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Wellies and Woollies at St Mary's, Pilleth



Christmas at Evancoyd Church

Thanks to Alison Rogers and Rev. Rachael, once again this year the children of Evenjobb were treated to a wonderful Craft Afternoon where glitter was scattered liberally around and Santa Claus paid not one but two visits to see the children at the Village Hall. It was great fun and we were impressed with everyone's craft skills and creativity.

At Evancoyd Church Christmas festivities began with a charmingly atmospheric crib service taken by Rev. Rachael. David Evans had made a beautiful new crib to house our statues, which we placed in front of the altar, above which was an illuminated star. During the service we carried the statues to the crib. Afterwards we were treated to mince pies, Olwen's Welsh cakes and refreshments.

The following week we had a service of nine lessons and carols which was very well attended and, thanks to Heather's arrangement and accompaniment on the organ, it went very smoothly. It really was a lovely occasion. Once again we enjoyed refreshments afterwards.

There seems to be a theme to our seasonal celebrations involving refreshments, because our Carol Singing around the village was also much improved by the alcohol we consumed at the house of Kevin Powell and furthermore at the Village Hall with soup and mulled wine. Thanks go to Rosina for organising food at the Village Hall and Olwen, Christianne, Donald and Angus for also providing refreshments, and indeed everyone who took part. We made the grand total of £390 in aid of the Bracken Trust.

Joanna Winstone

St. Michael's, Beguildy Carol Service

It was lovely to see so many faces both old and new at Beguildy's annual Carol Service. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped to get the church looking tidy and so festive. Small gifts were handed out to some of the younger attendees as a gesture of good will from St Michael's during the season of the aforementioned. A kind donation of a £20 voucher from the George and Dragon in Knighton was gifted to Jane Harris following her number randomly being pulled out of the hat by Petra Goodband. Refreshments were enjoyed by all after the service, thank you again for attending. If anyone would like to get involved or help out this year, please get in contact, any help is greatly appreciated

Phill George - Churchwarden, St. Michael's, Beguildy

Wellies and Woollies at St Mary's, Pilleth

St. Mary's annual Christmas Concert, 'Wellies and Woollies', was very well attended with almost a full Church to enjoy a programme of Carols and Readings and music by the Radnor Valley Band. A big thank you to Rev. Petra and the Radnor Valley Band who organised the evening's programme, which was enjoyed by all. Thanks also must go to the readers and singers and to the ladies of Pilleth, who had beautifully decorated the Church, set off by the many candles which provided the light. Mulled wine, cake and mince pies were served to all after the Concert and thanks go to all who provided them.

At Christmas, Pilleth Church is always highlighted on the hill by strings of lights which are supplied and erected by Alan and Helen Jones and friends. Alan also cleaned the leaves and twigs off the steps and we wish to thank them very much.

We are still awaiting news of the theft of the coping stones. The insurers are waiting for new quotes after the latest stones were taken. We hope to have them replaced in due course.

A very Happy New Year to all. - *Peter Hood*

Tractor Run

It was amazing to see such a large crowd of people and children enjoying the sight of 120 tractors all decorated with fairy lights and festive characters on the Comm car park, ready for the run. Joining local farmers were several who had travelled long distances to support the event, which had been very well organised by Knighton, Teme Valley and Clun Young Farmers Clubs, in memory of local farmer Dave Thomas, who tragically lost his life earlier in the year, following an accident on the farm. The tractor run was organised on the birthday of this popular young man, travelling from Knighton via Clun, Newcastle, The Anchor and on to Beguildy, where they halted near the Thomas family farm to pay their respects. Well done to all who organised and supported the event, which raised in excess of £8000.00 for charity, including the Welsh Air Ambulance.

Jean Price

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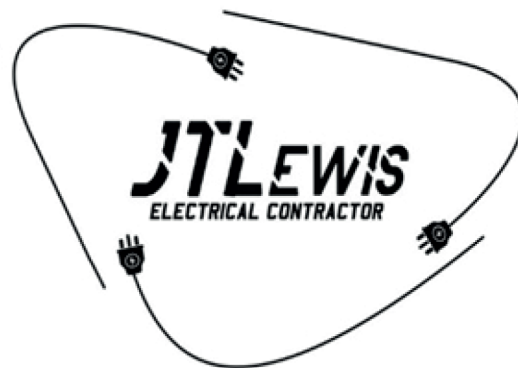
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A Letter from the Vicar's Study



Dear Friends,

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

Here we are one month into 2024. How many of us made new year's resolutions? More importantly, how many have kept them?

The new year and Lent have a lot in common. Both are full of good intentions and sometimes we can expect too much of ourselves. Our lives can be busy in so many ways and there are many more expectations of us all than there used to be. I used to enjoy the days when we sent letters. There was nothing that we could do until we had a reply, which gave us time to do something else. Now I can be reached by email, phone, text, Messenger and WhatsApp to name but a few. I always feel that I should reply straight away and feel guilty if I don't.

Lent is due to start this month and I am going to endeavour to set aside proper time for me and for my family and friends. This will not be easy but I do believe that God wants this, not just of me but all of us. It is easy to spend our time focussing on what the world wants from us but maybe it is now time to focus on what God wants from us. Romans 12:2 states:-

"Do not conform to the pattern of the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will." (New International Version)

Whatever belief system we may have it is important to ground ourselves and assess what gifts we have. Do we use them enough or have we become bogged down? Let us take time to reflect and be mindful.

I wish you all a reflective, loving and gentle time of Lent.

Love and blessings,

Petra xx

Deadline

The deadline for the March edition is 15th February.

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 – Simeon

The February cover is a modern version of the 'Presentation in the Temple' celebrated on 2nd February. Luke tells the story of Mary and Joseph taking their infant Jesus to the Temple to be blessed. Simeon, an old man with grey hair and beard, receives the child. His tall hat denotes that he is a prophet, as long ago it was promised that before he died, he would see the Messiah. He has waited his whole life for the fulfilment of that promise. Here Jesus is more of a young boy than a baby, being held by Simeon. His divinity is signed by a halo, and he blesses us with his upraised finger.

The stained glass is from the Cathedral church in Beaune, France, in Burgundy.

The 'Presentation in the Temple' is also called 'Candlemas' because Simeon famously declared that Jesus was "*A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel*", and so the Church has traditionally blessed candles on this day.

Photo and article by Laura Woodside-Jones

Gladestry WI

Several members attended our November meeting armed with sewing kits in anticipation of a 'crafty' evening with Bethany. Donations for our Christmas Quiz hamper prize were received - we've had an excellent response by keen quizzers who are eager to 'have a go!'

Following the usual business side of the meeting, our dear longest serving member, Joan Hughes, read an account of her experience as our honoured guest at the PRFWI ACM held in Rhayader. Joan wore the Gladestry WI sash with pride as she stood beside our banner. The highlights for Joan were singing Jerusalem and listening to the excellent speaker, Ernie Husson. All honoured guests were presented with a PRFWI centenary book which included contributions by Joan.

Our evening continued with crafting a 'Christmas pudding' in felt. Bethany demonstrated and encouraged us all to have a go! Threading a needle proved a challenge for several of us, but nevertheless we persevered and some artistic 'puddings' were created. Bethany judged the 'puddings' and declared Margaret the winner.

Delicious refreshments followed, with Joan and Margaret cutting a cake in celebration of their birthdays during November. The draw on the night was won by Sue. Members are looking forward to their Christmas dinner at The Ox in Painscastle in December.

Gladestry WI Christmas Dinner

Our December meeting was a Christmas meal held in the Roast Ox in Painscastle. Ten members gathered in the warm and beautifully decorated restaurant. A delicious meal was created by Tony and served by Mrs Harper, who attended to our every need. Amazing how quiet it became as we appreciated the spread before us.

Crackers were pulled, jokes and cards shared. Gaynor revealed the correct answers to the WI quiz which she had cleverly devised. There were 5 correct sheets out of 24 submitted. The 5 names were put in a hat - Margaret Lloyd's name was withdrawn as the winner of the hamper - she was thrilled!

The winners of the WI monthly competitions were announced by Joan. Marlene, Viv and Gaynor had scored the most points and were delighted with their prizes.

