

THE RADNOR

December 2022 -January 2023



The Annunciation



The Birth

In The Annunciation the Angel Gabriel offers a peace sign to Mary who is kneeling at a prayer desk reading her breviary. His message, "You have found favour with God" elicits the disbelieving attitude of "How can this be?" The drama is played out in colour: intense pink and red of the angel and flowing traditional blue for Mary. Their halos show the grace of God upon them. The image of the birth is unusual in that Mary and the infant are dressed in white, for innocence. The angel who is tending her is again robed in bright pink with red wings but about to cover her with green. The bearded and older Joseph, who is usually in the background, sits in the foreground observing the sleeping infant. These Christmas scenes are in St Mary's Church in Whitton in the Tenbury Diocese (not our own Whitton). They are classic Pre-Raphaelite images dating to the late 1800's, designed by Sir Edward Burne-Jones and executed by William Morris. Text and photos by Laura W-J

The Magazine of the East Radnor Ministry Area.

Beguildy&Felindre | Bleddfa | Heyope&Knucklas | Llangunllo

Knighton | Norton | Whitton | Pilleth | Cascob

NewRadnor | Gladestry | Colva | Evancoyd | LlanfihangelNantMelan

Price £1.10

December 2022	4 th Advent 2 (Purple)	11 th Advent 3 (Purple)	18 th Advent 4 (Purple)	Christmas Eve (White)	Christmas Day (White)
Readings	Isaiah 11. 1-10 Psalm 72. 1-7 Romans 15. 4-13 Matthew 3. 1-12	Isaiah 35. 1-10 Psalm 146. 5-10 James 5. 7-10 Matthew 11. 2-11	Isaiah 7. 10-16 Psalm 80. 1-7 Romans 1. 1-7 Matthew 1. 18-25	Isaiah 9. 2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2. 11-14 Luke 2. 1-20	Isaiah 52. 7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1. 1-4 John 1. 1-14
Beacon Hill Benefice					
Beguildy (St Michael)	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service
Bleddfa (Mary Magdalene)	7.30pm Compline	No Service	No Service	7pm Carol Service	No Service
Heyope (St David)	No Service	No Service	3pm Carol Service	No Service	No Service
Llangunllo (St Cynllo)	No Service	No Service	No Service	3pm Carol Service	No Service
East Radnor Benefice					
Knighton (St Edward)	11am Eucharist	11am Morning Worship	11am Eucharist	5pm Crib Service	11am Eucharist
Pilleth (St Mary)	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service
Whitton (St David)	No Service	9:30am Eucharist	No Service	No Service	9:30am Eucharist
Cascob (St Michael)	No Service	No Service	3pm Carol Service	No Service	No Service
New Radnor Group of Churches					
Colva (St David)	2.30pm Carol Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service
Evancoyd (St Peter)	11am Morning Worship	11am Crib Carol Service	No Service	11pm Midnight Mass	No Service
Gladestry (St Mary)	No Service	2.30pm WI Carol Service	4pm Carol Service	4pm Eucharist	No Service
Llanfihangel Nant Melan (St Michael)	No Service	5pm Christmas Tree Service	No Service	6.30pm Crib Carol Service	No Service
New Radnor (St Mary)	No Service	10am Morning Worship in the hall		No Service	10am Eucharist

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Dear Friends,

As I write this letter Christmas is looming on the horizon and we have just come through Remembrance. It seems that as we approach the end of 2022 we have a lot to think about. We have taken time to remember the fallen from so many wars including those going on today. Too many people are suffering in the world for so many reasons. This means that Christmas may be tough for more people than ever. Perhaps it would be a good time to bring back the true meaning of Christmas. To remember that we celebrate the birth of the Son of God. It need not be a time of extravagance and monetary value but a time of love and reaching out to those in need. This year John and I are offering the chance for those who are on their own or would like to be with others the chance to share Christmas lunch with us. No cost and no presents required. As we prepare for what may be a difficult winter let us remember that Jesus tells us to love our neighbours. Let us put all squabbles aside and look out for each other, and bring peace to 2023.

Nadolig llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd dda!

Cariad a bendithion,

Petra

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The National Gardening Scheme

This month there is an evening opening (4-6pm) Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th December Tranquility Haven, 7 Lords Land, Whitton, Knighton LD2 3HU, no teas.

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 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



We won the Radnor Arms Auction!

Dear Prospective Investors and supporters,

We are pleased to tell you that we were successful at the Auction yesterday, and the Radnor Arms was secured for our community, for the minimum asking price of £115,000. Our interim funder has paid the deposit and will now settle the outstanding amount in the next couple of weeks, on our behalf. We will now prepare the prospectus for the Community Share Issue which will outline our offer to you and trust you will stand by your pledge to support us. Thank you to everyone who came to the Auction to offer support. This has only been possible because so many of you have expressed your interest and support for this project. Thank you for doing that and for giving us the confidence and courage to take this project forwards. There will be a photo op. at 11am this Saturday (22nd October) outside the Radnor Arms in Broad Street if you are able to join us, we would like as many there as possible. We will be using the pictures for our press release as we strive to expand our support and investor base. Thank you all again, and look forward to seeing you on Saturday,

Yours in cooperation, Ben.'

