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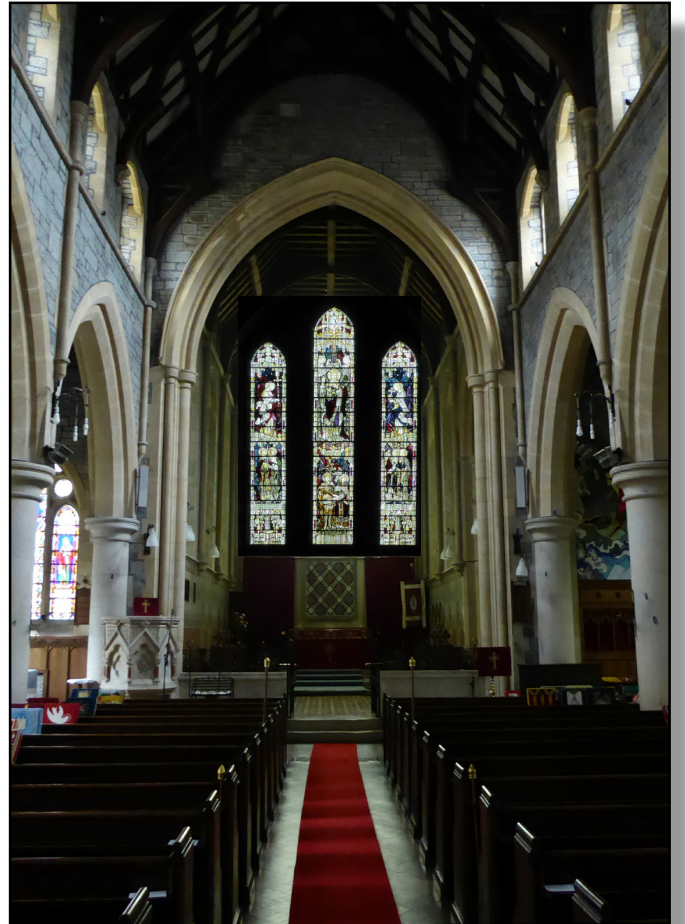
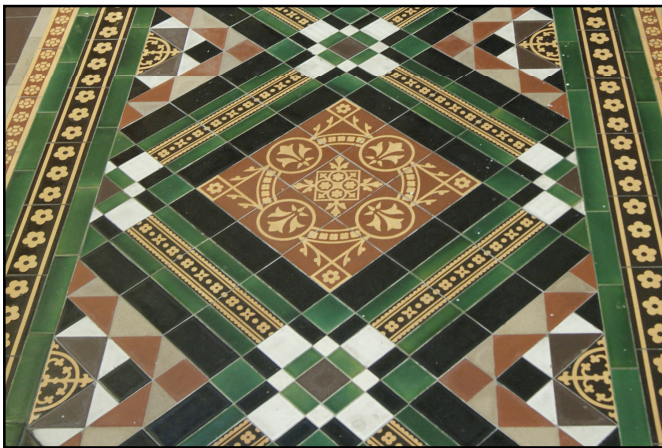
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St Edward's Knighton



St Edward's Knighton

Many visitors' comments mention the beauty of St Edward's and the sense of peace they feel as they enter. The present building is not old as churches go: it was only opened in 1877, with the chancel at the east end added in 1897. The church was originally dedicated to St Lawrence, but was changed to St Edward (the Confessor) at some stage, for unknown reasons. It is believed to be the only St Edward's in Wales.

Today's church is a lovely example of a late Victorian church, with wall decorations in the chancel and a superb east window of the ascended Christ added to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897. However, it is probably the fourth on this site, since there is a reference to a Saxon church here around the year 990 AD, and to a Norman church around 1160.

The tower is of Medieval origin and the masonry in the lower stages, together with its east arch, is 14th century.

One item of interest is to be found near the font; the ship's anchor was the gift of a past organist, Lt Commander Henry Bray, who served this church for many years. The anchor is an early Christian symbol which was used as a disguised cross during the period of Roman persecution to guide the way to secret meeting places. It is a symbol of hope: our faith, like an anchor, holds one steadfast in the times of trial and doubt. That symbol is still so relevant today and the baptism font is an appropriate place to display it.

It is hoped that we will soon have permission to remove a few rows of pews from the back of the church so that we have space to offer hospitality after some services and so that baptism families can gather around the font (currently

hemmed in by pews). One row of pews removed at the front will facilitate our welcome to choirs – and to children who come from Knighton Church in Wales School to perform in church from time-to-time.

A member of the congregation, expressing her sense of St Edward's says, "Worshippers experience joy, love, and fellowship as they worship together. God's Love is here for everyone."

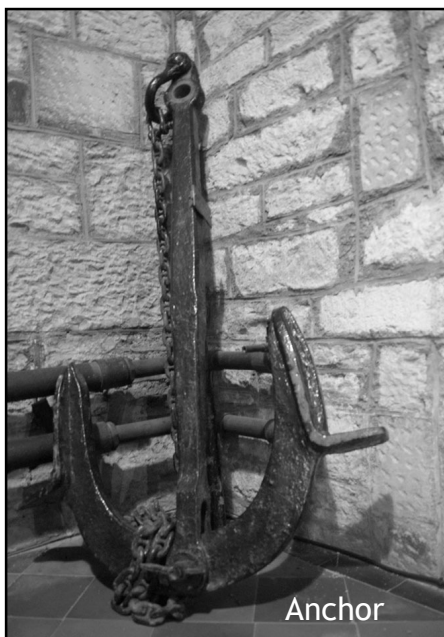


Window dedicated to one of the nine Fruits of the Spirit: 'Gentleness.' It reads: "Such as are gentle, Them shall he learn His Way."

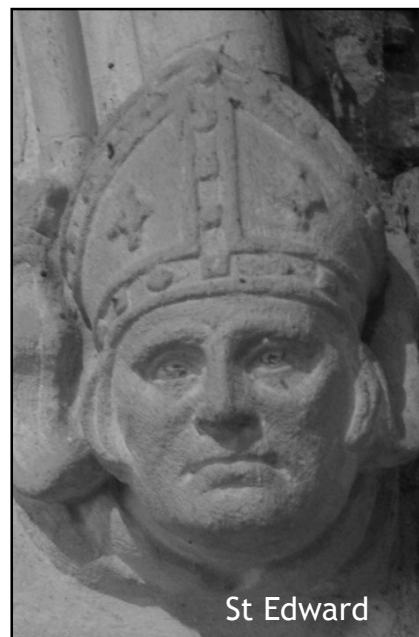
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Baptismal Font



Anchor



St Edward

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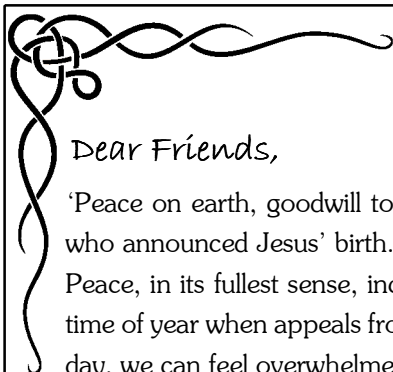
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Dear Friends,

'Peace on earth, goodwill to all', we will be singing very soon, echoing the angels who announced Jesus' birth. May those words be the sincere prayer of our hearts. Peace, in its fullest sense, including wholeness and health, is much needed. At this time of year when appeals from many charities drop through our doors almost every day, we can feel overwhelmed by the needs of the world. We know it's not only the world 'out there', far away, that is in need: in our own country, homelessness and despair is the experience of too many. In our urban areas, people sleep rough and many families live in insecure, temporary accommodation. The need for Food Banks continues. Months after the Grenfell Tower tragedy, local churches continue to support survivors and the local community.

What a world of contrasts: the TV blares out advert after advert about things guaranteed to give us a perfect Christmas: one tells us of a computer game - 'only £399'. Say it quickly and it doesn't sound so much; one Christmas present.

'Are you ready for Christmas? The pressure to have enough festive food in sufficient variety; enough presents, enough wrapping paper, sticky tape, cards...endless 'must haves'. In a world of great need, let's keep a sense of perspective this year. As we reflect on the untimely birth of young Mary's first child - laid in a borrowed crib a long way from home - we are reminded that, as Jesuit scholar Brendan Byrne comments, 'God does not wait until all is right, ready and perfect before entering the human scene. God enters it as it is.'

May God catch us unawares this Christmas and give us fresh perspective on what really matters.

Every blessing,



The Cover – First Christmas

This lovely image of the birth of Christ is from St Phillips in Birmingham. It is part of one of the east windows which includes shepherds, angels and sheep. Burne-Jones has placed the birth in a cave, rather than the traditional stable. Mary is dressed in vibrant, traditional blue. She gazes reverently on the infant Christ. Jesus who appears sweet and small and vulnerable.

