

## A full-page stained glass window depicting the Virgin Mary seated on a throne, holding the Christ Child on her lap. Mary is wearing a blue mantle over a red gown and a golden crown. The Christ Child is holding a book. The window is divided into a grid of panes by black lead lines. The background features architectural elements like columns and candles.

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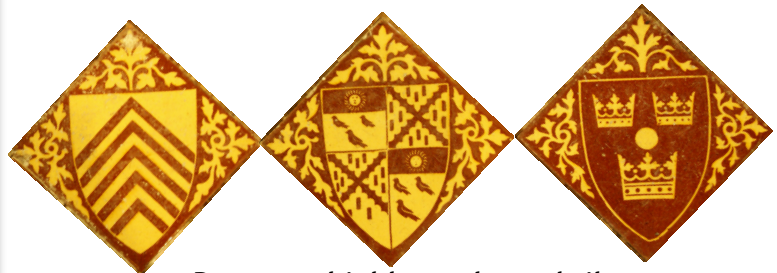
St Mary's, New Radnor



Chancel apse



Head stop  
on porch



Deanery shields on chancel tiles

## New Radnor Isn't Very New

The first New Radnor Church was founded by the Normans soon after 1095. In 1188 Baldwin, Archbishop of Canterbury, accompanied by Giraldus Cambrensis, the Archdeacon of Brecon, preached his first sermon here on his journey through Wales to form the third crusade.

Tradition says that the second 15<sup>th</sup> Century building was ruined, along with the castle, by Owain Glyndwr.

After the New Radnor market was discontinued, and the town declined in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, William Wordsworth's brother-in-law, a local tenant farmer, wrote that the walls of the rubbish-strewn churchyard were broken down and it was the resort of sheep, goats, cattle and swine. There was no sexton and the churchwardens were slothful.

In 1828 John Merrywether, Dean of Hereford, became Rector. He was an absentee Rector, very unpopular and described the parishoners as "insolent smockfrocks and hobnails". New Radnor was then in Hereford diocese, and colourful shields along the gallery and encaustic floor tiles behind the altar represent the Hereford Deaneries.

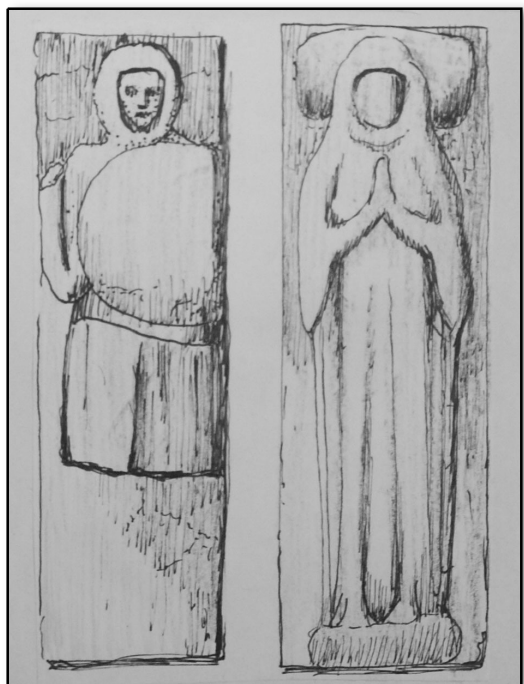
During Merrywether's time the church was dismantled and re-built, a project beset by problems. Funds were

insufficient; workmen's wages were not paid. A mass of human bones was found in one place and a corresponding number of skulls in another, thought to be the result of Owain Glyndwr's visit. The tower was too small for the bell. The beautiful screen was used to make panels for the apse and the altar rail. The carved and gilded boss in the roof above the altar is also from the old building. The Church was eventually opened with great celebrations in 1845.

The renowned architect George Pace reordered the interior in 1964. He moved the organ to the gallery, the font to the south transept, and the altar forward to face the congregation. The new clergy stall, altar cross, candlesticks and offertory plate are also part of his design.

Two of the jewels at New Radnor are these 13<sup>th</sup> Century tomb covers (see below). The effigies, probably coffin lids, were found on the south side of the churchyard sometime before 1905. They are now eroded but beautifully displayed in the south transept.

*Photos by Phil Fourie and Laura*



This drawing of the effigies is by the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments, 1913.



Prince Einion o'r Porth



Matilde (Maud)  
de Mortimer

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Dear Friends,

The four Sundays in November constitute the Kingdom Season when we reflect upon what makes the Kingdom of God distinct from any human kingdom, and what distinguishes Jesus, as the King of Kings, from all other rulers. God's kingdom is a place that welcomes the weak and vulnerable, a realm that embraces the repentant sinner and the once lost sheep. It is a place of second chances to which God invites everyone. Jesus is the King who came as a servant, willing to lay down his life for his subjects and who now sits beside his Father offering prayers on our behalf.

Clearly the Kingdom Season deserves to be celebrated, however other appointed themes also exist!! On the first Sunday in November many celebrate All Saints Day, whilst the second Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. Quite rightly we remember the Church's Saints, and then we remember those who have died in conflicts across the world.

Advent looks forward, anticipating both the birth of Christ and his Second Coming; the first two Sundays in Kingdom Season by necessity look to the past, but what about the remaining two weeks? Well, they are about the "now" or rather "the now but not yet".

"Now". Those who have accepted Christ as their Saviour are already dwelling in God's Kingdom, and all its blessings are being enjoyed NOW.

"But not yet". But they are also looking forward to a time when God's Kingdom will be made manifest, to when Jesus will return in glory. As the Lord's Prayer makes clear, the Kingdom of God is where God's will is done and the world's cruelty, greed and hatred demonstrate that the Kingdom of Heaven has not arrived yet.

Thus the Kingdom Season is about the now and the not yet!!

Yours in Christ,

Mark Beaton



Mark Beaton & Geraint Hughes at  
Bleddfa

## The Cover – St Catherine

The medieval window in a chapel at St Laurence's, Ludlow, shows a familiar November saint, Catherine. She holds the two instruments of her martyrdom: the wheel and the sword. She was martyred in the early 4th century by the emperor of Alexandria, Maxentius.

Catherine became a Christian around the age of fourteen, converted hundreds of people to Christianity, and was martyred around the age of 18.

She had rebuked Maxentius for persecuting Christians, and so he summoned fifty of the best pagan philosophers to dispute with her. Catherine won the debate. Several of her adversaries, conquered by her eloquence, declared themselves Christians and were at once put to death.

Catherine was then scourged and imprisoned, during which time over 200 people came to see her, including Maxentius' wife. They all converted to Christianity and were subsequently martyred.

Maxentius then tried to win the beautiful and wise princess over by proposing marriage. Catherine refused. The furious emperor condemned Catherine to death on a spiked wheel, but, at her touch, it shattered. Maxentius finally had her beheaded with a sword.

*(Information from Wikipedia))*

## Double Edition of The Radnor

The next edition will be for **both** December and January. **Deadline** for submitting material is November 15. Please keep submissions to under 200 words.

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## Two Minute Silence

Victor Frankl, a victim of Auschwitz, suggested that the most intolerable of all human conditions is not imprisonment or hunger, but lack of meaning. The two minutes silence enables us to connect with Jesus' message, which offers true meaning to our lives and world. He spoke of giving ourselves in love for each other and the world, and he demonstrated such love in sacrificing His own life.

In busy lives where so much is clamouring for our attention, silence enables us to reassess our priorities and rediscover true meaning in our lives.

Jesus made a habit of withdrawing and seeking out solitary places.

*Richard Foster in 'Parish Pump'*

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 12th 2017

.....  
Llangunllo War Memorial at 10.45am  
followed by the Church Service  
at Gravel Chapel  
Revd Leigh Spicer

.....  
Norton War Memorial (Mynd Lane) 10.45am  
followed by a service in the Church  
Revd Christobel Hargraves  
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Gladestry, St Mary's 10.50am  
War Memorial

.....  
New Radnor, St Mary's, 10am  
10.55 at War Memorial

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Knighton, 10.45 at Memorial, Brookside Sq  
St Edwards, 11.15am  
Revds Melia Cope & Kevin Dare

.....  
Whitton Church, St David's, 10am  
Revd Peter Cope

.....  
Llanfihangel Nant Melan 10.55am  
Remembrance Service



**World War I Memorial at New Radnor**

.....  
Ebenezer Presbyterian Chapel  
Newchurch at 3 pm  
Revd Brian Reardon  
.....

## Mother's Union

Evancoyd with New Radnor Mothers' Union News In September we gathered once more to discuss the challenges of parenting children in the modern age of the internet. We will continue to return to this important conversation at future meetings. Supporting our younger members as their children continue to grow up and the internet continues to develop in new ways. Dates:

Tuesday 28th November 2:30pm  
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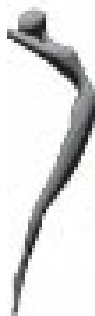
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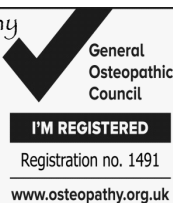
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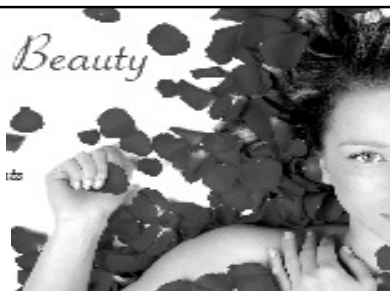
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## Welsh



This month we have some birds which you may (or may not) see in your walks along the river bank. **Adar dŵr** – water birds.