The Secret Santa sack was passed around. There were many delighted 'oohs' as gifts were unwrapped.

Our lovely evening drew to a close - the last WI gathering of 2023. It has been a special year filled with friendship and loss. We look forward to our Centenary year in 2024 with anticipation.

Happy New Year to everyone!

Marlene Evans

Felindre WI

Felindre WI's December event was an open evening in Felindre Village Hall with over 70 guests from other WIs and the local community.

President Jayne Harris welcomed everyone and introduced demonstrator Mrs Jane Pugh of Jane's Petals, Bishop's Castle. Jane's flower arranging demonstration for the evening was called 'Chocolate Christmas Fantasy' and she did five arrangements, giving a brief history of the various chocolates depicted, accompanied by some very entertaining singing of Christmas songs.

Jane is a NAFAS Instructor, has had her flower shop for the last 20 years and is a National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies Area Demonstrator and Speaker.

WI members served a buffet supper part-way through the evening, then after the demonstrations were completed, Jane donated all her floral arrangements as raffle prizes, with additional prizes donated by local people, including a Christmas hamper from Felindre WI.

There were also four craft stalls selling items made by local people, which proved very popular.

WI member Rebe Brick thanked Jane for her demonstrations, all the guests for coming, and everyone said it had been a very enjoyable evening.

Felindre WI meets on the first Wednesday of each month. New members are always welcome - contact Jayne on 01547 510644 for further information.

Gladestry Visit Felindre WI

Three members ventured out on a miserable Autumnal evening to visit Felindre WI who were hosting a 'Chocolate Christmas Fantasy'. Jane Pugh, a NAFAS demonstrator and florist from Bishop's Castle held us enthralled as she created amazing floral arrangements with a chocolate theme using foliage and beautiful flowers, their colours relating to famous names of chocolate, at the same time singing Christmas songs! What a talented lady. Jane generously donated her arrangements (and chocolates) along with the draw prizes. Chris won a bottle of Bailey's - well deserved for being our driver.

Delicious refreshments in abundance were supplied by the ladies of Felindre WI. A wonderful start to the Christmas festivities.

Gladestry Remembers

A box of 10 poppies was laid from Gladestry WI in remembrance of the men from Gladestry area who lost their lives in the two wars.

Max and Tom laid poppies alongside other wreaths in remembrance of the children killed during wars.

Gladestry WI



Crafting with Bethany



Threading a Needle!



Cutting the Birthday Cake!

Gladestry WI Christmas Dinner



WI Dinner

Felindre WI



Gladestry Visit Felindre WI



*Wonderful
floral demonstration
by Jane at Felindre WI*

Gladestry Remembers



Presentation of the Hamper



Competition Winners

Tref y Clawdd WI



Whitton WI



Looking Festive in St Mary's



Tref y Clawdd WI

In December, we had a visit from Santa at our Christmas bring and share supper, as well as a visit from Ann Lloyd, the Powys Radnor federation chairman, and her vice-chairman, Karen. There was just time to organise even more events to complete an exciting year and Ann kindly judged our homemade Christmas hat competition which included some wonderfully elaborate and exotic entries.

The annual competition results were revealed between gales of laughter, as the results are a closely guarded secret only known to the treasurer. The surprise winner was Dorothy and Jean was second, with Pauline in third place and Jane in fourth with the other 'riders and runners' unplaced.

In January, it was time for our annual celebration lunch. Our partners were invited and we had a very convivial meal together - celebrating our friendship and looking forward to an exciting new year. We have several outings and workshops planned, both educational and fun to suit all tastes

We meet on the first Wednesday evening of the month in St Edward's church hall and visitors are always welcome.

Please phone Dorothy for further information 07974678514

Whitton WI

Whitton WI members had all done a lot of extra cooking during 2023. There were our entries in the County Show with savoury pies, sponge cake, preserves and the battle of the Battenberg. We prepared everything for the successful community Harvest Supper and we also baked for the Coffee Mornings held on the second Tuesday in every month. So, at the end of the year, we especially welcomed someone cooking for us.

Our December meeting started with a demonstration and truly authentic Italian meal from Miranda Cappecchi. This was enhanced by her teaching us a few useful words in Italian. Although some members were reluctant and embarrassed to practise ordering in a restaurant they managed after a glass or two of Italian wine!

We enjoyed Anti-pasta (hors d'oeuvres); then a delicious day-old Ragu (as that's the best way to enjoy it!) over rigatoni; followed by homemade Panna Cotta. Everything was extremely delicious from the first to the last mouthful. The Christmas decorations were up in our hall – so it was a very festive meeting. It really put us in the mood... and although we were full-up we were not counting calories as we looked forward to going out for our WI Christmas lunch a couple of weeks later.

Throughout 2024 members (and visitors) are looking forward to more interesting talks and demonstrations, plus visits and trips out. Of course, we are continuing with the FREE coffee morning – starting at 10.30 am on 9th January. We are looking forward to seeing our old friends and welcoming new faces there!

Hilary Naylor



...the good news is - I've found a way of heating the church on unwanted chip-fat!...



**In God alone my soul quietly rests,
for my hope comes from Him. Ps 62:5**

Knighton News

Coffee Morning

Our next social get together will be on **Saturday 17th February** at 10.30am in the Church Hall. We look forward to seeing you for coffee and chat. Usual stalls of books, bric-a-brac, cakes, produce and more. If you have unwanted items we can sell, please bring them along or we can arrange collection (528 260).

Bingo

In the Church Hall at 7.00 pm on **Saturday 24th February**, for hall funds.

Grand Draw - 16th December

The winners were: R Johnson, A Naughton, M Price, S Morris, C Bevan, L George, J Vickerstaff, L Heakin, D Davies, T Price, R Davies, R Reynolds, R Reeves, D Bowen, C Small, R Davies, D Davies, L Johnson, Jacky.

Our thanks to all who provided the Christmas gifts, which raised the sum of £600.00 for church funds.

The sum of £225.00 was raised on the same day from the stalls in the room for church funds. Thank you to all who helped to make the day enjoyable.

Family News

Please remember in your prayers all in our community who are unwell, receiving treatment for cancer, and those awaiting surgery.

Belated birthday wishes to Geoff Weaver (organist) who recently celebrated a big birthday. We hope you enjoyed your special day.

A huge thank you to Michael Conway for illuminating our parish church for the Christmas festival, also for help with erecting and decorating the large Christmas tree in church. Our thanks also to Derrick Price for the festive decorations in the hall. Both gentlemen have recently suffered broken bones and other health problems. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Our thoughts are with Do Phillips and family, mourning the loss of nephew Paul Walker, who recently passed away aged 67 years.

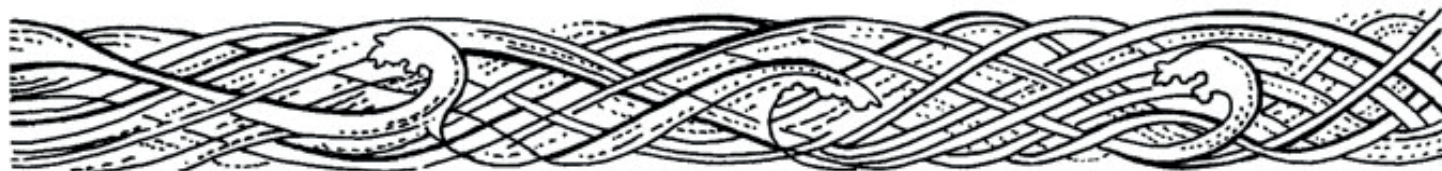
The funeral service for Elizabeth Petley (Liz) took place on 17th November, officiated by Rev. Petra Goodband and Sister Margaret Davis. Liz passed away in hospital on 17th October aged 85 years, just weeks before her 86th birthday. The chosen hymns sung were "O Lord my God" and "Jerusalem" and the reading was Psalm 23. Tributes were paid, reminding us of the contribution she made as a town councillor and business owner in town for many years. Earlier in the day a service took place at Hereford Crematorium, conducted by Sister Margaret Davis, with the hymn "Morning has Broken" sung and the poem "In the Arms of an Angel" read by Kirsty (friend).