**St Michael's Church
Llanfihangel Nant Melan**

Christmas Eve @ 6.30pm

Crib Carol Service

led by Christine Gould

**A warm welcome awaits
you**



It is with enormous sadness that I bring you news of the sudden death of James Roose-Evans. James was admitted to hospital in London last Tuesday and died the following day just short of his 95th Birthday. James moved to the Old Rectory in Bleddfa in 1969 and formed the Bleddfa Church Restoration Society in the mid 1970's which became known as the Bleddfa Trust after they purchased the Primary School after it closed in 1984. The extensive restoration also incorporated features to enable the church to be used as a multi-functional space - groundbreaking and sometimes controversial at the time but which enabled the church to be restored and to have new life at a time of dwindling congregations and church closures. James had a distinguished career as a Theatre Director both here in the West End and on Broadway and founded the Hampstead Theatre in the early 1960's and which thrives today. He was also an author with many published books. He was ordained Priest in Hereford Cathedral in the 1980's. He continued to post online twice -monthly meditations until earlier this month. We were able to pause and remember James in our Benefice Eucharist this morning at Bleddfa. Graham George.



Gladestry WI

Members and guests of Gladestry WI spent a most enjoyable evening creating willow bird feeders following an excellent demonstration by Cherry Williams. Cherry was very patient and, under her guidance, artistic bird feeders were produced to adorn the gardens of Gladestry - lucky birds! We were joined by two guests and pleased to welcome one new member. Hot, pumpkin soup, made by our secretary and crusty bread was enjoyed by all. The Halloween themed meeting was watched over by Mr. Pumpkin with flickering lights. 15 bird feeders were displayed to be judged in our October competition. Sian and Sue were the winners with their perfect feeder. Our next meeting 15th November at 7pm will be 'Show and Tell' followed by Bethany, instructing us in making Christmas decorations to adorn the church Christmas tree at the PRFWI Carol Service in Gladestry church on Sunday 11th December 2.30pm. Everyone very welcome. Festive Greetings to all from Gladestry WI.

Harvest – Bread of Life

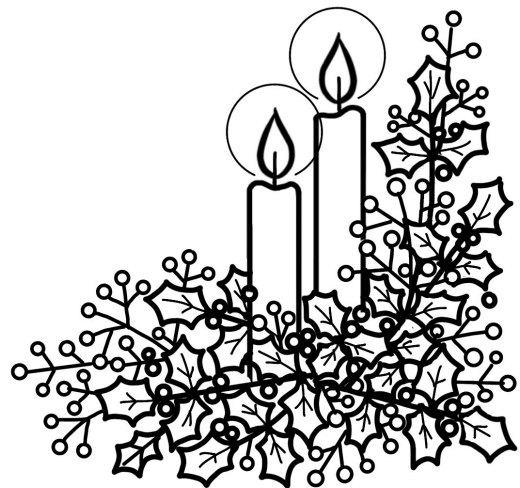
Rev Rachael officiated at Llangunllo Community Harvest Festival at St Cynllo's Church on the last Sunday in October. The church was beautifully decorated and in the porch, to welcome all, were Mr and Mrs Scarecrow. George Baker was organist and the traditional harvest hymns were sung. The readings included a lovely poem on Autumn and, central to the service, the Gospel of St John, "Jesus the bread of life." The congregation, especially the children with baker's hats and aprons, took part in "Patacake, patacake baker's man, bake me a loaf as quick as you can" and reflecting on how important bread is to us all, a variety of loaves were presented. The service ended with prayers and the Blessing. Those present then enjoyed refreshments, including mulled cider, and social time together.



November Draw for the New Radnor Playground Club 100

- 1st prize: Chris & Rachael Storer
- 2nd prize: Paul Wilson & Jane Lissaman
- 3rd prize: Roy & Celia Jones

Radnor Magazine is looking for a new treasurer if you are interested please contact Rev'd Petra on 01547 529254



Weston Hall - Llangunllo.

The Radnorshire Society Transactions in the National Library of Wales state “Llangunllo was an important parish in the 16th and 17th Centuries, being in a secluded valley it had its attractions, and several families had settled there.” One residence of particular interest was Weston Hall, located approximately a mile south of the village, today the location of Upper Weston Farm. By the time of St Cynllo (AD 500) the local area was part of one of the Independent Welsh Principalities, Llangunllo being in the “cantref” or sub division of Maelienydd and the local “commote” of Rhiwlallt, the old name for Weston Farm, where a princely residence apparently stood. Lewis Glyn Cothi, a prominent 15th Century Welsh Poet, was a welcome visitor to Rhiwlallt. He wrote elegies to members of the ap David family who were descended from lords of Maelienydd in the early Norman Period. Though now subject to a Norman lord, they were able to carry on the traditional custom of open house and were, no doubt, the most important family in the district. Their name appears among the Rectors of Llangunllo from 1409 to 1489. Rhiwlallt was evidently the local Manor House, later to become Weston Hall, one of the “seats of the gentry” with resident Thomas Holland Esq. serving as High Sheriff in 1732. Holland had a room portioned off in the West end of the Church for a school, a gallery for the Psalm Singers (at his own expense) and in 1769 bequeathed the annual sum of £2 5s 0d (nearly £500 today) for the teaching of six poor children of the parish. He lived at Weston Hall for over 40 years and earned the reputation of a supporter of all good works in the parish.

Ref “Llangunllo A Brief Moment in Time” - Community Website.

Girl Power 1916!

As reported in the Brecon Radnor Express July 1916, the Higher Education Sub Committee of Radnorshire sent a message of congratulations to Miss Frances M Griffiths, Knighton and Miss Marie Morgan, Llangunllo. Miss Griffiths, who was the only one out of nine girls, who went up for the BA degree to take it with first class honours in English and Miss Morgan had also done extremely well, taking the degree with third class honours in French. Radnorshire should be proud of these two girls and also of those who had done well in the past. The boys seemed to be a bit backward.