**Sigl-di-gwt** (swing your tail) is a wagtail. This is also a useful word if you want to be rude to somebody.

**Glas y dorlan** (blue one of the river bank) is a kingfisher.

There are many words for the dipper. My favourite is

**Wil y dŵr** (Will - as in William - of the water).

You probably won't see this one on the river bank.

**Gwalch y pysgod** is the osprey (hawk of the fish).



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I carefully transplanted mine into a larger pot and waited. Green shoots gradually appeared, but nothing else, so I

chucked it into the garden. And lo at the end of September, it flowered. AND sent up another shoot with buds, now flowering.

Never give up hope.

*Laura W-J*



## Another Sign of Hope



Congratulations to Louise (Evans) and Graham George on the happy event of their wedding at Bleddfa Church. Graham has been the organist for MANY years and served as churchwarden. Both Mark and Geraint, shown on page 5, conducted the nuptials.

## Not 50 years...?

Peter Cope said: "This was the reaction I had several times when I mentioned that I was going to celebrate 50 years as an Anglican priest on September 24th – but I was ordained Deacon at 24 in 1966.

"We had a lovely celebration Eucharist at St Edward's, and I am grateful that around 50 came from the Benefice and wider Ministry Area. I was giving thanks for the blessings of being brought up in a Christian family; of having a wise parish priest in Canon Harold Heal; in going to a school with a strong Christian ethos; in being able to read Theology at Oxford, but also then to broaden my horizons by doing a Management Diploma, an MSc in Industrial Relations, and eventually a PhD in Christian Social Ethics. I have also had the great privilege of being able to work as a partner in Christian ministry with my dear wife Melia!

"Some of you at least will be aware that I spent most of my 41 years of ministry as industrial chaplain in different

parts of Britain. I was glad, therefore, to be able to preach about the responsibility we all share as Jesus' disciples for mission and ministry, and to have one reading from the book of Jonah. Jonah's story about taking God's message of love and justice to the great pagan city of Nineveh reminded me of some of the companies in which I have been the chaplain – Kodak, or Metal Box, or GKN, or even West Mercia Police.



"So my prayer for the Christians of this Ministry Area is that we should remember that Jesus calls us to be disciples so that we can reach out with his love and care to all those we meet; and that we should be so filled by His Spirit with love, goodness and truth that we can't help sharing it, so that His Kingdom may be built in our communities here."

*Rev'd Dr Peter Cope*

## The Big Scythe at Norton Churchyard



Caring for God's Acre arrived at Norton Churchyard on 27th September for a scything session. They were joined by villagers and had a good day of work to tidy the churchyard in the old fashioned way many will remember from their youth. Cakes provided by the villagers!

The image shows the bags of hay after the big tidy, and opposite the hard workers.

*Photos by Hilary Howcroft*



## Wedding Chimes

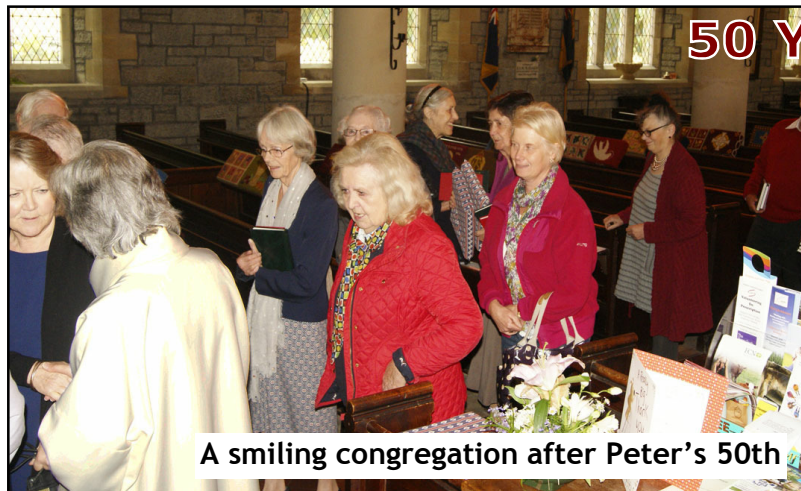


Louise and Graham,  
our Bleddfa organist



Llanfihangel Nant Melan —  
Our outrageous sign of hope

## 50 Years



A smiling congregation after Peter's 50th



Peter pouring the sherry

## The Big Scythe



Caring for God's Acre scything  
Norton Churchyard





Ella's arrangement



Jess's arrangement  
around saxophone



Melia receiving gifts from the children



Emma Swancott & Rosemary Bufton



Reading the story of the ten lepers



Jess Barrett



## Beguildy Harvest Festival

*Photos by Laura*



## A Childish Harvest at Beguildy

Children starred at Beguildy's Harvest Festival. They skipped and pranced their way to Melia with gifts of water and soil, seeds and grain, fruit and vegetables. They gathered round her and helped to tell the story of Jesus healing ten lepers with an enthusiastic counting: one – two – three . . . ten .

Those who had recently passed out of childhood were also heroes. Ella Harris and Jess Barrett brought the floral arrangements they had entered in a National Young

Farmers competition at Malvern, where they placed well in the competition. They read our lessons about the wandering ancestor and God's care for the refugee.

The church was radiant with flowers, and the full congregation stayed for a good chin wag with homemade savouries and sweets: a proper Welsh tea.

The otherwise joyful evening was tinged with sadness however, as our organist, Monica Thomas, had died the day before.

## New Radnor Children's Playground



Charity No. 5224468

Draw winners for September

1<sup>st</sup> J & C Battams

2<sup>nd</sup> S Evans

3<sup>rd</sup> Sophie Hodge

Gail Venables On behalf of

The Trustees of New Radnor Children's Playground

It is with deep sadness that we report the death of Monica Thomas, our much loved organist at Beguildy, on 28th September. Our sympathies go out to Chris her husband, her children and grandchildren.

## A Year in the Life of Teme Valley Tots

Over the last year we have welcomed four new arrivals. Sophie leads varied craft sessions, and we have enjoyed our new safe and secure outside space for sand and water play.

In November the Ruells hosted a bonfire and firework party at The Pound again and we thank them for their hospitality and the parents enjoyed a meal out to the George in Knighton.

Our Macmillan coffee morning raised £246.77. Santa visited us at Christmas with presents at a lovely party, and we visited him in the polar express in Hereford, a magical experience. Our Christmas meal was held at Maesmawr Hall seeing Vera Gold drag act, an entertaining evening!!

In the new year TVT invited the Red Cross to hold a baby and child first aid course.

Our outings included swimming, Dewi's den soft play, a trip to park hall country farm, and an Easter fun day with craft, Easter egg hunts and biscuit decorating. During the summer holidays we had a bus trip to the Ice Cream Farm, Chester.

If anyone would like to see more about what we get up to and what we have coming up, we have a facebook page TVT or just turn up for a cup of tea at Felindre Village Hall Tuesdays 10-12.

*Lin Jones*

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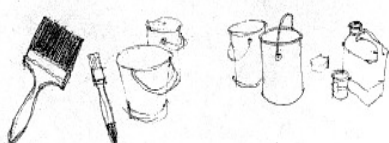
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## Ramblers Schedule

All walks start at 10am.

Everyone is welcome on these walks.

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**Wed Nov 1.** Birchen Coppice – Rabber Dingle – Hayward Common. 7.4 miles moderate. Start at Exp 201 SO 296565 Kington Mill Street CP (fee).

**Wed Nov 8.** Round Red Hill. 6 miles, very moderate. Start at Exp 188 SO 154475, Park verge opposite byway 1 mile northwest of Painscastle.

**Sat Nov 11.** Kington, Lyonshall. 12 miles, moderate. Start at Mill St. Carpark (charge) Exp 201 SO 296565.

**Wed Nov 15.** Orleton to Eye. 8 miles easy. Start at Orleton Village Hall Exp 203 SO 488677.

**Wed Nov 22.** Bucknell – Vron – Weston. 8.5 miles Moderate 2 steady climbs. Start at Baron at Bucknell Exp 201 SO 351741.

**Sat Nov 25.** Garth Dingle – the Roundabout – Cilcenni. 9 miles moderate. Start at main street of Llowes (where it widens) OL13 SO 191416.

