

# THE RADNOR

## November 2022



**Harvest at Tintagel**

At the beginning of Harvest season I spent a beautiful week in Cornwall where I visited the parish church of Tintagel. Its East Window is a stunning representation of Harvest symbols. On the left beneath a moon is a sheaf of wheat with an array of flowers and grasses. On the right beneath the sun is a family working to bring in the harvest. The moon and sun symbolise God's care for creation night and day. The bread and wine are chief symbols of communion in the Christian church.

Article and photo by Laura W-J

**The Magazine of the East Radnor Ministry Area.**  
Beguildy&Felindre|Bleddfa|Heyope&Knucklas|Llangunllo  
Knighton|Norton|Whitton|Pilleth|Casob  
NewRadnor|Gladestry|Colva|Evancoyd|LlanfihangelNantMelan

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Monthly Rota		6 <sup>th</sup> November Kingdom 2 (Red)	13 <sup>th</sup> November Remembrance (Red)	20 <sup>th</sup> November Kingdom 4 (Red))	27 <sup>th</sup> November Advent 1 (Purple)
<b>Beacon Hill</b>	Beguildy	No Service	Benefice Remembrance	4pm Evening Worship	No Service
	Bleddfa	7.30pm Compline	Benefice Remembrance	No Service	No Service
	Heyope	No Service	Benefice Remembrance	No Service	5:30pm Evensong
	Llangunllo	No Service	10:45am Benefice Service at the cenotaph followed by a service at Gravel Chapel	4:30pm Holy Communion tbc	No Service
<b>East Radnor *</b>	Cascob	3pm Holy Communion	No Service	No Service	No Service
	Knighton	11am Holy Communion	10.30am Cenotaph. 11.15am St Edward's	11:00am Morning Worship	11am Advent Eucharist
	Norton	No Service	11am Remembrance Service tbc	No Service	No Service
	Whitton	No Service	10am Remembrance Service	9:30am Morning Worship	9:30am Holy Communion
<b>New Radnor</b>	Colva	No Service	10.45am with Gladestry	No Service	No Service
	Evancoyd	11am Morning Worship	10.45am at the cenotaph	11am Morning Worship	No Service
	Gladestry	No Service	10.45am at the cenotaph	10am Holy Communion	4pm Evening Prayer
	Llanfihangel Nant Melan	10am Morning Worship	10.45am in church	No Service	No Service
	New Radnor	No Service	10.45am at the cenotaph	No Service	10am Advent Carol Service

## **In Remembrance of Joyce Matthews.**

### **(Abridged eulogy by Rebe Brick)**

Joyce Matthews was born in 1931 at The Heath, Dutlas. After her mother died, her four sisters were split up and Joyce stayed at The Heath with her Grandparents. She walked, rode her pony or cycled the 3½ miles in all weathers to Llangunllo School. In 1948 she married George Matthews at Beguildy Church; their children were David, Glenda and Megan. She was a valued helper at St. Peter's Church, Crug-y-byddar, and after it closed, she continued by helping at Beguildy Church. At Felindre Village Hall she cleaned and polished the parquet floor until you could see your reflection. She organised sponsored walks for Charities, often over her beloved Beacon. As a school transport driver, she ferried children down narrow lanes. As a hands-on Granny to Sue, Chris, Dan, Jess, Rhian, Angharad & Hywel, she had sleep overs, family picnics on The Beacon, and Christmas shopping. Later she did the same for great grandchildren. After the sudden death of George in 1992 Joyce rebuilt her life with days out and by travelling with friends to Egypt, Scotland, and Monaco. She served as an officer for Felindre WI and the local federation. She was their avid short mat bowls player. She was the star of the show in the comedy sketches at the annual WI Concert. And who could forget her scotch pancakes? Joyce was a constant and will be greatly missed. The family thank the Macmillan Nurses, Severn Hospice and the District Nurses in Knighton.



### **Llangullo Hall 200 club winner**

#### **August 2022**

£20 Jan Walmsley

£10 Emrys Breeze

£5 Oz Kelly and Owen Thornton

#### **September 2022**

£20 Finley Pritchard

£10 Grace Davies

£5 Maureen Joyce and Rob Duggan

#### **October 2022**

£20 Jackie John

£10 Paul Bennett

£5 Chris Thornton and Charlie Edgar

### **Energy Advice Service in Knighton**

To help respond to the cost of living crisis, energy advice is now available at the Knighton Community Centre on Tuesdays from 10am to 2.30pm. You can receive free and impartial advice, tailored to your circumstances, on how to reduce the energy use in your home - something we can all benefit from given the big increases in energy prices. You can drop in to the advice surgeries: if it is busy, you will be able to make an appointment for another time.

Nicola Colston of the Teme Valley Environment Group said "Teme Valley Environment Group is delighted to have been successful in raising grant money from Citizens Advice to fund this personal service."

To pre-book an appointment at an energy advice surgery, or to arrange for energy advice to be given over the telephone, please contact Gary Cowell on 01547 520374 or email him at [garydkcowell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:garydkcowell@yahoo.co.uk)

## Welsh Words for November

Mis Tachwedd - November

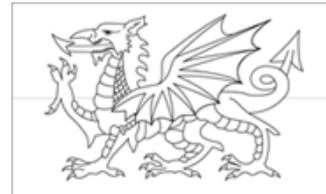
Tachwedd means Slaughter. November was the month of slaughtering the animals that couldn't be kept over winter.

