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Photo during last year's snow.



Castell Foel-Alit – an 11th century motte and bailey castle which once had a stone keep. Sited by the River Lugg near Pilleth Court. In 1341 it was the home of the dowager lady of Wigmore, probably Elizabeth de Badlesmere, wife of Roger Mortimer's son, Edmund, who died in 1331.

Shakespeare's Pilleth is Glyndower's Decisive Battle

The Parish of Pilleth covers approximately 2000 acres with a small population of residents although ten houses have been built over the last 25 years and three are no longer standing.

The Church of St. Mary stands on Bryn Glas hill and since the restoration of the building, when it was painted white, it stands like a beacon in the valley. The Church dates back to the 13th Century, has twice been burned and was restored to its present condition from 2000 and was re-dedicated in 2003. It has a well at the back of the Church which is reputed to have healing properties for the eyes.

The hill also is the sight of The Battle of Pilleth in 1402 when the armies of Owain Glyndower and Edmund Mortimer met. The Welsh forces defeated the English. Most of the land

in this border area was owned by the Mortimers, and Owain Glyndower wanted to rid Wales of the English Lords, but he later married Edmund Mortimer's daughter! The Battle is mentioned in Shakespeare's Henry IVth Part 2.

A group of Wellingtonia trees were planted at the end of the 19th century, to mark the burial ground from the battle, but only four of the originals remain. Replacement ones were planted about twenty years ago.

The site of Castell Foel-Allt is near the river Lugg; the Motte and Bailey are clearly visible and cover approximately five acres. It is one of the few river crossing places in the valley as there would have been a bog on either side of the Castle for about a mile. This land was drained in the late 1800s and wells and pipes are still running.

Further down the valley on the border of the parish next to Nantygroes was a Flax Mill alongside Cwmblewyn brook and there was also a ditch which ran to the Mill from the Castle.

During the Second World War five bombs were dropped on Rhos Hill and two were dropped on Gwernaffel, doing some damage to the house. No-one knows if the plane was getting rid of bombs before going home or if they were trying to hit the Birmingham pipe line.

95% of the parish was part of the large Green-Price Estate but now most of it is privately owned. Pilleth Court was the largest farmed unit in the parish but this has now been split up with the Court and buildings now forming a small development of seven houses.

Peter Hood



Pilleth Court was built in about 1556-1570 by Stephen Price. It was one of the earliest buildings in the area to be made of brick, (now painted over). It was built on a stone plinth to a U-shape with an oriel (bay window) between the two wings, one of which had a large parlour and principal staircase.

Information about Castell Foel-Allt and Pilleth Court from "Walking the Old Ways of Radnorshire" by Andy and Karen Johnson, Logaston Press.

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Dear Friends,

Easter falls on April 21st and Lent does not start until March. The Sundays of Epiphany, when we remember the ways in which God revealed to the world that Jesus was his Son, are nearly over. February stretches before us – dark and foreboding. Even the church calendar is looking quiet – we remember Teilo, Cyril, Methodius, Polycarp and George Herbert! The one real highlight is Saturday February 2nd, Candlemas, when we celebrate Jesus being presented to the Lord at the temple in Jerusalem. But Candlemas also marks, roughly speaking, the halfway point of winter, it being 44 days after the Winter Solstice (December 21st) and 46 days before the Spring Equinox (March 20th). Once we get to Candlemas we are halfway there – well almost!

Candlemas marks the end of Epiphany; at the temple Joseph and Mary encountered Simeon who embraced the infant Jesus and announced to the bystanders that the child in his arms was the Messiah, the one who had come to save God's people.

Simeon, was an old man waiting patiently for the consolation of Israel we are told, and he had been promised that his wait would not be in vain. When he recognised the infant Jesus as the promised Messiah, he could have been forgiven for keeping quiet. After all, who was likely to believe him when he announced that this child was going to be the one to set God's people free, and Simeon would be long dead before Jesus was an adult. But Simeon did share his revelation, even the dark part which spoke of a sword piercing Mary's soul.

All of the Bible readings associated with Epiphany demonstrate that the real power of knowing who Jesus is, often only appears when you share that knowledge with someone else. Happy sharing.

Mark Beaton



The Cover - Candlemas/The Presentation

The Presentation on the 2nd February (40 days after Christmas) is when Mary and Joseph take their first-born infant son to the temple to be redeemed. Joseph is holding two turtle doves, his offering of redemption. They are a poor family so they can only offer two doves, not a lamb.

The Presentation is also the purification of Mary after childbirth (called "churcing" by our grandmothers).

Old Simeon has waited in the temple for many years for this moment, when

he takes the child and blesses him. Simeon is now ready to die; he has seen with his own eyes the Messiah. And so has old Anna who has come to the temple every day all of her life.

Traditionally the Church has blessed all of the candles it will use for divine services on this day, hence "Candlemas".

This lovely image of the story is from St Oswald's Church, Grasmere, in the Lake District.

Community Features

The Radnor is featuring our communities, in this issue Pilleth.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting material for the March edition is

15th February 2019.

Please keep your submissions to under 200 words.

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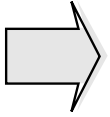
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Llangunllo's "Colourful Do"

On a damp soggy November evening we enjoyed the amazing talents of our small village.

The popular Luggettes sang and danced in stunning black and white chequered costumes producing amazing effects in the darkness. The 'Lugg Men' rivalled and sometimes accompanied the Luggettes. Dressed in a pink tutu, in a role reversal 'Billy Elliott' longed to be a farmer; a stage full of men bounced happily round the stage.

Llangunllo is fortunate in the varied talents of its comedians. John Lewis was a marvellous raconteur with stories and jokes to delight everyone. Emrys Breeze told raunchy stories relating to supposed events involving

local people. Andy Chilvers never failed to amuse and entertain, and he was excellent in drag.

There were many brave soloists who entertained us really well with songs about colours, but for me the star singer of 2018 was Debbie Jones, a recent arrival at the Coach House, who delighted everyone with her polished and near professional talent.

The younger performers dubbed 'The Colourful Cousins' – Lola, Keira, Jess and Max – were ably trained by Elaine Morgan. Dressed in brightly coloured costumes they combined singing and energetic acrobatics to represent the colourful world of the Big Top. Special mention to the acrobatics of Keira.

None of the events could happen without the dedicated and skilled input of magical pianist and musical director Katie Baker, with a backing group of Trevor Head on drums, Rob Clough on guitar, Ruth Middleton on clarinet and Bob Williams on tambourine. Also the costumes, make up, refreshments, ticket sales, programmes, raffles etc were all willingly sorted out by villagers.

Finally, our thanks must go to our photographer, Michael Brown. His DVD of this memorable evening is now available.

Carwen Maggs

The Visitation

With apologies to our Archbishop for my extreme brevity, the following is a 200 word summary of his recent 3000 word Visitation Address titled "This is my story, this is my song".

Evangelism must be our story, our song, our core business. We're called to be evangelists, bearers of the Good News, bringing the love of Christ into our communities, making the church's presence felt by publically articulating the loving demands of the

Gospel for social, political and economic justice.

To flourish, grow and live out our calling, we must embrace change, not by abandoning cherished liturgy, but adding to it a varied menu of worship, teaching and events that tap into the spirituality that we know exists in those people who we only see attending services like Harvest or Christmas. Like the people of Israel standing on the banks of the Jordan, we cannot simply gaze longingly to the opposite bank, the Promised

Land, we must grab our waders and step out in faith.

In our churches and communities there are people who feel like bit-part players, who feel they can't contribute much, to our story and our song and who cannot see how they can be a part of the process of change. But gospel stories indicate that God uses the bit-part player every bit as much as the lead actor. When all the cast perform, then miracles will happen.

Mark Beaton

Midweek Holy Communion

St Edward's, Knighton

Wed 13th Feb, 10.30am

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New Radnor

Wed 13th Feb, 11am

at New Radnor Community Centre

Followed by Lunch

No need to book for fine food and company!

The most popular Bible verse in 2018 was Isaiah 41:10 which says:

"Don't be afraid, for I am with you.

Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you.

I will hold you up with my victorious right hand."



Black and White Dance



Mrs Brown's
Boys

Llangunllo Concert



Matt Price as Billy Elliot



Photos by Michael Brown

Advent Windows



J D's Cafe - No Room in the Inn (Knighton Hotel)



Rhos Market Garden - The Star



Restorella - Wise Men
Pointing to the Star



NFU Mutual - Angels



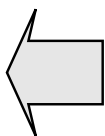
Sandra's Sowing - Light of the World



Prices - Mary & Joseph



Carpentry tools & Baby



Knighton Tells the Old Story

During Advent shopkeepers in Knighton used their display windows to create an Advent Calendar, one for each day.

JDs Cafe played on the closure of the Knighton Hotel. Mary and Joseph stand outside as there was "no room in the Inn". Even more impressive was their hotel model with stable next door lit up at night.

Rhos Market Garden displayed a fitting 'green' star above their

vegetables on Day 14. Next door the newly opened Restorella, selling furniture repair and home décor, created a charming display of the three wise men pointing to the star and creche in the next window.