Rev. Petra Goodband conducted the funeral service for Sybil Jones on 14th December. She passed away aged 91 years on 39th November in hospital. The chosen hymns included in the service were "O Lord my God" and "Make me a Channel of your Peace". Sybil will be remembered for her long nursing career caring for others, a senior nurse at Hereford Hospital and later in our community where she was much respected and valued. She was laid to rest in the new cemetery beside husband Fred.

The funeral service for Rita Hall took place on 18th December. Rita passed away on 7th December aged 93 years. The service was conducted by Rev. Petra Goodband. The hymns "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended" and "O Lord my God" were chosen by the family, with Psalm 23 and a reading from the Gospel of John. Rita was laid to rest with Reg in the new cemetery.

Our thoughts are with the families and friends of Liz, Sybil and Rita, mourning the loss of their loved ones.

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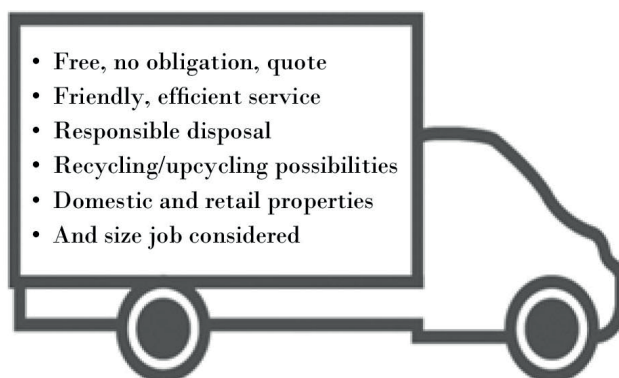


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Celtic Saint of the Month

Caedmon – Herdsman and Poet – Died 11th February c.680

You may well ask why a Northumbrian with an Anglo-Saxon name is our Celtic saint for February. Caedmon worked as a herdsman in the double monastery of Streonaeshalh, which later became known as Whitby Abbey, run by Abbess Hild on Celtic lines. Caedmon himself may have been a Celtic Briton, living alongside the conquering Angles. It looks as if his name is an anglicisation of the Welsh Cadfan.



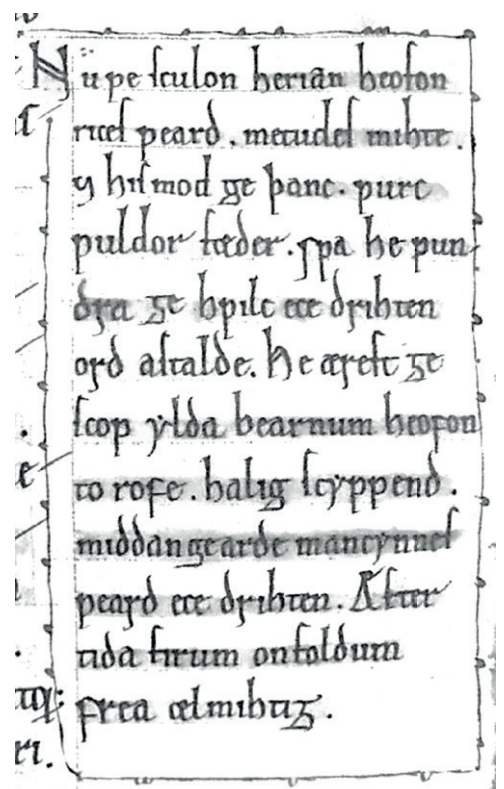
Anyway, it seems that they used to have feasts and the harp was past round for everyone to take a turn to sing. When Caedmon saw the harp approaching, he would make an excuse and disappear out to the barn. He was no good at playing or singing. One night he went out to see to the animals in the barn and then fell asleep. He had a dream in which someone said, "Caedmon, sing some song to me." "I cannot sing," he answered, "and for that reason I left the feast and came hither, because I could not sing." He who talked with him answered, "However that may be, you shall sing to me." "What shall I sing?" rejoined Caedmon. "Sing the beginning of created things," said the other.

This is how the Venerable Bede recounts it in his *Ecclesiastical History* and goes on to say that Caedmon sang in the dream and he remembered the song when he woke and sang it to the steward, to Abbess Hild and then to other learned men. They judged it was a divine gift and they taught Caedmon other Bible passages so that he could put them into wonderful verse. Hild instructed him to become a monk and he created songs praising God and covering the whole of the story of God's redemptive work.

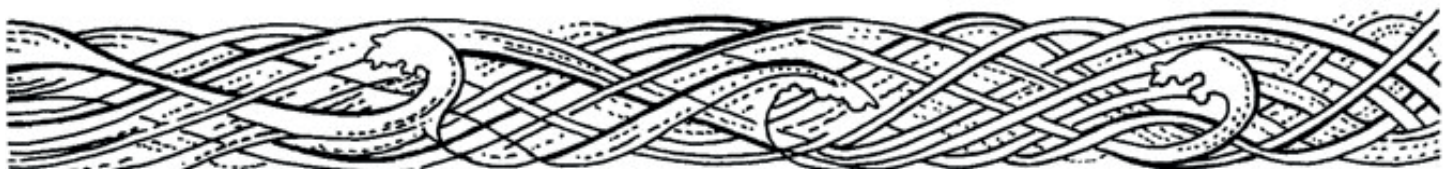
Not only is this the only verse of Caedmon's that has survived, but it is also the earliest surviving Anglo-Saxon poem. Bede recorded it in Latin, but various scribes added Anglo-Saxon versions in the margins.

Here is the verse in modern English:

Now must we honour the kingdom of heaven's guardian.
The measurer's might and his mind-plans.
The work of the glory father.
When he of each wonder, eternal Lord, established the beginning,
he first created for the children of men, heaven as a roof.
Holy creator.
Then on middle-earth, mankind's
Guardian, eternal Lord, made lands for men.
Lord almighty.



Caedmon's hymn from the Magdalen College, Oxford manuscript of Bede's *Ecclesiastical History*.



Llanfair Waterdine WI

We do not hold a meeting in January but a few of us went to the Pantomime in Shrewsbury and we are having a lunch together in the middle of the month.

The speaker for our February meeting (2nd February) is Simon Nix, who is talking about “Bagpipes and Bees”. It is always nice to have a local speaker and he would be pleased to welcome any guests to share our evening.

Friday 1st March we have a willow workshop led by Bridget Graham.

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 Margaret Clugston 01547 529155.

Poem - So God Made A Farmer

This poem was read at a local farmer's funeral service at Whitton.

And on the eighth day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, I need a caretaker.'

So God made a Farmer.

He said, 'I need someone ready to get up before dawn to feed his cows, till his land and feed the stock again before heading to the village for a meeting of the local council or the parish farmers' group and put the world to rights, afterwards, in the local hostelry.

So God made a Farmer.

God said, 'I need someone to be up all night tending a new born calf only to watch it die and then to have the courage to carry on farming. I need someone who can feed his sheep from a feeding rack he's made from a pile of old wire. Who, at planting time and harvest time can complete his forty hours work by Tuesday lunch time then, with painful tractor back, can complete many more hours, often battling against the weather, until the harvest's home.

So God made a Farmer.

God said, 'I need someone strong enough to shear the sheep, tag the cattle and carry heavy bales of hay, yet gentle enough to deliver a new born lamb and coax it into life. Someone who cares for the wildlife he sees on the farm every day.

So God made a Farmer.

It had to be someone who could plough a straight furrow and not cut corners. Someone to plant and to weed, to rake and to mow, to shear the sheep and tie the fleeces. Someone who'd provide for his family with that soft, strong bond. Who'd laugh and then sigh when his Grandsons say to him, 'I want to be a farmer, Grandpa, just like you.'

So God made a Farmer.

