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The Nativity
Tewkesbury Abbey

The Magazine of the East Radnor Ministry Area

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Medieval Fonts



Brecon Cathedral Font



Beguildy - Deep Grooves in Font



Llanwenog - The 12 Apostles



Eardisley - The Harrowing of Hell



Knighton's old font - now in
Llanelwedd Churchyard

A Font Fit for Burying

Back in the vestry of St Margaret's church in the Golden Valley is an ancient list of churchwarden duties. One is to ensure a "good stone font." Half of our Ministry Area churches have such medieval fonts. Beguildy's 15th Century font has deep gouges in the stonework. It is said (and disputed) that the cuts were caused by Civil War soldiers sharpening their blades!

Knighton's font has a tale. Their current font is from the re-build in 1877, when the old one was removed and **buried** in a neighbouring field. Later it was removed, and now it rests in Llanellwedd Churchyard (disputed by some). Why did they bury it? Being

blessed for sacred use, they didn't want it used for any other purpose than baptism.

Llangunllo's Victorian font has a cover that came from St Mary's New Radnor. Why?

Outside our Ministry Area are several important fonts. The two shown opposite, with their deeply cut, vibrant carvings, are attributed to the Herefordshire School of stone carving from the first half of the twelfth century.

The Eardisley Church font has several scenes. In the Harrowing of Hell two armed men fight. One raises his sword ready to strike, while the

other's spear pierces his opponent's leg. Eardisley church is open with a special lighting button on the wall by the font.

Llanwenog near Lampeter boasts a most unusual and primitive 12th Century font of the twelve apostles, surrounding the bowl. They are reminiscent of an African mask.

Fantastical creatures often feature in the 'Herefordshire' school of carving as seen in Brecon Cathedral's font. This strange beast covers half the bowl. I leave it to the reader to decide why our forbears put mythical beasts on the initiation rite to Christ's church.

Photos and article by Laura W-J



St Cynllo's Font with wooden cover from St Mary's, New Radnor



15th Century bowl of St Mary's, Gladestry has a big patch in the lip.



Knighton - "Modern" font from 1877 Restoration



The 12th Century font at St David's Colva is the oldest in our Ministry Area. Why the cut notches in the lip?

Glyn Griffiths



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Dear Friends,

Advent is upon us, and once again we enter that season of the year which brings an extra burden of work for the nation's chiropractors. What, you might ask, is he on about now? Well, unless you take care Advent can give you a crick in the neck. For many, Advent is solely about looking forward to the events of Christmas, never glancing to the left or right and certainly not looking back. But spending the whole of Advent focusing exclusively on Christmas just means the season of Christmas becomes four weeks longer, and those things that are distinctive about Advent are lost. Advent should also be about looking beyond Christmas to Christ's second coming and about looking back, hence the crick in the neck.

In Advent we look back to: the Old Testament Patriarchs, the Prophets, John the Baptist and the Virgin Mary. In a sense, we look back in order to help ourselves look forward. The patience and faith of the Patriarchs are a model for us as we await Christ's return. The promises God gave his suffering people through the Prophets of old, still offer us encouragement today. John the Baptist was all about preparing hearts and minds for the arrival of the Messiah, and he reminds us that we also need to be prepared for the Messiah's return. Mary exemplifies obedience to the will of God, an obedience to which we should aspire.

The Israelites were frequently described by God as 'stiff necked', in Advent the discipline of looking both backwards and forwards should help us avoid stiff necks and ready ourselves for the joy of Christmas. May Advent leave you reflecting on the past and eagerly awaiting the future, and may your experience of Christmas restore your joy and refresh your hope.

Mark

Cover: Birth of Jesus

The stained glass at Tewkesbury Abbey is the central panel of three showing the nativity, with Joseph on the left panel, and Mary on the right.

This panel has all the Christmas images we know and love:

- The donkey and the ox in the stable.
- A lantern. We burn candles at Christmastime to show that Jesus is the "Light of the World."

- The star which guided the Wise Men; we love to place a star on the top of our Christmas tree.
- Wheat sheaves (not so common) to show that Jesus is the "Bread of Life". He feeds the 5,000.

This window is just one panel in the great West Window, created in 1886 to tell the story of Christ's life.



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Churches Together in Knighton and District

Knighton and Presteigne Foodbank

We have a fabulous selection of food thanks to the wonderful donations from Harvest Festival BUT we would love to receive the following Christmas Treats by Tuesday 17th December please:

Xmas Cake - family and single size
 Xmas Pudding - family and single size
 Xmas Biscuits, Sweets, Chocs
 Selection boxes and Christmas Stockings for children
 Small gifts for adults, teenagers and younger children – unwrapped
 Xmas wrapping paper and X cards

We also need the following BASICS:

Toilet Rolls & Washing Up Liquid & Laundry Powder Liquid
 Shampoo & Shower Gel, Deodorant, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

A cash donation will enable us to purchase fresh milk, bread, cheese and eggs & to buy fresh vegetable/fruit vouchers to include with individual food parcels. We cannot distribute fresh/frozen Christmas Turkeys.



Knighton Baptist Church,
 Norton Street

Thursday 12th December
 7:00pm

Come along to the “Light up a Life” service to remember a loved one.

St Michael’s Hospice will be there to celebrate a life through candles and a Book of Remembrance.

The lights are beacons for everything that St Michael’s stands for – giving care to local people with a terminal illness and supporting their families and friends.

Open the Book at Christmas

The team is working on “Get in the Picture” (see page 59) and a delightful re-telling of the story through animals for the school on December 19th.

ADVENT SERVICE

Ecumenical Gathering

Sun, 1st Dec, 3 pm

Knighton Methodist Church

Victoria Road

Theme:

Peace

The offering will be for
 ‘Embrace,’

A Charity for the Middle East

Community Carols

Knighton Comm

Dec 10, 6pm

Kington Silver Band

Churches Together Choir

Clock Tower Ringers

Knighton School

Refreshments provided by

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- Those who have just caught the vision of Open the Book.
- Colleagues at the Bible Society who daily support Open the Book.
- Staff and Children in all of our schools.

Quiet Hour

Thursday 5th December

Thursday 9th January

10-11am

All are welcome

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Bible Study Group

Wednesdays, 10.30 am

17 Millfield Close Knighton

David Hinton 01547 528984

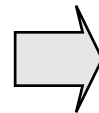
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At Llangunllo's Harvest Thanks Giving this year we gathered first in Lower Bailey field for the blessing of farm vehicles – old and new, big and small, some very shiny and others rather less so – rather like the people! Our service began there, concentrating our thoughts on just how important these tools are to the work of our rural community and just how vital this work is to the care of the environment and the well being of our country.

In church, with the help of a representative from every organ-

isation in the parish taking an active part in the service, we continued in a spirit of thanks giving.

As children brought their ride-on 'vehicle' to the front we were reminded that it is in the hands of these youngsters that the future lies – and, if their enthusiasm is anything to go by, we have nothing to fear!

The readings, the hymns and some congregational input all featured different aspects of the blessings that surround us and, listening to a lovely version of 'Turn, Turn, Turn' (taken, of course from the words in Ecclesiastes)

we had the opportunity for a few moments of quiet reflection.

Our time of prayer gave thanks but also asked for Our Lord's support for those less fortunate than ourselves. A donation was to be made from the collection to charity.

Many thanks to all who took part and made both parts of our Harvest Thanks Giving and the social time which followed it such a lively, enjoyable and meaningful experience.

We were definitely **blessed!**

Pam Livingstone-Lawn

Volunteers Needed - Knighton Drop-In



Volunteers preparing food at the Drop-In Centre

only need to be on duty once or twice a month. If you can help us, please contact Rev'd John Hanna on 01547 529296 or email

rojohanna@waitraise.com

PS If you are interested please come along one Thursday for lunch and see what we do.

John Hanna

ST EDWARDS DROP IN

Boxing Day Lunch

The Community Centre

12pm -2pm

Everyone welcome

We need to know how many are coming.

Please ring Ceri/Louise on 01547 428088 or email knightoncomm@gmail.com or call into the Comm 9 - 11 Mondays - Fridays by Friday 20th December

DROP-IN CENTRE ST EDWARD'S CHURCH HALL

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The donation box is for those who can make a contribution.

**Every Thursday
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The Drop-In in St Edward's Church Hall is looking for some more volunteers. The Drop-In is once a week, on Thursdays, 12 noon to 2 pm. We provide free lunch and a friendly welcome to all comers. Donations are gratefully received. The Drop-In was opened in January 2019 and we have an average of about 20 regulars per week. Volunteers can work in the kitchen, serve at the tables, or even provide homemade food. We have a rota, so you would

There are two great days in a person's life - the day we are born and the day we discover why.