NFU Mutual's window was a delightful angel and tree decorated with angels. Snips hairdresser also hung a draped fabric angel to fill a window.

Prices decorated their entire display window with life size models of Mary and Joseph in his carpentry workshop, complete with saws, wood shavings and the infant.

Sandra's Sowing formed an ingenious 'Light of the World' by folding gleaming white fabric.

The watchful could collect a sticker at each business with the aim of collecting all 24 stickers.

Laura Woodside-Jones



The Crib Service at St Edward's Knighton

Photos by Pam Davies

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100th Birthday: Margaret Pinfield celebrated an early 100th birthday celebration at the Lunch Club Christmas Lunch on Monday 17th December. Margaret's actual birthday was on 23rd December when she enjoyed a party with family and friends. Amazing lovely lady.



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Gladestry News

David Aubrey Hughes
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(died 10/12/18 aged 85)

Joan and family would like to thank Rev Mark and all who took part in Aubrey's funeral service, also to those who cleaned and prepared the church for the service, and for all the cards and donations received. These were divided between Gladestry Church Heating fund, Cystic Fibrosis and the Royal British Legion.

Sheet Music Offered

Betty Johnson, formerly choir director in the Forest of Dean at St John's Coleford and the Phoenix Singers wishes to pass on her collection of sheet music. These comprise single and multiple copies of sacred music, traditional folk songs and some from musicals. She also has music for soloists. No charge. Please contact Betty on 01544 370296.

Gladestry 49 Club Winners

Lucky winners in December were James Heald, Margaret Maddy, Michael Johnson, Chris Kendrick and Joan Hughes. The current weekly prize is £22 and it costs just £1 per week to be in the draw. Contact Michael on 01544 370296 for more details.

Michael Johnson

New Radnor Over60's Club

15th February 2019 - 2pm
Annual General Meeting
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For more information
please ring
Marilyn on 01544350588
or Pat on 01544350
New members always
welcome

Evancoyd with New Radnor Mothers' Union News

At the end of November, we held a festive evening with younger and older members talking about what makes Christmas important to their families; sharing old and new traditions and enjoying mince pies and mulled wine. Then in December we enjoyed a delicious Christmas meal at The Fforest Inn following Communion in the hall.

Dates: Thursday 21st February 2019 – 4:30-5:30pm at The Rectory, New Radnor for The MU Wave of Prayer. This is our hour to lift up our prayer partners in South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria and Argentina; join us to pray and share a cuppa.

We are keen to welcome new members, both younger and older. If you are interested in learning more, please speak to Kit Beaton, or any member for further information. KB (01544) 350342.



New Radnor Community Centre



Messy Christmas

Saturday
16th February
11am - 1pm

Crafts, Games, Singing and Lunch

Traidcraft to continue - but in 'skinny' version

The fairtrade pioneer Traidcraft has made radical changes in order to prevent closure.

It has slashed its product lines and kept just 12 employees. It will now focus on a core range of grocery products such as tea, coffee, and lavatory paper, and fewer handicrafts.

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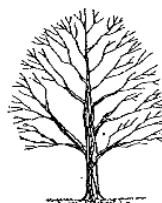
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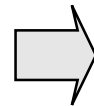


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A Gentle Start to Advent

The first Sunday in Advent was a treat for everyone. Churches Together hosted an ecumenical service at St Edward's, and parishioners came from all over, churches/chapels.

Advent began powerfully with the Churches Together choir singing so

delicately Advent hymns like *Christ be our light* and *Come thou Redeemer of the earth*. They were directed by both Sister Margaret Davis and Geoffrey Weaver; the choir blended in such a way that touched our hearts.

AND we all sang Advent favourites:
Lo He Comes with Clouds

Descending and *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*. Between the musical pieces the part of Mary was played by Sabina Sakowicz. Joseph and the angel took their parts as well.

We were called upon in our prayers to 'Wait'.

Light up a Life is a Fire Risk

“Light up a Life”, an Advent Remembrance Service nearly lit up St Edward's!

The service was run by St Michael's Hospice with Fiona Harwood telling how important all small acts of kindness are to families and friends of those dying.

Rev Den Bulloss led a thoughtful service, where we lit candles to remember loved ones who had passed on.

After the service we were enjoying teas at the back of church when a small voice squeaked, “is that a fire?” Rebe Brick raced to the front. The

candles were on fire! She blew fiercely onto the threatening disaster!

The table shown in the picture still bears scorch marks. Perhaps we all have scorch marks left by each dear one we have loved and lost.

This poem read at the service speaks of those scars:

Hearing Aid Service

The service, staffed by volunteers, offers free hearing aid maintenance.

Knighton - Knighton Comm

2nd Tues, 12 Feb

10.30 - 12.30

Presteigne - Youth Centre,

4th Tues, 26 Feb

13.30 - 15.30

There is a God

There is a God whose light shines in every darkness

There is a God who hears every lament

There is a God who transforms even the deepest grief

Therefore you have hope;

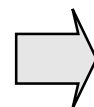
You shall sing again, with a different tune

You shall dance again, but with a different breath

Not yet, but one day,

For there is a God who heals your wound with the gentlest hand.

Bishop Michael Mitton



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down and fell the hardest-
timbered oak.

- *Shakespeare*

The day, water, sun,
moon, night - I do not have
to purchase these things
with money.

- *Plautus*

Ecumenical Advent



The Churches Together Choir as they appeared at the Community Carols



Fiona Horwood, St Michael's Hospice,
lighting a candle.
Memorial names in book.



Carol Clare and Catherine Payne



Margaret Davies conducting

Wellies and Woollies



Radnor Valley Band



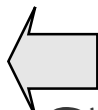
The 12 Days of Christmas as acted by the congregation



Petra, Jess and Megan Caroling



Helen Jones serving mince pies



Christmas began at Pilleth! White lights beckoned us into St Mary's, which glowed

with candlelight. No electricity here. The Radnor Valley Band played welcoming pieces *Whence is that Goodly Fragrance Flowing* and *Past Times with Good Company*. It was an old 18th Century drumbeat sound to help us step into a different world.

We were particularly delighted this year that Revd Petra Beresford-Webb, who will be licensed to the East

Wellies and Woollies

Radnor Benefice in the spring, conducted our service (with verve).

She resurrected Bleddfa's Bluesy Wolf choir with Jess and Megan, and she brought along Revd Andrew Perrin from Llandrindod to duet "*Silver Bells*. But, oh, Jess Squire's solo of *Gabriel's Message* was like the Angel Gabriel had indeed come down to touch us.

Interspersed with this fine music were humorous readings and poems ("Christmas Puppies" and "Santa Won't Tell"). The hilarious finale was

the *Twelve Days of Christmas* with 12 good sports from the congregation who mimed all the actions: swans swimming, geese laying, pipers piping, and those five gold rings.

And then a goodly fragrance of mulled wine and mince pies aplenty.

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- Proverbs 22.28



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Wed 20. Clun Circular using Shropshire Way, 6.4 mi.

Sat 23. Craig Goch Dam & Penyarreg Reservoir. 8 mi.

Mon 25. EASY WALK.
Carneddau nr Builth quarry.
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Wed 27. Knighton, Holloway Rocks, ODP. 7.5 mi.

Walking the New Heart of Wales Trail

The Ramblers took the train to walk using the new (not yet officially opened) Heart of Wales Railway Line Trail.

When we got off at **Llanbister Road** we opened a brand new kissing gate installed by our own path volunteers. We climbed up and then down a hill through a crumbling 17th century farm to emerge at Gravel Chapel, sister to St Cynllo's.

We turned up what used to be a quagmire until the volunteers dug (by hand) a network of drainage trenches. Then up to the outer reaches of The Beacon and the wild view down to the River Lugg. A gentle descent led us across and up to remote moorland guided by yellow topped finger posts we had installed this autumn. We paused for lunch at

Beacon Lodge, the now ruined hunting lodge of Sir Richard Green Price. A long ridge above the Lugg on our right and the Teme on our left led us eventually to a green lane to Knucklas Castle where we oohed and aahed over the view, then back to Knucklas station.

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Beth and Dorothy on the derelict walls of Beacon Lodge



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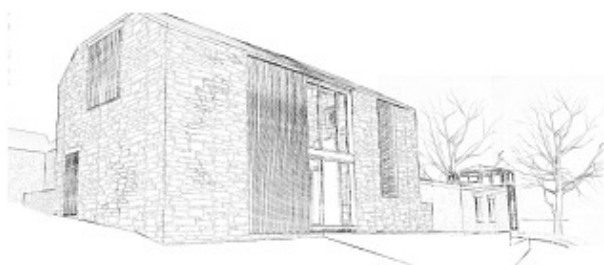


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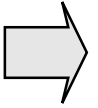
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"We are a musical nation" at Heyope/Knucklas

Music, music, music was the guiding force of the Heyope Carols. A select group of Llanfair Singers. They began in darkness at the back of church with *Once in Royal David's City* – soloist, Shirley Weaver. They processed to the chancel where they inspired a full congregation to fill our little church with the joyful sounds of Christmas carols.

