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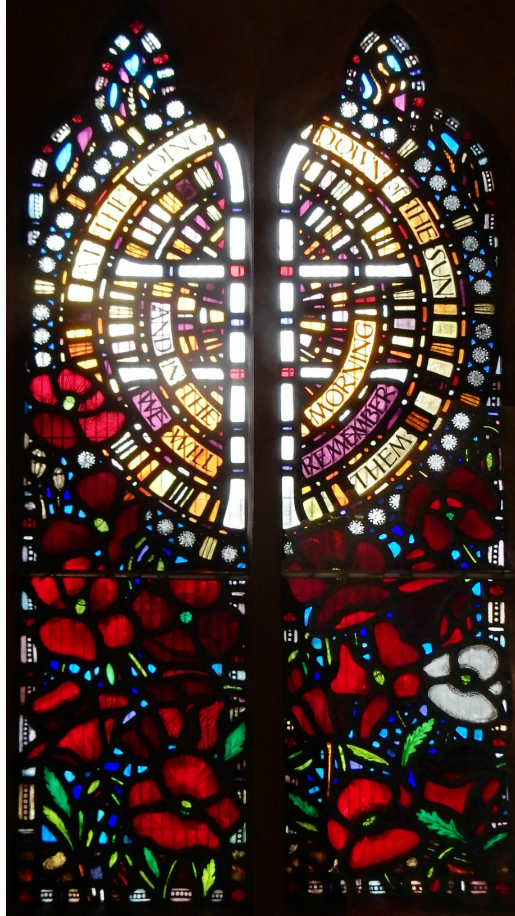
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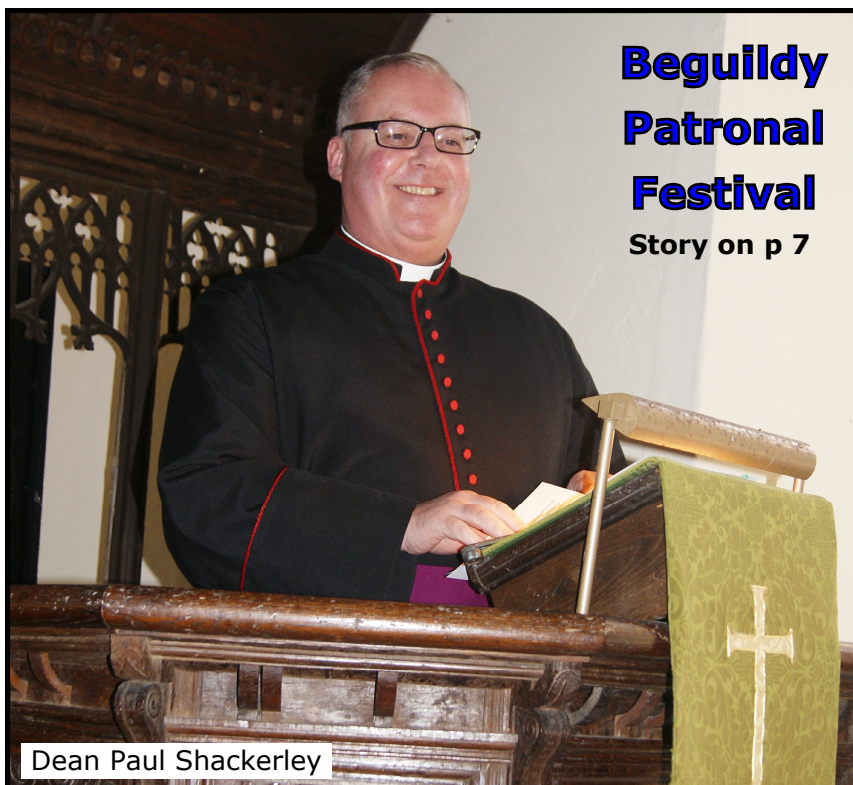
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Remembrance Window

Llangunllo Church Porch

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Festival**
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Cover: This 'Remembrance' stained glass window by Anna Bessant was installed in the west wall of the porch at Llanyre Church in 2005. It replaced a wooden war memorial that had deteriorated.

Intensely red poppies rest below a double-barred cross surrounded by the familiar words:

"At the going down of the sun
 and in the morning
 we will remember them."

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What changes our lives!

We only pass through this world once, so it can be rather sobering, or pleasantly delightful, to look back and see where we have come from and where, if anywhere, we are going. What have we done with our lives? Which world view or situation has influenced us the most? And are we what we are today because of what has touched us through our long or short lives?



For myself, I have mostly been in touching distance of a way of faith in God through the events surrounding the life and death of Jesus Christ. What I am today, how I think, what I do, what I look forward to, how I see humanity and the universe, is all caught up in how I see and understand God's big narrative of Redemption, acted out in Jesus Christ in the Palestine of long ago.

But that's enough about me. If someone out there is willing to share with us some of the influences that have helped to mould their life or turn it in a particular direction, spiritually or otherwise, do send your contribution to Laura Woodside-Jones in time for the January or February issue of our magazine.

I will begin to say thank you in general terms to all of you who have journeyed with me over these past three years. We have been up and down a few times, due to difficult decisions that have been made. But we have had good moments, friendships have been fostered, small achievements have occurred, and our growing together in faith and fellowship has continued under the love of God.

May our last few months together bring glory to God.

John

Editor's note: We now know that the Diocese will not be replacing John when he retires in January. Our Ministry Area will come into effect then.

**All deeds are right in the sight of the doer,
But the Lord weighs the heart.
- Proverbs 21.2**



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Beguildy Patronal Festival

St Michael and all his Angels fought scepticism and pessimism at Beguildy Church. Well, at least Dean Paul Shakerley was there, proclaiming the message for our Patronal Festival. He thought that the pessimism in our society was a malaise also permeating the church.

In John's gospel the sceptic was Nathaniel, who famously said, "Can any good come out of Nazareth?!" The simple answer to his pessimism was Philip who said, "Come and See!" He didn't need to argue the Christian case; Jesus would do his own work with Nathaniel. Our new Ministry Area should be formed with that same optimism and vision.

Perhaps we should all fall asleep like Jacob in our Old Testament lesson from Genesis and watch angels ascending and descending upon us.

Lessons were read by parishioners from across the benefice. Afterwards we stayed for a chat and a cuppa on a glorious autumn morning.



