

# THE RADNOR

## February 2023



### Edgar Evans

In October I made part of the Gower Pilgrimage, including the beautiful Rhosilli Bay to St Mary's in Rhosilli. There I was charmed by this stained glass window representing Antarctica. It was dedicated in 2006 to Edgar Evans, a favoured son of the village. He was one of the polar explorers with Captain Scott and perished with the rest of the party in 1912. Scott had a high regard for Evans for "his resourcefulness, his strength and fund of anecdotes,"

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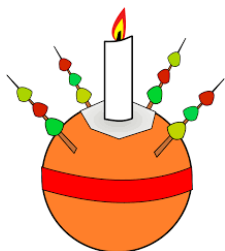
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February 2023	5th Candlemas (White)	12th Creation Sunday (Green)	19th Transfiguration Sunday (Green)	26th February Lent 1 (Purple)	5th March St David (Purple)
Readings	Malachi 3. 1-5 Psalm 24 7-10 Hebrews 2. 14-18 Luke 2. 22-40	Genesis 1.1 - 2.3 Psalm 136 Romans 8. 18-25 Matthew 6. 25-34	Exodus 24. 12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1. 16-21 Matthew 17. 1-9	Genesis 2. 15-17; 3. 1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5. 12-19 Matthew 4. 1-11	Jeremiah 1. 4-10 Psalm 16. 3, 5-8 1 Thessalonians 2. 2-12 Matthew 16. 24-27
<b>Beacon Hill Benefice</b>					
Beguildy (St Michael)	No service	No service	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b>	No service	No service
Bleddfa (Mary Magdalene)	<b>7.30pm Compline</b>	No Service	No Service	No Service	<b>7.30pm Compline</b>
Heyope (St David)	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service
Llangunllo (St Cynllo)	No service	No service	<b>5pm Evening Worship</b>	No Service	No service
<b>East Radnor Benefice</b>					
Knighton (St Edward)	<b>11am Eucharist</b>	<b>11am Eucharist</b>	<b>11am Eucharist</b>	No service	<b>11am Eucharist TBC</b>
Pilleth (St Mary)	No service	No service	No service	No service	No service
Whitton (St David)	No service	<b>9.30am Eucharist</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b>	<b>11am ERMA St David's Eucharist with Bishop John</b>	No service
Cascob (St Michael)	<b>3pm Eucharist</b>	No service	No service	No service	<b>3pm Eucharist TBC</b>
<b>New Radnor Group of Churches</b>					
Colva (St David)	<b>2.30pm Eucharist</b>	No Service	No Service	No Service	<b>2.30pm St David's</b>
Evancoyd (St Peter)	<b>11am Morning Worship</b>	<b>11am Eucharist</b>	<b>11am Morning Worship</b>	No Service	No service
Gladestry (St Mary)	No Service	No Service	<b>10am Eucharist</b>	No service	No Service
Llanfihangel Nant Melan (St Michael)	<b>10am Christingle</b>	No Service	No Service	No Service	<b>10am Morning Worship</b>
New Radnor (St Mary)	No Service	<b>10am Morning Worship In church</b>	No Service	No service	No Service



Sunday 5th February 10am Christingle  
Service @ Llanfihangel Nant Melan,  
Everyone welcome



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Dear Friends,

I was intrigued with a recent newspaper article by Emma Beddington entitled: "52 acts of kindness: how to spread joy every week of 2023". Such a simple but powerful idea, reaching out to spread some joy in our world today. Why "Joy", you may ask? One of several "Joy" meanings offered by the dictionary tells us it is: "a source or cause of delight". There are many passages in the bible which express joy and one of my favourites is: Psalm 28:7

The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy and with my song I praise him.

Five random acts of kindness, amongst others, that we can share in our communities today could be: walking the dog for someone who can't manage it at the moment, buying a coffee for a stranger, volunteering at a local group or event, help with reading at your local school and yes even looking after delivery drivers. I know this is a mute point and many delivery drivers have come in for a lot of flack recently, but let us not forget they are human too and need to be shown a little kindness now and then.

These acts of kindness are not driven by receiving something of value in return, but for the hope to make a real difference in the lives of others. The appreciation of that kindness will create the great feeling of joy. A joy reflecting the love of God and the Holy Spirit working within us as we lead a God centred life each and every day.

Blessings

Rev Rach

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**Services for Gravel Baptist  
Chapel. 12th February,  
2.30pm Rev Leigh Spicer  
5th March, 2.30pm Kim  
Berry Any queries: ring  
Keith Williams 01597  
851122.**

### **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](mailto:garydkcowell@yahoo.co.uk)



## **Llangunllo 200 club winners Radnor Arms Pub, New Radnor**

### **November 2022**

**1st £20 David Wilding**

**2nd £10 Carol Jones**

**3rd £5 Andrew Davies**

**3rd £5 Rosey Poole**

### **December 2022**

**1st £20 Tom Lewis (junior)**

**2nd £10 Anne Vogel**

**3rd £5 James Williams**

**3rd £5 Carol Jones**

**A huge 'Thank You' to everyone in Gladestry who has given to the Kington Food Bank during 2022. Your kindness and generosity is so much appreciated by the organisers, the volunteers and especially the people in Kington and surrounding areas who are struggling to make ends meet. Bless you for your compassion in providing this lifeline. Anyone wishing to donate tinned/ dried/ foods, toiletries or laundry products can leave them in the designated box in the church porch. Thank you, again. Wishing you a Happy and Blessed New Year. Ann Dean**

We are now working hard to apply for funding from third parties such as foundations, lottery distributors and government funding pots, to top up our funds needed to pay for the pub and to pay for the necessary repair work to re-open your pub in a manner which you would like. In order to provide evidence for what the community would like, we realise we need to ask a few more questions, which we may not previously have covered.

