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Llangunllo's Easter Candle

Easter at Llangunllo

We snuggled into the warm and intimate choir stalls for our Easter Communion led by Rev Rachael. Once St John's story of Jesus' resurrection was read, we pondered it with the aid of meditative music, "Solitude on the Mountain" by Bull. The music prompted us to consider that early morning scene when Mary Magdalene looked into an empty tomb, when in distress she queried the gardener, "Where have you laid him?" The simplicity of Jesus's simple word, "Mary" and her equally simple but profound "Rabboni" (Teacher) spoke volumes. That serenity was broken by two disciples racing to the tomb.

We carried that sense of God's presence into Communion when we eavesdropped on the blessings given to young children: "May you help your mother and keep your bedroom tidy." At the end of the service Rachael's final words were "Blessings for all of you, and for those with children – Fortitude." An honest service with quiet and humour and homemade refreshments!

Laura W-J



Isabel Morris took some lovely photos at the Easter evening Communion Service



The Easter Garden at the Baptist Chapel



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Dear Friends,

The Season of Easter continues up until Pentecost on the 28th May, though many think it ends after the celebrations of Easter Day. Through the first two-thirds of this month, Christians will continue to celebrate the gift of new life.

One of the greatest messages that comes from the Easter story is that the possibility of a new start is ours for the taking. There are all sorts of reasons why this might be helpful. Perhaps our lives feel as if they are in a rut; maybe we are burdened by guilt for something we have or haven't done; possibly we feel as if our life is going in the wrong direction and we need to take a different pathway. Or it could be that a relationship has broken down or we are having to learn to live without a beloved partner, relative or friend who has died or we feel lonely or our ageing body means we have to begin to look at life in a different way.

The Easter story gives us hope that things can be different. The image of God overpowering death through the resurrection is a vivid one, from which those who believe take heart. Resurrection is at the heart of the Christian faith, but it is not always easy for people to believe in it, until they have experienced the abundant life God gives for themselves. In God's kingdom, what counts are things such as life, mercy, joy, justice, peace, care for others, generosity, kindness, loyalty, dignity, forgiveness and so on. Most people believe in these values, even if they are not practising Christians. If we all managed to live with them at the heart of our lives, the world would be a much better place. Many of these attributes are what enable people to take hold of a new start when they need one, either for themselves or when they walk alongside others in need of beginning again.

Can we offer that hope to someone today? Can we allow ourselves to believe that we can begin again? It's not always easy but it's never too late to start the next adventure or chapter of our lives.

Blessings

Rev Rach



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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 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.

A Real Mother on Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday at Llangunllo was a family event. At the back of church young children busily designed Mother's Day cards with a daffodil, coloured paper and stars. In front the adults told stories of the world's most famous mother – Mary. We saw her as a person who was filled with wonder at the miraculous birth, but also frightened by Herod's cruelty, which drove her and Joseph to escape to Egypt. Like any mother she anguished over her missing twelve-year-old son. When John the Baptist was beheaded she tasted the bitter things to come at the death of her own son. Community people read gospel accounts and narrations which filled in the thread of real family life for Mary.

We were pleased to welcome newcomers to the church and to have John and Rosemary Hanna with us, Rosemary on the organ and Rev John on the guitar. When the children had finished their cards, they passed them out to every woman in church. To finish their efforts the children formed a choir to sing "Jesus love is very wonderful" with the variation "Mummy's love . . ."

We thank Pam Livingstone-Lawn for leading the service, and all the mothers who helped children make the day so special.

Laura W-J

Llangunllo Community Events

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

Saturday June 17th – A Dress to Impress Dinner Dance at the Village Hall

Saturday June 24th to July 1st – Charity Shop in Llandrindod Wells.

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

Every Thursday between 5 and 6pm – Table Tennis at the Village Hall @ £2. All welcome

Please see our Llangunllo Village Website at www.llangunllo.co.uk



Mothering Sunday at Llangunllo

Photos by Michael Brown

Becky Pritchard

Claire Northwood

Pam Livingstone-Lawn Leading

Rosemary and John Hanna



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Radnor Valley YFC Tunes up for Charity

It might be closer to summer than Christmas, but around the festive time Radnor Valley Young Farmers took part in three nights of carol singing, raising a fantastic £1,550 for three chosen charities.

After two years of cancelling the tradition due to Covid 19, members were delighted to get together and split into groups carol singing around the Radnor Valley. Chairman Sally Morris said "We would like to take this opportunity to thank the generosity of our community within the Radnor Valley"

This year the money raised was split between The Wales Air Ambulance, Dementia Matters Powys and The MND Association. Representatives from the charities attended the presentation evening where they gave educational talks about what they aim to achieve and how fundraising for them is crucial for the people that need them.

The club now look forward to hosting the Annual Radnor YFC Rally which is the biggest competition day of the year in the county calendar. The event will be held at Upper Womaston Farm, Walton by kind permission of Christopher and Kathryn Williams on Saturday 10th June and the main sponsors are MJS Energy.

The club are busy meeting at the site preparing for the day and are starting to get ready for the competitions they will compete in. Competitions include stock judging, flower arranging, craft, singing, dancing, acting, the scrapbook, on the spot skills, shearing, wool handling as well as tug of war- the list is endless! There will be plenty to see for the public and supporters, so please come along!

Pictured left to right:

Lauren Morris, Minutes Secretary and Brian Tolley from the Wales Air Ambulance.

Middle - Sally Morris, Chairman, and Deborah Gerrard from Dementia Matters Powys.

Right- Callum Thomas, Secretary and Richard Shackelford from The MND Association.



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Local Boy Writes Home.

In Spring 1918, the Brecon Radnor Express, reported on a Llangunllo boy's visit to Mesopotamia (present day Iraq) as a serving soldier of World War 1.

Gunner H L Vaughan, son of Mr and Mrs Vaughan, Clogy Farm, landed in the country in October 1917, after two months at sea and rather disappointed to have not seen any submarines during the voyage.