Noson Tân Gwyllt - Bonfire Night

Tân gwyllt - fireworks - literally "wild fire"

Coelcerth - bonfire

Taflu carreg I'r goelcerth - to throw a stone into the bonfire - meaning: to interfere in a quarrel



An ecumenical service of reflection was held at St Edward's Church Knighton on 13 September following the death of the Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The procession was led in by Crucifer Mr James Bridges. Readings were read by Rev Kevin Dare and Rev Gareth Davidson of Knighton and Knucklas Baptist Church, Rev Sara Windsor-Hides of Knighton Methodist Church and Dr John Goodband of St. Edward's Church. Sara also, along with Petra facilitated a time of reflection and lighting of candles for the congregation. A time of prayer was led by Mr Geoff Weaver. The Knighton Town Silver Band under the baton of Mrs Sarah Freeman led the hymns with gusto. Pictured. Mr George Baker played the organ including The Funeral March for Queen Mary by Purcell. He then led the National Anthems. There was a very good turnout including Mayor Mark Coxhill of Knighton and Mayor Debbie Edward's of Norton. Pictured. Knighton Town Cryer Mr Derek Price turned out immaculate as always. The service was led by Rev Petra Goodband who is grateful to all who were there.

## LLANGUNLLO WHIST NEWS

Two whist drives have now taken place in our village hall. The first one, on September 15th., the first to have been held here for about twenty years and, to the delight of the organisers, a good number of younger 'learners' were amongst the players

who turned up and a great time was had by all. There was a slight problem at first, because of some poor lighting, but that has since been sorted out by the addition of some strip lighting.

On 13th. October the second whist drive took place in the hall and everyone had an enjoyable time in spite of the fact that less

people attended than had been expected, a shame because abundant hot sausage rolls (thanks to Phil for supplying them)

were included with the refreshments served at half-time. Our thanks go to Reg, from Llanbister, who joined us and undertook

doing the calling, and to others who helped in the kitchen and with the final room clear up. Especially pleasing is the fact that

a fair percentage of players came from other villages, their support being a great help to us.

The next whist drive in Llangunllo will be on Thursday, 10th. November (7.30p.m.) and on

Thursday, 8th. December, we will hold a special Christmas Whist Drive for which we look

forward to a good attendance. Do your best to join us if you can! Please note that, whilst the primary aim of the whist drives here is for the enjoyment of the players, any profits which may arise will go to the Village Hall Fund.

### Llangunllo

Thursday ..... 13/10/2022

“ “ “ “ ..... 10/11/2022

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### Llanbister

Friday ..... 21/10/2022

“ “ “ “ ..... 4/11/2022

“ “ “ “ ..... 18/11/2022

### Llanddewi

Friday ... 28/10/2022

“ “ “ “ ..... 25/11/2022

### Knighton

Thursday ... 20/10/2022

“ “ “ “ ..... 3/11/2022

“ “ “ “ ..... 17/11/2022

## Llangunllo – Snippets of the Past.

Buried Treasure! In 1804, a considerable quantity of gold coins of the reigns of Edward 11 and Henry 1V were found at Noyadd Fach. It is thought the coins were buried due to the approaching army of Owen Glyndwr in 1402. Their concealment was never disclosed as probably the owners met their deaths, either in the skirmishes that preceded the great Battle of Pilleth, or in the field of battle itself. Many silver coins of the reigns of Elizabeth 1, James 1 and Charles 1 were also discovered at Malygoed and it is stated were sold in London for 100 guineas.

Drunk in Charge of Horse! PC Pugh of Llangunllo reported in January 1894, a certain Abraham Hamer of Llanbister was charged with having been drunk in charge of a horse on his way to the village. Mr Hamer fell from off the horse and was picked up by a witness who also took the horse into a stable where it remained until Mr Hamer was sobered. He did not appear in court, sent a friend to plead guilty on his behalf, and was fined 2s 6d and costs.

Housing Report! In 1899 the visiting Inspector reported that he had found the parish in a very satisfactory condition. The houses were very clean, but some of them were damp, and the water supply was good with a few exceptions. There were four or five houses with defective drains, but the general state was very good for so large a parish. The vicar, Rev J Evans, responded "Hear, hear for Llangunllo!"

From Llangunllo Community Website.

## Llangunllo tractor run

The first ever tractor run to be held in Llangunllo was a huge success. Starting from Lea Hall farm by kind permission of the Duggan family. A large crowd gathered to enjoy bacon rolls, coffee and a chat. A varied selection of over 60 tractors from the small quaint vintage to the large modern tractors together with the occasional 4 x 4 set off and what a wonderful sight they made as they departed on the sunny autumn morning. The 30 mile course took the drivers up hills and down dales through the occasional water splash pausing occasionally to admire the view and for the more inquisitive driver to enquire

"Who's is that farm over there?" The convoy eventually arrived back at Llangunllo at 3.30pm where the drivers were refuelled with a hearty lunch in the village hall. A huge thank you to all our sponsors and all those that helped make this event a success. A large sum of money was raised for the

Air Ambulance and the Village hall.