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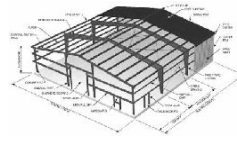
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## The Cure for Headaches: Saint of the Month

### 10th November - Aed mac Bricc - 6th Century Bishop of Killare

Which saint to choose for November? Illtud, Cybi, Hilda, Columbanus? Well, this is my birthday month, so I have chosen my birthday saint, the rather obscure Aed mac Bricc. No, I hadn't heard of him either until I went to Ireland. On one of the highest mountains in Donegal, Slieve League falls on one side 600 metres into the Atlantic Ocean, I found some ruins which turned out to be the hermitage of Aed mac Bricc, and his holy well (shown here).

He was contemporary with, and a distant cousin of, St Columba, both descended from the powerful Ui Neill. His principal church was at Rahugh in Westmeath, not far from Columba's monastery at Durrow. Aed performed a great number of unusual miracles. He could be the patron saint of damsels in distress, the freer of captives or the greatest peacemaker of his time in Ireland, not to mention his flying chariot, but he is actually the patron saint of headaches. He even cured St Brigit's headache, several miles away in Kildare. There is still a headache stone in the churchyard at Rahugh. This is a stone with a head-sized imprint and the rain water collected in it will cure your headache. There are many such stones in Ireland. An 8th century Latin protection poem, written by an Irish scribe has recently been found

in Germany, in a manuscript from Reichenau Monastery on Lake Constance.

Here are a couple of verses:

Aed, O goodwilled saint Mac Bricc,  
From the pure I ask the prayers  
That he cools the noxious fluxes  
That flow heated in my head,  
That he cures my head with my kidneys,  
And with the other parts afflicted,  
With my eyes and with my cheekbones,  
With my ears and with my nostrils.



Aed mac Bricc's  
Holy Well on  
Slieve League

*Rosemary Hanna*

#### Brilley Village Hall

Thursday 2 Nov

**Hidden Figures (PG)** Three women cross gender, race and professional lines to make the NASA launch of John Glenn possible.

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7.30pm (121 minutes)

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#### Bettws-y-Crwyn Parish Hall

Saturday Nov 11

**Addicted to Sheep (PG)** 7.30pm

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#### Chapel Lawn Village Hall

Saturday 18 Nov

**The Lost City of Z (15)** 7.30pm

#### Knighton Community Centre

Friday 10 Nov

**Denial (12)** Feel-good movie about the best ways to solve our ecological crisis by reinventing agriculture, energy, the economy, democracy and education.

Adults: £4.00

7 for 7.30pm (109 minutes)

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Friday 24 Nov

**Another Mother's Son (12a)** Louisa Gould hides an escaped Russian POW during World War II on the Nazi-occupied island of Jersey.

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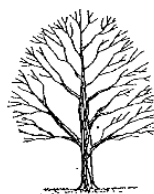


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### Light up a Life

Sunday 5 November at 3 pm at the Methodist Church.

This is a quiet and thoughtful service devised by the Hospice Movement where we remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones. There will probably be candles to light in memory of your loved one if you so wish. Everyone, from any churches or none, is most welcome.

### Advent Windows

#### Knighton becomes a giant Advent Calendar

Rev'd Kevin Dare is organising an Advent Windows event for December. It will be launched at a special school assembly and will conclude with carols around the clock tower on Christmas Eve, when the winner of the most windows visited will be announced. If you would like to have an Advent Window in your home or business around Knighton, please contact Kevin on 01547 529707.

### The Manchester Carols

Marion Rowlett's choir will perform this work on Sunday 10 December, 5 pm in the Methodist Church. This will be in aid of the Food Bank.

### Community Carols

This popular event takes place on Tuesday 12 December in Knighton Community Centre. Further details to follow.

### Christian Aid

Rob Fountain is stepping down from being Christian Aid rep. We thank him for all the work he has put in over the last few years. Is there anyone in our churches willing to take over from him? The main task is to organise the street collection in May. If you are interested please speak to one of the clergy or a Churches Together rep.

### A Quiet Hour of Contemplation

Thursday 9th November 10-11 am

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### Theology Circle

The next meeting will be on Thursday 16th November in the Methodist Church. Father Michael Akpoghiran will reflect on his time in the area before he leaves. We start the meeting at 11.30am, and the session lasts about an hour. Conversation can continue over sandwiches (if you can stay, please bring a packed lunch). Tea and coffee are provided. Donations for chapel's expenses - £1.50.

### Epiphany Service

Once again we hope to have a Churches Together choir to lead the service for Epiphany at 3pm on 7th January at the Methodist Church.

The practices will be from 7-7.45p.m, on the following Thursdays:

2nd, 9th, 23rd November, 14th December

With Geoff Weaver on Sundays at 3.30pm

19th November, 3rd and 17th December

On the actual day rehearsal at 2pm, before the service.

### Open the Book

#### Volunteers Needed!

We are two teams who go into Knighton School on Thursday afternoon to act out Bible Stories. We have many props and fine costumes but we could use more people on our teams. You might:

- Act the story
- Read the story
- Take a photograph
- Prepare the props and costumes.

If you are a 'crafts person' could you make a few characters that we could use to tell the story, e.g. puppets, dolls, felt figures? Contact Melia.

(See pages 46-47 for our activities.)

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## Who were those people 6,000 years ago?

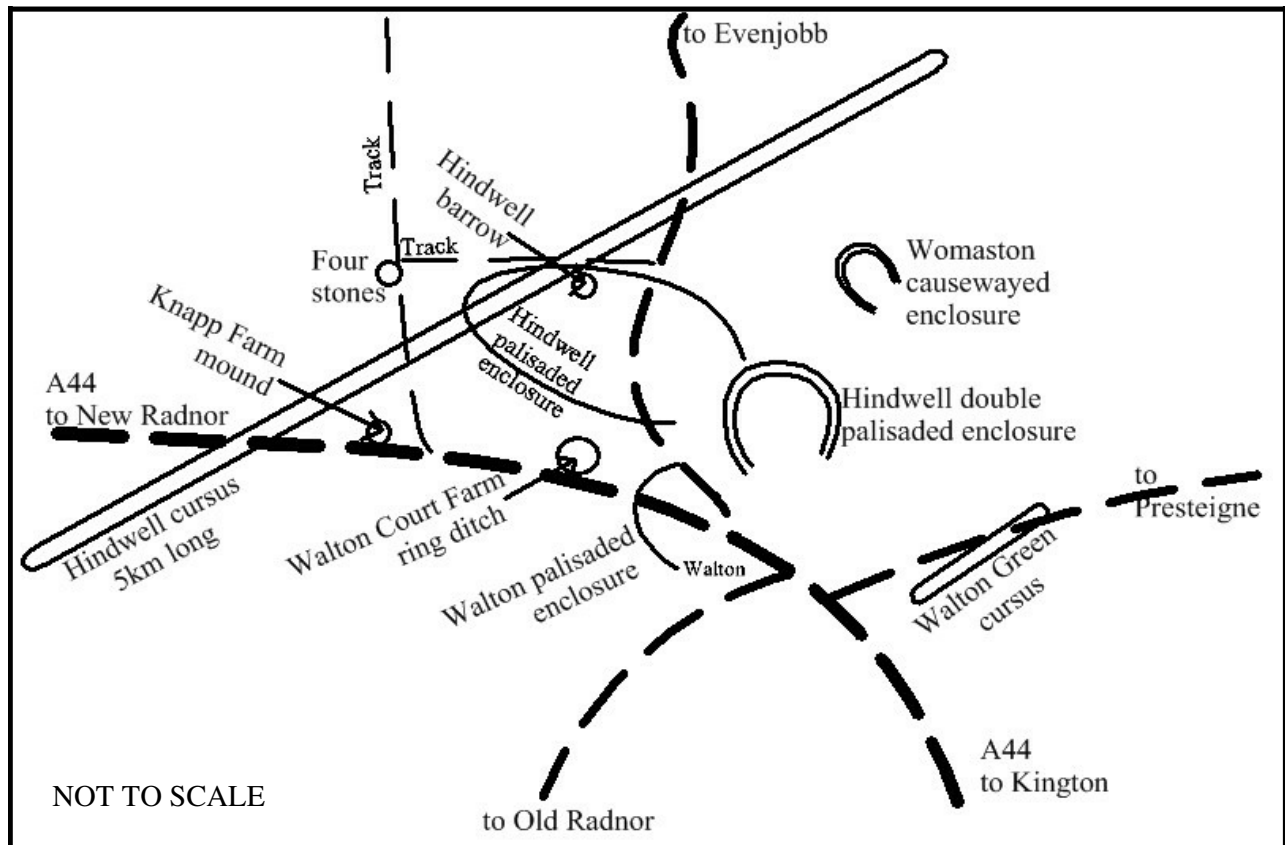
The Walton Basin (also called the *Radnor Valley*) is an archaeologist's dream! Our churches of Evenjobb, New Radnor and Llanfihangel Nantmelan ring the basin. Over the years people have found hundreds of knapped flints and other worked stones in the valley. Identifiable objects include arrowheads and polished stone axes, dating from 10,000 to 1500 BC.