He writes "Since landing we have been pushed forward up the line very quickly, consequently, I have seen a good deal of Mesopotamia in a short time."

He thinks it a very strange country, quite different to England, with no beautiful green fields and hedgerows and practically one wide stretch of desert. He does, however, mention the plantations where dates, limes, pomegranates and other fruits are grown, fenced in by high walls of mud and stone.

He tells his parents the inhabitants consist of Arabs, Armenians and possibly some Jews, and mentions in detail the "difficult to contend with" climate of hot days, cold nights and dust due to lack of rain. He goes on to say the dust on the roadways, in some places a foot to eighteen inches deep, is very unpleasant for troops on the move, but they are getting used to it.

Working alongside Indian troops, referred to as "natives," he is quickly picking up their language and, at present, is living with comrades in an old Arab house, formally an inn, undertaking a course of training in sanitation and purification of water.

He concludes his letter by assuring the family he is in good health, wondering what he will have to eat for Christmas Dinner and looks forward to when he is back at home and with all his friends in dear old Radnorshire, under better and happier circumstances.

Gunner Vaughan returned to "dear old Radnorshire" and the family later moved from Clogy to Great House Farm, Llangunllo.

National Library of Wales Newspaper Archives via Community Website



Mr. H. L. Vaughan with some of the children to whom he presented Investiture mugs at the Llangunllo tea and sports on Saturday.

Llangunllo celebrates the Investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales in 1969

Photo contributed by Caroline Breeze

Llangunllo Village Hall 1969

Back row

Marlin Davies, Isabel George,
Mrs Vaughan, Brian Middleton,
Tony Deakins

Front row

Caroline Wilding, Philip Morgan,
Stephen Morgan, Mr Vaughan,
Sion Deakins, Glyn Morris,
Carol Morris and Eleanor Deakins.

NB Mr H L Vaughan is the soldier in the above article, "Local Boy Writes Home"

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Knighton News

Coffee Morning

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Competition winners in our March event were: A Williams, C Reeves, J Morris, P Medlicott, J Jones, D Richards.

£215.00 was made for church maintenance.

Spring Clean

A huge thank you to all who joined in to give St Edward's an extra clean, dust and polish for the Easter festival. Lots of lovely remarks from our visitors. Thank you to the ladies who provided and arranged the beautiful flowers all around the church for Easter. The Easter lilies were given in memory of: Pauline Parker, Phylis Richards, Stephen Price, Ken and Betty Morris, Richie and Michael Heakin, Mr and Mrs Meredith, Jean Watts. Our thanks and appreciation to all the families.

King's Coronation May 6th

The display in church will be open from 2 pm on Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm on Sunday, and 10 am – 5 pm on Bank Holiday Monday. Stewards will be needed. Can you spare time to help? Mrs June Jones will be in charge of the rota. Please let her know the time and day you can volunteer, or speak to Jackie or Jean.

On Sunday May 7th there will be Sung Evensong at 6 pm, when we will be joined by the Llanfair Singers. All Welcome.

Family News

Our thoughts are with all those who are unwell at this time, all in hospital and those recovering from treatment, especially Elizabeth Petley (in hospital), Audrey Green and Jean Shuker. We are pleased that our vicar, Rev. Goodband is making a good recovery following surgery. We remember all recently bereaved, mourning the loss of loved ones, Colin and Phylis Pugh on the death of Sidney Probert, family member of Phylis.

Congratulations to Arthur and June Watts, celebrating their diamond wedding (60 years). Our best wishes to them.

Happy birthday and all the best to Jim Morris, who recently celebrated his 70th birthday. Our thanks to Jim for all his help with the church hall and church.

Happy birthday to Diana Rudge. We hope the day was enjoyable. Diana has decided to retire from her church duties. A huge thank you to her for many years as sacristan in St Edward's, and much more.

Jean Price

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Sunday 7th May

We celebrate the King's Coronation with afternoon tea at 3 pm and a BBQ from 5 pm. Please bring your own meat, salads and puddings to share. Venue is our Village Hall.

Saturday 20th May

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Saturday 18th June

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Saturday 8th July

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Dol-Llugan Diary Snippets

Although business entries take up most space it is in the footnotes than we find more personal stuff with John often referring to himself as Dad and his dear wife, Joyce, as Mother. Dry humour is much in evidence.

Jan 27th 1990
Went to Breinton, Upper Hill, Nr Hereford. Bought Ferguson 690 Tractor £5,300. (Won't be let out again.)



Feb 12th 1990
Went to Young Farmers Prize Draw and Social Evening. (Dry old lot)

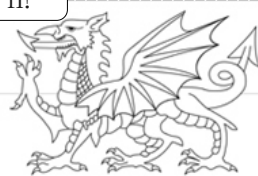
March 10th 1990
Poor Old Dad working under instructions from Petticoat Regiment. Sawing firing and hauling coal.

May 15th 1990
Mother and Boss gone to Hereford shopping. (Once again) I wonder is 'Boss' young Liz? Lovely how the good natured affection shines through from a man who clearly never seriously thought of himself as hard done by! There's much for us to identify with here.

Ych y fil!

Anglo-Saxon Words

I give up! Some things are just not Welsh.



You will have noticed Welsh place names on the English side of the border, but equally there are names derived from Old English on the Welsh side of the border.

We have already mentioned Norton – the North Farm – and Whitton – the White Farm, or possibly Hwita's Farm. Heyope (Heiob) is High Valley and Cascob is Casca's Valley. Evenjobb is Even's (or originally Emma's) Valley. Pilleth seems to mean Pool Slope.