## The Centenary of Llangunllo War Memorial.

Llangunllo War Memorial stands at the roadside in the centre of the village and this year marks the centenary of its dedication ceremony, led by the Bishop of Swansea, in November 1922. The land upon which the memorial stands was donated by Mr W S Bryan of Crungoed and local subscriptions raised £215 18s 7d (near £13,700 today) to fund its construction. It is made of Portland stone, in the form of a pillared cross, inset with a sword of sacrifice. The cross stands on a three stepped base and was designed by a local architect, Mr Shrimpton. Two plaques are on the front face of the column with the first reading "IN THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF THE BRAVE MEN OF THIS PARISH WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR 1914 – 1918 REST IN PEACE and names are listed by rank, forename, surname and residence. The second plaque is for World War 11. Llangunllo community lost seven men in WW1 and one in WW2. Those killed in action in World War 1 are buried in the military cemeteries of France (Lance Bombardier William Deakins aged 28 and Private Joseph Watson aged 20) and Belgium (Driver Edward Poole aged 29), and if no known grave, remembered on the Memorials of LOOS (Corporal John Pryce Lloyd aged 27), ARRAS (Corporal Arthur Price age not given) and the MENIN GATE (Private David Isiah Lloyd aged 24). In 2006 Knighton Town Silver Band had the honour of playing at the Menin Gate where each evening "The Last Post" is sounded. Of Lance Corporal Robert Deakins no further information is currently available. The Lloyd brothers were killed on the same day, 25th September 1915, in different theatres and Edward Poole, having emigrated to Australia in 1913 returned to Europe to fight with the Australian Field Artillery, died on 8th October 1917 in Belgium. William Deakins and Arthur Lloyd were both awarded the Military Medal and Edward Poole's medals were awarded posthumously. In World War 11, George Reynolds was killed in 1942, aged 31 and is buried in RANCHI WAR CEMETERY, India.



St Mary Magdalene Church, Bleddfa are running the Community Shop, Kington 7th - 14th December 2022 Contributions of items to sell would be gratefully accepted, either leave in Bleddfa church or telephone Nicola Payne 01547550592 for collection

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## Tref y clawdd WI

Our meetings are gathering momentum as Christmas approaches. We are working on ideas for the tree festival at St Edward's- but also making various stylish decorations for our homes in good time to allow for food organisation nearer the time. Last month , we entered the Knighton show and were only 1 1/2 marks behind the group above - so it was a really good effort, and our display was



brightly and cheerfully depicting a Victorian beach. This month we welcomed another new member and also had a very interesting talk about graphology The speaker used our limerick competition to decipher the hidden personalities behind our handwriting. It was a very informative and fun evening.... No lawyers were on hand for mischaracterisation!! We planned our Christmas meal and party while enjoying the customary tea, cake and raffle. Next month will be a quick AGM - allowing plenty of time to make stylish Christmas decorations. Come and join in the fun. Visitors are always welcome. Please phone Dorothy 01547528692 for details.

## Welsh Trial and Concentration Run

Many of you will have seen vintage cars on our quiet roads over the 8th – 9th October weekend. They started at Badlands and went on to Cwm Whitton, each car carrying at least one passenger called the “bouncer”. It is an untimed sport which takes in several muddy hills, and the bouncing gives the car more grip.



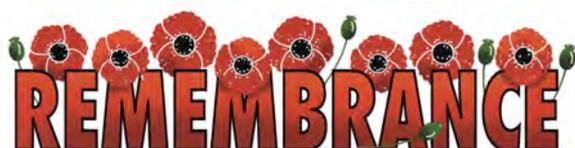
## Abraham Sarah and a New Baby at Open the Book

After telling the story of the serpent tempting Adam and Eve at Knighton Primary School the Open the Book team continued with the story of Abraham and Sarah. Being VERY old they knew they would never have children until three messengers arrived. Abraham washed the strangers' feet and fed them a thick stew and fine bread. They predicted that Sarah would have a child, and a year later Isaac was born. His name meant “laughter” and indeed everyone laughed heartily, including all the children.



A Harvest festival service was held in the Churchyard of St Andrew's.

Everyone enjoyed it and were grateful to Catherine O'Rourke for playing the piano and to Eirlys Spawton and all who helped with preparations. Thank you also to the Norton Community Hub for their help. We very much look forward to seeing the finished article and being able to worship inside again.



When you go home, tell them of us and say,  
for your tomorrow, we gave our today.'

## Gladestry WI

At our September meeting members were most interested in the talk given by Angela Williams who spoke about the history of the munitions factory at Rotherwas in Hereford. Angela was dressed in a uniform similar to that worn by the ladies and girls during both wars who undertook extremely dangerous work. Angela's talk was most informative highlighting the health risks endured by the workers. Her talk was accompanied by fascinating slides. Books, photographs and albums of memorabilia were on display. We were pleased to welcome our PRWI chairperson, Libby Hughes and several men to our meeting.

### Transformation Fashion Show

Ten Gladestry members and a young guest greatly enjoyed the

PRWI Transformation Fashion Show held in Knighton. An amazing 23 entries Jess, Sian and Sue took to the catwalk representing Gladestry, modeling their transformed creations with Jess also modelling Gladestry members joint creation of Save Our Seas. This outfit made from a vast variety of materials depicted the transformations of our seas from a sustainable life source to one of possible polluted destruction.

