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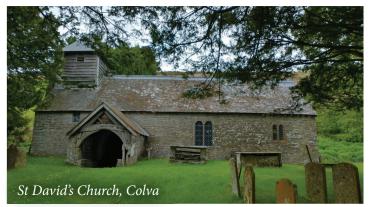
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# The Annual Vintage Sports Car Club Rally







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The 13th Century Church of St David in Colva is finally going to get its leaking roof repaired.

Work started on 13th November thanks to funding from The Benefact Trust, CADW, Community Foundation Wales, The Diocese of Swansea & Brecon and The Garfield Weston Foundation. The project was made possible by a gift of shares from a local benefactor and donations from the local community.

St David's is listed Grade II\* and dates back to c. 1200. It is sited high up in the beautiful Radnorshire hills, set back from an old drovers' road between Gladestry and Glascwm and is one of the highest churches in Wales.

The work will involve removing the badly deteriorated cedar shingles on the south slope of the roof and replacing them with natural Welsh slate from Ffestiniog. Guttering, downpipes and drainage will also be installed. (The north slope was renewed in 2008 but because of problems with the West wall that needed to be addressed, there was not enough money to complete the whole roof.)

The church and churchyard will be closed for health and safety reasons while the work is carried out and, all being well, work should be completed by February 2024. We do hope that you will visit the church once the work is completed. St David's is an ancient and peaceful place and, as well as enjoying the stunning views, there is much of interest inside.

Rare and important wall paintings were uncovered in the 1980's. These contain remnants of reformation texts over earlier medieval paintings and a rare memento mori which experts say is impossible to date. Although abraded over the years the paintings are still visible and have been included in the RCAHMW illustrated volume 'Painted Temples'.

There are several memorials to local families inside the church, the oldest dating back to 1773 and the churchyard has many old gravestones, many of which are now corroded; the oldest still legible is dated 1703. If you would like to search your ancestry you can peruse a list of burials from 1666 to the present day; where they were available the list includes occupation and abodes and provides a very interesting background to the area and its social history.

St David's is on The Kilvert Trail and is much visited by walkers and receives visitors from all over the world.

It is so important to look after our heritage and cultural history and ensure that these buildings survive for future generations to enjoy. There is much more we would like to do and repairs and maintenance will always be needed.

The current work is being supervised by Hook Mason, Conservation Architects of Hereford, Ecologists Just Mammals of Brecon and the Conservation Builders are Jenkinsons of Brecon.

As of Monday 13th November, work has started on replacing the front section of the church roof. This has been a long time in the planning and thanks to Jill Fieldhouse, the architects Hook Mason Jenkins the builders, and funding from various organisations including CADW this is now happening. We now pray for clement weather so that the work can be completed by the end of February at the latest.

Due to the nature of the works both the church and churchyard will be closed for the duration of the build.

On **Sunday 10th December** at 2.30pm we are holding our carol service in the Dutch Barn, courtesy of the Hobby family. Please come along and join us and the sheep for a unique carol service, but wrap up warm and bring a camping chair! Mulled wine and mice pies will be served after the service

Please do visit the church next year when repairs are complete and if you would like to make a donation towards the upkeep of this ancient building please contact:

Reverend Rachael Storer, The Rectory, School Lane, New Radnor, LD8 2SS; RachaelStorer@cinw.org.uk

# The Annual Vintage Sports Car Club Rally

The annual Vintage Sports Car Club arrived in Llangunllo on the morning of October 15th and the weather was just gorgeous. It's always great to see the vintage cars meandering their way through the village and today was no exception. They start in Presteigne and make their way through Whitton and Pilleth, then on to Llangunllo. The return journey sees them take the reverse route to Norton where the cars are put through their paces with hill climbs etc. A fun day for both competitors and spectators.

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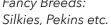
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# A Letter from the Vicar's Study

Dear friends, November was a month of remembering with the marking of All Saints on the 1st, All Souls on the 2nd when we remembered all of our loved ones who have gone before us, and on the 11th remembering all those who gave their lives for our freedom down the years on Remembrance Sunday. The theme of remembering continues during the season of Advent through December, traditionally a season of penitence and prayer, when we recall those things that are not quite right in our lives, bringing them before God, so that we can enter the Christmas season renewed, forgiven and refreshed. A bit like ridding the house of all those cobwebs and layers of dust, making it ready for family and friends to visit over the Christmas season.

We invite you all on the journey that is Advent leading to Christmas. To follow the brightest star in the night sky, journey to the manger, experience the joy and wonder of the birth of Jesus just like Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and kings did in that drafty stable in Bethlehem and join us at one of our Advent and Christmas Services in the East Radnor Ministry Area. A warm welcome awaits you.

May I wish you on behalf of myself and Petra, all the love of God, his peace and goodwill this Advent and Christmas season and a new year of blessings, hope and joy.

Rev Rach

## The Radnor

Due to increased costs we are limited as to how many colour pages we can have in the Radnor at the moment. We will continue to produce this wonderful magazine to its usual high standard but free adverts will be in black and white. This is a temporary arrangement. Many thanks for your continued support

Rev Petra Goodband

## **Deadline**

The deadline for the February edition is 15th January.

Please send all items for The Radnor to radnoreditor@outlook.com

## Cost

As you know, costs are going up all the time and we have a shortfall in revenue to pay the printer. Also, because we have not yet found a suitable editor, Craven Design & Print are helping to put the magazine together, which adds to the costs. The cover price has remained the same ever since The Radnor started about 8 years ago, so now is the time to raise the price. I would still say you are getting a bargain! The new price for 2024 will be £1.50 per individual copy. £15 per year (10 issues). Please pay subscriptions to your distributor.

If you know anyone who would like to help with editing, please let Rosemary Hanna know *radnoreditor@outlook.com* or 01547 529296. We also desperately need an advertising manager, not only to send out invoices, but also to find new advertisers to help us to cover our costs. Contact as above.

# About the Cover – Nativity and Epiphany

The stained glass from Llanyre Church shows the birth of Jesus on the left, and the visit of the wise men on the right. Beneath a makeshift shelter Mary holds the doll-like infant. She wears a traditional blue robe but with brown homespun beneath to indicate her humble origins. Her white scarf signifies purity. A watchful Joseph stands behind, holding a lamp (Christ came to bring light to the world).

The right hand panel shows Epiphany, celebrated 12 nights later (on January 6th). Three wise men, often called the 'three kings' bow before Mary and Jesus as they present their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They all wear a crown and rich, colourful robes.

The Judean hills and sheepfold fences behind could be from Radnorshire as much as the Holy Land.

Photo and article by Laura Woodside-Jones

## **Evancoyd News**

We gathered at St. Peter's to pay our respect to all the members of our armed forces and those whose lives have been affected by war and conflict. Our service of remembrance was taken by Steve Jones, who conducted the service with dignity and whilst we remembered those who died as a result of past battles, we were mindful that, sadly, war continues on its destructive path today and we think of those people suffering in Ukraine and the Middle East. Steve spoke about Sir Nicholas Winton who was responsible for saving 669 young children by organising the Kinder Transportation 85 years ago in November 1938, just prior to the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia, Sir Nicholas was a remarkable man whose efforts nearly went unrecognised, but today he is remembered as a true humanitarian.

Joanna Winstone

## Tref y Clawdd WI

The practice bowling session paid dividends- helping our teams to achieve 3rd and 6th places in the Powys federation bowls final at Whitton. Congratulations all round! A very enjoyable evening was had by all participants, with cake, teas and coffees on offer together with some very helpful advice from the regular members of Whitton Bowls Club - which I'm sure helped our results!

The November meeting is our AGM and the business was quickly sorted with all committee members re-elected. Dorothy remains president, Tina the secretary and Julie the treasurer. Everyone received thanks for their various duties and we enjoyed listening to the reports recapping the previous year. We all agreed we'd had a very enjoyable year and are looking forward to another year packed full of interesting speakers, events and workshops.

It is fast becoming a tradition that we make Christmas decorations after our AGM. This year we made small angels (see photo) and after a practice Angel, and a lot of laughter - (mainly due to unfamiliarity with the glue gun), each member took enough materials home to make another, as we then knew how to make a more perfect decoration. The little angels all have their own unique personalities - so it was a fun project and they can be proudly displayed at Christmas.

We've decided to have a New Year celebration meal this year as we're going to have a bring and share Christmas supper and a visit from a secret Santa for our next meeting

If anyone is interested in joining our meetings, we meet in St Edward's church hall on the first Wednesday of the month and would be delighted to welcome you. Please phone Dorothy for further details 01547 528692.