- William Barclay



Dave gives Rachel a lift to church on his Fergie

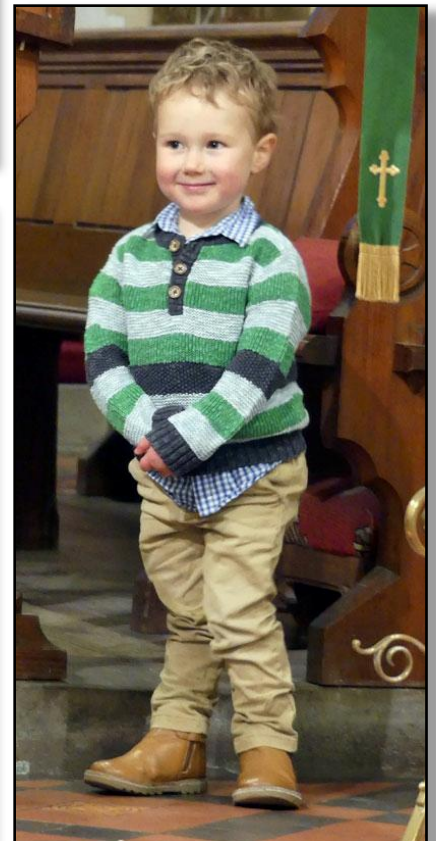


Children arrive with tractors



Rev Rachel blesses a tractor

St Cynllo's HARVEST



Ladies Guild:
Tara Paul,
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the Chai Shop



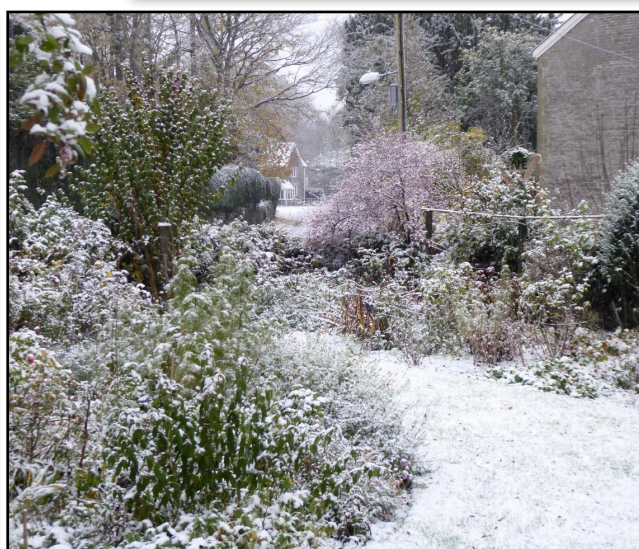
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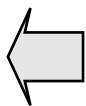
Surprise Snow / Quiz Night (in aid of
St Mary's New Radnor)

Photos by Michael Capstick



Quiz Night





Ladies Guild spent a delicious evening in the company of Tara Paul who is the chef/owner of the Chai Shop in Bishop's Castle High Street.

How to curry favour with the family

Not only did Tara show us how to cook two different easy curries but we were able to eat them afterwards. We can confirm that they tasted as good as they looked and we will be off for lunch there just as soon as

she opens on January 1st next year. Just the right place for a winter meal. www.chai-shop.co.uk

Guests are always welcome; For more information about Ladies Guild give Maggie a ring 01547 528358.

Celtic Saint of the Month - Tathan of Caerwent - 26 December

Have you ever been to Caerwent? (East of Newport, South Wales.) There you will see the impressive remains of a Roman town, Venta Silurum, the Market of the Silures (the local Brythonic tribe).

Also there is a medieval church, dedicated to St Stephen and St Tathan, who both have the same feast day of 26 December. This church is built on much older foundations and a Christian cemetery has been excavated, dating from the 4th to the 9th century. Caerwent is also the place where two of our earliest Christian martyrs, Julius and Aaron, were tried by the Romans before being beheaded in Caerleon.

I don't know how many Christians remained after the Romans left, but

the story goes that Tathan (or Tathyw) had a dream to go to Wales to bring the light of the gospel. Tathan, the son of an Irish king, lived in the late fifth century. After he had the dream he left in a small boat with seven companions. He sailed up the Bristol Channel until he arrived in Gwent.

The king of Gwent, Caradog, was very impressed by Tathan and gave him a large grant of land in Caerwent to build his monastery. Among the pupils who attended the monastic school was Cadoc, the seven year old son of King Gwynllyw of Gwynllwg. Cadoc became one of the most influential of Welsh saints, founding churches also in Scotland and Brittany. Another of Tathan's pupils

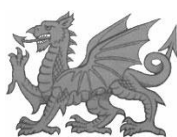
was Malo, known today in St Malo on the coast of Brittany.

Rosemary Hanna



St Stephen & St Tathan Church, Caerwent

Christmas in Welsh



Nadolig llawen a blwyddyn newydd dda I chi!

Merry Christmas and a happy new year to you!

Mae'r Nadolig ar 25 Rhagfyr.

Christmas is on 25 December.

A song is anything that can walk by itself.

- Bob Dylan

St David's Church Colva

1st December

2.20 pm

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Knighton and District Rotary Club

A busy month started off with the fourth of our monthly "Afternoon tea and dance" events at St Edward's Church Hall in Knighton. These free afternoons are becoming an increasingly popular way to meet new friends in a relaxed environment.

This was followed by our support of the Vintage Sports Car Club's 80th Welsh Trial by organising the car parking, while raising funds for our charitable efforts in the community.

Later in the month we celebrated Knighton Rotary Club's 43rd birthday, had a stall at the Knighton Farmers' Market to increase awareness of Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio, and supported the Presteigne Community Fair. We also discussed the possibility of a charity auction in the spring, along with the

local Young Farmers' Clubs and the Samaritans. More on that exciting event soon!

We have two Christmas collections forthcoming, on December 3rd and 17th, at the Co-op in Knighton raising money for the Knighton and East Radnor Food Bank. Other charities supported will be the Air Ambulances and local Rotary supported groups.

You can find out more about what Rotary does by visiting Knighton Rotary Club website or Facebook page, or come visit us on a Wednesday lunch or evening - you will be very warmly welcomed. Contact Norman Thorp 01547 529666 or Cathy Jones 07813 733240 for more details.

Cathy Jones

Radnor Valley School Halloween Party



Children and their families enjoyed a Halloween party organised by After School club staff and the Friends of the School.

A huge amount of fun was had by nearly the whole school, highlights including chocolate dipped apples, apple bobbing and a race to wrap the best 'Year 6 mummy.'

Article and photos by Kate Dinsdale

Laughter is the sun that
drives winter from the
human face.

- Victor Hugo

Llanfair Singers
Mig's Band
Charity Christmas Concert
Saturday 21st December
7.00pm, Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine
Tickets £10 to include supper
Available from:
Knighton Fine Art (01547 528052)

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Children's Chronic Arthritis Association
Children with cancer UK

The Old School
Community Hub
New Radnor
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Radnor Valley School Halloween Party

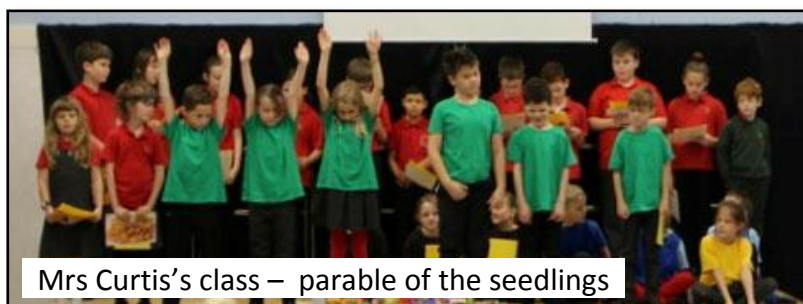


Wrap the Year 6 Mummy



more Halloween Party

They LOVE the mummy



Mrs Curtis's class – parable of the seedlings

Radnor Valley School HARVEST



School Council with supplies donated by families to the foodbank

PLANT POWERED FESTIVE FEAST and CABARET

Sunday 15th Dec 4pm – 9pm

Knighton Community Centre

We know that eating more plants and less animals is beneficial to the planet, but making a meal out of just plants can be daunting. If you are intrigued about what 'vegans' eat or fancy a free meal please come along.

There will be music and entertainment, and the bar will be open from 6pm.

If you are up to the challenge, bring a plant based dish (no meat, dairy, eggs or any other products derived from animal sources). There will be a prize for the tastiest dish with the lowest carbon footprint.

Donations towards costs accepted

All welcome

Christmas Quiz

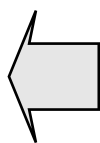
In aid of Evancoyd Church Organ Fund



**Saturday 7th December
7pm**

at Evenjobb Village Hall

*Join us for a quizical evening
with
Raffle & Refreshments*



Radnor Valley School Harvest

Staff, children and their families celebrated their Harvest Festival at Radnor Valley with poems, songs, drama celebrating the harvest but also reflecting on the importance of sharing what we have. In the last few weeks the children and their families have collected supplies for the foodbank.

Mrs Burgoyne's class spelled out 'Harvest' in letters. Mrs Curtis's class recited a Harvest poem focusing on the message to share. That led us to collect for the local food bank.

Mrs Curtis's class presented the parable of the seedlings by children dressed in red and green lifting their arms.

Gladestry 49 Club

The winners in October were Betty Johnson, Hattie Budd, Heather & Stuart Jones, and Neil Botfield.

It will soon be a New Year. Should you wish to resolve to support your village by joining the 49 Club please get in touch. It costs the equivalent of a £1 a week and you can pay

quarterly either by direct debit or in cash.

A Happy New Year to everyone - especially the lucky ones!

Michael Johnson

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Historic Picture - 50 Years On



Caroline Breeze has shared this newspaper clipping from the 1969 investiture of HRH Prince Charles as the Prince of Wales. The mugs were given by Mr and Mrs Vaughan, Great House, Llangunllo. She still has her investiture mug.

