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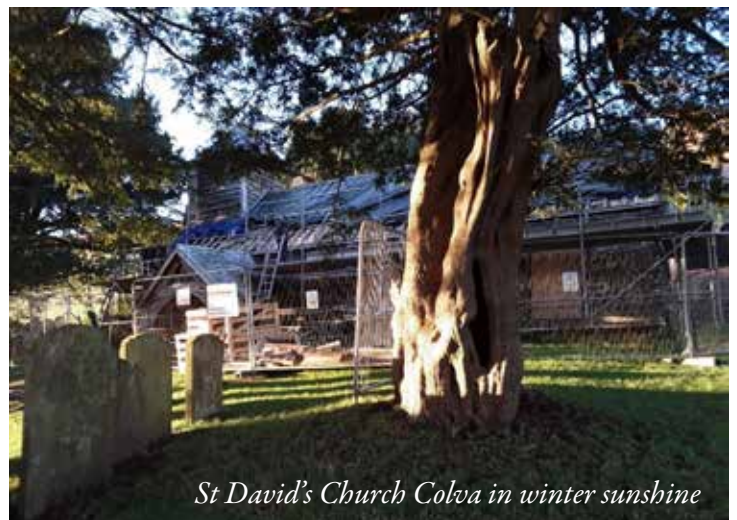
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St David's, Colva



St Edward's Clock Appeal



The Informal Worship Group, New Radnor

On Sunday 21st January the theme of the worship was a Spiral Meditation leading us from darkness into light. Thank you to both Sue and Bernadette, who led us in a beautiful meditation service using an evergreen spiral set out on the floor and each of us taking turns walking the spiral prayerfully, lighting our candle at the central candle and placing it on the spiral. As each of those present added their light to the spiral the darkened room lit up with the glow of candlelight. Thank you to Paul who provided the music and to those who provided the refreshments. It was a beautiful, thoughtful time of worship.

The next informal worship will be on **Sunday 17th March** at 4pm with the theme of Hope. A warm welcome awaits you.

The Informal Worship Group, New Radnor

Our January Service explored the idea of light as being a symbol of the presence of God, Christ and the Spirit. Light is a symbol recognised by all spiritual traditions as representing life and renewal. There is an understanding that there are times of darkness in all our lives, but that the light is never extinguished, just not visible. Entering the dark hall, via a candle lit passageway, it took a while to adjust our eyes and ourselves to the space. As we sat in silent anticipation we were able to enjoy Paul singing and quietly playing some of the Taize Choruses. Then after a brief introduction, we were asked to examine our own lives and see whether we were beacons of light to others, or whether our light was hidden. We then wrote on cards, just for ourselves, how in the following week, we could better reflect God's love and light in our communities and elsewhere. Finally having enjoyed the darkness, we were able to walk the spiral, make a prayer and leave a candle to light the way for ourselves and others in this journey of life.

Feedback from our services is encouraging. Many people have remarked how much they appreciate the gentle relaxed approach to exploring worship and faith, and how much they feel spiritually renewed afterwards. So if you are feeling tired and exhausted by life, come and allow yourself just to be spiritually uplifted. Our next Service on **Sunday 17th March** at 4pm will be exploring the theme of "Hope". All are welcome, of faith or no faith. Just come.

Hermione Evans

Croeso - Welcome to St David's, Colva

Please come to a celebration service for St David on **Sunday 3rd March** at 2.30pm. The Radnor Valley Band will be accompanying the singing. Stay for refreshments following the service.

Work is continuing during February to improve the surface of the path. The workmen have braved periods of freezing temperatures during the winter months, tiling the south slope of the roof. We are pleased to say it is all sound and should stand the test of the elements for many years to come.

Thank you to the individuals who have given their time to clean up following the building work to make sure the church is presentable and welcoming for people attending services and for any visitors.

A special Blessing of the church is to take place in May.

Rosalind Tarrant

St Edward's Clock Appeal Update

Last year, we successfully raised our target to enable the restoration works to be undertaken.

Timsbury Clocks from Bath are hoping to start the works at the end of February 2024. We will keep you updated with the progress and look forward to seeing the clock working again with chimes.