## Saturday 9th December 7.30pm. Music in New Radnor

The Mellstock Band 'Christmas in Mellstock'. Be transported back to the 18th century with the Mellstock Band as they go their Christmas rounds in deepest Wessex. In an evening of readings, traditional songs, west gallery harmonies, poems and stories, we will encounter strange visitors, pious beasts, wrathful squires and more, all depicted in the wonderful words of Thomas Hardy and the Dorset dialect poet William Barnes from descriptions of the Christmas festivities of that time. As always the band perform in costume, with traditional village band instruments of the time. The Mellstock Band has provided music for several films, including the famous BBC dramatisation of Jane Austin's Pride and Prejudice.

New Radnor Community Hall, Hall Lane, New Radnor, Powys, LD8 2SW. Pre-booking preferred. Tickets £15 / £3 from 01544 350 746 or 07493 940 683. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start.

# Radnor Valley Gardening Club

At the AGM in October the following officers were elected: Chairman: Michael Capstick; Secretaries: Alison Spalding and Vanessa Cluett; Treasurer: Dave Blackman.

A good year was reported with interesting speakers and 2 garden visits. A successful plant sale was held in May. The Show in September was a great success but the entries in the domestic section were very low. The club has 40 members. Membership fees of £5 are now due. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month in The Community Centre New Radnor. The next event will be the Christmas Meal in The Hub on Monday 18th December. The next speaker is Dave Holt from Midway Nurseries. He will be answering members' gardening questions. This will be on Monday 19th February. No meeting in January. For more information: micstick1@gmail.com











Audrey Green in the Lake District

# Walter Evans' 90th Birthday!

A wonderfully uplifting celebration of Walter's 90th in the Baptist Chapel Schoolroom in Knighton on Saturday 28th October. Seen here are members of the Rhaeadr Male Voice Choir who joined with Walter to entertain us all.





















Knighton and District Community Centre

# What's on at The Comm & Library - December

6th December Bracken Trust

7th December James Evans Surgery / Drop in Social

Museum AGM, 7pm

8th December Knighton Flix - A Man Called Otto - Doors open 7pm

9th December Knighton Market & Walkies from The Comm

Pet Photography, 10am - 2 pm

10th December Equine and General Auction, 11am onwards

# **Exploring The World On A Tandem**

Llangunllo WI were treated to an excellent talk from one of our members Sue, and her husband Chris as they shared with us their recent adventure cycling the length of Patagonia, finishing on Tierra del Fuego then onto Taiwan, Japan and South Korea. We listened in awe at the hundreds of miles they cycled, the huge hills they climbed, which made our legs ache just thinking about it, and the amazing places they visited. The slide show made us feel we were riding with them, but for most of us, thankfully, from a chair in the village hall.

Sue and Chris brought along their tent and equipment all of which fitted onto the bike and brought a whole new meaning to travelling light! From blossom trees to lakes, ferries, the wild life, and of course the food and the people they met, we all enjoyed every moment of the talk and look forward to hearing about their next adventure that is already in the planning stage.

Happy Cycling!

Anne Newton - For further information about Llangunllo WI contact Isabel Morris on 01547 550 689

## **Gladestry WI**

Unfortunately our guest speaker was unwell so, at our October meeting, members enjoyed chatting about various upcoming WI events. Our Christmas fun quiz is available from members for £2 with a luxury hamper as the main prize. Please contact either Viv or myself for a quiz sheet - you have to be in it to win it!

Time was spent discussing our Centenary celebrations to be held in June next year and making arrangements for attending the PRFWI ACM. We then enjoyed our supper - delicious as always. The draw was won by Chris and the 'prettiest jug' by Joan. Our next meeting will be making Christmas cards and decorations with Bethany.

It is with a heavy heart I conclude this report with the sad news of the passing away of Heather Barwick, a loyal member of our institute.

# Gladestry WI at the PRFWI Centenary ACM

Joan Hughes and myself represented Gladestry at the Centenary ACM on Saturday 11th November at Rhayader Leisure Centre. The chairman, Elizabeth Hughes, welcomed all to the meeting. A minute's silence was held for those lost since the last meeting including our member, Heather Barwick. Marilyn Thomas led us in the singing of Jerusalem.

Joan was Gladestry's representative as an honoured guest for being our longest serving member. She wore the Gladestry sash with pride as she stood beside our banner. All members stood for Remembrance Day silence at 11am. Reports, presentation of accounts, certificates, awards and prize draw winners followed.

We were then enthralled by Ernie Husson, the guest speaker. His experiences as a photographic journalist covered a lifetime of dedication, from the disaster of Aberfan to garden parties with Royalty, and held in high regard by many. An excellent buffet lunch followed provided by Rhayader WI - tasty treats to delight the taste buds! Superb entertainment provided by The Dolau Mixtures revived our nostalgic memories of familiar songs superbly conducted by Catherine. The afternoon was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthems.

Joan, myself and members of the Federation were full of praise for the retiring trustees and for their excellent work throughout their time in office. Best wishes to members of the newly elected board.

Marlene Evans

# What's on at The Comm & Library - December Continued

16th December Knighton Food and Craft Market, Christmas Special with Grotto (Please Book), 9.30am-12.30pm

17th November Knighton Community Christmas, Stalls, Crafts, Afternoon Tea with Santa (Please Book)

19th December RNID, Hearing aid clinic and hearing loss support. 10am—12 noon

21st December Family Quiz, 6.30pm, Bar Open

22nd December Childrens Christmas Film - The Grinch, 2.30pm

Knighton Flix - Golden Years, Doors open 7pm

31st December New Years Eve Party, Ticketed Event

## **Knighton News**

## **Coffee Morning**

Our Christmas get together will be on 16th December. We will be making the draw for our many festive prizes donated to raise funds for the church. A warm welcome to all, in the Church Hall, 10am to midday. Usual stalls.

*Prize Winners:* D Richards, P Medlicott, V Price, D Bowen, D Price, J Ruff and P Pugh all won prizes at our October coffee morning which raised £195.00. We very much appreciate your support at our monthly event, and a huge thank you for all the lovely gifts you bring along.

#### **Bingo**

Please note: the next evening will be in the New Year, 29th January at 7pm in the hall.

#### **Grand Draw**

Tickets are now on sale. Lots of good prizes. If you can help with selling, then please contact John Goodband or Jean Price (528 260). Date of draw is 16th December.

#### **Christmas Tree Festival**

This will take place in St Edward's on December 8th, 9th, and 10th. If you would like to bring along a tree on Thursday 7th, any medium, fresh or dried, we shall be pleased to see you. Contact J Price or Simon Gill for times of the festival.

#### St Edward's

We pray for all families recently bereaved in our community and for all who are remembering lost loved ones who paid the supreme sacrifice so that we can have peace.

The funeral took place of Eileen Myers on 2nd November, conducted by Rev. Petra Goodband. Eileen passed away on 1st October aged 91 years and was laid to rest in Knucklas Chapel graveyard.

On 3rd November Rev. P. Goodband conducted the funeral service for Joyce Williams, who passed away on 29th September aged 92 years. A poem (Lauren) and eulogy by daughter Christine, hymns "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Now the day is over" were included in the service. Interment took place in St David's churchyard, Whitton.

The funeral took place on 9th November of Kath Rees, who passed away on 23rd October aged 77 years. There was a large congregation of family, friends, neighbours and workmates at the service conducted by Rev. P. Goodband. A poem was read by Adam and the eulogy, reminding us of a popular lady in our town, was spoken by Paul Davies. The chosen hymns were "All things bright and beautiful" and "The Lord's my shepherd". Kath was laid to rest in the new cemetery.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Audrey Green was conducted by her sister, Ven. Christine Allsopp on 3rd November. Audrey passed away on 12th October aged 93 years. Rev. P. Goodband welcomed the family, friends and church members to say farewell to her. The organist was Geoff Weaver, who also read Psalm 121. Ven. C. Allsopp gave the address. Canon Melia Cope led the prayers and a poem was recited by Lizzie (daughter). The hymns chosen were "Lord of all hopefulness", To be a pilgrim" and "I danced in the morning". Audrey attended and helped so much at the church over many years. She will be missed by us all.

Our thoughts are with the families of Eileen, Joyce, Kath and Audrey, mourning the loss of their love ones, now at rest.

# This Autumn with Teme Valley Gardeners' Club

We have had some beautifully-illustrated talks which seemed to highlight the feast of colour which Autumn can give. These were, as usual, in the Community Centre on the second Monday evening of the month, but now switched to afternoons during the winter months. Refreshments always available.

In September there was a delightful Saturday morning weigh-in after a potato-growing competition, along with a sale of work and refreshments. It is amazing how many potatoes can be grown in a bucket from a single 'quality' seed-potato (kindly donated by Phyllis and Colin Pugh of Cwm Whitton Farm). Marilyn Price, of New Invention, came first from a strong field.