Mary Wilding found in her resources this old Parish Magazine from the '70s with a cover showing the deanery – exactly what we have today by the new name of "Ministry Area."



"Can You Paint Heaven?"

At the baptism of Lisa and Stephen's son, Owen, John asked a packed St Michael's "Can you paint heaven?" He challenged us to consider what colour and what shape we would use. Even more significant was the further question, "Can you paint a Christian?" Who would you paint?



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A Neurotic Guide to Growing Vegetables

The speaker at **Teme Valley Gardeners' Club** on Oct 12th was Richard Fishbourne, a naturalist and wildlife gardener. His subject this time: "A Neurotic Guide to Growing Vegetables". He arrived bringing one of his wormeries.

He spoke mainly about worms and the essential work they do in keeping the soil in good condition for plant life. Not only do they improve the texture of the soil but their digestive systems improve its chemistry. His talk was strongly directed towards having a conversation with the audience and we responded. There are 26 species of earthworms which we should take care not to harm. He hated using a spade in soil for the damage it does to our friends the worms. Incidentally these worms do not include the species used in wormeries. He advised mulching the ground as much as possible; then earthworms will take the mulch down into the soil.

For all those who grow their own cabbages and deplore the activities of cabbage white butterflies he suggested growing nasturtiums as a decoy for their eggs. We should be pleased to see wasps during summer for they eat vast numbers of tiny insects on our plants.

When asked about green manure for bare ground he recommended Italian rye grass. There was much more about our attitude to wild life and how we can best interact with nature. The competition was for a pumpkin with a carved face. Winners were Julie Read (first), Jean Price (second), Thelma Lewis (third). Next month's speaker is Dr Steve Reynolds, retired research plant scientist. He is in the process of completing a massive computer database of his accumulated knowledge of plant health and diseases, which is being used by garden celebrities and writers.

- Rosemary Naylor

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Everything that we see is a shadow cast by that which we do not see.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Alive or Dead or Never Alive

A large congregation, including many Young Farmers, poured into **St Michael's Beguildy** on a beautiful autumn evening to celebrate Harvest. The Young Farmers helped us to remember the goodness of creation with a well sung version of *Autumn Days*.

Autumn days when the grass is jewelled	So I mustn't forget
And the silk inside a chestnut shell.	No, I mustn't forget.
Jetplanes meeting in the air to be refuelled.	To say a great big Thank You
All these things I love so well.	I mustn't forget

The song goes on to rejoice in so many wonders: the smell of bacon and the taste of apple pie, a home team win, swallows and minnows, clouds and moon.

Our guest speaker, Revd Leigh Spicer, continued that all embracing theme of 'Continuity' by remembering the classifications of all things he learned in school: All creation is either Alive or Dead or Never Alive. It seemed unlikely ... but ... we ourselves are made up of living bits and dead (our hair or fingernails or outer skin layer) or Never Alive (minerals). Without all of those we would cease to exist. And we are all connected to creation, where Alive, Dead, Never Alive is woven into the pattern of land, sea and sky.

For instance, a farmer can't plant exactly the same crop in the same place year after year. In the church we are connected as well; we need each other to survive as a church. He cited an interesting plan of action by one church where every three years members had to change their roles. If they arranged flowers, they gave way to someone else while they moved on to something else like reading a lesson or being the warden.

Rosemary Hanna spoke of a poem where people were 70% water, so if people in Wolverhampton drank water from the Elan Valley pipeline, they must be 70% Welsh! Interconnected indeed.

After a happy and thought provoking service we de-camped to Felindre Village Hall where we enjoyed an excellent harvest supper of cold meats, salads, breads, apple pie and trifle. Many thanks to all those who made this Harvest Festival such an enjoyable occasion.



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Beguildy Harvest Festival



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The YFC Competitive Spirit

A new members evening was held in the village hall on September 10th when we saw two new members join. They were Ieuan Stephens and Joshua Deakins.

Teme Valley YFC had their annual dinner on the 19th September in the wedding marquee following the wedding of David and Monnique Exall. Guest speaker for the evening was Will Rodgers from Presteigne YFC. Awards were given out by Jess Barrett to commend the efforts of members throughout the year. The awards are as follows: most points on rally day Chloe Lewis, most points for stock judging competitions Ben Watkins, most points through the year Ella Harris, most enthusiastic girl Nerys Jones, most enthusiastic boy Johnny Rowlands, Chairman's Member Ellie Griffiths, junior member of the year was won jointly between Ella Harris and William Deakins, senior member of the year was won by Jess Barrett. Gifts were presented to Julie Bevan and family for hosting Field Day, Cody Barnett and family for hosting Stock Judging Day and Edward, Jayne and family for hosting the YFC Rally.

Ben Harris, Elizabeth Swancott, Ella Harris, Thomas Swancott and Jon Harris all took part in the club's first competition of the year – Stock Judging Day, this year hosted by Rhosgoch YFC on 27th September. Chairman Ben Harris represented the club and took part in the senior section for ages 26 and under. Ben gained a 3rd in the pig judging and the animal health questioner, his points gained saw him come 3rd overall for the stockman of the year title out of twenty three competitors. Elizabeth Swancott, Thomas Swancott, Ella Harris and Jon Harris all took part in the junior competitions. Elizabeth had a 2nd in the under 18 beef judging. Ella gained a 2nd and Elizabeth a 3rd in the lamb judging. When it came to the pig judging Elizabeth took 1st place and Ella 2nd. The animal health questioner saw Jon gain 3rd, Thomas and Ella coming joint 2nd and Elizabeth coming first. The points for each competition were added up to see out of the thirty competitors who would take the junior member of the year title. Ella came 2nd overall and Elizabeth went on to win the junior stockman of the year trophy. Ella, Elizabeth and Ben will now go onto Wales Field Day where they will compete in the Welsh final. Some of the



Elizabeth receiving the award for junior stockman of the year.

members will be selected into the Radnorshire team to compete at the winter fair. The same day Johnny Rowlands represented the County at the National finals for flower arranging which was held in Malvern where he came 4th.

Members took part in Field Day on 11th October also hosted by Rhosgoch YFC.