Back row - Marlene Davies, Isabel George, Mrs Vaughan (Great House), Brian Middleton, Tony Deakins.
Front row - Caroline Wilding, Philip Morgan, Stephen Morgan, Mr Vaughan (Great House), Sion Deakins, Glyn Morris, Carol Morris and Eleanor Deakins.

He has the most who is most
content with the least.

- *Diogenes*

Tri Tenors

Just a gentle reminder to you, checking that you have tickets for our Concert in St. Edward's Church, Knighton on Friday 6th December 2019.

There is a wonderful evening planned for you with the Tri Tenor from Ceredigion, making their second appearance at St. Edward's. They will be supported by the ever-popular Llanfair Singers conducted by Graham Trew who will also sing a duet with our Vicar Petra Goodband.

To complete the evening there will be an organ recital by our resident organist George Baker, this is to celebrate the 105th birthday of the organ.

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Evancoyd with New Radnor Mothers' Union News

In September a small group of young mums gathered to discuss the important topic of keeping children safe on the internet. We continue to provide a safe place to discuss this challenging subject as the internet and social media continue to develop and influence our lives. Look out in the new year for another chance to join the conversation.

At the end of October, we enjoyed a lovely afternoon with Jenny Chanter as she led us through her life as an artist. She shared her wonderful

paintings, books, cards, embroidered chair and cushions as well as a delightful growth chart! (Many items are available at Mr. Ben's Emporium.) She is a truly creative member of our branch.

Dates:

Thursday 5th December 7:30pm – Mince pies, mulled wine and enrolling new members, join us for a festive evening of fun. The Rectory New Radnor. All welcome.

Wednesday 11th December 11:00am Communion followed by Christmas Lunch in the New Radnor

Community Centre. All welcome, please let Christine or Kit know if you plan to attend.

January 2020 – no meeting.

Thursday 6th February 2020 2:30pm – Branch AGM at The Old School, New Radnor.

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.

Bobby's Beat – Townie Goes Country

From the diary of a parishioner who served in the police.



In the summer of 1962 I swapped the Met. Police, for the West Sussex Constabulary, and went to work at Horsham.

My colleagues in Putney made remarks such as, "You'll be milking the cows next week", before I left.

When we paraded for duty, the Sergeant allocated us to a beat, and gave us such tasks as needed doing. One of the first I was given was to call on a farmer and report him for summons for the offence of moving eight pigs from Haywards Heath market without a license. I did not know pigs needed a license!

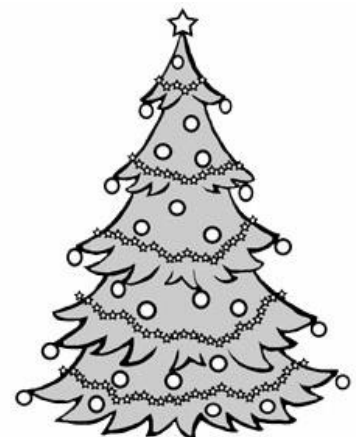
And those remarks made in Putney came back to haunt me. I was informed that a movement license was needed to remove pigs from a market to a farm or holding, because of an outbreak of disease. But I persevered and gradually learned about country life. *Bobby Fuzz*

Llangunllo's Film Night
in Llangunllo Hall, Sat. Jan.25th@7.00pm

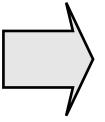


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Knighton's Literary Festival

What talented, dedicated people live nearby! Knighton Library's Literary Festival was an inspiration.

Each day started with live music. And then on the hour for the next three hours authors spoke about their works by re-telling the story, explaining the writing process, or reading excerpts. They answered probing questions which unpacked the process of writing.

Authors told us how they researched: Hugh Purcell travelled to Moscow to an archive of confiscated letters; Ali Ford went to Yugoslavia to interview old people who remembered; Judith

Barrow re-visited her homeland in Lancashire for an old mill; James O'Neill re-visited therapy sessions. Often a family story sparked research which led down fascinating corridors of history, sometimes unknown, sometimes forgotten. Poets inspired laughter and seriousness. After each talk there was a book signing session. The Hall had displays of local books, children's books, and publishing. But it had more than books; there were lots of crafts for children and adults, a chess match, products from up-cycled gadgets to yarns, cosmetics, artwork (we watched Stuart Roper paint). The

impressive Blood Bikes Wales motorcycle team which delivers blood, infant milk, or medical equipment appeared. It has been based in Llan-drindod since September and is manned by volunteers. We also had time for a value for money cuppa and cake, served by volunteers.

A writing workshop gave useful tips as did a self-publishing company, YouCaxton Publications.

The 4-day festival featured over a dozen writers.

Photos and article by Laura W-J

Quiz Nights



The next two
carnival
quizzes are on
Fri 20 Dec and
Fri 17 Jan

Both will be
held in the New Radnor
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4th Tues, Dec 17 (not 24th) and
Jan 28,
13.30 - 15.30



*We don't sing carols no more...
you 'ave to listen to 'em off me iPod!*

Correction!

Last month on page 55 we showed a picture of the new bath funded by The Knighton Hospital and Community League of Friends. We inadvertently said it was for Knighton Hospital; but it was for the East Radnorshire Day Centre in Presteigne. - Editor

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Knighton Literary Festival



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Hilary Shepherd (writing workshop)
Albi and In a Foreign Country



Judith Barrow -
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Ali Ford - *What Remains
at the End*



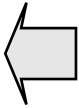
Hugh Purcell - *Love and War
in Spain*



Thirza Clout - *Aunts Come
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Knucklas Apple Day





Knucklas Apple Day

On Saturday of the first floods (in October) Knucklas Castle Community Land Project (KCCLP) planned their annual Apple Day for

that Saturday, on the community orchard!!

We wisely transferred to the Knucklas Community Centre with stalls, food, tombola, raffle, music and lots of

apple pressing. Once the skies cleared people came out and supported us. We welcomed the arrival of several visitors on half term.

Recipe - Apple and Walnut Cake

Ingredients:

225g plain flour	2 eggs
½ teasp cinnamon	100g currants
½ teasp mixed spice	175g sultanas
½ teasp bicarb of soda	50g chopped walnuts
100g butter	225g grated cooking apple
175g light brown soft sugar	grated rind of 1 lemon

Method:

Oven: Gas 4, 170°C fan, 350°F. Grease and line 20cm cake tin.

Sift flour, spices and bicarb together. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time. Fold in flour, then dried fruit and walnuts. Finally add apple and lemon ring.

Turn into tin and bake for 1¼ - 1½ hours until cake is firm and skewer comes out clean. Turn out and cool on wire rack.

This recipe produced the prize winning apple cake at the recent Apple Day. The recipe comes via the National Trust.



Knucklas and District Notes Notes for December/January 2019/20

We are now into early winter, after several weeks of heavy and persistent rain which has caused some problems on the roads and for rail-users, with quite serious flooding at Walford, for instance. Although not on the scale of the serious flooding which has occurred in South Yorkshire and the north Midlands etc, dislocation and loss has affected local farmers, with sodden pasture land and potatoes and other root crops still not harvestable and the drilling in of 'winter' crops also made impracticable.

By the time that you read this the shortest day of the year will be close (22nd. Dec), with the coldest of winter still to come.

House sales around here are almost at a standstill but 'Parc', as I still think of it, has sold and Val and Stan Carr have moved to the Kingsland area; they made a significant contribution towards making Knucklas a better place during their relatively short time here.

Although one rather dreads what is going to happen politically and environmentally across the world, there are people in Knucklas and district who are dedicated to enhancing local life through churches and other organisations.

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What's on at the W.I.s

Felindre W.I.



Jayne Harris the President of Felindre WI welcomed 8 members to their AGM. The meeting commenced with the singing of Jerusalem.

Minutes Secretary Rebe Brick read the minutes of the 2018 AGM and after two amendments they were signed as a correct record. Rebe thanked Maggie Flanders for taking the Minutes in her absence. In her report Jayne said that a very busy year had been enjoyed by all, she commented on the County Show, Meet and Greet, the walk on the

Kerry Ridgeway and the Ladies lunch. The Secretary Rhona Barnett reported on the monthly meetings, especially the quality of the speakers this year: - Mark O'Donald, Leigh Spicer, Tilly Teadance and Gary Mitchell.

The officers for 2020 will be - President Jayne Harris, Vice Presidents Kath Harris and Maggie Flanders, Secretary Rhona Barnett, Minutes Secretary Maggie Flanders and Treasurer Pat Buckley.

The monthly meeting followed the AGM when the County Newsletter

was discussed - main topics ACM Saturday 23rd November - Rebe will be delegate. Pat Buckley and Rebe Brick will both attend the Christmas Carol Service in Presteigne.

An Autumn leaf was the monthly competition and was won by Maggie Flanders, 2nd Pat Buckley and Rebe Brick 3rd.

If you would like to join Felindre WI please contact Jayne on 01547510644.

Rebe Brick

A Decorative Programme for Tref-y-Clawdd W.I.

November is an exciting month for our W.I. as we hold our AGM and this year a new president was to be appointed as Julie's 3- year term had ended. It was well attended and as always there was a great deal of discussion about the success of the previous year. We also welcomed two new members during the year

Our new president is Dorothy Symonds and the handover took

place after the voting was completed. Tina Travers remains as our secretary and the other committee members were also re elected.

We have planned a varied and interesting new programme with workshops on decorative baskets, glass jewellery making, Christmas handmade decorations etc. Our regular outings and speakers are interspersed with social gatherings

and exercise classes -which we certainly need as there always seems to plenty of food involved in our get-togethers.