Each member of our WI contributed to

the unique outfit, Special thanks are extended to Jess McKenzie for her invaluable contribution of vision and design. Our next meeting is 18th October- Willow Weaving with Cherry Williams.

Guests and visitors always welcome.



## New Radnor WI

At the October meeting 14 members and guests enjoyed an excellent demonstration with follow up tuition on NEEDLE FELTING, given by Rev. Rachael Storer. She showed us the technique required, using barbed needles, one long, one short, a block of polystyrene and roving material (a substance that looks like cotton wool, but feels like Brillo pad) of different colours. The Rev. had assembled a kit containing all of the above for each member to make a toadstool or mushroom. As Rev. Rachael had told us, the technique required was quite therapeutic because if you didn't put all worries and other distractions out of your mind and concentrate exclusively on the needle felting you jammed a barbed needle into your finger! Rev. Rachael had an amazing display of her own needle felted creations; sweet little cottages; Gingerbread men; aliens visiting the Nativity with baby Jesus in his manger and a Scary Fairy looking on; an excellent Shetland donkey and a life sized, absolutely beautiful Blue Tit, and many, many more. Everyone was thrilled to have their own creations to take home.



### **Knucklas and District Notes for November, 2022:**

As the days darken and a renewed austerity makes itself felt, we in Knucklas have much to reflect on with satisfaction as well as a lot to look forward to. The Castle Hill Community Land Project had a very successful A.G.M., with talk etc. and the organising committee all securely in place. This was followed, the week-end after, by another delightful Apple Day with merry music and various stalls to delight young and old. A great team of volunteers, and some imaginative advertising helped to ensure the success of the event. Before that, the Gardeners' club had held another Potato Growing Competition with Coffee Morning and one or two interesting stalls. The October meeting had a fascinating illustrated talk about Cuan Wild Animal Rescue based in Much Wenlock. The Knighton and Knucklas Baptist Chapels held a crowded meeting in our fine Community Centre to say an official 'Goodbye' to Revd. Kevin Dare, (although we will continue to see him around in the area), and 'Hello' to Revd. Gareth Davison (although he has been active, specially in Knucklas, for some time). Now, organisations such as the Craft Club begin to gear up for Christmas celebrations. With much sickness and infirmity in the area, neighbours continue to show their caring side. People over a wide area were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Janet Davies, of Cefn Coch, Heyope. A massive funeral was held in her memory at Clun Parish Church. She had been known as a spirited, friendly and open person who loved life, as well as her extensive family. Heartfelt sympathies to Keith, Ryan and all the family.

Robert Forbath

### **Llanfair Waterdine WI**

This month we enjoyed a wonderful talk by Dorothy Symonds entitled "Bags of Surprises." Her work with fabrics is amazing and she created a wonderful display which she encouraged us to handle. Her ideas and explorations of materials were

really exciting and her love of her materials shone through. We are now preparing for our AGM in November and this month we are going to be hands on ourselves with a craft activity organised by members. We are also planning our Christmas activities. We are always glad to welcome visitors to our meetings on the first Friday of every month 7pm. in the Everest Hall Llanfair Waterdine. For further



information please contact either Margaret Clugston (President) on 01547 529155 or Ann Harroway (Secretary) on 01547 528477

### **Methodist Church services for November:**

6th November - Rev Roger Hides & Deacon Sara Windsor-Hides - Holy Communion

13th November - Rev Dr Neil Richardson - Remembrance Service at St Edward's

20th November - Baptist preacher - Baptists join us for this service

29th November - Mr Adrian Williams

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## Baptists and Anglicans Celebrate Harvest Together

Knucklas Baptist Chapel and St David's Heyope began Harvest Celebrations with a supper at Knucklas Comm on Friday, Sept 30. A good crowd feasted on a Ham Salad (or Quiche) supper followed by an array of homemade puddings: pavlova, pie, cheesecake, sherry trifle, crumble, bread and butter pudding! A Knighton Silver Band quintet entertained us with among others, Rondeau by Jean-Joseph Mouret and To a Wild Rose from 'Woodland Sketches' by Edward MacDowell. We finished the evening with a big screen video about Nepal; we will donate to the Baptist Missionary Society in Nepal working to improve education, medicine, and the general standard of living there. On Sunday the sun streamed through leaded lights onto strings of crab apples, rowan berries, leaves, flowers: a beautiful site for the joint harvest service at St David's. Our guest speaker, Rev Leigh Spicer, talked about the warm reception that he and Sue felt in the Republic of Ireland. The link to harvest was how holiday makers in our area take the benefits of our beauty and tranquillity home to towns and cities. And that link covers all the produce from our farms. We are all, urban and rural, united in the full spectrum of harvest. Rev Petra led the service and Rev Gareth led our prayers. "Photos and article by Laura W-J"

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Job 19. 23-27

Psalm 17. 1-8,

2 Thessalonians 2. 1-5, 13-17

Luke 20. 27-38

**13th November - Remembrance Sunday (Red)**

Malachi 4. 1-2

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13

Luke 21. 5-19

**20th November - Kingdom 4 - Christ the King (White)**

Jeremiah 23. 1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1. 11-20

Luke 23. 33-43

**27th November - Advent One (Purple)**

Isaiah 2. 1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13. 11-14

Matthew 24. 36-44

### Harvest Festival at St. Peters Evancoyd -

Article by Joanna Winstone

On 1st October we gathered to celebrate our Harvest Festival; we have so much for which to be grateful and our Service, taken by Rev. Rachael, recognised the hard work of farmers everywhere producing our food and how the situation in Ukraine would affect global grain supplies. We continue to pray for everyone involved with agriculture for a bountiful harvest. Our Church was beautifully decorated with flowers.