No meeting is planned for January.

Members were shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death of Graham Cox (from Knighton). He was always so willing to help and a real gentleman. With every sympathy to his widow, Jenny, and the family.

Robert Forbath

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## **Audrey Joan Green**

1st May 1930 - 12th October 2023

Some words from the address given by Audrey's sister Chris, the Venerable Christine Allsopp, at the Service of Thanksgiving for her Life on 3rd November 2023



Audrey in the Lake District

Audrey was born in St Albans in 1930, the eldest of four children. She went to St Albans Girls' Grammar School, studying science and becoming Head Girl. She aspired to go to university, but as so often in those days, her brothers took priority.

Her first job was at the Building Research Station in Garstony, which included work on

the acoustic materials for the Royal Festival Hall.

Having met Donald at the St Albans Abbey Youth Fellowship, it was not until 1954 that they were able to marry, after National Service and University. Donald's first post as a teacher was in Plymouth, where Audrey worked in a book shop.

Back in St Albans, Jeremy and Michael were born and Audrey became a full-time mother. After another move to Bromsgrove, their third child Elizabeth was born. At primary school, Mick wrote that: "she can drive a car and make marmalade".

Audrey enjoyed holidays in the Lake District and that was where she and Donald had their honeymoon. A love of hill walking and the outdoors remained with her and was shared with the family.

As the children grew older, Audrey began to work for the CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau). She believed that this was as much her Christian vocation as it was Donald's to be a priest.

When they retired in 1990 they moved permanently to Knighton. They both enjoyed time spent with their children and their five grandchildren.

Audrey was involved in a variety of roles here at St Edward's, some of them behind the scenes and in support of the clergy. She was in her eighties when she became a lay worship leader. It was a great delight to us both that on one Sunday in 2016 she led the morning service here and I preached the sermon. A strong advocate of ecumenism,

Audrey was an active member of Churches Together in Knighton and District, for many years organising the annual Christian Aid collection.

As a Christian pilgrim, Audrey's faith was intelligent, questioning, and searching. Today we give thanks for Audrey's life, and for her faith, and ask that God will hold on to *her*. In the words of the ancient Celtic Prayer we pray:

Audrey, May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of his hand. Amen.

Venerable Christine Allsopp

Audrey's faithfulness and example were a great encouragement during the time I served in Knighton. I appreciated her willingness to experiment with 'fresh ways to touch the hearts of all' as the Iona Community describes the need to be imaginative in sharing the Gospel. To that end, she gave what she could to the project to do some re-ordering in St. Edward's Church.

For years, Audrey drew up the rota of Bible readers at St. Edward's – a task which seemed fairly insignificant, but it was greatly missed when she could no longer do it.

Audrey was courageous and intelligent, always enquiring in her faith – being honest about the things she found hard to believe. She was committed to Churches Together in Knighton and District and enjoyed attending Ministry Group services.

Audrey became a worship leader and, for a time, led Morning Worship regularly at St. Edward's. She was thrilled to lead worship once in St. Edward's, when her sister Chris, who was an Archdeacon, preached.

She had served the communities in which she had lived for many decades, initially as a volunteer, but then as an employee of the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Perhaps I will especially remember Audrey for her gentleness, combined with strength of character and the example of her patient and faithful care of her husband, Donald, when he became frail in mind and body.

At the end of her life, Audrey was blessed with sensitive, dedicated and diligent carers, who helped her family to keep her in her own home until the end.

We praise God for his good and faithful servant and friend to many of us.

Melia Cope

## **Evancoyd & New Radnor Mother's Union**

After much thought and prayer, it has been decided by the members and myself to close our branch of the Mother's Union. We will hold a closing service on Tuesday 6th February 2pm at The Rectory in New Radnor, everyone welcome.

May I say a heartfelt thank you to all our members throughout the years who have done sterling work for the Mother's Union and in supporting each other too.

Rev Rach, Branch Leader

## Flora and Fauna

Over the past weeks we have been able to enjoy the glorious autumn colour in the woods and garden, burnt orange, crimson, bronze, bright red, yellow and more. It was good to speak to recent visitors to our area and hear their appreciation and delight at the amazing colour of Kinsley Wood and surroundings, making a stunning backdrop to St Edward's Church. The scene is now changing, with some trees rather skeleton-like following the recent wet and windy weather. However, we are left with a pretty carpet of leaves to collect for the compost bin when the sun shines.

With the mention of the word "Frost", we will need to protect our less hardy plants. Dahlias and geraniums are reluctant to stop blooming, but will have to be lifted and stored ASAP.

As the hues of autumn fade and the garden slows down, it is now that we can enjoy the evergreens and variegated shrubs which show up brightly against the bareness of neighbouring deciduous trees. Holly, ivy, spruce, skimmia and laurel, the attractive eleagnus with green and yellow markings, all make a lovely addition to our festive arrangements. Sculptural seedheads, like honesty with translucent circular heads, acanthus with bold spires, cones of echinacea and spikes of eryngium, look quite magical on a frosty morning, but can equally be exciting dried, sprayed with gold or silver and a touch of glitter, to add to your decorations at Christmas.

The Church's year begins with Advent Sunday (3rd December), four Sundays before Christmas Day. Each Sunday is marked with candles arranged around the Advent ring, surrounded by a lovely selection of green foliage. The candles have a theme of hope, joy, love and peace. A central candle is lit to celebrate the birth of Christ. After Easter, Christmas is the most important festival in the Christian year and brings out the best of our flower arrangers to make sure that the church looks perfect for 25th December.

Can I take this opportunity to wish all our readers a very blessed and happy Christmas.

Jean Price

## **Energy Advice Service in Knighton**

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

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

To book an appointment at an energy advice surgery, or to arrange for energy advice to be given over the telephone, please contact Gary Cowell on 01547 520 374 or email him at garydkcowell@yahoo.co.uk

## **Knighton Community Centre Events Survey**

Knighton and District Community Centre are looking to plan new events. We would love to hear from you about what kind of events you would enjoy. There is a bottle of wine or the equivalent if you enter into our draw. (enter your details below) Thank you.

To complete the survey either follow the link www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KVXWVZ6

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# Robin Vincent

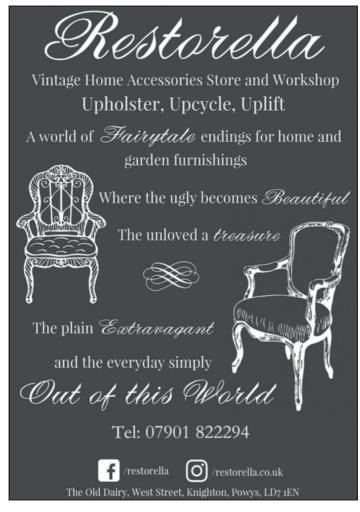
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## Whitton WI

It was lovely to see our community at the annual Harvest Supper in late October. We started with Punch and, between all the chatter, everyone agreed there was more than enough to eat from the delicious spread. We settled down to enjoy singing from Holly Richards and try our luck at the raffle – which raised £106 for RNLI (chosen because we had visited Clayton Engineering in Knighton, who make the trailers and tractors for the Lifeboats).

Our November meeting was designated to Games. We all tried a variety of activities, from curling to dominoes, plus board games which enabled everyone to join in. Some members (you know who you are) showed themselves in a new competitive light, yet there wasn't a prize in sight. It was agreed that this should be a regular event in our annual programme - what a pity there are no photos as there was lots of fun and laughter.

On 14th December, after our business meeting, we are looking forward to experiencing an Italian Christmas meal. Sounds interesting, as we are assured that it's not just pasta.

In the meantime, we offer an invite to all friends, family and neighbours to come along to the FREE Coffee mornings, on Tuesday 12th December and also 9th January from 10.30am until 12. The toys will be out for young children and plenty of space for them to run around and let off steam. Perhaps the adults will also want to run off some of their Christmas excess...or just take on more cake.

Hilary Naylor

# Llangunllo WI Focused On Our Environment in October

Our president, Karen welcomed speakers from Radnorshire Wildlife Trust, Friends of the Upper Wye and welcomed around 40 guests who had come to listen to the talks.

James Hitchcock, Chief Executive Officer RWT, outlined the work of the trust and projects undertaken, including Gilfach. He discussed what RWT's overall vision is for the charity and the importance of engaging with as many

people as possible.

Chloe Jackson, Pentwyn Project Officer, talked about the vision of a "Wilder Pentwyn" and its role in the local community and beyond. Pentwyn Farm is located near Gravel Arch, approximately 2 miles from Llangunllo, and was purchased in October 2021. Here farmland is being restored for nature with grassland, ffridd (a diverse mixture of grass and heathland), woodland and the upper reaches of the River Lugg SSSI.