Christmas Tree Festival

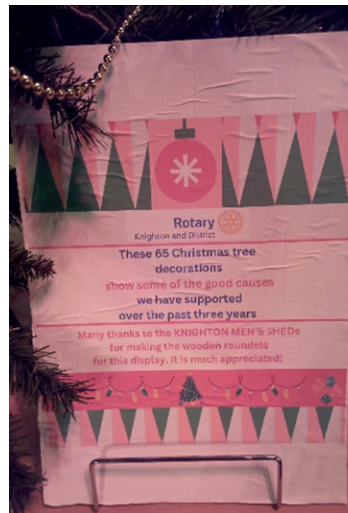
Thank you to all who came along and enjoyed this annual event in church, so many trees full of colour and interest, different mediums skilfully decorated with lovely handcrafted items and colourful baubles in various shapes. It was a pleasure to welcome three new organisations involved, the Royal British Legion, Knucklas Craft Club and the Community Centre, adding to the displays from the Primary School, Men's Shed, Trefoil Club, Scouts, Rotary, Restorella, Teme Valley Garden Club, Stowe & Stanage WI, The Flower Box, and an exquisite 40 year old handcrafted tree from a gentleman in Norton. A visit from the handbell ringers was much appreciated and helped create the wonderful festive atmosphere. There were many lovely comments in the visitors' book expressing this.

Jean Price

Christmas at St Mary's, Gladestry



Christmas Tree Festival



Christmas Craft Celebrations



Helen Reynolds putting the finishing touches



Kath Harris adding her decorations



The morning session of wreath making



Wreath In Situ



Wreaths On Display



Tree Decorations



Cake Case Bauble

Welcome-Inn 2024!



Christmas Craft Celebrations

During the run up to Christmas, 'Crafting Companions' (funded by the National Lottery Community Fund) ran two wreath making workshops and a Christmas decorations social evening at Felindre Village Hall. The workshops were well attended with 24 people attending to make willow wreaths, weaving their own circle (which can be reused) and then decorating using locally sourced foliage, Christmas lights and decorations. The following week Crafting Companions hosted a Christmas Decorations evening where people could make and take their decorations away, but not before enjoying a chat over a mulled wine and refreshments. Activities ranged from decorated gift bags and Christmas baubles to clay figures and button tree decorations. The craft sessions will be running through January and February, funded by The National Lottery Community Fund with a celebration exhibition at the beginning of March. For more information, please email Jayne.felindrevb@gmail.com

Jayne Bright

Life on a spin

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness considers the aim of Lent.

Many years ago, at the Pleasure Beach at Blackpool, there was a certain 'ride' or amusement that was strictly for the physically fit. It consisted of a flat wooden disc about 20 feet in diameter and set at an angle of 45 degrees in the floor. When it began to rotate, the aim was to get to the centre where there was a pole. As the disc rotated faster and faster, everyone who failed to get to the pole got flung off. Nowadays there's probably a European Community regulation banning it as far too dangerous!

The principle of the game was a basic law of physics. When any wheel rotates, the outer rim moves fastest of all. Half way to the centre and you are moving a lot more slowly. And, at least theoretically, at the absolute centre will be a point which is totally still. That's why anyone who reached that pole could stand there quite comfortably.

We have just started the Church's season of Lent. It's generally thought of as being a time for giving up chocolate, wine, whatever. But it's really a time to remind us that in our own rapidly spinning world, God is the still centre.

All around God is motion, sound, change and decay – galaxies circling, seasons and years rotating, life developing and decaying. And at the still centre, where there is no variableness, is God, the same yesterday, today and forever.

Only about seven weeks ago Christians worldwide were thinking of God getting involved in a special way in the ever moving and changing life of the world. And one great characteristic of Jesus was His stillness. Busy, harassed, injured people found someone with neither clever chat nor idle gossip, neither vulgar boasting nor loud opinion. His life always seemed to rotate round a still central point, which gave Him balance and authority.

"Be still then and know that I am God" wrote the Psalmist. Lent is a time for us to try and do just that – to find the still centre of God in our own individual lives.

Of course, we're all of us very much in the world, and must live our lives in all of its busyness. But it may do none of us any harm to be a little more silent than we often are – quick to listen and slow to speak. And the more silent spaces we give ourselves, the more we'll give that still, small voice within each one of us the chance to be heard.

from Parish Pump

Welcome-Inn 2024!

New Year's Eve is always a jovial affair at The Greyhound Inn, Llangunllo. The farewell to 2023 and ringing-in of 2024 was bound to be celebrated with plenty of colour and fizz, therefore. The fancy dress theme, for those who relish in the taking part, was "Muppets and Puppets." It's fair to say there were plenty both, with partygoers sporting all sorts of vibrant, homemade and shop-bought, character costumes from the big and small screens. Musical entertainment, which kept customers dancing and singing all night, was provided by talented local musicians in an array of different combinations including: acoustic and electric guitars, bass guitar, saxophone, ukulele, cajon drum, percussion and vocals, with all joining together during an upbeat finale and the traditional singing of Auld Lang Syne. A delicious buffet, for all to enjoy, was kindly provided throughout the proceedings, by The Greyhound Inn. Grateful thanks to Landlord, Paul Hardware, for providing such a joyous start to 2024. Happy New Year!

Are You A Winner?!

Llangunllo 200 Club Results

| November 2023 | December 2023 |
|--------------------|------------------|
| £20 - Emrys Breeze | £20 - Betty Cook |
| £10 - Melissa Pugh | £10 - Oz Kelly |
| £5 - Michael Brown | £5 - Kath Poole |
| £5 - Anne Vogel | £5 - Clive Jones |

Gladestry 49 Club

The weekly winners for November and December are:

Chris Smedley (43), Neil Botfield (32), John Cook (6), Betty Johnson (49), Ali Ward (40), Cathy Morgan (30), rollover, Janet Crewe (44), and finally, Steve Ward (38).

Good fortune to all participants in 2024!!

Michael Johnson

New Radnor Children's Playground Club 100 Winners!

December 2023:

1st: Janet Morgan

2nd: Sue and Ben Harris

3rd: Jim Broomfield

January 2024:

1st: F Green

2nd: Kate Matthew-Jones

3rd: Geoffrey Asson

APOLOGIES and amendment to Dec/Jan edition of The Radnor, the correct email address for the New Radnor Children's Playground is:

newradnorplayground@outlook.com

All are very welcome to our playground AGM-

7th February 2024, 7pm

New Radnor Community Centre

St Mary's, Gladestry Food Bank - Thank You!

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who supported the Food Bank at Christmas. A colossal amount of food and other items was donated by the church, villagers and the school. Thank you all so very much, your kindness has been such a blessing. A box is left in St Mary's porch year round, where items of food and toiletries can be left for collection. Any foods, canned, dried or in jars, is very welcome and will help so many families in these difficult times. God Bless.

Howard and Ann Dean on behalf of Kington Food Bank.

Teme Valley Gardeners' Club

The club resumes its monthly meetings at Knucklas Community Centre at the winter timing of 2pm on Monday 12th February. The illustrated talk will be on the subject of Japanese Gardens. Visitors are always welcome. Refreshments are available.

Robert Forbath

Winter Now

'Tis winter now; the fallen snow
Has left the heavens all coldly clear;
Through leafless boughs the sharp winds blow,
And all the earth lies dead and drear.

And yet God's love is not withdrawn;
His life within the keen air breathes;
His beauty paints the crimson dawn,
And clothes the boughs with glittering wreaths...

O God! Who giv'st the winter's cold,
As well as summer's joyous rays,
Us warmly in thy love enfold,
And keep us through life's wintry days.

From a poem by Samuel Longfellow, 1819-92

Welsh Words

Dydd Mawrth Ynyd

Shrove Tuesday

(literally - Feasting Tuesday)

Dydd Mawrth Crempog

Pancake Tuesday

Dydd Mercher y Llundw

Ash Wednesday



Happy moments, praise God.
Difficult moments, seek God.
Quiet moments, worship God.
Painful moments, trust God.
Every moment, thank God.

- Anon

Llanfair Flicks In The Sticks

We are delighted to be showing 'The Great Escaper' on Saturday 17th of February.

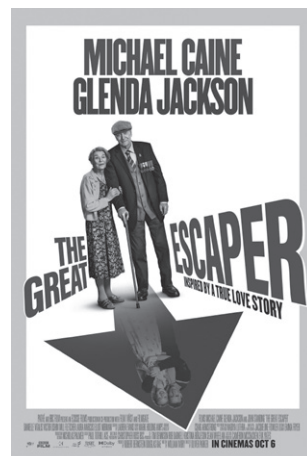
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Spring 2024 Film Programme for K&DCC

'Barbenheimer' comes to Knighton

An exciting Spring 2024 programme of films has been confirmed for the Knighton & District Community Centre. These include two of the most highly rated films of recent months, 'Barbie' and 'Oppenheimer', as well as 'Past lives', which topped many people's list as film of 2023.