Visitors are always very welcome For more information ring:

Pauline Parker
01547 520739.

The Balanced and Flexible Stowe & Stanage W.I.

November is AGM month for W.I.s and ours was well attended as we move to our winter meeting time of 2.30pm. We finalised arrangements for our Christmas lunch at The Lion in Leintwardine, and we discussed an outing for January. Arrangements are being made for an exclusive film show for our W.I. at The Comm, and neighbouring W.I.s will be invited to this.

The election for officers resulted in a change of President. Margaret Brick has been a wonderful leader for many

years and now takes a well-earned break, as Jenny Cox takes over. Our Vice-Presidents are Diana Francis and Shauna Davies, with the posts of Treasurer and Secretary remaining the same, namely Annie England and Alison Thomas respectively. However, these posts will be shadowed during the coming year, so that new officers may take over at next year's AGM.

Nina Walmsley came to direct us through some simple exercises to increase our muscle strength, balance

and flexibility. Everyone took part and enjoyed it, and hopefully will join one of Nina's classes.

We have had a very full year with some excellent speakers, thanks to our programme secretary, Linda Hawkes, and an influx of new members who are already making great contributions to our W.I. We look forward to 2020 with eager anticipation!

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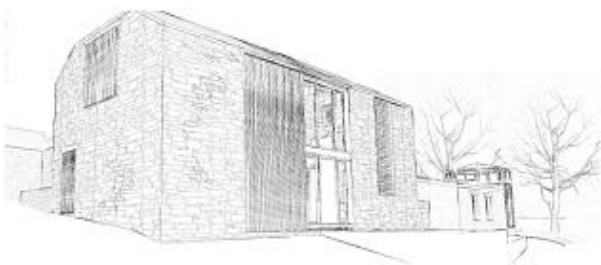
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Sunday 15th - Festive Music Day

3:00pm - 11:00pm

3pm - 'Gather round' the piano and sing seasonal songs and carols with Marion Rowlett, followed by tea and mince pies.

Proceeds to Knighton Food Bank.

4.30pm - Carol singing round the Christmas tree at the Memorial.

7:00pm - Concert with Ruth Watson (oboe), Leila Basletić (piano) and the St. Andrews Sisters Vocal Group.

Mulled wine. Bar open. All Welcome



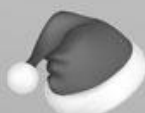
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Christmas Eve Celebrations

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Christmas Day Lunch

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Knighton News

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New Year Bingo (2020)

Come along on 4 January for the first games of the New Year. Church Hall at 7pm. Help us raise funds for your parish church.

Coffee Morning

Our next social get-together will be on 18 January at 10am in the Church Hall. Usual stalls and competitions. If you have items to donate, please bring them along or phone 528260 to have them collected. We would like to thank all who have supported our coffee mornings throughout 2019 by coming along and giving generous gifts to enable us to boost church funds. A special thank you to all our members who give of their time to set up the event, cook lots of cakes and make good coffee.

Competition Winners

The October coffee morning raised the sum of £300 for church funds and competition winners were: Margaret Headland, Sue Lee, Gwen Morgan, Lyn Conway, Liz Petley,

Rebe Brick, Betty Bolton and Ann Higgins.

St Edward's Church Organ (150 years old)

The organ in St Edward's is 150 years old, having been purchased in 1869 and installed on the west balcony. It was built and supplied by the finest organ builders of the day, "Gray and Davidson," and would have travelled by goods train from Euston (workshops) via Shrewsbury to Knighton. In 1897 a new chancel and organ chamber was built and dedicated on 20 December 1898 by the Bishop of Hereford. (We were in the Hereford Diocese then.) It was in 1923 that Knighton became part of the newly created Diocese of Swansea and Brecon.

In 1995 the organ was badly in need of a major overhaul. The figure to carry out this work would be expensive. Quotes received were over £15,000.00. However, after much discussion by the PCC, it was agreed that the work be carried out. We will always be grateful to Cecil Rudge (organist) for the huge part he played in overseeing and assisting with the restoration. Fund raising, grants and donations helped us pay the final total of £19,000. Rededication took place on 22 September 1995 by the Rt. Rev. D. Bridges, Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. Many people ask about the stencil work on the organ pipes.

The patterns were taken from the west window and chancel wall and carried out by Maurice Bent. Further details of our organ, loved by many in the community, can be obtained in a booklet compiled by Cecil Rudge.

NB There will be a short recital included in the Concert on 6 December. Tickets available from church members.

Family News

Congratulations and best wishes to Margaret Headland, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. We hope you had a very lovely day.

Happy birthday to Margaret Pinfield, who will be celebrating a big, big birthday this Christmas. Enjoy the day, Margaret.

Good news that Betty Bright and Pauline Parker are now home following stays in Hereford Hospital. Get well soon.

In our prayers we remember all who are unwell at this time, especially Holly (pupil in our primary school) in hospital in Birmingham receiving treatment. Our thoughts are with her family and friends going through an anxious time.

We are sorry to hear that Elaine (nee Smith) is in hospital following a riding accident. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Jean Price

Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is the most important.

- Bill Gates

It is with deep sadness that we report the death of a much loved Lay Reader in Knighton, John Clements.

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	Bleddfa		Christmas Eve Carol Service 7pm
	Heyope	Carol Service 3pm Sun 22nd with Baptists at St David's	Christmas Day Communion 10am
	Llangunllo		Christmas Eve Carol Service 3pm
East Radnor	Cascob	Carol Service 3pm Sun 15th	
	Knighton	Crib Service, 5pm, Christmas Eve	Christmas Eve Communion 9pm
	Norton	Carol Service 3pm Sun 8th	
	Pilleth	Wellies and Woollies 7pm Fri 13th	
	Whitton		Christmas Day Communion 10am
New Radnor	Colva	Carol Service 2:30pm Sun 1st	
	Evancoyd	Crib Service 3pm Sun 8th	Christmas Eve Communion 11:30pm
	Gladestry	Carol Service 5pm Sun 22nd	Christmas Eve Communion 10pm
	Llanf N M	Crib & Tree Dressing 3pm Sun 15th	
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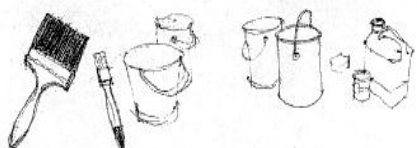
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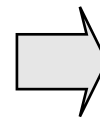
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Church, Chapel and Community Remember



After a grey Saturday of snow and wintry blasts we awoke to a Sunday that couldn't have been more different. Bright sunshine shone on us at Llangunllo Cenotaph as we came to observe our annual act of remembrance. Gathered together were representatives from each of the parishes and communities of the Beacon Hill Benefice as well as those from Gravel Baptist Chapel and some from further afield who came to pay

their respects to family members who are numbered amongst our fallen.

During the two minute silence, contrasting, as ever, with the poignant notes of The Last Post, the clip clopping of an approaching horse was heard and soon stirred a dog into adding his voice to the background sound. As horse and rider joined us and came to a halt it brought to mind all the animals that had perished in conflict and was almost as if they too were represented.

At Gravel Chapel we were told of each combatant being issued with pocket sized copies of St John's Gospel which led us to thoughts of four messages contained therein; to value every individual, not to live in fear, to acknowledge that we are part of the problem but also to believe in the possibility of peace one day – challenging and thought provoking ideas for a day that was both solemn but also uplifting.

Pam Livingstone-Lawn

Whitton Remembrance

Fortunately it was a lovely fine Sunday morning for the Remembrance day service at St David's, Whitton. Canon John Greaves led the service which began in the Church and processed to the War Memorial.

Unfortunately we did not have an organist but we were led in the hymns by Sarah Green with her clarinet and some very spirited singing.

The Poppy wreath was laid by Peter Hood and a few other personal poppy crosses were placed as well.

The two minute silence was completed with the Last Post played by Carolyn Sankey on her trumpet, echoing out around the village. *Picture on page 38.*

Colin Pugh

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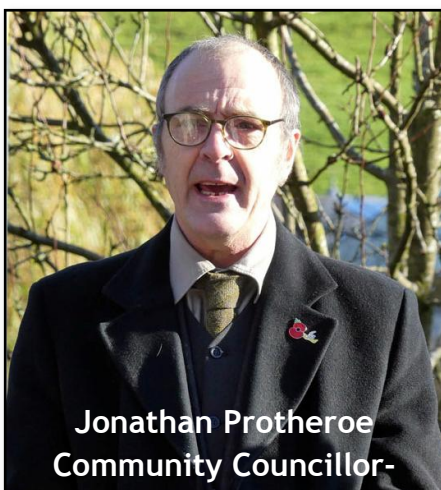


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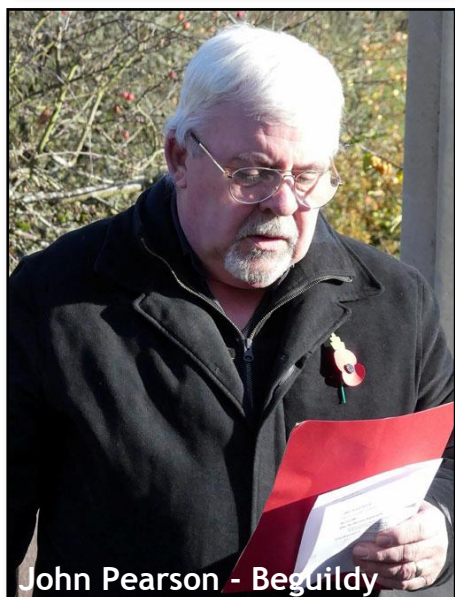
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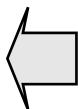
Evancoyd Remembers at their Cenotaph



Whitton Remembers at their Cenotaph



Remembrance at Knighton Methodist Church



Evancoyd Remembrance



Rev Mark Beaton blessing restored Roll of Honour

Restored Roll of Honour

The Roll of Honour at Evancoyd Church (a list of local people who took part in the Great War of 1914) was in danger of fading completely with some names becoming undecipherable.

