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Rachael hands out the most amazing chocolate truffles made by Kelly.

Kelly's recipe is on the facing page.

Kelly's Easy Peasy Oreo Truffles

Ingredients

200g Oreo Cookies/Biscuits100g Cream Cheese200g Chocolate (dark, white or chocolate)Vanilla Extract

Method STEP 1

Take all the Oreo's out of their packet and put them into a food bag. Grab your rolling pin and give them a good bash until they are just crumbs. (You may need to double bag them, as the bag may burst.) Alternatively, you can use a food processor.

STEP 2

Put the Cream Cheese in a large bowl and add a splash of Vanilla Extract and mix through. The reason I add the Vanilla Extract is that Cream Cheese is often very cheesy; the vanilla sweetens it! **STEP 3**

Add the bashed Oreo's to the Cream Cheese & Vanilla mix and mix it thoroughly. The more Oreo that goes in the harder it becomes to mix but ensure you add pretty much all of it. You may not be able to use all the Oreo's as they have an inconsistent filling and may make a thicker mixture. (If you have Oreo's left over, it's perfect for topping the Truffles once they've been coated in chocolate).

STEP 4

Take approximately a tsp of the Oreo mixture and roll it in your hands to make a small ball. The truffles can be made bigger, but they are very thick and sweet so smaller ones are usually more enjoyable. Continue to roll them into balls and put them onto a sheet of baking parchment.

STEP 5

The Oreo's ideally need at least an hour to cool. This allows them to become slightly harder and less sticky, making them easier to dip in the chocolate. Although if longer than an hour suits it will not make a difference; I often leave them over night.



STEP 6

Just before taking the Truffles out start to melt your Chocolate, it's best suited if you use a larger bowl so it is easier to manoeuvre the Truffles.

STEP 7

Once the Chocolate has completely melted get two forks, put a truffle on the fork and dip it in the chocolate until it is totally covered. Take it out and use the other fork to help move the truffle from one to another to drain the excess Chocolate back into the bowl. Put the Truffle down on the paper then you have the option to either put some of the left over Oreo on top of it, or wait until it's dried to add some lines of chocolate in a different colour.

STEP 8

The longer the Truffles have been chilled, the easier the dipping usually is. If you have made small truffles, you can use a Fondue dipping stick, this is often easier but it varies depending on your technique.

STEP 9

Leave to set, then enjoy!

These truffles were a great hit at the St David's celebration at Colva church on the 5th March & they disappeared very quickly! Thanks to Kelly who made these very yummy truffles.

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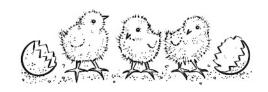
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Dear friends,

Our journey through Lent is finally at an end and we can look towards all that the Easter season holds for us, the joy of Palm Sunday, the friendship shared at the last supper on Maundy Thursday, the sorrow of Good Friday and finally the joy of Easter Day, where even death couldn't hold Jesus in its grip.

Easter is about new starts, new life, new birth. This is often symbolised with images of eggs, rabbits and chicks. We give and receive Easter eggs and maybe cards with pictures of spring sunshine and of course the Easter bunny. But Easter isn't really about any of that. It's about



Jesus! The real reason that we think about new life at Easter is because Jesus, who was crucified on that first Good Friday, rose to new life on that first Easter Sunday. The early disciples were changed from a frightened and disillusioned group to men who stood up against the authorities and eventually gave their lives for what they believed – for what they knew to be true – that

Jesus came back to life on Easter Sunday.



The impact of what happened that first Easter is still relevant today. When Jesus died and rose from the dead, he did it for all of us. He offers us new life, with him. Now that is worth celebrating! I hope you get to eat some Easter eggs – but not too many! I hope you enjoy a break from work and some quality time with family and friends. I hope you enjoy what you gave up during Lent, whether it be cake, chocolate, wine among many other things. But more than all of this, I hope you spend some time thinking about the real meaning of Easter, Jesus' resurrection and the new life that is offered to us all.

Happy Easter.

Rev Rach

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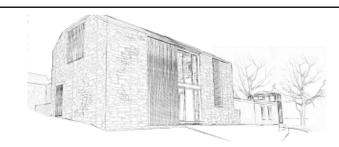
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Coronation Celebrations at

Llangunllo Village Hall
Sunday May 7th 2023,
2pm onwards

Lots of activities to enjoy with

Bring and Share Tea please and
own drink to toast our King.

More details to follow via
Community Website and
Community Email

Llangunllo 200 Club

March 2023 results

1st prize £20 Jayne Lewis

2nd Prize £10 David Williams

3rd Prize £5 Henry Pugh

3rd prize £5 Chris Hargraves (Mr)

There was not a greetings card in sight but . . .

....thanks to the hymns, reading and address, love was very much at the centre of things at Llangunllo's special St Valentine's service. Petra spoke of St Valentine, patron saint of lovers (and bee keepers!), who ministered to persecuted Christians in Rome around 250 AD was martyred for his faith, and St Dwynwen, our Welsh equivalent, who forsook romance and dedicated her life to the service of God.

We were very pleased to welcome worshippers, readers and organist from outside the parish and delighted when they joined us after the service for our usual refreshments and get together and lent their voices to a rousing chorus of 'Happy Birthday' for our very own Bob Williams who had a special birthday coming up!

As ever – many thanks to all involved.

Pam L-L

Llangunllo Walk

The annual Llangunllo village walk will be on 1 May 2023, May Bank Holiday Monday. 10.01 train from Llangunllo to Pen-y-Bont, 5 mile walk to Llandrindod, train back 14.15.

All welcome, meet at the Greyhound 09.20 or at the station for the 10.01 train.

Llangunllo Community Events

Wednesday April 5th – Community Easter Lunch at the Village Hall

Sunday May 7th – King Charles Coronation afternoon celebration at the Village Hall

1st Saturday of the Month – Open Mic Night at the Greyhound from 8.30pm onwards

1st Wednesday of the Month Singing Group at the Village Hall between 7.30 and 9pm.