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- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
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to everyone
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mulled wine to
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Service**



Whitton WI

There was a warm and friendly atmosphere at Whitton Harvest Supper on 28th October. The food and entertainment went down well and the music from the contemporary folk group, Cardboard Box Thieves, was so toe-tapping that some people just had to get up and dance. The raffle was held in aid of Prostate Cancer in memory of Don Mills.

Our programme for 2023 will soon be finalised and include a variety of activities, speakers and visits. As a result of an illuminating talk by Mari Forde on "When the Americans came to town" we have planned to visit Hay Castle, as she is the Curator there. Please remember that everyone is welcome at our monthly coffee mornings. Come along on Tuesday 13th December for free Coffee and Cake and Chat (plus free raffle) from 10.30 am until noon at Whitton Community Hall.

(pictures from November coffee morning)

Hilary Naylor

Whitton WI



The Band on stage
and Phyllis Pugh
spud-bashing



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STOWE & STANAGE W I

Our AGM last month resulted in most of the officers remaining the same with the exception of the Programme Secretary. Linda Hawkes has given many years of service arranging interesting talks and demonstrations for us, and is now taking a well-deserved break; Julie Dawson takes her place. We were delighted to welcome our federation chair, Libby Hughes, to our meeting; she explained that it had been decided to divide the federation into local hubs which could arrange meetings between them, cutting down on travel costs. In February next year we are planning to have a special event to which we will invite our fellow hub members. Our Christmas lunch takes place this month and we are looking forward to a merry time. In January an outing is planned to the Secret Hills Centre in Craven Arms. Angelique Williams, Powys County Councillor, has joined our number, and we are delighted to welcome her. If you are thinking about trying out the WI, please get in touch. For further information: Alison Thomas 01547 528678 or alithomas1@gmail.com

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The Cast



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Pharaoh with one of
his soldiers



'Open the Book' takes Moses to Knighton School

Open the Book took the story of Moses' miraculous survival in the bulrushes to the school. Children helped the team tell the story. Pharaoh had taken a strong dislike to the Jews, and so he ordered his soldiers to kill Hebrew babies. Rather than see her baby suffer this fate, Moses' mother floated him in a basket in the reed beds, accompanied by fervent prayer and his sister, Miriam, who hid in the reeds on the lookout. Happily the princess, daughter of Pharaoh, came to the reed beds to bathe. She spotted Moses and instantly fell in love with this cute baby. She needed someone to look after him, so Miriam quickly suggested her mother as the likely nursemaid. Win . . . win. Moses was raised in the Royal Household with all its privileges, and his own mother looked after him and taught him Jewish ways. - Article and photos by Laura W-J

New Radnor War Memorial. Wreaths were laid on behalf of Radnor Valley School, New Radnor Community Council and St Mary's Church. Rev Rachael led the service, which was attended by 55 people - photos by Michael Capstick

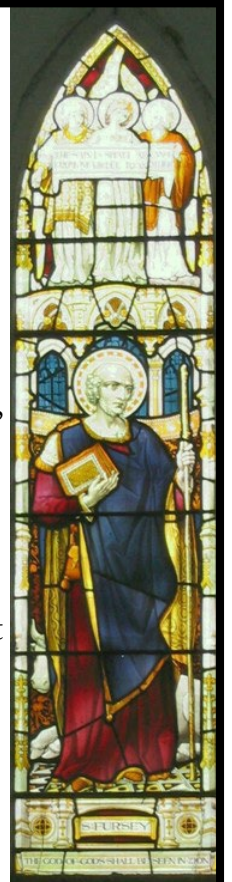


Rev Rachael blesses the kneeler on Remembrance Sunday. It was made for St Mary's by New Radnor WI.



St Fursey - died 16th January 650 - one of the "Four Comely Saints"

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Special Christmas Whist Drive on Thursday 8th December at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Look forward to seeing you.

Christmas Wreath Workshop on Sunday 11th Dec 2-4pm and Tuesday 13th Dec 7-9pm at the Village Hall. Please contact Karon on 07854950478 to book a place.

Carols Around The Christmas Tree on Sunday 18th December in the Village centre at 6pm. Do join us to sing Christmas Carols and songs and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies.

Community Carol Service on Saturday 24th December at 3pm in St. Cynllo's Church. Traditional carols, readings and music with seasonal refreshments to follow. All welcome.

November's Drive was equally successful and we were pleased still to see players from other areas coming to join in, in spite of the dark evenings making parking less easy for some. The more, the merrier is our call!



Beth Williams -- cover of Beguildy & Heyope Parish Magazine in 1993



TREF Y CLAWDD WI

Christmas is coming. We had a craft “gathering“ this month and made a selection of jolly snowmen for our Christmas tables. There was much hilarity as we attempted to fill our socks with rice. Then came the fun bit of adding the features. We were all pleased with our efforts and are encouraged to make more decorations for our tree at the St Edward’s tree festival. We finished planning next year’s varied programme while consuming a delicious cake made by Tina. Our new members were very impressed by our friendship. The raffle and book sale took place, together with this month’s competition- obviously to choose the best snowman! As it was also our AGM, we made our annual reports and reviewed the previous very full year. Then the election of officers took place and we unanimously voted Dorothy to

remain as president, Tina as secretary and Julie as treasurer. We’re having a Christmas meal in December with partners (instead of our more normal January meal) and, nearer Christmas, we’ll

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New Radnor WI

New Radnor WI met in the Community Centre on 7th November and our President, Libby Hughes welcomed JIM SMITH who gave us a fascinating illustrated talk entitled:

“STARGAZING”.