However, thanks to a grant from Powys Council and Powys War Memorial Project, a programme of restoration work was undertaken by Andrew

Meredith. Now the oak frame with its gold leafed title sits proudly alongside the British Legion standard. The Roll of Honour was duly blessed by Rev

Mark Beaton in time for Remembrance Sunday. A visitor book has now been placed alongside and anyone with information relating to these brave people is invited to tell their own story.

Remembrance Service

The people of Evancoyd gathered to pay their respects on Remembrance Sunday. The service was ably conducted by Steve Jones who invited us to reflect upon the great sacrifices made by those who took part in the two world wars and the ongoing work of the War Graves Commission.

Joanna Winstone

Note: the Roll of Honour was presented by the Children of the Parish in 1914.

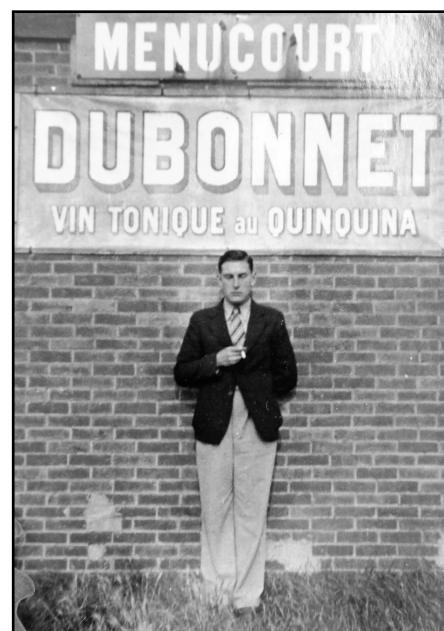
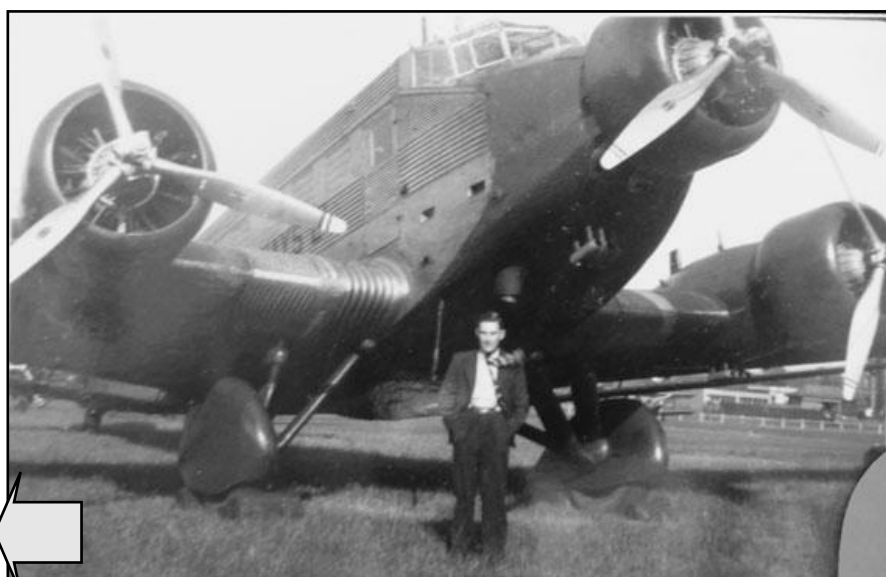


Knighton Methodist Church Remembers

Knighton Methodist Church remembered those who served in the forces with red crocheted or resin or paper poppies around the church. Caroline Williams provided photographs and a moving story of her great uncle, Ronald Beaumont, nicknamed 'Butch'. He joined the RAF in 1941 just after his 18th

birthday. He went on to pilot Lancaster bombers, flying several dangerous missions over Berlin. On one mission to Schweinfurt his plane was hit and went into a corkscrew dive, but Butch managed to recover her and return to the nearest English base with severe damage.

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We had a successful AGM at the beginning of November when we were pleased to re-elect our President Margaret Clugston for another year. It is always interesting to review our activities during the past year. A talk by Elaine Fellowes about her painting of "Miniatures" completed a busy evening.

For our December meeting we are going to bring items which mean something to us about past Christmases. It might be a bauble, a piece of music, a poem or anything which means something and which we would like to share. It would be lovely if other people would be able to join us and share their memories.

So . . . You are invited on Friday 6th December at 7.30pm in the Everest Hall to a happy evening of memories and supper. We would love to see people.

For further information contact Margaret Clugston (01547 529155) or Ann Harroway (01547 528477).

Old Radnor W.I.

The Annual Meeting of Old Radnor W.I. was held on Tuesday 5th November at 7.30pm in Walton Hall. The tellers from Gladestry W.I., Sue Mullin and Sian Derrick, were welcomed. A secret ballot was held and a committee of eight elected. Libby Hughes agreed to continue as President.

Arrangements were finalised for a trip to Malvern Theatre on 21st November to see 'Cabaret'. The Christmas Whist Drive was held on Wednesday 27th November at 7.30pm in Walton Hall.

The Christmas meal on 12th December at 7pm will be at the Harp Inn Old Radnor. Ros won the

competition - a winter flower arrangement.

The next meeting on Tuesday December 3rd at 2.30 in Walton Hall will be Christmas Crafts with bring and share refreshments. All welcome to join us.

Libby Hughes

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The New Year party will take place in the village hall on Tuesday 21st January at 7.30pm. This will be a 'bring and share' supper evening

during which the 2020 programme of activities will be unveiled.

We are pleased to welcome several new members for 2020 and if you are interested in coming along and seeing what we have to offer please contact Sian on 01544 370700, or Sue on 01544 370711, or just come along on the third Tuesday of each month.

Sian Derrick

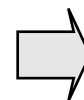
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Knighton Community Remembrance



The annual community Act of Remembrance service in Knighton took place on the beautiful Sunday morning we enjoyed throughout our Ministry Area. Organisations paraded to the cenotaph on Brookside Square (also called Peace Square) where the

Knighton Silver Band played. Brownies, Army Cadets and others carried flags which were raised and lowered at appropriate moments.

All three Knighton clergy: Kevin Dare, Baptist; Petra Goodband, Anglican, and Sara Windsor Hides,

Methodist participated in a moving service of Remembrance.

Wreaths were laid by many organisations and individuals. A large crowd had gathered to commemorate those who fought to save our freedom.

Photos by John Goodband & Rebe Brick

New Radnor Remembrance Includes the School

Pictures on page 46

Children and their families, staff and Governors joined the community at the village war memorial in New Radnor on Remembrance Sunday.

Some of the oldest and youngest children in the school laid wreaths, including a wreath of poppies made by the children, each poppy bearing the name of everyone in the school.

It was the children's idea, Rainbows (the nursery) had made their own last year and the children remembered it and wanted to do something similar.

Photos and article by Kate Dinsdale



Thur 5 Dec. Brilley Village Hall. "Stan and Ollie (12A)" Adult £5 Child £2.50. 7.30pm.

Fri 6 Dec. Knighton Comm. "Wild Rose (15)" Adult £4.50. 7.30pm.

Fri 6 Dec. Aston on Clun Village Hall "Toy Story 4 (U)" Adult £5 Child £3. 7.30pm

Fri 6 Dec. Bedstone & Hopton Castle Vill Hall. "Green Book (12A)" Adult £4 Child £3. 7.30pm

Wed 11 Dec. Leintwardine Community Centre. "The Favourite (15)" Adult £5 Child £1. 7.30pm.

Fri 13 Dec. Knighton Comm. "A Private War (15)" Adult £4.50. 7.30pm.

Fri 13 Dec. Clungunford Parish Hall. "Stan and Ollie (12A)" Adult £4 Child £2. 8pm.

Fri 20 Dec. Knighton Comm. "Aladdin [2019] (PG)" Adult £4.50 Child £3 Family £12. 4.30pm.

Sat 21 Dec. Chapel Lawn Village Hall. "Yesterday (12A)" Adult £4.50 Child £3.50, 7.30pm.

Sat 28 Dec. Dolau Comm Hall. "The Queen's Corgi (PG)". Adult: £5 Child: £2.50. 3pm.

Sun 29 Dec. Llanfair Waterdine. "Grease (PG)" *see below.*

Thur 2 Jan. Brilley Village Hall. "Rocketman (15)" Adult £5 Child £2.50. 7.30pm.

Wed 8 Jan. Leintwardine Community Centre. "Cabaret (15)" Adult £5 7.30pm.

Fri 10 Jan. Knighton Comm. "The White Crow (12A)" Adult £4.50. 7.30pm.

Fri 17 Jan. Clungunford Parish Hall. "Green Book (12A)" Adult £4 Child £2. 8pm.