Between each carol we told the unfolding drama of Christ's birth in Bethlehem, adding poems, one a

humorous piece about Jabez Dawes, whose character was full of flaws and who had the audacity to laugh at the whole idea of Santa Claus. He got his comeuppance:

*The saucy boy who mocked the saint,
Donner and Blitzen licked off his paint.*

The choir also sang a delightful version of *While Shepherd's Watched Their Flocks* and *In the Bleak Midwinter*. As Chris Martin played *Walking in the Air* on her lovely

woodwind flute, we could picture the snowman gliding [to Bethlehem?]. The Andrews family joined to play *What Child Is This*.

The service was for both St David's Heyope and Knucklas Baptist Chapel. Revd Kevin Dare led our prayers for the world and Revd Mark Beaton delivered the bidding prayer and final blessing.

Knucklas and District Notes

Knucklas has so much Talent:

This area is rich in people who are adept at writing, art, crafts, music, farming, gardening, catering and hospitality, organising, orienteering etc., as well as the several who show acumen in business.

The Castle Inn is an arena in which many of these talents show themselves, with vibrant Folk and other music sessions held in that

welcoming and well-fed environment. A successful pre-Christmas sale of work was held there on a Saturday morning before Christmas by, and on behalf of, The Castle Hill Community Land Project. The Inn also catered for many of the fifty or so locals who had been wassailing earlier this January evening in the orchard.

The Community Centre is another focus for local skills. It runs smoothly thanks to a dedicated Management

Committee. A widely participated-in Draw was held there in December and regular groups are continuing to utilise its fine facilities.

There were a number of houses in Knucklas with delightful displays of festive lights.

So far, as I write, the weather has been kind to us all, unlike in central and south eastern Europe and beyond.

Robert Forbath



Flicks in the Sticks

Thurs 7 Feb. Brilley Village Hall.
"Phantom Thread (15)" 7.30pm
Adult: £5 Child: £2.50

Fri 8 Feb. Bedstone and Hopton
Castle Vill Hall "King of Thieves
(15)" 7.30pm, Adult: £4 Child: £3

Fri 8 Feb. Knighton Comm "The
Little Stranger (12a), 7.30pm £4.50.

Fri 8 Feb. Leintwardine Comm
"Black Klansman (15)" 7.30pm
£5.

Sat 16 Feb. Chapel Lawn. "The
Children Act (12a)" 7.30 pm. Adult
£4.50 Child £3.50.

Sat 16 Feb. Everest Hall Llanfair
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Wed 13 Feb. Clun Memorial Hall. "A
Star is Born (TBC) 15" 7.30pm
Adult £6 Child £4.

Fri 22 Feb. Knighton Comm.
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St David's Day

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Heyope / Knucklas Carols



Llanfair Singers



Sophie and Amy light the Advent wreath



Miles, Martha, Bridgit and Nick Andrews

Llangunllo Carols



Menna Breeze - *'Silent Night'*



Rev. Mark Beaton



Christmas Light



Lighting an
Advent candle



The shepherds' fields at night



Candles, Carols and Good Cheer

Electric light gave way to the glow of candles as the service began with the lighting of the Advent Ring set magnificently on the font. This was followed by traditional carols and readings which had been reworked using rhyming couplets. The reason for the subdued lighting soon became apparent when each lesson was accompanied by spot lit settings each representing elements of the Birth Foretold, the Annunciation, the Nativity and the visits of the shepherds and the wise men.

In case we had lost sight of the wonder of what happened on that first Christmas Day the address reminded us of just how amazing the story is with the birth announced – not on Face Book or even in the Mid Wales Journal – but by angels come down especially to do the job. Even when

prompted, those who had seen the Northern Lights and other natural wonders could not lay claim to having witnessed anything as remarkable as that. We were urged to remember that this was no ordinary baby so, of course, everything else was bound to be extraordinary.

After the service the lights went up on a festive table, and trays of mulled wine were soon circulating around the merry company. There was a feeling now of Christmas really having started.

Our thoughts go out to all those who were unable to be with us, particularly our dear organist, Carwen, who has been plagued with health problems in 2018. We wish her a better time in the coming year and a very happy new year to everyone.

Section of modern rhyming story of the gifts of the Wise Men:

. . .

Bringing gifts of frankincense, gold and myrrh -

But Mary found it rather a blur -
What with angels, and travelling,
and baby, and all,

And now shepherds and wise men
coming to call.

So Joseph said "Thanks for the
gifts. They're well meant,
But now I think that it's time that
you went.

Forgive me but we're tired, you
know.

We'll say goodbye. Watch how you
go!"

So that was the end of that it would
seem, . . .

Pam Livingstone-Lawn

Carols Round the Tree

(16th Dec - Llangunllo)

Last year there was snow, but this year heavy rain cleared ten minutes before our carols round the tree! A good crowd gathered round the lights of the tree and The Greyhound to sing carols. We were ably led by Trevor Head's euphonium, a good outdoor sound.

Happily 'The Friends' circulated with homemade mince pies and mulled wine with frequent top-ups to lubricate vocal chords. The late afternoon ended on a delicate note when Debbie and Lynn sang unaccompanied "Silent Night". Sweetness and light.



*That old tea urn had served the
church well*

**Let the beauty of what
you love be what you do.**

- Rumi

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The 'Untouchable' Llanfair Waterdine W.I.

And into the New Year with Llanfair Waterdine W.I.! I hope that you are all sticking to your New Year resolutions!

In December we had a lovely social evening with a quiz and some games and our special January event was "A night at the Cinema". We had voted for our choice of film which was "Untouchable". It was the full Cinema

experience in the Everest Hall with snacks, and everyone enjoyed it.

Up and coming in February a local resident Phil Morris is going to tell us about "the Cartshed" where he is helping. This is a charity which supports people through providing access to woodland skills.

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 delighted to see visitors and there is always a warm welcome and a tasty finger buffet supper.

Ann Harroway

Gladestry W.I. Is a Gem

For members of Gladestry W.I. the year's programme of events looks enticing. In February they will be able to glean expert tips from the Gemmologist Ann Parkes, who is well known to royalty both British and further afield. Her knowledge of gems and jewellery is based on a lifetime of dealing with beautiful items, some of which can only be dreamed of.

Other speakers include - the work of Cancer research, Midwives in Uganda, Lingerie by 'Harts of Monmouth', Flower arranging and much more.

Later in the year the ladies will have the opportunity of visiting a local artist in his glass workshop and in the summer a trip on a steam train is one that will be well subscribed.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm and should you wish to join us for any of our meetings you will be most welcome. For further information about our W.I. and future events please contact either Sue Mullin on 01544 370711 or Sian Derrick on 01544 370700.

Sian Derrick

Llangunllo W.I. Will Bowl You Over

On 8th January, 12 members and one visitor met at the Village Hall for the first meeting of the New Year. President, Anne Newton welcomed everyone and reported two successful events: the popular Community Christmas Lunch and also the members' outing to Shrewsbury for a busy day of retail therapy, a Christmas lunch and a hilarious panto at the Severn Theatre. Details of events for 2019 were announced and members look forward to another varied programme of speakers and outings. Other projects involving villagers were discussed.

The rest of the afternoon was spent with a session of Indoor Skittles and New Age Bowls when members honed their skills and later had a competition. While this was going on there was a running buffet of delicious refreshments, chat and laughs to complete a most enjoyable occasion. The next meeting will be at 2.30pm on Tuesday, 5th February at the Greyhound for the annual Llangunllo Quiz with Quizmaster Ken Maggs who will organise a practice run for the County Quiz in May. Visitors are always welcome at Llangunllo W.I. and for details of all events contact Secretary Shirley Brown on 01547 550 555.

Carwen Maggs

Chatterbrook W.I.

Thursday February 14th
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Flora and Fauna

With the days lengthening we know that spring is on its way. This year, earlier than expected owing to the milder temperature, snowdrops have already been popping up and a lot of other bulbs are showing much growth.

All gardeners look forward to the first snowdrop, usually on Candlemas Day (2nd February). This tiny, but exquisite, little flower is among many flowers dedicated to Mary, mother of Jesus, and grown by the early monks in monastic orchards and gardens. I am sure there is room in every garden for this dainty little flower. A small bunch, arranged on a mirror tile to

reflect the delicate inner markings, will give much pleasure to all ages.

14th February, Valentine's Day, is a day that attracts much excitement in the flower world. St Valentine, one of the third century martyrs in Rome, is traditionally the saint of flowers. For all involved in floristry this is a busy time, a chance to be extravagant and show off the latest skills with beautiful flowers, mostly in vivid red.

In the garden the pink blossom of viburnum, yellow forsythia, winter jasmine, long silvery tassels of the Garry eliptica, Coryllis maxima with pinkish brown catkins and the

deliciously scented Daphne bholia, all make for a most interesting garden.

In February with so many early varieties of daffodils now available, we can expect the first ones to appear this month, together with hellebores in delightful colours, berry blue, burgundy, cream, many freckled, marbled or spotted.