Anna Morgan competed in the "Design a Cover for the Drama" competition where she came 4th; Johnny Rowlands and Jon Harris made a weathervane which came 3rd. In the cake decorating competition Chloe Lewis came 6th; she also made a wreath where she came 11th. Jon Harris and Thomas Swancott took part in the Junior Fferm Factor coming away with a 2nd place. Thomas Swancott won the lamb trimming for which he won the Max Pugh memorial shield and will now go on to represent Radnor YFC at the Winter Fair. Elizabeth Swancott and Jon Harris competed in the mock auction where they came 6th overall. In the final competition of the day, which was the 'give it a go' competition, Ashleigh Turner, Anna Morgan, Chloe Lewis and Thomas Swancott came 8th. Overall the club came 11th.



Thomas trimming the lamb

Elizabeth Swancott

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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**Don't cry because it's over.
Smile because it happened.**

- Dr. Seuss

GM is Good!

Harvest Festival at St David's Heyope was about thankfulness, and for that evening GM meant "God made." We were all grateful when we entered beautiful little St David's made radiant with candles, fruits, vegetables and much loved garden flowers. Crab apples hung from the screen decorated with sunflower and feathery fern.

Rev Linda Watson, our guest speaker, told us the story of the poor woman who was given **10** apples.

She ate **3** apples to alleviate her hunger.

She sold **3** apples to pay for a place to live to be out of the rain.

She sold **3** more apples to buy clothes.

BUT she had **1** apple left over. Why did God give her an extra apple? To remind her to give thanks for such a generous God who provided more than she needed.

Linda brought food for us to sample as a living and tasting example of three Bible gardens.

- (1) A box of **apples** from the **Garden of Eden** illustrated the wrong choices we make.
- (2) A box of tasty **olives** represented the **Garden of Gethsemane** where Jesus was crushed to make our wrong choices right.
- (3) Finally we tasted **grapes**, sweet and lovely, to illustrate the cure: the **Easter Garden** where the angel announced Jesus' resurrection.

During hymn singing parishioners brought to the altar harvest gifts of fruit, vegetables, grains, flowers, plaited bread. After the service we shared that bread along with cheeses, fruits and wine. But sharing friendship was the best harvest gift. We made new friends with our youngest member, 3-week old Melissa, and we asked a special blessing on our friends who could not be with us.

Llanfair Waterdine - Flicks in the Sticks - Everest Hall

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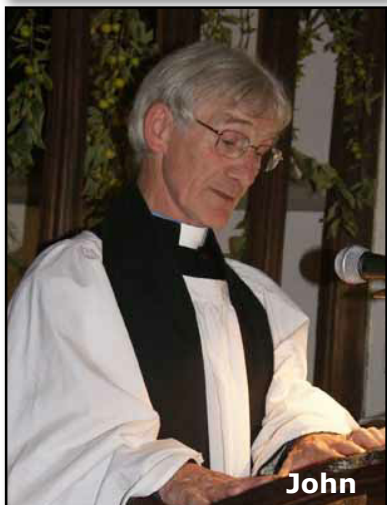
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Heyope Harvest Festival



Heyope Harvest Festival



Recipe: Pulled Pork

Ingredients:

2 medium sliced onions

4 sliced garlic cloves

8 fl ounces chicken stock

1 tablespoon packed dark brown sugar

1 tablespoon chili powder

1 tablespoon salt

½ teaspoon ground cumin

¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon

2 kg pork shoulder

Method:

(1) Place onions and garlic in slow cooker and pour in stock. Combine sugar, chili powder, salt, cumin and cinnamon in a small bowl. Pat the pork dry and rub the spice mixture all over the pork. Place meat on top of onion and garlic. Cover and cook until the pork is fork tender, about 6 to 8 hours on high or 8 to 10 hours on low.

(2) Remove the pork and using two forks, shred the meat into bite-sized pieces, discarding any large pieces of fat.

(3) At this point you may serve it with barbecue sauce, or add a small amount of the onion mixture to the pork just to moisten it.

Either serve on sandwiches or as a main meat course.

Homemade Barbecue Sauce:

Ingredients: 8 fl ounces ketchup, ¼ cup marg or butter, 3 fl ounces water, 1 tablespoon paprika, 1 teaspoon packed brown sugar, ¼ teaspoon pepper, 1 medium onion, finely chopped, 2 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce.

Method: Heat all ingredients except lemon juice and Worcestershire sauce to boiling. Stir in lemon juice and Worcestershire sauce and heat until hot.

Welsh Names

MADOC - from Welsh *mad* meaning "fortunate".

MAIR - Welsh form of MARY

MAIRWEN - Combination of MAIR and Welsh *gwen* meaning "white, fair, blessed".

MALDWYN - Welsh form of BALDWIN.

MALLT - Welsh form of MAUD.

MARC - Welsh form of MARK.

MARED - Welsh form of MARGARET.

MEGAN - Welsh diminutive of MARGARET. In the English-speaking world outside of Wales it has only been regularly used since the middle of the 20th century.



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You can observe a lot by watching. - Yogi Berra

Herbs for Felindre WI

The 13th of September saw 21 members attending our Centenary afternoon tea. Kurling was enjoyed as was the tea provided by our members ... delicious as usual. Earlier this month one of our members, Margaret Harris's cousin from Canada, gave a talk on the WI there. We have a buffet supper coming up on the 24th of October; "The Twirzels and the Llanbadarn Girls" will be entertaining us.

On the 7th October with 12 ladies attending we had the pleasure of welcoming Sue Russell and her husband telling us of the History of the Herbaceous Border. This really came into being in the early 19th century when westerners were allowed into countries like China and Japan to collect plants and seeds. Up until then all plants were British in our gardens; so to get "Exotics" from these countries was a triumph, and the Victorians really got to grips with them ... displaying them in huge borders 30 feet deep and 300 feet in length. They were meant to amaze!

Sue then discussed plants which would show colours during the majority of the year, something the Victorians were unable to do previously. Their flowering season only lasted approximately six weeks.

The rest of the time was taken up with weeding and preparation for the next season. Now with a little thought and imagination we can have colour all the year round.

A most interesting and informative talk as we will all be searching garden centres for plants, and maybe asking our neighbours for cuttings.

The competition for an Autumn Flower arrangement was, 1st Pat Buckley, 2nd Rebe Brick and 3rd Sue Woodhall. Our next meeting will be the AGM and members evening. All welcome.

- Pat Buckley



Llangunllo Community Concert

November 26, 27, 28

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Reflections on Water

All too often we complain about rainy weather here in Wales where we seem to have more than our fair share at times, but we tried, at our **Harvest Service in Llangunllo**, to think about the devastating effects that drought can have. Whilst celebrating our own abundant harvest we were also very aware of those far less fortunate than ourselves, either through natural disaster, war or man-made distress, and the decorations in the church reflected that contrast.