Archaeologists have surveyed Neolithic enclosures, ring-ditches, burial mounds, a stone circle and standing stones. When you cross the valley, you won't be aware of any of this; it looks like fairly flat agricultural land, featureless apart from the surrounding ring of hills. But aerial photography and geophysical surveys have revealed this extraordinary concentration of ancient sites, showing that the Radnor Valley was an important site 6,000 years ago.

The one thing you might discover is four standing stones, shown in the photo. They stand between 0.9 metres and 1.8 metres high and date from the Neolithic 4000-2300BC or Bronze Age (2300-1500 BC). We don't know their use, possibly for rituals or astronomy or as burial markers.

Information from "Walton Basin: archaeology and conservation" by Bill Britnell

The map shows the impressive Hindwell Cursus stretching for five kilometres from Evenjobb roughly to Walton, one of the longest known in Great Britain. Excavations reveal two parallel ditches 64 metres apart, which measure 3.8 to 3.9 metres across and 1.45 to 1.8m deep. The Hindwell cursus required excavating 90,000 tons of gravel. The map also shows a palisaded enclosure: a roughly circular trench fitted with vertical timber palisades. The Hindwell palisaded enclosure would have required 6,700 tons of gravel and 3,300 tons of timber!





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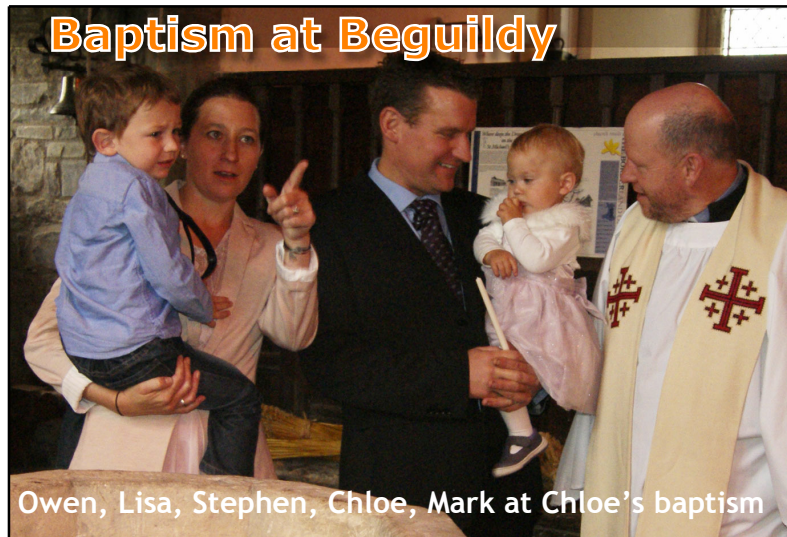
Carolyn Price playing the organ



The pedestal for this arrangement was designed in 1964 by George Pace when he reordered the church.

*Photos by Michael Capstick*

## Baptism at Beguildy



Owen, Lisa, Stephen, Chloe, Mark at Chloe's baptism

## Vintage Sports Car

On Sunday 8th Oct hundreds of antique motors potted around East Radnor lanes ending at Cwm Whitton for several hill climbs. Here they are attempting a muddy climb at Heyope.





## Makaton Sign Language



June signing "mummy"/"mother"



Ami, a Makaton trainer



Llangunllo Hall Roof - Work in Progress



New fence as part of roof work

## Radnor Valley YFC







## Makaton Signs includes a smile

On the 21st September, KINDA launched its "Makaton-Friendly Knighton & District" initiative - funded by the Scout's Million Hands appeal (you will remember that sponsored walk) and by a Powys Pennies award - with its first 'Taster' course.

Makaton sign language was developed from British Sign Language (BSL) to help people with communication problems and is now proving to be very useful helping folk with acquired difficulties such as stroke and dementia.

The course was attended by representatives of the Scouts, Guides, Community Support, KINDA, Red Cross, St Edward's church and the staff from Tower House Gallery.

KINDA has funding for more free taster courses, so if you would like to get involved (or just see what it's all about), please contact Julia on [galleryknighton.thg@gmail.com](mailto:galleryknighton.thg@gmail.com) or on 01547 529530

Notice how Makaton makes you smile!

*Article & photos by Julia Roberts*



## Roof Project well under way

After a busy period of fund raising and grant Applications Llangunllo Hall Management Committee were finally in a position to commission work on the new roof.

Passers-by cannot fail to notice the Hall is now clad in scaffolding and the entrance barricaded in the usual building site fashion - a sure sign that something is going on.

What they will not see is that new slates are already in place on the roof at the back and that the inside is also scaffolded out, ready for the insulation work and other tasks.

As well as the main roof work there will also be alterations to the conservatory with a slightly altered roof line for improved drainage. The new roof panels are stronger and better insulated than the old ones.

A great debt of gratitude is owed to our indefatigable team of fund raisers and all those who have supported them as well as the many donors, sponsors and grant providers without whom none of this would have been possible.

It is hoped that work will be finished in December and the Hall will soon be available again, better than ever before, to continue serving the community that have so loyally supported it over the years.

It may well be that there will be some kind of celebration so . . . watch this space!

Grants towards the cost of the works have been received from: Powys County Council, Church in Wales, Bernard Sunley Foundation, Tuffins, Garfield Weston, Big Lottery Awards, All Churches Trust Ecclesiastical, Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust, The Prince's Countryside Fund, British Gypsum and Cenbrit Ltd.

*Pam Livingstone-Lawn  
Photos by Caroline Breeze*



## Radnor Valley YFC is still winning!

After winning Kington show, Radnor Valley have continued their winning streak.

At the county stock judging day, held at The Hendy, Hundred House, club member Edward Powell won senior stockman of the year. (Pictured receiving the awards, together with junior stockman, Aeron Powell of Aberedw club). A fortnight later was the county field day, when again, Radnor Valley were overall winners of the day with several prize cards to boot.

Best wishes to one of the older members, **Lauren Morris**, who is travelling to Australia for several months to gain experience of life the other side of the world.

### BONFIRE NIGHT

**Friday 3rd November, 6.30pm**

**Rough Close**

The club will be hosting their annual bonfire and fireworks at Rough Close this year on Friday 3rd, with drinks and refreshments. Everyone welcome. For more information contact any club member.

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Historic Photo



Autumn Stock Fair in New Radnor

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## What's on at the W.I.s

### Gosh, did I really make that? Llangunllo W.I. Meeting

With half an hour's practice the W.I.s of Whitton and Llangunllo surprised themselves, making 3D Christmas cards of real quality.

Julie Watts was our speaker/presenter at the joint meeting of our W.I.s, and she showed us the way. Her card kits came with backing cards, featured cut-outs, mounts, separators and inserts, glue and scissors, and it was up to us to extract, arrange and present the items in a unique way. At first it felt dauntingly difficult – but then pennies were heard dropping all round the room, and we raced ahead. The two cards shown in the photo were done by a member who had never tried making cards before, her first attempts.

Some of us went for multiple layers (Isabel Morris, also a card-making novice, managed five layers on one card) while others opted for a simpler layout – but every single card looked like it had come from a specialist shop, and we were all rather proud of ourselves.

Prior to the card-making, each W.I. ran its own business meeting, and the main focus in Llangunllo was to agree and



finalise the program for 2018; we believe we have a really good calendar of events. For more details contact secretary Shirley on 550555.

After the card-making we all enjoyed a social get-together and a delicious supper, and President Anne Newton thanked her team for providing the refreshments, and Whitton W.I. (who reciprocated thanks) for joining with us for such an enjoyable occasion.

*Jenny Williams*

### Sadness at Felindre W.I.

It was with heavy hearts that the members of Felindre WI attended their October meeting in the Village Hall. The President Rhona Barnett welcomed members and asked them to stand for a minute silence in memory of member Monica Thomas who had recently passed away. Vice President Rebe Brick paid tribute to Monica recalling her many years of dedicated service to Felindre WI, during which time she was President for several years, secretary and social secretary – it was during this role that she arranged many memorable events. She was a multi-talented lady, playing rounders and netball; competing in endless County Shows in cookery and flower arranging; acting in plays, singing and playing the piano at the Annual

Concert. We have lost a friend and a truly inspirational member.

Rhona welcomed guests from Dolfor WI and Llanfairwaterdine WI who enjoyed the guest speaker John Swift of Swifts Bakery based on Clee Hill, employing 40 people. Swift's are a fifth-generation family business of bakers and confectioners with 150 years history in the Midlands. Members recognised John from the BBC's Victorian Baker where he and three other professional bakers beat off 340 other contestants to star in the programme.

New members are always welcome; please ring 01547510077.

*Rebe Brick*

### Chatterbrook W.I.

Our AGM is on Thursday November 9th at 7.30  
in Presteigne Memorial Hall  
followed by an illustrated talk by Sue Knox  
about The Judge's Lodging  
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## Delicate Glass at Llanfair Waterdine W.I.

Torch glass work was the subject of the October meeting when Chris Fox James, with his wife Tanith, demonstrated the wonderful baubles and jewellery which he creates using molten glass. Everyone was fascinated by the intricate patterns that he created using clear glass and colours. The skills involved were amazing.