Afterwards we held an Auction of Produce with Andrew Morris as a brilliant Auctioneer, ably assisted by Lydia. We enjoyed a Bring and Share Supper and amid much laughter we were persuaded to part with our money for a very good cause, raising £500 in aid of the Wales Air Ambulance.



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After the business part of our meeting in October we settled down to make snowflakes under the direction of Stephanie Griffiths, who is the volunteer co-ordinator at The Comm. She had supplied us with the beads and decorations which we put together to form sparkling Christmas tree decorations, which we decided to display at the Christmas Tree Festival at St Edward's. Two of our members will attend the Chinese Auction, a federation fundraising event, and plans continue for our Christmas lunch and January outing. On 1st November we hold our AGM at 2.30pm. After the election of the officers and committee there will be a chance for a social time.

If you are interested in finding out about the WI, do please contact us and come along. For further information: Alison Thomas 01547 528678 or [alithomas1@gmail.com](mailto:alithomas1@gmail.com)



## Saying “Goodbye” and “Hello”

After 18 months of serving our community Rev Gareth Davidson was finally officially appointed as the pastor of Knighton and Knucklas Baptist Chapels. The powerful ‘induction’ service at Knucklas Community Centre on Saturday, 17th September included a farewell to Rev Kevin and Judith Dare who have been with us for six years. The two men have been serving together, but Kevin will retire shortly. Gareth is a Mid Wales man, having attended school in Newtown. After attending the University of South Wales he gained a law degree and served as a solicitor for 25 years, some of that time in Llanidloes. During those years he received a call to Ministry.

Gareth and Kevin amused us with their stories, especially that of Baptist “Settlement” when both the pastor and the congregation hear the calling for that particular person in that particular place. Rev Tim Welsh, Coordinator of Ministerial Formation at Bristol Baptist College, spoke to us about that call – igniting the boiler – to equip us for life and for godliness. People from several churches attended the swearing in and took vows themselves. Before a marvellous Welsh tea we sang the signature for Gareth and our service: “In Christ Alone”. - Laura W-J



A short service was held at the cenotaph and wreaths laid in Memory of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The first wreath laid was by Mayor Mark Coxhill on behalf of the Knighton Town Council. James Bridges laid a wreath on behalf of the East Radnor Ministry Area. Other organisations including the Football and Rugby Clubs laid wreaths and flowers. The children were a credit to their club. Knighton Town Band played hymns and the National Anthems. Seen here in the picture along with

Kevin Dare and Sara Windsor-Hides who led the prayers. Petra Goodband have a blessing at the end. Bell Ringers East Radnor Ministry Area is grateful to all who rang bells during this time including those who rang in Knighton after the Cenotaph Service and before the Ecumenical Service. Huge thanks go to Tim Hollinghurst and his team who worked so hard at short notice.



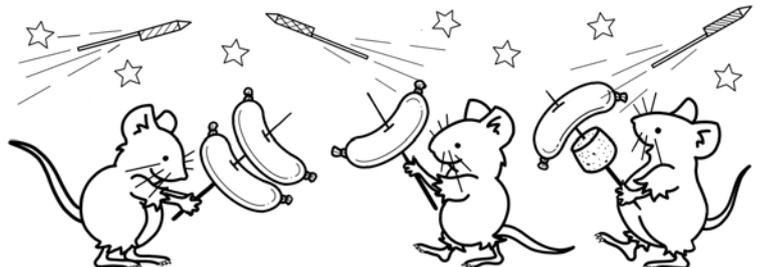
## LLANGUNLLO WI INVITE BLOOD BIKES WALES

Llangunllo WI welcomed members of neighbouring WIs and the community to their Open Evening in October with Blood Bikes Wales. President, Karen Edgar, introduced Ray Rand, Area Rep for Powys, who gave an interesting and in depth talk about the service which is all run by volunteers. Powys Blood Bikes is now the second busiest in Wales, providing a completely free courier service to the NHS, delivering blood samples, plasma, donated human milk, vital for premature babies, documents and other items to where needed. The service is funded solely from donations and has won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service and The Welsh Charity Award. Ray answered numerous questions from those present and thanks were expressed by Dawn Gill, Vice President. Refreshments were enjoyed and the evening ended with the draw "Bottle In A Bag."