Could we ask you to please complete the questionnaire in the link below:  
: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsxlDC26tHg7CtAhu5VoCh9zSibaYmzF6VD9Cn\\_OCe1HQnSQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsxlDC26tHg7CtAhu5VoCh9zSibaYmzF6VD9Cn_OCe1HQnSQ/viewform)

You can also reach it via the Survey Questionnaire link at <https://www.theradnorarmshotel.com/survey-questionnaire.html> It should take you between 10 minutes and 25 minutes depending on how much material you feel you can share (we would so value all of your thoughts, so please do be expansive). We need as many responses as possible by Wednesday 18th January, and to that end, all individuals who have completed the form by the end of that day will be entered into a 'free' prize draw for a choice of either a bottle of Baronello Rosso Toscano (red wine) worth £20, or a locally handmade wooden boot jack (priceless!) - the winner may choose! Winner to be announced by 31st January.

Please could we also ask you to share this link as widely as possible and encourage everyone in the community, and visitors to our community, to complete it too? If you know of people who wont be able to complete an online questionnaire, and if you are not able to help them to do so yourself, please let us know and we will print out a hard copy for them to complete, or try to visit them ourselves to help them complete it. Hard copies can be posted to Brookside Farm, Park Road, New Radnor, Powys LD8 2SU. You will understand that we have a lot of ground to cover, so if you could help us by helping them, that would be amazing too.

We really look forward to hearing from you - your thoughts will help unlock the funding that the Community needs in order to get the pub up and running for you again. With very many thanks in advance, and doubly so if you can meet the timeline of end of day Wednesday 18th January!

Warm Wishes

Ben and the fund raising team for the Radnor Arms Hotel

## **Radnor Valley Gardening Club - Events Calendar for 2023**

20 January 7.30pm Fun Quiz, proceeds to RVGC, see posters for details

20 February 7.30pm Talk by Will Scott, 'The Making of the Walled Garden'

20 March 7.30pm Talk by Rowan Griffiths on Hergest Croft's Rhododendron Collection

17 April 7.30pm Talk by Robert Arley, Production of the Antiques Roadshow, including special garden memories.

15 May 7.30pm Talk by Jack Willgoss, Hardy Perennials & Scented Violas

Summer Garden visits to be arranged

September Annual Show

16 October 7.30pm AGM, quiz and bring and share supper

20 November 7.30pm David Holt, Midway Plant Nursery – Any Questions Evening

December Christmas meal

Dates for the summer garden visits will follow, together with the confirmed Annual Show date.

All meetings in New Radnor Community Hall.

Everyone welcome. Non-members charged a small fee for talks, membership £5 for the year.



**February 18th 7.30pm @ Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine.**

From award winning creator Julian Fellowes we are delighted to be screening:

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## **Teme Valley Gardeners' Club Monday 13th February 2023**

**Speaker: Andrew Wyton Topic: "To the Ends of the Earth"**

Our programme for the year includes speakers on various topics and a number of garden visits. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at the Community Centre, Knucklas, commencing at 7.30 pm (unless otherwise stated)

Visitors very welcome £3

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## **Llangunllo WI and Community Brightened Up Our Village**

The idea to give Llangunllo village a flowery face lift came from WI members, so we set about looking for funding. Our project idea was to improve the environment and biodiversity in the centre of the village, creating and maintaining areas for the long-term benefit of the community and visitors. What better way to bring the community together post Covid with a garden project. Together we identified areas that needed enhancing, deciding on the area around the bus shelter and cenotaph, and a riverside area by the bridge. We approached the local community council to find out who owned the land we were interested in. The land came under the community council, and with the chair of the council we did a walk through the areas to show what our plan was. They agreed with our ideas provided we treated the area around the cenotaph sensitively, so we went ahead and applied to the WWF for a grant.

We were delighted to be successful and agreed to keep them updated with photographs, reports on progress and spending. Work began in earnest with the clearing of the river area and the making of planters with lots of help from members of the community.

A ranger from the Radnorshire Wildlife Trust helped us to survey the area, giving advice on what to leave or clear out, and helped us identify the wild flowers already there. The area had flooded in the past and we were advised on the correct plants including which ones would attract a range of wildlife. In addition bird boxes and bug hotels were placed in the area.

All agreed large planters would be best by the bus shelter with a variety of plants, flowers and herbs for the communities use. New guttering and a water butt at the side of the shelter would provide water for the plants.

The other planters were placed behind the cenotaph as agreed by the council. Wood, compost, plants, guttering, water butt and flowers were all purchased, and worked on. Near the end of September a concerted effort was made and planting completed.



### **Dates for the diary:**

**5th February 7pm SUNDAY NIGHT QUIZ** Teams up to 6 people, prizes, raffle, drinks from the bar. £2 per person, all proceeds to the Radnor Arms appeal.