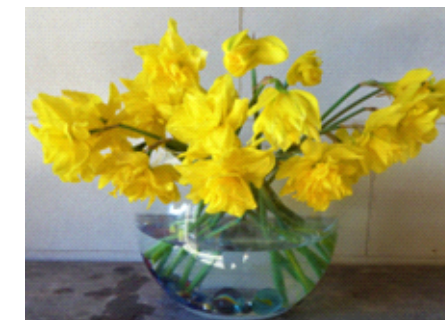
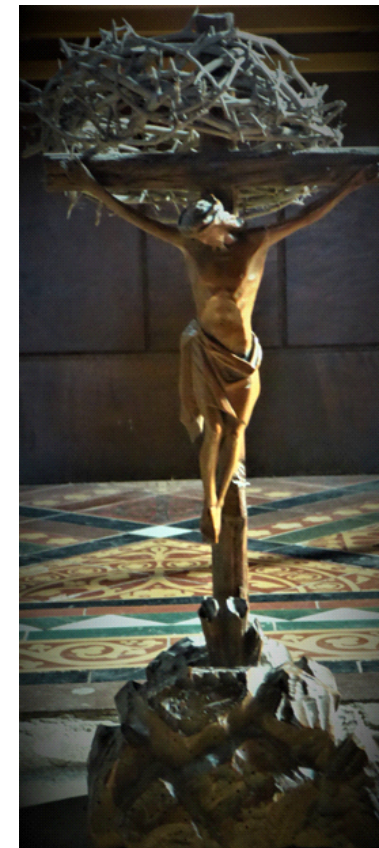
Gladestry is Glad's Tree or Cross – perhaps a meeting place. Radnor, as in New Radnor, means "at the red bank".

Next month we will be back to Welsh Words. "Hwre!" says the dragon.

Winstone



We had an enjoyable time at the Kington Community Shop in March. It is our opportunity to catch up with old friends in Kington and it is always nice to make new acquaintances. Our thanks go to Olwen, who arranged the booking and organised the rota of helpers. Alison Rogers provided beautifully presented prizes for the raffle which was very successful. Among the items for sale were a brand new pair of walking boots which were sold on Friday to lady taking part in a sponsored Charity walk the next day in aid of St. Michael's Hospice which meant that two charities were benefiting from this sale! A special mention must also go to Sheila Whitby for her kind assistance at the end of the week.




Our Good Friday Service of Reflection, taken by Rev. Rachael, was poignant and put into perspective the true value of the Sacrifice that Jesus made for us.




Then came the Celebration of the risen Christ on Easter Sunday when the Church was decorated with beautiful flowers and very well attended. Heather played the traditional Easter hymns on the Organ, which sounded superb, and Easter Blessings cards were given to members of the congregation.






Journey of a Prince


St Edward's Church Knighton
Sat 6th, Sun 7th, Mon 8th May





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Sun 7 May at Felindre FC football pitch
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More details to follow on Teme Valley
Community facebook page






Powys Gardens News and Openings for Charity

Opening in May is one of our new garden openings Garregllwyd, near Rhayader. This 3 acre landscaped garden at 1000 feet has stunning panoramic views of mid Wales. This garden is designed to cope with exposed altitude with minimal maintenance and to encourage wildlife. Enjoy daffodils, bluebells and rhododendrons from a variety of seating areas to enjoy the ever-changing weather. For more information visit findagarden.ngs.org.uk or explore another garden opening in May:

Mon 1 May (& 30 Apr) 2-5pm	£5	Garregllwyd, Nantmel, Rhayader, LD6 5PE
Sat 6, Sun 7 May 10-4pm	Adm by donation	Gregynog Hall & Garden, Gregynog, Tregynon, Newtown SY16 3PL
Sun 7 May 12-5pm	£5	Cwm Farm, Forden, Welshpool SY21 8NB
Sun 7 May 2.30-6pm	£5	Pontsioni House, Aberedw, Builth Wells LD2 3SQ
13 - 21 May		Gardens and Health week
Sat 13, Sun 14 May 9-5pm	£3.50	Dingle Nurseries & Garden, Welshpool SY21 9JD
Sat 20, Sun 21 May 2-5pm	£6	Rock Mill, Abermule, Montgomery SY15 6NN
Sun 21 May 2-5.30pm	£6	Llwyn Madoc, Beulah, Llanwrtyd Wells LD5 4TT
Sun 21 May 12-5pm	£6	Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant Gardens
Sat 27, Sun 28 May 12-5pm	£5.50	Bachie Uchaf, Bachie Road, Llanfyllin SY22 5NF
Sat 27, Sun 28 May 1-5pm	£4.50	Hill Cottage, North Avenue, Llandrindod Wells LD1 6BY
Sun 28 May 2-5pm	£5	Llysdinam, Newbridge-on-Wye LD1 6NB

Don't forget visiting gardens is a family day out and children go free to NGS open gardens. For regular updates about what is happening in Powys please email simon.quin@ngs.org.uk
If you could volunteer there are vacancies in South Powys for County Organiser and Assistant County Organiser, while North Powys seeks a Publicity Officer to cover printed media, more information at ngs.org.uk/vacancies or contact Susan Paynton, via 01686 650531 or susan.paynton@ngs.org.uk

East Radnor Ramblers in May



You are welcome on any of these walks. At this point our schedule is incomplete. Please see the website for up-to-date information: ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor

Tues 2 May "SHORT WALK. A new bit of the ODP" Hindwell Brook, fields & a short steep ascent (taken slowly) to Offas Dyke Path. Moderate 4.6 miles

Wed 3 May SHORT & LONG OPTIONS Stockton Cross
Morning towards Bache Camp and Kimbolton church. Afternoon along Stockton Ride towards the Hundred. Lunch on pub picnic tables (if you buy a drink!). Moderate Total 9 miles: 5 before lunch and 4 afterwards

Wed 5 April Glascwm, Little Hill and Glascwm Hill. 7.8 miles, moderate. Park on verge above Glascwm, Exp 200 SO 167534.

Wed 10 May Thresholds – Pulverbactch. Including Gatten and New Leasowes. Panoramic views of the Shropshire Plains, a double Motte and Bailey and further views towards Stiperstones. 8.6 miles moderate

Thur 18 May SHORT WALK. Brampton Bryan Park & Stanage LINEAR WALK
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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."