Beginning with the spirit celebration we were pleased to welcome representatives of groups making up the Radnorshire Young Farmers' Federation who came with hampers of harvest gifts which they brought to the front followed by children of the parish who proudly carried up cakes and other produce.

Looking at this display of colourful abundance and singing the traditional harvest hymns made us all very aware of our own good fortune.

Set against this was a look at those who have less to be thankful for. The Young Farmers helped us with a sketch that drew attention to people who have no clean water supply and the children came up with their tractors very sparsely laden this year to represent those whose harvest has failed.

Our guest speaker, Martin Griepner, gave a moving address which continued the theme and also spoke of the refugee crisis. Speaking of the reading, the well known passage "Consider the lilies of the field etc" which tells us not to worry because the Lord will provide, he recognised that we may well think that the Lord had not necessarily provided very well for some. He urged us to think a little more deeply about what the passage actually says. Passively waiting to be taken care of doesn't quite work – everyone has to do his best to tread the right path – then the rest will follow.

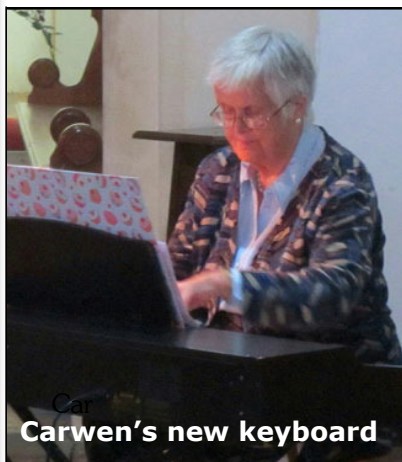
Thus fortified with cheery hymns, thought provoking ideas and inspirational words a good number of the congregation headed for the village hall where colourful tables and hot food provided a warm welcome on what was, by now, a rather chilly autumn evening. As ever the gentle hum of convivial conversation soon mingled with the familiar clatter of cutlery and crockery as everyone tucked into lasagnes or cottage pies followed by the perennial apple pie and cream – yum, yum!

What came next was an impromptu cabaret which the children had thought up to entertain us, taking full advantage of a clear stage and a captive audience.

Llangunllo Harvest



Martin Grieper, visiting preacher



Carwen's new keyboard



Newest parishioner

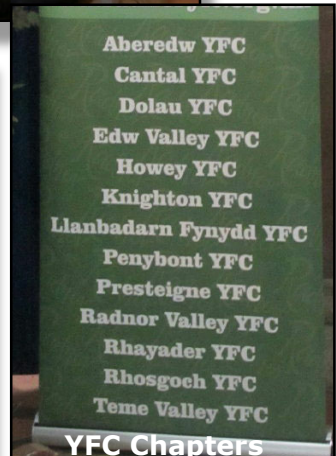


Radnorshire humour

Photos by Charles Kightly

**Blessed are those who give without remembering and
take without forgetting.**

- Elizabeth Bibesco



We finished the evening with an auction of harvest gifts which raised £76 for Water Aid that was then rounded up to £100 by two further donations and will also be added to from the collection at the service. A second sale of surplus food from the supper raised money for the Friends of St Cynllo's who had organised the event, and some of the Young Farmers' hampers will be distributed to other deserving local causes.

As ever the success of the evening depended entirely on the generosity and involvement of a great many people – those who cooked delicious food for us – declining any offer of financial help – thank you so much – those who helped set up and clear away – those who entertained us – and those who helped with the service and the auction – and probably others who have helped in many other ways and, of course, those of you who came along and supported us without whom we would have had a lot of food on our hands!

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL –
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- Pam Livingstone-Lawn

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- to be continued next month.

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Sat Nov 14. Wart Hill Wander Craven Arms. 10 miles moderate. Start at Exp 217 SO 437825 Discovery Centre.

Wed Nov 18. NB: 11am start. Llangunllo Station, Knighton **LINEAR WALK.** 7 miles moderate, 200m of ascent. Start at Exp.201 SO 291724 Knighton Station. Catch 11.01am Train to Llangunllo to walk back to Knighton.

Wed Nov 25. Kington – Bradnor Hill – Titley. 8.5 miles moderate. Start at Exp 201 SO 296566 Mill Street Car Park (charge).

Sat Nov 28. Exploring the Usk Valley. 8 miles moderate, 2 ascents. Start at Exp OL13 SO154196 Llangynidr Car Park.



Margaret's Musings on Beguildy Houses

Fire at the Old House - *Edward Harris's father wrote this article for the Parish Magazine in 1977.*

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It had two large front rooms, one on either side of the Hall.

Those had ceilings divided into nine squares by two very large oak beams each way, crossing each other.

These beams had been shaped with an axe to leave five surfaces in view from beneath.

The centre of the house was a block of masonry into which were built two circular stone staircases leading to the first floor and another of the same pattern giving access to the attic. Two front bedrooms - one with a four poster - were similar to the ground floor rooms. The back wing of the house had two end

walls about four feet apart forming a dungeon with a legend of hangings taking place at some time.

High up at this end were two human faces carved on a flat stone. There were gargoyles on the front corners of the house and the corner stones were of red sandstone, similar to those at Monaughty, Bleddfa.



Faces from the Old House

The central block contained several old baking ovens and fire places which had been boarded over and it was thought that the fire started in one of these although they had not been used within living memory.

Thank goodness we had a stone staircase for our escape but there was no telephone at that time and there was some excuse for running into the closed road gate with the old bull nosed Morris when going for the Fire Brigade from Knighton.



Inside the house after the fire. Note: stone steps going up round chimney.
Edward's father, Grandfather and 3 nieces
"The Vicarage Girls" and dog!

An early start had to be made next morning to drive sheep to the Annual Sale at Knighton and as all our clothing had been burned I had to borrow the Canon's breeches. No visiting Historian could ever explain a block of masonry about 10 ft. x 10ft. x 10 ft. high by the side door of the old house but not so the Horse Block at the front door where the ladies riding side saddle mounted their steeds.

The old house must have seen life through many centuries and there were tales of an underground passage leading to Bryndraenog with the Standing Stone on "Maesygarreg" halfway between the two old houses.

Pantycaragle farmer of some period was supposed to have tried to move this stone but when his team of horses were hooked to it such a fearful thunder storm came on that he was glad to leave it undisturbed.