Fri 24 Jan. Knighton Comm. "Shoplifters (15A)" Adult £4.50. 7.30pm.

Llanfair Flicks

The Festive season approaches and we hope that our December matinee will appeal to all.

On Sunday December 29th at 2.30 pm in The Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine, we present an old favourite, "Grease" (1978). During the interval we will be serving a

Festive Afternoon tea. The inclusive price for film and tea is £10 adult and £5 under 12s. Film only is £4.50 adult and £2 under 12s. If you would like to book a family table that could be arranged.

We look forward to seeing you. Judith Tollman 01547 510672

Live Events

Sat 11 Jan. Aston on Clun Village Hall. "Present Laughter (12A)" (NT Live) Adult £10. Child £5. 7pm.

Sat 25 Jan. Chapel Lawn Village Hall. "George Egg: Anarchist Cook" Adult £10 Child £5. 7.30pm.

Knighton Remembrance



Knighton Silver Band



Sara, Petra, Kevin

Radnor Valley School Join Sunday's Remembrance



Readings for December 2019 and January 2020

Dec 1
Isaiah 2.1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13.11-14
Matthew 24.36-44

Dec 8
Isaiah 11.1-10
Psalm 72.1-7; [18, 19]
Romans 15.4-13
Matthew 3.1-12

Dec 15
Isaiah 35.1-10
Psalm 146 5-10 or
Magnificat (Luke 1. 47-55)
James 5.7-10
Matthew 11.2-11

Dec 22
Isaiah 7.10-16
Psalm 80.1-7, [17-19]
Romans 1.1-7
Matthew 1.18-25

Dec 29
Isaiah 63.7-9
Psalm 148 or 148.7-14
Hebrews 2.10-18
Matthew 2.13-23

Jan 5
Jeremiah 31.7-14
Psalm 147.12-20
Ephesians 1. 3-14
John 1. [1-9,] 10-18

Jan 6
Isaiah 60.1-6
Psalm 72.[1-9,] 10-15
Ephesians 3. 1-12
Matthew 2. 1-12

Jan 12
Isaiah 42.1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10.34-43
Matthew 3.13-17

Jan 19
Isaiah 49.1-7
Psalm 40.1-11 1
Corinthians 1.1-9
John 1. 29-42

Jan 26
Isaiah 9.1-4
Psalm 27.1, 4-9 or 27.1-9
1 Corinthians 1.10-18
Matthew 4.12-23

Feb 2
Malachi 3.1-5
Psalm 24. [1-6,] 7-10
Hebrews 2. 14-18
Luke 2.22-40

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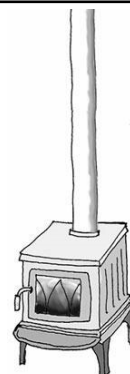
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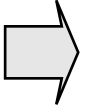
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Radnor Valley School Experience a Quidditch Day



Dosbarth Mrs Curtis enjoyed a fantastic day of Quidditch training, thanks to a generous donation from the New Radnor Carnival Committee.

The day started with children being sorted into the 4 Hogwarts houses by the Sorting Hat.

Then everyone moved outside to learn how to play Quidditch. The day concluded with a Quidditch tournament, with Mrs Curtis as the Golden Snitch that had to be caught to end each game.

Everyone had an exhausting but brilliant day, so much so some older

children have suggested organising a Quidditch Club.

Article and photos by Kate Dinsdale

(If Readers don't understand this game, read **Harry Potter!**)

Flora

So often there seems to be nothing of interest in the garden after autumn but, with planning, flower arrangers make sure this is not the case.

Evergreen foliage looks its best from now until March and is an essential part of good displays. Variegated evergreens add interest in a garden. Holly and ivy are always reliable, especially over the festive season, for our church flower arrangers. There are over 300 species of holly available, but some are rather large and unsuitable for the small garden. The beautifully shaped leaves and

brightly coloured berries make arranging them a real joy.

Plants with berries, like Skimmia japonica and cotoneaster, with yellow berries, add beauty to a garden. Bare stems of some shrubs, like willow (Salix) with long branches of orange or scarlet, are quite magical. Conifers, of which there is an abundant choice, make a good backdrop to highlight the colourful twigs, seed heads, many with pleasing architectural structures. Cones and dried hydrangea can add a little mystery to your arrangement. Many of these plants can be sprayed silver to add to door wreaths, swags

and garlands for the big day. They can be prepared well in advance and will last for several weeks. We always look forward to discovering the first Christmas rose (Helleborus niger), which we hope will be in bloom in time for Christmas Day. It is a real treat, the delicacy of the white petals and yellow anthers, together with wands of yellow flowering jasmine and holly.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our readers and contributors a very peaceful and joyous Christmas.

Jean Price

Presteigne & Borders Floral Art Society

in Presteigne Memorial Hall

7.30pm

Wednesday 11th December
A demonstration by Sharon Dower

Christmas Celebrations

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Wednesday 8th January

Christmas lunch

- to be arranged -

For details

contact Chairman Avril Hoyle
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Christmas Quiz

and Auction

Monday 9th Dec

7.30pm

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- Albert Schweitzer)

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Quidditch Day at Hogwarts (Radnor Valley School)



A Quidditch Match

The Sorting Hat
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Children chase the
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Radnor Valley School Supports Children in Need



Children and Staff at Radnor Valley School raised £100.30 for Children in Need by braving the cold and wet weather coming to school in their pyjamas.

Cymanfa Ganu



Rebe Brick and Do Phillips serving teas



Rosemary Hanna



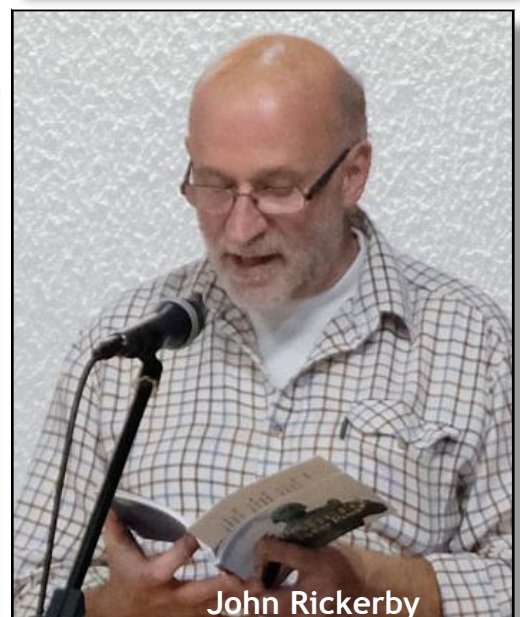
Graham Trew conducting singing



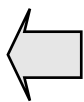
Sarah Graham - Welsh teacher



Meilyr Rees leading singing



John Rickerby



Sing Together Knighton - Cymanfa Ganu

Ninety people at the Knighton Comm enjoyed a very pleasant Welsh sing-song of hymns old and new. It was a bit of *Welsh for the Terrified*, redeemed by a big screen with hymns above in Welsh and below in English. We were even allowed to sing in English.

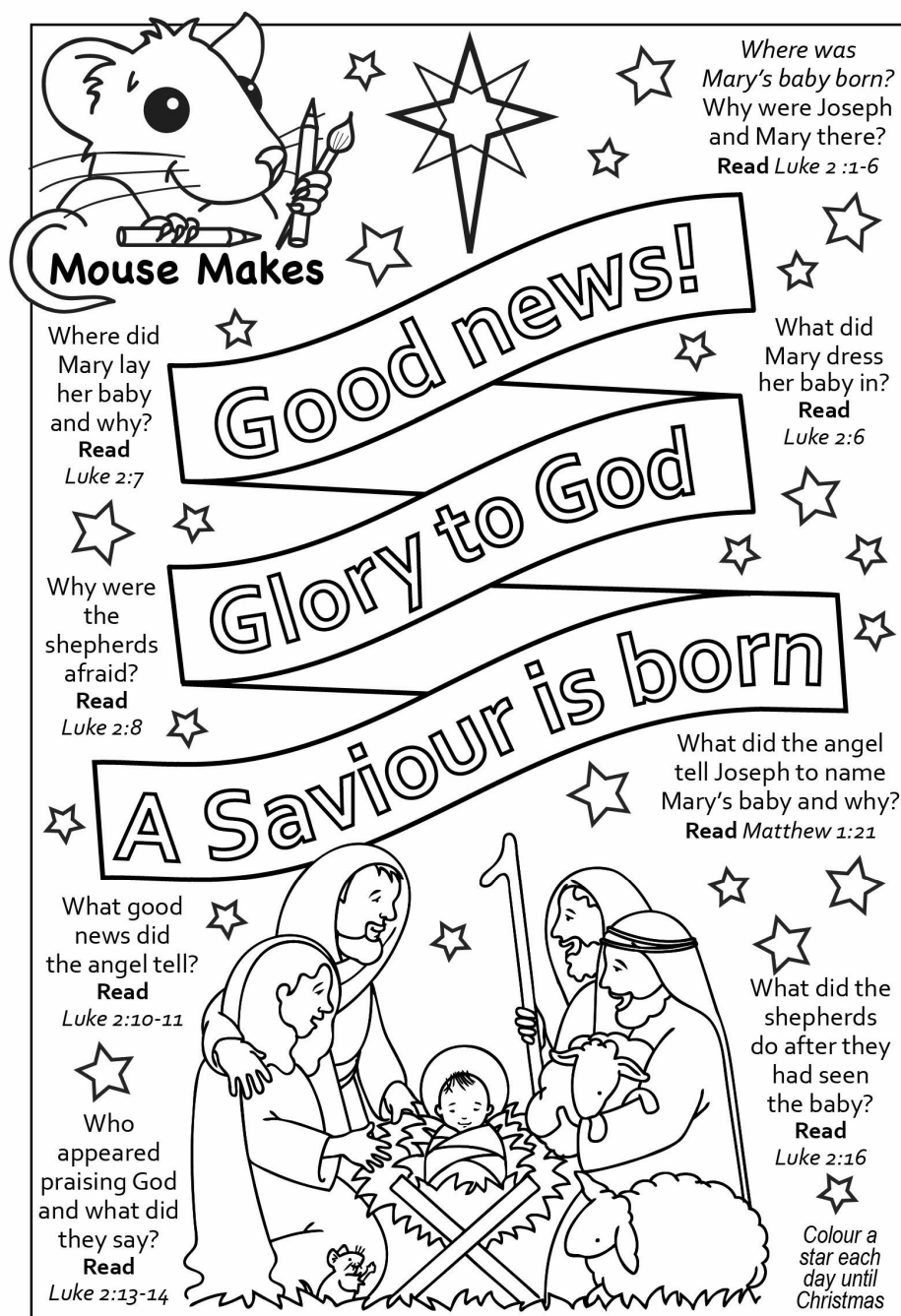
Our host, Rev Kevin Dare, gave some background; the 'black' hymn, named for the composer who died in the war, or the supposedly 'Welsh' hymn that