Pat Stirling, the Citizen Science Programme Manager for the Friends of the Upper Wye, talked about the River Wye water system with emphasis on the Upper Wye (the River Lugg drainage basin). He looked at the quality of the water with a focus on phosphorous levels and two of our WI members, Di and Sue, talked about their monitoring on the Lugg in Llangunllo and Monaughty and showed the equipment used.

This section of our evening was linked by Karen into the NFWI Resolution of Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife and also WI members enjoying wild swimming locally in the River Lugg. Dawn, our Vice President, gave a vote of thanks and also mentioned the help of the RWT with our WWF grant and project in the village. The evening was rounded off with refreshments and a raffle

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New Radnor
Advent & Christmas



Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 10am
O Antiphons Morning Prayer
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 6pm
Follow that Star Carol Service

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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 5pm Carol Singing around the village

Meet outside Esco's

Christmas Day 9.30am
Christmas Communion in Church

## Stowe & Stanage WI

November is our AGM month and our officers were willing to stand again, so this gave us plenty of time to discuss our forthcoming Christmas celebration at The King's House in Pembridge and plans for dedicating our centenary tree early in the new year.

We had two short talks, from Kathy, a representative of Age Cymru, and Stuart, the Digital Hub Co-ordinator for the Community Centre. Both gave very useful information on a range of subjects from how to get onto the Priority Services Register and how to access various benefits, to help with the myriad problems that arise from using modern technology!

I found this poem online and hope it might encourage some of you out there to come and join us!

## Misconceptions, by Beverley Ashby

Will you be singing Jerusalem, she asked with scorn Well, on special occasions, but it's not the norm I expect you'll be learning to make jam and curd Not really, I don't know what it is you've heard I know the WI is about all that is twee You clearly have no idea, it seems to me, Our membership covers all ages, young and old We welcome all women into our fold The stuff we do is interesting and fun To be honest, I believe we can't be outdone For thought provoking speakers, fantastic crafts, Amazing parties and lots of laughs We go on walks and trips to see shows Book clubs, netball, anything goes We campaign about things that really matter And of course, love cake and a good old natter The WI is about friendship, I'm sure you'll agree If you forget what you've heard and just come and see!

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# **Christmas Events in Evancoyd**

### Saturday 25th November

Evenjobb Christmas Fayre

#### Saturday 9th December at 11am

Fun Craft session in the Village Hall with a visit from Santa Claus!

#### Sunday 10th December at 11am in Church

There will be a Crib Service and Children are invited to dress our new Crib, kindly made by David Evans to fit in front of the altar. After the service, we will have delicious refreshments.

### Sunday 17th December at 11am in Church

At this service we will have a selection of carols similar to the traditional 9 Lessons and Carols, please let us know (by filling in a slip in the church) which carols are your favourite to sing.

## Monday 18th December at 6.30pm at the Village Hall

Carol Singing around the Village at 6.30pm, everyone is welcome and this year's Charity will be the Bracken Trust.

Christmas Eve Service on 24th at 11.15pm in Church.

## Llanfair Waterdine WI

November was our AGM. Sadly our current President feels unable to stand for personal reasons so we now have a new President, Margaret Clugston. New but not new. She has done this before and we are all pleased to be working with her.

After the meeting we had a wonderful display of quilts and fibre pictures by Lynn Kinsey. She started her work in Africa and has worked in Holland and Britain. She has an amazing collection of work which, whilst admired by the stitchers, was a visual feast for everyone.

We do not hold a January meeting but hope to get together for a meal when we will be able to exchange our Christmas news.

As this will be our last contribution for this year Llanfair Waterdine WI would like to wish all the Radnor readers a very Happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

All our meetings are on the first Friday of the month in the Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine. Meeting 7pm. Speaker 7.30pm. We are always pleased to welcome visitors to enjoy the speaker and share our finger buffet supper. So please come along.

For further information contact Ann Harroway 01547 528477 or any Llanfair Waterdine WI member.

## Llanfair Flicks In The Sticks

We have just the film to cheer you up on a cold damp and gloomy December Saturday... in that awkward time between Christmas Day and New Year's Eve we have the much loved and much requested treat:

## Mrs. Harris Goes To Paris - Saturday 30th December - 7.30pm - Cert. PG

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## The Lost King - Saturday 20th January - 7.30pm - Cert. 12a

On Saturday 20th January we are screening *The Lost King*. In 2012 after having been lost for 500 years, the remains of King Richard III were discovered beneath a carpark in Leicester. The search had been orchestrated by an amateur historian Philippa Langley whose unrelenting research had been met with incomprehension by her friends and family and with scepticism by experts and academics. *The Lost King* is the life affirming true story of a woman who refused to be ignored and who took on the country's most eminent historians. A great feel good film for all! Stars Sally Hawkins and Steve Coogan.

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# **Knighton and District Concert Society**

**Sunday 28th January at 3.00 pm** in St Edward's Church Hall, Knighton LD7 1AG

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December 2023		January 2024		
1stBuilth Male Choir Concert	Dolau Comm Hall40	6thOpen Mic Night	The Greyhound	43
2ndOpen Mic Night	The Greyhound43	20thFlicks - The Lost King	Everest Hall	21
3rdDress the Tree Service	St Michael's44	28thOrigin Voices Concert	St Edward's Church	21
3rdSunday Lunch	The Hub40	29thBingo		
7thChristmas Whist Drive	Llangunllo Village Hall40	Monthly Events	Ö	
8-10thChristmas Tree Festival	St Edward's, Knighton12	1st Tues Stowe & Stanage WI	The Comm	
8thTeme Valley Christmas Fair	Felindre Village Hall36	1st/3rd TuesCraft Afternoon		
8thWellies & Woolies Concert	St Mary's, Pilleth44	2nd TuesCoffee Morning		
8thFlix - A Man Called Otto	The Comm, Knighton10	3rd TuesHear to Help Clinic.		
9thChristmas Crafts Event	Evenjobb Village Hall44			
9thFun Crafts with Santa	Evancoyd Village Hall20	Last Tues Cerdu Carers Group.		
9thMarket & Walkies	The Comm, Knighton10	1st/3rd Wed Braken Trust		
9thMusic in New Radnor	New Radnor Comm Hall8	1st WedSinging Group		
10thEcumenical Advent Service	Knighton Catholic Church44	2nd WedBook & Jigsaw Swap		
10thCrib Service	Evancoyd Church20	4th WedHear to Help Clinic.		
10thO Antiphons Prayer	St Mary's, New Radnor19	2nd/4th Fri Mind Friday Group.		
10thEquine & General Auction	The Comm, Knighton10	2nd/4th Sat Community Market		
10thCarol Service	Dutch Barn3	4th Sat Library Open	The Comm	•••••
12thChristmas Wreath Workshop	Llangunllo Village Hall43	Weekly Events		
13thQuiz Night	Felindre Village Hall17	MondaysLunch Club		
15thChristmas Elves Show	Dolau Community Hall36	Mondays Family Centre		
16thChristmas Cofee Morning	Knighton Church Hall12	Mondays Welsh - Adanced		
16thFood & Craft Market	The Comm, Knighton10	Mondays Army Cadets		
17thCarols in the Village	Llangunllo Village Centre43	Tuesdays Community Cafe Hu	ıbThe Comm	•••••
17thCommunity Christmas	The Comm, Knighton10	Tuesdays Women's Hour	The Comm	•••••
17thCarol Service		TuesdaysCitizens Advice	The Comm	.28
17thFollow That Star Carol Service	·	TuesdaysEnergy Adivce Service	ceThe Comm	. 15
17thNine Lessons & Carol Service	·	Wednesday Pilates	The Comm	••••
18thCarol Singing	·	Wednesday Youth Club (Termtin	ne) The Comm	•••••
21stFamily Quiz		Wednesday Zumba	The Comm	
22ndChristmas Carol Service	e e	WednesdayArt Classes	The Hub	.40
22ndCarol Singing		ThursdaysDrop In Social Cafe	The Comm	.43
22ndChildrens Film - <i>The Grinch</i>		ThursdaysCoffee, Cakes, Chat	The Hub	.40
22ndFlix - Golden Years	· ·	ThursdaysLeg Club	The Comm	.40
23rdChristmas Whist Drive	· ·	ThursdaysTable Tennis	Llangunllo Village Hall	.28
24thCommunity Carol Service		Thursdays Art Group	The Comm	
24thChristmas Eve Communion	•	Thursdays Welsh - Beginner	The Comm	
24thChristmas Eve Service	·	Thursdays Karate	The Comm	
24thCrib Carol Service	•	ThursdaysDrop-In Eatery	The Comm	.28
25thChristmas Communion		FridaysBar and Food Night.	The Hub	.40
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# Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCiG)



#### Who?

Rev Rachael and Davd Evans recently attended the Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCiG) conference in Swanwick. The course was sponsored by the diocese and representatives from all Ministry Areas were encouraged to attend.