Isabel Morris WI Secretary



An ecumenical service of reflection was held at St Edward's Church Knighton on 13 September following the death of the Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Readings were read by Rev Kevin Dare and Rev Gareth Davidson of Knighton and Knucklas Baptist Church, Rev Sara Windsor-Hides of Knighton Methodist Church and Dr John Goodband of St. Edward's Church. Sara also led us in prayer and along with Petra facilitated a time of reflection and lighting of candles for the congregation. The Knighton Town Silver Band under the baton of Sarah Freeman led the hymns with gusto. Pictured. George Baker organ including The Funeral March for Queen Mary by Purcell. He then led the National Anthems. There was a very good turn out including Mayor Mark Coxhill of Knighton and Mayor Debbie Edward's of Norton. Pictured. The service was led by Rev Petra Goodband who is grateful to all who were there. Mark Coxhill of Knighton and Mayor Debbie Edward's of Norton. Pictured. Town Cryer Derek Price turned out immaculate as always. Mr James Bridges was crucifer and led the procession



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### **St Illtud of Llanilltud Fawr 6 November - Saint of the month**

Illtud is one of Wales's best loved saints and there are lots of stories about him, but how do we know who he really was? Have you ever been to Llanilltud Fawr (Llantwit Major) in the Vale of Glamorgan? The name means Illtud's Big Church Enclosure and it is where Illtud built a church, a school and a monastery around 500 AD. One of his pupil's was Samson, who later succeeded him as abbot, and in the church you can see Samson's Cross. It is an ancient Celtic cross shaft with the inscription, "Samson placed this cross for his soul" and on the reverse "Illtud, Samson the king, Samuel, Ebisar." This is the earliest mention of Illtud, but we learn a lot more from The Life of St Samson, written by a Breton monk who took his job very seriously and interviewed lots of people. He writes that Illtud was the most accomplished of all the Britons, being well versed in the Old and New Testaments, as well as every type of philosophy, including geometry, rhetoric, grammar and arithmetic. He was also "gifted with the power of foretelling future events", which was a well-respected gift in ancient Welsh culture. As well as Samson, his pupils included Gildas and Paul Aurelian and perhaps even St David. There are many memories and legends about St Illtud. It would fill the whole magazine to tell you them all. In the meantime, why don't you visit his church, or spend a week walking the splendid Illtud Walk through south Wales. - Rosemary Hanna

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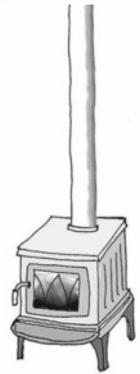
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### Felindre WI Report

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## **NEWS FROM WHITTON**

### **HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE**

This was held on Sunday 18th September, somewhat earlier than our usual date to avoid clashing of Harvest services. The Church had been beautifully decorated by the ladies and several flowers had been given to help with the arrangements. The service was led by Revd. Petra and included six Hymns giving thanks for the Harvest and all God's Blessings. Our organist, who was kept very busy, was Lindsay Bayles. There was a very good number in the congregation, and after the service most remained for refreshments and a good talk!

### **WHITTON COMMUNITY HALL**

The bookings at the Hall have now picked up again after a quieter couple of years and as well as a venue for local meetings it is used by The Whitton WI for their monthly Coffee mornings, The Whitton Short Mat bowls Club, The Teme Lodge of the Masons, A Floral Art class and the Knighton and Area Bridge Club as well as several Children's parties. There is a concert on Remembrance day evening to be given by The Dolau Mixtures and a guest artist ( Full details in the magazine). The Hall had been decorated for the Queen's Jubilee in June, but the flags and bunting had not been taken down over Summer and it then became a fitting symbol on the death of Her Majesty The Queen and the Accession of King Charles. They will be taken down soon and no doubt used again for the Coronation next May.

### **VINTAGE SPORTS CAR TRIALS**

You could hardly have missed these cars as they rattled around the roads of our area on the weekend of 8th/9th October taking part in their annual Welsh trial as they have done for over 70 years. Most of these cars are approaching 100 years old and 1 Mercedes was made in 1903! The cars, drivers and "bouncers" are challenged to climb 18 muddy, steep hills over the 2 days around Radnor Forest, Kinnerton and the Teme Valley before ending up for the final 3 hills at Cwmwhitton on Sunday afternoon. These are Spectator "hills" with Car parking and refreshment's where you can watch the competition safely and at close hand. This year saw a record crowd arriving at Cwmwhitton to watch the 100 vintage cars compete over the last hills before the final results and awards were presented in the farmyard. The car parking is organised by Knighton and District Rotary Club, who parked more cars than ever this year, obviously brought out by the fine weather. For their efforts they ask for donations which they in turn give to their chosen Charities. All in all it was a brilliant weekend whether you were bouncing around in an old car, marshalling or stewarding or just standing watching these wonderful vintage sports cars doing what they love doing.



## Felindre WI Reports

Felindre WI's October glass fusion workshop, attended by guests from the local community and members of other WIs, was a resounding success. Cheryl and Tony Orme of 'Crackpots', the Trefeglwys-based craft business, assisted by their granddaughter Scarlett, demonstrated how to make a coaster or window-hanger out of glass, then participants had great fun making their own designs out of coloured glass, glass powder and other decorations. Felindre member Maggie Flanders said "I failed abysmally to cut the glass to shape, so ended up making an abstract design, but at least it will be something different". Other participants fared better, making designs of flowers and even a sheep in a landscape. 'Crackpots' took the items away to fire in their kiln and everyone looks forward to receiving their masterpiece in due course. After the workshop, a buffet supper provided by the hosts was enjoyed and all agreed it was a very entertaining evening. For information about 'Crackpots', see their website [www.Crackpotsonline.co.uk](http://www.Crackpotsonline.co.uk). Felindre WI's next meeting is their AGM and a snack lunch at the Radnorshire Arms, Beguildy, on Wednesday 2nd November. For further information about Felindre WI, where new members are always welcome, contact Jayne on 01547 510644.