was actually written in America in English. Hymns were conducted by Graham Trew with Meilyr Rees on keyboard and Chris Martin on flute, so they pulled us along musically, and covered our awkward Welsh.

As it transpired Meilyr was a music worship leader from Pontypridd, and he taught us upbeat pieces on his guitar. We even learned some Welsh. "Haleliwia Amen" may be spelled differently but pronounced the same

as "Hallelujah Amen". Two more words for our Welsh lexicon.

A few people bravely read a lesson or a poem in Welsh, but the star of the show was Rosemary Hanna who read a hilarious poem about Welsh Rugby. With each line she pulled out of a rucksack her props: flag, scarf, photo, trophy, and we all understood the whole thing!



Mouse Makes

Where did Mary lay her baby and why?
Read
Luke 2:7

Why were the shepherds afraid?
Read
Luke 2:8

What good news did the angel tell?
Read
Luke 2:10-11

Who appeared praising God and what did they say?
Read
Luke 2:13-14

Where was Mary's baby born?
Why were Joseph and Mary there?
Read Luke 2:1-6

What did Mary dress her baby in?
Read
Luke 2:6

What did the angel tell Joseph to name Mary's baby and why?
Read Matthew 1:21

What did the shepherds do after they had seen the baby?
Read
Luke 2:16

Colour a star each day until Christmas

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Radnor Valley Gardening Club (RVGC)

RVGC's first meeting of the New Year is on **20th January** at 7.30pm in the village hall. It will be **Any Questions?** – hopefully getting answers to thorny problems. Our **February 17th** meeting will be **Tool Sharpening for the Terrified** lead by William Scott from the Walled Herb Garden.

Dates for your diary:

On **Sunday 21st June** we are planning an **Open Garden Day** with the chance to see a number of private gardens around New Radnor - tea and cake. Profits shared with **MIND**

in recognition of the link between gardening and mental health.

Our **40th Annual Show** is on **Saturday 5 September** and entry is open to everyone. To mark this ruby anniversary we will have a number of special categories, including a showstopper celebration cake. Schedules will be available from January, but you might like to note that the photo, painting and drawing classes will be **'My Favourite Season'**.

Make sure you grab yourself one of our lovely limited edition **anniversary tote bags**. They will be available from

ESCO and **Mr Bens** in New Radnor from January and are sure to become the 'must have' fashion item of the year.

Why not join us? Everyone welcome, including young people and children. The membership fee is a bargain £5 and includes a discount on plants at a local nursery. Contact Hermione Evans, 01544 350 691, Hermione.evans46@gmail.com for further information.

- Alison Spalding



Ramblers

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Walks start at 10am. You are welcome to join us on any of these.. Enquiries: 01547 530120.

DECEMBER

Tues 3. **SHORT WALK**, Weobley – circular walk on open farmland, tracks and lanes, 3 miles.

Wed 4. Bucknell, Holloway Rocks, Weston, 7.2 miles.

Sat 7. Graig Hill, Black Mixen, Storling Bank, 9 miles.

Wed 11. **QUIET WALK**. Three Woods Walk, 7 miles.

Sat 14. Circular in Dernol / Llangurig area, 8 miles.

Wed 18. Circular up towards Cowlod and back down Davy Morgan's Dingle, 7 miles.

Thurs 19. **SHORT WALK**. Taylor's Wood, Offa's Dyke Path, 4.2 miles.

Sat 21. **LINEAR WALK**, Kington to Presteigne via ODP, Mortimer Trail and Nash Wood. Bus at 09.28 from Presteigne Recycling Carpark, 7.5 miles.

Thurs 26. **BOXING DAY. SHORT WALK**. Kington and Hergest Ridge, 4 to 5 miles.

Sat 28. Fishpools to Bleddfa and St Michaels Pool, 8.25 miles.

JANUARY

Wed 1. **NEW YEAR'S DAY SHORT WALK** allowing time for tea at Croft Castle, 7 miles.

or Circular from Beulah Church, 8 miles.

Sat 4. Long Mynd Circular, 8-10 miles.

Tues 7. **SHORT WALK** Wentnor, Prolley Moor, Shropshire Way, 4.5 miles.

Wed 8. The Pales, Cefn y Crug, 6 miles.

Sat 11. From Presteigne out over Dolly Green, 9 miles.

Wed 15. Gladestry Circular.

Thur 16. **SHORT WALK**. Wapley Hill, Staunton Green & Stansbatch, 4 miles moderate 150m ascent.

Sat 18. Bucknell, Caer Caradoc, Lower Lye, 8.5 miles.

Wed 22. **Meet at 09.30**. Heart of Wales Line Trail – Aston-on-Clun to Bucknell, 9 miles moderate, several stiles, one long ascent.

Sat 25. Velindre, Blaencwm, Llanigon. 10 miles.

Wed 29. Around Black Hill and Graig Hill, Pilleth, Llan Fawr trig point, Forest Wood, 7.5 miles.



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Llywelyn Memorial Service
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14.15 Cwmhir Tympanum & the cult of Virgin Mary in Wales by Prof Maddy Gray in Philips Hall LD1 6PH



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December 2019

Sun 1 Churches Together Advent Service,
Knighton Methodist Church, 3pm.
Christmas Fayre, Hub, New Radnor, 11- 3.

Mon 2 Felindre Village Hall Committee AGM. 8pm.
New members welcome.

Tue 3 Whitton W.I., Theatre Trip Outing.
Old Radnor WI, Walton Hall, 2.30pm

Wed 4 Ladies Guild Christmas Lunch.
Felindre W.I. Andra Hodnett: Floral
Christmas Demo, Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Thur 5 Quiet Hr, 1 Ystrad House, Knighton, 10-11.
Mother's Union, Mince Pies and enrolling of
new member, N.R. Rectory, 7.30pm.

Fri 6 Llanfair W.I Xmas Memories, Everest, 7pm.
Tri Tenors + Llanfair Singers, Mulled wine
& mince pies, St Ed's Church, 7.30pm.
Llangunllo Xmas Party, Vill Hall, 7.30pm.
Llanfair Waterdine WI, Everest Hall 7.30pm.

Sat 7 Xmas Bazaar, Knighton Methodist Ch.
10.30-1pm.
Bingo, St Edward's Hall. 7pm.
Christmas Quiz Night. Evenjobb Vill Hall. 7pm
Christmas Whist Drive Felindre Vill Hall 7pm.

Sun 8 Carol Service with Silver Band, Knighton
Methodist Church, 11am.
Dolau Mixtures, New Radnor Church, 6pm.
Abbey Cwmhir Trust, Abbey Ruins 2.15pm.

Mon 9 Christmas Quiz and Auction, Felindre Vill
Hall, 7.30pm.

Tue 10 Craft Club, Knucklas Comm Cent, 2-4pm.
Hearing Aid Service, Knighton Comm,
10.30-12.30.
Community Carols. Knighton Comm. 6pm.

Wed 11 Meditation. Llanfair Waterdine, 6pm.
Communion & Christmas Lunch, New
Radnor Comm Centre, 11am.

Thur 12 Light up a Life, Knighton Baptist Ch. 7pm.
Old Radnor WI Xmas Meal, The Harp, 7pm.
Chatterbrook WI. St Andrew's Hall, 7.30pm.
General Election

Fri 13 Pilleth Church Wellies and Woolies. 7pm.
'A Private War' Knighton Comm 7.30pm.

Sat 14 Community Market. Knighton Comm. 'Get
in the Picture'. Have your picture taken in
costume in the Nativity Scene, 9-1.
New R. Music. Comm C. York Waits, 7.30.
Walton Village Hall, Seasonal Shindig.

Sun 15 New Radnor Hub, Festive Music Day
Seasonal songs round piano 3pm
Carols round Memorial Xmas tree, 4.30pm
Concert: Ruth (oboe) & Leila (piano), 7pm.
Carols round Llangunllo Tree, 6pm.
Vegan Festive Feast, Knighton Comm 4-9pm

Wed 18 Coffee Morning, St Edward's Hall, 10am.