The contents of the attics were, of course, destroyed and among those were papers belonging to Rev. Abraham Thomas, Vicar of Beguildy. These included many sermons each carefully labelled as to where and when they had been preached to avoid repetition.

There were also bundles of old copies of Punch from the first issue as well as side saddles and household bygones.

We know that fire is a good servant and a bad master but willing helpers did minimise the disaster.

E.T.H. (Edward Thomas Harris)

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We need volunteers to help clean, decorate, bake and then help on the night prepare the church and serve drinks and mince pies.

If you are interested and can spare a few hours please can you attend our planning meeting? Any time you can spare would be very much appreciated.

Llanfair Waterdine WI

This has been a special month for the WI nationally, it being the actual centenary of the first WI meeting in Wales. As an institute we celebrated by meeting with the Circle Dancers in the Everest Hall, walking through the village and ringing the church bell. Several members joined in and shared light refreshments. Some members also attended the Powys Radnor Federation celebration lunch which was a lovely event at the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells with an excellent speaker.

At the beginning of the month our speaker, Val Tyler, gave us a lively talk on Tudor Costume. She had created "below stairs" costumes for her daughter who was involved in re-enactments and had done a lot of research. We are fortunate to be living in times when clothing is so much more comfortable!

Next month is our AGM but Christmas is coming ever nearer and we are beginning to plan our Christmas events. We have a Social Evening on Saturday 19th December in the Everest Hall to include light festive refreshments and a short entertainment. For further information "watch this space"! More information next month. The WI are also joining in with the Llanfair Waterdine Village carol singing on 22nd December. The period up to Christmas is always a lovely time to meet friends and socialise and we always look forward to it.

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The Big Apple

Apple Day at the Knucklas Community Orchard celebrated all things 'apple'. We sauntered round the nicely maturing orchard and sampled apple cakes (Corinna won the cake competition) judged by Damon as well as barbecued sausages, hot homemade soup and bread, raspberry trifle (fresh from the allotments), and a range of cakes. For the first time honey produced by bees on the allotments was sold.

Adam pressed barrel loads of apples; and we sampled it fresh out of the works, or for those who fancied something stronger there was local cider. Apple art featured God's little green apples for necklaces, mobiles, garden features. Children and adults painted apples or anything they fancied. Children enjoyed a range of activities provided by Play Radnor, including blowing giant bubbles.

Karen brought her wormery and explained to all and sundry how to create perfect compost from horse dung or kitchen leavings. Andy brought the charming allotment pigs and we guessed the weight (74Kg).

Saturday afternoon was dry, but hardly warm, so everyone had a turn round a welcome fire.

Happy participants in the apple day left the orchard for Knucklas Community Centre where to the sounds, of the Teme Valley Ceilidh Band with Angie, Camilla, Rose, Todd, Frances, and in response to able calling by Mick Green, (with some help by Siggy) they danced till late. Altogether a very enjoyable, if exhausting day."



Open the Book

The Open the Book team told Knighton School children the story of how Jesus blessed the poor widow's jug of grain and jar of oil. They were never empty, no matter how much she used.



Children trying the press



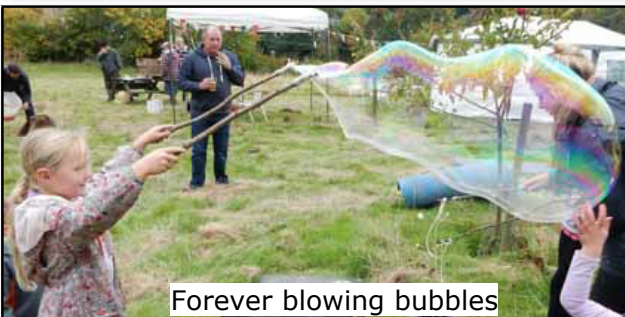
Tony & Jane loading apples



Campfire



Helen stringing apples



Forever blowing bubbles



Ceilidh Camilla

All Through the Night: 24 hours of one short piano piece! Pianists played **Vexations** by Erik Sakie 1,182 times over 24 hours at Knighton Fine Art to raise money for *Médecins Sans Frontières* (Doctors Without Borders) to assist refugees. Well over £1,000 was donated!



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Dedication of Llangunllo War Memorial, 1922. Bishop William Williams of St David's Diocese leading the service. (*The Diocese of Swansea and Brecon was not founded until 1923.*) - From *Henry Morgan's collection*.

Water, Food, Medicine, Key, Book, Saw

What do a plastic bottle of water, a leftover container, Bio-Strath, a key, a book, and a saw have to do with Harvest Festival? Well, at **Bleddfa's Harvest Festival** they were our prayer focus. As parishioners brought these symbols one by one to the front we prayed quietly for all those across our world without necessities: clean water and decent food, health care, a proper home, education, work. John remembered seeing vast caves in China where millions still lived. We hear stories of girls denied education; in the current Syrian crisis, refugee boys and girls have not attended school for years.

On a happier note people shared harvest memories. Isabel's country memory was walking the few short steps from Llangunllo School to the church for a School Harvest Festival. John remembered Harvest in Manchester with children bringing vast quantities of food and the next day boxing up big parcels to be taken to the poor – a week's undertaking. Bob remembered Harvest in the tropics where the growing season just kept rolling on with two harvests a year.

Rich autumn colours decorated St Mary Magdalene's. Red and gold leaves spilled from every window sill. Hydrangeas and chrysanthemums and our garden flowers filled vases. Sheaves of barley, piles of fruits and tins of vegetables reminded us of our plenty. After the service they were taken to the poor in our communities.

We all stayed for a chat with friends, old and new, as well as teas, cakes, nibbles provided by so many people who love this fine old church and community.

November Birthstone: Topaz

The word 'topaz,' comes from a Sanskrit word meaning "fire." And in ancient lore, the topaz could be used to control heat. It was said to have the power to cool boiling water, as well as excessive anger. As medication, topaz was used to cure fever.

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Bleddfa Harvest Festival



John



Water & Food

Bio-Strath: Medicine

Key: Housing

Book: Education

Saw: Work



Trish



Isabel



Julie

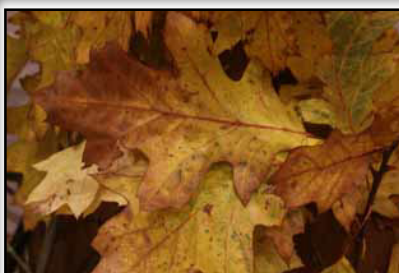


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Bleddfa Macmillan Coffee Morning

On 26th of September Chris and Tony Durrant hosted a coffee and cakes morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. There was much chatter and laughter throughout the morning, which was lovely to hear.