An invitation to the Felindre WI meeting proved another interesting evening. Those members who were able to attend enjoyed a fascinating and informative talk about Victorian Baking. The warm welcome and lovely supper was much appreciated. It is always nice to visit other Institutes.

Moving towards Christmas, in November we hold our AGM and in December our own members are organising hands on evenings with wreath and Christmas card making. Plans are already underway for our Party in January.

All our meetings begin at 7.00pm in the Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine on the first Friday of the month. For further information contact Mary Morgan (01547 528429) or Ann Harroway (01547 528477). We are always pleased to welcome visitors.

*Ann Harroway*

## Tref-y-Clawdd W.I.

We had a workshop with Julie Read at our last meeting. Everyone was impressed with roses they made. The next meeting is on 1st November at 7.30.p.m. is our A.G.M. and afterwards we shall finalize our programme for next year.

We meet at the Tower Gallery in Knighton, if you are interested or require further information ring 01547 520 739. You would be most welcome.

*Pauline Parker*

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*Melia Cope, Jean Shuker and Doe Phillips*

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**“Come, ye thankful people, come”**



**And we came - to the Harvest Festival Service at St. Cynllo's Church.**

On the evening of Sunday October 15th, Llangunllo's Harvest Festival took place, followed by an auction of Harvest Produce. The church looked marvelous with gleaming silver and brasses, displays of fruit and flowers in every window, and floors and furniture newly washed and polished.

To the recurring theme of “Come ye thankful people, come”, The Revd Mark Beaton led the fifty-strong congregation through the Celebration, with appropriate poems, hymns and music. We started with John Keats wonderful poem “To Autumn”, followed by the South African homage to “Rain, rain, beautiful rain”, illustrating the ingredients for a successful harvest across the world. Following the hymn/poem by Isabella Postgate “The fields of gold are glowing”, produce for auction was brought up and displayed to the accompaniment of Vaughan Williams

Kyrie from Mass in G Minor. The collection would be donated to a Farming Charity.

**Going, going, gone!!!**

The Bring-and-Share Supper after the service delivered a real Harvest bounty, with pies and quiches, sandwiches and wraps and exotic salads, followed by cakes, scones, and tartlets, which put us in a good mood for the auction which rounded off the evening.

Mark Beaton was our auctioneer, and food hampers, jams and preserves, and flower bouquets were quickly and generously bid for by the congregation. We happen to know that Mark Beaton's favourite preserve is Seville Orange Marmalade, for which he fought a long, but ultimately successful bidding war. Good fun was had by all: a truly good experience of sharing and thanksgiving at Our Harvest Festival Celebration.

*Jenny Williams*

*photos by Michael Brown and Laura*

### **Evenjobb Village Hall and St. Peter's Church, Evancoyd**

Since our September report, we have had our Cider Tasting Night, with Steve Layton from the Orgasmic Cider Company. We had 55 people who enjoyed sausage rolls, pies and quiches and sampled cider from bottles and on tap. Many people in the village also supported us with delicious desserts and raffle prizes. The result was a friendly evening and £280 raised to help maintain the village hall.

A week later on October 7th, St. Peter's Harvest Festival took place in the church followed by the auction of a cornucopia of fresh produce in the hall. Andrew Morris was the auctioneer who added greatly to the entertainment. It was lovely to see newcomers to the village come along to this event. The church raised £295.00 in aid of the Disaster Emergency Committee.

We have just had our A.G.M. in the hall and most of our elected officers have remained in place for another year. Special thanks to Angus Hornby, our Chair, and Ray Smith, our Treasurer. We welcome a new member, Andrew Hughes. It has been a successful year with a healthy bank balance and good memories from our social events. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be on November 7th to plan the details of the popular CHRISTMAS FAYRE (see the ad) on Saturday, November 25th from 2:00 to 4:00. See you there.

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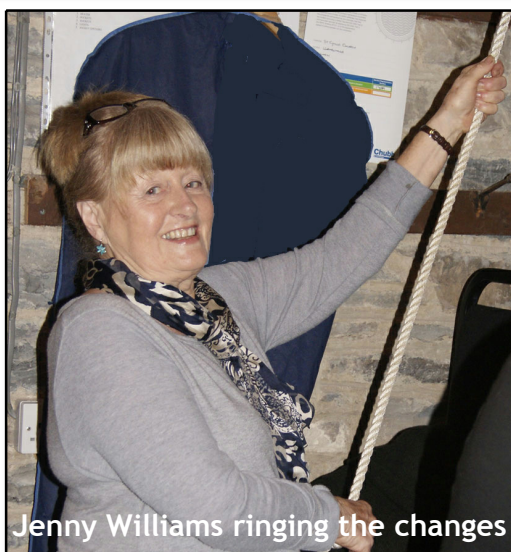
Edward Jones



Edward, Anna and daughter



Keith and Glenys Williams



Jenny Williams ringing the changes



Mark receiving gifts from children



## Cheese & Wine Gladestry W.I.



Muriel Holmes  
offering cheeses



Sue Mullin - WI President  
and Muriel



## Teme Valley Young Farmers

Elizabeth Swancott  
receiving award



Teme Valley YFC Annual Dinner



Ella Harris receiving  
award



## Cheese and Wine Evening for Gladestry W.I.

This was an invitation not to be resisted by anyone over the age of 18. Forty guests came, not only from Gladestry, but also from other local WI's, Staunton on Arrow and Old Radnor. Husbands and friends were numbered among them too.

Muriel Holmes from Hereford Waitrose was the expert in charge. She brought a wide variety of wines for guests to savour (or not), some more, some less. To accompany the

wines (or was this the other way round?) were a range of cheeses, soft hard and blue varieties.

Muriel was very informative about the cheeses and wines, which enabled the guests to know more.

Cider and perry were also available.

*Submitted by Heather Barwick  
Photos by Sue Mullin*



## The Hard Working Teme Valley Young Farmers

Yearly results were announced at Teme Valley's annual dinner:

Thomas Swancott - best male stock judger

Ella Harris - best female stock judger & most points gained through the year.

Jon Harris - most points on rally day

Evan Thomas - junior member of the year

Ben Harris and Jonny Rowlands - senior member of the year

Chloe Lewis - most enthusiastic member award

At the stock judging day at Edw Valley the club had these results.

Thomas - 5th under 18 beef judging

Ben - 5th & Elizabeth - 6th under 21 lamb judging

Elizabeth - 1st & Ben 3rd under 26 pig judging

Thomas - 4th under 21 pig judging

Thomas 4th, Ben 3rd, Elizabeth 4th - senior animal health questioner

Ben 7th & Elizabeth 8th - senior stockman of the year

Also on Sunday 24th Ella Harris and Jess Barrett represented Radnorshire at National level in Malvern. Ella came 2nd and Jess 8th. The arrangements are shown on page 14 at the Beguildy Harvest Festival.

On October 7th members took part in the workshop skills and sheep dog trials.

George and his dog Billy - 5th

Cody and his dog Dickie - 8th

Thomas (angle grinding), Danny (welding skills), Tom (first aid) & Ben (ATV) - 5th workshop skills competition.

October 8th at Field Day.

Sarah, Anna and Alfred - 2nd cookery

Kim - 6th dream machine mood board

Jonny, Ben and Cody - 5th senior fencing

Anna - 6th poster competition.

Thomas - 1st lamb trimming (Max Pugh memorial shield)

Jess - 4th Christmas wreath

Kim, Ella, Anna and Sarah - 3rd demonstration of sausage making

Sarah, Elizabeth, Kim, Jess and Ella - 6th federation display competition

Ben & Jonny - 1st ATV challenge

Ellie, Kate, Jon and Alfred - 6th 'give it a go' challenge

Thomas and Jon - 5th Fferm factor (agricultural challenges)

Bill, Evan and James - 8th junior fencing

Ella - 2nd floral competition

The club won the Lucene Wilson memorial shield for the combined points in the cooking, floral and the wreath. Teme Valley came an amazing second place overall, a great achievement for one of the smallest clubs in the county currently.

*Elizabeth Swancott*



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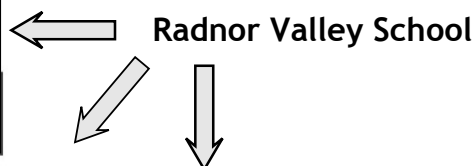


### Gladestry 49 Club

The September winners were Vivienne Taylor, Viv Lloyd, rollover and Marlene Evans. Thanks to the the people new to the village that have joined!

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### St Edward's Christmas Sale

The Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place on 2nd December at 2.30 pm in the church Hall. Variety of stalls: produce, cakes, books, gifts, winter woollies, tombola and a good cup of tea. Do you have items you would like to donate for church funds? We are willing to collect; please phone 528260. The Grand Christmas Draw will take place during the afternoon, lots of good prizes already donated, including a large food hamper. This is always a very enjoyable event, so do come along.