Thur 19 Holy Communion, St Edward's, 10.30am.
Open the Book, 'New Noisy Neighbour' at St
Edward's for Knighton School. 2.10.
Folk Night, Knucklas Castle Inn. 7pm.

Fri 20 New Radnor Quiz Night, NR Comm, 7.30pm.

Sat 21 Christmas Concert, Everest Hall, Llanfair, 7pm.

Mon 23 Messy Christmas, N.R Comm C 11am-1pm.
Carol Singing round Evenjobb, meet at Village
Hall 6:30pm. Return for soup!!

Tue 24 New Rad Hub Xmas Eve Celebrates 6.30-11pm
Knighton Carols Round the Clock Tower, 4pm.

Wed 25 New Rad Hub. Xmas Day Lunch 2pm.

Thur 26 New Radnor Boxing Day Duck Race 12-3pm.

Sun 29 Film 'Grease', Llanfair Everest Hall, 2.30pm

Tue 31 New Rad Hub. New Year's Eve 6.30pm - 1am.

January 2020

Sat 4 Bingo, St Edward's Hall. 7pm.

Wed 8 Compline. Llanfair Waterdine, 6pm.

Thur 9 Quiet Hr, 1 Ystrad House, Knighton, 10-11.
Chatterbrook WI. Presteigne Memorial Hall,
7.30pm.

Fri 10 The White Crow.' Knighton Comm. 7.30pm.

Tue 14 Hearing Aid Service, Knighton Comm, 10.30-
12.30.
Craft Club, Knucklas Comm Cent, 2-4pm.
Church Together meeting, Meth Ch. 7.15pm.

Wed 15 DEADLINE for the February magazine.
Holy Communion, St Edward's, 10.30am.

Thur 16 Folk Night, Knucklas Castle Inn. 7pm.

Fri 17 New Radnor Quiz Night, NR Comm, 7.30pm.

Sat 18 Knucklas Wassail

Mon 20 Radnor Valley Gardening, Comm Hall, 7.30pm

Tue 21 Gladestry W.I. New Year Party, Vill Hall. 7.30.
Ladies Guild, "Georgia," Knucklas Comm
Centre 7.30pm.

Fri 24 Shoplifters.' Knighton Comm. 7.30pm.

Sat 25 Llangunllo Hall, Film: 'Melody'. 7pm.

Tue 28 Craft Club, Knucklas Comm Cent, 2-4pm.
Hearing Aid Service, Presteigne Youth Centre,
13.30-15.30.

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Knighton Roman Catholic Church

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and St Nicholas

Every Sunday: 11am Holy Communion

Every Friday: 11.30 Holy Communion

Knighton Methodist Church

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December 2019

- 1 Deacon Sara Windsor-Hides, Advent Service 3pm
- 8 Deacon Sara Windsor-Hides 11am
- 15 Rev Dr Neil Richardson, Holy Communion 11am
- 22 Neil Stephens 11am
- 29 Joint Service with Norton St Baptist Church 11am

January 2020

- 5 Rev Dr Neil Richardson Covenant Service 11am
- 12 Laurence Taylor 11am
- 19 Mike Owens 11am
- 26 Vivienne Thompson, Norton St Baptist 11am

Baptist Chapels

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From the Registers

Funerals:

- 4th Nov Stefania Pusateri age 69 Hereford Crem
- 15th Nov Lucy Reid 61 Hereford Crem. Memorial Service St Edward's 29/11/19
- 21st Nov Phyllis Joan Oldbury Whitton

As Area Dean Rev Mark Beacpm has been very busy within our Deanery. He has done several funerals and baptisms but they have been in Builth, Newbridge, Beulah.

Initials on schedule, back page

AG	Audrey Green	HE	Heather Evans
CG	Christine Gould	JH	Rev John Hanna
CH	Rev Christobel Hargraves	MB	Rev Mark Beaton
		MW	Mick Westrip
DD	David Davies	PG	Rev Petra Goodband
GW	Geoff Weaver	RS	Rev Rachel Storer
HC	Heather Carrington	SM	Sue Moore

Services (Baptist and Methodist)

December 2019

- 1 Norton St, 11am, Café Church, Nick & Bridget
- 1 Coxall, 2.30pm, Communion, M Humphreys
- 1 New Radnor Baptist, 3pm, Richard Mansell
- 1 Pound with Llanbister Methodist, 2.30pm.
- 8 Norton St Morning Worship, 11am, K Dare
- 8 Knucklas, Evening Worship, 4pm. Sue Wilson
- 8 Gravel Chapel, Leigh Spicer. 2.30.
- 8 Llanbister Methodist with Pound, 3pm
- 15 Norton St. 11am. Communion, K Dare
- 15 Coxall, Afternoon Worship, 2.30pm, K Dare
- 15 Maesyrhelem, Carols at Pound, 2.30pm.
- 15 Pound, Joint Carol Service, 2.30pm
- 15 New Radnor Baptist, 3pm, Andrew Wyton
- 22 Norton St. 11am. Christmas Special, K Dare
- 22 Heyope Combined Carol Service, St David's Church 3pm. (Coxall, Knucklas, Norton St.)
- 22 Llanbister Methodist with Pound, 3pm.
- 25 Christmas Day 10-10:45am, Kevin Dare
- 29 Llanbister Methodist with Pound, 3pm.
- 29 Norton St, Morning Service, 11am. K Dare.

January 2020

- 5 Norton St, 11am, Café Church, Nick & Bridget
- 5 Coxall, 2.30pm, Communion, M Humphreys
- 12 Norton St Morning Worship, 11am, K Dare
- 12 Knucklas, Evening Worship, 4pm. K Dare
- 12 New Radnor Baptist, 3pm, Christ'l Hargraves
- 19 Norton St Communion, 11am, K Dare
- 19 Coxall, 2.30pm, Afternoon Worship. A Powell
- 26 Norton St. Joint Service with Methodists, 11am
- 26 Knucklas, Communion, 4pm. Kevin Dare.
- 26 New Radnor Baptist, 3pm, Geoff Cable

February

- 2 Norton St, 11am, Café Church, Nick & Bridget
- 2 Coxall, 2.30pm, Communion, Kevin Dare.



The 10 Commandments

Open the Book

Knighton Primary School

Moses received the 10 Commandments on Mt Sinai. He came down the mountain and placed them in a tent for the Israelites.



Saul attacks David

In a fit of jealous rage Saul attacks David. David and Saul's son, Jonathan, form a cunning plan to rescue David.



David and Jonathan

Get in the Picture!



Wise Men with gifts



The nativity

Come to the Community Market at Knighton Comm on Saturday December 14 to get in the Picture! The Open the Book team will set up a nativity scene and you can join in for a photo of you as Joseph or Mary, maybe the innkeeper, a wise man or even an angel! Bring the family.

We'll have costumes. Take your own pictures on your phone or let us do it on our camera!

Dec 2019 Jan 2020	Dec 1 Advent Purple	Dec 8 Advent 2 Purple	Dec 15 Advent 3 Purple	Dec 22 Advent 4 Purple	Dec 24 Xmas Eve White	Dec 25 Christmas White	Dec 29 Xmas 1 White	Jan 5 Xmas 2 White	Jan 12 Baptism of Christ White	Jan 19 Epiphany 2 White	Jan 26 Epiphany 3 White	Feb 2 Candlemas White
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Beacon Hill												
Beguidly St Michael	No Service	11am PG Communion	No Service	No Service	11:30pm PG	No Service	10am RS Ministry Area Service at WHITTON					
Bleddfa M Magdalene	7:30pm MB Communion & Compline	No Service	No Service	No Service	7pm MB/PG Carols	No Service						
Heyope St David	3pm Advent Knight Meth	No Service	No Service	3pm PG Carols +Baptists	No Service	10am RS Communion						
Llangunllo St Cynllo	No Service	No Service	No Service	3pm MB Carols	No Service							
Casob St Michael	3pm Advent Knight Meth	No Service	3pm PG Carols	5pm Crib Service PG	No Service							
Knighton St Edward	9:30 PG Eucharist 3pm Meth Ch	9:30am AG Morning P	9:30am PG Communion	11am PG Family S	9pm PG Communion	No Service	3pm PG Benefice Service of Holy Commun ion at CASCOD					
Norton St Andrew	No Service	3pm PG Carols	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service						
Pilleth	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service						
Whitton St David	3pm Advent knight Meth	9:30am PG Communion	9:30am RS Morning P	9:30am PG Communion	No Service	10am PG Communion						
Colva St David	2:30pm MB Carols	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service						
East Radnor												
Evancoyd St Peter	11am MB Communion	3pm MB Crib Service	No Service	No Service	11:30pm MB/CG Comm	No Service	10:30am CG/HE Group Service of Morning Prayer at EVAN- COYD					
Gladestry St Mary	5pm MB Advent Carols	9:15am MB Communion	11:15am MB Communion	5pm MB & HC Carols	10pm MB/CG Communion	No Service						
Llanllan M St Michael	No Service	No Service	3pm MB Crib & Tree	3pm MB Communion	No Service	No Service						
N Radnor St Mary	9:15am RS Communion	6pm MB Dolau Mixtures	9:15am MB Communion	7pm MB & CG Carols	No Service	10am MB/CG Communion						
New Radnor												