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

Citizens Advice available via the Knighton Community Centre

For anyone in the Knighton area who needs help or advice from the Powys CAB, the Community Centre in Knighton are offering a video link appointment with a CAB adviser every Tuesday between 10 am and 1 pm.

At the Community Centre they offer a private room, computer access and help with starting the interview.

All interviews are by appointment only.

To make an appointment either phone the Community Centre on 01547428088 or drop in on Tuesday or Thursday mornings or message the Comm's Facebook page.

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Flora and Fauna

Each season brings its own beauty, but as someone who has a passion for flowers and arranging them, spring is rather special. After the long days of winter it is a real treat to see the gardens and hedgerows bursting into bloom with a variety of glorious colours, shapes, textures and shades, many giving off a delightful fragrance. It is so rewarding arranging a bowl or basket of brightly coloured spring flowers from your garden: hellebores, daffodils, tulips and vivid yellow forsythia. Easter visitors to St Edward's were keen to express their joy at the show of primroses in the churchyard, later this year due to an over-excited lawnmower. They are so pretty and lightly scented.

Soon we will enjoy seeing lilac, lily of the valley, bluebells, buttercups, meadow sweet and Queen Ann's lace. All arrangers love using the roadside plant, Queen Ann's lace, to form a soft outline to their displays, especially for wedding work. It is a plant that must be conditioned well, left to drink in deep cold water for several hours before using. It creates quite a romantic feel with white tulips, pretty pink and blue clematis, bluebells and lime

green lady's mantle. Legend has it that Queen Ann, betrothed to James 1st, challenged her ladies-in-waiting to match her skills in lace making and to create a sampler of lace as exquisite as the flower. However, the queen declared herself the winner so this plant has borne her name to this day.

May is the month when all who love their garden and enjoy the challenge of growing their own vegetables and flowers go into overdrive. Greenhouses, windowsills, and every available space is full of young seedlings eager to get out into the soil. For those without a garden, the garden centres now have a huge choice of containers (all sizes) ready planted with attractive displays, lots of colour ready to go. They too have so many herbs in pots, for use in the kitchen or displayed on a sill. As we look forward to warmer days ahead, let us enjoy the pleasures of the spring garden.

Jean Price



Knighton and District Churches Together

We had lovely weather for our Good Friday Walk of Witness, led by Rev Gareth Davidson and the Knighton Town Silver Band. Malcolm Campbell carried the Cross, starting at Brookside Square and ending at the Clock Tower, followed by tea and hot cross buns in the Methodist Chapel.

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The service is donation led.



St Edward's Bell Tower

A group of local residents in support of St. Edward's Clock Appeal, visited the church tower on Wednesday 5th April.

It was challenging climbing all those steps but interesting to see the clock and also the bells!

Thanks to Brendan Rogers, our clock winder, who joined us to share his knowledge.

Photo and article by Simon Gill



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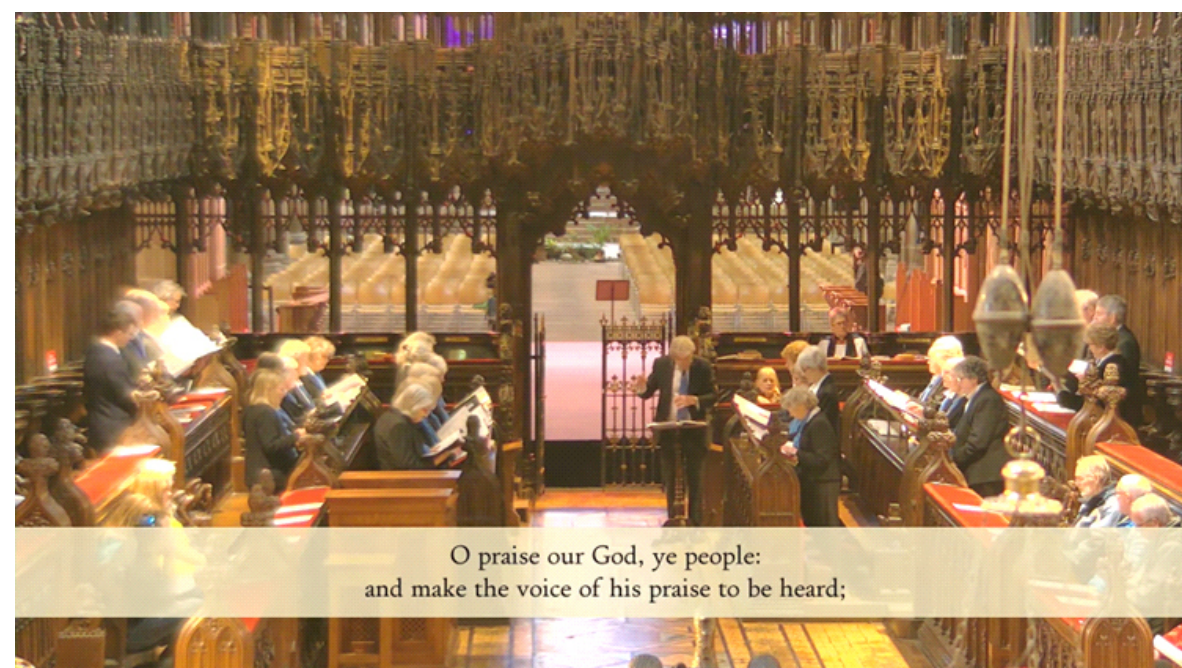


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Exhibition of the life of the King and his achievements

Saturday 6th May

11.00 Projection of the ceremony at the Community Centre
Museum open 10-4

Sunday 7th May

Museum open 11-3

Community Centre 12-2pm

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Sunday 7th May contd

Offa's Dyke Centre 3-5pm

Tea Party for older residents
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St Edwards Church 6pm

Choral Evensong
with the Llanfair Singers

Monday 8th May

Museum open 10-3

Town Clear up 10-12pm

Come to the Civic Centre (Old Library) to take part in sign washing, litter picking and other activities to make our town even more beautiful.