All welcome

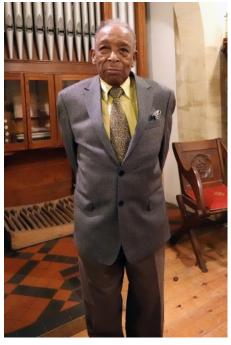
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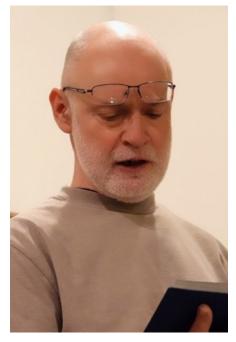


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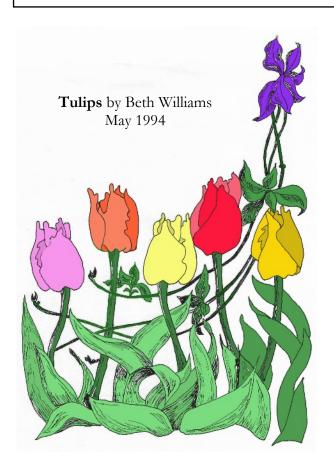
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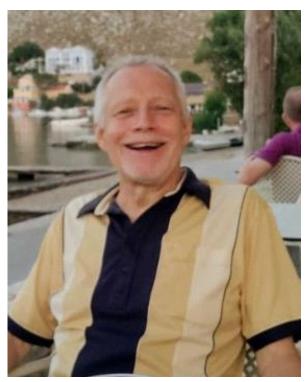
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Rev'd Dr Ian Kenway

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Rev. Petra Goodband Simon Gill Peter Joyce Carolynne Conway

Rev'd Dr Ian Michael Kenway 1952-2023

People may remember Ian in Knighton and Norton where he was a Non Stipendiary Minister between 2003 and 2009. Ian had a long and distinguished career in the Church of England, which included a parish in Birmingham, Assistant Secretary of the Church of England Board for Social Responsibility and Director of Studies, Centre for the Study of Theology at the University of Essex. He became involved in academic studies and was a Research Fellow at Cardiff University. Ian died on Tuesday (21st February) on the Greek island of Symi in the Dodecanese following the diagnosis of liver cancer last September. Ian moved to Symi (near Rhodes and the Turkish mainland) some 5 years ago following the death of his wife Audrey. He died at home surrounded by friends he had made on the island and who had been supporting him through his cancer treatment. His funeral took place on Wednesday (22nd February) according to the custom of the Greek Orthodox Church and he was buried in the local cemetery as was his wish.

RH



Knucklas and District Notes

The weather in March is often blustery and cold but this year seems to have been particularly challenging. However, that will have served to make us even more appreciative of spring-like weather and of colours, which often seem all the more intense because of the harsh conditions which we all had to endure but have come through. As it happened, this area seemed to suffer fairly minimal disruption and the bus-service, for instance, only failed to run for one day.

Sadly, there is still a great deal of illness of various types around our area and we have recently suffered the loss of two more local residents: Jocelyn Williams, a native of LLoyney but for a very long time living at Monaughty Poeth Farm, passed away recently after a long illness. Our sincere sympathies to Jim, to Sally and to all their many friends. Judy Douglass, previously of Bwlch y Plain but latterly of Castle Green, Knucklas, has died

following a devastating illness. With every sympathy to Max, and to her friends.

The clocks have now gone forward and lots of energy is being expended, including on the planting of more trees in the orchard area of the allotments. It is a marvellous feeling that Knucklas now fully owns much of the south and eastern aspects of Castle Hill, as well as the summit. This is thanks to the vision and monumental efforts of the Castle Hill Community Land Project committee, past and present, and to the many helpers, shareholders and donors.

Father Jerome of the Presteigne and Knighton etc. Catholic churches has recently moved on and Fathers Gerald and Stephen (also from Nigeria) have taken on responsibility for a number of the Catholic parishes within the mid-Powys area.

Robert Forbath

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Do You Remember Basil?



Nearly always on his bike, and wearing shorts, he cycled around Knighton and the surrounding countryside. You might have noticed him on the train to Shrewsbury or on the bus to Ludlow?

Basil lived in St Edwards Close, after being offered a flat through Community Support. I think he had been camping outside for years, probably in Scotland. Tom Taylor remembers giving him a lift to Craven Arms to catch a train. He had been unable to board the Knighton train with his bike as the train already had its quota of bikes. So Tom loaded everything on his trailer – bike, rucksack, panniers and all. Basil explained he was heading to Orkney. There were terrific gales at the time and a ship had run aground in the North Sea when he arrived – so no ferries were running. He was advised not to camp which is what he had intended to do, and had to stay in B and B. Perhaps he was meeting friends up there?

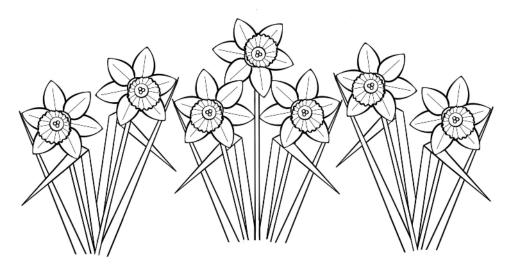
Doe Phillips remembers him on the Ludlow bus, when he would often change his seat on the journey! When he went to Shrewsbury he would spend a lot of time in the library, and also come back with a supply of biscuits and his favourite Tunnocks chocolate marshmallow cakes. There are many puzzles about Basil - he seemed happy enough but struggled with conventional life in his flat, needing support in a number of ways. He was not unfriendly, but preferred his own company.

We only knew snippets of his life - he was born in Birmingham, was educated and had lived and worked there, quite a while ago. He had postcards of Scotland in his flat, and I think he hankered after being up there again. As time went on he struggled more and more and I next heard that he was in Llandrindod hospital where I visited him. He was being rehabilitated before going to live in the Spa Residential Home. The Covid pandemic was starting then and I did not see him again. He had another spell in hospital but died sometime later.

John Hanna and I attended his funeral at the Crematorium in Aberystwyth on Wednesday 8 March. It is a beautiful place, high above Clarach, and the panoramic views from the huge arch window, with the bird feeder hanging there covered in a variety of birds, was very fitting. We were the only people there – but the wonderful vista would have made Basil happy and seemed to be the perfect place for him.

RIP Basil Brown Aged 80

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Knighotn News

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Easter Lilies – If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the lilies, please contact Jean Price.