We would like to express our gratitude to Corinne Rigby who ensured that everyone was regularly topped up with her very good coffee, helping with washing up, and contributing to the cakes. Our thanks also go to Sue Fountain and Lorraine Slaney for their delicious cakes and scones and help.

Corinne was accompanied by husband Alan who did some very good David Bailey impressions with his camera but omitted to take one of his wife. Despite that, he did a grand job. Thank you Alan!

It was good to have ex-residents of Hill End, Gerald and Jean Armstrong join us for the morning, and a further special highlight was when Margaret Gardiner rode her celebrated ex-steeplechaser, 'Time for Rupert' into our drive and enjoyed a cupcake in the saddle. Needless to say Rupert endured a lot of patting and stroking.

Finally, to all our lovely guests, thank you for joining in with enthusiasm and generosity. Together with those who were unable to attend, but who kindly sent donations, the final sum amounted to £279.79. We may be a small village but it has a very big heart!

- Chris Durrant

Donald, Jayne, Anne, Sally, John and families would like to thank everyone for all their kind messages and support after Shirley passed away. Thank you also to everyone for their donations in memory of Shirley - £950 to MS Research, £800 to Meadowbrook NDU, £60 to Beguildy Churchyard Fund and £10 to Wales Air Ambulance. Many thanks.

Jayne Bright

Further Macmillan Success

Ann Edwards at the Beguildy Post Office held a **Macmillan Coffee Morning**, raising £440.99.

Many thanks to all who supported this worthwhile cause.

Felindre Village Hall Committee would like to invite you to attend their AGM on Monday 2 November at 8.00pm. The committee are looking for help to keep the hall running and would welcome any support from the community.



Andy & Sue



Jess & Helen

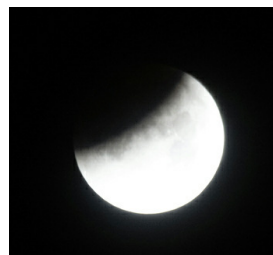
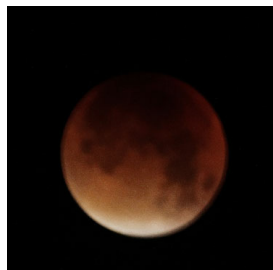


Dee & Lorraine



Gerald & Jean; Claire

Bleddfa Coffee Morning



Lunar Eclipse on Sept
28. *Photo by Dave
Smyth of Knucklas*



Karen & Jen



Chris



Isabel & Chris

Llangunllo W.I.

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Gillian

Llangunllo Evening Worship

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Lead us not into Temptation . . .

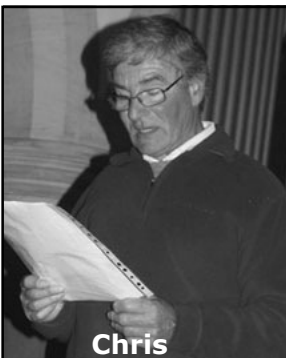
We enjoyed another **Llangunllo Special Evening Worship**, when we considered the SEVEN DEADLY SINS! Sounds daunting, but we had a jolly good time as one- by-one Gillian Firth uncovered each sin.

(1) Anger (2) Avarice (3) Envy (4) Gluttony (5) Lust (6) Pride (7) Sloth
Pam Livingstone-Lawn read a familiar Welsh legend about **ANGER**. In a fit of rage Prince Llewelyn stabbed his faithful hound, Gelert, assuming he had killed his infant son. The realisation of the truth came too late: the dog had actually risked its own life to save Llewelyn's child from an enormous wolf. Horrendous consequences of unthinking anger.

When Chris Hargraves read the Old Testament story of David's adultery with Bathsheba we could all guess that David's sin was **LUST**. But guilt for his folly dogged his heels until his son, Absalom, was killed: again dire consequences.

Our last reading was a most amusing piece by A.A. Milne, 'The Old Sailor,' about a dithering old shipwrecked codger who wanted everything and did nothing: **SLOTH**.

Gillian made the old Latin word, "caritas" a household word for us in our battle against the Seven Deadlies. She reminded us that "caritas" – love of God and love for all – was our weapon to fight the demons. "And now abideth faith, hope, charity [caritas], these three; but the greatest of these is charity."



Matching Cheeses with Wine

How many of us, when entertaining, match the appropriate wine to each individual component of the menu? At the **Llangunllo W.I. Meeting** (hosted by Whitton W.I.) we were to learn that it pays dividends if we do...

We were invited to join Whitton WI at Llangunllo Village Hall for a cheese and wine tasting. We were made very welcome and had a wonderful evening – tasty local cheeses were supplied by Monkland cheese, the bread and olives came from Joanna at the Deli Tinto, and the wine was provided by Real Wines of Presteigne. We all had tremendous fun analysing (not too seriously) the eclectic range of hard and blue cheeses and drinking the fascinating wines: red, white, dry and sweet which were specifically chosen to compliment the individual cheeses! We were guided through the choices by Eril Walbran. A red dry Austrian wine was voted our favourite, accompanied by one of the creamy blue Monkland cheeses. A big "thank you" to Whitton WI for inviting us and for all the extras: a great atmosphere, interesting wine and cheese, and if all that was not enough, sausage rolls, chocolate cake and lemon cake!!*

Llangunllo have had a busy October. Prior to the Cheese Tasting Evening we had an engaging Business Meeting at the home of our President, Isabel Morris. Interesting, as we were finalising the details of our Christmas outing: a practical demonstration of the minutiae involved in organising a multi-faceted day out – catching a train to Shrewsbury from Llangunllo, partaking of a pre-booked lunch (preceded by a little retail therapy), experiencing a traditional pantomime, and hopefully returning home with the same number of ladies we started out with!! Other more routine matters were dealt with, including the interesting programme of events and speakers planned for next year. Then we had a double celebration: firstly, the 80th birthday of Carwen Maggs, who has held a variety of roles in the W.I. at many levels, and secondly a farewell to Lyn Pettifer, our last-but-one President, who is moving away from the area. These two key W.I. members were thanked by Isabel for all their hard work and loyalty, and we naturally drank a toast or three to them. Carwen brought a rich fruit cake from her 80th Birthday Celebration, and we all shared a delicious supper provided by the members to round off the evening.