**11th February 10am-12pm** Decoupage workshop decorating a keepsake box with Rev Rach cost £10

**Thursday every week 10am-12pm** Drop in coffee morning

**Friday every week 6.30pm** onwards supper @ the Hub (to be booked before Thursday lunchtime)

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## New Radnor WI

At our Christmas party evening twelve ladies watched Angela Powell demonstrate the creation of a "Winter Floral Handbag" using pre-shaped oasis, evergreen leaves, pins and just a few flowers to put in the top. Angela told us to keep the arrangements, which we had made to take home, on a dish and to keep them watered. The evergreen leaves will last for several weeks and the flowers may be replaced as and when needed. This relaxed, enjoyable, festive evening concluded with a Bring and Share supper and singing carols.



## Tref y Clawdd WI

We had our annual Christmas meeting with a wonderful meal out and thoroughly enjoyed someone else to cook and wash up! We were all in the Christmas spirit with crackers and jokes in abundance. Everyone won a raffle prize and the ladies took home a little extra present of a pot of poinsettias each.

We took part in the Christmas tree festival in St Edward's and enjoyed decorating our tree with a variety of members handmade artifacts. Without Covid restrictions the trees were displayed for longer this year. To continue the celebrations we had a party at the president's house where the competition winners were announced and Santa visited. We ate and drank too much and all had a thoroughly enjoyable time. A good way to start the Christmas festivities!

Next month we're meeting on January 11th (a week later than usual) to allow family New Year celebrations to be completed

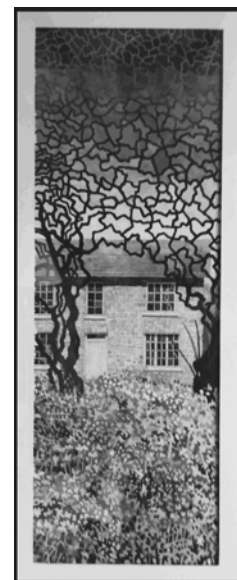
We are expecting another new member and if any others would like to join us please ring Dorothy for further information 01547 528692



## Thank You from the Former Editor of The Radnor

East Radnor Ministry Area generously gave me a surprise at Heyope's Christmas Carol Service. As a 'Thank You' for my work on The Radnor as editor, I was given a voucher for artwork from Knighton Fine Art. The picture I chose was "Bono's Cottage" in Beguildy, a delightful image painted by Martin Dutton when he had a studio at Church Cottage just opposite Beguildy Church. It is now on my wall, and I am very grateful. Thank you!

Laura Woodside-Jones



## **FESTIVE ROBINS AT FELINDRE WI**

The members had great fun at their December meeting, where member Kath Horn demonstrated how to paint a festive robin picture onto a slate hanger.

Members had first to practice drawing a robin on paper, with a circle and diagonal line, then adding the head, wings, beak and legs, then everyone painted their picture with acrylic paints onto the slate hanger. There was much hilarity as members tried to get their robin to look lifelike, but with Kath adding the final touches such as the eyes and legs and then helping members splatter white paint as snow on the background, all the paintings turned out better than had been expected at the start of the session.

Following the workshop, members enjoyed seasonal nibbles with their coffee, and all agreed it had been a very enjoyable evening.

Our Annual Dinner for members and partners will be held in January, with the next full meeting being on Wednesday 1st February 2023 at noon in the Radnorshire Arms, Beguildy, followed by a light lunch.

For further information about Felindre WI, where new members are always welcome, contact Jayne on 01547 510644.



## **Brian Edwards – in Memoriam**

We celebrated the life of much-loved Brian Edwards, aged 81, at St David's on 30 November. Born in the London area just before World War 2 he and his mother evacuated to Barnsley during the war. After the war the family lived in Germany for a time as his father worked for the Control Commission to normalise German citizens.

The tributes, spoken by his two children, quoted from "Lord of the Rings", his favourite book, and Housman's 'Loveliest of Cherries. Now.' Always interested in viticulture he held the national collection for hardy grapevines including dessert wines. In retirement, he and Annie moved to Heyope where he not only kept two allotments, but he also tested grape varieties to find five varieties that would grow here at nearly 1,000 feet.



**Saturday 11th February, 7.30pm. Music in New Radnor.**

**Adam Khan and Clarissa Payne 'flute and guitar recital'.**

Welsh guitarist Adam and flautist Clarissa are both internationally known recording artists with individual interests in a wide range of musical styles. As a duo, Adam and Clarissa explore repertoire from Bach to Shubert, Ravi Shankar and Stephen Goss. In 2018 they gave the UK premiere of *Mitologia de las Aguas* by the Cuban composer Leo Brouwer. Tonight's concert will feature works by Libby Larson, Gloria Villanueva, Claudia Montero, Villa-Lobos, Katherine Hoover and Chiquinha Gonzaga amongst others.

New Radnor Community Hall, Hall Lane, New Radnor, Powys, LD8 2SW.

Booking preferred. Tickets £15 / £3 from 01544 350268

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.



The Special Christmas Whist Drive which was held in Llangunllo village hall on 10th. December proved to be very successful indeed. Not only did we enjoy the games but the raffle was really exceptional. The card playing funds, as expected, is purely a self sufficient event, covering game prizes, refreshments etc. but with dozens of raffle prizes on display, tickets were in great demand. Because of the proximity of Christmas, with all the other various activities taking place in the area and considering that there were less than forty people present, we were delighted to find that we had raised £125 to donate to the Wales Air Ambulance organisation. In addition to those many raffle prizes given by our club members, we would like to offer grateful thanks to such as Messrs "The George & Dragon", "Y Banc", "Prince & Pugh" hardware, "Andrew Pugh (butchers)", The "Black Sheep cafe" and the "Clock Tea Room" all of whom became generous donors.