You are welcome to take a tour of the tower and inspect the clock.

Arrangements are to be made with Simon Gill 074931 32 629 or Lynne Conway 07490 279 903

Rev. Petra Goodband, Simon Gill, Carolynne Conway, Peter Joyce

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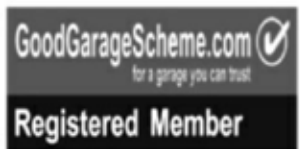
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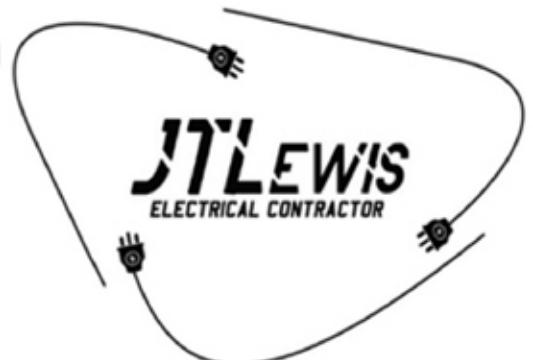
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A Letter from the Vicar's Study

Dear Friends,

The season of Lent is upon us, a season that perhaps many of us aren't quite sure what to do with, apart from giving up chocolate, alcohol, cake or something else that we're not quite sure we really want to give up, or understand why we're giving it up anyway! It is a season that the Church has marked since its earliest years, where the forty days before Easter were spent 'training' new Christians in what it meant to be a Christian before they were baptised on Easter Day. As the world increasingly became more Christian, and children were baptised, so the focus of Lent began to shift away from preparing new Christians in the faith to a renewing and refreshing of all Christians in faith that they might better and more fully become the people Christ would have them be.

This still remains the focus for Lent today, a chance for each one of us to look afresh at the things we thought we knew so well, including ourselves. To see ourselves as we really are, and particularly those things that keep us from being wholly the people God would have us be, let it be this Lent when we take action. But what action should we take? It's easier to give up something for Lent if you've got something to start with. Far too many people in the world don't even have life's basics. When we give something up, we can use the money saved to give to a charity such as Helping Our Homeless Wales or Christian Aid, which seeks to help those in desperate need in our community and beyond. Or we could start a new tradition and take up something for Lent such as reading a Lent book or setting aside a short time for prayer each day or taking up a new creative hobby that will remind us of the creative God in whose image we are made.

Let this Lenten season challenge us to go on an adventure that leads us to new life, new hope and new faith.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Rachael Storer

"People are like tea bags - you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are"

- Anon

Deadline

The deadline for the April edition is 15th March.

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

About the Cover – The Last Supper

The stained glass from St Stephen's Church in Cornwall shows Jesus blessing the twelve disciples at supper on his last night. He holds a chalice of wine in his right hand and bread is on the table. At the traditional Passover meal, he had served bread and wine as a symbol of his body and blood. The Church has continued down the centuries to celebrate this meal in our communion services with his words: "This is my body broken for you" and "This is my blood shed for you."

He wears purple robes as a royal sign of kingship. The disciple leaning against him is the youthful St John. On the next day Jesus from the cross entrusts John with his mother's care. St Peter is the tallest apostle on the left. Every apostle has a halo as a sign of their divine selection. One of them, Judas, will betray Jesus to the authorities that night. The red background at the top is a symbol of Jesus' blood, sacrificed for us. We celebrate this event on Maundy Thursday, the day before Good Friday when Jesus was crucified. 'Maundy' comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, or commandment, reflecting Jesus' words: "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Photo and article by Laura Woodside-Jones

Whitton WI

We started 2024 by researching in our archives and talking to several of our Members who have been paying WI subscriptions here for nearly 40 years. This has led to lots of planning, because in April Members will be commemorating 1200 months of a WI in Whitton!