## Why?

Currently we are facing declining congregations across the land and across our ministry area. Many of the members of our churches are past retirement age and not so energetic as previously. If current trends continue, the future facing our churches is bleak. In the opinion of John Lomas (Bishop of Swansea and Brecon) the answer is growth, in both numbers in congregations and in depth of faith of the church members. The LYCiG course was aimed at inspiring us and giving us practical ideas to help achieve this growth.

#### What?

The course had seven sessions which were

- 1. Creating a Prayerful Culture of Growth
- 2. Implementing an Annual Rhythm of Growth
- 3. Practicing Fruitful Evangelism
- 4. Developing Engaging Worship
- 5. Becoming an Inviting and Welcoming Church
- 6. Making a Pathway for Seekers to become Disciples
- 7. Begin a Planned Journey for Growth

#### How?

The first session, Creating a Prayerful Culture of Growth, can be (drastically) summarized as laid out below.

Church culture is often defined as what we think about, what we talk about and what takes up our time at meetings. In other words, "the things that we talk about most".

If church leaders, Ministry Area Council, Church Councils and congregations talk most about prayer, a culture of prayer will gradually grow like a plant from a bulb. If, however the dominant conversation is about building issues, financial struggles, lack of volunteers then a "We are beset by problems culture" will arise like weeds in a garden.

When the leaders and councils set out to prayerfully and regularly talk about growth, then a culture of growth will push its way to the surface. When this discussion is shared with the whole congregation then the vision, hope and desire for growth will become a normal part of the ongoing life of the church.

Some churches have used the 7 steps of LYCiG in sermons or small groups. Others have introduced the prayer for growth at all church meetings and activities and ensure that every small shoot of growth is acknowledged and celebrated. A first step is for all in our churches to become refocussed on growth and to start praying for it, for us to develop our own personal and prayerful culture of growth.

## We can ALL do the following things

- a. Reflect. Think about the culture of our churches and consider how we may need to change that culture.
- b. Pray. Asking the Holy Spirit to grant us all wisdom, courage and vision to talk about, pray about and create a culture of growth in our church.
- c. Consider using the Leading Your Church into Growth prayer. (see below). Maybe you could cut/or copy it out and use it daily.

## Leading Your Church into Growth prayer.

God of Mission,

Who alone brings growth to your Church,

Send your Holy Spirit to give

Vision to our planning

Wisdom to our actions

Joy to our worship

And power to our witness.

Help our Church to grow in numbers,

In Spiritual commitment to you

And in Service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

This is a greatly summarized account of the first session only. For more details, please speak to us. If there is sufficient interest there may be further opportunities to attend a LYCiG course, or we could organize one here, probably tackling the seven points in separate sessions.

Rev Rachael Storer & David Evans

## **Pilleth News**

St. Mary's held the Harvest Festival in September which was the last service of the year. The church was beautifully decorated by the ladies of Pilleth. Thank you to you all and a thank you to the people who brought fruit, vegetables and cakes, some of which were taken to Prestmede Residential Home. Thank you also goes to George Baker for playing the organ for all our services.

Sad to report, we have had a theft at the Church - a number of the coping stones from the wall up the steps have been taken. We put cameras up but they have also been taken since. The police have been informed and recommended we chain the iron gates as lots of other artifacts have been taken from other churches in the area.

Christmas is coming and the time for our annual Wellies and Woollies Concert is near. It will be held on **Friday 8th December** at 7.00pm with Carols and Readings as usual.

## **Beguildy News**

**Congratulations** to Rhian and Gareth of Pantygarrogle Cottages, Beguildy on the birth of a son, Ellis George Watkins, a grandson for Louise and Martin and a great grandson for Margaret and Edward.

Congratulations to David Thomas of Beguildy whose daughter Kate has just presented him with his ninth grandchild! – a little boy called Toby.

**Welcome** to Fred and Sue Doodey, who have come from Worcestershire to live at Swn-yr-Afon, Felindre, and to Linda and Dean Cockayne from Dudley, who have moved to Church Meadow, Beguildy.

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Marion Edwards died after a tragic accident in France. The sad news shocked her many friends in the Teme Valley. These are a few extracts from her funeral service: "One in a million would be a cliché because there never has been nor ever will be another like Marion Edwards." "Kind and generous, she saw the best in people, with a vibrant personality and sense of humour, she made friends wherever she was." "She ran a hair salon, a café, a millinery business, a B&B and log cabins." "Her family were the most important part of her life, a nan and great nan, they all meant the world to her and they in turn loved her." "A celebration of a wonderful woman who made every second of her 80 years count."

## Caroline Matthews, Tansomalia, Felindre

Caroline passed away on the 3rd October 2023 age 63 surround by her loving family at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

Donations from her funeral will go to the Respiratory Services based at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Louise House, Shrewsbury, who supported Caroline during her illness with great kindness and compassion. A generous donation has also been made to the Welsh Air Ambulance as their service is also vital for our community.

David and Family would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes and support during this difficult time.

Sue Puttock (Matthews)



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A drop-in lunch of soup, sandwich and cake is available between midday and 1.30pm each Thursday at the Knighton Community Centre. Home delivery is available for local residents who cannot join us. The service is donation led.

## **Walton Hall Events**

There is a book and jigsaw swap at Walton Hall on the second Wednesday of every month, from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Come and have a cup of tea, a slice of cake and a friendly chat with us.

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## Singing Group at the Village Hall

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## Table Tennis at the Village Hall

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

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## **Knighton Community Centre**

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4th Wednesday of the month, 1pm - 3pm

# 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 01547 428 088 or drop in on Tuesday or Thursday mornings or message the Comm's Facebook page.

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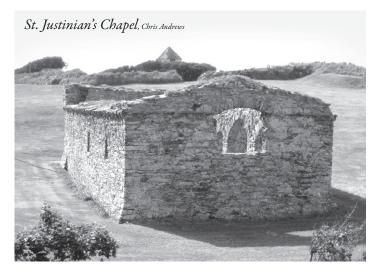
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# Celtic Saint of the Month St Justinian of Ramsey Island, 5th December



Have you ever been to Ramsey Island? It is an RSPB reserve and is a wonderful place to observe wildlife. To get to it you have to drive (or walk) up the coast from St David's to the lifeboat station at St Justinian's (Porth Stinian in Welsh).



In a nearby garden is a ruined chapel, built on the site of a much older early Celtic chapel and dedicated to Justinian.

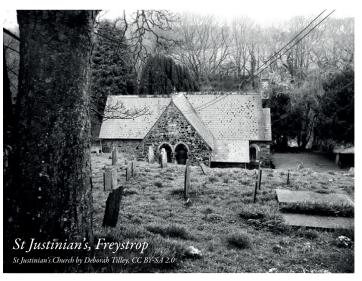
Justinian (or Stinian, Iestyn, Jestyn) originally came from Brittany, perhaps stopping off in Cornwall, as St Just in Roseland is dedicated to him also. He eventually made his way to Ramsey Island, off the Pembrokeshire coast. There

he met up with a hermit called Honorarius who was accompanied by his sister and her maid. This would not do for Justinian, so they agreed for the women to leave and the two monks set up an eremitic life together. St David heard of his holy and exemplary life and brought him over to the mainland to be abbot of the monastery and even chose him to be his personal



confessor. Justinian was a very austere and dedicated Christian and he found the St David's monks too lax, so he sailed back to Ramsey Island along with some of the monks, but Justinian continued to be stern and expect too much of his companions. So one day three of them waylaid him and cut off his head.

As is the way with Celtic saints, Justinian picked up his head and walked back across the water to the mainland. A spring sprung up where he laid his head, which is still know as St Justinian's Well and the chapel marks the place of his burial. Many years later his bones were removed to St David's Cathedral and placed in a shrine along with St David's remains. The shrine is still there, but the provenance of the existing bones is doubtful. As for the healing well, it is said that someone with stomach problems drank of the water and vomited up a live frog.



There are two other churches in the area dedicated to St Justinian: Llanstinan near Fishguard and Freystrop, south of Haverfordwest.

Rosemary Hanna

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## **Dol-Llugan Diary Snippets**

Reading John George's diaries over the last few month's I have come to know him rather better and gained considerable respect for the man.

Entries in his 1967,1970,1980 and 1990 diaries illustrate much of what he brought to his farm and thriving stock trading business - still going strong in 1990 when he was 66. As record of business transactions and farming agenda they have specific interest but it in the footnotes we see far more about John George.