February can be quite a harsh month with birds at their hungriest. They need our help to see them through. We look forward to their dawn chorus in the near future. A happy and healthy new year to all our contributors and readers.

Jean Price



New Radnor Gardening Club's Christmas Dinner at The Fforest Inn, Llanfihangel Nantmelan

photo by Hermione Evans

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The inventor of the QWERTY keyboard – now almost universally adopted in English-speaking countries – was born 200 years ago, on 14th February 1819, in Pennsylvania. Christopher Latham Scholes was an Episcopalian who could trace his ancestry back to two of the original Mayflower pilgrims.

Although he did not invent the typewriter from scratch, Scholes was instrumental in developing a successful working model. Vital to this was his changing the keyboard, which was originally in alphabetical order but had a tendency to jam. Scholes rearranged the levers so that frequently used keys would not interfere with each other.

Scholes started out as a printer and then, after moving to Wisconsin, became a newspaper publisher. He

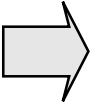
200th Anniversary of QWERTY Inventor

served two terms as a Senator for Wisconsin, one as a Democrat and one as a Republican.

His typewriter was not a commercial success until he joined forces with the Remington company, selling them half his rights for \$12,000. In 1878 he added a shift key so that the writer could switch easily between capitals and lower-case letters. He died in 1890, probably of tuberculosis.

from Parish Pump

Big Turnout for Community Carols



Clock Tower Ringer -
Fiona Astor

Extra chairs were needed for parents and friends who filled the Knighton Comm for Christmas Carols. The Knighton Silver Band on stage led us ably in an evening of Carol singing. The Clock Tower Ringers changed the pace a bit with silver tinkling on bells to *Oh Come All Ye Faithful* and *Away in a Manger*. The ringers concentrated hard.

The Primary School Choir swayed to finger snapping songs sung in parts – very impressive – even more impressive was their *Silent Night* sung in Welsh. Then the women in the Churches Together choir joined delicate voices, including a solo of

Long Time Ago in Bethlehem. (See page 15 for photo.)

Julia Robert made a strong appeal for our donation collected by the Brownies to support Kinda and Air Ambulance. We had a solo, a Bible reading and prayers for the world. A sketch featured precocious young Jack questioning Uncle Joe about the difference between Santa Claus and Jesus.

Reverend John Hanna led the evening organised by Churches Together and Reverend Kevin Dare rounded it off with a blessing. Knighton W.I. provided welcome teas and mince pies for afters.

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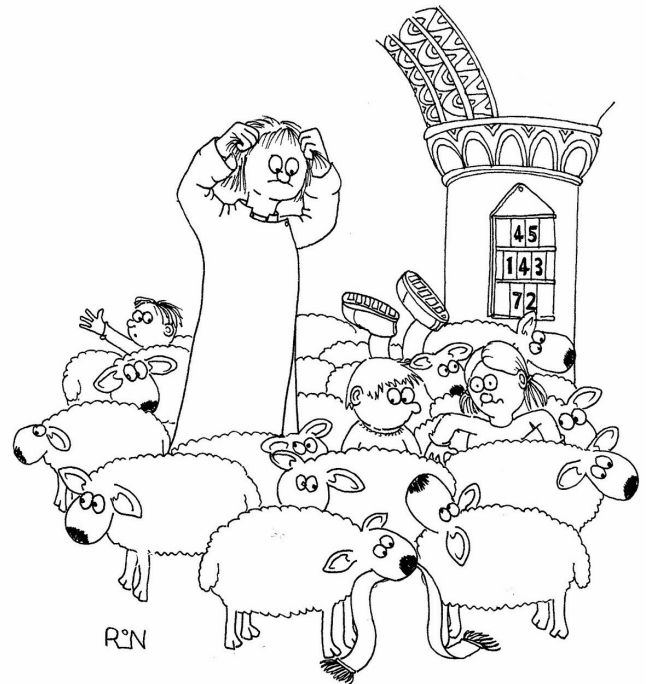


For those who would appreciate a free meal, please join us in the hall.

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Pam's sermon illustrations did not always work out...

Knighton Community Carols



Knighton Silver Band



Tref-y-Clawdd W.I. Serving Teas



Sketch: Michael Symonds as Uncle Joe & Rosie as Jack



Julia Roberts Appealing for
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St Michael's Cascob Carols



Yummy cakes served by Paula Reynolds



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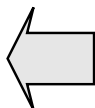
Norma Olds



Laura Warren



Dorothy Mills



Light for Cascob Carols

This year for our Carol Service we had no drama of a foot of snow to cope with, like last year. In fact it was very mild.

We decorated the church with holly, ivy, lots of candles and in front of the pulpit for the first time we had a Christmas tree.

We had the usual popular Bible readings and sang well known carols. After each lesson the reader lit an

altar candle to show our growing understanding of Christ's light in our dark world. Laura read *Before the Paling of the Stars* by Christina Rossetti. and Norma read *Journey Back to Christmas* by Gwen Dunn. It explored the mystery of our King and Saviour lying in a manger of hay.

The children Jack and Evie helped Mark light the advent candles. They also had great fun blowing the candles

out when most of our guests had gone home.

We have a lot of very good bakers up our valley, so we were spoilt for choice when we had our tea and cakes after the service.

It is so joyful to see the church full to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Norma Olds

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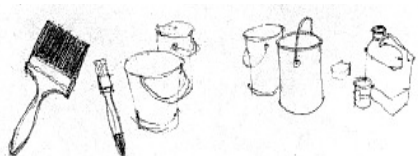
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Other Lent Groups

There will be several Lent groups around Knighton again this year. Look out for notices and see if there is one that suits you. Lent begins on 6th March (Ash Wednesday).

What do you think?

On 11th Jan we discussed our vision and ideas for our churches in Knighton. Ideas were:

- shared building, joint services
- inter-church house groups
- shared mission/outreach
- youth work (e.g. Messy Church)
- being at the centre of community
- expanding existing work
- after school club/breakfast club
- services outside the church building
- food, making church fun
- music/concerts
- social interaction within the church
- being flexible and supportive
- shared finance
- special services (e.g. renewal of marriage vows).

What do you think? Send your thoughts to Rosemary at rojohanna@waitrose.com We could print some of your ideas (preferably anonymously) in next month's Radnor.

Quiet Hour

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Lunch Club enjoying a Christmas Lunch at Knighton Methodist Church

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Welsh Weather Words

mis Chwefror February

Sut mae'r tywydd?

How is the weather?

Mae hi'n stormus.

It's stormy.

Mae hi'n oer.

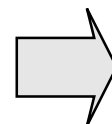
It's cold.

Mae hi'n bwrw glaw

It's raining.



Beguilty Children Built a Creche



Christmas Carols had a twist this year. Instead of the church wardens setting up the crèche scene perfectly, they were lined up in harem-scarem order on a back pew. During the singing of each carol Mark enlisted the help of children who took the angel, the shepherds, Mary and

Joseph one-by-one up to the crèche. The first one they took was the most important: the infant Jesus.

We sang the carols and read the lessons we all so love, and everyone enjoyed staying behind for mulled wine and homemade mince pies.

Celtic Saint - Seiriol the Fair of Penmon - 1st February

Have you ever been to Anglesey? The most easterly point is known as Penmon, where, in the 6th century, a monastic community was founded by Seiriol's uncle, Einion, Prince of Llyn. Seiriol was appointed to be the abbot. It is in a beautiful, sheltered spot, not far from Puffin Island, which used to be known as Ynys Seiriol, where the monastic cemetery was and where Seiriol is believed to be buried. Penmon was one of the largest monastic communities in Wales. Archaeologists have found the remains of four clusters of huts with farming terraces between them. There must have been at least 300 inhabitants.

If you go to Penmon now you will see a beautiful 12th century stone church and the remains of a 13th century Augustinian friary. But you can still see St Seiriol's Well, which would have been used for drinking water and baptisms and, over the centuries, as a healing well. Close by, in the shelter of the cliff, are the foundations of what is traditionally believed to be St Seiriol's cell.

Seiriol is very much local to Anglesey, but he had a friend, St Cybi, who came from Cornwall and travelled far and wide. He ended up at Holyhead, Caergybi (Cybi's Fort) in Welsh, where he built his church within the old Roman fort. Seiriol and Cybi

would meet regularly in the middle of Anglesey and this is why Seiriol was known as 'the Fair'. He would walk west in the morning and east in the evening, so the sun never shone on his face. Cybi, on the other hand, had the sun in his face morning and evening, so he was known as Cybi the Tanned.

Rosemary Hanna

Editor's note: The church at Penmon has a stained glass window identical to the one shown here on the north side of Beguilty's chancel.

It portrays Mary Magdalene in the Garden with the risen Jesus. She races back to the disciples and says, "I have seen the Lord."