There has been much to commend and applaud over 100 years, which is an enviable record for any voluntary organisation, but particularly in such a small rural community as Whitton. Records show production of 3082lbs jam in the war years; then 60 years of organising Sheep Dog Trials, plus involvement in all the wider WI activities of making, baking and partaking. Activities range from trips to the coast and countryside, touring everything from castles and churches to farms and factories. Enjoying the theatre, music, singing and dancing. Taking time for bird watching, walking and surveying trees. Discovering local industries, local history and meeting interesting individuals. Creating poetry and art, in all its creative forms.

Although WI members have been happy to support community activities using their catering skills, it's not all about food. Those who are willing and able, have also been seen playing badminton, golf, darts, netball, table tennis, bowls and curling. We also love a friendly competition or quiz, plus our members have enjoyed themselves whilst demonstrating knowledge of obscure things and hidden talents.

We have raised funds and given donations to local and national charities. Supporting our community has always been important and more recently we have established a monthly coffee morning.

It is hoped that others will join us in our special Anniversary Activities, which will include a special meal, a quiz night, a curry evening, alongside a full and varied programme with something to interest everyone.

There will always be memories but there is also evidence - the Millennium planter near St David's Church, the Community Hall wall hangings and the Anniversary bench.

Highlights from Handel's Messiah

On 10th February 2024, Geoff Weaver led a memorable concert at St. Edward's Church, Knighton. 90 people attended a rehearsal in the afternoon, including the Llanfair Singers, Kidderminster Choral Society and Wolverhampton Chamber Choir. Many singers from far and wide also wanted to join in. Soloists Gemma King and Peter Challenger starred. The organ was played by Tony Pinel.

After refreshments, with delicious home-made cakes, in St. Edward's hall, the performance started at 5.30pm with another 45 people in the audience. The programme consisted of highlights from parts 2 and 3 of the Messiah. Geoff conducted with such enthusiasm and energy and the singers responded with a wonderful sound. The concert proved to be excellent and was enjoyed by all.

Everyone generously donated towards the expenses and to the church fabric fund. Donations of food were also collected for the Knighton food bank.

Thank you, Geoff, and we are now looking forward to your next concert!!

The Family Centre at Knighton Comm

The Family Centre at Knighton & District Community Centre has been up and running for around two years now, and has proved to be extremely popular within the town. Funded by Powys County Council, the centre runs during term-time between 10am and 1pm **every Monday**. It is a free service, and offers children and their carers the opportunity to play and take part in organised activities as well as generally to socialise. Refreshments are provided as well as lunch, all free of charge.

Amongst activities and events have been baby massage, infant car-seat checks, introduction to speaking Welsh and signing. Trips have also been organised, including a trip to Borth and the soft play centre at Micky Millers. On a recent visit, The Rev. Petra Goodband had much fun meeting the children and their carers, and enjoyed a lovely lunch too.

Carers and children are most welcome: no appointment needed, just turn up.

Phil Grierson - Media Liaison, K&DCC.

Whitton WI



The Millennium Planter



The Anniversary Bench

Highlights from Handel's Messiah

"Peace Window" - Marc Chagall
(UN Photo)

The memorial, a stained-glass window about 15 feet (4,6 meters) wide and 12 feet (3,7 meters) high, contains several symbols of peace and love, such as the young child in the center being kissed by an angelic face which emerges from a mass of flowers.

On the left, below and above, motherhood and the people who are struggling for peace are depicted. Musical symbols in the panel evoke thoughts of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, which was a favourite of Mr. Hammarskjöld's (2nd Secretary-General of the United Nations, 1953-61).