### Tree Festival

This event will NOT take place this year in St Edward's Church. Thank you to all the groups in the town who have supported it over the past years.

### St Edward's Altar Guild

Thank you to all the ladies who decorated the church so tastefully for the Harvest Festival, lots of lovely comments received.

### Family News

Congratulations to Richard and Louise Pugh who were married at Lingen Church on 14th October.

We have all been saddened by the death of Monica Thomas, aged 69 years and our thoughts are with her husband Chris, her boys and their families. Monica was a popular lady in the valley and wider community, always busy, always smiling. She was involved in lots of organisations including the Women's Institute and especially St Michael's Church, Beguildy, where she was the organist. Monica will be missed.

Please remember in your prayers all who are unwell, in hospital and at home, including Dot Wilson, Phylis Richards and Louise Harding.

### Knighton Show and Carnival

There will be a huge Bonfire and Fireworks evening on 4th November on a field in Llanshay Lane, to which everyone is welcome. Many other attractions and refreshments on site. This is a fund raiser for the 2018 Show.

The AGM of the Show will take place on 16th November at 7.30pm in the RAFA Committee Room. Do come along and have your say on this major annual event run for the enjoyment of all the community.

*Jean Price*

### St. Edward's Harvest Lunch

After a meaningful Harvest Service lead by Melia and Meinir, with church member participation, the congregation made their way to the Church Hall, where there was a wonderful bring and share lunch. There was a good mix of members, visitors to the town and members from other churches who enjoyed the food and each other's company – there was a marvellous atmosphere. The lunch ended on a very happy note with the singing of happy birthday to Melia and Doe, with Geoff Weaver on the piano.

*Rebe Brick*

## Knighton and District Rotary Club

Last month was another enjoyable one of "fun and fundraising". We started the month with a tasty frugal lunch hosted by Bruce and Sandie Morgan in Leintwardine raising £180 for our charitable efforts.

This was followed by our charity Fashion Show at the Knighton Hotel with 80 attendees raising over £650 for the Air Ambulances, local charities and Shelterbox (providing disaster relief across the world). Thanks to everyone for their support.

Later in the month we heard from Amy Johnson about the work of the Marie Curie charity and were proud to

welcome Knighton solicitor Robin Wayne as the newest member of our Rotary family.

Remember that all money we raise goes to our chosen charities as our running costs are covered by a membership fee. If you would like to get involved in our social and fundraising activities, as well as make new friends, you are very welcome to come to any of our Wednesday meetings, held both at the Baron in Bucknell and the Knighton Hotel.

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**Good News!** St Andrew's now has two **Church Wardens**: Sophia Thomson 01544 260089

sophiazthompson@gmail.com (vicar's warden) and Helen Ackland 01544 267073 oldgrannary@talktalk.net (people's warden and Caring for God's Acre)

**Church Management Team:** Wardens plus Canon Rev Melia Cope, Chris Refausse (treasurer), Geoff Marshall and Jenny Matthews (Eucharistic servers and magazine distributors) Allan and Joyce Flexman (Caring for God's Acre and helpers)

There will be a new notice board in the Church porch with Church communication and we will be putting up notices in the village notice boards. Please take a look as you pass.

**Caring for God's Acre Churchyard:** On Wednesday 27th September we had The Task Team come from Caring for God's Acre led by Ben. They came to scythe and rake our wildflower meadow in the churchyard and they did a wonderful job (see pages 12-13). The Task Team will be returning in the Spring and late Summer next year. A very big thank you to them all.

### FOSAN (Friends of St Andrews Norton)

FOSAN was set up in the early months of 2017 to support the preservation of St Andrews primarily through the creation of a much-needed community space within the church which can accommodate a variety of social activities, including meetings, concerts and religious services.

FOSAN's programme includes church and graveyard maintenance, the organisation of Quiz Nights and Coffee Mornings, special family events around the regular festivals such as Harvest and Christmas, with additional plans for more ambitious funding events in 2018 to support the planned church renovations. We see these local events as a key aspect of our fund-raising activities as well as building community support to secure the long-term future of St Andrews.

The renovation projects are already in hand and include internal and external roof repairs and internal church changes to create community space including the removing some pews and installing a washroom and kitchenette.

*John Refausse - Chair*

**Wylcwm Street Surgery in Knighton will hold another Flu Clinic on October 31st and November 1st, 9.30-4pm. Booking essential.**

By the time this is read we will have had a service with Archdeacon Alan Jevons who came to lead Holy Communion at St Andrew's on October 22nd.

We have been donated some daffodil bulbs by Presteigne and Norton Town Council which Chris Ruby and I have planted along the edge of the Churchyard wall. Thank you to the Town Council and to Chris. We look forward to a feast of Spring colour next year.

*Helen Ackland*

Dates of events and Church services:

12th Nov, Remembrance Sunday (see page 7)

18th Nov, Christmas Fayre (10-4) and Quiz Night (7.30)

Tables of 4 – please contact Helen Ackland to book.

15th Dec, Christmas decorating

16th Dec, 2.30, making Christingles, short Christingle Service

22nd Dec, 7pm, Christmas Family Service with Choir and refreshments.

### Annual Christmas Craft Fayre at Norton

**18th November, 10am to 4pm**

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## News from St Michael's, Llanfihangel

Don't forget, Friday 17th is Ladies Night in New Radnor Community Centre. Cheese, wine, demonstrations and entertainment. Tickets are selling like hot crackers! At only £5, please support us!! For your ticket please contact 01544 350635.

Harvest Festival ...it was nice to welcome a few extra faces to our annual Harvest Festival. The church was full of floral creations put together by parish members young and old. The service focused on being thankful and was followed by the traditional ploughmans supper and apple pie! It tied in well with the popular school hymn, "Autumn days" in which the chorus reminds us to be thankful, while the verses sum up the joys of autumn in the every day things, including that Apple pie!!!

*"Whipped-up spray that is rainbow-scattered  
And a swallow curving in the sky  
Shoes so comfy though they're worn out and they're  
battered  
And the taste of apple pie."*



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... Rodney, I've been meaning to have a word with you about your carbon footprint!

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## Radnor Valley Gardening Club

Well, what a wonderful Garden Club Show we had this year, with record entries and really high standards in all categories. The image shows Holly Farrell presenting the cups with Michael Capstick, Chairman. There was a lovely atmosphere on the day and even after the raffle was drawn and cups presented people continued to sit around chatting. Does this mean that we should have a post show party next year?

As I write this we are looking forward to our October meeting when we welcome the return of David Holt from Midway Nursery who will be talking on "Growing Fruit in Radnorshire". Then in November Dr Marion Evans will be entertaining us with a presentation on "The Gardens of Italy". Having heard both these speakers before, I am sure that both evenings will be most enjoyable. So if you want to join us please do. There is a small entry fee to non members of £3, wine and nibbles, raffle and a warm welcome. See you there.

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Holly Farrell & Michael Capstick

### Recipe - Classic Squash Soup

This is the season for all sorts of squash; like those shown in the photo.

#### Ingredients:

- 25g butter
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 1 medium butternut squash - \*peeled, seeded and cubed
- 1 medium carrot, chopped
- 2 medium potatoes, cubed
- 500ml chicken or vegetable stock
- salt and pepper to taste

#### Method:

1. Melt the butter in a large pot, and cook the onion, celery, carrot, potatoes and squash on a lowish temperature for 5 minutes. Pour in enough of the chicken stock to cover vegetables. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low, cover pot and simmer 40 minutes, or until all vegetables are tender.
2. Transfer the soup to a blender, and blend until smooth (alternatively, use a hand-held stick blender). Return to pot, and mix in any remaining stock to attain desired consistency (alternatively you may add either milk or cream for a 'Cream of Squash' soup.) Season with salt and pepper.

\*If you find it difficult to peel squash, cut it in half, remove the seeds, and bake it cut side down for an hour for a large squash, less for a small one. Cool and scoop out the flesh.

*This basic recipe is from [allrecipes.com](http://allrecipes.com)*

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### Open the Book



This month the Open the Book teams have been acting stories of Moses. First he was a baby floating in a basket in the reeds, but watched carefully by his sister. Pharaoh's daughter rescued him and raised him in the royal household.

When he grew up he brought the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt through plagues of flies, gnats, frogs and ugly sores. The children were fascinated by each plague and finally applauded when the wicked Pharaoh drowned in the Red Sea.

## Radnor Valley Club Show



Squashes for soup recipe



Junior Cup winners

Five children had the same number of marks, so the Junior Cup was taken to school and shared between classes.