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BBQ for Coronation Volunteers

Watson's Ale House 12-2pm
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A Prayer for the King

from the Liturgy of the Church in Wales

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
bless Charles our King,
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Help him to fulfil his responsibilities,
that by his influence
he may maintain unity, goodwill and peace
among his peoples
and that persevering in good works to the end,

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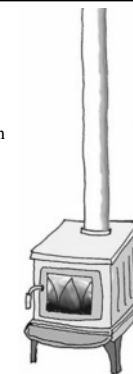
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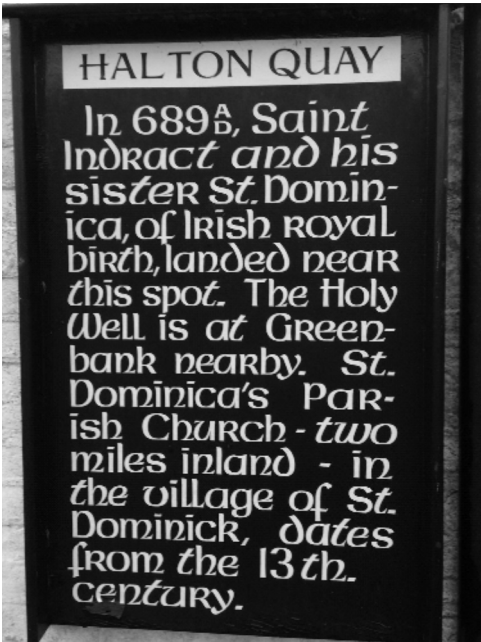


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St Indract's Chapel at Halton Quay

The people who built this chapel a couple of hundred years ago seemed pretty certain who Indract and his sister Dominica were, but unfortunately the most ancient records are lost. The earliest mention we have of him is in the mid-11th century Leominster Litany, for some obscure reason. Indract (or Indrechtach in Irish) and his sister were children of an Irish king. They sailed around Cornwall and landed at Tamerunta (now Tamerton Foliot) close to the confluence of the Tamar and the Tavy. They must have crossed over into Cornwall as their names are recorded in villages and church dedications west of the Tamar. So far so good, but the different versions of Indract's life all claim he was killed by Saxons in Somerset and this is why Glastonbury claim him as one of their saints. Evidently he and his companions had visited Rome and were heading for Glastonbury (the British "Rome"). When they reached Huish Episcopi, a follower of the local king thought they were carrying

valuables and killed them all. Actually they were carrying parsley and other seeds to take to Ireland, and their staff tips were made of brass, not gold. The king saw a bright light that night and recovered the bodies and took them to Glastonbury for burial. Although Glastonbury claimed Indract as one of their own saints, we can't prove that any of this was true. But there was definitely an Indrechtach who was abbot of Iona, though he lived a hundred years later than the stories that came out of Glastonbury claim. This Indrechtach took the relics of St Columba to Ireland in 848, to save them from the Vikings, who did a lot of ravaging of monasteries. This Indrechtach is also said to have been martyred by the Saxons while on a pilgrimage to Rome. So you can take your pick as to what to believe, but the Cornish on the west bank of the Tamar definitely claim him as one of their own.

Rosemary Hanna

Open the Book: The Last Supper/Passover

Twelve children, representing the twelve disciples, drank "wine" (Ribena) and unleavened bread (crackers) to act out the Last Supper. They tasted a bitter herb dipped in salt water, for tears, to re-live the Passover meal when Jews remember their bitter lives in Egypt. One disciple, Judas, left early to betray Jesus to the authorities. At the end of the meal eleven disciples went to a garden to pray where the two soldiers arrested Jesus.



They shared the Passover meal together



Jesus with two of his disciples



The soldiers arrest Jesus



This picture was made by Beth Williams for the Heyope and Beguildy Magazine in 1993.
 Crug-y-Byddar Church, at the end of the Teme Valley, closed several years ago and is now a private dwelling. It was the last Victorian Church to be built in Radnorshire. Half the churchyard still belongs to the diocese and is maintained by the stalwart volunteers of the conservation charity Caring for God's Acre, who also maintain the half belonging to the present residents.

Spring flowers at St Edward's



St Peter's, Crug-y-Byddar

St Peter's, built in 1856-8, was the last Victorian church to be built in Radnorshire. The architect was Henry Lote, a name one finds dotted around our area. A school was also built next door. The prime-mover was the vicar of Beguildy, Abraham Thomas. At that time the far end of the Teme Valley was a little hive of milling industry and the population needed a church nearby. Rev Thomas put his heart into the project, witness that he is buried at the east end of the church.

Crug-y-Byddar was much loved, but as the population declined, it closed around 2003. It was bought by private individuals who converted it sympathetically into a home. The baptismal font has pride of place in the porch;

the graffiti etched into the stonework by the naughty boys of Crug-y-Byddar remains. Sadly, all of the chapels in Felindre and Crug-y-Byddar have been closed, though their burial grounds remain.

St Peter's continues to have a lovely old churchyard, famous for its orchids, in front of the church. That section with local graves remains in the care of the local church and is managed by "Caring for God's Acre" with scything and hedge trimming. As a result, the orchids – common spotted, heath spotted and the occasional twayblade – continue to grow in abundance, and are a delight to behold.

Laura Woodside-Jone

3rd – 11th June - Communities will Count Wildlife in 'Undisturbed' Churchyards

Parishes across England and Wales are registered to participate in Churches Count on Nature, an annual scheme where people visit churchyards and record the plant and animal species they encounter.

The biodiversity survey, supported by environmental charities A Rocha UK and Caring for God's Acre, as well as the Church of England and the Church in Wales, will take place from 3rd to 11th of June this year. In the last two years, 900 counting events took place across churches in England and Wales, and over 27,000 wildlife records were submitted. Churches across all denominations take part in the count each year.