Jim had taken his own photographs of stars, meteors, comets, planets etc., and explained how the various heavenly bodies behaved; some always being found in the same section of the universe, whereas others moved, some in orbit, others in straight lines. He showed us a selection of his viewing equipment, recommending binoculars as being ideal for new stargazers and everyone had a look through his telescope. He also described his large telescope which has a permanent site in his garden. Jim explained that because the weather in UK is notoriously unreliable it is useful to be able to take advantage of an unexpectedly clear sky at night with very short notice, hence the ability to quickly assemble his large telescope. He recommended that WI's potential Stargazers try a FREE app, which is easily found on your phone, to begin to navigate your way around the sky at night. If members then decide to stargaze more seriously apps usually cost about £10. Members asked Jim all sorts of QUESTIONS, and Libby proposed our hearty vote of thanks along with an invitation to share our refreshments.

Walton Village Hall Events

December 2022

- 8th Christmas Floral Workshop 1.30-4pm
£15 per person Please ring 01544 350 511 to reserve your place.
- 10th Christmas Party from 7pm
Performance by Jess Squires (Vocalist) & Helen Hunter (Piano & Saxophone) Please bring your own beer etc
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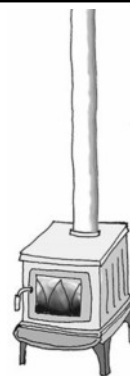
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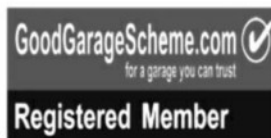
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Harold Lewis read the Kohema Epitaph:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
We will remember them.

Trevor Head played the last post on his trombone to mark our two minute silence. After the moving ceremony we went to Gravel Chapel for a service of Remembrance, based on Psalm 105. "Remembrance" was the powerful word affirming that God knows all and that he remembers his promises to us forever. We concluded by singing our national anthems, perhaps for the first time "God save the King." Laura W-J. Photos by Michael Brown



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Llanfair Waterdine WI

An important month for us with our AGM. Sadly, due to personal circumstances, our president for the last five years, Margaret Clugston, has decided to stand down. She has supported us all through this difficult period and has kept us together as a group. The meeting expressed sincere thanks for all her hard work. She is still on the committee and will be well involved. Our new president is Louise Home. Good luck, Louise.

After our meeting we had a hands on craft activity organised by Sue Fountain and Sue Lovell. Everyone joined in with using recycled materials to make Christmas decorations and cards. Recycling is well supported by the WI movement.

There is no general meeting in January because we are hoping to go out for a meal. Our new programme is in the process of being finalised and promises some interesting evenings.

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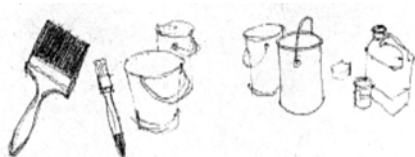
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Beech 07552165800 or
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St Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa
Christmas Eve 7pm Carol Service
St Cynllo, Llangunllo
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St Michael's, Beguildy
Thursday 22nd December 7pm Carol
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St Mary's, Pilleth
Friday 9th December 7pm Woollies &
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**St Michael's, Llanfhiangel Nant
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Christmas Eve 6pm Crib & Carol
Service
St Mary's, New Radnor
Thursday 22nd December 6pm Follow
that Star Carol Service; starting in the
church and finishing in the Community
Centre
St Peter's, Evancoyd
Christmas Eve 11pm Midnight Mass
St Mary's, Gladestry
Christmas Eve 4pm Eucharist

Good Grief

Good Grief is an informal and welcoming group, open to anyone who has experienced grief or loss. This service has recently changed its schedule, sessions now take place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month in place of being held weekly. Abbie Lycett has recently joined our team and is now running the bereavement service with our Bereavement Support volunteers.

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.



**Mums Matter Courses
Autumn 2022**

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Presteigne Memorial Hall Fridays 10am-12noon (Starts on 28th October)

Online with Zoom Thursdays 6pm-7:30pm (Starts on 15th September)

All Courses run for 7 weeks

After the course has finished you can join a peer support group in your area, to continue helping and supporting each other.

For more information
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Open the Book at Christmas - can you help?

We are still going into Knighton Church in Wales Primary School once a fortnight to present Bible stories and bring the good news of Jesus to the children. The Bible Society have again produced a lovely booklet of the Christmas Story in conjunction with Open the Book. We would like to give every child a copy, but we need to raise some money from our churches. We are going to order 200 copies and there is an amazing bulk discount, so instead of an individual copy costing £3.00, they will be only 50p each. Therefore we need to raise £100 before the end of term, so any contributions would be gratefully received. Please pass any contributions to a member of Open the Book in your church or contact me at rojohanna@waitrose.com. Thank you all in advance.



This week we told the story of the Ten Plagues of Egypt and the Crossing of the Red Sea. The children loved shouting Moses request "Let my people go" and Pharaoh's reply "No"! Here is a photo taken by Laura Woodside-Jones of the plague of frogs jumping around a house.