Dear Friends,

November is the month when we both look backward and forward. We look back because November is a month of remembering. On the 1st it is All Saints, where we remember all the saints of the church, and on the 2nd it is All Souls, when we remember all those who have died and give thanks for them being part of our lives. On Sunday the 13th November, is Remembrance Sunday, when we remember those who gave their lives in armed conflict, those who experienced great suffering as they fought for the cause of freedom, justice and peace for our nation and beyond. It is a day when we recall the human cost of war in our own lifetime and in the past as we gather in churches and around war memorials in our Ministry Area to honour them, to give thanks to them for our freedom through their sacrifice. Looking forward, on the last Sunday in November, on the 27th, we come to Advent Sunday, the start of our spiritual house clean. As we move through the Advent season, we prepare ourselves as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus on Christmas day. On the four Sundays of Advent a candle is lit on the Advent wreath and finally on Christmas day the candle representing Jesus is lit. A circle of light shining out in the darkest part of the year. None of us know what Christmas will look like this year with the ever changing landscape of COVID, but we can look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus, in whatever way we are able.

Blessings Rev Rachael Storer

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## New Radnor Playground Club 100 October draw

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3rd prize- Joel Weekes

## Knucklas Day of the Apple

2022 started sadly for Knucklas Orchard with no Wassail to cheer the trees in the gloomy January mist. Nevertheless, the spirit of the orchard must have been lurking there. By May you could see little fruits beginning to emerge. As Summer reached its sweltering peak the trees began to wilt, much fruit fell. By Apple Day on 9th October it was clear that, for the first time, we had a crop to be proud of. Boxes and boxes were full of different varieties for visitors to discover, taste and buy. Many brought their own to get them juiced by Adam Davies Skyborry's famous cider-maker. Children played a variety of apple games. Cakes were eaten, teas were drunk, raffle tickets bought, a quiz was won. A brisk, warm wind tried hard to lift gazebos from the ground. Music was played by generous spirited instrumentalists and rounds were sung. The day went happily and too short.





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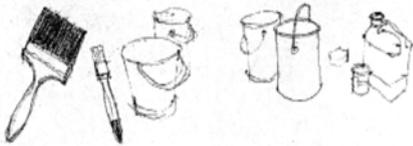
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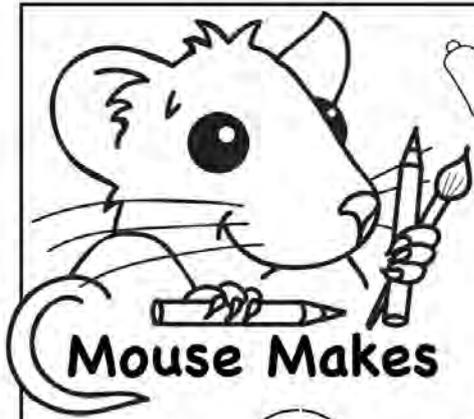
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Luke 1:26-28

Mary was frightened,  
what did the angel say?

Luke 1:30



**READ**  
the story  
in Luke  
1:26-55



What was Mary to  
name her child?

4pm -----  
Luke 1:31

What is her son  
going to be?  
Luke 1:32-33

What does the angel  
say about God?

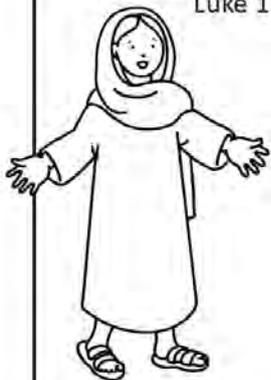
Luke 1:37  
(LEARN this verse)



What happened  
to Elizabeth  
when Mary  
went to  
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Luke 1:41



Mary praises God, what does  
she say God has done?  
Luke 1:46-55



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For more information: Rachael Beech

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## Mums Matter Courses

The Mums matter project continues to meet the demand of mums suffering with low anxiety and concerns of those with postnatal depression, the Autumn schedule offers two in-person courses, one in Mid Powys and the other in North Powys and for those who find it difficult to attend in-person sessions we have an on-line course via Zoom.

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Abbie Lycett has recently joined our team and is now running the bereavement service with our Bereavement support volunteers.



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Some Readers have moved away from the area, others struggled to find time with busy work and family commitments, or found it difficult to keep going during the pandemic. We have however only had one Reader for whom our phonics-based approach proved to be ineffective. When Amana, our Coordinator, sees that a Reader is struggling we always look for different ways to help them move forward, but if there is no progress, we give advice about alternative activities and support for their reading.

We can provide a free tablet which is set up to be usable by anyone who wants to learn online. It needs no prior knowledge of IT or keyboard skills as the Reader and Coach are connected at the touch of a button. Really, all you need is WIFI and you can learn to read at home.