St Phillips contains some of the finest of the Pre-Raphaelite Burne-Jones's work. He was a true son of the parish, baptised at St Phillips in 1834. The glass was made in the workshop of William Morris and installed in the 1880's.

Happily during World War II the windows were removed and placed in a disused mine in Wales for safe-keeping. The cathedral was seriously bombed and lost its roof; the Burne-Jones masterpieces would have been destroyed without that forethought.

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Prices for 2018:

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NEW Deadline

The deadline for submitting material is **5th January, 2018**. The deadline has been moved forward for January only so we can read about our many Christmas celebrations as soon as possible.

The Radnor should be available by the middle of January. Please keep your submissions to under 200 words.

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Glory to God in the High Street

The churches in Knighton, working together with Knighton Primary School and numerous local businesses are planning to turn Knighton into a full-size Advent Calendar this December. We have 24 'key' windows that will form the core of this celebration of Christmas, but we are hoping as many people as possible will join in and decorate a window in their home/office/shop.



The basic idea is that each day, starting on 1st December through to Christmas Eve, a different core window, decorated to show part of the Christmas story will be illuminated. People who view the window get a sticker to put into a special card available from Knighton churches and various local shops.

The first of these windows will be at Knighton Primary School and the final one will be near the clock tower and will coincide with 'Carols By The Clocktower', where there will be a chance to see who managed to collect the most stickers.

We have already held a competition to design an Advent Windows logo (shown here). This was won by 5-year old Yufei Chen.

The Manchester Carols

at Knighton Methodist Church

Sunday 10th December

5.00pm

The Manchester Carols are a new set of carols, words by our poet laureate Carol Ann Duffy, music by Sasha Johnson Manning.

Marion Rowlatt's choir will be performing this work in aid of the Food Bank.

Community Carols

at St Edward's Church, Knighton

Tues 12th Dec

6.00 - 7.30pm

Bring the whole family for a good ole carol singing evening with

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Churches Together Choir

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Lunch Club for Seniors

Mondays in the Methodist Church, Victoria Road
12.30 – 2pm

11th Dec, 12 for 12.30 Christmas Dinner (members only)
8th Jan – resume Monday lunches



Epiphany Service

at Knighton Methodist Church

Sunday 7th January, 3pm

Service of music and readings from the Churches Together Choir.

Rehearsal schedule for Churches Together choir, continuing from November rehearsals:

Thursday, 14 Dec at 7-7.45pm

Sundays 3rd & 17th Dec at 3.30pm

Rehearsal at 2pm on the actual day.

Bible Study Group

Wednesdays, 10.30 am, 17 Millfield Close, Knighton,
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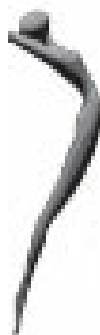
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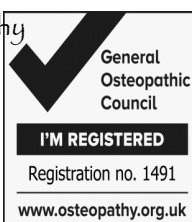
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Lift the shame

Shift the blame.

Dates: Wednesday 13th December 11:00 New Radnor Community Centre for Communion followed by Christmas lunch at the Fforest Inn.

It is with the deepest sadness that Heyope reports the passing of Mary Wilding, a much loved former churchwarden, on 17th November. All our sympathies to her family and friends.

She has gone to glory.

Midweek Holy Communions

St Edwards, Knighton

Wednesday, 6th December

10.30 am

Wednesday, 10th January

at St Edward's, Knighton

All are welcome

New Radnor Community Centre

Wednesday 13th December 11am

followed by

Christmas lunch at The Fforest Inn,

Llanfihangel Nant Melan

To book a meal

call Kit Beaton on 01544 350342



It is you who light my lamp;
the Lord, my God, lights
up my darkness.
Psalm 18.28

Be sure to let me know your menu choices by the 6th December.

Tuesday 23rd January 2:30pm

Evenjobb Village Hall AGM.

We are always keen to welcome new members, so please speak to Kit Beaton or any member for further information. KB (01544) 350342.

Kit Beaton



Saturday 16 Dec

Llanfair Singers will be singing Carols at
the Farmers' Market

Knighton Community Centre (10 am)



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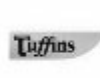
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The Ministry Area at Beguildy LISTENS



A good congregation from across our fourteen churches came to St Michael's Beguildy, the most northerly in our Ministry Area, for Bible Sunday.

"Listen" was the point. When the Israelites listened Ezra reading the Word they wept, but he encouraged them: "Don't weep. Rejoice." Melia encouraged us to read and re-read Bible passages, to hold on to a phrase which resonates with us. That is 'listening'.

Mark found that reading God's Word led him to prayer, it was the time when he felt closest to God, a time to listen.

Jean Shuker from Knighton spoke of the tremendous value daily Bible reading had had in her life. Our prayers, readings and music brought us deeper into God's Word.

After being encouraged to read more and to read deeply, we chatted to friends over delicious tea and cake provided by the congregation. Some new to the church explored and found treasures: a Green Man, a 13th Century warden's chest, fine 20th Century stained glass.

Knucklas Notes

By the time that you read this it will be Advent and approaching the Winter Solstice of late December, after which the days will start lengthening again. In early January the Christmas season will be merging into Epiphany.

2017 has been a challenging year with some awful things happening, even in the developed parts of the world. But with these have come some of the most remarkable acts of heroism, giving us all pause for thought.

A moving dedication ceremony of a plaque in honour of the late Keith and Eileen Ackermann took place recently in Heyope churchyard.

If there has been a 'person of the year' in Britain, then it could well be Jane Austen whom many consider to have been the finest English novelist; she died in her early 40s, in 1817. A portrait, based on her sister Cassandra's, appears on the new £10 banknotes, along with the quotation: "I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading".

Farewell amongst others, to Jacky Frankish, who has moved up north from Castle Hill.

Welcome to Knucklas, James Morrell and Nicola with their growing family who have moved back fairly recently onto Glyndwr. Also to Caroline Leadsom, coming from the Macclesfield area onto Castle Hill.

Robert Forbath

St Cynllo's Church Llangunllo *Invites you to the* **Community Carol Service**



Sunday 24th December
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St David's Heyope with **Knucklas Baptist Chapel**

Christmas Carols and **Readings**

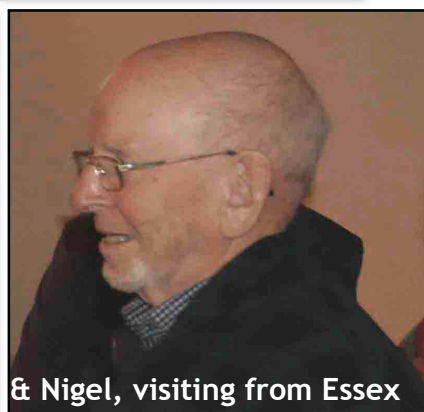
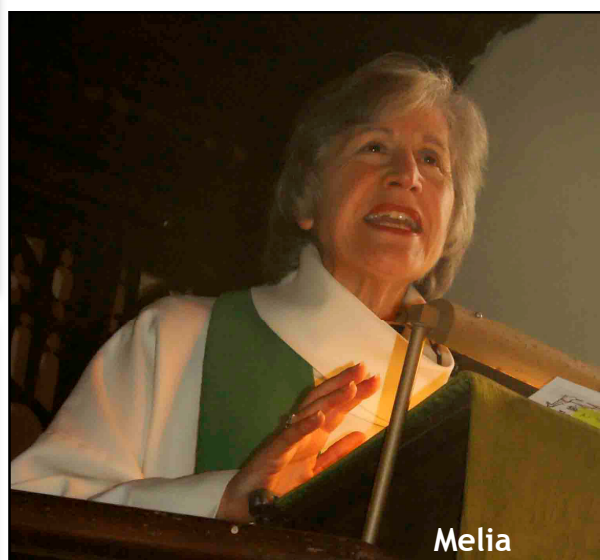
With the Llanfair Singers

Sunday, 17th Dec
3pm

Seasonal
Refreshments
following



Ministry Area at Beguildy



Baptisms



Heyope



The children light the way for Hannah and James Lewis's daughter



Receive the Light of Christ



"Who is the King of the Jungle!"



Gladestry

Baptism of the Lloyd's youngest child



The sister's piano solo



Lighting the Way at Heyope

Family, friends and congregation enjoyed a delightful Baptism at Heyope. Morning sun streamed in to light our beautiful little church filled with flowers and well-wishers in honour of this ancient ritual.

Melia gathered all the children round for candles lit from the Easter candle to light the way for our youngest member, daughter of James and Hannah Lewis.