All film showings start at 7.30pm, with the cafe and bar opening at 7pm.

The programme includes two films from the Borderlines Film Festival, and admission to all films is £6.

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| February 2nd | Barbie | March 29th | Past Lives |
| February 16th | Living | April 12th | Dune (2021) |
| March 1st | The Great Escaper (Borderlines) | April 26th | Oppenheimer |
| March 15th | Anatomy of a Fall (Borderlines) | May 10th | Typist, Artist, Pirate, King |

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Dates For Your Diary

February

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| 2nd | Film: <i>Barbie</i> | Knighton Comm Centre | 21 |
| 2nd | Concert of Music | St Andrew's Church | 27 |
| 6th | WI Marie Curie Talk | Reynold's Room | 45 |
| 7th | New Radnor Playground AGM | | 20 |
| 10th | Music in New Radnor | New Radnor Comm Hall | 26 |
| 10th | Handel's Messiah | St Edward's Church | 43 |
| 10th | Bingo Night | The Comm | 42 |
| 12th | <i>Japanese Garden</i> - Talk | Knucklas Comm Hall | 20 |
| 15th | Whist Drive | The Comm | 42 |
| 16th | Film: <i>Living</i> | Knighton Comm Centre | 21 |
| 17th | Film: <i>The Great Escaper</i> | Everest Hall | 21 |
| 17th | Coffee Morning | Knighton Church Hall | 12 |
| 18th | Informal Worship | New Radnor Comm Hall | 44 |
| 19th | <i>Growing Top Fruit</i> - Talk | New Radnor Comm Hall | 26 |
| 24th | Bingo | Knighton Church Hall | 12 |
| 25th | Trio Volant Concert | St Edward's Church Hall | 27 |

March

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|------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----|
| 1st | Film: <i>The Great Escaper</i> | Knighton Comm Centre | 21 |
| 1st | WI Willow Workshop | Everest Hall | 16 |
| 5th | Awayday | Llangasty Retreat House | 47 |
| 9th | Bingo Night | The Comm | 42 |
| 14th | Meeting on St David's | Knucklas Comm Hall | 50 |
| 15th | Film: <i>Anatomy of a Fall</i> | Knighton Comm Centre | 21 |
| 17th | Informal Worship | New Radnor Comm Hall | 47 |
| 18th | Auldren Farm Talk | New Radnor Comm Hall | 26 |
| 29th | Film: <i>Past Lives</i> | Knighton Comm Centre | 21 |

Monthly Events

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| 1st Tues | Tea & Natter | St Edward's Church Hall | 43 |
| 1st Tues | Stowe & Stanage WI | The Comm | |
| 1st/3rd Tues | Craft Afternoon | Walton Hall | 28 |
| 2nd Tues | Coffee Morning | Whitton Comm Hall | 26 |
| 3rd Tues | Hear to Help Clinic | The Comm | 28 |
| Last Tues | Cerdu Carers Group | The Comm | |
| 1st/3rd Wed | Braken Trust | The Comm | |
| 1st Wed | Singing Group | Llangunllo Village Hall | 28 |
| 1st Wed | Felindre WI | Felindre Village Hall | |
| 1st Wed | Tref y Clawdd WI | St Edward's Church Hall | |
| 2nd Wed | Book & Jigsaw Swap | Walton Hall | 28 |
| 4th Wed | Hear to Help Clinic | Presteigne | 28 |
| 1st Fri | Llanfair Waterdine WI | Everest Hall | |
| 2nd/4th Fri | Mind Friday Group | The Comm | |
| 2nd/4th Sat | Community Market | The Comm | |
| 4th Sat | Library Open | The Comm | |

Weekly Events

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|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----|
| Mondays | Lunch Club | Knighton Methodist | 28 |
| Mondays | Family Centre | The Comm | |
| Mondays | Welsh - Adanced | The Comm | |
| Mondays | Army Cadets | The Comm | |
| Tuesdays | Community Cafe Hub | The Comm | |
| Tuesdays | Women's Hour | The Comm | |
| Tuesdays | Citizens Advice | The Comm | 28 |
| Wednesday | Pilates | The Comm | |
| Wednesday | Youth Club (Termtime) | The Comm | |
| Wednesday | Zumba | The Comm | |
| Wednesday | Art Classes | The Hub | 31 |
| Thursdays | Drop In Social Cafe | The Comm | 27 |
| Thursdays | Coffee, Cakes, Chat | The Hub | 31 |
| Thursdays | Leg Club | The Comm | 31 |
| Thursdays | Table Tennis | Llangunllo Village Hall | 28 |
| Thursdays | Art Group | The Comm | |
| Thursdays | Welsh - Beginner | The Comm | |
| Thursdays | Karate | The Comm | |
| Thursdays | Drop-In Eatery | The Comm | 28 |
| Fridays | Bar and Food Night | The Hub | 31 |
| Fridays | Future Family Fitness | The Comm | |
| Fridays | Stay and Play | The Comm | |

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St David's Day Celebration at Knighton Community Centre

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Radnor Valley Gardening Club Events Calendar for 2024

19 Feb - 7.30pm - Chris Whitelock

Growing Top Fruit: Tree selection, pruning & disease solutions.

18 Mar - 7.30pm - Alun & Jill Whitehead

Aulden Farm from conception to chaos!

15 Apr - 7.30pm - Robert Arley, TV producer.

Robert has worked on many TV programmes including The Antiques Roadshow.

20 May - 7.30pm - Neil Pedliham

A talk on the art of Bonsai.

Summer

Garden visits and plant sale will be organised.

End Aug or early Sept - Annual show

You don't need to be a member to enter.

21 Oct - 7.30pm - AGM

18 Nov - 7.30pm - Sabina Ruber

Plant photography and bulbs.

Dec - Annual Christmas meal

Dates for the summer garden visits and plant sale are still to be confirmed, as is the Annual Show date – look out for posters.

All meetings in New Radnor Community Hall, Hall Lane.
Everybody welcome. Non-members charged a small fee for talks,
membership £5 for the year.

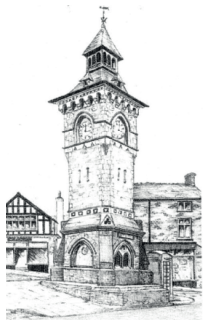
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Gladestry WI First Aid Evening

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Several members helped to demonstrate CPR, bleeding comprehension and removal of objects causing obstruction and choking. Jess also alleviated our concerns of using a defibrillator by demonstration with all members having 'hands on' experience. A vote of thanks to Jess was given by Liz who reiterated that to 'have a go' could save a life.

A bring and share supper rounded off an excellent evening. Marlene won the competition and Margaret won the draw.

Our February meeting will be decoupage with Rev. Rachael. New members and visitors always welcome.

Marlene Evans



The Vestry Cupboard That Hid "Precious" Welsh Bible

A Bible printed in 1620, one of the very first to be produced in Welsh, has been discovered by chance in a vestry cupboard in St Martin and St Enfail's Church in Merthyr, near Carmarthen.

Mari James, Library Development Officer at St David's Cathedral, described the 400-year-old Bible as "quite a treasure" and "a precious part of Wales' history of Christian worship".

A former Merthyr churchwarden, Huw Evans, found the Bible forgotten and unrecognised among candles, communion wine and linen in the back of the cupboard.

Copies of the Bible, known as the Bishop Parry version, were distributed to all churches in Wales to comply with Queen Elizabeth I's instruction that everyone should be able to read the Scriptures in their own language. This was the main Reformation project in Wales, intended to consolidate Protestantism.

The volume was based on the 1588 translation by Bishop William Morgan. The Old Testament was translated directly from the original Hebrew, and the New Testament from Greek. Some of the work was carried out in St David's.

A Welsh Book of Common Prayer, dating from 1710 in the reign of Queen Anne, was also found languishing - in the same vestry cupboard.