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Our next meeting is on **Thursday DECEMBER 15TH** at 7.30
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Presteigne & Borders Floral Art Society

Our next meeting in Presteigne Memorial Hall

Wednesday December 14th at 7.30

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What good news did the angel tell?
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Who appeared praising God, what did they say?

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LLANGUNLLO WI AGM

At our November meeting, kindly hosted by Donna at Cefnsuran, members gathered for our AGM, to establish a new committee, and elect a president, secretary and treasurer for 2022/23, as well as listening to reports reminding us all of what a busy centenary year we'd enjoyed. All members present remarked on what a good year it had been, from planting a tree along with a time capsule, to our community afternoon tea, but especially enjoyable was when we all dressed up in 1920's style clothes for an afternoon of celebrations and a fabulous tea with a few glasses to toast our 100 years as a WI. If you are a member of the WI you might have caught our picture in WI Life, mind you I think you would have needed a magnifying glass to have seen the photograph as we were sadly swashed in at the bottom of a page!! Our trip to a vineyard and our BBQ proved very popular with members and partners and for once the latter was enjoyed in glorious sunshine. These were just a few of the events that have taken place over the last year. Once the formalities were concluded we held our business meeting where we finalised our Christmas meeting arrangements, and our secretary reported on how our programme for next year was shaping up. We all agreed the programme was looking pretty good and we look forward to our December meeting for the final version. When all the necessary business was completed we enjoyed a lovely supper together as we played some fun games which for some highlighted that we couldn't really draw all that well!! For more information about our WI look for us on Facebook, or on Llangunllo Community Facebook page or if you prefer contact our secretary Isabel Morris on 01547 550689. We welcome new members so why not come along to one of our meetings.

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11 December - joint service with Baptists & Knighton Silver Band at Methodist Church - 11am
18 December - Rev Kim Stillwell - Holy Communion - 11am
25 December - Deacon Sara Windsor-Hides -11am
1st January - Mrs Vivienne Thomas - 11am

Knighton Roman Catholic Church

Service every Sunday at 11 am.

Church Contacts

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- Baptist Minister - Rev Gareth Davidson - 01547 528679 - 07795 087363 -
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Community Church Hall Contacts

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- New Radnor Community Centre - Carlee Evans - 01544 350575
- St Edwards Church Hall - Jean Price - 01547 528260
- Whitton Community Hall - Gill Powell - 01547 560367

The late Mrs Elsie Powell

The funeral took place in St Edward's Church on November 7th, conducted by Rev Petra Goodband. Elsie, late of the Grove Farm, Knighton, passed away on October 4th, aged 89 years. Elsie will be sadly missed by her family and many friends. In the eulogy, Rev. Petra spoke of a long life lived well, happy and busy on the farm. In the service Donald Bufton sang 'The Rose' and Helen Powell read a poem. The hymns were 'How Great Thou Art' and 'There's a Land that is Fairer than Day'. Following the service interment took place in Knighton New Cemetery. We remember in our prayers the Powell family and all who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

Knighton & Knucklas Baptist Church Services & Events – Dec 22 & Jan 23

December:-

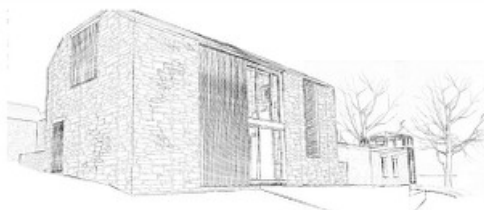
- 4th 11.00am - Knighton Baptist Chapel – Family Worship Service
6.00pm - Sunday @ 6 - Knucklas Baptist Chapel
- 11th 11.00am - Cytun (Churches Together) Carol Service with Knighton Town Silver Band at Knighton Methodist Church, Victoria Road
- 4.00pm - Messy Church Christmas Special - Knucklas Community Centre
- 16th 6.30pm - Knucklas Community Carol Singing - with members of Knighton Town Silver Band - meet at the Community Centre
- 18th 11.00am – Knighton Baptist Chapel – Family Worship Service
3.00pm - Joint Carol Service at St David's, Heyope
- 25th 9.30am - Christmas morning celebration at Knucklas Baptist Chapel
11.00am - Christmas morning celebration at Knighton Baptist Chapel

January:-

- 1st 11.00am - Knighton Baptist Chapel - Family Worship Service
6.00pm - Knucklas Baptist Chapel - Sunday @ 6
- 8th 11.00am - Knighton Baptist Chapel – Family Worship Service
- 15th 11.00am -Knighton Baptist Chapel - Family Worship Service
6.00pm – Knucklas Baptist Chapel – Sunday @ 6
- 22nd 11.00am – Knighton Baptist Chapel – Family Worship Service
4.00pm - Messy Church - Knucklas Community Centre
- 29th 11.00am - Knighton Baptist Church – Family Worship Service

In addition, we also have a Toddler Group meeting at Knighton Baptist Chapel 10.00am to 11.30am during term time, and a number of mid week Lifegroup meetings both daytime and evening. For further details of any of our meetings, please feel free to contact our Pastor, Rev'd Gareth Davidson on 01547 528679 or 07795 087363 or email gareth16@tiscali.co.uk, or Sue Wilson, Church Secretary on 07866 833294

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St Edward's Knighton

Our annual Christmas prize draw will take place at our festive coffee morning in the Church Hall on Saturday December 17th between 10am and midday. We have some good prizes already and more would be very welcome. Tickets are on sale now and we would appreciate some help with selling them. Please contact John Goodband on 07863104275 or Jean Price on 01547 528260. We can deliver some to you if this would help. The October coffee morning raised £250 for Church funds. Competition winners were Walter Evans, Peter Medlicott, Jan Vickerstaff, Jean Price and Angela Morris. Many thanks to all our workers and all who came along to help us keep open St Edward's Church.