St Seiriol's Well



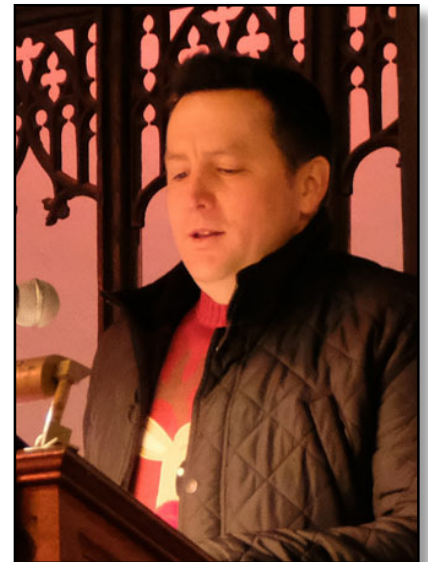


Ella Harris

Beguilty Carols



Advent Wreath



John Bright



Children place the creche figures during each carol.



Stephen Ruell and Phil Swancott discussing farm prices?



Radnor Valley School



Children of the World guided by Angels

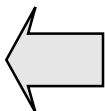


Special visitor:
Santa



Party game:
wrap the snowman

*Photo by Radnor
Valley School*



Christmas at Radnor Valley School

Friends and family were delighted by the children of Radnor Valley School's Christmas performance of 'Children of the World'. Guided by angels the audience were shown how children across the world in Poland, China, Ireland and Malawi celebrate Christmas.

The children at Radnor Valley School and Radnor Valley Rainbows were excited by a special visitor. Their

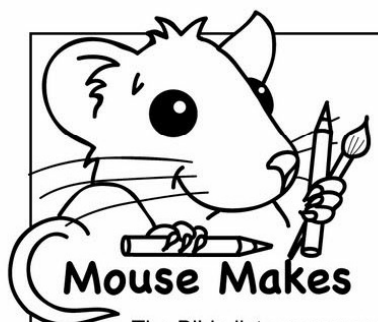
Christmas party was joined by Father Christmas who delivered class Christmas presents, purchased for the children by the Friends of the School.

Staff organised a Christmas party for children and family members. Games included pass the sprout, decorate the Christmas tree, but the most popular was wrap the human snowman.

Lessons were suspended as children and staff at Radnor Valley School

held their Christmas Fair. Junior children organised and ran games stalls for everyone to play and each class made crafts to sell. The Friends of the School opened a Cosy Café for a little refreshment. A lot of fun was had by all, while raising money for the school.

Ros Beck, Headteacher



Mouse Makes

The Bible lists many names and titles that were given to Jesus. There are 28 to find in the wordsearch, most are listed below but for some you will have to look up the Bible verses!

Eight days after their baby had been born, Mary and Joseph named him with the name the angel Gabriel had given them long before he had been born. It was a very special name for a very special baby... the name **JESUS** which means **GOD IS SAVIOUR**.

"You are to give him the name JESUS because he will save his people from their sins."

Read Luke 2:21-38

THE _____ S _____
John 14:6 John 10:11

_____ OF GOD
John 1:29

_____ N _____
Revelation 17:14

I am the _____
John 10:9

_____ Luke 2:11
S _____ R

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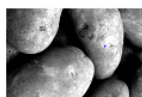
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At The Farmers in Presteigne we welcomed nurse Heather Lewis from the Lullaby Trust, a charity for parents who lose children to SIDS (cot death). Very moving talk.

On Monday Dec 17th we attended the Churches Together Pensioners' Christmas Lunch where we donated £250 for gifts to the older residents attending the meal. (See page 33)

In the middle of December we held two Christmas collections at the Co-op in Knighton. We were very well supported by those people shopping there, and we raised over £420 to be divided largely between the East

Radnorshire Day Centre in Presteigne and the Knighton Food Bank, with the remainder to Rotary supported local good causes.

We also held a "Frugal Supper", in place of one of our regular meetings, at Gallery House in Leintwardine raising nearly £200 for our charitable efforts in the community.

If you are moved and want to find out more about what we do please visit our Knighton Rotary website, Facebook or Twitter pages, or come



Rotary Supports Pensioners Christmas Lunch

Ivan Jones presenting cheque to Margaret Davies

Photo by Cathy Jones

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Cathy Jones

Dear Dad,

A seven-year-old boy who sent a birthday card to his dad "in heaven" received a touching letter from the Royal Mail to say it had been delivered safely. Jase Hyndman, from West Lothian, received the letter assuring him that his message to his father James had made it through the "difficult" journey.

Posting the heartwarming letter to Facebook, mother Teri Copland said: "I actually cannot state how emotional he is knowing his dad

got his card... Royal Mail you've just restored my faith in humanity."

In response to Jase's envelope requesting to be sent to "heaven", Royal Mail's Sean Milligan said: "I just wanted to take this opportunity to contact you about how we succeeded in the delivery of your letter, to your dad in heaven. This was a difficult challenge avoiding stars and other galactic objects on route to heaven," the note added. It concluded: "I will continue to do all I can to ensure delivery of it to heaven safely."

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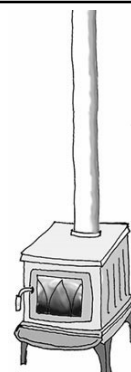
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Our song: *The Lord Is My Light*

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Mark lighting the Advent Wreath



Rose singing *In the Bleak Midwinter*

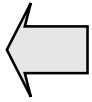


Zany sheep on the altar rail

Christmas Eve at Bleddfa



Penny playing Peenamtao Pipes



A Contemplative Bleddfa Christmas

Bleddfa's Christmas Eve service was gentle and contemplative. We listened to the plaintive night-time shepherd's pipes in Bethlehem (Penny in the photo). Rose sang a delicate version of "In the Bleak Midwinter." With her dad, Mick, strumming it was hard to keep a dry eye.

Paul Jays and Penny Nicholson played carols on soft keyboard and violin for our arrival at St Mary Magdalene's. Penny later treated us to the shepherd pipes, a 'peenamtao' from the hill tribes of Thailand. Mark started the service by standing on a chair to light the large advent wreath hanging from the ceiling.

We heard all the much loved Christmas stories about the forecast of a saviour, the visitation of Gabriel, Mary's gentle submission, the angels appearing to shepherds who saw for themselves the child in the manger. Mark rounded off the story by slowly singing the story as set to the familiar Ashgrove tune.

The melodious Bleddfa organ played by Graham George accompanied our singing of the familiar carols.

We enjoyed mulled wine, sweets and savouries, provided and served so kindly by members of the congregation.

Laura Woodside-Jones



Trish Parry serving | Graham George on the organ
photo by Dee Kirk

Whitton's Buildup to Christmas

Three Tenders +

As part of our on going fund raising events for St David's and in conjunction with St. Mary's, Pilleth, we held a very successful Sunday Afternoon concert on 18th November, when the Audience were entertained by "**Three Tenders**" from Hereford, who sang a very varied repertoire of popular songs. They were supported by "**The Clock Tower Ringers**" who amazed the audience with their dexterity and concentration whilst performing. A very enjoyable afternoon which together with tea and cakes was much appreciated by the good number present.

Quiz

The following Thursday we held a Quiz in the Community Hall when nine teams took part. We are grateful to our question masters Alan and Helen Jones from Pilleth Court for their work in setting, asking and scoring the quiz. Following the quiz we held our Annual Grand Draw with 12 prizes. Many thanks to all who gave prizes and sold raffle tickets as this is our major fundraiser during the year.

Christmas Whist Drive

We still follow tradition and hold our Christmas Whist Drive immediately before Christmas and this year 11

tables sat down to play. The MC was Philip Watkins and very pleasingly the highest scorer of the evening was Whitton's oldest inhabitant, Olive Mival, her second win of the week!

Christmas Service

On the Sunday before Christmas the Morning Service took the form of Holy Communion with Carols led by Revd Mark Beaton, who was still in good voice after numerous Carol services around his area.

Thanks to all who had decorated the Church so beautifully and provided refreshments after the service.

Colin Pugh

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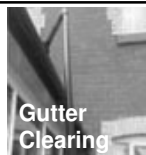
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Knighton News

Thank you from St. Edwards Church

I would like to thank the people of Knighton for the generosity they have shown once again on our Gift Day appeal the final total being £1,107. This is a huge help in keeping the church in good order, it pays for numerous repairs that the public may not be aware of. We at St Edwards are extremely grateful for your continued support.

I would also like to mention the tremendous collection on Remembrance Sunday of £318.54 for the Royal British Legion. Once again a huge thank you

Jean Shuker, Church Warden

Advent Calendar

Congratulations to all businesses and shops that took part in the window display, which helped to tell the true Christmas story. So many people, young and old, enjoyed the whole experience of walking around and gazing in each window. Special thanks to Revd Kevin Dare for organising the event. (See page 8)

Bingo

The monthly "eyes down" will continue on Saturday 2nd February at 7.00pm in the Church Hall. All welcome to come and join in the fun. All profits to the upkeep and running of St Edward's Church.

Coffee Morning

We will be holding the next social occasion on 16th February at 10am in the Church Hall. Usual stalls of cakes, produce, books, unloved items and competitions. Join us for good coffee and chat. If you have items to donate, please bring them along. We can collect if you prefer: please phone 528260. This is a

fundraising event for day-to-day running of the church.