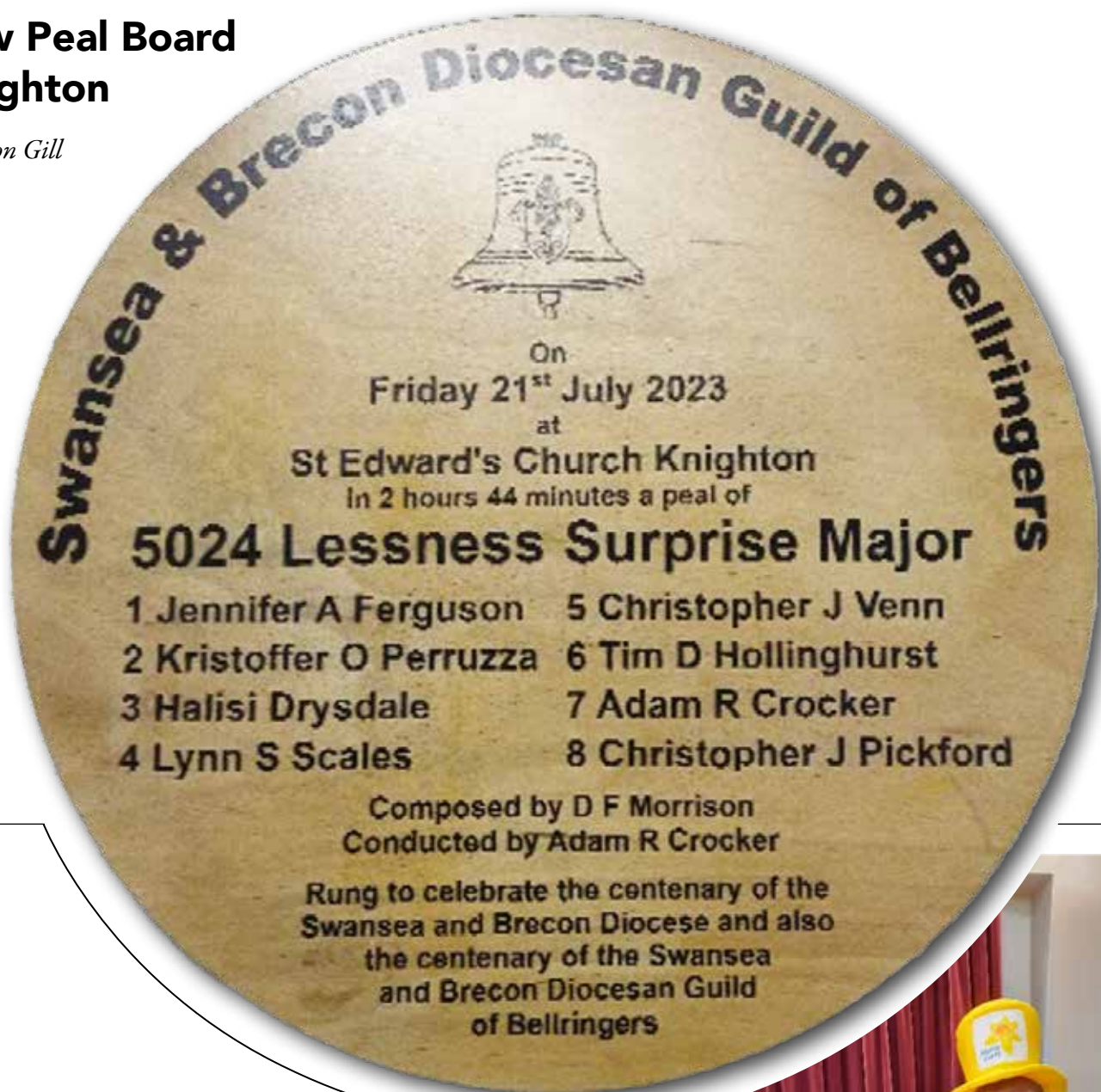
A Wonderful Evening with the Messiah

The Family Centre at Knighton Comm



A New Peal Board at Knighton

Photo: Simon Gill



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Churches Together in Knighton and District

Good Friday Walk of Witness

This year Good Friday falls on 29th March.

Our Walk of Witness will meet at 11am at Brookside Square and will finish at the Clock Tower. All are welcome to join as we follow the Cross through the town. Afterwards we are invited to the Methodist Church on Victoria Road for hot cross buns. See you there.

Stowe & Stanage WI



Barbara Norbury telling us about the work of the Marie Curie charity

A New Peal Board at Knighton

Since the early eighteenth-century, when bellringers first began to ring long “peals”, significant performances have been recorded on so-called “peal boards” hung on the walls of the ringing room. At Knighton we have a fine set of carved oak boards recording peals rung between 1914 (when the ring of eight bells was completed) and 1981. These have now been joined by a new board for a peal rung last year.