Welsh Christmas and New Year



(Notice that the describing word always follows the noun)

Noswyl Nadolig - Christmas Eve (lit. Eve Christmas)

Dydd Nadolig - Christmas Day (lit. Day Christmas)

Nadolig Llawen! - Merry Christmas! (lit. Christmas Merry)

Nos Galan - New Year's Eve (lit. Night New Year)

Dydd Calan - New Year's Day (lit. Day New Year)

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda! - Happy New Year! (lit. Year New Good)

NB **calan/galan** literally means "calends" – the first day of the month – in this case, the first day of the first month of the year.

CAMEO

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 6th December

George and Dragon 12.30 for 1 pm

Open to partner or friend.

Further details from David Hinton 01547 528984

No January meeting



A Musical Baptism at Gladestry

It was a baptism to musical accompaniment at Gladestry with the ever spirited Mark leading the children in "Who is the King of the Jungle" to the delight of all attending. The congregation heard a special piano solo in honour of the event from a sister.

New Radnor Boxing Day

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12 Noon

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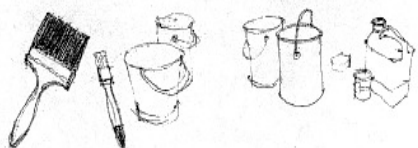
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Wed Dec 6. Brampton Bryan to Leintwardine, circular. 6 miles easy (and chance of a pint in The Sun Inn). Start at Brampton Bryan Church Exp 201 SO 371725.

Sat Dec 9. Yardro – Llanhaylow Wood – Upper Hanter Farm. 7.8 miles moderate. Start at Old Radnor Church Exp 201SO 250591.

Wed Dec 13. Bishops Castle circular. 7.5 miles moderate. Start at Bishops Castle Union Street Car Park Exp 216 SO 322887.

Wed Dec 20. Dolley Green - Beggar's Bush – Dyffryn. 7.5 miles moderate. Start at Whitton Village Hall carpark Exp 201 SO 272673.

Sat Dec 23. Brilley area – paths and lanes. 9 miles moderate. Start at Brilley Village Hall carpark Exp 201 SO 263497.

Wed Dec 27. "Walks You Will Enjoy 3" Monaughty, Black Hill, Pilleth, Bryn Glas. 5 miles easy. Start at Exp 201 SO 239687 Lay-by off A488 by crossroads with B4356 at Monaughty.

Wed Jan 3. Aston Munslow circular. 6 miles moderate 300m ascent. Start at carpark opposite Crown Inn Exp 217 SO 512866. (optional lunch at Crown)

Sat Jan 6. Circling Presteigne on paths, byways & new bridge. 10 miles moderate. Start at Presteigne re-cycling carpark Exp 201 SO 314642.

Wed Jan 10, Clungunford & Stormer Circular. 7 miles moderate. Start at Clungunford Car Park Exp 201 SO 396788.

Wed Jan 17. Folly Brook, Rhespass, Graig Hill. 7.5 miles moderate. Start at Newcastle Community Centre Exp 201/216 SO 249823.

Sat Jan 20. Camlad valley, 7 miles moderate, 400m Ascent. Start at Mitchells Fold carpark Exp 216 SO 302980.

Wed Jan 24. Norton to Presteigne **linear**. 6 miles moderate, 250m ascent. Presteigne recycling carpark for BUS at 10:28 Exp 201 SO 314641.

Wed Jan 31. Yarpole, Fishpool Valley, Croft Ambrey, Mortimer Trail, Bircher Common. 6.5 miles moderate. Park on Bircher Common (top of Welshman's Lane, over cattle grid and bear right) Exp 203 SO 465662.

New Radnor Children's Playground

Charity No. 5224468

Draw winners for October

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2. Kirsten & David Pyle
3. Jane & Ken Donald

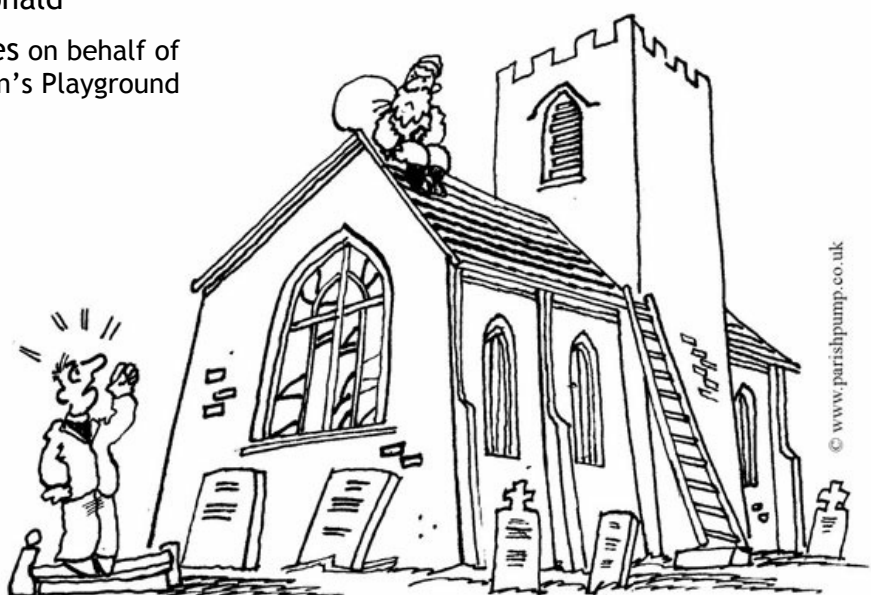


Gail Venables on behalf of
The Trustees of New Radnor Children's Playground

Annual Crib Service

Sunday 27th November sees the annual crib service where St Michael's, Llangihangel Nant Melan will be decorated in preparation for the Christmas festivities. A family service followed by refreshments. Everyone welcome.

**Laughter is the sun that drives winter
from the human face.
- Victor Hugo**

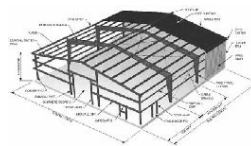


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Kentigern / Mungo - The Saint with Two Names - 13th January

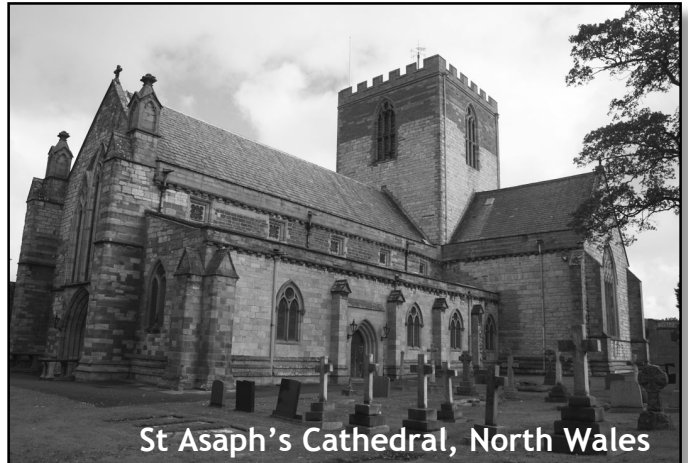
St Serf, abbot of Culross in Scotland, was in his monastery one day when a bedraggled princess with her baby son staggered in and asked for help. Teneu was the disgraced daughter of the king of Lothian and her little son was Kentigern. They had been sent out into the Firth of Forth in a little boat and they had survived.

Serf loved little Kentigern and gave him a pet name, Mungo, "my dear one", and Mungo became a star pupil. When he was grown up he set off west to evangelise the Britons of Strathclyde and built a church in a lovely glen called Glas Cau, "green hollow". Later a cathedral was built on this spot and is still there, in the middle of Glasgow, dedicated to St Mungo.

The new king of Strathclyde objected to Christians and Kentigern went south to visit his kinsmen in north Wales. On the way he spent some time in Cumbria and there are still place names and church dedications there to both Kentigern and Mungo. In north Wales, Kentigern founded a monastery beside the River Elwy in Gwynedd. His most promising student was called Asaph.

But soon Kentigern was off again, as the next king of Strathclyde, Riderch Hael was favourable to Christians and Kentigern was sent for, back to the land where he was known as Mungo. The monastery at Llanelwy was left in the good hands of Asaph and when the cathedral was built it was dedicated to St Asaph, that most able of students.

Rosemary Hanna



St Asaph's Cathedral, North Wales

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- Walter Winchell**

Brilley Village Hall

Thursday 7 Dec

Lion (PG) Five year old Indian boy gets lost on a train, adopted by an Australian family. 25 years later he sets out to find his lost family.

