

# Coracle Stories

## St Peter's Church,



Malcolm Rees gifts a Towy Sewin to Reverend Canon Leigh Richardson of St Peter's Church on behalf of the Carmarthen Coracle & Netsmen's Association.

It was thought the tradition started way back in the late 1800's

The Reverend Latimer Maurice Jones was Vicar of St. Peter's Carmarthen 1863-78. He was involved with various associations in the town and was the founder of the Priory Street Hospital.

The coracle community were the town's poor folk and sought help from the church when they couldn't afford the increase in the cost of the net license.

The Church agreed to help the coracle men pay for their licence as it was the only means of survival for the large fishing families of the Dan Y Banc area.

The only way the coracle families could show their gratitude to St Peter's Church was a gift of a fish every year.

The coracle people have gifted a fish to the vicar of St. Peter's as an expression of their gratitude ever since: the first sewin of the season!



## The Infirmary

When the Infirmary was being rebuilt in 2018 The builders gave the Coracle Association a plank of timber (pitch pine) - They were turned into coracle paddles and are used on the river today.