*To buy some of the delicious wines we sampled, come to the Whitton W.I. Annual Harvest Supper at 7.30 pm on Fri 30th Oct at Whitton Community Hall. Tickets £10 from any Whitton W.I. member. And for more information on Llangunllo W.I. contact secretary Shirley Brown on 550555.

Annie Edwards

Knucklas and District Notes, November, 2015

St. David's Parish Church, Heyope: Those who attended our service of Harvest Thanksgiving enjoyed a meaningful, easily digested service, a beautifully decorated church building and a most enjoyable get together over well chosen refreshments afterwards. The proceeds are going towards needy refugees.

As late autumn approaches, Remembrance Sunday is on 8th November and, unseasonably early this time, our pre-Christmas Pudding and Punch evening at the Castle Inn, Knucklas, on Wednesday 11th November.

Meanwhile things are getting into gear for our move over to our local Ministry Area, a much larger group of churches and without our 'own' vicar, and with even more need for teamwork within and between the individual churches.

It is sad to record the passing of George Scarfe of Llandrindod Wells, a much loved supporter of the Heart of Wales railway line and a frequent visitor to Knucklas and to our churchyard, having a number of connections in this area.

Our lovely churchyard is slowly filling. It is always fascinating, as well as instructive, to read the messages on the memorial stones, and in the visitors' book inside the church. It has been pointed out that love and peace are mentioned a lot; glittering careers, money and status hardly ever.

Revd. Maggie Rich is paying another welcome visit to the area and is due to lead a Communion service at Knucklas Baptist Chapel, late in October. In their newsletter, Revd. Michael Humphries of Knighton, the Interim Minister, writes, on the theme of Harvest, about the importance of storing the 'spiritual food' of God's Word in the hearts of the congregation so that 'Christ-like behavior becomes second nature'.

In the Clun Forest Deanery Magazine for October, the Bishop of Hereford writes to churches such as Llanfair Waterdine on his latest theme of Follow: "In the meetings, Bishop Alistair and I have been encouraging us all to be thankful for all the faithful Christian worship and witness that there has been and still is within the diocese. We have acknowledged that there is also tiredness and demoralization around, and that there is no quick fix in addressing the challenges we face. In this context, we want to encourage a positive response to Jesus' call to follow him . . . the Gospel is, by definition, good news . . . A new vicar, Revd. Simon Mondon, is due to be licensed at Clun on 9th November to be in charge of the Clun Valley group of churches, which includes Bettws y Crwyn."

Around and About: Amidst a world so full, it seems, of fear, hatred and violence in the Middle East, much of Africa and the Ukraine, this area remains

peaceful with remarkably good facilities and public services for so small and insignificant a locality. The Apple Day was, again, a well organized and enjoyable social event with many attractions ranging from Apple-Art to superb (largely locally sourced) refreshments via 'Guess the Weight of the Pig', all with a fruitful orchard as a backdrop. The Community Centre continues to be well-used. On Saturday 14th November, at 7.30 p.m., Whalebone will be performing there, promising instrumental music of a high order and energy. They are visiting us as part of their Seasons Tour 2015 of the West Midlands (and Welsh Borders).

The environment continues to be both a delight and a concern in Wales. The building of wind-turbines has largely come to a halt, at least in Mid-Wales. The long proposed Severn Barrage has been abandoned but huge tidal lagoons are planned for the Swansea Bay area and the coastline and estuaries between Cardiff and Newport. Also, the long awaited, by many motorists, M4 Relief road looks likely to happen as well as the full electrification of the railway line between London (Paddington) and Cardiff, and beyond. All these, of course, have an environmental impact, but electricity has to come from somewhere and the infrastructure needs continual updating, especially as Cardiff is reckoned to be just about the fastest growing city in the U.K., offering a great diversity of employment in the whole of the South East Wales area. The waters off the coast of Wales continue to give fascination and delight to ecologists and holidaymakers with some wonderful sea-life to view. In addition, phyto-plankton and seaweed are becoming increasingly recognized for their food and medicinal value.

Welcome to Glyndwr and Knucklas, Debbie Booker and Gordon, from the south of England, who are settling in well here. Welcome, also, to this world, Marcia, a sister for Amelia, recently born to Hannah and James Lewis of Lower Hall Farm, Heyope. B.B.C. Radio recently celebrated National Poetry Week; below is a poem by A.E. Housman on the theme of Remembrance:

Here dead we lie
Because we did not choose
To live and shame the land
From which we sprung.
Life, to be sure
Is nothing much to lose,
But young men think it is,
And we were young.

- Robert Forbath

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POPPIES

Poppies flower in the summer, don't they? So why poppies in November? You will see them everywhere in the next week or so, and everyone from the smallest Rainbow or Beaver to the Queen will be wearing a poppy on Remembrance Sunday.

We wear poppies because, among all the mud and chaos of the battlefields of the Great War, men were amazed to see the humble field flower of home spring up where the earth was disturbed – a blood red splash of colour in a sea of khaki.



When the British Legion started an appeal to help those whose bodies or minds had been smashed by war, the poppy seemed an ideal symbol. And even now, when World War I and II seem so far away, our troops are fighting, being wounded and dying; reminding us that the poppy is also a symbol of sacrifice.

PRINT A POPPY

How? Well the answer lies in your own hands. You will need a white paper plate, red and black finger or poster paint and two margarine lids or saucers to put the paint on.

Put some newspaper on the table and start. Squeeze some red paint onto one lid or saucer and put black paint on the other one. Put your thumb into the red paint and use it to make 5 overlapping petals in a circle on the edge of your plate. Put your index finger into the black paint and use it to stamp a centre for your poppy.

Continue printing poppies all round the edge of your plate to make a wreath. Leave it to dry and then you can write 'Lest We Forget' or 'Remembrance' in the middle of the plate. You could hang the plate in your front window to share with others.

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When is the first food fight mentioned in the Bible?

'I looked and behold a flying roll!'
(Zech 5:1 KJV)

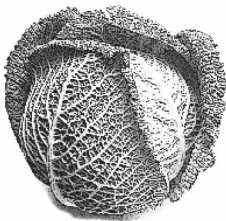
Do you know the phone number for the Garden of Eden?

Adam 8-1-2

Did you know that Paul was the 1st surfer in the Bible?