Thursday 4 Jan

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Adults: £5 Child: £3

7.30pm

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Chapel Lawn Village Hall

Saturday 16 Dec

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Adults: £4.50 Child £3.50

7.30pm

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Knighton Community Centre

Friday 8 Dec

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3.00pm

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Remembrance Services Across Our Ministry Area



Jean Games laying a wreath on behalf of St Mary's Church, New Radnor.

St Mary's New Radnor

Sixty folks plus children gathered to take part in the open air service and watch the laying of wreaths by Radnor Valley School, New Radnor Community Council and St Mary's Church.

The poppy arrangement (shown opposite) in Church was by Kath Bradford who was continuing a tradition started by her mother in law, the late Jean Bradford.

Coffee and cakes were enjoyed in the Community Center afterwards.

Photos and article by Michael Capstick

New Radnor Remembrance Ringing

A special Quarter Peal was rung at New Radnor on the evening of Remembrance Sunday to remember the men of the parish who lost their lives during the two World Wars.

The method rung was Stedman Doubles, and it took 42 minutes of continuous ringing to complete 1,260 changes. The bells were half-muffled, although some of the rather

elderly muffles disintegrated during the ringing, so not all the bells were muffled by the time we finished!

The ringers were: Laura Childs (Treble), Barney Bell (2), Lynn Scales (3), David Childs (4), Tim Hollinghurst (5) and Amaryllis Bell (tenor). The ringing was conducted by Lynn Scales.

Barney Bell

'Tommy' Appears at Llanfihangel Nantmelan

On Sunday 12th November we had our annual service in St Michael's. A poignant service, began with 'the laying of the wreath' by younger members Keira and Bella, followed by two minutes silence.

Rather than a usual sermon, Reverend Mark read pertinent poems. Mark read "Tommy" by Rudyard Kipling, and had

us captivated with characterful expression. The poem contrasts the mean way a soldier was treated in peace time, yet praised as soon as he was needed to fight for his country. Kipling helped change public attitude towards the common soldier. Nowadays 'Tommy' is more often associated with affection and respect for their bravery.

St Mary's Gladestry

On a bright, sunny morning, a good number of people gathered around the war memorial in the churchyard of St Mary's, Gladestry to honour the fallen. Col (Retd) Peter Mayes led the memorial with the opening hymn *O Valiant Heart*.

This was followed by a prayer for those who continue to suffer the consequences of war in bereavement, disability and pain. The congregation committed to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations that all people may live together in freedom, justice and peace.

Mr Mayes read the Exhortation from the famous poem by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943) *For the Fallen*, "They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old..." A time of silence was observed followed by the laying of

wreaths; Mr David Twiddy read out the names from the Memorial of the men that died in the two World Wars from Colva and Gladestry.

The Dedication was read by Mr Mayes, the well known Maxwell Edmonds (1875-1958), 'When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today.'

During Morning Prayer, preceding the Remembrance Service, Rev Mark Beaton dedicated a kneeler made by Mrs Sheila McGough depicting poppies growing in a field of wheat and made in memory of her uncle Hewitt (Huey) Turner who died whilst serving with the Gloucestershire regiment in the Second World War. The kneeler took around 18 months to do.

Ann Dean

New Radnor Remembrance



New Radnor Remembrance



New Radnor Memorial



Kath Bradford
Arrangement



David Twiddy &
Peter Mayes laying
wreath

Gladestry Remembrance



Sheila McGough & Michael Turner



Sue Mullins on behalf of
Gladestry W.I.

*New Radnor photos by
Michael Capstick*

*Gladestry photos by
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Llangunllo Remembrance



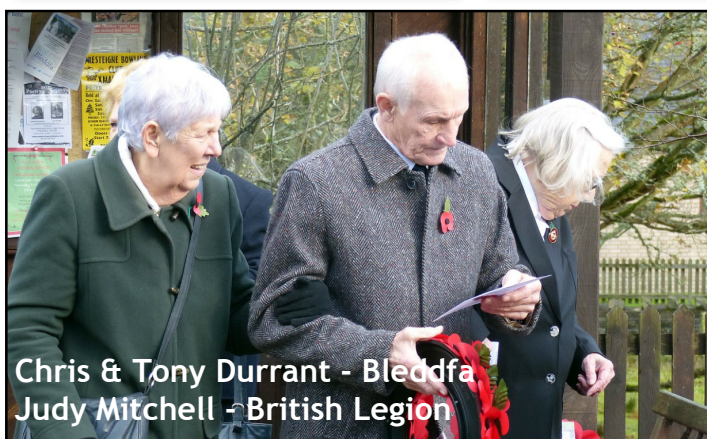
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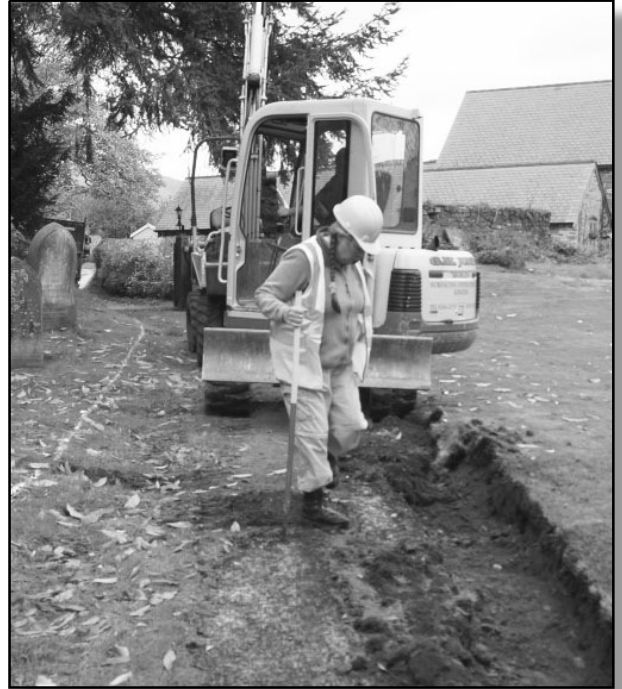


Robert Forbath, Heyope

New Path Is a Delight at Gladestry Church

October 2017 was when St Mary's churchyard in Gladestry had a new, wider and more accessible footpath. On a damp Monday morning, mid-month the archaeologists Jenny Hall and Paul Sambrook arrived to inspect the clearance work as the diggers cleared the ground. The path had sadly become overgrown with moss and had deteriorated. The idea for work was proposed more than eighteen months previous. Various permissions, quotations and the usual fund-raising exercised many months of effort.

I had remarked to Jenny that it was like the Time Team meets SOS build on TV. They did not find anything; the digging, clearance, tarmac rolling and re-surfacing work took all week. The work gang from local company G M Joyce were helpful and friendly. The church is very grateful to the Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund for agreeing to support the project financially with a grant of £4,724. Dan Sylvester, Production Manager at Tarmac, said: "We're delighted to have supported a project which will provide so many benefits to the local community. Engaging with the communities in which we operate is something we strive to do across the whole of our business, and this is a great example of how we can offer support". We are also delighted to acknowledge the help received from the Derbyshire Environmental Trust staff Sarah Walton and



Sally Nadin who administer the Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund. Visitors and walkers will benefit with better access to the public toilet. Other visitors who come by car will benefit from the newly surfaced parking area. The completed work gives much improved access for all.

Michael Johnson, PCC Secretary



Gladestry 49 Club Winners

The winners in October were B. Littleworth, D. Bowen, N. Borfield and B. Littleworth (again).

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- Song of Solomon 8.7**



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Knighton News

Family News

Victoria Road saw an additional flurry of activity recently, with two ladies celebrating big birthdays. Both Rosemary Hanna (see page 59) and Elizabeth Petley enjoyed the company of family, friends and neighbours to enjoy a very happy day.

To all those celebrating birthdays in the Christmas season, we wish you many happy returns of the day. Cecil Rudge, Diana Hadley, Jean Price, Chris Branford, Chris Edwards and Sylvia Balls.

We are pleased that Louise Hardwick is out of hospital and making a good recovery.

Please remember in your prayers all who are unwell at this time, especially Dot Wilson, and we remember all those who are sad following the death of loved ones. Our thoughts are with Dennis, Carol, Sandra and Rene Richards on the death of Phyllis, a faithful member of St Edward's, whom we will all miss. The wardens would like to thank Dennis and the family for the generous donation given to the church in her memory.

Our sympathy to Wilfred Morris on the loss of his brother in Scotland. A difficult time for all the family.

Our thanks to Mike Conway, Derrick Price, David Minton and Brian Paul for all the help we receive over the year.