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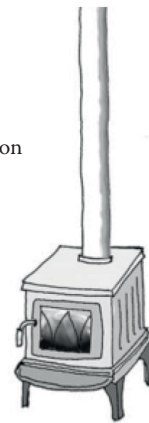
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Llangunllo Community Carol Service

The Community Carol Service was held at St Cynllo's Church on Christmas Eve. Decorated this year in green, white and silver, the church was full, and traditional carols, with the readings of the Christmas Story, enjoyed by the congregation.

As a family service, the children played a central part, first lighting the candles of the Advent Wreath and then presenting the Nativity Tableaux in costume.

Menna played the harp and sang "Mary's Boy Child" with the children, helped by mums joining in as all gathered around the crib.

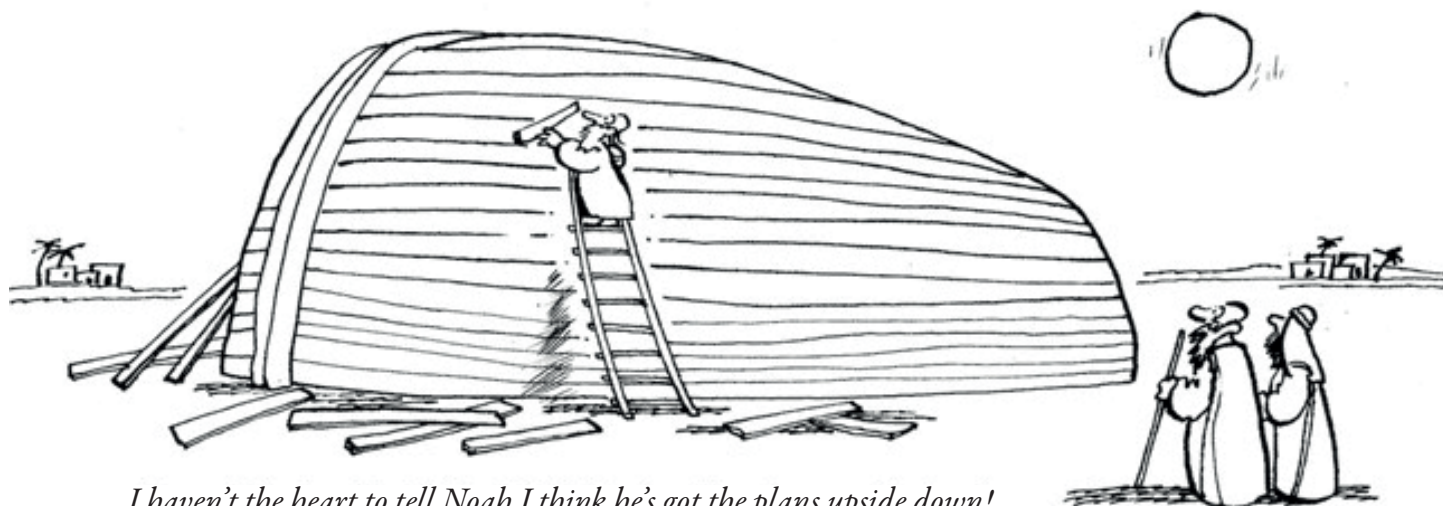
Menna and Caroline also sang "In the Bleak Mid-Winter" and George Baker, our organist, entertained with a "European Tour of Carols."

After the service seasonal refreshments were served, including a glass of fizz, to wish all "Merry Christmas."

A donation to the Diocese Charity "Faith in Families" will be given from the collection.

We thank Michael Brown for kindly providing the photos.

Isabel Morris



... I haven't the heart to tell Noah I think he's got the plans upside down!

Llangunllo Film Night: The Blues Brothers

Film night, hosted by The Friends of St. Cynllo's Church, on November 18th at Llangunllo Community Hall, brought a 1980 classic to the big screen.

Set in Chicago, *The Blues Brothers* is a hilarious, uplifting tale of two seasoned convicts, Elwood and newly released Joliet jailbird, Jake. When they learn that the orphanage where they grew up is threatened with closure, the two tearaways are determined to save the day by raising the 5,000 dollars needed to pay the rent any which way they can!

During a lightbulb moment, whilst begrudgingly attending a Gospel Church Service, Jake "sees the light" and has the idea to get their old band back together to raise the cash. Music, mayhem & amusement are bound to ensue, as the blagards try to avoid those they've cheated, the police and the past from catching up with them. It once boasted one of the most expensive car chase scenes ever filmed.

It was certainly enjoyed by all who attended and, as the credits rolled, a hearty applause rang out.

A few of the audience came along sporting the brothers' trademark pork pie hats and wearing shades in true spirit of the theme.

During the interval, a choice of pulled pork or fish fingers was served in rolls, followed by chocolate or wild berry cheesecake, which went down extremely well!

The raffle was drawn, with an array of excellent prizes claimed by the lucky winners. A fun feel-good evening for all!

Llangunllo Community Carol Service



George at the Organ



A shepherd arrives



Preparing the Nativity Tableau



The Star and Angels around the Crib



*Menna plays and sings
"Mary's Boy Child"*



Children and the Advent Wreath

Llangunllo Film Night: The Blues Brothers



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Progress has been made with replacing the tiles on the church roof and the building is now watertight. Work continues with drainage systems for the rainwater.

On the second Sunday in Advent people gathered in the barn for an afternoon of carols, poems and readings, led by Reverend Rachael. The building looked especially festive with holly, ivy and foliage from the hedgerows and seasonal decorations. A shepherd and Mary, together with two well behaved sheep and a donkey made an appearance. Mulled wine and mince pies were provided by the ladies and everyone enjoyed meeting together prior to Christmas.

Whitton Church Carol Service

Whitton Church held its Carol service with Eucharist on Sunday 17th December and was led by Rev'd Petra, with Lindsay Bayles accompanying the Carols on the Organ and some spirited singing from the congregation. The church members provided seasonal refreshments after the service and a time of fellowship was enjoyed by all that attended. Thanks were given to all those who had decorated the Church so beautifully and one of the members had donated a very nice Stable and Crib scene for the Church to display each year. The collection was donated to Shelter Cymru to support the homeless in Wales.

Pictured Left: Petra lighting the Advent candles with help from Isla at Whitton Church Carol Service, warmed by the red glow from the infra-red heaters.

Whitton Church Christmas Whist Drive

The Annual Church Christmas Whist Drive was held on its traditional date of 23rd December and was very well supported when 9 tables played for a good number of meat vouchers and bottles, kindly donated by local supporters. The MC was Philip Watkins and Ann Price kindly supplied the playing cards. There was a raffle which was well supported and the whole evening raised £200.

Colin Pugh

13st February - Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day

Ever wonder why we eat pancakes just before Lent? The tradition dates back to Anglo-Saxon times, when Christians spent Lent in repentance and severe fasting.

So on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the church bell would summon them to confession, where they would be 'shriven', or absolved from their sins, which gives us Shrove Tuesday. At home, they would then eat up their last eggs and fat, and making a pancake was the easiest way to do this. For the next 47 days, they pretty well starved themselves.

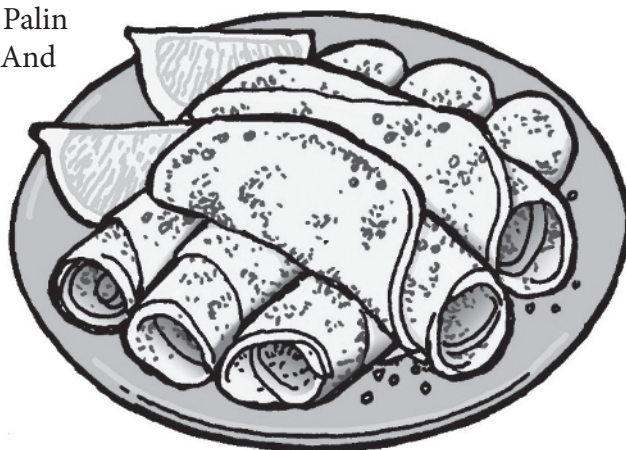
Pancakes feature in cookery books as far back as 1439, and today's pancake races are in remembrance of a panicked woman back in 1445 in Olney, Buckinghamshire. She was making pancakes when she heard the shriving bell calling her to confession. Afraid she'd be late, she ran to the church in a panic, still in her apron, and still holding the pan.