A full “peal” typically takes around three hours to complete – a period of continuous ringing, calling for a high level of concentration and some physical effort. On seven bells (rung with the tenor or eighth bell ringing last all the way through) the number of permutations is 5040 – factorial 7 for those who are mathematically minded.

Since 1715 this number of “changes” has been used as the normal length for a full peal. On eight bells, 40,320 different changes are possible taking a whole day to ring. Don’t worry, it won’t happen here! But this peal was rung at Leeds in Kent in 1762 by a team of fourteen men taking shifts on the ropes, and at Loughborough Bell Foundry in 1963 by just eight ringers. The Loughborough peal got into the Guinness Book of Records.

Full peals at Knighton have been rung at a fairly steady rate since 1908 – 53 in all, spread across 115 years. Of these only 11 have peal boards. The peal in 2023 was rung to mark the centenary of the formation of the Swansea & Brecon Diocesan Guild, created shortly after the disestablishment of the Church in Wales. The band for the commemorative peal included five members of the joint Knighton and Presteigne team, assisted on the occasion by three visiting friends (Kris, Hal and Adam). The new board was designed and made by Lynn Scales, one of the ringers, who has previously made some distinctive modern boards for Presteigne and elsewhere.

“Lessness Surprise Major” is the name of the ringing “tune” chosen for the occasion. We rang a “composition” designed by Don Morrison which contains 5024 different “changes” in a continuous piece of ringing which took 2 hours and 44 minutes to complete.

If anyone would like to find out more about bellringing, they would be welcome to visit the tower by arrangement or when the bells are ringing for practice or Sunday service. Please contact Tim Hollinghurst (timhollinghurst@hotmail.com) or Heather Pickford (h.e.pickford@gmail.com) in the first instance.

Chris Pickford (slightly abridged by the editor)

Stowe & Stanage WI

At our well-attended February meeting we discussed arrangements for the installation of a commemorative plaque for the tree which marks our centenary. A buffet lunch is planned for members and invited guests.

We voted for the resolution that we would like to see go forward to the annual meeting in June at the Royal Albert Hall in London. Our choice is *Say ‘No’ to Gambling Advertising*.

Barbara Norbury spoke to us about the work of the Marie Curie charity. She was a Health Care Worker in Powys until her retirement and now volunteers as a fundraiser.

Marie Curie was born in 1867 in Warsaw. A French physicist, famous for her work on radioactivity, she won the Nobel Prize twice. With Henri Becquerel and her husband, Pierre Curie, she was awarded the 1903 Nobel Prize for Physics, and in 1911 she was the sole winner of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, and the only woman to win the award in two different fields. She died at the age of 66 due to her exposure to radiation. The charity which bears her name was formed in 1948, with a vision of *a better end of life for all*.



Nowadays Marie Curie nurses deal with all types of terminal illnesses, not only cancer, caring for patients night and day in their homes and in hospitals. All sorts of advice is on offer, along with help to cope with bereavement. Services are free of charge, so the charity relies on donations made in memory of a family member, or by fundraising. One local lady planned a trek through the Canadian Rockies to raise funds.

Our March meeting is on Tuesday 5th March at 2.30pm in the Reynolds Room, when Anne Cummings will speak about *The Famous & Infamous*. All are welcome.

Knighton News

Knighton Show and Carnival

Please note the date will be **Saturday 24th August** (Bank Holiday Weekend) – a change from the usual end of month event.

Coffee Morning

We invite you to come along for coffee and chat, meet new people and help support your parish church. The date - **Saturday 16th March** at 10.30 am in the Church Hall. Usual stalls and competitions. If you have items to donate, please bring them along or contact 528 260 to arrange collection. Maybe you would like to book a table to sell your own items (small fee required).

Winners: Our January coffee morning raised the sum of £210.00. Competition winners were: J Wells, J Morris, R Brick, D Phillips, N Davies and B Wood.

Our thanks to all who donate prizes and make delicious cakes for sale.

Bingo

The usual last Saturday in the month at 7pm in the Church Hall.