Can I take this opportunity to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Altar Guild Rota

St Edward's Church Team are hoping for people to come along and help clean the brass occasionally. If you would like to help with flower arranging, especially for the festivals, please speak to Jean Price of phone 528260. Many hands make light work.

Christmas Bingo

All are welcome to play bingo on 2nd December in the Church Hall at 7pm prompt. Do come and enjoy some fun in good company. Profits to St Edward's Church funds.

Indoor Bowling

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Silver Band Coffee Morning

The Town Silver Band will be providing festive music at their coffee morning in the Church Hall at 10am on December 16th and would appreciate your support to help with their funds.

St Edward's Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be held on 20th January in the Church at 10.30am. Usual stalls and good company assured. If you have unwanted gifts or items you would like to donate, please phone 528260. We will collect.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all who have supported our coffee mornings in 2017. Your generous gifts and donations have helped keep the church open. The help of all those members and friends who give of their time, jam making, baking and organising competitions – what would we do without you? So many thanks to you all.

Jean Price

St Edward's Gift Day

We are very grateful to all who gave towards St Edward's Gift Day in September. Contributions have come in over many weeks and each one is appreciated. The community's generosity is essential if we are to keep St Edward's open and in good repair for future generations of this community. Your gifts are an indication that the church is important to our community.

The total raised to date is £1963.75, once the Gift Aid has been claimed.

Canon Melia Cope, Doreen Phillips and Jean Shuker

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Sun 10 Manchester Carols, Methodist Church,
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Tue 12 Community Carols, St Edward's,
Knighton, 6pm.

Sat 16 St Andrews Norton, Christingle
Service, 2.30pm.

Sun 17 St David's Heyope with Knucklas
Chapel and Llanfair Singers, 3pm

Sun 17 Lessons and Carols by Candlelight, St
Mary's Church, Gladestry, 5pm.

Sun 17 Carols Around the Christmas Tree,
Llangunllo Village Centre, 6pm.

Mon 18 Caroling around Evenjobb, 6pm.

Thurs 21 Carol Service, St Mary's N.R., 7pm.

Fri 22 St Andrews Norton, Christmas Family
Service, 7pm.

Sun 24 St Cynllo's, Llangunllo, 3pm.

Sun 24 Carols Round the Clock Tower, 4pm,
Knighton

Sun 31 St Edward's, Knighton, Ministry Area
Carol Service 10.30am

Albert Pryce Lewis (in the middle), who
along with his wife Violet farmed a
Forestry small-holding at Cwmygerwyn
Bleddfa. They brought up a family of
eleven children. Pryce, as he was
known, is seen here with Forestry
Commission experimental officers.
He died in May 1979 aged 88, the bullet
he sustained whilst fighting on the
Somme still in his leg.

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Next year's programme includes Sarah Blenkinsop talking on Sustainable Gardening, Bill Laws on Artists and Their Gardens. Jack Willgoss on the National Collection of Violas, Dr Steve Reynolds on What's Up Doc (pests and

diseases) and nearer Christmas a practical evening to make our own Christmas Wreaths. There will be lots of other events to look forward to as well. 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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St Mary's New Radnor

Christmas Carols

Thurs 21 Dec 7pm



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What's on at the W.I.s

Button, Button Who's Made the Button at Gladestry W.I.

There are so many varieties of buttons that to create your own seems to be an exciting idea. But how?

Silvia Bigglestone and Jenny Kean had the answer at the October Gladestry W.I. Meeting. They brought with them materials for members of Gladestry WI to have a go at making their own buttons.

First of all Silvia and Jenny delivered a short history of buttons, starting with buttons as decorative items in the 13th century, going on to buttons as fastenings in the 14th. Some were made from animal bone, some from wood. They had numerous examples to show us from different eras.

Hands-on experience and being creative is the sort of activity Gladestry WI members enjoy very much. They were given a polymer material, which is malleable and easy for colour mixing. Members started on making their own buttons. It became a very noisy and excitable meeting!

- Heather Barwick, photo by Sue Mullin



Joan Hughes gets started on her first button

Roundup at Felindre W.I. AGM

After a few weeks of mixed emotions, it was business as usual for the members of Felindre WI at the November meeting when the Annual General meeting was held. The President Rhona Barnett welcomed the members and Tellers for the evening – Alison Drury and Audrey Lloyd from Dolfor WI. Members sang Jerusalem. Rebe Brick read the minutes of the 2016 AGM. This was followed by the President's report; in this Rhona congratulated the members on a very successful year, in winning the Rose Bowl Competition and coming third in the Kurling competition. Secretary Jayne Harris highlighted the monthly meetings and the excellent speakers we enjoyed. Treasurer Fay Payne reported that after the recent fundraiser our financial state was healthy and reminded members that subscriptions are due in January.

The election of officers followed – there was very little change, Joyce Matthews joined the committee and Sue Woodall was elected as one of the Vice Presidents and Village Hall representative. The meeting continued with the County Newsletter – Rebe will attend the Christmas Carol Service in Whitton and Jayne volunteered to let every member have details of the Photographic Competition. The competition winner was Pat Buckley; flowers for December Carol Peregrine and hostesses were Joyce Matthews and Pat Buckley.

The next meeting is on 6th December, 7.30pm. Felindre Village Hall, Speaker Rene Morris: "Christmas Baubles".

Rebe Brick

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Tref-y-Clawdd W.I.



At our A.G.M. we were delighted to be joined by Dawn Gill the Federation Treasurer. The meeting all went well and our President Julie Read was elected for a further year. She was presented with a bouquet thanking her for all her work during last year by our secretary Tina Travers. The next meeting is 13th December (note change of date) is a bring and share supper with a "Secret Santa"!!! Our

first meeting in the new year on the 3rd January at the Tower Gallery in Knighton is a talk by Ian Burgin 'Singapore – A Garden City'

You would be very welcome to join us at either event. More details from Julie Read 01547 529 410.

Pauline Parker

Llanfair Waterdine W.I. News

In November we held our AGM which heralds a time of change. Mary Morgan retired as our president after leading us through several very successful years and we all owe her many thanks for her support. Our new president is Margaret Clugston who is another long standing member.

So now it is on to the future. December finds us making Christmas wreaths with either fabric or live plant material led by our new president. We are already making her

work! Into the New Year and we will be holding our annual party on 5th January. This is an open event and everyone is welcome. We do the food ourselves for which there will be a charge of £7 and always have lots of fun.

All our meetings begin at 7.00pm in the Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine on the first Friday of the month For further information contact Margaret Clugston (01547 529155) or Ann Harroway (01547 528477). We are always pleased to welcome visitors.

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- H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

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- Ann Dean

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Teme Valley Gardeners Club

Members thoroughly enjoyed their coach trip to Westonbirt Arboretum near Tetbury on one of the most beautiful days of the autumn. Bright blue skies and warm sunshine encouraged us all to walk into the woods and admire the magnificent colour of the vast number of trees, showing off their leaves in acid yellow, burnt orange, bright red, tangerine, cream and much more. Before leaving we were able to sit and enjoy a delicious tea in the large restaurant, surrounded by lots of shops to tempt us.

Our speaker for the November meeting was unable to attend due to illness. At the last minute the owners of

Aulden Farm, Leominster came and gave a talk and presentation on the purchase of the farm and their planning to turn it into a successful garden centre. This followed years of very hard work. Now the very attractive large garden is open to the public, with lots of lovely plants and bulbs on sale.

On 11th December members will meet at The Castle Inn to enjoy a Christmas lunch with all the festive trimmings. Please contact Avril on 529244 to confirm your place.

Jean Price

Flora and Fauna

Advent Wreath:

The Church's year begins with Advent Sunday, four Sundays before Christmas, a time of preparation for the birth of our Lord. The Advent Ring in church consists of bright green evergreens, maybe cones or berries, as a base for the four candles arranged around the ring, one to be lit each Sunday. On Christmas morning the central white candle will be added and lit. As we all become so busy with our decorations, shopping, what to eat and drink, please make time to remember those for whom Christmas will not be a happy one.

Evergreen Drama:

As the autumn fades and the garden slows down, we begin to appreciate the wonderful evergreens: holly, ivy, spruce, juniper and laurel. The leaf shapes show up so well against the deciduous shrubs. I particularly enjoy the variegated varieties, golden privet and Eleagnus with green and yellow markings similar to brush strokes. Seed heads provide dramatic sculptural shapes, honesty with translucent heads, Acanthus with bold spires, cones of Echinacea and the spikes of Eryngium, all look quite



magical on a frosty morning. They look equally interesting picked and sprayed with silver or gold to add to your festive arrangements. The winter-flowering jasmine is a real delight, with arching sprays of glossy leaves and bright yellow star-like dainty flowers, a real favourite with arrangers, also the sharp acid colour of the Mahonia shrub. All look special at this time.