Bingo – It is hope that the monthly Bingo evenings will commence on 1 April at 7.00 pm in the Church Hall. All welcome. Lots of fun and good company. To raise funds for the Hall Roof Fund.

Coffee Morning – Come along and join us for coffee and chat on 15 April in the Church Hall between 10.00 am and 12.00 midday. There will be stalls of cakes, jewellery, books, competitions and a draw. If you have items for the stalls, do bring them along. Or we can collect, please contact 528260. Proceeds for St Edward's Church.

King Charles' Coronation – We are planning a display in St Edward's Church. If you would like to be part of this we would love to hear from you. Contact Jackie or Jean.

Knighton Show and Carnival – Plans are well in hand for the big day. The theme for this year is Legends. Lots of time to plan your entry for the procession. If you would like to help on the day, please contact a member of the committee.

Bon Voyage – We send our very best wishes to Michael and Mary Humphries, who have recently moved from Knighton to be nearer their family. We will miss them, and we thank them for their friendship and the contribution they made to our churches and community.

In our prayers we remember all who are stressed and unwell, all in hospital, all at home recovering from recent surgery. We wish Rev Petra Goodband a speedy recovery following her stay in hospital for a knee replacement. Please pray for Audrey Green and Elizabeth Petley, both in hospital.

We remember all who are mourning the loss of loved ones, especially at this time the families and friends of Stan Beech and John Richards.

The funeral of Stan Beech took place on 27 February in St Edward's Church, officiated by Rev Rachael Storer. In the eulogy the vicar reminded us of a long happy life and many years of working as a postman in our community. Stan was later laid to rest in the old cemetery.

The funeral of John Richards took place on 8 March in St Edward's Church, conducted by Rev Rachael Storer. Tributes were spoken by family members, of John's busy life, part of a local building firm for many years. Committal took place in the new cemetery.

Jean Price



Welsh Words

The next group of names in our ministry area are all Old English, being so close to the border: Heyope, Cascob, Pilleth, Norton and Whitton, though Whitton has a Welsh form which you may have seen on the road signs: LLanddewi-yn-Hwytyn, which means "St David's Church in Whitton".

I understand that the churches dedicated to St David at Whitton and Heyope were located to denote the border of the St David's Diocese, which once stretched right across mid Wales.

Not far from Pilleth is **Monaughty** or **Mynachdy** in Welsh, which means "monk's house". It was a grange for Abbey Cwmhir, which means "long valley" by the way.

Rhos-y-Meirch, between Whitton and Knighton, is "Moor of the Stallions".

A Special Blues Event for Everyone

St Edward's Church in Knighton is putting on a musical event on Saturday 22nd April

It will be afternoon/evening in celebration of Alexis Korner, known as "a founding father of British Blues".

If it hadn't been for his premature death, Alexis would have had his 95th birthday this month.

Anyone wanting to join us either as audience or performer is welcome.

John Goodband

Gladestry 49 Club Winners

Here are the lucky winners up until the end of January:

Michael Johnson, Ali Ward, Betty Johnson, Renee Botfield, Michael Johnson, Bob Terry, Brian Littleworth, Bob Terry, and Kim Alman.

February and and March winners will be reported in the next issue.

Michael Johnson

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Saturday 15 April St Johns Ambulance first aid and defibrillator training at 10 am. Free event. All welcome at the village hall.

Sunday 7 May Coronation Celebrations 3 pm Afternoon tea 5 pm BBQ at the village hall.

Sunday 4 June Big Breakfast 9 am - 1 pm



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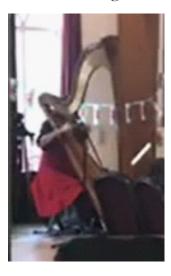
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We all stand for the national anthem as Graham Trew conducts the Llanfair Singers.



We were very privileged to have Eleri Darkins with us to entertain us with wonderful Welsh harp music.





Last month our Ministry Area service took place at St David's, Whitton. It was an early St David's Day celebration and we were very pleased to welcome Bishop John Lomas as our speaker.

Others in the photo are Jim Walbran, Eryl Walbran, Rev Petra, Chris Ruby, Sally Rawlings, Peter Hood and Hilary Howcroft.

St David's Day Celebration in Knighton

A St David's Day celebration was held at the Knighton Community Centre on Sunday 5th March, hosted by Chris Martin and the Family Centre.

Thank you to Liz Reynolds and Louise Hardwick who supplied Bara Brith and delicious Welsh cakes, Christian Carpenter our caretaker who set up, fantastic harp music from Eleri Darkins and poems read by Rosemary Hanna, David Morris and Ruth Forrester, support from the bar with David Alker and the great Llanfair Singers singing amongst other things the atmospheric David of the White Rock.

At the end, we all sang the Welsh National Anthem.

As St David said: Arglwyddi, brodyr, a chwiorydd, Byddwch lawen a chadwch eich ffyd a'ch credd, a gwnewch y pethau bychain a glywsoch ac y welsoch gennyf i. (Lords, brothers and sisters, Be joyful, and keep your faith and your creed, and do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about.)

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Gideon Heugh Gideon writes for Tearfund and is a poet and environmentalism

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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."

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Flora and Fauna

At the time of writing we are in the midst of a winter scene, lots of snow, wind and severe frost. But the days are lengthening and consequently the garden is awakening. What a joy when the blanket of snow disappears to see all the plants we had forgotten about beginning to appear and flower. Spring will be here!

The spring garden is a very satisfying one: the whites and yellows of the narcissi, the blue of grape hyacinths and the many pinks and mauves of the rockery, resembling a Persian carpet. At this time of year the birds are busy. They add so much interest and contribute with song, the blackbird with its haunting note, a real Pavarotti; the song thrush, nature's own pest controller, catching slugs and snails, helping to create a natural balance in the garden.

Polyanthus and primroses are essential for that special spring basket arrangement. Unfortunately they do not have the exquisite scent of the primrose growing in the wild and now protected. The "darling of April" is one of the country names for this flower. As it blooms in the weeks before Easter it is not surprising to find it linked with the forty days of Lent. Throughout the

whole Christian world Easter is considered one of the major liturgical feasts. Holy Week commences on Palm Sunday and ends on Easter Day. Everywhere in churches and chapels members and friends enjoy creating wonderful displays for the festival.