The data will be used to determine where rare and endangered species are located in the country, and also to aid churches of all denominations to increase biodiversity on their land. This year, species on some of the 17,500 acres of churchyards in England alone will be mapped, with a further 1,282 acres of churchyards in Wales.

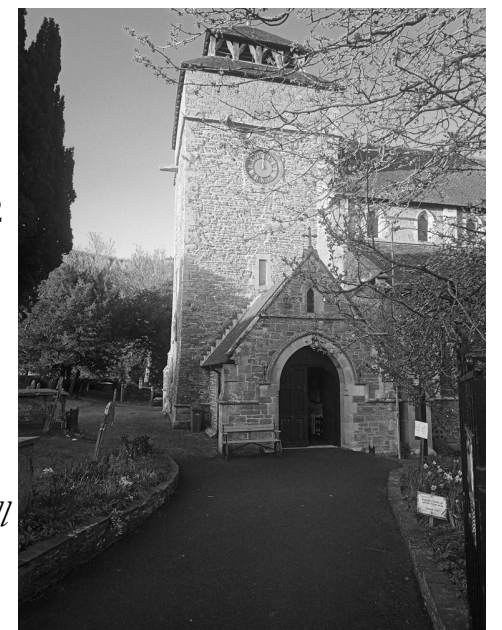
As graveyards and church land are usually undisturbed, they can be host to a great variety of wildlife not seen in other green spaces. Old churchyards often have fantastic flowery and species-rich grasslands. Could your church take part in this?

St Edward's, Knighton

A big thank you to Community Services (unpaid) from South Powys who have been looking after the churchyard at St. Edwards Church. They have been doing this work during 2022 and are willing to continue this year.

The churchyard now looks so tidy and well cared for. At the moment it looks lovely with all the Spring flowers. Over the Winter, Community Services also did some decorating in the church hall.

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Did you find them all? In case you didn't, the answers are identified for you in bold and underlined.

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.

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Llanfair Waterdine WI


April is the beginning of our membership year and we were pleased to welcome two new members. Please note that you can join us at any time of the year!! You are always welcome.

It is always lovely to be able to call on village residents to be our speakers. In April Di Cook held a question and answer session about her life working as a police dog handler. Apart from her experiences it was wonderful to hear about her relationships with her dogs. There were many questions. Several local residents came to the meeting as guests. We enjoyed sharing the evening.

On 5th May our talk is "Magic with Mark" A new experience – an amateur magician. This will be something of an adventure! Then on 2nd June Stephen Hollinghurst is presenting an evening of comic verse. He is always entertaining.

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.



Mouse Makes

Forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles one last time. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come, then He blessed them and ascended into heaven.

What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles?

Find the answers in the word search

What hid Jesus from the Apostles?
a _____
Acts 1:9

Where was Jesus taken up to? _____
Luke 24:51

Where did the Apostles return to?

Acts 1:12

READ
Acts 1 4-17

to be Jesus' witnesses.
Acts 1:8

Who appeared to the Apostles?
Two _____ and what were they dressed in? _____
Acts 1:10

Where is Jesus seated?
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Mark 16:19

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A Comment from Graham George

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We hope that people who may be feeling a calling to something spiritual will find the stories of others who have also felt those

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The image of tongues of Pentecost fire has been captured in our own imagery and been the inspiration for this series of talks. We hope the Holy Spirit will indeed blaze upon our audiences and send them out with the fire of Christ in their hearts to shine in the world around them as Easter people.



A Welsh AGM



Bingo with Easter Eggs



Gladestry WI AGM!

Gladestry members were in a light hearted mood at their Welsh AGM meeting. Welsh shawls and outfits were worn by many members and Welsh memorabilia graced the room.

Gaynor related the heartwarming stories of her Welsh dolls, Joan read a piece of prose recalling her childhood visit to the seaside and Marlene read extracts from a book by Roger Evans - 'Good Evans' - based on farming along the Welsh border.

Marlene, as President, thanked all members for the support they had shown throughout our renewal as a WI. Many visits, guests speakers and fun times had been enjoyed during the year.

Our guest tellers for the AGM were Jo and Sue from Old Radnor. The secret ballot elected Committee members: Viv, Liz, Joan, Sian, Gaynor and Marlene. As Gaynor had business commitments she stood down for Chris Kendrick to take her place.

The tellers then organised the secret election

of President: Marlene was re-elected. Marlene thanked everyone for voting for her. The competition, a daffodil in any medium, was won by Marlene and the draw prize by Liz Pinches.

A delicious bring and share supper followed with much discussion about future events, especially our Bingo Evening.

The AGM closed with the singing of the Welsh National Anthem.

Gladestry Bingo Evening!

This was a most successful event for our WI with many excellent donated prizes being won by enthusiastic players!

There were many draw prizes - Easter Eggs were 'flying' off the table!

£100 will be donated to Welsh Air Ambulance. Thanks to all members who contributed in any way.

Marlene Evans



Tref y Clawdd WI

What can you do if you've already had your business meeting and a long month lies ahead? Answer- have an Easter lunch out! Which is exactly what we did, and had a wonderful time, a long lunch, no washing up, lots of laughter, and, of course, the exchange of Easter cards. Inevitably, several members already had family commitments and we were sorry that they missed out on the funmaybe that will be the excuse to have another lunch to include everyone.

Our earlier meeting had allowed us to finalise our entries to this year's "Powys WI County Show." Now that that's organised, and Spring is well on its way, we are looking forward to the flower arranging session booked for next month's meeting, together with all the summer outings that we've

organised to take advantage of the lovely summer weather. (We are a very optimistic group!)

The outings will also give us plenty of opportunities to show off our new handmade shopping totes - from last month's workshop, with plenty of room to hold all the plants, souvenirs and memorabilia which we shall doubtless be gathering on our trips.