A happy and peaceful Christmas to you all. *Jean Price*

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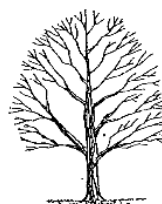
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Travels for Teme Valley YFC Members

Teme Valley YFC had a trip to Newbridge to learn about pottery and ceramics. The workshop included a demonstration and saw members having a go at making their own pottery.

Kim Barnett travelled to Scotland on a rural affairs trip along with YFC members from across Wales. Kim enjoyed the first visit to John Scott at Fearn Farm. This was a mixed farming enterprise consisting of 4200 flock of Texel, Beltex, New Zealand Suffolk and Aberfields. Mr Scott also showed the group his pedigree beef shorthorn herd, chicken units and arable enterprise. Other visits on the trip included numerous poultry and hill farm visits, Edinburgh University Farm, a distillery as well as a trip to Stirling livestock market whilst traveling from Inverness to Edinburgh.

After a successful application to the Wales YFC international

programme Ella Harris will be travelling to Patagonia in 2019.

Teme Valley YFC will be hosting a Christmas quiz at Beguildy pub on Thursday 28th December. The club would like to invite the community to take part in this event. Everyone is welcome.

- Elizabeth Swancott



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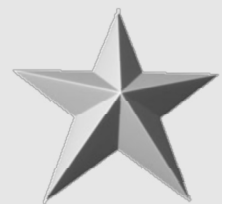
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Castle Ring Hillfort



Last month we looked at ancient features in the Walton Basin (Radnor Valley). This month we explore Castle Ring Hillfort, just above the Walton Basin, which is both visible and accessible, a magical place. It dates to the Iron Age, between 700 BC and the Roman conquest in mid AD 50s, but it might have been used before or after that time.

Size: Castle Ring is one kilometre north of Evenjobb, at the top of the hill, 340 metres (1,115 feet) high. It is 70 by 140 metres (230 x 460 feet) and encloses just under a hectare. The enclosure today is pasture with mature beeches lining the surrounding ramparts and ditch.

What did they do here? We don't know much about what the people who lived here did, but from excavations in the Walton Basin we assume that they raised cereals and perhaps animals. Castle Ring might have been the domain of one family, or a site, possibly only seasonal, for a group.

Who lived here? The Walton basin is on the periphery of three Iron Age tribes: *Ordovices* of mid Wales, *Dobunni* of southwest Midlands and *Silures* of south Wales. Which tribes lived here is uncertain.

More than one hillfort. Castle Ring is one of two hillforts on the eastern side of the Walton Basin dating from the same period. Burfa Bank Hillfort is larger with two ramparts and further banks and ditches, enclosing 7 hectares.

Getting to Castle Ring Hillfort: (take a picnic and imagine our Iron Age ancestors)

On the road between Whitton and Evenjobb turn off at the top of the hill towards Thorn. After .4 mile turn right at the entrance for Castle Ring Oak Frame. Park immediately at the parking area on the right. Walk a short way up the drivable track until a lesser track breaks off right. Follow that for a minute to enter at a gate on the left. You are at the outer ditch for Castle Ring Hillfort. Explore to your heart's content!

Information from "Walton Basin: Archaeology and Conservation" by Bill Britnell, published by The Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust.

Photos by Phil Fourie and Laura

Recipe - Root Veg Tarte Tatin

Serves 2 as a main course. Tarte Tatin is baked upside-down. Vegetables are arranged on the bottom of the tin; when turned out they form an attractive pattern. Use baby veg or cut full-sized roots. Roasted garlic makes it creamy.

Ingredients:

250g/8oz puff pastry (your own or use shop-bought)
300-400g/10-14oz root vegetables
15g/½ oz unsalted butter
1 tbsp fresh herbs, finely chopped (thyme and rosemary work well)
salt and pepper, to taste
vinaigrette (optional), for drizzling

Method:

- Roll out the pastry and cut out a disc of 22cm/8.5inches diameter (that is, just bigger than the base of the tin). Wrap in baking paper and put in the refrigerator.
- Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/gas mark 4. Arrange the prepared vegetables in the base of the tin, remembering that the underside will be what is on display once served. Dot over the butter, sprinkle with three-quarters of the herbs and season well with salt and pepper. Cover the top of the tin with foil and bake for 20-40 minutes until the vegetables are tender.
- Remove from the oven and take off the foil. Turn the oven up to 190°C/375°F/gas mark 5. Place the pastry disc over the top of the vegetables. Tuck the edges down the sides. Return the tin to the oven and bake for a further 20 minutes until the pastry is puffed up and golden. Remove from the oven and leave to cool in the tin for 10 minutes.

To Serve: Turn out, inverted, on to a serving board. Peel off the base paper, scatter with the remaining chopped herbs and drizzle with a vinaigrette if liked.

From *Grow Your Own Cake: Recipes from Plot to Plate* by Holly Farrell. Published by Frances Lincoln and available at all good bookshops or online.



Castle Ring Hillfort



Castle Ring Rampart and Ditch

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Archdeacon Alan Jevons and the congregation at Norton celebrate the recommencement of services after safety checks at the church have declared it safe for use. - Photo by Helen Gooderham



Red Cap Fungi - Great Rhos, New Radnor



Blue Stain Fungi - Castle Hill Knucklas



Norton News

We enjoyed a lovely visit from our Archdeacon Alan Jevons on October 22nd. He celebrated the Eucharist with us and spoke wisely and encouragingly to the congregation.

By the time this is read we will have had our Autumn Christmas Craft Fayre so more to report in the next edition.

Remembrance:

Quite a number from Norton gathered round the war memorial in Norton in honour of those who died in the 1st and 2nd World Wars from Norton. Rev. Christobel Hargraves led us in prayer and remembrance as we listened to The Last Post being played, a two minutes' silence and ending with The Rouse. Many remained for the Church service which followed.

Thank you to the Rev Hargraves for taking the service and speaking so sensitively and also thank you to all four of our Presteigne and Norton Town Councillors who all attended, having already been to an earlier Remembrance gathering in Presteigne.

Norton Christmas Choir:

Calling all singers who would like to join a choir to sing at the Family Service at St. Andrews, Norton, at 7.00pm on Friday 22nd December. All ages welcome. No need to read music or have choral experience -- just boundless enthusiasm. Rehearsals to begin after half-term in Norton. Contact Catherine: Tel: 01544 267421
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New Schedule for 2018:

We will be starting a new schedule of services in January, which is exciting. There will be two services a month, the

first being Holy Communion and the second an "informal" service involving the congregation, FOSAN (Friends of St Andrews Norton) and folk from our village community. This can involve interviews with local Nortonsians, poetry, recitals, drama -- different ways of expressing Christian love, care and concern amongst us as a community.

Let's look forward to 2018 with confidence for fresh beginnings at St Andrew's and for Norton.

The Team:

Good News! St Andrew's now has 2 new Church Wardens, as well as a Church Management Team.

- Sophia

Events and Services at St Andrew's

Fri 15th Dec. 10am onwards -- Christmas tree arrives in Church. Please come and give a hand in decorating. Bring any greenery from your gardens to decorate the Church window sills ready for candles.

Sat 16th Dec. 2.30pm -- Making of Christingles followed by a short, 20 minute Christingle Service. All invited both young, older and old (but young at heart!)

Fri 22nd Dec. 7pm -- Christmas Family Service Celebration with the Norton Christmas Choir, musicians playing festive classical pieces, nativity scene and Festive Christmas refreshments.

Sun 14th Jan. 11am -- Holy Communion

Sun 28th Jan. 11am -- Informal Community Service to include Rowand Himbury on tales from Norton

Ladies Night a Success

"Ladies night" proved to be lovely, successful evening, whilst raising funds for St Michael's church, Llanfihangel-Nant-Melan. The village hall was full. Over 80 ladies turned out on a cold evening (extra tables had to be laid out as well as an SOS for more cheese to cater for everyone). Guests sampled fresh mulled wine and an array of cheese and biscuits, whilst browsing the various stalls and chatting with friends.

The atmosphere was *really* enhanced by our two guest soloists; Holly Richards from Llandegley and Harriet Williams, Kington. These young ladies proved to be very talented as they sang a variety of songs with ease, leaving everyone immensely impressed.

Thanks to all who attended the event. It was lovely to see the hall FULL and everyone enjoying themselves. There was not one man in the building...perhaps there's an idea for the next fund raiser??

Also worthy of mention are the local businesses who supported us with generous contributions in the form of raffle prizes or refreshments. AJ Pugh Butchers of Knighton, The Old Railway Line Garden Centre, Oakchurch Farm Shop, Co-op Kington, KBS, Paul Lewis Butchers, Bruce Williams Butchers, CCF and Tanners Wines.