The name Easter is derived from Eastre or Eostre, the goddess of spring. The month of April, when this festival nearly always falls, is the time of year when the earth comes to life again after a long sleep and then arises, giving its bounty of plants and flowers, emblems of the Resurrection.

Jean Price

Editor's note: The Welsh for Easter is Pasg which, as in most other European languages, derives from the Jewish word Pesach, the annual Feast of the Passover, which coincided with Jesus's death and resurrection. This is why Easter is a moveable feast as it has to occur on the Sunday following the Passover, which is timed by the phases of the moon, not by calendar dates.

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Snowman Invasion in Llangunllo!

It's hard to believe that we've just passed the 5th anniversary since the notorious, 'Beast From The East.' Yet, the snow fell in abundance at the beginning of March, reminding us that we are still in Winter. However, in Llangunllo, it didn't dampen our spirits, even if we ended up wet and cold! It was the perfect opportunity to enjoy a bit of fun; building snowmen, impersonating a snow dog, going sledging and wandering through our very own Winter Wonderland!

Photos:

Caroline Breeze, Karen Edgar, Julie Mitchell-Goldstraw, Lynn Clark, Chris Pugh, Debbie Jones.



Snow-loving Fred







Snork Maiden from The Moomins



Lynn with Tipsy



Finley with Ernest







Winter scenes in Llangunllo 2023







East Radnor Ramblers in April

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Wed 26 April Beacon Hill from south. Open moorland over Beacon Hill.

Moderate 7.5 miles. Park by Gravel Chapel, Exp 214 SO 185724

Sat 29 April

Felindre WI

Felindre WI's March meeting was held at 'Oakridge' Felindre. President Jayne Harris welcomed members and thanked Rhona Barnett for hosting the meeting.

Rebe Brick will attend the St David's Day Afternoon Tea event on 4th March and may be able to help as a volunteer at the Cefnllys Shop in Llandrindod Wells later in March.

Events to celebrate the King's Coronation are planned to be held in Felindre Village Hall in May and the WI will support these.

The programme for 2023 was discussed. A visit to the County Archives is being arranged for June and outings to gardens and other places of interest will be organised. Events for local residents and members of other WIs will be held in October and December

Following the meeting, a light St David's Day lunch provided by members was enjoyed, then various WI records and other items were sorted through, with those not required being disposed of.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th April at 12 noon in the Radnorshire Arms, Beguildy, when members will discuss Felindre's entry for the WI Centenary booklet.

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5 April St Derfel Gadarn of Llandderfel 6th century



St Derfel's Stag "horse" in the porch of Llandderfel Church

Is it a stag or a horse? We really don't know very much about St Derfel, but during the middle ages he was a popular saint, the subject of many legends and with much poetry written about him. His church was also a popular pilgrimage destination, albeit deep in the countryside, and the remains of his well can still be found. The legend is that he was one of King Arthur's knights, his epithet "Cadarn" meaning "strong" or "mighty". He is said to have fought in the famous battle of Camlan, where Arthur was mortally wounded. It was after this that Derfel turned to Christianity and eventually founded the church at Llandderfel. It is a lovely little church, four miles east-north-east of Bala, near the headwaters of the Dee. In the church there is part of a wooden statue, one of the very few that survived the Reformation. It is a statue of a red deer stag, though popularly known as a horse, and here is the story.

In 1538 Henry VIII's chief minister, Thomas Cromwell, heard of the popular pilgrimages to Llandderfel and the statue of Derfel mounted on his horse (or stag). Cromwell was determined to stamp out popery and was concerned that people might be worshipping the statue, so he sent Ellis Price from Ysbyty Ifan to bring the wooden statue to London to be burnt. Fortunately for us, only the statue of Derfel was removed; the recumbent stag (horse) was left in the church. A staunch Catholic named John Forrest was condemned to be burnt at the stake and Derfel's statue was used as part of the fuel. Evidently there was a prophecy that Derfel would set a forest on fire, but I don't know if that is the reason Cromwell brought the statue to London to burn John Forrest and thus fulfil the prophecy in an unexpected way.

A couple of hundred years later the rural dean objected to the "horse" statue and cut off half its head. It became further damaged when it was taken out yearly on Easter Tuesday to the Wake Field for the children to ride on. Derfel, by the way, may have later become abbot of Ynys Enlli (Bardsey Island), where he was eventually buried amongst the other 20,000 saints.

Rosemary Hanna

Quiz Night Fun

It was time to don our thinking caps for the first big social event of 2023: a quiz night, at Llangunllo Community Hall, on March 2nd. Every table was soon filled with willing quizzers, accompanied by their own drinks and snacks, fuel to enjoy, as they went into battle for the winner's crown.

Quiz master and deviser, Jonathan Miller, got proceedings underway with a selection of challenging questions, covering many diverse subjects, and a running sheet of quotes to decipher. There was much laughter, cheers and a few groans, as the answers were read out and teams realised how they had responded to each question. When all the scores were collated, 4-man team: Richard Lloyd, Andrew Middleton, Rich Smith & Lawrie Stevens were hailed as victorious, to loud applause. The winning team and runners-up very kindly donated their prize monies back to the hall funds. The evening concluded with a raffle draw and our thanks to Jonathan for all his hard work. It has been a while since the hall held a quiz, but hopefully, it won't be too long before we're able to enjoy another!

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Llangunllo Quiz Night

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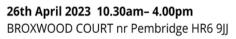
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This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends . . . One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was also intrigued by it. She mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involved, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalised. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar, those are some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. Local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that the books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God bless. Happy hunting!

No need to send your answers to the editor. The solution will be in next month's issue of The Radnor.

New Radnor WI held their AGM on 6th March in the Community Centre

The members enjoyed stitching Bear Hugs throughout the evening's business. These tiny bears are intended to be "comfort creatures" and members will make enough so that every child who attends Radnor Valley School May own one.

Our WI supports Radnor Valley School's continual pursuit of the children's happiness and well-being.

The WI is also collaborating with Radnor Valley Band on Coronation Weekend's Volunteer Monday 8th May, to WELCOME all residents of New Radnor to the Community Centre at 2.00 pm. for an afternoon of refreshments, music and good company.