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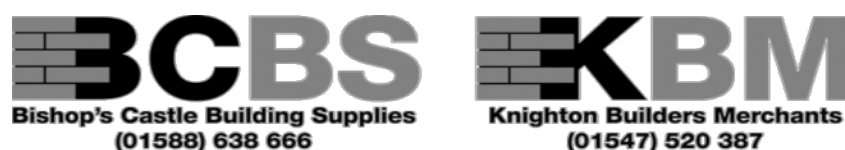
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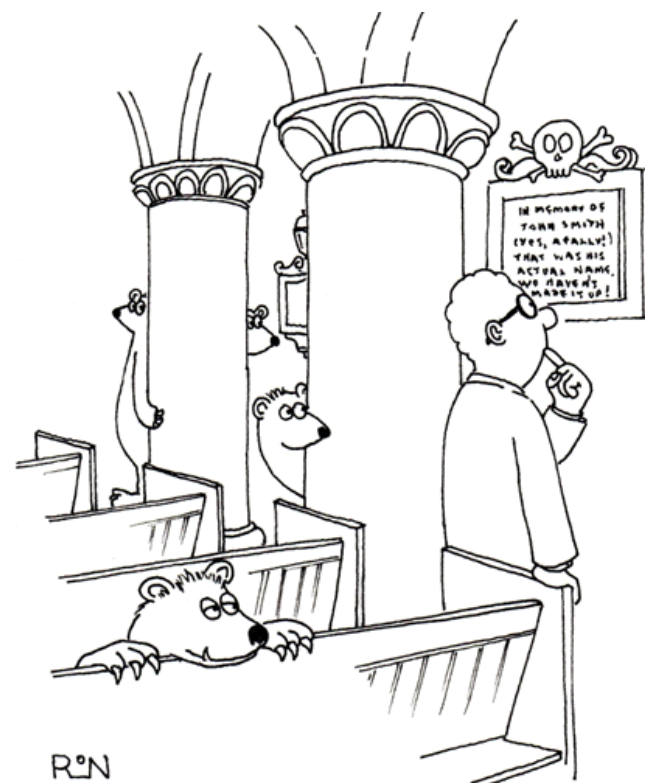


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Dennis spent a long time in church looking for his forbears

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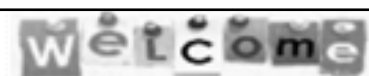
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Knuckles and District Notes

Thanks to quite exceptional rainfall in March, the reservoirs and water-tables are pretty well topped up for the summer months, after being severely depleted even in this relatively wet part of the country. It was a very dry February in the U.K. and there is still a drought in several parts of the world, including in Catalonia (Spain) and North Africa. Here, spring seems to have been a long time a-coming; how good to be in the midst of it now!

We ourselves have been ill with Covid and have experienced, first hand, the caring of neighbours and local friends in this area.

So sorry to learn of the passing of Idris Lloyd of Greenfields, Lloyney. It is not long since he was contributing fascinating articles on personally experienced local history to this magazine! With every sympathy to Maggie, Curtis and all the family.

Now we have a plethora of activities to look forward to: 'This Land is Ours', a free(!) celebration of the Castle Hill Community Land Project in the Community Orchard on April 29th, the coronation of King Charles 3rd on May 6th (along with an extra Bank Holiday). Then there is the Eurovision Song Contest which should have been in the Ukraine, but the finale has been rescheduled to Liverpool. This will be in mid-May. Then, on May 20th – 21st is the Smallholding and Countryside Festival at the Royal Welsh Showground, including a display of dogs and horses and lots of livestock prizes. And, not to be outdone, the Hay on Wye Literary Festival at the end of May will feature, amongst other celebrities, the Duchess of Cornwall, Bear Grylls, Sir Leonard Henry, Tracey Emin, and 'Stormzy'! The theme this year is 'Sustainability'.

Robert Forbath



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Whitton WI

On Easter Tuesday, Whitton WI provided a warm welcome at the monthly coffee morning. With spring flowers on the tables, free drinks, cakes, books, raffle, kids activities and of course, (for Easter) chocolate. Lots of chat and catching up. The adults who joined in the colouring competition (meant for the children) were all awarded a goody bag.

From 22nd April to 20th May the WI-crafted Wall Hangings usually in the Community Hall, will be displayed at the Minerva Arts Centre in Llanidloes and it will be interesting to visit and see these in a different environment.

On 20th May in Knighton Community Hall, it is the County Show and it is always good to see what is being achieved by WI members.



Stowe & Stanage WI

At our April meeting, Andy Holman from Bleddfa spoke about the work that was undertaken there to renew the Elan Valley pipeline. In 1892 an Act of Parliament was passed, permitting the purchase of land in mid-Wales to lay a pipeline that would bring a reliable water supply to Birmingham, which has no major river running through it. Work started in 1893 and was completed in 1904, opened officially by King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra.

An amazing feat of engineering, the pipe only required a total fall of 172 feet from mid-Wales to Birmingham. It was dug by hand, effectively making an underground canal which was lined with heavy bricks to contain the pipe. The exact route of the pipeline is secret as it would be a prime terrorist target. In June 1942 the small dam constructed for the village of Elan was used to test bombs for the dambuster raids of the following year.

The renewal work in Bleddfa was undertaken on Andy's farm and involved constructing a bypass for a section of the pipe that was considered weak. A huge wall of earth was built to make a flat area of the sloping field. A track was laid for a small train to remove soil, and the labourers worked 12 hour shifts for 12 days, with one day off. Andy showed some intriguing photos, including the kayak that he used to canoe through the tunnel before it was filled in. He was delighted to note that there was no impact on local wildlife – the barn owls that lived in a nearby hollow oak tree did not move!

On 2nd May we have Desna McCall speaking about a Dogs' charity. We'd love you to join us. For information please contact Alison Thomas 01547 528678 or alithomas1@gmail.com .