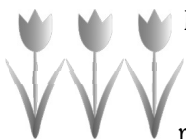
Teme Valley Gardeners' Club

The next meeting will be on 11th February at 7.30pm in Knucklas Community Centre. Marion Stainton will be speaking on "Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening". A chance for younger people to come along and learn how to grow their own fresh vegetables. All enquiries to 01547 529244.

Flowers and Cleaners

With a new year commencing we must say a huge thank you to all our volunteers who work and contribute so much to keeping our churches so well looked after. Thank you to all the ladies who supply and arrange the flowers at St Edward's throughout the year, and to our brass cleaners. We would like more volunteers to help with these tasks. Can you help?

The Flower Arranger's Prayer



May God grant that our hearts, our eyes and our hands may receive His inspiration, enabling us to glorify His house with the beauty of the leaves and blossoms which He has created.

Family News

A huge thank you to Mike Conway for illuminating St Edward's over the Christmas festival and his help with the Christmas trees. Many lovely comments received.

Congratulations to Margaret Pinfold, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday (picture on page 9). Family and friends enjoyed this special day with a party. Many cards were received, including one from the Queen. All members of St Edward's send our best wishes to this lovely lady.

We would also like to say "Congratulations" to Amy King, who has qualified as a barrister after being called to the bar. Amy was educated at Bedstone College, Sheffield University and London University of Law. She is the daughter of Neil (town clerk) and the late Gwenno King. I am sure that the family and friends are very proud of Amy. Our very best wishes for her future in criminal law.

Please remember in your prayers all who are unwell, including Sylvia Balls, Val Cropper and Rosemary Hanna, who is going through an anxious time with an operation and awaiting results. We are hoping for good news of Peter Medicott's progress, following a nasty fall. Peter is still in Hereford Hospital as we go to print.

Our thoughts are with all those recently bereaved: the families of June Noble, Ted Steele, Derek Morris, Vi Brick, Linda Darker and Islwyn Watkins, all well known in Knighton, and also Christine Baker, who helped so much with Open the Book in Knighton and Bucknell schools.

Vi Brick

The members of St Edward's will very much miss Vi, who was a much valued member and worker for the church. She enjoyed singing with the choir, arranging flowers for the festivals and helping at all events. A long life well lived. R.I.P. A sad time for Alan, Sharon and families as they mourn the loss of a much loved mother.

We very much appreciate the generous donations given to the church in memory of their loved ones.

Jean Price

Evancoyd News

December was a very busy month for St Peter's Evancoyd and it commenced with the first of a series of fundraising events to pay for the repair of our church pipe organ which will cost in the region of £14,000. The first event was an excellent Singalong Carol Concert accompanied by the Radnor Valley Band with soloists Heather Evans, Jess Squires and Mark Beaton. Mulled wine and mince pies were served and the evening was a lovely warm traditional start to the Advent Season. There will be more events coming up next year and we will keep you posted.

(For information, the organ at St. Peter's was built by Nicholson's of

palace yard Worcester in the latter part of the 19th century and is a fine example of its kind. David Gallichan is responsible for tuning the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra organ and he plans to return ours to its original specification and once overhauled will give many years of reliable service.)

On 9th December we held our annual crib service and it was lovely to see the younger members of the Church helping to dress the crib. This service of carols and readings was followed by refreshments round the Christmas tree.

One of the most enjoyable regular events is our annual Carol Singing around the Village of Evenjobb with Rev Mark Beaton to raise money for

charity. After visiting the houses we return to the Village Hall for refreshments. This year we raised £160 for the Wales Air Ambulance. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

Finally, at St. Peter's on the 30th December, the Group Ministry Area Service was attended by around 30 people and conducted by Rev John Greaves and Christine Gould. The sermon focused on the declining reference to Christ in Christmas publications, advertising and media which made us all think. Afterwards, we enjoyed sharing refreshments of nibbles and sherry (with orange juice for the younger members of course!).

Joanna Winstone

New Radnor Castle Mound

We are having a Meeting of the Castle Mound Trust on Thursday 21st February. Anyone who is interested is welcome to come along.

It will be held in the Community Hall at 7.30pm. Maybe you are new to the village and would like to know more about this "little gem" we have. The privilege of "owning". We hope to have a speaker from the Wild Life Trust, Julian Jones, to give us a talk on the botanical aspects of the castle mound.

All are welcome.



Quiz Night

The next quiz is on
Friday 22 February
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do with it?'.**

- Steve Jobs



John Greaves celebrates at our Ministry Area Service

December at Evancoyd



Crib Service - Dressing the Crib



Younger member at Ministry Area Service

Photos by Joanna Winstone

New Radnor Old School Hub hosts Christmas Lunch



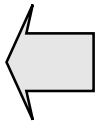
Sarah brings in the flaming pudding.

Ruth Watson plays Christmas Carols on the mini grand piano.

Photos by Hermione Evans

and the Boxing Day Duck Race





Opening of The Old School Hub, New Radnor

Opening

On Friday 21st December the Old School Community Hub opened its doors for afternoon tea and cake with carols around the piano, followed by an open bar in the evening. This was a moment of great excitement, since with the closure of the Radnor Arms, there had been nowhere locally that villagers could meet socially.

Getting the Hub ready for Christmas had been a real community effort, as the school was furnished and decorated ready for opening only three weeks after the rental agreement was signed: a truly mammoth show of community spirit. It even boasts a mini grand piano!

That there was a need for this venue soon became apparent when 36 people signed up for the Christmas lunch. There was a truly lovely atmosphere in the room and Ruth Watson and her team are to be commended for creating a gourmet

meal. We are all amazed at how they did it!!

The Hub remained open for Boxing Day in support of the Annual Village Duck Race, serving mulled cider and bacon butties to fortify the punters if not the ducks! It also provided a safe and attractive venue where local people were able to see the New Year in.

Future Events

At this stage plans for future events are still in the pipeline, but confirmed events are:

A 6 week Beginners Yoga Class starting Thurs Jan 17th

Morning coffee on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 9 – 11.30 am.

Friday evenings from 6.30 for drinks and a chat.

Jan 25th Burns Night Supper.

Feb 14th Valentine's Day Dinner.

March 1st St David's Day Dinner.

We are hopeful of an art group starting in the new year, a Radnor

Valley Poetry group, regular film evenings and Quiz, Scrabble/ Games evenings, so watch this space. The Hub is available for private rental at a very reasonable charge and is suitable for small group meetings. Further information from Ruth Watson. Email: ruthwatsonreeds@gmail.com Tel: 01544 350559

New Radnor Boxing Day Duck Race

The Annual Radnor Valley Football club, fundraising duck race was this year blessed with reasonably mild weather and no rain. It was also blessed by having the New Radnor Old School Hub available for warming mulled cider and bacon butties.

The village turned out as every year for this annual event, having sponsored 663 ducks! There were 10 prizes in total, but first, second, and third went to Colin Williams, Morgan Pugh and Nick James.

Hermione Evans

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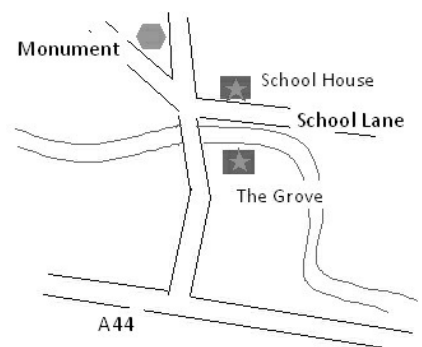
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What's on at the W.I.s

Felindre W.I. Are Wreathed in Greens

The Christmas song, *Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly* came to mind as the W.I. members arrived at Felindre Village Hall for the December meeting – they came with arms full of holly and ivy in preparation for the floristry demonstration.

The new President Jayne Harris welcomed the members with a glass of Prosecco and chocolates – Christmas has begun!!! Rhona Barnett, the secretary, took the roll which was a 'Treasured item' – they were all quite different – a teddy, a saddle, a table fork, family, a George 6th biscuit tin, Mum's wedding ring and one member said her husband!!! Minute secretary Rebe Brick read the minutes of the previous meeting. The Federation newsletters were distributed, read and discussed. Joyce and Rebe will be representing Felindre in the Bowls competition in March. Rhona will attend 'An Officer – to be or not to be?' at Crossgates in January.

A wonderful hands-on demonstration followed with local florist Karan

Duggan who led the members through the rudiments of garland and wreath making. Jayne thanked Karan and she judged the monthly competition of a homemade table decoration won by Rebe Brick with Jayne Harris second.

The first meeting in the New Year for Felindre WI, took the form of a dinner for members, husbands and friends at the Dolfor Inn. The President Jayne Harris welcomed everyone to the venue and a delicious meal followed. Jayne thanked the host and staff for making us so welcome. Jayne then announced the winners of the monthly competitions – first, winner of the Rose Bowl Rebe Brick and runners up Carol Peregrine and Jayne Harris who will jointly share the Candlestick. Rebe thanked Jayne for



Making Christmas wreaths Photo by Rebe Brick

arranging such an enjoyable evening and for her hard work as President.