*Gardening photos by Hermione Evans*

## Open the Book



Moses causing plague of frogs on houses  
(Bob Williams & Den Bulloss)



Moses in the basket  
(Judith Dare)



# Heyope & Knucklas Harvest



Carol Peregrine & Rene Powis



Sue Wilson & Liz Roberts



Wendy Lambourne listening to singers



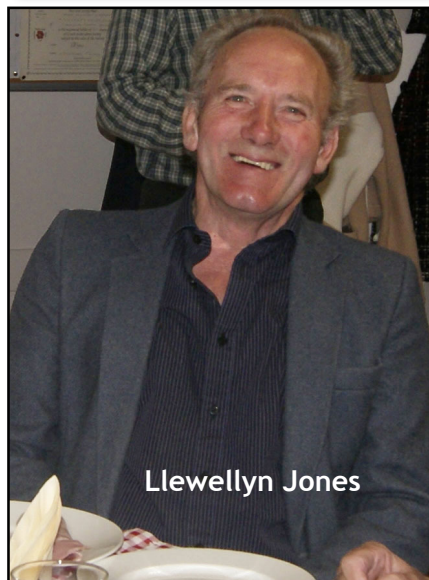
Olwen Breeze, organist



Dorothy Rawlings



Judith Dare with bread & wine



Llewellyn Jones



Gwen Tyler

*Photos by Laura*



## No Borders, no Barriers for Heyope and Knucklas

For the first time Knucklas Baptist and St David's Heyope put it together for a shared Harvest.

We met at Knucklas Community Centre for a **Harvest Supper** of ham, quiche, salad, chutney and a fine range of homemade puddings. We got to know new friends and touched base with old ones. After supper, Angela Trow and Ken Price rounded off a fine supper with musical familiars like 'Precious Memories'. Kevin Dare, Baptist minister, reflected on a world where money seemed the sole object.

Then on a warm Sunday afternoon we met at the Baptist Chapel for a shared **Harvest Festival**. Kevin Dare, from the Baptist church hosted a varied service starting with a

video of Psalme 65 ("You visit the earth and water it,") with images of farming, families, city life, poverty, laughter.

Melia reflected on the troubles in our world alongside the joys of harvest as we brought up gifts of soil, water, bread and wine, fruit and veg. Our prayers were for all those who, through war and natural disasters, are not so fortunate.

Fittingly our offerings and harvest supper profits, totalling £250, were shared between a local charity, the Food Bank, and an international charity "Medicins san Frontieres" (Doctor without Borders) who help at disasters and emergencies across our globe.

### Knucklas Notes

Autumn so often seems to be the finest of the seasons around here, with all the lovely colours and the cosy earlier evenings; it always appears to last a long time, often with lovely weather and people still taking their holiday breaks. So far this year is no exception with an unseasonable mildness in the air.

Organised activity has been more intense even than during the summer and I would highlight the Castle Hill Community Land Project's AGM with an interesting talk about the influence that the Mortimer barons had on the locality, the Apple Day, the Vintage Car Rally which recently passed through parts of Knucklas and a talk at the Gardeners' Club on the development of the garden through mediaeval times. Meanwhile, the local Baptists and Anglicans have combined resources for an enjoyable celebration of the yearly miracle of harvest.

But there has been sadness too, with the passing of John Powis, from a long-established family based at Whitterleys; he had a huge send-off from Heyope. Then with the rather sudden death of Peter Cross, a resident of Castle Green for some years. With every sympathy to the family and friends of both.

*Robert Forbath*

There will be a short Ceremony of Dedication of a locally made plaque in honour of the late **Keith and Eileen Ackermann** who have, in the recent past, done so much to support St. David's Church and the community of Knucklas. This is scheduled to take place at 12.30 pm on Sunday, November 5th in the churchyard at Heyope and will be attended by members of the family as well as friends and well-wishers. You are most welcome to attend.

### Knucklas & District Youth Club

Knucklas & District Youth Club has closed after many years of regular and popular activities at Knucklas Community Centre. The previous youth club leaders have stepped down due to other commitments. All their support and contributions are greatly appreciated.

Offers from local parents and/or others interested in re-establishing, managing and running youth club sessions are welcomed. The youth club equipment, materials and funds have been transferred to the community centre

management committee until such time as sessions can be re-started.

If interested in finding out more, please contact Knucklas & District Community Centre Management Committee at [knucklascommcentre.org.uk](http://knucklascommcentre.org.uk) via the contact page, or speak to Avril Hoyle, Belmont Cottage, Knucklas, or come along to any monthly management committee meeting at the Ackermann Room, Knucklas Community Centre.

*Jacky Smith*

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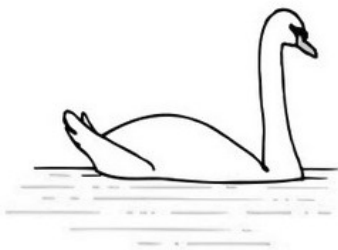


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If you go to Lincoln, look out for the pictures of swans because St. Hugh is

usually shown with a swan. He had a pet swan which guarded him while he was asleep.

## BIBLE 'H's

All the answers to this quiz begin with the letter H. Which 'H'...

1. Was a son of Noah? (Genesis, chapter 5)
2. Was David's first capital? (2 Samuel, chapter 2)
3. Was Herod's wife? (Matthew, chapter 14)
4. Did Goliath have that was made of bronze? (1 Samuel, chapter 17)
5. Was the King of Tyre who sent cedar wood for the Temple? (1 Kings, chapter 5)
6. Was hung on the willows by the rivers of Babylon? (Psalm 137)
7. Jesus said the birds have nests and foxes have these (Luke, chapter 9)
8. What are pleasant words like? (Proverbs, chapter 16)



## Do you have a hobby?

Yes, I like sitting in the corner collecting dust.

**Answers:** 1. Ham 2. Hebron  
3. Herodias 4. helmet 5. Hiram  
6. harps 7. holes 8. honeycomb



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## Flora and Fauna

November, with its shorter days, some often quite dreary, can deliver a few lovely surprises in the garden. Our gardens are like a sanctuary from the outside world, a place to enjoy peace, recharge the batteries, observe nature.

Hanging baskets always please. With some of the summer favourites now in the compost bin, why not add delightful little violas, bellis, heathers, pansies, grasses, small conifers. These will raise the spirits in weeks to come. Trailing plants like ivies and creeping thymes will add a lovely soft finish to the basket. If you have a small pumpkin, place it in the centre to add a little atmosphere in your autumn garden. Many of the local garden centres are selling ready planted baskets and containers filled with other delights like pink cyclamen, rust coloured heucherella, purple cabbage and bright red berries. You can purchase them as single plants.

Now is the time to see if there is a way to improve your space in the garden. Many shrubs and trees grow so vigorously, needing lots of pruning, a job made easier with leaf drop, giving a clearer view of unwanted wood. When tidying up in autumn we are often reminded to leave an area of clutter where little creatures can make a warm home for the colder weather ahead. This also applies to a lot of our lovely seed heads which we enjoy drying and spraying for Christmas. Our feathered friends also need them for food.

The poppy heads are a reminder of the flower, the red poppy, regarded as a flower of slumber and now a national emblem of remembrance for all those who gave their lives in two world wars and conflicts since, that we might live in peace. Let us remember the families in our own community who will be especially sad on November 11th.

*Jean Price*

## A Medieval Teme Valley Gardeners' Club

At the last club meeting we were given a talk and presentation on medieval gardens ("Of meads and flowers"). The speaker was Nathalie Mignotte who had travelled from Gloucester to entertain and inform on the subject, the history of the medieval age and how gardening first evolved. Shrubs and herbs were the main plants grown, many for medicinal purposes. One important observation was that it was the start of groups of people working together as a community.

Many of the pictures were taken from beautiful old and important tapestries, providing a wealth of information,

including the earliest flowers. It was a very educational and enjoyable evening with a most enthusiastic speaker.

On November 13th we will be welcoming back Jim Almond from Shrewsbury. His subject is "Spring Treasures". He is an excellent speaker with most amazing photography. Do come along to Knucklas Community Centre at 7.30 pm on 13th November. There will be a small charge. Enquiries to 529244.