Maureen & Brian Joyce presenting Andrew Catling, from Knighton, representing the Welsh Air Ambulance, with a cheque for £125.



**The beautiful crib scene from  
Christmas Eve at Bleddfa**

As part of our fund raising for  
the Radnor Arms Hotel we are going to produce

***A Calendar of Local Scenes  
Around The Radnor Valley***

We would like you to send us your best photos at the end of  
each month and a small group will select the ones to be  
published.

In order to have the calendars ready to sell by October 2023  
we need photos from last November (2022) onwards (or even  
October)

so do please get snapping!

... please could you send your favourite seasonal images  
through to [helloraag@gmail.com](mailto:helloraag@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing your images, and to being able to  
offer a wonderful calendar for 2023, with your Radnor Valley  
images in it!

Thank you!



**Double Delight For Wales Air Ambulance**

On December 5th 2022, Wales Air Ambulance representative, Andrew Catling, from Knighton, gratefully accepted a cheque for £500 from some of the members of Llangunllo Community Hall committee. The money was donated from part of the proceeds of Llangunllo's first Tractor Run, which took place in September.

Whilst in the village, Andrew also emptied a full collecting tin from The Greyhound Inn, who regularly raise money within the community for this vital cause.

## Heyope Carols and Readings

St David's was its beautiful self with candles and greens and berries for traditional carols and readings. Friends and neighbours, Baptists and Anglicans filled the church.

We read the Bible stories about the birth of Christ from the point of view of Mary and Joseph, the angels, and the shepherds. We also heard poems that brought to life the "true meaning" of Christmas by acknowledging our troubles but finding solace in the light of the Christmas star and the warmth of the love in the stable. Our prayers were for the angels to visit refugees, the lonely, the sick, the poor.

The Llanfair Singers, under the direction of Graham Trew, led our singing of well-loved carols and added two unusual pieces, one about the little door which the Wise Men opened, and the other about the room -- the stable --for everyone, whether shepherds or sages. Rev'd Gareth Davidson, who led our service, treated us to "O Holy Night" played on the mellow and beautiful tone of his euphonium. Organist, Judy North, accompanied the celebration.

We stayed for a good time after the service with friends, old and new, chatting over mulled wine and Christmas refreshments. Laura W-J



**New Radnor WI's January meeting was a New Year's dinner at the Hub, New Radnor.**

**Ten members enjoyed an excellent three course supper prepared by Ruth Watson (chef) ably assisted by Mel. Jenny Hodge proposed our vote of thanks and presented a "thank you" gift.**

**"Llangunllo Carols Around The Christmas Tree" and "Light-up Llangunllo photos"**





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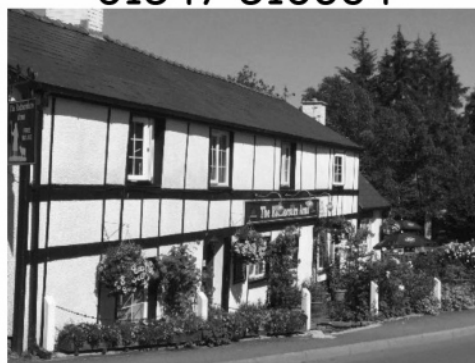
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## St Ia of St Ives 5th Century 3rd February



**Ffynnon Ia – St Ia's Well**

St Ives in Cornwall was designated the happiest place to live in Great Britain in 2022, but what was it like in the 5th century and how did it get its name? The medieval parish church is dedicated to St Ia, so it should be called St Ias, but it got mixed up with another (male) saint called Ivo and there is a more obscure Cornish parish called St Ive (pronounced eev) which is dedicated to him.

In Cornish St Ives is called Porth Ia and it is where Ia is said to have landed after sailing on a leaf from Ireland. Evidently she was intending to sail with other, older saints, but she missed the boat. While sitting weeping and praying on the shore she saw a leaf floating in the sea and she poked it with her staff to see if it would sink. Instead of sinking it grew and grew until it became a boat large enough to take her to Cornwall, where of course she arrived before the others, but she soon joined up with them.

Ia built a small church and a holy well in a wood and founded other churches too. Tewdwr Mawr of Penwith was not at all happy to have a Christian evangelist in the area, so he arranged for her to be martyred on the River Hayle. A church was built over her grave which became the site of the parish church of St Ia and the town of St Ives grew up around it. The local Catholic Church is also dedicated to her.

Rosemary Hanna

### **Welsh Words**

I thought it would be interesting to look at the meanings of Welsh placenames in our ministry area, starting in the north.

Felindre retains its Welsh spelling, so the “f” is pronounced like the English “v”. Melin means “mill” and tre means “town”.

Beguildy is spelled Bugeildy in Welsh. Bugail means “shepherd” and tŷ is “house”.

Knucklas is Cnwclas. Cnwc means “hillock” and glas means “green”.

NB There are a few soft mutations in the above, which means that the first letter changes when in a certain relationship with another word.



**Open the Book:** We had a school hall full of excited children for our Christmas assembly. We used part of the story from the Bible Society's new booklet “Amazing Days”, which tells the story of the birth of Jesus, starting from the Annunciation and going right through to the visit of the Wise Men. We were able to give copies of “Amazing Days” to all the children, including the pre-schoolers, thanks to your generosity.

We at Open the Book would like to thank everyone who contributed to this project. This is a great opportunity for every family to read about the true meaning of Christmas in their own homes. As the booklet says: “Some days are awful. Some days are amazing. And Jesus came to turn one into the other.”