Spring Clean

Have you a little time to spare to help us polish the pews in church in the week 18th-24th March. Just pop in church (open from 10.30 onwards) and polish one or as many pews that your time allows. Please leave a note on the list at the back of church to indicate which area you have completed. Our small band of volunteers regularly clean the church. It would help if we could have a little extra help in time for Easter Sunday.

Easter Lilies

Easter is the greatest and most joyous festival of the Christian Church. It commemorates the Resurrection of Christ. Flower arrangers everywhere will be planning their special arrangements for church on this important festival, which will include the beautiful white lily. We too will be ordering a supply from our florist very soon. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the flowers, in memory of a loved one, do let the vicar or Jean Price know soon. A list of those remembered will be put up in church.

Jean Price

Young Jimmy was in the infants class. There was another little boy in the class who wasn't listening to the teacher. In exasperation the teacher said to the restless boy, "Since you don't want to listen, go and sit at that table by yourself." After a few minutes Jimmy raised his hand and said, "I don't want to listen either. Can I sit with him?"

Flora and Fauna

Each season brings a beauty of its own and winter is one that gives us a lot of hope, with the real joy of seeing growth appearing all around us. Gardeners are very keen to get out and prepare for the next months, but the weather does dictate what can be done. The wet and windy conditions of recent weeks have caused much debris and loosened stakes supporting small trees and shrubs.

There is a lot of interest and colour in the winter garden to be enjoyed: jasmine with long stems of bright yellow, hellebores in pink, mauve, lime and cream, witch hazel, mahonia and viburnum, together with variegated shrubs resistant to harsh weather and low temperatures. The early spring flowers are also bringing much pleasure. Every year we all get very excited to see the first snowdrop, three weeks early this year, such a humble little plant.

There are lots of stories connecting the snowdrop with the Virgin Mary and with St Francis, who is reported to have put a blessing upon this little flower because they brought a message of hope in dark and dreary days. Another story mentions winter time in the Garden of Eden, snowdrops were there too. Many artists and poets, through the centuries, have brought their impressions of mankind's first home in the Garden of Eden, confirming that every garden is indeed a special place.

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Celtic Saint of the Month

12th March – St Paul Aurelian/St Pol de Léon – 6th Century



Replica of St Paul's Bell
Photo by Moreau.henri

Like many a Celtic saint, Paul Aurelian did a lot of travelling, known as a peregrino pro Christo “a wanderer for Christ”. He was born in Penychen in the district now known as Glamorgan, to a local chieftain called Perphir. As a young lad Paul decided to follow the Christian way and he joined St Illtud's college at Llanilltud Fawr, where he would have also met David, Samson and Gildas. He seems to have been quite a character. One story says that his job was to protect the monastic crops from seagulls, but he neglected his duties and the crops were ruined. In remorse he prayed for divine intervention and the next day he and three companions were able to herd all the seagulls together and lock them in a barn. The story doesn't tell us what happened to the seagulls!

When he was sixteen, Paul became a hermit at Llanddeusant, where eventually he was ordained priest. King Mark of Cornwall heard about him and invited him over to Cornwall to strengthen the Christian church there. He didn't get on too well with Mark, especially as the king refused to give him his bell. So Paul went off to visit his sister on the coast, where he founded a church in the village called Paul. He acquired a boat to sail to Brittany, but got blown off course up the River Dart where, after a bit of trial and error, he built a church at Staverton on the edge of Dartmoor. At last he set sail for Brittany and landed on the island of Ushant where he was joined by fourteen others. Eventually he moved to the mainland where his cousin Withur was a local chieftain. Withur's capital was Ocismor, now known as Saint-Pol-de-Léon, where Paul reluctantly became bishop. King Mark's bell, by the way, turned up in a salmon while the two cousins were dining together. Withur also owned the Ile de Batz, which he gave to Paul as a retreat.



Paul had to overcome a dragon before he could build his monastery at St-Pol-de-Léon.

After founding churches and monasteries, Paul eventually retired to the Ile de Batz, where he died at the age of 104.