An informal evening followed with everyone catching up with friends that they hadn't seen since before Christmas – it was the small hours before they said their goodbyes. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th February with a visit to the Museum in Knighton, followed by tea at The Banc – times to follow later. If you would like to become a member please call 01547 510644.

Rebe Brick

Stowe & Stanage W.I. - New to 'The Radnor'

Although our W.I. started life 96 years ago in the schoolroom on the Stanage estate, we have met in Knighton for many years. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month in the dressing room of the Community Centre, which can be entered by walking up the slope at the far end of the building, adjacent to the children's play park.

December and January are our Christmas meal and outing respectively, so from February 5th we shall be back in our normal venue, beginning at 3.30pm. We are a

friendly group and always welcome new members to our varied topics which this year range from llamas and a garden in Italy to American hospitals in the area and a demonstration on iris folding. Workshops on a variety of subjects are offered by our federation, as well as enjoyable social occasions. The W.I. nationally is very active in pursuing important matters such as mental health and environmental concerns.

If you would like to come along to a meeting and see for yourself, please just turn up or phone Alison Thomas

Tref-y-Clawdd W.I.

Following our Christmas lunch we are starting our new year with a fun evening including a beetle drive, so come and join us at the Tower House Gallery, High Street Knighton at 7.30pm on 6th February 2019. You will be very welcome.

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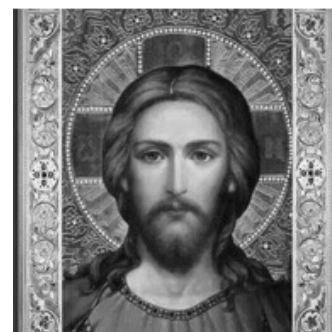
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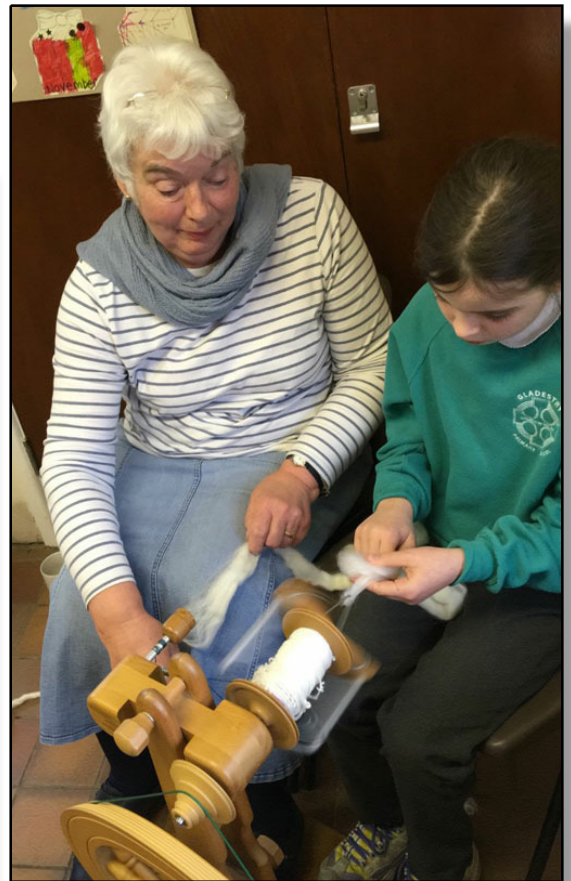
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Gladestry Coffee Morning with School

Pupils at Gladestry School joined the Gladestry Monday Coffee Morning just before Christmas for a games session: Dominoes, Table Tennis, and other games were on offer.



Headteacher Mrs Hilary Morris & former teacher Mrs Marlene Evans in competitive mood.



Jenny Cook brought along her spinning wheel to show pupils how to spin wool.



Dominoes

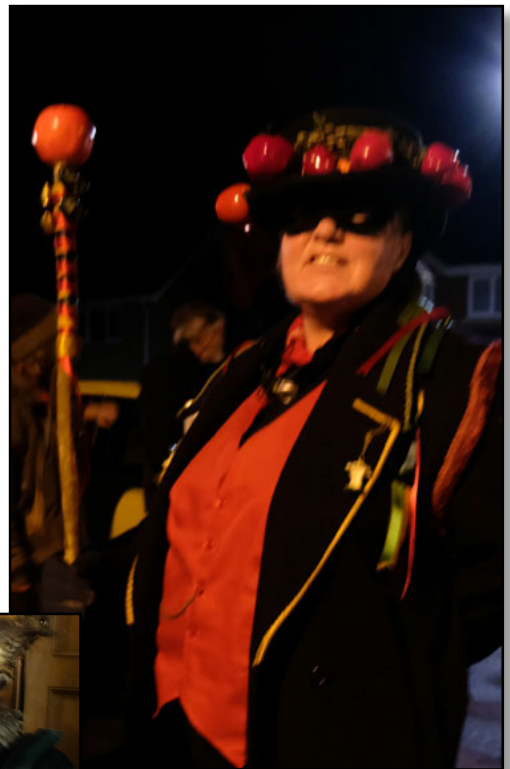


Table Tennis

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The Spirit of the Orchard appears



Jo leading the procession

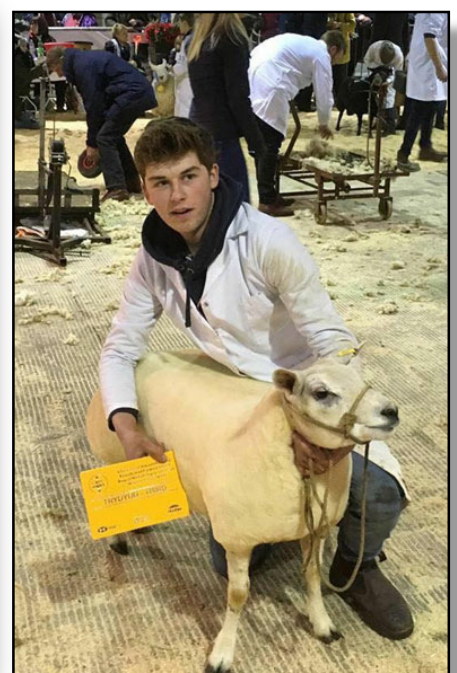


Ryan, Tess, Siggy, and Grant leading Wassail songs

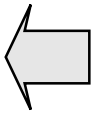
Teme Valley Y.F.C.



John, George, Ben, and Tom at 'Just a Minute'



Thomas with his lamb



Knucklas Wassail Awakens Spirits

Saturday 12th January was a dull winter day. As afternoon turned to evening a jolly gathering of local people, dressed to celebrate, met in Castle Green, lit torches and processed through the village to the community orchard.

There they made a loud noise with musical instruments, saucepans, whistles and voices waking the Spirit of the Orchard. The spirit emerged

from the orchard and led the crowd to the Castle Inn. There toast was hung on a young apple tree, and toasts were drunk to the health of the orchard and a bounty of apples in 2019. Participants stayed till late at night singing wassail songs and listening to music.

Thanks to Ryan and Jo for their great performances, to the musicians and to the Castle Inn.

Last year's ceremony seems to have been effective – Knucklas produced a mountain of apples. As a result Knucklas Castle Community Land Project has a quantity of Knucklas apple juice for sale at only £3.00 per bottle. If you drink some, you'll want some more. To order please phone 01547 520263 or use knucklascastleclt@gmail.com.

Jamie Ritchie

Facts are stubborn, but statistics are more pliable.

- Mark Twain

Teme Valley YFC at Winter Events

A final round up of events from 2018 saw George, Ben, Tom and John representing the club at the county 'Just a Minute' competition. They came a very respectable 5th.

Teme Valley yet again celebrate success while representing Radnor, with George, Elizabeth and Ella competing at Bingley Hall for the English Winter Fair back in November. Ella won individual beef and live beef team.

George and Elizabeth gained 1st place in the carcass team, meaning Radnor came 3rd place overall.

Following that at the Winter Fair Josh and Tilly came 2nd in the decorate a Christmas Tree competition, Thomas was 3rd in the Lamb Trimming, Ella was 2nd in the under 21 beef judging, George was 3rd in the under 26 lamb carcass judging, and along with Elizabeth the carcass judging team came 2nd overall. Meaning everyone

who competed at both Winter Fairs came away with a prize certificate.

In the run up to Christmas the club raised £1057.58 Carol singing for Wales Air Ambulance and Bronllys Hospital. Thank you everyone for your donations and hospitality.

The next event on the club calendar is a games night.