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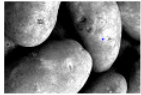
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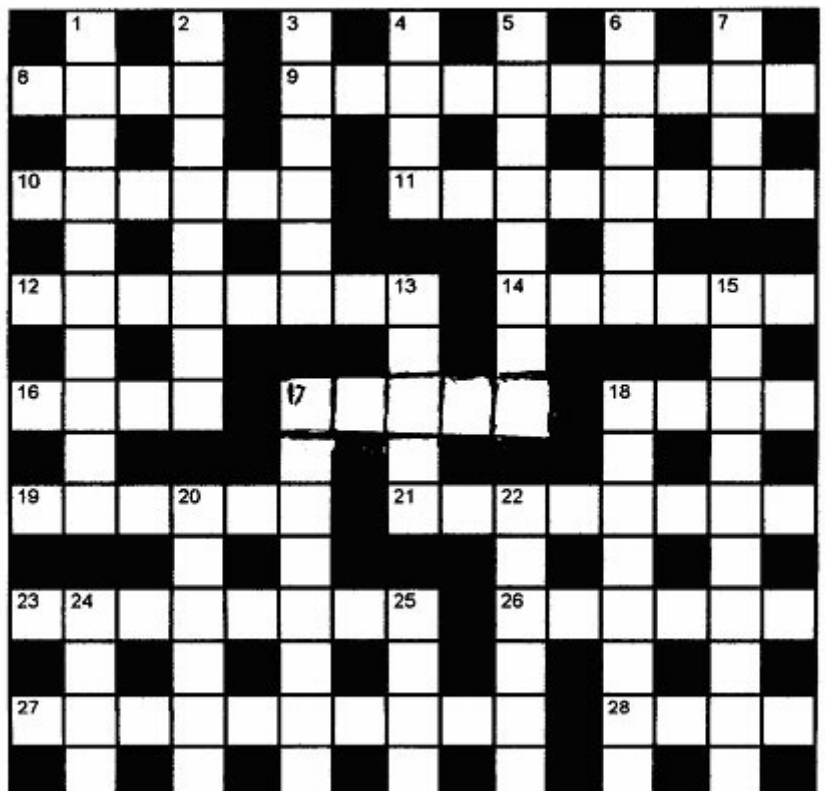
- 8 Sounds like you might identify this at Christmas (4)
- 9 Not recently upset but currently drinking their health (10)
- 10 His radiance (6)
- 11 A steamier version of the magi's travelogue (8)
- 12 As her boss sees, she dwells too much on one subject (8)
- 14 Suspense on a cold and frosty morning (6)
- 16 Adolf's lederhosen will show how to ride it (4)
- 17 Not politics at Christmas, surely? More fun this way! (5)
- 18 Fishy beams (4)
- 19 Nothing to tap for this vegetable (6)
- 21 The last one for this year but holds possibly the most important occasion (8)
- 23 Cuts or can intoxicate, without capitals (8)
- 26 A warm location for the Rugby Union and an article (6)
- 27 An old character flying something like 16 (5,5)
- 28 Yellow or red unpopular on the field but welcome in our post! (4)

Clues down:

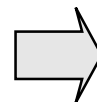
- 1 A frightful din (10)
- 2 Fine bred folk will be nice to strangers (8)
- 3 Wastes result from excessive personal use of energy (6)
- 4 Contrary to the quote, Man is definitely one (4)
- 5 The ultimate birth (8)
- 6 Bitterness reduced by Capone and that Indian God (6)
- 7 Frequently bent but rarely broken in church (4)
- 13 Fragment right in the middle of a hut (5)
- 15 Oddly enough, they are of good standing in the church (3,7)
- 17 Things to come, according to the man in the know (8)
- 18 Peculiar stuff to be on the Yule-time table (3,5)
- 20 Up-to-date, symbolic of something in a state (6)
- 22 The very start of Christmas (6)
- 24 He's found at the start of Chapter one (4)
- 25 No actor but still the leading light in the Nativity play (4)

Answers on page 53.

Brian Joyce has recently moved to our Ministry Area and kindly devised this crossword for our Christmas.
Thank you!



Farm Focus: Evergreen Trees



Christmastime means Christmas trees. This year's Westminster Parliamentary Review featured **Evergreen Christmas Trees**, a local family business. It was founded 22 years ago in Beguildy by Stephen Reynolds. The Field Manager, Philip Fourie, is a Beguildy churchwarden.

The company has 170 acres scattered over several sites. They grow quality Norway Spruce, Fraser Fir and Nordmann Fir. A Christmas tree is more labour intensive than it appears; there is no immediate return. Here is the process.

1. Prepare the soil for proper acidity.
2. Plough the fields ready for planting.



3. Plant seedlings purchased from Denmark; 15-20cm is optimum for Teme Valley conditions.

4. Fertilise for four years.

5. At five years, start to prune.

6. Attach colour coded labels for size and quality, making harvesting simpler. Maturity after five years: a six foot tree will probably take 7-8 years. The smallest tree they sell is 3 feet; the tallest is 18 feet.

7. Harvesting: A machine cuts the tree with the right label and a tractor nets them. When the tractor takes them to the yard, they are mixed to fill customer orders, usually various sizes of all three varieties. They are placed on pallets and loaded onto artics for delivery to garden centres and farm shops.

Marketing is where Evergreen has expanded. Their son, Charlie Reynolds, now runs Keele Christmas Trees. There is also a smaller site in Condoover near Shrewsbury and a new location near Cowbridge – Ty Cerrig. In addition they supply sixteen different franchises (pop-up shops). Basically they are selling all over the country: Carlisle to Cornwall, Cambridge to Cowbridge.

Knighton and District Rotary Club

Last month was very exciting as we welcomed three new members to our Rotary Club. Eileen Myers and Angela & Keith Ellis; all commented on our friendliness and on the variety of fundraising activities we undertake to support a range of charities.

Later in the month we spoke to the pupils of Knighton Primary School about the efforts of Rotary members across the globe to eradicate polio. We also had two stalls in Knighton on October 28th to promote the "Purple 4 Polio" project to end polio worldwide – only two countries to go.

And finally we heard Caroline Yorke from the Search and Rescue Dogs (SARDA) Wales about her fascinating experiences being involved with this excellent charity.

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. For more details please contact members Norman Thorp on (01547) 529666, Cathy Jones on (07813) 733240 email cathleenj2001@yahoo.co.uk or search for "Knighton Rotary"

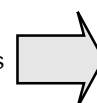
St David's Colva

St. David's, Colva was decorated beautifully for its Harvest Festival with flowers, produce and a home baked harvest loaf. Revd Canon Mark Beaton conducted the Service and the congregation sang enthusiastically to the familiar harvest hymns.

As we reflect on God's generous provision for us with the rich resources of the earth we are also reminded of the

need to share these gifts. This year a share of the offertory and donations from the produce will be given to Water Aid.

The ladies of the parish served refreshments following the Service.



- Rosalind Tarrant



Evergreen Christmas Trees



Stephen, Phil & Teme Valley Reindeer



Tending the Trees



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Colva Harvest

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Sunday Dec 3rd

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Ladies Who Lunch - Felindre W.I.

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The President Rhona Barnet welcomed everyone, mentioning the recent deaths of member Monica Thomas and founder member Gwen John. Vice President Rebe Brick said the Grace and secretary Jayne Harris added a special touch by presenting every member with place names attached to a pink rose.

Members enjoyed a delicious lunch cooked by Martyn and served by Sue with help from Kim Barnett. Rhona thanked them on behalf of the members for making their celebration very special.