The secret ballot for Committee was organised by our Tellers, Ruth and Sandy, from Kinnerton WI, who announced the newly elected Committee members: Angela, Carolyn, Christine, Jane, Jenny L, Jenny H and Libby.

The Tellers then organised the secret election of President and Libby was elected.

The evening concluded with refreshments.

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Knucklas Celebration Day



The Knucklas Castle Community Land Project have something to celebrate! After 14 years of fundraising by our supporters selling jam, calendars, and pottery, organising fetes,

festivals, allotment days, Burns Night ceilidhs, wildflower walks, and apple days, together with some grant funding, we are pleased to announce that all outstanding money has been raised and the Knucklas Castle Community Land Project now owns its 23 acres outright.

With huge thanks to all those that have put in a lot of time, effort and generosity to do this.

Within this time some of the many things we have done include: fencing the whole site, to control the grazing; opening up existing footpaths and building new steps; clearing some of the hilltop of blackthorn and hawthorn; putting up bird, bat and owl boxes; putting in a borehole to supply water to the allotments – (we now have over 30 allotments and some community growing beds which

supply the stall in Knucklas, including asparagus!). We have also planted our community orchard with around 50 mixed fruit and nut trees; and run nature days alongside Radnor Wildlife Trust.

The project's land includes 17 acres of CADW scheduled hilltop with woodland, 2 acres of community orchard and over an acre of allotments in the centre of Knucklas, open to the public to use.

To mark this achievement, and thank all our supporters, we will be holding a special CELEBRATION on Saturday 29th April from 2pm till 6pm in the community orchard. There will be teas, music, guided walks, our first forest school session with Branching Out Forest School, plus time to walk up to the top of the castle and enjoy the view down the valley.... All are welcome.

For more information about KCCLP see our website at knucklascastle.org.uk or call 01547 740052

Lottie O'Leary

LLangunllo WI Learn About Upholstery

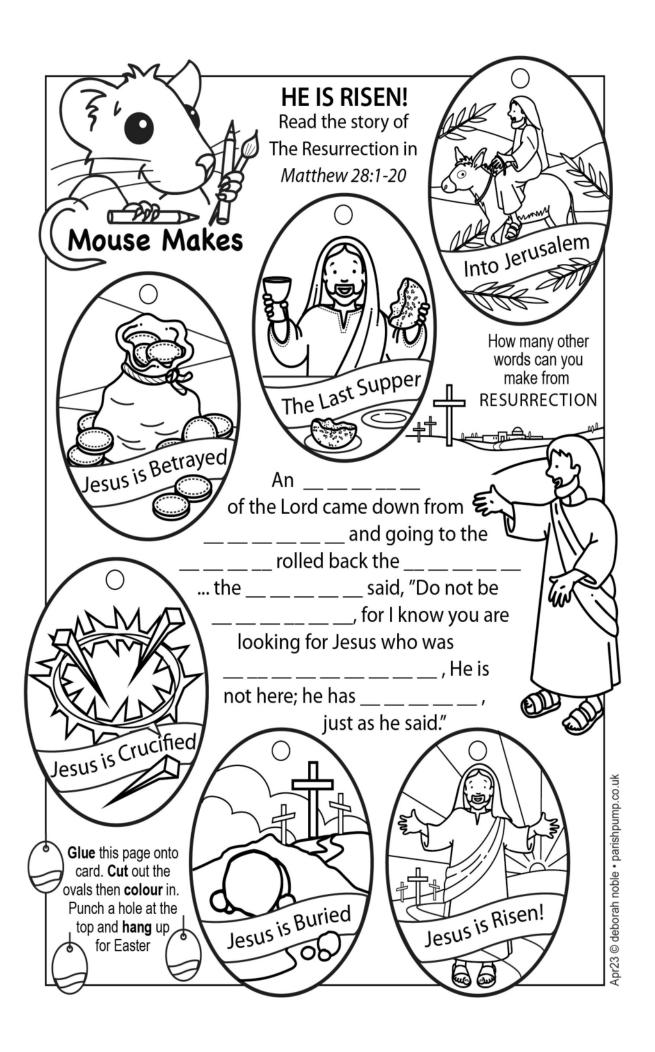
At our March meeting members enjoyed an interesting and informative talk given by Trish from Restorella who has a shop and business in Knighton if you weren't aware. Trish explained the process of restoring, and upholstering furniture showing us the tools and materials used, along with illustrations of the fabulous finished items that had been brought back to life. We all enjoyed the presentation and I'm sure we will be popping into the shop to see what wonderful items are on sale in the near future.

After the presentation we held our usual business meeting followed by a tasty supper rather than an afternoon tea now we are back to evening meetings.

Although none of us quite expected the amount of snow that arrived that night, or what was to come. However as usual some of our members found their inner child the following day and shared photographs of the snowmen they had made adding to those found around our snowy village. (See photos on page 25)

Our next meeting is a trip to Hergest Croft Gardens on April 17th. For more information about our WI please contact our secretary Isabel Morris on 01547550689 we welcome visitors and new members.

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Gladestry WI

Gladestry members were in dramatic mode for their February meeting with Jess McKenzie.

A most entertaining evening was enjoyed by all with role play and script reading- 'Don't tell them your name, Pike!'

Delicious pancakes and toppings for our Shrove Tuesday meeting were prepared and served by Sue and Sian.

The competition, an unusual hat was won by Viv. Well done to all who entered! Heather Barwick won the draw prize.

By the time you read this, Gladestry will have played host to their Easter Bingo. I hope you came along and won a prize!

Our next meeting will be our AGM and Welsh evening.



Script Reading with Jess



Unusual Hat Entries

Stowe & Stanage WI

Before the snow fell we were able to gather for our March meeting. Some of us attended the afternoon tea to celebrate St David's Day when we enjoyed musical entertainment by Trevor Morgan and Holly Richards. We discussed entries for the County Show in May, and drew up a team for the federation quiz in April.



Our speaker was Dorothy Symonds, president of Tref y Clawdd WI, who is a talented textile artist. Entitled *Bags of Delight*, Dorothy enthralled us with her various works of art fashioned from all sorts of materials including recycled items such as drinks cans, crisp packets, tea bags and sweet wrappers. There were bags of all sizes, wall hangings, brooches and bracelets. Dorothy's love of all textiles and her creativity shone through her fascinating talk.