We are looking for new members for the Open the Book team. We visit Knighton Church in Wales Primary School on alternate Thursday afternoons during term time. If you would like to find out more, please contact Rosemary on 01547 529296 or Laura on 01547 520266



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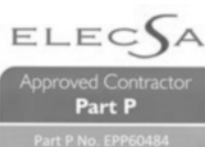
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## St Edward's Church, Knighton Christmas Tree Festival

In the run-up to Christmas, community organisations and businesses decorated Christmas trees around St Edward's. The image is just a few of the trees greeting visitors.

## Meeting God an Advent Gathering Churches Together Service

We had a delightful Advent service themed "Meeting God" through seeing, hearing and understanding. The readings from John Bell of the Iona Community told of how Old Testament characters met God: Jacob felt God as he wrestled with a dark angel on Monday evening.

Moses saw God on a Tuesday afternoon when an ordinary burning bush became special. It was never consumed.

Eli, a priest, heard God on a Wednesday evening when a disturbed woman babbled as though drunk, but she was actually praying. Elijah understood the hand of God when he encountered a ferocious wind followed by quaking and then a fierce fire. He thought God was ending the world, but then he met Him in a still, small voice.

Our prayers reflected the many faces of God. God blesses us through peculiar kinds of people in unexpected places. God is unpredictable. We cannot say, 'Now God will appear, now God will do this or do that.' We can only say 'God is God and God will surprise us.' An ad hoc choir led the congregation in singing much loved Advent Carols like

"Come, O Come, Emmanuel," but they also sang less known pieces. A familiar Welsh tune surprised us with new Advent words "He will come." Mary's Magnificat ("My soul does magnify the Lord") was sung to a zippy, modern beat.

The service, held at Knighton Methodist Church, was planned by Sister Margaret Davis and Geoff Weaver on the piano.

Photos and article by Laura Woodside-Jones

Gareth Davidson with five members of the Knighton Silver Band led caroling around Knucklas village on a COLD and frosty evening. Young people joined the community singing in a good ole song fest!





## **“There is room” -- Knighton Carols**

With the haunting theme, “There is room” Churches Together in Knighton gathered together for a joint morning service of Christmas carols at Knighton Methodist Church. Our singing was totally lifted by the Knighton Silver Band under the direction of Sarah. Lyn Rowlands gave piano accompaniment. We sang with gusto the old familiars like “O Come All Ye Faithful” and “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” but even “See him lying on a bed of straw” to a Calypso beat.

Deacon Sara spoke about how we make room for Christ. Rev'd Petra led the prayers, and after each petition we sang another verse of “Christ be our Light. Deacon Sara sang “Mary did you know?” about the future of the infant Jesus to Petra (as Mary) and the baby. Happily the baby was brown.

In between carols, members of the congregation read the Christmas story from the Bible. After such a fine beginning to Christmas we had a good chin wag with friends over tea and mince pies.



**The Radnor Magazine is looking for a new treasurer & editor, if you are interested please contact Rev Petra Goodband on 01547 529254**

## **East Radnor Ministry Area Meeting**

**Monday 20th February 6.30pm**

**Walton Community Centre**

**A meeting to discuss the upcoming changes and coming together as one parish and**

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**This is an open meeting which we encourage you to attend as we would like your questions on how we go forward as a united parish, merging The New Radnor Group of Churches, Beacon Hill Benefice & East Radnor Benefice**

**Please send any questions you may have to myself or Petra by Friday 10th February so that we can forward them to Archdeacon Brooks, ready for the meeting, thank you Rev Rachael Storer**

  
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## Family News

Please remember in your prayers all who are unwell at this time. There are many in our community who are mourning the loss of loved ones – our thoughts are with them.

A service of thanksgiving was held on 30th November at St David's Church, Heyope for Brian Edwards, who passed away aged 81 years on 10th November. The service was conducted by Rev Petra Goodband with the prayers read by Laura Woodside-Jones. Many tributes were paid by close family members before Brian was laid to rest in the Churchyard.

The funeral service for Dorothy Rawlings was held on 9th December in St Edward's Church, Knighton conducted by Rev Petra Goodband and Deacon Sara Windsor-Hides. Dorothy passed away on 5th November aged 87 years, a popular lady who had devoted her life to caring in a long nursing career. Interment took place in the New Cemetery.

Rev Petra Goodband conducted the funeral service on 19th December at St Edward's Church, Knighton for Harold Locke, who passed away on 4th December aged 71 years. Hymns chosen were 'The Old Rugged Cross' and 'Abide with Me'. Following the service interment took place at the New Cemetery.

The funeral service for Sheila Jones took place at St Edward's Church, Knighton on 23rd December again led by Rev Petra Goodband. Sheila passed away on 12th December aged 74 years. There was a large congregation of family, friends, neighbours and members of the local bowling club to say farewell to someone who will be missed by many. Sheila was laid to rest in the New Cemetery.

May they all rest in peace.

Jean Price

## Church Hall

We are still selling roof tiles at £10 each so that we can boost the roof fund. Our thanks for a generous donation received recently in memory of Brian Edwards.

Jean Price

## The flower arranger's garden

It is amazing just how quickly the weeks have passed. Since the last gardening feature We have celebrated Christ's birth and the beginning of a new year. Resolutions have been made and once again there are some concerning the garden I would like to keep.