An indulgent and caring husband and father sometimes 'under instruction from petticoat regiament' but still 'Took Mother Pussy Cat to Knighton shopping' and noted in Feb 1967 'Elizabeth walked her first few steps' (on the same day as he 'had accident with tractor'). Before long she was riding, being taken all over to shows and events. We find that 'Graham bought his record player' and a diary or two later 'Graham, me and Mother got the potatoes out' then 'Graham gone to Scotland. Where next!

A loving son - 59 visits to Hereford, 3,540 miles, then almost daily visits to Llandrindod and finally 'Grandad came home from Hospital' followed 13 days later by 'Dad – Daddy passed away 10.45'. John's father was only one amongst many family and friends to receive hospital visits, sometimes quite far flung and, inevitably, funerals often followed. In fact, few local deaths went unrecorded or funerals unattended.





Work, family, community, furniture moving, farm sales, shows, concerts and social life all had to be crammed into a six day week because Sunday was the Lord's Day and put firmly aside for chapel, always central to John's life, with many entries of the preachers' names and congregation numbers. Never did the saying 'If you want something doing ask a busy man.' apply more aptly than to John George, 1924 - 2021.

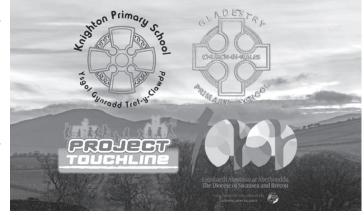
So finally, as I put the diaries aside ready to return them to the family - 'Me and Babs went to Newtown to see the accountant, verdict – all work and no pay.' Good to know that was just another example of his ironic wit.

Thanks John for the information, the surprises and, most of all, for the smiles. It's been fun. Pam Livingstone-Lawn

# Project touchline working in Knighton and Gladestry Schools

This November/December, Project Touchline will be reaching out and delivering its six week programme of pioneering and transforming Christian Values education through PE/Sport and Collective Worship in Knighton and Gladestry Church in Wales Primary Schools.

The inspirational programme will be delivered by Chris Andrew, a professional sports coach, Reader/Licensed Lay Minister and Archbishops' Evangelist in The Church of England. The PE/Sport will be progressive, exciting and fun rugby skills and games designed for the children to live out their school's Christian values with an emphasis on



improved fitness, mental health and well-being, respect and love for each other. Some stunning Creative Artwork will be completed when the children reflect and create artwork on their faith, values and rugby experiences during the programme. Collective Worship will be held every day in the morning for the whole school. The focus will be on Bible stories which demonstrate the values and are then shown through the sport.

A transformational and new spiritual pathway will be planted in both schools through a lunchtime prayer club. These prayer clubs allow children to choose to 'pray rather than play' at lunchtime. The prayer clubs lead to formation of children's faith and on to discipleship with new possibilities of attending local churches and ministry hubs with their families. Over 20 children came to the first prayer club at Knighton and 8 children at Gladestry.

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## Reflections on Remembrance in Llangunllo

The names of our local fallen were remembered with respect and gratitude as we gathered at the Cenotaph in the centre of the village. The colourful wreaths, which were laid by representatives of various churches and organisations, contrasted vividly with the greyness of the day. As ever, the haunting strains of the Last Post drifted across the scene. This year the 2 minutes silence passed without interruption from traffic, and the tolling of St Cynllo's bell called us up to church to continue with Reflections on Remembrance in Words and Music.

The National Anthems began the proceedings with people valiantly attempting the Welsh with the aid of a phonetic version.

Different aspects of war were considered, including firstly a WW1 poem drawing our attention to the plight of animals who suffered during conflicts, especially horses that were requisitioned from farms and stables to serve at the front in France, never to return.

The poignant 'Banks of Green Willow' by George Butterworth, who was killed by a sniper's bullet at the Battle of the Somme, was followed by an insight into the life and work of Leonard Cheshire V.C. and Lady Cheshire (Sue Ryder) who took the challenging experiences of war as an inspiration for their peacetime work with the Cheshire Homes and palliative care.

We were given a fascinating glimpse into the local Dad's Army and joined to sing the very fitting words of 'Keep the Home Fires Burning', accompanied on the trombone.

Finishing with prayers and the hymn 'Now Thank we all Our God.', we went on to our usual social time with a welcome cuppa and tempting food.

Many thanks to all those who helped in any way and made the occasion so enjoyable.

There will be a donation to the Royal British Legion.

## **Knucklas and District Notes**

Following a highly successful Apple Day in mid-October, organised by the Castle Hill Community Land Project, several other attractive events are planned including a Knucklas Christmas Fair at the Community Centre from 4pm on December 16th lots of 'goodies' for sale, largely locally produced, including some delicious apple juice from the Orchard. Then, on January 13th early evening, the traditional Knucklas Wassail to 'sing in' next year's apple harvest.

As I write, we are already on our 4th named storm of the season and it seems to have rained continuously for weeks with some quite high winds. I cannot remember autumn ever arriving so late in the year, but now there are some magnificent arrays of colour to be seen as the leaves turn golden, red and brown. December 22nd will be the shortest day of the year, the Winter Solstice.

The many people concerned about the local environment locally will be much encouraged by the 'Wilder Marches' programme which is now under way in these parts. Based east of Llanbister it brings together farmers and conservationist organisations in the region to unite in benefitting native wildlife and their habitats by establishing more friendly woodlands and meadows, whilst continuing to grow much needed food.

Now that it is quite commonplace for people to live well into their eighties, ninety is still a cause for celebration. Walter Evans, former long-term resident of Knucklas and now of Knighton, reached this landmark age recently and a wonderful party was held for him at Knighton Baptist Church, attended by a huge number of people. Over the years he has always shown that he cares about Knucklas even though he is seen around the village less these days.

Also much-missed will be Kevin Jones and Laura Woodsid- Jones who, both individually and together, have done an enormous amount of work for the local community and church and taken an active interest in so many different spheres. Our loss is Brecon's gain and we all wish them every happiness in their fresh phase of life. They will be difficult to replace.

Robert Forbath

# **New Radnor Children's Playground**

Winners of the Club 100 November monthly draw:

1st Prize: Paul and Sue Norton 2nd Prize: Laura Warren 3rd Prize: Kirsten and David Pyle

## Reflections on Remembrance in Llangunllo



Here we have poppies



Keith Williams leading the Act of Remembrance.



Trevor Head plays the Last Post and the Reveille

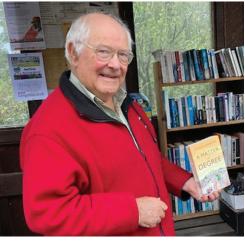


Karen Edgar reads "We Will Remember Them" and The Kohema Epitaph.



Laying wreaths and reading names of those lost in WWI and WWII for Bleddfa, Heyope and Llangunllo Parishes.





# A Matter Of Degree

They say that life often imitates art. Author, Colin Andrews might just agree with that, after a recent visit to see friends, Lisa & John Sture. The couple now live close to Llangunllo, after moving from Devon, a while ago, although Colin still lives in the county. Colin received his university education in Wales & during those years, he became very familiar with the Heart Of Wales Line. Llangunllo railway station is only a few minutes drive from where Lisa & John now live & coincidentally, Colin's latest novel, "A Matter Of Degree" is based on a fictional town on the Heart Of Wales Line! Whilst exploring the area, Colin came across the Bus Stop Exchange, where books, Jigsaws, CDs & DVDs are placed by locals to share. It was set up in the centre of the village at the unused bus stop, during Covid, where it remains, due to its continued success. As luck would have it, Colin had a copy of his novel to hand & kindly added it to the library for others to enjoy, too.

Here's an overview of the book and details of where it's available, if it's already 'on loan' from The Bus Stop Exchange: No mobile phones, no internet, and no mixed sex accommodation ... A Matter of Degree is set in the early 1970s in a fictional town on the Heart of Wales railway line. It follows the comical and dramatic exploits of two young student teachers through the three years to graduation at an outpost of the University of Wales.

ISBN 978-1848766-952. Available from www.colinandrewsauthor.co.uk Debbie Jones









# A Message from St Michael's at Christmas

On behalf of the Church Committee of St Michael's Church Beguildy, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the continuity, administration and upkeep of the church over the last 12 months. It is only with this continual support and unity that the church can continue to move forward. A big thank you has to go to the dedicated parishioners who have kindly volunteered their time throughout the year to clean, mow and keep the churchyard and church looking amazing. Special thanks to Lyn Rowland for coming to play the organ when we have needed her, to Kath George for her patience and help keeping things ticking over, to Cath and Jayne Harris for their hard work organizing the cleaning of the church and to Philip Swancott for his continued advice, help and support throughout the year. The final thank you has to go to Margaret Harris for her enormous contribution over the decades to the church following her retirement from church duties earlier this year. At last year's carol service, it was said that St Michael's was on a tightrope and that the coming twelve months would be crucial. We are building on this, but cannot do this without the support of a robust committee, so I would like to openly invite anyone who is interested in joining the church committee, contributing or helping in any way to keep St Michael's running to get in touch, any help is gratefully received so please do not hesitate to offer.