Whitton WI's
busy Easter coffee morning



YVONNE GLOVER-WEST provided everything we needed to make a BEADED BUTTERFLY from wire and beads. She guided us meticulously through each stage and everyone was thrilled to have a lovely butterfly to take home.



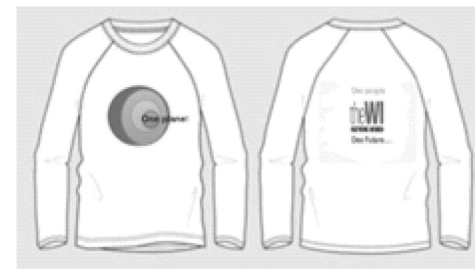
In April New Radnor WI had a successful Litter Pick in and around the town.



Llangunllo WI's Easter Community Lunch



New Radnor WI



Members, Miranda Capecchi, Libby Hughes and Rosannah Sauls excelled in the Powys/Radnor "Show the Love" competition for a design for a T-shirt and Tote Bag. Miranda came First and Libby Second.

Our next meeting on 1st May will be a talk on "Assistance Dogs" with Desna McAll and one of her dogs. Visitors are always welcome.

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Llangunllo WI's Easter Community Lunch

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Over 40 adults and children came to enjoy a super lunch with a few chocolate eggs to finish off. The laughter and chatter echoing around the hall made for a wonderful atmosphere and the clean plates showed how much the meal had been enjoyed.

Our members are off to Hergest Croft Gardens later in April so hopefully we will have a sunny day so we can enjoy our trip.

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A Touching Story from China, found on my brother's Facebook page

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Back in December last year (2019), he was arrested for being a whistle blower 'spreading rumors' about a mysterious pneumonia like virus. This morning we found out he was in fact a fellow brother in Christ. Our hearts are deeply moved by his sacrificial choice to spread awareness about the virus despite the risks he faced, especially to his reputation and to his own health.

He continued to care for patients up until he was infected himself. What a legacy to leave behind of what it means to be like Jesus to those hurting in a time of crisis.

He chose to be an example of Immanuel, 'God with us' to the people of Wuhan. Can you imagine the joy he must have felt as he entered into eternity and heard the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant"?

So today, please pray for his family, especially his wife who is also infected and 8 months pregnant with their second child. May God heal them supernaturally and give them grace, peace, strength and comfort during this time.

Dr Li Wen Liang penned a deeply touching Chinese poem below of how he would miss his family, his beloved Wuhan and quoted 2 Tim 4:7-8 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith'. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

The Hero who Told the Truth

(Just the first and last verses - translated from the Chinese)

"I don't want to be a hero.
I still have my parents,
And my children,
And my pregnant wife who's about to give birth,
And many of my patients in the ward.
Though my integrity cannot be exchanged for the goodness of others,
Despite my loss and confusion,
I should proceed anyway.
Who let me choose this country and this family?
How many grievances do I have?
When this battle is over,
I will look up to the sky,
With tears like rain."

"Goodbye, my dear ones.
Farewell, Wuhan, my hometown.
Hopefully, after the disaster,
You'll remember someone once
Tried to let you know the truth as soon as possible.
Hopefully, after the disaster,
You'll learn what it means to be righteous.
No more good people
Should suffer from endless fear,
And helpless sadness."

"I have fought the good fight.
I have finished the race.
I have kept the faith.
Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness."
2 Timothy 4:7, Holy Bible

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 - for Llangunllo Community Hall and
 - Friends of St Cynllo's p11

Baptist Sunday Worship in May

Sunday 7th

11.00 am - Worship Service - Knighton Chapel

6.00pm - Sunday @ 6 - Knucklas Chapel

Monday 8th

7.00pm - Prayer Room at the Community Room, Knighton
 Chapel

Sunday 14th

11.00am - Worship Service - Knighton Chapel

Sunday 21st

11.00am - Joint Worship Service with Knighton Methodist
 Church at Norton Street, Knighton

6.00pm - Sunday @ 6 - Knucklas Chapel

Sunday 28th

11.00am - Worship Service at Knighton Chapel

4.00pm - Messy Church at Knucklas Community Centre

In addition, our popular Toddler Group meets 10.00am -
 11.30am each Thursday morning in the Community Room
 at our Knighton Chapel during school term times.

We also have a network of Lifegroups meeting daytime and
 evenings during the week - please call our Pastor Rev.
 Gareth Davidson for details of times and venues on 01547
 528679. For details of other events and news, please see
 our Facebook page.



Grid References and Church Postcodes

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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	L D 8
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N Radnor	SO 210609	LD8 2SS
Gladestry	SO 230551	HR5 3NR
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Llan'li N M	SO 180581	LD8 2TN

Gravel Baptist Chapel

14 May, 2.30 pm Gordon Bingham

14 June, 2.30 pm Robert Thomas

Further information from
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St. Mary's, Pilleth Services 2023

all at 3.00 pm

April 23rd

May 28th

June 25th *Battle of Pilleth*

July 23rd

August 27th

September 24th *Harvest Festival*

Knighton Roman Catholic Church

Service every Sunday at 11am.

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May

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Beguildy (St Michael)	No Service	No Service	4pm Evening Prayer	No Service	No service
Bleddfa (Mary Magdalene)	11am Eucharist	No Service	No Service	No Service	7.30pm Compline
Heyope (St David)	No Service	No service	No Service	No service	No service
Llangunllo (St Cynllo)	No Service	No service	5.30pm Evening Prayer	No Service	No service
East Radnor Benefice					
Knighton (St Edward)	6.30pm Ministry Area sung Evensong	11am Eucharist	11am Eucharist	11am Morning Prayer	11am Eucharist
Pilleth (St Mary)	No Service	No Service	No Service	4pm Evening Prayer	No service
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Cascob (St Michael)	No service	No Service	No Service	No Service	3pm Eucharist
New Radnor Group of Churches					
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