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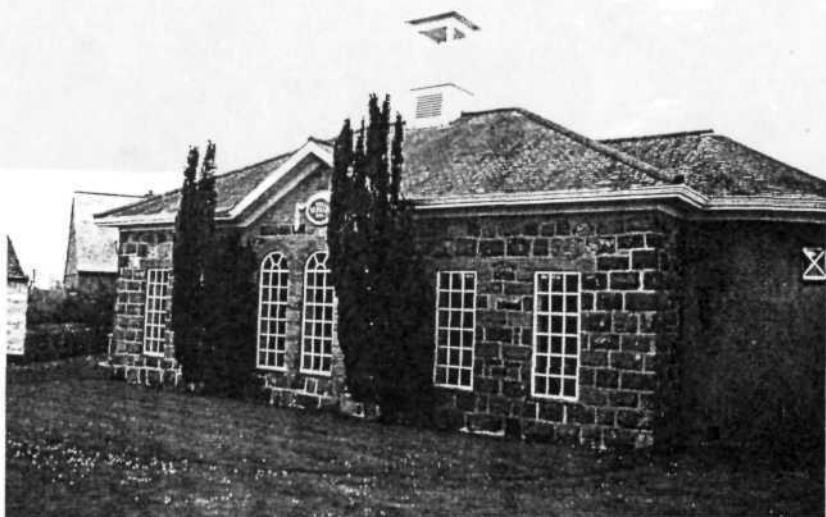
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Local Information Sheet

Llanystumdw

& Cricieth



Moriah (C.M.), Llanystumdw

This chapel was opened on 16 June 1936. Designed by Sir Clough Williams-Ellis and built on land given by J E Graves, Broneifion, Cricieth, it replaced an older chapel which was accidentally burnt to the ground. The earlier chapel had been built in 1866 and was situated near the village bridge. It was an unusual building with the vestry and chapel house situated under the chapel.

Hwyneb iawn'n ein aelodau feddiwr bellach.



Pen-y-Maes, Cricieth

The Baptist cause is believed to have started in Cricieth in about 1780 and in 1798 the congregation at Pen-y-Maes adopted the principles of the Scotch Baptists. The area was much influenced by the teachings of J R Jones, Ramoth, who advocated a split with the 'Bedyddwyr Babilonaidd'. The chapel remained faithful to these principles until 1841 when Pen-y-Maes was swayed by the teachings of Alexander Campbell and registered as a Church of the Disciples of Christ. The congregation at Pen-y-Maes did not have a paid minister and for over 50 years Richard Lloyd, the remarkable uncle of David Lloyd George, was a minister with the sect. The building is now a private house and its graveyard was used to create a memorial garden in 1980.

Berea (Baptist), Cricieth

Berea was built on a site known as Capel Bach, where the town's chandlers traded in the last century. This chapel was opened in 1886. The money to fund the building work was borrowed from Dafydd Jones, Siop Penybont, Llanystumdwyr, who was not a Baptist. In 1888 the outstanding debt to Dafydd Jones was £300 - it is likely that the original loan had been about £500. The congregations of both Pen-y-Maes and Berea have always been small: in 1886 the congregation numbered 63. In 1909 a special meeting was held in Berea to present Bibles to William Williams and Richard Lloyd to mark their 50 years of ministry to the cause, for which they had never been paid. In 1939 Berea joined the mainstream Baptists and in 1942 the chapel appointed its first paid minister, the Rev. T R Lewis. Its



centenary was celebrated in 1986 when a special service was held in which the Rev. T R Lewis, then living in Aberystwyth, the Rev. O J Hughes, Nefyn, and the former Archbishop of Wales, the Rt Rev. G O Williams, took part.

The lines written by Dr William George and read at the centenary service will be of particular interest to members of CAPEL :

BEREA - 1886 - 1986

Adeilad y dreftadaeth a'n lluniodd,

Lle ein hetifeddiaeth;

Hidlodd llawer cenhedlaeth

Yn y lle hwn ddidwyll laeth

Gair y Beibl; hwn oedd gaer eu byd, ceidwad,

Twr cadarn uwch drygfyd;

Yn y drin eu trysor drud

A chofeb heddwch hesyd.

Yma rhodiodd cymeriadau giliodd

O'n golwg dan faddau

Wedi oes, oes o fawrhau

Y Gair goruwch y geiriau,

Hiraethent am yr Ysgrythur, deall

Gair Duw oedd eu hantur;

Astaleh eu Beibl roes ystyr

I'r bedd, garwedd byd a'i gur.

Mewn ust mae un astud - o'r angau

Yn dringo i'r pulpud;

I'r oedfa daeth er adfyd

A llesgedd mewn hedd o hyd.

Dyledus i'r adeiladau ydym,

Lle rhodiodd ein tadau,

A llwyredd yr allorau

A roes y rhain i oes iau.



1983 - 2001 - A CENTURY

Seion (C.M.), Cricieth

In 1889 the Rev John Owen, four deacons and 120 members left Capel Mawr, Cricieth. For six years they held their services in the English chapel. It was decided to build a new chapel for the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist congregation and thus Seion opened its doors in 1895. The building costs were £2040 and D M Williams was the builder. The chapel seats about 650 people. In 1930 a pipe organ was installed at a cost of £830. Dame Margaret Lloyd George contributed £100 to the organ fund. At present the English Presbyterians share the same building, meeting at 11.15 am on Sundays after the Welsh service.