It only leaves me to wish you and your family all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Phill George – Church Warden

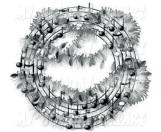
# **Gladestry 49 Club**

Here are the winners for September and October. Heather Carrington (16), rollover - so double win for the next winner, which is, Viv Lloyd (6), Mr & Mrs S Jones (13), rollover, M Johnson (26), Sue Robinson (48), Viv Lloyd (6), Viv Lloyd (6) once, no twice again!

We currently have up to seven lottery numbers for next year. It cost just a £1 a week. So if you would like to join call me on 01544 370 296. A happy and prosperous New Year to all.

Michael Johnson

# St Peter's Church, Evancoyd



On Sunday 17th December at 11am we are hosting a nine lessons and carols service with refreshments afterwards in the church.

We would love to know what your favourite carols are by Sunday 10th December please, so that the most favourite ones can be played at the service.

There is a ballot box in St Peter's for you to cast your vote, or just let Heather or myself know, thank you.

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#### To join simply complete this form and drop it back to:

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#### New Radnor Children's Playground - Charity No. 524468

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Phone number
Address
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#### New Radnor Children's Playground

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11AM - 3PM

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St Michael's Church, Llanfihangel Nant Melan Advent & Christmas 2023

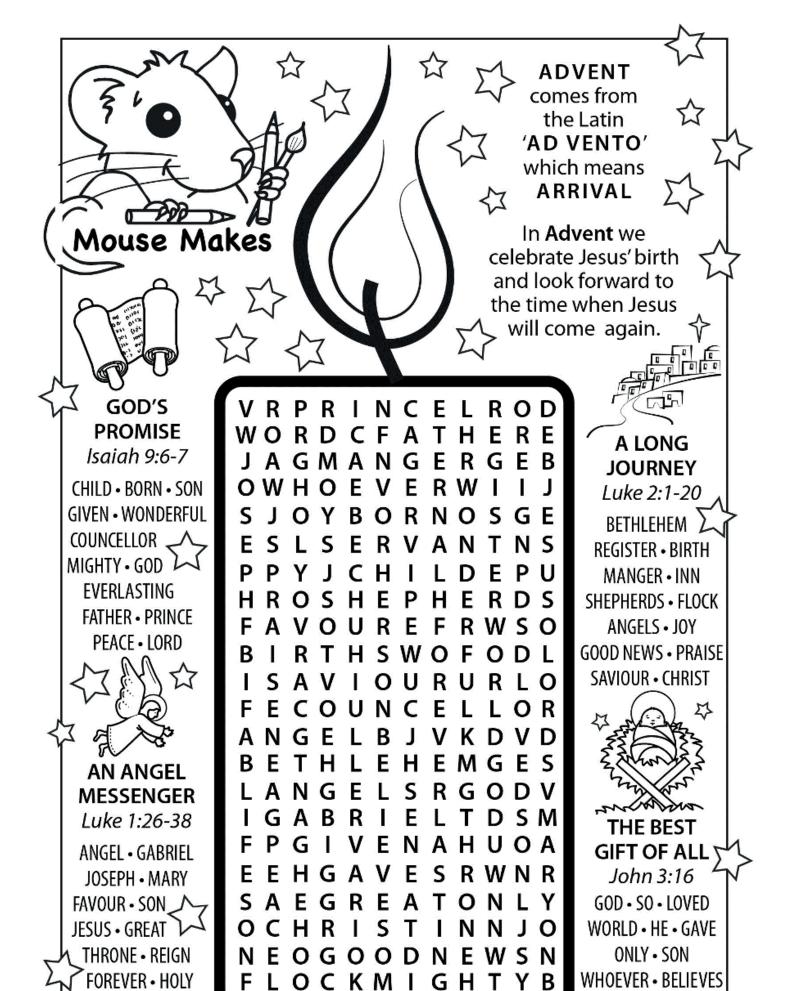
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 4pm

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#### **Church Contacts**

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#### **Baptist Minister:**

Rev Gareth Davidson The Manse, Victoria Road, Knighton LD7 1BD 01547 528 679 or 07795 087 363 gareth16@tiscali.co.uk

#### **Baptist Secretary:**

Mrs Sue Wilson 01544 267 456 or 07866 833 294 knightonbaptists@gmail.com www.knightonbaptists.org.uk

#### **Knighton Roman Catholic Church**

Fr. Gerald Okechukwu Isiguzo - 07376 459 370

### **Grid References & Church Postcodes**

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

# **Church/Community Hall Contacts**

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	Brian Thomas	07799 346 182	felindrevh@gmail.com
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Knucklas Community Centre		01547 529 007	www.knucklascommcentre.org.uk
New Radnor Community Centre	Carlee Evans	01544 350 575	
St Ed's Church Hall	Jean Price	01547 528 260	
Whitton Community Hall	Gill Powell	01547 560 367	

# **Bible Study**

Midweek Explorations of the Word

The second Wednesday of the month 10am-11.30am

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For further information please contact Rev Rachael Storer

### **Diocesan Prayer**

Our diocesan prayer, which captures our vision for Ministry Areas so well, says this:

Bless us as we gather in your name; Guide us as we grow into the likeness of your Son; Lead us by your Spirit to go out and make disciples of others. Ministry areas are the structure we are using to journey together with God as a pilgrim people, turning that vision into reality.

from the diocesan website

# Cytûn (Churches Together in Wales)

You may have wondered why you hadn't heard anything recently from Churches Together. Since several of our staunchest members have moved on, or even passed away, we have been investigating new ways of doing things.

Cytûn is simply the Welsh for "Agreement" and is the name of the official body of Eglwysi Ynghyd yng Nghymru / Churches Together in Wales, so if in Knighton you see or hear the word Cytûn, it is referring to Churches Together in Knighton and District.

# **Churches Together Events in December**

**Tuesday 5th December -** 6.30 pm - **Carols @ The Comm** - Knighton Community Centre Featuring children from Knighton Primary School, Knighton Hand-Bell Ringers and Knighton Town Silver Band

Sunday 10th December - 3.00pm - Advent Carol Service with the Churches Together Choir - Knighton Catholic Church

Thursday 14th December - 6.00pm - Annual Light up a Life Service in support of St Michael's Hospice - Knighton Methodist Church, Victoria Road

Christmas Day - 11.00am - Cytûn Joint Christmas Day Celebration Service - St Edwards Church, Knighton

# What is the O Antiphons Morning Prayer Service?

It is similar to a "Lessons & Carols" service, but it is structured around seven medieval antiphons, each beginning with the word "O", which also form the basis of the hymn "O Come O Come Emmanuel", which is sung through the service.

The liturgy is a poetic exploration of images of Jesus found in the antiphons: *star, key, root, cornerstone*, while drawing the connections between the first advent of Jesus, when he came into our world over 2,000 years ago, with both the long-expected coming of Jesus at the end of time, as well as the coming of Jesus into our hearts. This service provides a moving and evocative entrance into the Advent season of prayerful expectation, looking towards the Christmas Season.

Come and join us on Sunday 10th December at 10am in St Mary's, New Radnor for the O Antiphons Advent Morning Prayer, a warm welcome awaits you.

# **New Radnor Baptist Chapel**

3rd December3.00 pm	Carol Service	Rev. Christabel Hargraves
14th January3.00 pm		Rev. Rachael Storer
	Everyone Welcome	

# **Knighton Roman Catholic Church**

Service every Sunday at 11 am

### **Methodist Church Services**

3rd December	Deacon Sara Windsor-Hides	
10th December	Rev Sheila MacInally	Holy Communion
17th December	Mr Stephen Dalton	
24th December	Deacon Sara Windsor-Hides	
31st December	Mrs Vivienne Thomas	
7th January	Rev Richard Hall	Covenant Service
	Rev Richard Hall Mr Adrian Williams	
14th January		Holy Communion
14th January	Mr Adrian Williams	Holy Communion

### **Baptist Church Services**

#### December

Sunday 3rd	11.00am	Worship Service	Norton Street Chapel, Knighton
Sunday 3rd	6.00pm	Service	Knucklas Baptist Chapel
Monday 4th	7.00pm	Monthly Prayer Space	unity Room, Norton Street Chapel
Sunday 10th	11.00am	Worship Service	Norton Street Chapel, Knighton
Sunday 17th	11.00am	Worship Service	Norton Street Chapel, Knighton
Sunday 17th	4.00pm	Christmas Messy Church	Knucklas Community Centre
Friday 22nd	6.00pm	Community Carol Service	Knucklas Baptist Chapel
Saturday 23rd	7.00pm	Blue Christmas Community Room	m, Norton Street Chapel, Knighton to the usual lively festive celebration
Sunday 24th	11.00am	Worship Service with Carols	Norton Street Chapel, Knighton
Monday 25th	9.30am	Christmas Day Celebration	Knucklas Baptist Chapel
Monday 25th	11.00am	Cytun Joint Christmas Morning Celebration	St Edwards Church
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In addition to the above, our popular Toddler Group meets 9.30am -11.00am 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 528 679. For details of other events and news, please see our Facebook page.