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### November

- Oct 31 - Nov 1* Flu Clinic at Wylcwm St, Knighton, 9-4.30. Pre-booking essential.
- Wed 1* Midweek Communion, St Edward's, 10.30am.  
Tref-y-Clawdd WI, Tower Gallery, 7.30pm.
- Thur 2* "Hidden Figures", Brilley Village Hall, 7.30.
- Fri 3* YFC Bonfire Night at Rough Close, N.R., 6.30.  
Llanfair Waterdine WI, Everest Hall, 7pm.
- Sat 4* Llanfair Singers, Clun Memorial Hall, 7.30.  
Knighton Fireworks, Llanshay Lane 6.30.
- Sun 5* Light Up a Life, Methodist Church, 3pm.  
Memorial Dedication, Heyope Church, 12.30.  
3.45 St David Colva PCC meeting.
- Mon 6* Felindre Village Hall Committee, 8pm.  
Old Radnor WI, Xmas Shopping-Cheltenham.
- Tue 7* The Rectory N. R. Prayer Meeting, 7pm.
- Wed 8* Floral Society, Presteigne Mem Hall, 7.30pm.
- Thur 9* Contemplation, 10-11, 1 Ystrad House.  
Chatterbrook WI, Presteigne Mem Hall, 7.30.  
Radnor Valley Gardening, N.R. Hall, 7.45.  
Evenjobb Prayer Meeting, Burfa View, 7pm.
- Fri 10* CAMEO Tea Dance, Methodist Ch, 2.30pm.  
"Denial" Knighton Comm Centre, 7.30pm.  
Xmas Shopping, Radnor Vall School, 7.30pm  
N.R. Over 60's, Film, 2pm Pear Tree Cottage.
- Sat 11* New Radnor Music, N.R. Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- Sun 12* Poetry, Paradise Farm, Presteigne, 10.30-4pm.
- Mon 13* Teme Valley Gardeners, Knucklas Comm Cent, 7.30pm.
- Tue 14* Craft Club, Knucklas Comm Cent 2-4pm.  
Bingo, St Edward's Church Hall, 7pm.  
Beacon Hill Benefice Meet, Knucklas CC, 7pm.
- Wed 15* **Deadline for submitting material to The Radnor.**
- Thur 16* Theology Circle, Methodist Church, 11.30.  
Knighton Show AGM, RAFA Room, 7pm.
- Fri 17* Ladies Night, N.R. Comm Cent. 7pm.
- Fri 17-24* Kington Charity Shop, Radnor Valley School.
- Sat 18* Messy Church, N.R. Hall, 11am - 1pm.  
Macmillan Xmas Fayre, St Ed's Hall, 2.30pm.  
Xmas Craft Fayre, Norton Church, 10-4pm.  
Ladies Night, N.R. Community Centre, 7pm.

- Tue 21* Gladestry WI, AGM, Gladestry Vill Hall, 7pm.  
St David's Ladies Guild. Knucklas C C 7.30pm.
- Thur 23* Quiz Night, Whitton Comm Hall, 7.30pm.
- Fri 24* "Another Mother's Son" Knighton Comm C, 7.30.  
Kington Community Choir, Burton Hotel, 7.30.
- Sat 25* Evenjobb Village Hall, Christmas Fayre, 2-4pm.  
Llanfair Singers, Everest Hall, 7.30pm.
- Sat 25* Walton Village Hall Quiz.
- Sun 26* Knighton Concert, St Edwards Hall, 3pm.
- Tue 28* Mothers' Union, 2.30 Evenjobb Village Hall.  
Craft Club, Knucklas Comm Cent 2-4pm.  
St Mary's PCC, N.R. Comm Cent, 7.30pm
- Wed 29* Prayers then PCC, Gladestry Vill Hall, 7pm.

### December - advance notice

- Fri 1* Radnor Vall Sch. Bag 2 School Collection 9am.
- Sat 2* Xmas Bazaar, St Edward's Hall, 2.30pm.  
Enthronement of Archbishop, Llandaff, 2pm
- Tue 5* Old Radnor W.I., Walton Hall. 7.30.
- Fri 8* Concert, Pilleth Church, 7pm

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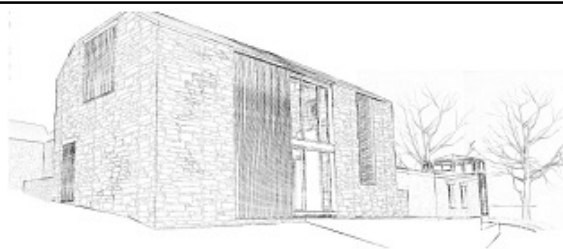
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Bleddfa	SO 206683	LD7 1PA	Cascob	SO 239664	LD8 2NT
Heyope	SO 239745	LD7 1PY	N Radnor	SO 210609	LD8 2SS
Llangunllo	SO 211712	LD7 1SW	Gladestry	SO 230551	HR5 3NR
Knighton	SO 287724	LD7 1AG	Colva	SO 199531	HR5 3RA
Norton	SO 304672	LD8 2EY	Evancoyd	SO 262627	LD8 2EN
Whitton	SO 270673	LD7 1AG	Llan'l n m	SO 180581	LD8 2TN

### From the Registers

#### Baptisms

1st Oct, Cascob, Thomas John Robert Evans  
 1st Oct, Beguildy, Chloe Jasmine Kitchen  
 15th Oct, Gladestry, Nancy Rose Lloyd

#### Weddings

23rd Sept, Kyle Whitefoot and Yasmin Ray, St Edward's,  
 Knighton,

#### Funerals

6th Oct, Philip Johnstone, Hereford Crematorium  
 19th Oct, Phyllis Gurney (103) Hereford Crematorium  
 20th Oct, Jean Myhill, St Edward's, Knighton  
 21st Oct. Monica Thomas, Beguildy

#### Nov **Knighton Methodist Church**

5        11am Rev Don Pickard, Communion  
           3pm 'Light up a Life' (page 21)

12       11am Remembrance Service at St Edward's

19       11am Rev Den Bulloss

26       11am Rev Kevin Dare, Baptists join us.

#### Abbreviations on Back Cover

MC	Melia Cope	PJC	Peter Cope
MB	Mark Beaton	JG	John Greaves
MRW	Meinir Ronicle	IG	Iris Greaves
CH	Christobel Hargreaves	DD	David Davies
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Nov	Baptist Chapels
5	Pound, 2.30pm Service
5	Gravel, 2.30pm, Rev Richard Mansel
5	Coxall, 2.30pm, Communion, Discovery
5	Norton St. Nick & Bridget Andrews, Café style
12	Pound, 2.30 Family Service
12	Gravel & Llangunllo, Remembrance at Cenotaph + Church, Rev Lee Spicer
12	Brookside War Memorial Remembrance 11am followed by St Edward's 11.15
12	Knucklas 6pm, Breadtime Story
12	New Radnor Baptist, 3pm, Mrs Pugh-Davies
19	Pound, 2.30pm Rev R Thomas, Communion
19	Norton St, 11am, Andrew Powell, Communion
19	Coxall 2.30pm, Kevin Dare
26	Maesyrrhelem: 6.30pm Reg Meredith
26	Pound with Methodists, 3pm
26	Methodists at Victoria Road, 11am Kevin Dare
26	Knucklas 6pm Michael Humpherys, Communion
26	New Radnor Baptist, 3pm, Rev Geoff Cable
29	Pound, 2.30pm Rev R Thomas, Communion
Dec 3	Norton St, 11am, the Andrews, Café Style
Dec 3	Coxall, 2.30pm, Kevin Dare, Communion

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Successful Macmillan Coffee Mornings happened across our Ministry Area in late September.

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	<b>Readings</b>	Revelation 7.9-17 Psalm 34:1-10 1 John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12	Amos 5.18-24 Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 Matthew 25.1-13	Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18 Psalm 90. 1-8,12 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30	Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24 Psalm 95.1-7 Ephesians 1.15-23 Matthew 25.31-46	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13: 24-37
<b>Beacon Hill</b>	<b>Beguildy St Michaels</b>	11:00am MC Morning Worship	10:45am Benefice Service then on to Gravel Chapel Rev'd Leigh Spicer	11:00am PJC Holy Communion	No Service	11:00am MC Holy Communion
	<b>Bleddfa Mary Magdalene</b>	8:30pm CG Compline		No Service	No Service	8:30PM MB Compline
	<b>Heyope St David</b>	No Service		No Service	11:00am MC Holy Communion	No Service
	<b>Llangunllo St Cynllo</b>	No Service		6:30pm MB & CG Holy Communion	No Service	No Service
<b>East Radnor</b>	<b>Cascob St Michael</b>	3:00pm MT Evening Prayer	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service
	<b>Knighton St Edward</b>	9:30am AG Morning Worship	10.45 War Memorial 11:15 Church MC & K Dare	10:30am MC Holy Communion	9:30am MC Holy Communion	9:30am AG Morning Worship
	<b>Norton St Andrew</b>	No Service	10:50am CH War Mem 11:15 Remembrance	No Service	No Service	No Service
	<b>Pilleth, St Mary</b>	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service
<b>New Radnor</b>	<b>Whitton St David</b>	9:30am MC Holy Communion	10:00am PJC Remembrance	9:30am JH Holy Communion	9:30am IG Morning Worship	9:30am MC Holy Communion
	<b>Colva St David</b>	2:30pm MB Holy Communion	No Service	No Service	No Service	2:30pm MB Advent/Xmas Carols
	<b>Evancoyd St Peter</b>	11:00am CG Morning Worship	No Service	3:00pm MB Holy Communion	11:00am MB Holy Communion	11:00am MB Morning Worship
	<b>Gladestry St Mary</b>	5:00pm MB Holy Communion	9:15am MB Morn Pr. 10:50am at War Mem	11:15am MB Holy Communion	5:00pm HC Evening Prayer	5:00pm MB Holy Communion
<b>New Radnor</b>	<b>Llan'l N M St Michael</b>	No Service	10:55am MB Remembrance	No Service	3:00pm MB Evening Prayer	No Service
	<b>New Radnor St Mary</b>	9:15am MB Holy Communion	10:00am tbc Morn Prayer 10:55am at War Mem	9:15am MB Holy Communion	9:15am MB Baptism	9:15am MB Holy Communion