Jess Barnett

Photos by Jess



Elizabeth, George and Ella at Bingley Hall



Josh and Tilly 2nd with Christmas Tree decorating

Dates For Your Diary

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- Sat 2* Bingo at St Edward's Hall, 7pm.
Quiz Night, Walton Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- Tue 5* Llangunllo W.I. Quiz at the Greyhound, 2.30pm.
Stowe and Stanage W.I. Knighton Comm dressing room, 3.30pm.
- Wed 6* Tref-y-Clawdd W.I. Tower House, 7.30pm.
Felindre W.I. Visit to Knighton Museum, followed by tea at The Banc
- Fri 8* Movie, 'The Little Stranger,' Knighton Comm, 7.30pm.
Llanfair Waterdine W.I. Everest Hall, 7pm.
- Sat 9* Music in N.R., Comm Hall, 7.30pm
New Radnor Garage Sales, 11am - 3pm. (page 51)
- Mon 11* Teme Valley Gardeners, Marion Stainton: 'Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening'. Knucklas Comm, 7.30pm.
Teme Valley Gardeners' Club, Knucklas Comm, 7.30pm.
- Tue 12* Craft Club, Knucklas Comm Cent, 2-4pm.
Hearing Aid Service, Knighton Comm 10.30-12.30.
Whitton W.I. Ann Goodwin: 'History of the Radnor Valley'. Whitton Hall, 7.30pm.
- Wed 13* Holy Communion, St Edward's, 10.30am.
Holy Communion followed by Lunch New Radnor Comm Centre, 11am.
Coffee Morning, N.R. Old School Hub, 9-11.30.
Floral Art, Presteigne Mem Hall, 7.30pm.
Rev Lance Sharpe Licensing Service at St Clement's Rhayader, 6:30pm
- Thur 14* Valentine's Day
Quiet Hour, Ystrad House, Knighton, 10-11am.
Chatterbrook W.I. Presteigne Mem Hall, 7.30pm.
Valentine's Day Dinner, New Radnor Old School Hub.
Bleddfa Centre, Valentine's Day dinner.
East Radnor Benefice Council meeting, St Edward's Hall, 2:45pm
- Fri 15* **Deadline for material for March.**
N.R. Over 60's Club, Pear Tree Cottage, 2pm.
- Sat 16* St Edward's Coffee Morning, Church Hall, 10am.
Messy Church New Radnor Community Centre, 11am - 1pm
- Mon 18* Radnor Valley Gardening Club. Paul Hands: 'Straw, Skeps and Hives,' N.R. Comm Hall, 7.30pm.
New Radnor Children's Playground AGM, N.R. Hall, 7pm.
- Tue 19* Gladestry Women's Institute, Ann Parke: 'Gemmology'. 7.30pm.
Ladies Guild, 'The Lingen Stitchers'. Knucklas Comm, 7.30pm.
- Thur 21* Mothers' Union, Wave of Prayer, N.R. Rectory, 4.30-5.30.
New Radnor Castle Mound Trust meeting for all, NR Comm 7.30.
Folk Night, Knucklas Castle Inn, 7pm onwards.
- Thur - Sat 21, 22, 23* Puss in Boots, Lady Hawkins Centre, Kington 7.30pm, Sat Matinee 2.30pm.
- Thur 21* *Fri 22* Movie, 'Human Flow,' Knighton Comm, 7.30pm.
Quiz Night, N.R. Comm Hall, 7.30pm.
- Sun 24* Knighton Concert Society, St Edwards Hall, 3pm.
- Tue 26* Craft Club, Knucklas Comm Cent, 2-4pm.
Hearing Aid Service, Presteigne Youth Centre 13.30-15.30.
Beguildy Church Committee, in church, 7pm.
- Wed 27* Coffee Morning, N.R. Old School Hub, 9-11.30.
Gladestry Prayer Meeting, Church Barn 11:30am
Colva Prayer Meeting 1pm Church.
- Thur 28* New Radnor Prayer Meeting 7pm Rectory

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- Fri 1* Women's World Day of Prayer, St Edward's, 6pm.
St David's Day Dinner, N.R. Old School Hub.
- Sat 2* Knucklas Castle Cabaret, Knucklas Comm. 7.30.
- Sun 3* St David's Day Services:
Heyope Church 11am and Lunch 1pm,
Knucklas Comm.
Colva Celebration, 2.30pm
- Tue 5* Shrove Tuesday. Pancake Day!
- Wed 6* Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, St Peter's Evancoyd 7pm.

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Grid References and Postcodes for Churches

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 2PA

Registers

Baptisms:

2nd Dec. St Edward's, Lucy Jane TAYLOR

Funerals:

22nd Dec. St Mary's Gladestry, David Aubrey HUGHES

5th Jan. St Edward's, Violet Mary BRICK

11th Jan. St Edward's,
Malinda Florence Muriel PARKER

Knighton Methodist Church

Feb 3 11am Rev Kim Stilwell HC

10 11am Rev Den Bulloss

17 11am Mr Stephen Dalton

24 11am Mike Owens at Baptist Church

Knighton Roman Catholic Church

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and St Nicholas

Every Sunday: 11am Holy Communion

Every Thursday: 11.30 Holy Communion

Baptist Chapels

February

- 3 New Radnor Baptist, 3pm Jon Barry
- 3 Norton St, 11am, Family Service with Nick and Bridget (with Traidcraft Stall)
- 3 Coxall, 2.30pm, Communion. Kevin Dare
- 3 Pound, 2.30pm, with Llanbister Methodists
- 10 Norton St, 11am, Kevin Dare
- 10 Knucklas, 4pm, Sue Wilson
- 10 Gravel, 2.30pm, Leigh Spicer.
- 10 Llanbister Methodists, 3pm, with Pound
- 17 New Radnor Baptist, 3pm, Rev Patrick Baker
- 17 Norton St, 11am, Communion Patrick Baker
- 17 Coxall, 2.30pm, Kevin Dare
- 17 Pound, 2.30pm, with Llanbister Methodists
- 24 Norton St, 11am, Kevin Dare, Joint service with Knighton Methodists
- 24 Knucklas, 4pm, Communion Kevin Dare
- 24 Llanbister Methodists, 3pm, with Pound
- 24 Maesyrhelem Chapel, 6.30pm, Leigh Spicer

March

- 3 Norton St, 11am, Family Service with Nick and Bridget (with Traidcraft Stall)
- 3 Coxall, 2.30pm, Communion. Kevin Dare
- 3 Gravel, 2.30pm, Richard Mansell.

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The Shepherds on Christmas Eve



February 2019		Feb 3rd <i>Green</i> Presentation of Christ	Feb 10th <i>Green</i> 4th before Lent	Feb 17th <i>Green</i> 3rd before Lent	Feb 24th <i>Green</i> Creation Sunday	March 3rd <i>Green</i> Transfiguration
	Readings	Ezekiel 43.27- 44.4 Psalm 48 1 Corinthians 13.1-13 Luke 2.22-40	Isaiah 6.1-8, [9-13] Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 Luke 5.1-11	Jeremiah 17.5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15.12-20 Luke 6.17-26	Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-25 Psalm 65 Revelation 4 Luke 8.22-25	Exodus 34.29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2 Luke 9.28-36, [37-43]
Beacon Hill	Beguildy St Michael	No Service	11:00am MB Morning Worship	No Service	11:00am C Hall Holy Communion	No Service
	Bleddfa M Magdalene	8:30pm MB Compline	No Service	No Service	No Service	8:30pm MW Compline
	Heyope St David	3:00pm AG Evensong	No Service	3:00pm MB Holy Communion	No Service	11:00am MR St David's Celebration
East Radnor	Llangunllo St Cynllo	No Service	No Service	11:00am C Hall Holy Communion	No Service	No Service
	Cascob St Michael	No Service	3:00pm MB Holy Communion	No Service	No Service	No Service
	Knighton St Edward	11:00am JH Morning Worship	11:00am JH Holy Communion	11:00am JH Morning Worship	11:00am JH Holy Communion	11:00am JH Morning Worship
New Radnor	Pilleth St Mary	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service
	Whitton St David	9:30am DD Morning Worship	9:30am C Hall Holy Communion	9:30am DD Morning Worship	9:30am MB Holy Communion	9:30am DD Morning Prayer
	Colva St David	2:30pm MB Holy Communion	No Service	No Service	No Service	2:30pm MB St David's Celebration
New Radnor	Evancoyd St Peter	11:00am HE Morning Worship	5:00pm MB Holy Communion	No Service	11:00am MB Holy Communion	11:00am HE Morning Worship
	Gladestry St Mary	11:15am MB Family Service	9:15am MB Holy Communion	11:15am MB Holy Communion	5:00pm HC Evening Worship	11:15am MB Family Service
	Llan'I N M St Michael	No Service	11:00 am CG Morning Prayer	No Service	3pm MB Holy Communion	No Service
	New Radnor St Mary	9:15am MB Holy Communion	6:00pm Informal Worship	9:15am MB Holy Communion	10:00am CG Morning Worship	9:15am MB Holy Communion

Initials, alphabetically:

GW Geoff Weaver
MR Meinir Ronicle

AG Audrey Green
HC Heather Carrington
MW Mick Westrip

CG Christine Gould
HE Heather Evans

C Hall Rev Carolyn Hall
JH Rev John Hanna

CH Rev Christobel Hargraves
MB Rev Mark Beaton