All of our readers are introduced to us by a relative or someone they trust from organisations such as Social Services, Jobcentre Plus, the NHS and other local support agencies. If you're involved with an organisation where you know you come in contact with people who struggle with reading and you would like to find out more about our free service then please get in touch with Finn from our networking team on 07890 261380 or email her at [shnetworkers@readeasy.org.uk](mailto:shnetworkers@readeasy.org.uk). As the number of readers increases, we need another voluntary Coordinator to work alongside Amana. She describes it as the most rewarding job at Read Easy: she gets to see how life changing learning to read is, watching Readers grow in confidence and go on to get better jobs. A Coordinator helps pair up our reading coaches with local people who struggle with reading and provides ongoing support to these reading pairs. If you have good literacy and people skills and you want to make a real difference to the lives of local people this could be the role for you. You can always call Amana on 07545 257847 if you would like to know more.

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### **Flora and Fauna in November**

Autumn is well and truly here and the sheer beauty and brilliance of the colourful foliage and berries is a real joy. We do not have to rely on leaves and flowers to add interest, as many trees and shrubs save their best displays for the shortest days of the year. Their difference in habit, texture and colour suddenly comes to the fore, most have been planted to give a framework for the garden but in late autumn and winter we notice their importance giving us structure and variety to the whole scene. Topiary, the art of sculpting with plants can add a further interest and is quite popular at the moment. At this time of year there is much to be done in the garden. Cleaning and tidying up, garden furniture to be covered and stored, perennials to be cut down and divided as well as the planting of bulbs for spring. November is the month we meet the poppy sellers. From time immemorial these flowers have been regarded as the flower of slumber and today they have become the national emblem of remembrance. It was John McCrae who noted that wild poppies depend on the breaking up of the soil to flourish like many of our wild flowers. Battlefields and bomb sites meant life to the poppy and so they grew in profusion wherever battles raged. It is not surprising that the young doctor wrote the now famous poem, "In Flanders Fields". Let us all remember those brave people who gave their lives for you and me to live in peace, not forgetting the countries where the horrors of war, suffering and unrest are still raging today.

Jean Price

### **St Edward's, Knighton**

Annual Christmas Prize Draw Tickets are now ready for us to sell, can you help? Or perhaps provide a prize? Please contact John Goodband at the Vicarage ASAP.

### **Christmas Tree Festival**

We invite organisations, clubs and individuals to bring a decorated tree to St Edward's Church on Thursday December 8th. To reserve your space please contact Jean Price on 01547 528260. So many people and visitors come along and enjoy this colourful festival each year.

### **Coffee Morning/Table Sale**

We are planning this for November 19th in the Church Hall from 10am onwards and will include a large sale of books, ideal for those winter evenings. To book a table please contact Jean Price on 01547 528260. The profit from our September Coffee Morning raised £205 for church funds. Competition winners were B. Steadman, S. O'Rourke, L. Heakin, S. Gill, A. Williams, The Vicar Petra, D. Richards and A. Edwards. Thank you all for your continued support and the generous gifts that you donate.

### **Bingo**

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13th November - Rev Dr Neil Richardson - Remembrance Service at St Edward's

20th November - Baptist preacher - Baptists join us for this service

29th November - Mr Adrian Williams

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### **Knighton Roman Catholic Church**

Service every Sunday at 11 am.

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## St Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa, Harvest

Our ancient Bleddfa church was decorated with harvest berries, rose hips and leaves for a traditional harvest. Rev Petra blessed the goods we had brought for the foodbank. We were reminded that in these worrying times any of us might need the foodbank. Even some people in full employment cannot meet their energy and food bills. We sang traditional harvest songs like "Bringing in the Sheaves" with Graham George on the organ. One of our hymns was a lesser known piece from the 1930's about birds and dogs and trees. After the service we lingered over a harvest supper and conversation with old friends.

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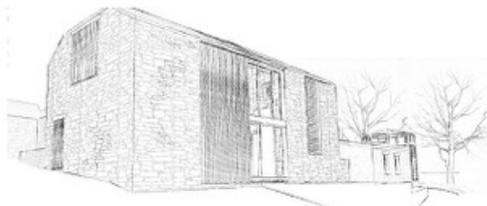
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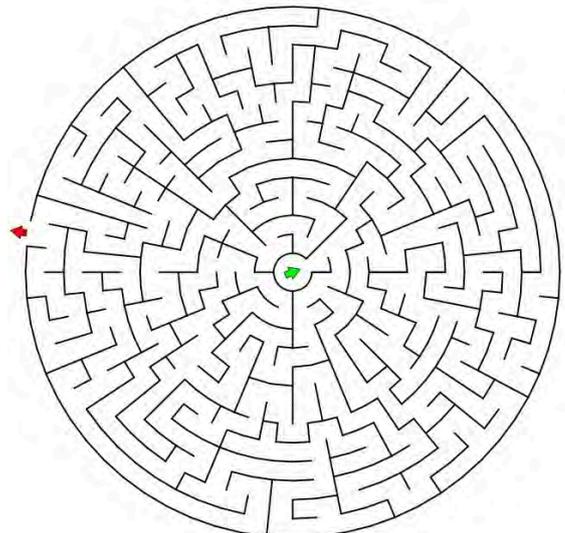


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