# Gravel Baptist Chapel Further information from Keith Williams 01597 851 122

Sunday 17th December. 2.30 pm Leigh Spicer

# **Churches Together Lunch Club**

Knighton Methodist Church, 12 noon until 2 pm each Monday (Except Bank Holidays)

Serving a 2 course lunch. Room for more people.

Ring Margaret Davis on 01547 528 154 if you would like to attend. A warm welcome awaits.

We would be grateful, too, for a few more volunteers, once a month.

# St Mary's Church, New Radnor, Services

Every 2nd Sunday, 10am, Morning prayer in church
Every 3rd Sunday, 4pm, Evening Praise in Community Centre
Every 4th Sunday, 10am, Holy Communion in Church
Please contact Reverend Rachael Storer for any queries
about the services, thank you. The Rectory, School Lane,
New Radnor. Telephone: 01544 350 760

# Readings for Services December and January

3rd December	Christmas Eve Night	14th January
1st Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 9. 2-7	Epiphany 2
Isaiah 64. 1-9	Psalm 96	1 Samuel 3. 1-20
Psalm 80. 1-7	Titus 2. 11-14	Psalm 139. 1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 1. 3-9	Luke 2. 1-20	or 139. 1-10
Mark 13. 24-37		Revelation 5. 1-10
		John 1. 43-51
10th December	Christmas Day	
2nd Sunday of Advent	The Nativity of our Lord	
Isaiah 40. 1-11	Isaiah 52. 7-10	21st January
Psalm 85. 8-13	Psalm 98	Epiphany 3
2 Peter 3. 8-15	Hebrews 1. 1-12	Genesis 14. 17-20
Mark 1. 1-8	John 1. 1-14	Psalm 128
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17th December		John 2. 1-11
3rd Sunday of Advent	31st December	•
Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-11	Christmas One-Christingle	
Psalm 126 or	Matthew 5.14-16	28th January
Canticle:	11200010 11 301 1 20	Epiphany 4
Magnificat (Luke 1. 47-55)		Deuteronomy 18. 15-20
1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24	7th January 2024 aithan	Psalm 111
John 1. 6-8, 19-28	7th January 2024 – <i>either</i> The Epiphany of the Lord	Revelation 12. 1-5
	Isaiah 60. 1-6	Mark 1. 21-28
24th December	Psalm 72.1-15	114441 11 11 11
4th Sunday of Advent	Ephesians 3. 1-12	
2 Samuel 7. 1-11, 16	Matthew 2. 1-12	4th February
Canticle:		Candlemas
Magnificat (Luke 1. 47-55)	or The Baptism of Christ	Malachi 3. 1-5
or Psalm 89. 1-4, 19-26	Genesis 1. 1-5	Psalm 24. 1-10
or Psalm 89. 1-8	Psalm 29	Hebrews 2. 14-18
Romans 16. 25-27	Acts 19. 1-7	Luke 2. 22-40
Luke 1. 26-38	Mark 1. 4-11	Luke 2. 22-40

# Types of Anglican Church Services in East Radnor Ministry Area

MP - Morning Prayer A service of morning prayer either CinW Contemporary or Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

MW - Morning Worship A less formal service based on MP

EP - Evening Prayer A service of evening prayer either CinW Contemporary or Book of Common prayer (BCP)

Morning or Evening Worship/Praise a less formal service. Sometimes with a theme eg harvest.

Compline - A short Night Office - Set readings and prayers for night time.

Compline Plus - A service of hymns and reflection based around the liturgy of Compline.

Holy Communion/Eucharist - A service that includes the sharing of bread and wine as directed by Jesus at the Last Supper. This can be with hymns or said without hymns. The Liturgy will be CinW 2004, BCP or occasional Celtic.

Are there any types of service that you would like to see? If so please contact your church sub warden, any member of the Ministry Area Team or the clergy.

# **East Radnor Ministry Area Service Rota December 2023**

25th Dece	mber – Christmas Day – '	The Nativity Of Our Lord (White)
9.30am	St Mary's, New Radnor	Holy Communion
9.30am	St David's, Whitton	Holy Communion
11am	St Edward's, Knighton	Holy Communion
	31st December – Cl	nristmas 1 ((White))
10am	St Mary's, Gladestry	Christingle

# East Radnor Ministry Area Service Rota January 2024

January -	The Epiphany Of Our Lord Or The B	aptism Of Christ (White)
10am	St Michael's, Llanfihangel Nant Melan	Holy Communion
11am	St Peter's, Evancoyd	Morning Worship
11am	St Edward's, Knighton	Holy Communion
3pm	St Michael's, Cascob	Evening Prayer
7.30pm	St Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa	Compline Plus
	14th January — Epiphany 2 (W	hite)
9.30am	St David's, Whitton	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, New Radnor	Morning Worship
11am	St Peter's, Evancoyd	Holy Communion
11am	St Edward's, Knighton	Holy Communion
	21st January – Epiphany 3 (Wh	nite)
9.30am	St David's, Whitton	Morning Worship
10am	St Mary's, Gladestry	Holy Communion
11am	St Edward's, Knighton	Holy Communion
11am	St Peter's, Evancoyd	Morning Worship
4pm	New Radnor Community Centre	Informal Worship
	23th January — Epiphany 4 (W	hite)
9.30am	St Edward's, Knighton	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, New Radnor	Holy Communion
11am	St Michael's, Beguildy	Holy Communion
4pm	St Mary's, Gladestry	Evening Worship
	4th February — Candlemas (wf	nite))
10pm	Llanfihangel Nant Melan	Morning Prayer BCP
11am	St Peter's, Evancoyd	Morning Worship
11am	St Edward's, Knighton	Holy Communion
3pm	St Michael's, Cascob	Holy Communion
7.30pm	St Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa	Compline Plus

# **East Radnor Ministry Area Service Rota December 2023**

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3rd December – 1st Sunday of Advent (Purple)			
11am	St Peter's, Evancoyd	Morning Worship	
11am	St Edward's, Knighton	Holy Communion	
4pm	St Michael's, Llanfihangel Nant Melan	Christmas Tree Service	
7.30pm	St Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa	Compline Plus	
	<b>Tuesday 5th December</b>		
6.30pm	Knighton Community Centre	Community Carols	
	Friday 8th December		
7pm	St Mary's Pilleth	Wellies and Woollies	
10	th December – 2nd Sunday of Ad	vent (Purple)	
9.30am	St David's, Whitton	Holy Communion	
10am	St Mary's, New Radnor	O Antiphons	
11am	St Edward's, Knighton	Holy Communion	
11am	St Peter's, Evancoyd	Crib Service	
2.30pm	St David's, Colva	Carols in the Barn	
3pm	Knighton Catholic Church	Advent Reflection	
	with the	e Churches Together Choir	
	Thursday 14th Decembe	r	
6pm	Knighton Methodist Church	Light up a Life Service	
17	th December – 3rd Sunday of Adv	vent (Purple)	
9.30am	St David's, Whitton	Carol Service	
11am	St Peter's, Evancoyd	Nine Lessons and Carols	
11am	St Edward's, Knighton	Holy Communion	
3pm	St Michael's, Cascob	Carol Service	
3pm	Llangunllo	Carol Singing	
•	St Mary's, Gladestry		
6pm	St Mary's, New Radnor	Follow that Star	
	Monday 18th December	r	
6.30pm	Evancoyd	Carol Singing	
	Friday 22nd December		
5pm	New Radnor	Carol Singing	
6.30pm	St Michaels, Beguildy	Carol Service	

11.15pm St Peter's, Evancoyd Midnight Mass

Continued on the reverse...

24th December – 4th Sunday of Advent (Purple) – Christmas Eve10amSt Mary's, GladestryHoly Communion3pmSt Cynllo's, LlangunlloCarol Service4pmSt Michael's, Llanfihangel Nant MelanCrib Service5pmSt Edward's, KnightonCrib Service7pmSt Mary Magdalene, BleddfaChristmas Service