Flipping pancakes is also centuries old. A poem from Pasquil's Palin in 1619 runs: "And every man and maide doe take their turne, And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne."

Some people have noted that the ingredients of pancakes can be used to highlight four significant things about this time of year: eggs stand for creation, flour is the staff of life, while salt keeps things wholesome, and milk stands for purity.

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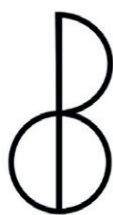
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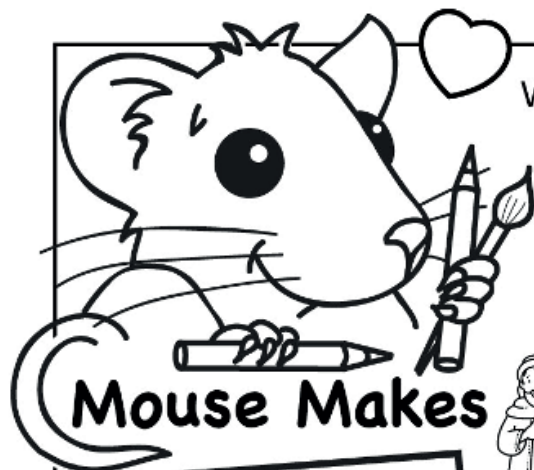
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Apostle Paul in his ministry?

and _____ Romans 16:3

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Genesis 2:22-25

Who's wife became a
pillar of salt because
she disobeyed the
angel's warning?

_____ Genesis 19:26



Which of Laban's
daughters did Jacob love?

_____ Genesis 29:18

Who was Moses' wife?

_____ Exodus 2:21

Who married Boaz
to become
King David's
great-grandmother
and a distant
relative of Jesus ?

_____ Matthew 1:5



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Llangunllo WI Round Up

A busy December saw members of Llangunllo WI starting their Christmas celebrations with a trip to the panto at Shrewsbury's Theatre Severn to see Jack and the Beanstalk. Catching the early train, the trip started with coffee, followed by retail therapy to do that all important Christmas present buying. Shopped out, it was time for lunch at the Armoury before taking our seats in the theatre for an excellent, fun pantomime production. Post pantomime drinks finished off a great day out before catching the evening train home. All agreed the whole day had been really enjoyable, "Oh yes it was!"

A few days later we did our usual community Christmas Lunch. Around 40 sat down to enjoy lunch and a glass of wine, as well as taking the opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours. There was lots of lively conversations and laughter, some of which was generated by the Christmas hats worn by members as they waited on tables.

The start of 2024 might have been wet and windy, but it didn't put off a number of our fearless members continuing their weekly wild swimming. Whilst most of us stayed in the warm with a cup of coffee, they took the plunge in rather chilly water, saying it was a great way to start the New Year. I guess we will just have to believe them!!

Our first meeting of 2024 saw members enjoy our version of desert island discs, with each member sharing a piece of music that was special to them. We enjoyed listening to, and singing along with, Tom Jones, Steve Wonder, The Monkees, Queen and lots of other favourite singers and bands. We heard about music memories from fabulous parties in Singapore to family dancing in the kitchen, concert going, to a maternity delivery room!!

We all reflected on how important music had been, and still is to us, as well as remembering how we listened to music over the years from Radio Caroline, record players, to mobile phones. We all agreed that listening to music whilst enjoying an afternoon tea was a lovely way to spend a very cold afternoon in January.

We look forward to enjoying our 2024 programme and welcoming new members; if you are interested please contact our secretary Isabel Morris on 01547 550 689 for more information. The committee would also like to wish all members a happy and healthy 2024 and thank them for their continued support, see you all in February.

Oh and don't forget to visit us at the charity shop in Kington the second week in February to grab a fabulous bargain.

Anne Newton



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Carols Light Up Llangunllo



Project Touchline

Last term, the whole school was involved in an exciting initiative, funded by Bishop John - PROJECT TOUCHLINE.

Chris attended school to work with our pupils, developing their tag rugby skills and promoting Christian values.

Many pupils also enjoyed the opportunity to attend "Prayer Club". We are pleased that Rev Rach has offered to continue supporting our Prayer Club each week.

Thank you to Chris Andrew and Bishop John for providing our pupils with this opportunity. You can watch our legacy video by scanning the QR code or visiting our school website.



Gladestry's New Outdoor Classroom

As you may have seen on your travels, we are busy developing our outside learning area at Gladestry CiW school.

The pupils are extremely pleased with their new outdoor classroom! We are lucky to have such generous and supportive parents and community. We feel fortunate that Kingston Building Supplies offered us a discount on many of the materials needed to prepare and dress the new area - thank you to this wonderful local company.



A HUGE "Thank you" to Rob Robinson and Claire Davies for their hard work preparing the site; to Hannah Price for organising the fantastic team of willing volunteers to erect and secure the structure. And of course, "Diolch yn fawr iawn" to all that gave their time and were involved in this team effort. The staff and pupils really appreciate your hard work. Our new school fencing will soon be complete.

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Carols Light Up Llangunllo

Once again, the residents of Llangunllo and The Greyhound Inn spread plenty of Christmas cheer throughout December by decorating their properties and gardens with jolly, twinkling lights. A team of willing volunteers added extra sparkle to the village Christmas Tree, so that everywhere was looking positively festive when it was time to gather together and enjoy the annual Community Carols Around The Christmas Tree on Sunday 17th December.

Carollers were pleased to enjoy hot, mulled wine and mince pies during a cool, crisp, but dry evening, which was soon filled with song. Pam Livingstone-Lawn led proceedings in her usual jovial, relaxed style and the Carols commenced, accompanied by Trevor Head on trombone. They were interspersed by Christmas Singalong tunes played on guitar by Trevor, Debbie Jones and Paul Hardware, with Debbie leading the singing. It made for a varied feel-good mix, enjoyed by many different ages within the community and concluded with all the musicians and audience joining together to ring out the night with a joyous rendition of, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

Debbie Jones, Photos: Michael Brown & Debbie Jones

Knucklas and District Notes

Christmas, New Year and Wassail have all been well and truly celebrated.

The festive period has been remarkably quiet around the area, but not without a lot of disability and illness. Sadly, Shirley from Glan Nant passed away suddenly and Paul from Glyndwr, and Julie, previously living by us, died after long illnesses. With all sympathies to their families and friends.

An event which shook up the dust before Christmas was a noisy but beautifully lit-up procession of 120 tractors from the Knighton and Clun Young Farmers' clubs, touring the area and making their way through Knucklas on a very dark evening. This was in memory of David Thomas of Beguildy who lost his life in a farming accident; it would have been his birthday. A fabulous tribute.

The Castle Inn, Knucklas, has won the SME business award in Wales for 2023, a fantastic achievement. Well done to Ying and her dedicated helpers!

With the dawning of 2024 came special messages from many sources of authority. These included encouraging tributes to all the many amazing volunteers in our region, from Angelique Williams (Powys County Councillor) and David Williams (Knighton Town Councillor and Mayor), both from White Anthony.

The League of Friends of Knighton Community Hospital have helped to enable an audiology unit to be set up to help deal with people's hearing issues closer to home.

Popular trend is the desire to have a darkened sky in which to view the heavens. The Brecon Beacons area is believed to be world-leading. Presteigne and Norton are the first actual community in Wales to qualify, with their soft and subdued lighting.

Robert Forbath

Stowe & Stanage WI

We began the new year with a business meeting, discussing entries for the County Show in May and the four resolutions, all worthy subjects, of which we have to choose one. They include dental health, online gambling advertising, impacts of poor housing conditions and improving outcomes for women in the criminal justice system. The conference for all Welsh WIs will be held in Brecon in April, while the annual meeting for the whole organisation is in June at the Albert Hall.

We were pleased that our knitted items, of which there was a total in the federation of nearly 400, were gratefully received by Helping our Homeless Wales.

This was an extra meeting so we had no speaker, but were able to enjoy a social time over a cup of tea and some delicious cake provided by our president and vice-president.

