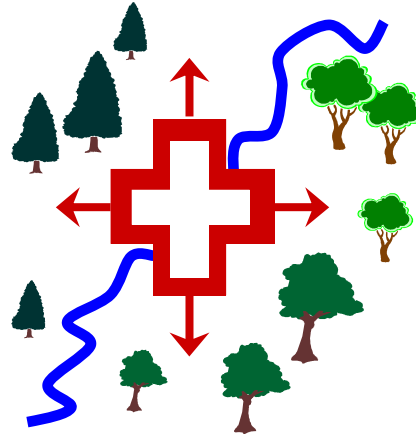


Vale of Neath Parish ~ *Plwyf Cwmnedd*

The Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child
Diolchgarwch am Rhodd Plentyn



Welcome

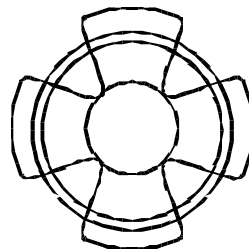
Croeso

The minister greets the congregation with words of welcome and prayer.

Loving God,
you hold all things in life
and call us into your kingdom of peace;
help us to walk the path of your truth
and fill our lives with gratitude and faith
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

(The Reading)



(Y Darlleniad)

The Thanksgiving and Blessing *Y Diolchgarwch a'r Fendith*

The minister addresses the parents:

Do you receive this child as a gift from God?

We do.

Ydych chi'n derbyn y plentyn hwn fel rhodd Duw?

Ydym.

Do you wish to give thanks to God and seek his blessing?

We do.

Ydych chi eisiau rhoi diolch i Dduw ac i geisio ei fendith?

Ydym.

God our creator,
we thank you for the wonder of new life
and for the mystery of human love.
We thank you for all whose support and skill
surround and sustain the beginning of life.
We thank you that we are known to you by name
and loved by you from all eternity.
We thank you for Jesus Christ,
who has opened to us the way of love.
We praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

The minister says for each child:

What name have you given this child?

Beth ydy enw y plentyn hwn?

A parent says:

His/her name is

..... **ydy ei enw ef (ei henw hi).**

The minister then takes each child, saying a prayer of blessing:

As Jesus took children in his arms and blessed them,
so now we ask God's blessing on *N*.
Heavenly Father, we praise you for *his/her* birth;
surround *him/her* with your blessing
that *he/she* may know your love,
be protected from evil,
and know your goodness all *his/her* days.

Arglwydd Iesu, rydym yn falch dy fod wedi croesawu plant a'u bendithio.
Rydym yn ei gyflwyno i ti *E* yn dy enw.
Bydded iddo (iddi) dyfu i'th adnabod fel ei ffrind
a bydded i'w ymateb (hymateb) i ti fod yn amlwg yn ei fywyd (bywyd).

When all the children have been prayed for, the congregation say together:

**May *N*. learn to love all that is true,
grow in wisdom and strength
and, in due time, come through faith and baptism
to the fullness of your grace;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

The Giving of a Cross *Rhoddi'r Croes*

A small cross is presented, with these words:

Receive this Cross.
It is a sign of God's love to the world.
Take it as your guide to live a life for others, in the strength of the Lord.

The minister addresses the supporting friends / relatives and says:

Will you do all that you can to help and support *N* and *N*
in the bringing up of *N*?
With the help of God, we will.

The minister addresses the wider family, friends and congregation saying:

Will you do all that you can to help and support this family?
With the help of God, we will.

Prayers

Gweddïau

These prayers may be said by the parents or by the whole congregation

**God our creator,
we thank you for the gift of *N*, entrusted to our care.
May we be patient and understanding,
ready to guide and to forgive,
so that through our love
N may come to know your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

***Duw, ein Crewr,
edrych mewn cariad a charedigrwydd arnom, sy'n gofalu am E.
Rho i ni ddoethineb yn ein cyfrifoldeb;
caniatâ i ni osod esiampl o gariad a daioni yn ein bywydau.
Amgylchyna E â doniau'r Ysbryd Glân,
fel y tyf mewn ffydd ac yn was ffyddlon gydol ei oes (hoes).***

Additional prayers may be used ending with the Lord's Prayer.

The minister concludes the service with a blessing

Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd, sancteiddier dy enw, deled dy deyrnas, gwneler dy ewyllys, megis yn y nef, felly ar y ddaear hefyd. Dyro i ni heddiw ein bara beunyddiol. A maddau i ni ein dyledion, fel y maddeuwn ninnau i'n dyledwyr. Ac nac arwain ni i brofedigaeth; eithr gwared ni rhag drwg. Canys eiddot ti yw'r deyrnas, a'r nerth, a'r gogoniant, yn oes oesoedd. Amen.	Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen
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