On 4th April we revert to our summer time of 7pm. Andy Holman will give a talk on the Bleddfa work for the Elan Valley pipeline.

If you would like to join us, please contact Alison Thomas 01547 528678 or alithomas1@gmail.com.







Matthew Trustman, Chair of the Bleddfa Trust with Chair of the Sidney Nolan Trust, Lucy Trench

The Trustees of the Bleddfa Trust are delighted to announce a merger with Sidney Nolan Trust, bringing together two well-established arts organisations on the Welsh/English border.

there is clear and evident synergy between the objectives of both trusts, and that the merger will ensure a future for both the core values of each, and the legacy and buildings of the Bleddfa the Sidney Nolan Trust. (It) will continue to Trust.

Matthew Trustman, Chair of the Bleddfa Trust, (pictured above, left) said: "The Bleddfa Trust

and the legacy of its founder, James Roose-Evans, are very precious, and their contribution to the lives of many in the local and not so local community over some 50 years has been significant. The trustees are confident that the merger will enable a continuing, active presence for the arts in Bleddfa, and will maintain and grow a valuable community resource. (This) is an exciting development that will continue to nurture and support the creative spirit which has underpinned the work of the Bleddfa Trust over the course of its history."

The Chair of the Sidney Nolan Trust, Lucy The trustees of both organisations recognise that Trench, welcomed the merger: "From 6th March 2023, Sidney Nolan Trust will take over the ownership and running of the Bleddfa site, and the combined organisation will be called offer a supportive and engaging facility for both the local and arts communities at Bleddfa, and will work to retain the goodwill that the Bleddfa Trust has built up over many years."



Whitton WI are continuing with a full and varied programme of activities and we've enjoyed demonstrations, talks and been inspired to become creative.

We normally meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in Whitton Community Hall and share a light supper after our meetings On 4th April the subject is Flowers and on 12th May there will be a talk on the Elan Valley pipeline. Non-members are always very welcome.

We recently joined with other WIs to 'have a go' at indoor bowls at Llandrindod Wells Bowls Club. This resulted in some of our members deciding to take this activity up regularly.

We shall be competing in the Federation's annual Quiz in April and aim to continue and build upon our previous success. We hope for good weather, as trips out and about are planned. Plus, the 3 Wall Hangings, produced by our Members during lockdown, are to be on display for a month at The Minerva Arts Centre, Llanidloes from 22nd April. So, we are busy!

We continue to organise a FREE monthly coffee for everyone on the second Tuesday of the month from 10.30 am until 12. There is always a book stall, delicious cake and a Kiddies' Korner but on 11th April, there will also be an EASTER EGG HUNT for the children. Please join us, as no matter how many people come, we always have enough cake!

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14th April – Patagonia 2010 (15)

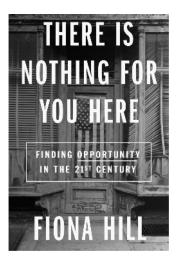
Inspired by Patagonia, an area of Argentina settled by the Welsh in the 1860s, this is an intriguing double road trip movie. It follows two Welsh women at different stages of their lives, travelling across two very different landscapes, one Spanish speaking, one Welsh speaking. Gwen is facing her future as she discovers the wonders of Patagonia, while the elderly Cerys journeys back to Wales to trace her past. This is a romantic drama which introduces themes of identity, tradition, language and culture while probing what it means to be Welsh.

28th April - Respect 2021 (12A)

Featuring a dream cast led by Jennifer Hudson as Aretha Franklin herself, Respect is a classy, compelling and entertaining tribute to the legendary Queen of Soul. The film follows the first two decades of Franklin's life, from being born as a musical prodigy in an affluent African-American family, the repercussions of losing her mother at age 10, through her arduous rise to international musical stardom, while enduring an abusive marriage, ultimately concluding with the recording of her influential live album Amazing Grace (1972).



Young People in Knighton



Fiona Hill's excellent memoir *There Is Nothing For You Here: Finding Opportunity in the Twenty-First Century* describes her journey from sink school and poor family in County Durham to working as the Russian Adviser to three Presidents of the USA and a career in American Universities.

The book shows the number of obstacles in her way and how teachers, friends, Durham County Council, her MP, sheer determination and luck helped her overcome them. At the end of the book - she encourages us to help others.

This made me reflect on all the opportunities I had had in the 1960s/1970s and how many have vanished. In talking to Sophie and Megan our Youth Workers, who work in the Knighton Youth Work Project I realised how hard it is for many young people in Knighton.

A number of opportunities to have a part time job or to do work experience from school have completely disappeared. The curriculum choice is much narrower than even when Fiona Hill was at school, with only one modern Foreign Language and no separate Science subjects. The school exchanges that Fiona Hill benefited greatly from have ended and so the opportunity for complete immersion has also gone. The local Sixth Form closed in 2014 and most young people are now facing a very long and punishing daily journey to Hereford, for which incidentally they have to pay a fare.

Many careers formerly open to school leavers are now graduate entry and those young people who fail to get a pass in English / Welsh and Maths will find it impossible to access jobs previously open to everybody.

Young people in our area need the opportunity to show what they can do. We are hoping, funding permitting, to develop some volunteering and work taster opportunities for young people. Looking at the recently published census, we have a declining number of children and young people in our area and we need to make it more attractive and vibrant for families, children and young people.

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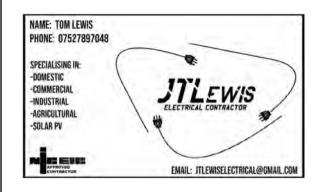


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Tuesday 25th April St Peter's, Evancoyd 6.30pm in church

Wednesday 26th April St Mary's, Gladestry 6.30pm in church

Thursday 27th April St Michael's, Llanfihangel Nant Melan 6.30pm in church

Friday 28th April St David's, Colva 2.30pm in church

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE AGM

Wednesday 26th April 2023

THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

7.00 P.M.

Please consider coming along and joining the committee, without a committee the hall will close!