Remember in Acts when he 'came ashore on a board'?

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Diary for November 2015

- 2 Beguildy Church Committee Meeting at the Peregrine's, 7pm.
Felindre Village Hall Committee AGM, 8pm.
- 3 Bleddfa Church Committee Meeting at Graham George's house.
Llangunllo WI AGM at Upper Bailey.
- 4 Llangunllo Church Committee Meeting at Isabel Morris's, 7pm.
Felindre WI, 7.30 Felindre Village Hall. AGM and Members' Evening.
- 5 Heyope Church Committee Meeting at Robert Forbath's, 7pm.
- 6 Llanfair Waterdine WI. Everest Hall 7.30pm. AGM followed by Tippet.
- 9 Teme Valley Gardeners' Club, Knucklas Community Centre, 7.30, Dr Steve Reynolds: "Effects of Climate Change on Pests and Diseases."
- 10 Service of Prayer for Healing (Churches Together) at Knighton Methodist Church, Victoria Road, 7pm.
"Makers and Crafters" (Craft Club), Knucklas Comm. Centre, 2-4pm.
- 14 Music in New Radnor. John Kirkpatrick. 7.30. New Radnor Comm Centre.
- 16 Bleddfa Christmas Eve planning meeting, 7pm in church.
- 17 St David's Ladies Guild, Knucklas Community Centre, 7.30pm. Mr Garsitt: "A Poet's Misadventure."
- 19 Folk Down the Track. Castle Inn, Knucklas, 7pm onwards.
- 22 Knighton & District Concert Society, St Edward's Church Hall, 3pm.
- 24 "Makers and Crafters" (Craft Club), Knucklas Comm. Centre, 2-4pm.

Holy Days in November

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| Nov 1 | All Saints Day | Carved St Tysilio
on choir stalls at
Hoarwithy Church
Herefordshire |
| Nov 2 | All Souls Day | |
| Nov 5 | Cybi (6th century), Abbot | |
| Nov 6 | Illtud (5th century), Abbot | |
| Nov 10 | Leo (461), Bishop & Doctor | |
| Nov 12 | Tysilio (6th century), Abbot | |
| Nov 14 | Dyfrig (6th century), Bishop | |
| Nov 21 | Paulinus (5th century), Abbot | |
| Nov 26 | John Donne (1631), Priest & Poet | |
| Nov 30 | Andrew, Apostle, Patron Saint of Scotland | |



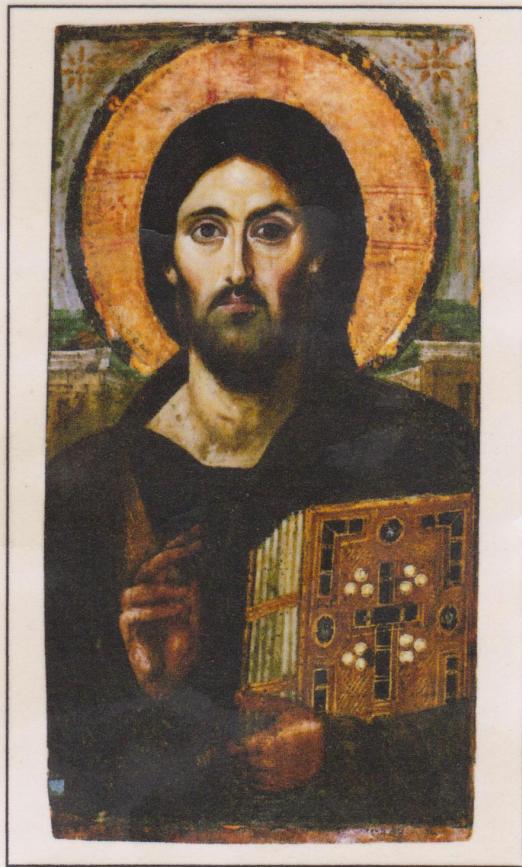
November Readings		Readers	
Nov 1 All Saints	Isaiah 25.6-9 Revelation 21.1-6a [John 11.32-44]	<i>Beguildy</i> Sarah Sanford Dunya Fourie	
Nov 8 Remembrance	Isaiah 25.1-9 (at cenotaph)	<i>Llangunllo</i> T.B.A.	
Nov 15 Prisons Week	Daniel 12.1-3 Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25 [Mark 13.1-8]	<i>Beguildy</i> Fay Payne J Sanford	<i>Llangunllo</i> T.B.A.
Nov 22 Christ the King	Daniel 7. 9-10, 13, 14 Revelation 1.4b-8 [John 18.33-37]	<i>Heyope</i> L W-J R Forbath	<i>Bleddfa</i> T.B.A.
Nov 29 Advent 1	Jeremiah 33.14-16 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13 [Luke 21.25-36]	<i>Heyope</i> Judy North Robert Forbath	

Services at Haydn's Chapels in November 2015			
Date	Maesyrhelem	Pound	Gravel
Nov 1	10.30 Service	2.30 Service	6.30 Service
Nov 8	6.30 Service	2.30 Communion	11.00 Service
Nov 15	10.30 Communion		
Nov 22	6.30 Service	2.30 Family Service	11.00 Service
Nov 29	10.30 Service	6.30 Service	2.30 Communion
Pound S.S. Anniversary: Nov 1st 2.30pm			

Knucklas Baptist Chapel	
Nov 8 6pm	Service led by Sue Wilson & friends from Presteigne
Nov 22 6pm	Communion, followed by AGM & Chapel Meeting

**The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off
our souls.**

- Pablo Picasso



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Bleddfa

Sunday 1st November 8.30 pm

Sunday 6th December 8.30 pm



Church Services in November 2015				
Date 2015	Beguildy St Michael's	Heyope St David's	Llangunllo St Cynllo's	Bleddfa M Magdalene's
Nov 1 All Saints <i>White</i>	11am Holy Communion J.H.			8.30pm Compline JH
Nov 8 Remembrance <i>Green</i>	10.45am Remembrance Service Cenotaph at Llangunllo Followed by Service at Gravel Chapel. Speaker: John Hanna			
Nov 15 Prisons Week <i>Green</i>	11am Morning Worship Linda Watson		11am Holy Communion JH	
Nov 22 Christ the King <i>Green</i>		11am Holy Communion JH		4.30pm Special Service
Nov 29 Advent 1 <i>Purple</i>	11am Benefice Service Heyope			



Harvest at Beguildy

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