Stop buying seeds that never get sown

Establish a home for the plant or shrub before I buy it

To be more generous with the plant stalls

All flower arrangers seem to gather plants and containers because they will come in useful sometime in the future. Despite the wet and windy conditions of late there is still a lot of suitable material in the garden for arranging. Winter Jasmine with long stems of acid yellow flowers, Helle Bores in exquisite colours, Viburnum with fragrant pink flowers, Witch Hazel in glorious colours and Mahonia with fingers of bright yellow tiny flowers. Every year I have to mention my love of the little Snowdrop.

The 2nd of February is Candlemas in the church calendar, the day when gardeners should be able to see the first snowdrop, and what a thrill that is. No flower brings greater pleasure than this humble little plant. There are lots of stories connecting the Snowdrop with the Virgin Mary, also with the gentle St Francis who is reputed to have put a blessing on Snowdrops because they brought a message of hope in dark and dreary days. Another story mentions Wintertime in the Garden of Eden – Snowdrops were there too. The Bible story in the first chapter of Genesis telling all about the Garden of Eden and life coming into being way back in the mists of time certainly takes a powerful hold on one's imagination. The idea that the first home of humanity was a garden, beautiful and peaceful, with water running by – doesn't that create a picture of paradise? I cannot the garden being a formal one, with mowed lawns flowerbeds and plants in neat rows, no weeds or snails in sight! The picture I see is more naturalistic with trees in blossom, pretty scented wild flowers and a path, with maybe a seat. Many artists throughout the centuries have brought to life their impressions of mankind's first home, confirming that the Garden is indeed a special place. February is indeed a hopeful month, dedicated to St Valentine, making it a very busy time in the florist's calendar. This is a celebration that takes us back to Rome and the earliest days of Christianity. The most popular and impressive gift for St Valentine's Day is of course flowers, in particular the red rose which has become a powerful symbol of love and affection. If you are thinking of buying a new rose tree for your garden this is the ideal time to plant providing your soil is not too wet.

Jean Price

## St Edward's Church Hall Coffee Morning

The next social get together will be on 18th February between 10.00 and midday. Come along to enjoy coffee, chat and a choice of stalls to view – cakes, books, jewellery and more. If you have items to donate please bring them along, or we can collect – contact Jean Price on 01547 528260. All proceeds go to St Edward's Church funds.

The November coffee morning raised £320 and the December £250.

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A huge thank you to all who gave such lovely gifts and to all who sold tickets.

The Community working to return the Radnor Arms Hotel in New Radnor to life would like to thank everyone who came to The Radnor Arms Hotels pre-Christmas public consultation open days, its fund-raising art exhibition and its community tea and cake sharing. It would also like to thank everyone who took part in its online auction, by bidding or donating items & experiences, and or who contributed to its crowd funding website on JustGiving.com, which remains open.

Over 350 people visited the Radnor Arms Hotel over the four days of public consultation at the end of November and beginning of December, coming from near and far - visitors from the Radnor Forest and Radnor Valley, nearby Kington and Presteigne, Builth and Llandrindod Wells. were joined by those from Symonds Yat, Birmingham, the West Midlands, London. At least 95 people are to be thanked for their role in organising and contributing to the open days and exhibition.

The online auction raised £5,305, with the highest bidding days being the third day and the final day.

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## **Christmas crafts and a visit from Father Christmas @ Evencoyd Village Hall on the 10th December**

A big thank you to Alison who organised and ran the afternoon of Christmas crafts, helped by Joanna Winstone & Rev Rach. A fabulous time was had by 30 children and their grown ups, sticking, gluing & colouring in. all things Advent & Christmas. Safe to say everybody & everything was covered in glitter!! The highlight of the afternoon was a visit from Father Christmas who listened to the children what they hoped for for Christmas and gave them a gift as they had been good so far in Advent! Thank you for taking time out from your busy schedule to visit us in Evenjobb, it was very much appreciated.





**A big thank you to Pam for leading a very lively and thoughtful service on Christmas Eve at St Cynllo, Llangunllo**



### **Tref y clawdd WI**

We all battled through the floods to come to our first meeting of the year. After a lot of laughter and catching up we settled down to a brilliant photo quiz organised by Jean Her husband, Les, had been taking photos of buildings at unusual angles around Knighton and the idea was that we were to use our observational skills ( which proved to be singularly lacking) to spot where the photos had been taken. Then of course there was the tea break, with 2 members supplying cakes - so we've all deviated from our new year diets already!



The show and tell brooch competition was popular, with each person explaining why they loved that particular brooch. The winning brooch apparently had originally been given to a member's Gran after an interesting "liaison " - so the family folklore said! All the stories behind the brooches were really fascinating, so any brooch could have won.

Next month we are having a silver jewellery making demonstration and any visitors will be made very welcome. We meet at st Edward's church hall at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of the month. Please contact Dorothy 01547 528692 for details

### **The New Radnor Art Group enjoying a festive meal at The Forest Inn.**

The group meets every Wednesday at The Hub, School Lane, New Radnor, from 2pm until pm, everyone welcome.



**Snowdrops drawn by Beth Williams -- cover of Beguildy & Heyope Parish Magazine in 1995.**

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24th June Strawberry Tea

19th August Ladies Evening

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**Gladestry WI** members enjoyed their annual Christmas dinner at The Royal Oak, Gladestry.

A evening of delicious food, fun and friendship was shared by all. Secret Santa was enjoyed after Quiz Time and prizes were presented to the winners of the monthly competition.

Our re-start year from May onwards has been filled with exciting visits and fascinating speakers. Gladestry members have pulled out all the stops to make sure our WI goes from strength to strength. This was shown by the attendance at the PRFWI Carol service in Gladestry Church. At our previous meeting Bethany had instructed us in making decorations which adorned the Christmas tree in church.