On 6th February we will have a talk about the Marie Curie charity. Please come along if you are interested: 2.30pm in the Reynolds Room. Contact Alison Thomas on 01547 528678 or alithomas1@gmail.com

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A day of Prayer, reflection, input and discussion. A day apart from the everyday world to look at how we, as God's people may grow God's church and to deepen our own faith. The East Radnor Ministry Area away day is a retreat led by Rev Mark Clavier Canon Theologian. There will be time for discussion around the two scriptures that Mark will be using and other relevant topics. The day will start with morning prayer and will end with a Eucharist.

Inviting clergy, laity, MAT and MAC officers, wardens and anyone who is interested in our church's future from our ministry area.

There are 25 places available.

Please contact Danica Gulliver 07399 338739 or email danicagulliver@churchinwales.org.uk to book a place by Friday 24th February, thank you. We will car share as much as possible due to the location of Llangasty Retreat House

The day is fully funded by the Diocese and is part of the Bishops staff's ongoing strategy for the development of Ministry Areas.

Informal Worship New Radnor Community Hall

Readers of this magazine may have noticed that we are now offering this new worship format on the 3rd Sunday afternoon of the month. In these times of such great darkness in the world, we hope to offer a place of peace and reflection for Christians and non-Christians alike. In this secular, post Christian era, we are aware that for many people, Christ's message of Unconditional Love and Service is foreign to many. If you are curious and would like to understand more of Christian belief and spirituality, then please join us for a simple service and an afternoon of tea and kindness in our community hall. A warm welcome awaits you, whoever you are and wherever you are. Please put these dates in your diary. Come along and bring your friends.

Hermione, on behalf of the Informal Worship team.

For lifts or more information please phone on 01544 350691

**Put these dates in your diary.
We would love to see you there.
All Welcome**

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| Jan | 21st | Spiral Meditation from Darkness to Light |
| Feb | 18th | Love: Inspired by St Valentine of course!!! |
| Mar | 17th | Hope: Inspiring Hope when we feel Hopeless! |
| Apr | 21st | Joy: What is joy? |
| May | 19th | Rogation Day: Traditionally a special time of asking for God's blessing on our crops and communities. |
| June | 16th | The Lord is my Shepherd. Psalm 23: Exploring this most famous of psalms and how it relates to us now. |
| July | 21st | Taizé Worship: A style of worship and song enjoyed in particular by young people across the Globe and inspired by the Christian Community of Taizé in France. |
| Aug | 18th | The Refugee Crisis: A Christian perspective |
| Sept | 15th | Francis Kilvert: From Clyro, the Christian diarist, who wrote the ever-entertaining Kilvert's Diary. |

Ministry Area Treasurer

The East Radnor Ministry Area needs a treasurer. If you feel you could help with this we would be most grateful. In the first instance please contact our administrator Danica Gulliver at danicagulliver@churchinwales.org.uk or speak to Rev'd Petra Goodband or Rev'd Rachael Storer (contact details on page 5).

Baptist Church Services

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| Sunday 4th..... | 11.00am..... | Worship Service..... | Norton Street Chapel, Knighton |
| | 6.00pm..... | Sunday @ 6 | Service at Knucklas Baptist Chapel |
| Monday 5th..... | 7.00pm..... | Monthly Prayer Space..... | Community Room, Norton Street Chapel, Knighton |
| Sunday 11th..... | 11.00am..... | Worship Service..... | Norton Street Chapel, Knighton |
| Sunday 18th..... | 11.00am..... | Worship Service..... | Norton Street Chapel, Knighton |
| | 6.00pm..... | Sunday @ 6 - Service..... | Knucklas Baptist Chapel |
| Sunday 25th..... | 11.00am..... | Worship Service..... | Norton Street Chapel, Knighton |
| | 4.00pm..... | Messy Church..... | Knucklas Community Centre |

In addition to the above, our popular Toddler Group meets 09.30am - 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.

Knighton Methodist Church Services

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|--------------------|---|
| 4th February..... | Mr Mike Owens..... |
| 11th February..... | Local arrangement..... |
| 18th February..... | Mrs Vivienne Thomas..... Holy Communion |
| 25th February..... | Deacon Sara Windsor-Hides..... |

Knighton Roman Catholic Church

Service every Sunday at 11 am

Gravel Baptist Chapel

Further information from Keith Williams 01597 851 122
 Sunday 18th February.....2.30 pm.....Gordon Bingham

New Radnor Baptist Chapel

Sunday 18th February.....3pm.....Rev'd Leigh Spicer
Everyone Welcome

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

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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

Readings for Services February

February 4th

**The Presentation of
Christ (Candlemas)**

Malachi 3. 1-5

Psalm 24. 1-10

Hebrews 2. 14-18

Luke 2. 22-40

February 11th

**Sunday before Lent
(Transfiguration)**

2 Kings 2. 1-12

Psalm 50. 1-6

2 Corinthians 4. 3-6

Mark 9. 2-9

February 14th

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2. 1-2, 12-17

or Isaiah 58. 1-12

Psalm 51. 1-17

2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10

Matthew 6. 1-6, 16-21

or John 8. 1-11

February 18th

Lent 1

Genesis 9. 8-17

Psalm 25. 1-10

1 Peter 3. 18-22

Mark 1. 9-15

February 25th

Lent 2

Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22. 23-31

Romans 4. 13-25

Mark 8. 31-3

March 1st

St David's Day

Jeremiah 1. 4-10

Psalm 16. 3, 5-8

1 Thessalonians 2. 2b-12

Matthew 16. 24-39

March 3rd

Lent 3

Exodus 20. 1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1. 18-25

John 2. 13-22

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.

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| Llan'l N M..... | SO 180581 | LD8 2TN |

St David's Church, Heyope

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Thursday 14th March 2024

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Everyone is welcome to attend.



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Methodist Church member, Mrs Margaret Pinfield, shows the card she received from the King and Queen on her 105th birthday!



Audrey's Tree

On Monday 4th December 2023, members of Audrey Green's family, with some friends, planted a tree in the Wildlife and Sensory Garden at the Knighton Community Centre.

Debra, one of Audrey's carers, suggested the idea as Audrey enjoyed the sensory and peaceful nature of the garden. She loved seeing the seasonal changes taking place. The tree was chosen to reflect Audrey's love of nature and its beneficial addition to the garden, namely *Crataegus Laevigata* Paul's Scarlet.

This tree will be a constant reminder of a wonderful and kind lady, who is sadly missed.

New Radnor Carol Singers



East Radnor Ministry Area Service Rota February 2024

4th February – The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas) (White)

| | | |
|--------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 10am | St Michael's, Llanfihangel Nant Melan | Morning Worship |
| 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 |

11th February – Sunday Next Before Lent (Green)

| | | |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 9.30am | St David's, Whitton | Holy Communion |
| 10am | St Mary's, New Radnor | Morning Worship |
| 11am | St Edward's, Knighton | Holy Communion |
| 11am | St Peter's, Evancoyd | Holy Communion |

Wednesday 14th February – Ash Wednesday

| | | |
|----------|---|---------------------------|
| 11.30 am | Holy Communion & Lent Lunch | New Radnor Community Hall |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes | St Edward's Knighton |

18th February – 1st Sunday of Lent (Purple)

| | | |
|--------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 9.30am | St David's, Whitton | Morning Worship |
| 10am | St Mary's, Gladestry | Holy Communion |
| 11am | St Peter's, Evancoyd | Morning Worship |
| 11am | St Edward's, Knighton | Holy Communion |
| 4pm | New Radnor Community Centre | Informal Worship |
| 5.30pm | St Cynllo's, Llangunllo | Evening Worship |

25th February – 2nd Sunday of Lent (Purple)

| | | |
|--------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 9.30am | St Edward's, Knighton | Holy Communion |
| 10am | St Mary's, New Radnor | Holy Communion |
| 11am | St Michael's, Beguildy | Holy Communion |
| 4 pm | St Mary's, Gladestry | Evening Worship |

3rd March – 3rd Sunday of Lent (Purple)

| | | |
|--------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 10am | St Michael's, Llanfihangel Nant Melan | Holy Communion |
| 11am | St Peter's, Evancoyd | Morning Worship |
| 11am | St Edward's, Knighton | Holy Communion |
| 2.30pm | St David's, Colva | St David's Celebration Service |
| 3pm | St Michael's, Cascob | Evening Worship |
| 7.30pm | St Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa | Compline Plus |