Bingo

Eyes down for a fun Christmas special evening on Saturday December 3rd at 7pm in the Church Hall. All are welcome.

St Edward's Church Christmas Tree Festival

The Festival will open on Friday December 9th at 10.30am, continuing until 3pm on Sunday December 11th. This is always an enjoyable event. We still have room for a few more trees. Contact either Rev. Petra or Jean Price if you would like to display one. The weekend will close with a 3pm service of Evensong.

Brass and Voices

A concert was held on October 22nd at the Community Centre in memory of the late Richie Owens. It was pleasing to see so many people come along to support Richie's wife Val and the family and enjoy a special evening with Knighton Town Silver Band and the Rhayader Male Voice Choir. Favourite pieces had been chosen by both band and choir, bringing loud and lengthy applause from all. Richie Owens was a local man who had been a valued member of the Silver Band for over 70 years. Unfortunately ill health forced him to put away his music and instrument. The programme was a fitting tribute to a very talented man.

BIBLE STUDY

Midweek Explorations of the Word

The second Wednesday

of the month

10am-11.30am

Hosted by David & Heather Evans

Middle House, Beggars Bush

Come and join us to explore the bible engaging in lively discussions and learning and sharing our faith with each other.

A warm welcome awaits you

For further information please contact Rev Rachael Storer

01544 350760 revrachaelstorer@gmail.com

Flora and Fauna in December

The creative mind of the flower artist is never still but constantly excited by the passing beauty of each season. In our endeavour to capture the true meaning of Christmas we look around our gardens and immediately see the beauty of evergreens. As the last hues of Autumn fade and the garden slows down, it is now that we really appreciate the evergreens and variegated shrubs which show up brightly against the bareness of the deciduous trees. Holly, Ivy, Laurel, Spruce, Skimmia and the attractive Eleagnus shrub with green and yellow markings all look splendid in our festive displays in both church and homes. The tradition of using evergreens to decorate the home dates from Pagan times since when they have been prized for their ability to display signs of life in midwinter, retaining their leaves and even producing flowers and berries when most signs of floral life have vanished. The custom of holly at Christmas is said to date from Roman times, when holly branches would be sent to friends with New Year wishes. Later, the Christian belief was that holly was a symbol of goodwill being used to decorate churches at Christmas time. Although we hear the lovely carol 'The Holly and the Ivy' sung at Christmas time, it seems to me that ivy is overlooked at Christmas. All flower arrangers find it a delightful addition to their displays, being a very showy and neat plant. Birds adore nesting in ivy, bees, wasps and flies pollinate it and the little blue butterflies rely on ivy for food throughout the Winter. Sculptural seed heads like honesty with translucent circular heads, acanthus with bold spires, cones of echinacea and spikes of eryngium can look quite magical on a frosty morning and for the festive look. Equally exciting sprayed with silver or gold and a touch of glitter for a special Christmas arrangement. The Church year begins with Advent Sunday, starting the Advent season which comprises the four Sundays before Christmas Day, a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus. During each Sunday a coloured candle is lit on the Advent wreath, made from evergreens. The candles are equally spaced around the wreath, representing the themes of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. On Christmas Day a white candle is lit and placed in the centre of the wreath to celebrate the special day, the birth of Christ.

A happy and blessed Christmas to you all!

(Jean Price)

Another successful Saturday workshop in the Hub, New Radnor. A felted garland, courtesy of Rev Rach. Next workshop 10th December. Make and take a mosaic Christmas pud tree ornament plus a small wooden Christmas tree. Places limited. Please call 01786742615 to book your place.



The Radnor Arms Hotel

Winter Warmer – Fund Raising Silent Auction

Please join us by bidding for items in our silent auction which runs from Friday 18th November to Tuesday 13th December and includes wonderful lots from near and far... Lots include art works from celebrated local artists, short breaks in beautiful homes and cottages locally and further afield, furniture repair, guitar lessons, split cane rod fly-fishing lessons, wine tasting and food pairings, a customized family tree, fine art work and ceramics, customized hand painted letters or initials, brewing lesson for 2, freshly baked bread, quiche, meals out, a customized painting of your house, a customized photograph of the scene / landscape / building of your choice, introduction to foraging lessons, beef brisket, a jointed half lamb, half turkey crown & 'pigs in blankets', hampers, photography, pottery lessons, salmon fishing, plein air landscape painting day for up to 4, a folding bicycle, British Cassis, Hergest Croft tea and garden visit, Port and Sherry, apple pressing session with 10 bottles of apple juice to be taken away for up to 2, quiche serving 10, wildflower lesson and walk, Wood-turning workshop, a wheelbarrow (in a colour of your choice!), a hand made bird-table and First edition Radnor Arms mugs! And more!