### **Gladestry WI January 2023**

Our first meeting of the New Year was was a social evening filled with much laughter and a delicious variety of bring and share food for supper whilst keeping a watchful eye on the powdery snow falling outside!

Plans were made for members to attend PRFWI Centenary events and much interest was shown in entering this year's County Show in May.

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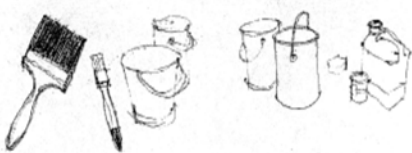
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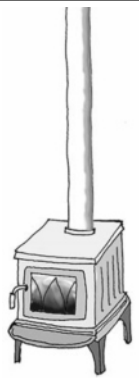
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## **LLANGUNLLO WI CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

### **Christmas table decorations and wreaths**

Before members sat down to a super Christmas buffet we enjoyed a couple of hours making Christmas arrangements under the expert tuition of Karon Duggan. We all enjoyed creating our own master pieces to adorn our doors or dinner tables as you can see below.



### **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

Christmas came early for Llangunllo community as WI members cooked and served a Christmas lunch. The lunch proved very popular as usual with 40 tucking into turkey with all the trimmings, and of course Christmas pudding.

All agreed that it was an excellent start to celebrating Christmas.

For more information about our WI  
please contact Isabel Morris 01547 550689

**Quiz Night at New Radnor Community Hall, kindly organised by New Radnor Carnival Committee raising funds for St Mary's New Radnor in December.**



**St David's Church, Colva held their annual Advent Carol Service on the 4th December, thank you to everyone who decorated the church & provided refreshments for after the service**



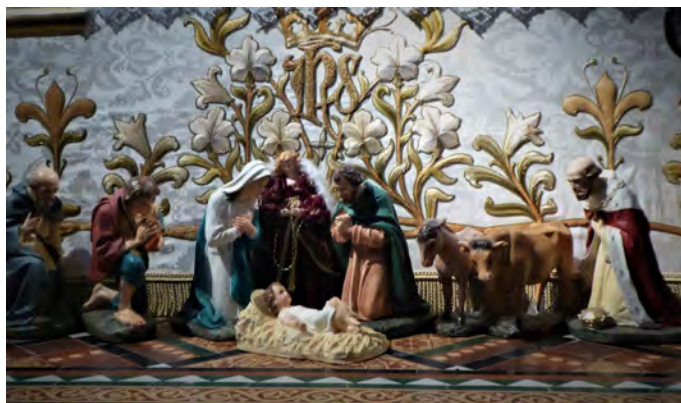


## Evancoyd Church Christmas

Article by Joanna Winstone

We were filled with Christmas spirit (not always alcoholic) when we celebrated our special days. Evancoyd Church looked lovely, Nigel and Barbara had decorated our Christmas tree, the window flowers were beautiful and special thanks goes to Hilary Foreman for the magnificent pedestal arrangement.

Our Crib service was well attended, we sang Christmas carols and carried the figures of the nativity to be blessed and placed in front of the altar. The statues of Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and animals creating a visual scene for contemplation. After the service we enjoyed Sherry, hot mulled punch and Olwen's sausage rolls and mince pies.



Our traditional Charity fundraiser took place on the Monday before Christmas and we sang Carols around the Village. We were kindly invited by Kevin Powell to pause at his house to sample his mulled cider (after which our voices were much improved). We later adjourned to the Village Hall where Olwen, Christianne and Rosina served us delicious hot soup and rolls (and more mulled wine). We raised the grand sum of £260 in aid of the Bracken Trust and thank you to everyone who took part or donated.

Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve was also very well attended and our voices were certainly enhanced with the superb accompaniment by Heather playing the organ. It was a heart-warming service of holy communion and a time to give thanks prior to the Christmas festivities. We commence 2023 with gratitude and renewed optimism; may the new year bring you happiness and hope.



**Gladestry WI Christmas dinner @ The Royal Oak & The plant auction to raise funds for future speakers**



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### **Knucklas and District Notes for February, 2023.**

Despite all the many problems faced by our country at present, there have been many positive events which have affected morale in Knucklas, even though centred some distance away.

Outstanding amongst these must have been the brilliant Birmingham-based Commonwealth Games and the scintillating success of our superbly managed women's national football team.

Closer to home, the Royal Welsh Winter Fair, in late November, did outstandingly well and the fine Christmas Lights erected (by volunteers) in Knighton have been much appreciated. In our immediate area, many people also enjoyed the Carol Service at St. David's Church, Heyope, also contributed to by the Baptist Chapel, and the Llanfair singers from across the river.

Knucklas still has two Drop-in-Centres / 'warm hubs' on offer, one at the Community Centre on Monday mornings and the other at the Baptist Chapel on Friday mornings.

There is still a great deal of illness and disability around the area.

We sadly have to record the passing of Allan Hoyle, a benign and dominant presence at this end of the village for some thirty years and builder of our fine Community Centre. He passed away back in his native Lancashire. With every sympathy to Avril and the family.

Another notable loss is Dennis Davies, previously of Lloyney House Farm, who passed away after a year or two of care at Newtown after a long and trying illness. Heartfelt condolences to Lin. and the rest of the family. His body has been laid to rest in the Baptist Chapel burial ground.

