nd annual Cymanfa held on August 25, 2024.



Kim & Rev. Joe Corbin

Saint David has said, “Do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about me.” Come to the Peniel Welsh Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road, Oshkosh WI 54904, built in 1856, for some of the many events and enjoy a little taste of Wales in rural Wisconsin. Welsh tea cakes will be served!



Carolee and Jimmy Schultz