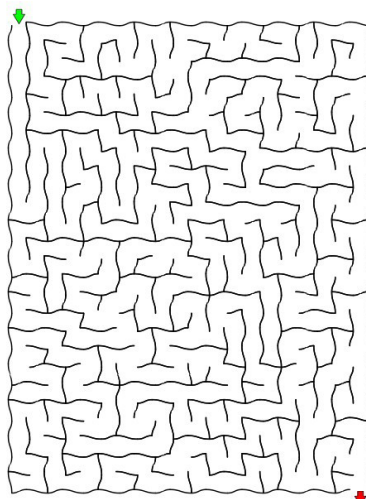
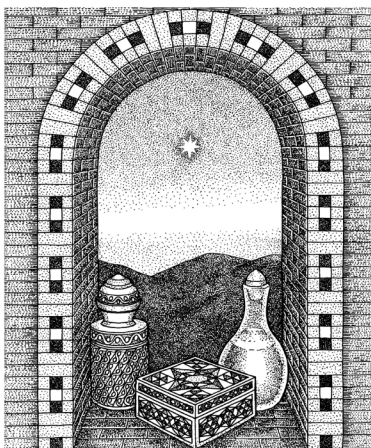
You can reach it Online at www.32auctions.com/theradnorarmshotel or you can see the physical auction catalogue at ESCO's, The Hub, or The Community Centre in New Radnor, The Fforest Inn, The Harp Inn, Kington Building Supplies, The Grapevine, Turners and The Burton Hotel in Kington, Deli Tinto in Presteigne, Lyonshall Garden Centre, and / or at our H'Art Winter Weekends.

You can also see the catalogue, and many of the auction items, at the open days at The Radnor Arms Hotel, Broad Street, New Radnor, LD8 2SP, on Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th November, and Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December. We hope you can join us. You can also order Radnor Arms mugs and Christmas cards from our on-line shop

<https://theradnorarmshotel.sumupstore.com/>

We hope you will find something appealing in our auction, an experience to share with friends or family, an opportunity to meet new friends, and/or an item or two for yourself or for others.

Wishing you a good Winter Warmer



"Does anyone have a light, please?"

Knucklas and District Notes for December 2022 - January 2023

We have all enjoyed an extraordinarily mild autumn so far with quite a few roses still in bloom. Now we must 'batten down the hatches' a bit, with winter on the horizon. The shortest day of the year will be December 21st and before the end of January the days will already be noticeably longer.

We ourselves had some visitors recently who commented, as so many do, on the peaceful and characterful, as well as beautiful, surroundings.

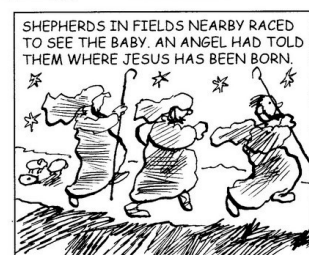
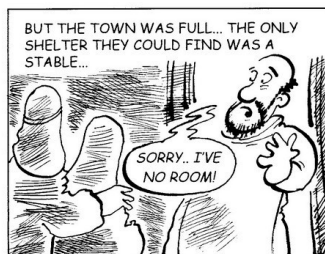
A vibrant Halloween party was held at Knucklas Community Centre whilst another imaginative 'feelgood' Books, Art and Music (etc.) Festival took place in and around Knighton Community Centre.

The usual ritual took place on Remembrance Sunday at the war memorial in Llangunllo, followed by a service at Gravel Chapel, all conducted by Baptist Minister, Revd. Gareth Davidson.

Covid and other infections are still making their presence felt in our area.

Sadly, whilst several struggle with illness, two valued residents have passed away during November. Norman Price, who has lived in the area for many years, previously with his sister Jean, later on his own, was known as a very moral as well as a cultured and generous person. Brian Edwards, who together with his wife Annie, made a considerable contribution to local life. So sorry to see him go after a long struggle against illness; heartfelt sympathies to Annie as well as to all his friends and relatives.

Robert Forbath



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The Story of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10 v25 – 37

Before telling this story, Jesus has been explaining that we must love our neighbour as ourselves. A lawyer asks him “Who is my neighbour?” Usually when reading this story we tend to look at it from the outside in. I began to wonder how we could look at it from the inside out. I chose to look at it from the injured person’s point of view. “Argh argh”, the old man cried out, but the blows came thick and fast, winding him, bruising and cutting him, until in the end he uttered only low moans of pain and fear as he curled into a ball of misery. The robbers ran off into the low hills bordering the road, disappointed with their meagre booty. “Serve him right if we’ve left him for dead.” The road from Jericho to Jerusalem, infamous for the number of armed attacks that occurred along its length, was strangely empty of passers by: no wonder, sensible people were at home taking their siestas and shielding themselves from the strong afternoon sun. “Was he going to die here?” thought the old man as he drifted into and out of consciousness. Later as the day cooled the dust of the road would from time to time blow over him, as donkeys, camels and carts trundled past, owners in tow. Some stepped over him, others crossed to the other side. “No point hanging about here in this dangerous spot, time to get home before the wife starts complaining and anyway the man looks half dead”. In a moment of consciousness the old man glimpsed the hem of a priest’s robe, hope welled in his heart that this man might help him, but as quickly as the hope rose it sunk again, weighing heavy in his belly. The footsteps gave him a wide berth, as did those of the Levite, who pressed a cloth to his nose. In the heat the flies were beginning to cluster on the dried blood that had oozed from the old man’s wounds, the vultures circled, soon he would be nothing but a corpse; rich pickings not just for robbers. The old man stirred, he could feel the sting of his gaping wounds, he smelled vinegar, gentle hands bathed his wounds, easier now as the oil was poured in and clean, torn clothes wrapped around, protecting and cocooning him. Then strong arms helped him to his feet and lifted him onto the back of a donkey. The old man slumped forward, draped around the donkey’s neck. At the inn he wondered at the stranger. He was not a Jew. Normally the old man would have avoided his company, as being unclean, not a member of the chosen race, but now differences in race and religion, old enmities, became as nothing compared to the kindness he had received. He felt a faint stirring of anger. All his life he had been a devout Jew, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, giving his tithes gratefully and yet he was ignored by those who should have known better, a priest and a Levite of all people. Lying in the soft bed of the inn, he pondered on these things. Who was his neighbour?

