

# GYMANFA GANU

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual **Welsh Hymn-Singing Festival**  
will be on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at

## BRYN SEION WELSH Church

A home for all who seek Christian worship, fellowship, and singing in the Welsh tradition

22132 S. Kamrath Road ♦ Beaver Creek, Oregon  
5 miles south of Oregon City, exit 10 off I-205

**11:00 AM Traditional church service** in English, with some singing and prayers in Welsh

*There are restaurants nearby that serve lunch.*

**2:00 PM First Session of the Gymanfa Ganu**

*Nerys Jones, Director, and Geneva Cook, organist,  
with special music by Three Pound Note*

**4:00 PM A Welsh Tea** served at the Beaver Creek Grange  
*suggested donation \$10, kids \$5*

**New!**

**6:00 PM Ysgol Gân (singing school) and Second Session of the Gymanfa Ganu**

*continues with group singing and special music by Annette Pritchard and Ananda Burke*



To make a weekend of it, don't miss the Welsh Society of Oregon's **Noson Lawen** event on Saturday night (6:30 PM, June 23) for pub singing at British Overseas Restaurant Corporation (4120 N Williams Ave, Portland OR 97211).

*Whether you have Welsh heritage or not,  
you will be very welcome at this authentic Celtic cultural event.  
Everyone is encouraged to participate in the singing.*

It is indeed a pleasure to participate in four-part hymn singing, which had its origin and early development among the Cymry - or as the English call them - the Welsh. In Wales, the small village chapels nestled in the lovely green valleys were centers of religious and social life. After services, the Welsh would linger in chapel to practice old hymns and learn new ones. This tradition continues at Bryn Seion Welsh Church in Beaver Creek, Oregon. This church was built in 1884 by Welsh immigrants and is still active today. Old group photos on the church walls reveal the church's earlier days and may even include images of your ancestors. People come from all over the Northwest for this song festival, so come early to get a seat inside. The chapel may be full at the 2:00 PM session, but there is always plenty of room inside at the 6:00 PM session. It will be a full day and you can attend any or all of the activities. Some outdoor seating is provided, but there are no reserved seats.

*The mission of Bryn Seion Welsh Church is to serve God and the community  
in accordance with the gospel of Jesus Christ, while preserving the Welsh heritage of the region.*

Church services are held at Bryn Seion every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 11:00 AM.

[www.brynseionwelshchurch.org](http://www.brynseionwelshchurch.org)

Bryn Seion (Mt Zion) was built in 1884 and is the last active Welsh church on the Pacific Coast.

*We warmly welcome all who wish to join us and enjoy God's gift of fellowship.*

**Sunday, December 9, 2018**



2:00 PM

traditional **Lessons & Carols** service  
with choral singing