EVERYONE WELCOME

New Radnor Children's Playground March Draw

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2nd: Trudi Pritchard

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Bring Your Grown Ups

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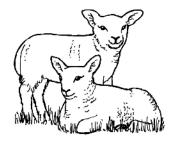
A new pop in session @ The Hub run by Rev Rach & volunteers, where you can relax and catch up with friends, while the children play in a safe environment and have fun with the craft activity of the month. The craft for March will be play with air dry clay to make a creation to take home. This initiative has been funded by Swansea & Brecon Diocese for a period of 6 months, with a further grant of 6 months if the group is a success. For further information or to sign up as a volunteer please contact Rev Rachael Storer, thank you.



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A Workshop for Singers - led by a singer: Learning & Exploring

The workshop will be based Karl Jenkins' "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace". This will be an opportunity to explore the composition thoroughly, with reference to other works which have used the main theme, and how the text has been set by different composers. We will have a world expert on African history (Richard Rathbone) to help us appreciate the historical context of some of the lyrics.

The day will be led by Kington Choral Society's musical director, Robert Evans, who will incorporate technical aspects of singing to enhance the performance of Karl Jenkins' work. We are very lucky to be accompanied by Hilary Norris on piano, who will help Robert steer us through the day.

Saturday 22 April at Weobley Village Hall, Gadbridge Road, Weobley, Herefordshire HR4 8SN (What3Words: drama.spoken.swimsuits). Parking available at the hall. Bring your own lunch.

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Tref y Clawdd WI

This month there was a full turnout to make our recycled shopping bags- which was an entirely different experience to our usual meetings.

Everyone arrived early, thinking that they'd be first to cut out their bags, to find the tables up and ready and that everyone had had the same idea! So we had plenty of time to complete our bags and everyone was delighted. The design is an unusual one, relying on origami folding to complete the structure - so entirely suitable for beginner sewers.

There was no time for the business part of the evening so we decided to have an extra

afternoon meeting to finish our plans for the county show. We did, however fit in a tea break, the raffle and the monthly competition. We were glad to have the use of a large hall so we could really spread out. All members achieved a lovely result.

Next month we're having a "Ladies lunch" as spring is (hopefully) on its way, and if it's anything like last time we may just make it back in time for dinner!

Anyone who is interested in joining our group is welcome. We run a very varied programme. Please phone Dorothy 01547 528692 for more information.

Llangunllo WI Drop In Coffee and Cake Morning



Our drop in Coffee and Cake morning proved a huge success as members of our community came to enjoy a cuppa, cake and a jolly good natter. It was lovely to see so many come and join us on a rather chilly morning.

Look out for our next community event our Spring Lunch on April 5th, looking forward to seeing you there.



Tref y Clawdd WI

Beautiful bag making in progress.



The day of resurrection!



Applauding the Organist





The Conductor approaches his Podium



Rehearsal Day



Llanfair Waterdine WI

For our March meeting we had a talk by Phil Morris "Adventures with a Polytunnel". He is so enthusiastic about his growing techniques in the polytunnel and in his garden that I think that we all felt ready to roll up our sleeves and rush outside even in March. He also talked about the wonderful wildlife in the garden.

We enjoyed an afternoon tea which was provided by the Federation to celebrate St.David's Day with entertainment and lovely cakes and were also pleased to be invited by Stowe and Stanage WI to join them for an afternoon making enamelled jewellery.

We now have a group working together to prepare for the County Federation Show which is always a highlight of our year.

The May meeting (5th) is "Magic with Mark" A new experience – an amateur magician. This will be something of an adventure!

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. We are always glad to welcome visitors.

For further information contact Ann Harroway 01547 528477.

A favourite Easter hymn
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an 8th century theologian

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

Highlights from the Messiah

Saturday 11 February 2023 saw the first staging of the Messiah in Knighton for about fifty years!

Geoff Weaver (conductor and director) gathered together members of choirs from Wolverhampton and Kidderminster along with the Llanfair Singers - supplemented by other singers from across the country (from as far away as Maidstone!) – totalling 92 in number - to perform highlights from the Messiah in St Edward's Church, Knighton.

The amateur singers were ably supported by professional singers Gemma King (Soprano), Harriet Ballantyne (Contralto) and Dominic Lee (Tenor) with organist Tony Pinel (from Shrewsbury).

An audience of over fifty people enjoyed the early evening performance – applauding enthusiastically at the end of the performance – with the soloists, conductor and choir taking several bows.

The generosity of those who took part and attended the performance meant that the staging costs were covered with a substantial surplus of £555 which was donated to Knighton and Presteigne Food Bank.

A huge thank you to all who took part and came to enjoy the performance.

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Wishing you a Happy Easter!

Rector and Family Leave Parish 1908 Style!

As reported in the Evening Express, in 1908 Rev John Evans MA on leaving Llangunllo Parish for the Rectory at Llangammarch Wells, was presented with a handsome gold watch, suitably inscribed, and a purse of gold.

During his incumbency of 14 years, a new tower and church porch were built, and inside, a hot water heating apparatus and lighting of acetylene gas fitted. The two-manual pipe organ was also installed, still in place, but unfortunately today in need of major restoration!

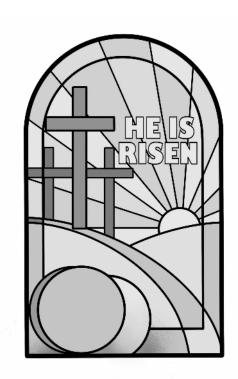
Mrs Evans received a solid silver tea service, with kettle and lamp to match, her monogram engraved on every article, and her brother, Mr Davies, who had taken a great interest in the choir, was presented with a gold albert (watch chain) and a purse of money.

Wonder how our present clergy view the presents?!

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Clergy Availability in April

Petra has had a successful knee replacement and is now recuperating at home. She will be off work for at least 6 weeks, giving time for her to fully recover. In light of this, for all church matters please contact your church warden or Rev'd Rachael Storer.

Rev Rach will be on annual leave from Tuesday 11th -Thursday 21st April. For any church matters please contact your church warden or Rev'd Petra Goodband.