Hermione Evans



WHITTON NEWS

REMEMBRANCE DAY CONCERT

This was a wonderful evening with a varied range of music on the theme of “Love, Hope, Peace and Reconciliation”. The Dolau Mixtures sang songs such as “Where have all the flowers gone?”, “Only remembered”, “You’ve got a friend”, “The Wind beneath my wings” “Bridge over Troubled Waters” and many more, concluding with a sing along to two Vera Lynn songs “When the lights go on again” and “We’ll meet again”. The evening was interspersed with solos by the rich Baritone voice of Glasnant Morgan singing “Perhaps Love”, “The Fields of Athenry” and a Negro spiritual song. There was also a reading of poems relating to Remembrance by Mike Reynolds. The audience were very appreciative wanting encores from both Glasnant and the choir. The evening continued with refreshments and a raffle and over £500 was raised for St. David’s Church funds.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

The service was led by Iris Greaves with Lindsay Bayles at the organ. At the end of the service the congregation gathered around the Cenotaph in the Churchyard, where Poppy Wreaths were laid by Colonel H. Lockwood, in full military uniform, and Ian Carter, on behalf of the First Responders as well as private crosses of Remembrance. The distant strains of The Last Post, played on the Organ, were heard through the Vestry door. A very moving service and lovely to have a uniformed military officer taking part once again.

FUTURE EVENTS :-

CAROL CONCERT

On Saturday 17th December at 7pm in Whitton Community Hall the Knighton Town Silver Band will lead a Community Carol Concert to which everyone is warmly invited, no doubt followed by seasonal refreshments.

WHIST DRIVE

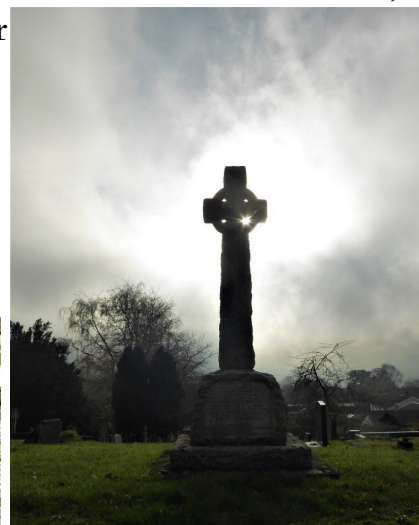
After a break of 3 years the Church will once again hold its traditional Christmas Whist Drive in Whitton Community Hall on Friday 23rd December at 7.30pm.



January 2023	1st Naming of Jesus White	8th Baptism of Jesus White	15th Epiphany Two White	22nd Epiphany Three White	29th Epiphany Four White
Readings	Numbers 6. 22-27 Psalm 8 Galatians 4. 4-7 Luke 2. 15-21	Isaiah 42. 1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10. 34-43 Matthew 3. 13-17	Isaiah 49. 1-7 Psalm 40. 1-11 1 Corinthians 1. 1-9 John 1. 29-42	Isaiah 9. 1-4 Psalm 27. 1-9 1 Corinthians 1. 10-18 Matthew 4. 12-23	1 Kings 17. 8-16 Psalm 36. 5-10 1 Corinthians 1. 18-31 John 2. 1-11
Beacon Hill Benefice					
Beguildy (St Michael)	No Service	No Service	9:30am Eucharist tbc	No Service	
Bleddfa (Mary Magdalene)	7.30pm Compline	No Service	No Service	No Service	
Heyope (St David)	No Service	5:30pm Evensong	No Service	11am Eucharist	
Llangunllo (St Cynllo)	No Service	No Service	5:30pm Service	No Service	
East Radnor Benefice					
Knighton (St Edward)	No Service	11am Eucharist	11am Eucharist	11am Morning Prayer	
Pilleth (St Mary)	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	
Whitton (St David)	No Service	9:30am Eucharist	9:30am Morning Prayer	No Service	
Cascob (St Michael)	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	
New Radnor Group of Churches					
Colva (St David)	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service
Evancoyd (St Peter)	11am Morning Worship	11am Eucharist	11am Morning Worship	No Service	East Radnor Ministry Area Eucharist (TBC)
Gladestry (St Mary)	No Service	No Service	10am Eucharist	4pm Evening Prayer	No Service
Llanfihangel Nant Melan (St Michael)	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service
New Radnor (St Mary)	No Service	10am Morning Worship	No Service	10am Eucharist	No Service

Remembrance Service at St Peters Evancoyd

Our Service took place at Evancoyd on a very mild Remembrance Sunday and the wreath was respectfully laid by Lauren Morris. It was ably led by Steve Jones who reminded us of the sacrifices made during many world wide conflicts including the Ukraine and the Falklands War, which this year marked the 40th Anniversary of the start of the War on the 1st April 1982. He quoted from Colossians which remains relevant to us today:- clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity - Article by Joanna Winstone



We are very grateful to all the parents, families and friends that came to our Macmillan coffee afternoon on Friday the 30th of September. Because of all these people we raised £280 – thank you. We are very happy it turned out so well and that so many people enjoyed it. We can't wait until next year!



By Poppy, Year 6



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