



“All guests are to be welcomed as Christ” (Rule of St Benedict Ch. 53.1)

Welcome to our community celebration at Cefn Lea. We are excited to gather together again to celebrate the passion and resurrection of our Lord! We wish you a fruitful and joyful celebration, and welcome you especially if this is your first Easter at Cefn Lea. This letter contains a few reminders of things that may be useful for you to know before and during the event.

Creating Holy Space

You are welcome to arrive at Cefn Lea from 4.00pm onwards on Maundy Thursday to welcome the Cross Walkers. Our **Reception will open at 4.30pm, when check-in to rooms will be available in the Main Entrance, and tea and coffee in the Berwyn Room.** Please do not ask for rooms or tea and coffee earlier than these times, as those already on site need time to set everything up.

Our evening meal on Maundy Thursday is between 6.15pm and 7.00pm; if you intend to arrive later you will need to eat before you arrive or bring something you can warm up in your chalet. There is a short welcome to the weekend for everyone, at 7.15pm in the main Worship Hall, after which tea and coffee is available in the Berwyn Room.

We are gathering at 8.15pm for an 8.30pm start for the Mass for the Lord’s Supper. If you arrive later than this, please come and join us in the Worship Hall downstairs.

Bedding - **please bring towels, sheets, duvet covers, and pillow cases**, unless you have pre-ordered and paid for linen. Duvets and pillows are provided. If you forget, ask at LCSB welcome desk and we will try and get some for you to hire.

Can we remind you to bring warm clothing, and hot water bottles if you suffer from the cold at night. Also, torches might be useful. If you have a **bell**, including children’s bells or tambourines, please bring them to ring during the Maundy Thursday and Easter Vigil ‘Gloria’s. After the blessing of water at the Easter Vigil there will be holy water left over; please bring a clean, small bottle if you would like to take some home.

Offering Holy Service

For our break and social times, it would be lovely if people could bring a cake or some nice biscuits. Donations of small chocolate eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt, which the teenagers are running for the children on Easter Sunday morning, would be very welcome. Please take donations to the tea and coffee bar when it is open.

Tea, coffee and un-caffeinated drinks will be available in the Berwyn Room as specified on the timetable. Basic tea and coffee kits will be provided in your accommodation.

As in previous years, we will be collecting donations for two collections: one for the Bethlehem Communities, including the Hogar Nino Dios Children’s Home in Bethlehem, as our support for Holy Places, and a second for clergy expenses. We encourage you to make your donations directly to the LCSB account (Lay Community of St Benedict 40-52-40, 00011133) with your name and “HP” or “Clergy” as the Reference eg “SMITH CLERGY”. We will remind you politely during the weekend and we will also still take cash or cheques; ask at the welcome desk for an envelope.

Our weekend only works if everyone contributes as they are able, so thank you to you all for volunteering to be readers, servers, to make teas and coffees, to help with our worship and our

worship space, and to support our young people. Rotas for Holy Service will be available in the Berwyn Room, Worship Hall and at the Welcome Desk, and at www.lcsb.uk/easter in advance of the weekend.

Living Holy Communion

If possible, please go to Confession before you come to Cefn Lea. We have one Roman Catholic priest attending. He will hear any confessions requested, but we have more than 100 people attending! Members of the community will offer prayer ministry.

During the Maundy Thursday evening liturgy, we will re-enact Jesus' act of service in washing his disciples' feet. Everyone will have the opportunity to have their feet washed by someone, and to wash another's feet. Please take part as you feel comfortable to.

Communion will be available to Roman Catholics and Christians of other denominations under both kinds, on Thursday night (Mass of the Lord's Supper) and Saturday night (Easter Vigil Mass). Sunday morning's celebration will be a Methodist Eucharist service celebrated with us by Rev. Jacquie Evans. Reserved Catholic eucharist will be available at this service. Gluten-free wafers are available. There will be no eucharist on Good Friday, as 'we come to a full, silent stop at the foot of the cross' (Fr Terrance Klein).

The talks, main services and morning, midday and night prayer will be live-streamed via the Lay Community's Zoom accounts and others will join us online to pray.

Mobile phone signal is not good at Cefn Lea given the rural location. Free WiFi is available in the Reception area, with paid-for WiFi available across the site for guests if required. Please pray bandwidth holds up for our live-streams!

Safety and Safeguarding

We would ask that anyone with a positive Covid-19 test result does not attend the event. If you are able to test before setting off we would encourage you to do so, but understand this is no longer possible for all.

We advise frequent hand washing and use of sanitiser, as we are not the only group on site.

Emily Willetts, our safeguarding lead, reminds us of the following:

"Because of the nature of the place, children are the responsibility of their parents at all times. For their own safety, no child or young person should be alone with any adult unless that adult is a parent".

Getting to Cefn Lea

The address for the weekend is Cefn Lea Christian Centre, Dolfor, Newtown in Powys, SY16 4AJ. Cefn Lea lies on the A483, Newtown to Llandrindod Wells road, about 1.5 miles south of the hamlet of Dolfor. The entrance to the site is on the right as you travel from Newtown.

The nearest railway station is Newtown, Powys, on the Shrewsbury to Aberystwyth line. The station is about 5 miles from the centre. A lift service has been offered by one of our members, or there are freely available taxis. There is also a bus service, <https://en.powys.gov.uk/bustimetables>. Please let us know in advance as far as possible if you would like a lift, so we can make arrangements to meet you. Please do not worry if the train is late, but do try to let us know.

Cefn Lea's telephone number is 01686 625275 for Emergency use (they are not able to forward calls to individuals, but can pass a message to the weekend organisers).

Once again we welcome you. On your arrival, please come and find the LCSB welcome desk, where a few of us will greet you and give you details of your accommodation etc.

We look forward to meeting you on Maundy Thursday.

The LCSB Easter Team

If you need anything over the weekend, please ask one of the team. Someone will be available at the welcome desk, or at the back of the Worship Hall during services. When the welcome desk is closed, contact details will be clearly visible on the desk. We will continue to check emails throughout the weekend at lcsbeasterteam@gmail.com. You can also contact Aidan (07985 130311) on [WhatsApp](#) or [Facebook Messenger](#), as calls and messages need to be over WiFi due to lack of normal phone reception!

Emergency contacts (GP, Hospital etc) are listed in the Cefn Lea Reception Area.

Useful Contacts	
Bookings, Finance, Access, Dietary needs	Emily Westlake
Hospitality	Andy Emmott, Niobe O'Connor
Technical Team	Peter Agius, Aidan Hughes
Chaplains	Fr. Chris Dobson, Rev. Jacquie Evans
Servers	Zoe Parker
Sacristy Team (Readers, Stewards, Worship hall)	Alex Insley
Music	Aidan Hughes, Alain Anderton, Dickon Fincham-Jacques, Dominic Remedios
Families' Group	Emily Willetts, Anna Emmott, Helen Nolan
Teenagers	Anna O'Leary
Walks	Maria Harrington-Vogt, Mary Hirst, David O'Leary, Henrie Harrington-Vogt
Safeguarding	Emily Willetts
Health & Safety	Andy Emmott

*Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way.
We thank the Lord each time we think of you and pray for you with joy
as St. Paul said of his friends in Philippi (Phil 1:3-4)*