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## **Knighton Almshouses Trust**

The Trustees Invite Applications for the Occupation of an Almshouse as a Beneficiary of the Charitable Trust.

17 Church Street, Knighton, is a two story mid-terrace almshouse suitable for an individual or a couple. A 'weekly maintenance contribution' is payable monthly in lieu of rent.

### **Applicants should be:**

- (i) over the age of 60;**
- (ii) capable of independent living;**
- (iii) currently living in Knighton or its local area; and**
- (iv) able to demonstrate a need to become a beneficiary of almshouse accommodation.**

Arrangements to view the almshouse will only be made after applicants are shortlisted for interview. For an application form, please contact either:

**Chair: Mr Norman Thorp (tel: 07972 438367; email: nmthorp@btinternet.com)**

**Secretary: Mrs Claire Ray (tel: 07974 169957; email: shaminica1@gmail.com)**

**The closing date for the receipt of applications is: 28th February 2023**

## **Christmas Lunch in St Edward's Church Hall.**

John and I had the pleasure of sharing lunch on Christmas Day with people who would have been on their own. John cooked a marvellous meal and we had a time of laughter and joy. With full tummies we just about managed some after dinner mints provided by Iris Greaves who along with Diana Rudge provided help that we could not have done without.

We could not have had a better time or better company. It is hoped that similar will happen next year including some new faces, It was like the anticipation of opening presents as we waited to see who would come.

John And Petra

## **TRAINING**

Have you felt that you are being called to do something for the parish?

I would like to hear from people who are interested in training for the following roles:

### **Lay Worship Leader**

Do you feel called to lead worship? Full training will be given to enable you to lead services.

### **Pastoral Visitor**

Would you like to visit people in their own home, care home or hospital and bring some comfort to them as well as companionship. Maybe you already do but would like the back up of training and a license.

### **Eucharistic Assistant**

Perhaps assisting the priest at the altar during Holy Communion would be something that you are interested in.

Each of these roles is very rewarding to those who carry them out and are important to the ministry of this Ministry Area.

Please feel free to contact myself or Rachael if you have any questions or wish to explore the training in the role you feel called to.

Petra

## **Whitton Community Hall, LD7 1NJA A Warm Welcome Awaits You**

**A chance for everyone to get out of the house, leave chores behind and enjoy coffee or tea with delicious home made cake**

**On the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 10.30am to 12pm**

**organised by Whitton WI & it's free!**

**For EVERYONE regardless of age, gender ability, or postcode.**

**If you are on your own, please don't let this stop you coming along. A friendly welcome awaits you**

**If you need transport just give a call to discuss what can be arranged.**

**Tel. 01547 560350 or 01547 560327 for further details**

### **Llanfair Waterdine WI**

Our December meeting with "the Singing Vicar" was celebratory and fun with a number of visitors from neighbouring WIs. We also celebrated the 90th birthday of a much valued member. Mary Morgan has been our president several times and also Federation chairman and is always there with support and advice. We also enjoyed a New Year lunch at the Lion in Leintwardine. Nearly all members were able to attend and there was good food and lots of chat as usual when we get together.


Our next meeting on 3rd February is a workshop on recycled cards led by Sue Lovell who is a member and then on 3rd March we have a talk by Phil Morris "Adventures with a polly tunnel" Phil is another well-known local resident.

If you would like to join us for an evening to enjoy the speaker and share a finger supper we meet in the Everest Hall. Meeting 7pm and speaker 7.30pm. Always on the first Friday of the month. For further information contact Ann Harroway 01547 528477.

February 2nd is the day we celebrate Candlemas. The official end to the Christmas Season, a time we commemorate the ritual purification of Mary forty days after the birth of her son Jesus and his presentation to the priests in the Temple. It's called Candlemas because it is the day of the year when all the

candles, that are used in the church during the coming year, are blessed, thus being named the mass of the Candles. Candlemas also marks the end of the Christmas Season.





**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**  
**A warm welcome awaits you**

**For further information please contact Rev Rachael Storer**  
**01544 350760 [revrachaelstorer@gmail.com](mailto:revrachaelstorer@gmail.com)**



## **Grease Is The Word in Llangunllo!**

Back in November 2022, The Friends of St Cynllo's Church held a fun-filled film night, with a difference..a sing-a-long version of the 1970s classic, 'Grease,' held at Llangunllo Community Hall. Costume was optional, but many made a superb effort, entering into the true spirit of the evening, dressed in full 1950s attire, as they arrived at the American-themed, decorated hall. Some were sporting leather jackets, there were Pink Ladies, vintage clothing and fabulous hairstyles from the era . However, the star of the evening was Nick, beaming with delight & wearing a magnificent, "T-Birds" leather jacket, given to him by a member of the London cast of the stage show, 'Grease.' Members of the audience danced and sang out all those memorable songs, including: 'Hopelessly Devoted To You,' 'Sandy,' 'Summer Nights' & 'You're The One That I Want,' with the sing-a-long lyrics appearing on the screen, for those who needed them!

During the interval hot dogs and knickerbocker glories were served and a raffle was drawn, prior to the lights being dimmed for the second half of the film.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had & huge thanks goes out to all who helped to make it such a successful event, sending everyone home with big smiles on their faces.

Debbie Jones



Radnor Valley Gardening Club held their annual dinner at The Forrest Inn. It was a very jolly and enjoyable evening. To mark the retirement Michael Capstick, Chairman. thanked Hermione Evans for her work as Secretary and show organiser. She was presented appropriately with flowers by Vanessa Cluette who had also organised the evening.



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