Grid References and
Church Postcodes

Beguildy SO 194797 LD7 1YE Bleddfa SO 206683 LD7 1PA Heyope SO 239745 LD7 1PY Llangunllo SO 211712 **LD7 1SW** Knighton SO 287724 LD7 1AG Norton SO 304672 LD8 2EY Whitton SO 270673 LD7 1AG Pilleth SO 256682 LD7 1NP Cascob SO 239664 LD8 2NT N Radnor SO 210609 **LD8 2SS** SO 230551 Gladestry HR5 3NR Colva SO 199531 HR5 3RA Evancoyd SO 262627 LD8 2PA Llan'l N M SO 180581 LD8 2TN

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Funerals
23 Jan St Mary's New Radnor Paul Morris
24 Jan St Michael's Beguildy Rowena Davies
3 Feb St Peter's Evancoyd Paul Turton
27 Feb St Edward's Knighton Stan Beech
7 March St Mary's Gladestry Jenson Creswell Hughes
8 March St Edward's Knighton John Richards
23 March Hereford Crematorium Keith Witherstone

Gravel Baptist Chapel

9 April, Easter Sunday, 2.30 pm Rev'd Leigh Spicer Further information from Keith Williams 01597 851122

Baptist Sunday Worship

2ⁿd April - Knighton 11 am Worship Service Knucklas 6 pm Sunday @ 6

Good Friday - 7th April -

10.30 am - Cytun Walk of Witness - meet at Brookside Square

8.00 pm - Tenebrae Service at Knighton Baptist (Tenebrae is a dramatised re-telling of the events of Good Friday by candlelight)

Easter Sunday - 9th April

9.30 am Easter Day Celebration Knucklas

11,00 am Easter Day Worship Service -Knighton

16th April - 11.00 am Worship Service -Knighton 6.00 pm Sunday @ 6 - Knucklas

23rd April - 11.00 am Worship Service -Knighton 4.00 pm Messy Church - at Knucklas Community Centre 30th April - 11.00 am Worship Service -Knighton

In addition to our worship services as above, we have a number of Lifegroups (small home-based groups) meeting during the week, Toddler Group at Knighton Baptist Chapel each Thursday morning from 10.00 am to 11.30 am during school term time and our Friday morning drop-in with free refreshments at Knucklas Baptist Chapel between 10.00 am and 12.30 pm.

Please contact us on 01547 528679 or see our Facebook page for further details.

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Knighton Roman Catholic Church

Service every Sunday at 11am.

Methodist Sunday Worship

All services at 11.00am Victoria Road, Knighton

April

- 2 Rev Richard Hall
- 9 Deacon Sara Windsor Hides
- 16 Local arrangement
- 23 Mr Stephen Dalton

St. Mary's, Pilleth Services 2023

all at 3.00 pm

April 23rd

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Apin 2023 Holy week	Purple	Purple	Purple	White	White
Readings	Matthew 21. 1-11 Psalm 118. 19-29	Exodus 12. 114 Psalm 116. 12-19 1 Corinthians 11. 23-26 John 13. 1-17, 31b-35	Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10. 16-25 John 18.1 - 19.42	Job 14. 1-14 Psalm 31. 1-4, 15;16 1 Peter 4. 1-8 Matthew 27. 57-66	Jeremiah 31. 1-6 Psalm 118. 14-24 Acts 10. 34-43 John 20. 1-18
Beacon Hill Benefice					
Beguildy (St Michael)	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service
Bleddfa (Mary Magdalene)	7.30pm Compline (CG)	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service
Heyope (St David)	No Service	No service	No Service	No service	No Service
Llangunllo (St Cynllo)	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	5.30pm Eucharist (RDS)
East Radnor Benefice					
Knighton (St Edward)	11am Eucharist (LS)	11am Eucharist & feet washing (RDS)		No Service	11am Eucharist (PG/LS)
Pilleth (St Mary)	No Service	No Service	No Service	8pm Easter Vigil (RDS)	No Service
Whitton (St David)	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.30am Eucharist (LS)
Cascob (St Michael)	3pm Evening Prayer (IG)	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service
New Radnor Group of Churches					
Colva (St David)	2.30pm Eucharist (RDS)	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service
Evancoyd (St Peter)	11am Morning Worship (HE)	No Service	No Service	No Service	11am Eucharist (RDS)
Gladestry (St Mary)	No Service	No Service	2pm Stations of the Cross (RDS)	No Service	No Service
Llanfihangel Nant Melan (St Michael)	10am Eucharist (RDS)	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service
New Radnor (St Mary)	No Service	6pm Compline (RDS)	No Service	No Service	9.15am Eucharist (RDS)
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April 2023	2nd Palm Sunday	9th Easter Day	16th Easter Two	23rd Easter Three	30th Easter Four
	Purple	White	White	White	White
Readings	Matthew 21. 1-11 Psalm 118. 19-29	Jeremiah 31. 1-6 Psalm 118. 14-24	Exodus 14. 10-31; 15. 20, 21 Psalm 16	Zephaniah 3. 14-20 Psalm 116. 1-8	Genesis 7 Psalm 23
		Acts 10. 34-43 John 20. 1-18	Acts 2. 14a, 22-32 John 20. 19-31	Acts 2.14a, 36-41 Luke 24. 13-35	Acts 2, 42-47 John 10, 1-10
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Beacon Hill Benefice					BENEFICE
					SERVICE
Beguildy (St Michael)	No Service	No Service	4pm Evening Prayer	No Service	10am East Radnor Ministry Area
			(RDS)		Morning Prayer (RDS)
Bleddfa (Mary Magdalene)	7.30pm Compline (CG)	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service
Heyope (St David)	No Service	No service	No Service	No service	No Service
Llangunllo (St Cynllo)	No Service	5.30pm Eucharist (RDS)	No service	No Service	No Service
East Radnor Benefice					EAST RADNOR BENIEFICE
					SERVICE
Knighton (St Edward)	11am Eucharist (LS)	11am Eucharist (PG/LS)	11am Eucharist (LS)	11am Morning Prayer	No Service
Pilleth (St Mary)	No Service	No Service	No Service	4pm Evening Prayer (JW)	No Service
Whitton (St David)	No Service	9:30am Eucharist (LS)	9:30am Morning Prayer (CP & IG)	No Service	No Service
Cascob (St Michael)	3pm Evening Prayer (IG)	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service
New Radnor Group of Churches					EAST RADNOR BENEFICE SERVICE
Colva (St David)	2.30pm Eucharist (RDS)	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service
Evancoyd (St Peter)	11am Morning Worship (HE)	11am Eucharist (RDS)	11am Morning Worship (HE)	No Service	No Service

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