Rebe Brick



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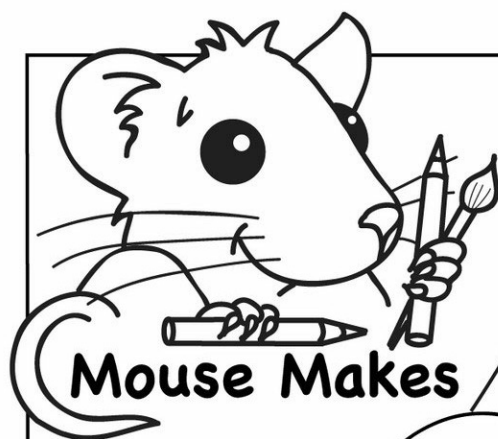
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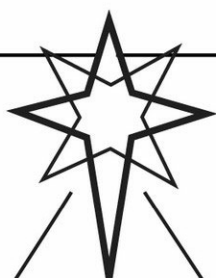
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Mark 13.24-37

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2 Peter 3.8-15a
Mark 1.1-8

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5.16-24
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Dec 31 Christmas 1
Isaiah 61.10-62.3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4.4-7
Luke 2.15-21

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Answers down:

1. Hullabaloo 2. Befriend 3. Sweats 4. Isle 5. Nativity 6. Alkali 7. Knee 13. Shred 15. Lay Readers 17. Prophecy 18. Rum Sauce 20. Astute 22. Christ 24. Chap 25. Star

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Llanfair WI, Everest Hall, 7pm.
- Sat 2* Xmas Bazaar, St Edward's Hall, 2.30pm.
Enthronement of Archbishop, Brecon, 2pm.
Bingo, St Ed's Hall, 7pm.
Xmas Garland Demo, Walton Vill Hall, 6.30.
Wedding at Bleddfa, G Pugh & G Cooper.
- Sun 3* Advent Carols, St David's Colva, 2.30pm.
- Tue 5* Old Radnor W.I., Walton Hall. 7.30.
- Wed 6* St Edwards, Communion, 10.30am.
Cameo Xmas Lunch, George & Dragon 12.30
for 1pm.
Quiet Hr, 10-11; 4-5; 1 Ystrad House,
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Felindre WI 7.30 Felindre Hall, *Xmas Baubles*.
Kinnerton WI at Village Hall, 3.30pm *Aviation*.
Presteigne Floral, Titley Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- Fri 8* Wellies & Wool Concert, Pilleth Church, 7pm.
- Sat 9* Pudd-Prose-Mulled Wine, S Edward's Hall 3pm.
N.R. Music, N.R. Hall, 7.30pm.
Presteigne Christmas Market, 10-4.
- Sun 10* Manchester Carols, Knighton Meth Ch, 5pm.
- Mon 11* Teme Valley Gardeners, Xmas Dinner. Castle
Inn.
Christmas Fayre, Felindre Village Hall, 7pm.
- Tue 12* Craft Club, Knucklas Comm Cent 2-4pm.
Community Carols, St Ed's, Knighton, 6pm.
- Wed 13* Communion, N.R. Comm C, followed by Xmas
Lunch at Fforest Inn, 11am.
Tref-y-Clawdd WI, Tower Gallery, Supper.
- Thur 14* Chatterbrook W.I., Presteigne Mem Hall, 7.30.
- Fri 15* N.R. Over 60's Xmas Lunch, Oxford Arms,
Kington, 12.30 for 1pm.
- Sat 16* Llanfair Singers at Knighton Market, 10am.
Town Silver Band Coffee Morning, St Ed's
Hall, 10am.
Norton Church, Christingle Service, 2.30pm.
Christingle, Norton, 2.30pm.
- Sun 17* Llangunllo Carols Around Tree, Village
Centre, 6pm.

- Mon 18* New Radnor WI, Village Hall, 7pm.
Caroling around Evenjobb, 6pm.
- Wed 20* Carols at St Mary's New Radnor, 7pm.
- Thur 21* Carols, St Mary's N.R., 7pm.
- Fri 22* Norton Church, Xmas Family Service, 7pm.
- Sat 23* Messy Church, N.R. Community Centre, 11-1.
Whist Drive, Whitton C Hall, 7.30pm.
- Sun 24* Carols Round the Clock Tower, 4pm in
Knighton.
- Tue 26* Annual Duck Race, New Radnor, 12 noon.

January

- Wed 3* Tref-y-Clawdd WI, Tower Gallery, *Singapore*.
- Thur 4* Quiet Hr, 10-11; 4-5; 1 Ystrad House,
Knighton.
- Fri 5* **Deadline for submitting material to
The Radnor for February.**
Llanfair WI, Everest Hall, 7pm.
- Sat 6* Quiet Day Norton St Baptist Church, 10-4pm.
- Sun 7* Epiphany Service, Churches Together,
Methodist Church, 3pm.
- Sun 9* Craft Club, Knucklas Comm Cent 2-4pm.
- Wed 10* St Edwards, Communion, 10.30am.
- Thur 11* Chatterbrook W.I., Presteigne Mem Hall, 7.30
- Fri 12* Willow Globe, *'Henry V'* Knighton CC, 7pm.
- Mon 15* Radnor Valley Gardening. N.R. Hall. 7.30,
Sustainable Gardening.
- Tue 16* Ladies Guild. Knucklas CC 7.30. *3 US Cities*.
- Fri 19* Quiz Night N.R. Village Hall, 7.30.
- Sat 20* Coffee Morning, St Ed's Hall, 10.30am.
- Tue 23* Craft Club, Knucklas Comm Cent 2-4pm.
Churches Together, Meth Church 7.15-8.45.
Mother's Union 2:30pm Evenjobb Hall AGM.
- Sun 28* Knighton Concert, St Ed's Hall, 3pm.



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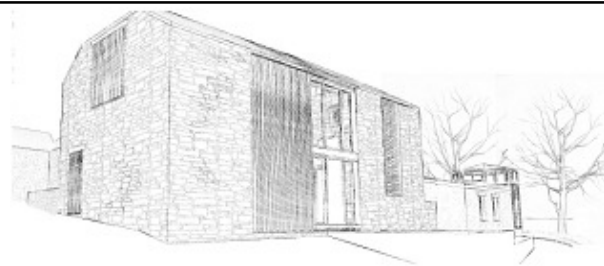
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Grid References and Postcodes for Churches

For those using Sat Navs:

Beguildy	SO 194797	LD7 1YE	Pilleth	SO 256682	LD7 1NP
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:

29th Oct, Lennen-Jaxx David Weston St Edward's

Funerals:

10th Nov, Phyllis Richards, St Edward's

18th Nov, Gertrude (Rene) Roberts, Beguildy

7th Nov, Gwen John, Hereford Crematorium

Knighton Roman Catholic Church

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and St Nicholas

Priest: Father Michael

Every Sunday: 11am Holy Communion

Every Thursday: 11.30 Holy Communion

Dec Knighton Methodist Church

3	11am Advent Special
10	11am Stephen Dalton & Knighton Silver Band Carol Service
17	11am TBA
24	11.30pm Rev Den Bulloss Holy Communion

Jan

7	3pm Churches Together
14	11am Rev Den Bulloss Covenant Service
21	11am Rev William Huband
28	11am Baptist Preacher

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
LS	Leigh Spicer	JW	Jim Walbran
DY	Donald Yonge	MT	Mike Thompson
JH	John Hanna	GW	Geoff Weaver
NO	Norma Olds	MCap	Michael Capstick
AG	Audrey Green		

Dec Baptist Chapels

3	Pound, 2.30pm Service
3	Norton St, 11am, the Andrews, Café Style
3	Coxall, 2.30pm, Carol Service
10	Pound, 2.30pm, Family Service
10	Knucklas, 4pm "A Fool & His Money"
10	Norton St, 11am, Michael Humphreys
17	Norton St, 3pm, Kevin Dare
17	Heyope, 3pm, Carol Service with Knucklas
17	Gravel: 2.30pm Joint Carol Service with Maesyrhelem & Pound, Rev Rory Johnson
17	Maesyrhelem: 2.30pm Carols at Gravel
17	Pound, 2.30pm, Carols at Gravel
17	New Radnor, 3pm, Christobel Hargreaves
24	Norton St, 11am, Kevin Dare
24	Pound, 2.30pm, Service
25	Norton St, 10.30-11.15am, Kevin Dare
31	Norton St, 11am, Joint (all 3 churches)
31	Service with Methodists

Jan

7	Coxall, 2.30pm, Communion
7	Norton St, 11am, the Andrews, Café Style
7	Gravel: 2.30pm. Richard Mansell
14	Norton St, 11am, Michael Humphreys
14	Knucklas, 4pm, "Party People"
14	New Radnor, 3pm, Jon Barry
21	Norton St, 11am, Kevin Dare (Communion)
21	Coxall, 2.30pm, Andrew Powell
28	Victoria Methodist, 11am, Joint with Norton St
28	Knucklas, 4pm, Michael Humphreys (Comm)
28	New Radnor, Revd Andrew Wyton

Happy Birthday, Rosemary



Revd John and Rosemary Hanna

Rosemary Hanna, one of The Radnor editors, celebrated a significant birthday with parishioners and singers from around our Ministry Area and beyond. We wish her many happy returns!

'Is My Team Ploughing?' at New Radnor



On Oct 28th the Radnor Valley Band performed *Is My Team Ploughing*. A journey through the seasons in music and readings. £415 was raised for the Christian Aid appeal to help the Rohingya refugees.



To all our readers.

*May the Star of Bethlehem guide you
to Christ in the coming year.*

From The Radnor Team

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