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Knucklas Notes

The continual rain which we seem to have had for several months resulted in an inhibiting effect on local residents, especially the farming community, who have had considerable difficulty with their main aim of growing food for the rest of us, particularly any autumn-planted crops. However, overall, the weather has been quite mild with a few sunny intervals and no serious flooding in these parts. The train-service has been somewhat disrupted, for various reasons, but the bus-service has continued with little interruption.

March sees an acceleration of outdoor activity with gardeners getting down to earth and tourism seriously taking off. It has been statistically noted that Shropshire and the Welsh Borders are becoming ever more popular places to visit and to live in.

On **Thursday 14th March**, starting at 7pm, a public meeting is scheduled to see any ways forward for St. David's Parish Church, Heyope, which has ceased functioning as a worshipping body for well over a year. Meanwhile, the Baptist Chapel continues to be quite active in the local community and Llanfair Waterdine Church also offers facilities to enable our participation in various forms of communal worship and socialisation.

Knucklas seems to be having its fair share of illness and death. In particular, we note with sorrow, the passing of Ann Roberts of Glan Nant and of Judy Martin, who together with Mel and their son Matthew, used to live at what was then called 'The Parc', above the entry to the allotments. With every sympathy to the family and friends of both.

The 50% rise in the price of 'The Radnor' does not appear to be deterring most of our customers from wanting to continue subscribing. It is still very good value.

On Wednesday 20th, day and night will be of equal length before the days become longer.

Robert Forbath

Whitton Pancake and Valentine's Day

We could not ignore the fact that the coffee morning held on 13th February fell on Pancake Day and just before Valentine's. So, everyone received a chocolate heart, as many pancakes as they could eat and a free raffle ticket. Of course there was delicious cake, cafetiere coffee and pancakes with a host of delicious fillings, though most chose at least one with lemon and sugar. The children were happier with nutella and banana whilst adults chose blueberries or fruit curd. There was a jigsaw waiting to be finished and a big table of books to swop.

Good to see smiling faces on this miserable grey and very wet day and lovely to hear lots of chatter... until the raffle - when silence fell and the tension grew.

There was a choice of 15 items and something for everyone.

We are always sad when some of our community are not with us - we hope they are well. We miss you when you don't come. See you on 12th March.

We know spring is on its way as there were beautiful Hellebores, daffodils and tulips on tables.

Workshops @ The Hub, New Radnor

On Saturday 13th January twelve ladies enjoyed a crochet workshop led by the Mitchell ladies from Bettws. We were tasked in making a 'simple' card holder, much patience was needed, some more than others! Thank you for being very, very patient with myself as I just couldn't get it even after two hours! All the other ladies made some lovely card holders and even started some granny squares!

Thank you to Jane for organising this workshop.

Rev Rach

On Saturday 10th February we had another enjoyable workshop: Make and Take-home fresh pasta with Ruth Watson. We made fresh homemade pasta and had a demo of homemade pesto.

The next workshop, on **Saturday 23rd March** will be Crocheting Easter Bunting

Jane Allport

Whitton Pancake and Valentine's Day



Pancake Demonstration



Serving Pancakes



*Isla enjoying her pancake
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Rock N Roll Bingo!



Bargains Galore from Llangunllo WI

It was certainly time to bag a bargain, when members from Llangunllo WI moved in to run the Kington and District Community Charity Shop, for the second week in February.

Goods donated and vehicles loaded, members set off on a rather wet Tuesday evening to prepare for trading to begin on Wednesday morning. A variety of clothes filled the rails, with scarves, shoes and handbags to compliment any outfit! The shelves were well stocked with household goods, toys, books and bric-a-brac. Also on sale were small items of furniture, which included garden chairs, sold soon after opening ready for our sunny summers!

A number of members manned the shop, happily welcoming plenty of customers throughout the week, keeping the till busy and WI funds well and truly boosted.

Thanks to everyone who donated, helped and supported us.

Llangunllo WI

Llangunllo WI - An Afternoon of Tai Chi

At the February Meeting members were certainly active as they undertook the Chinese martial art of Tai Chi with instructor Paul Newman.

Tai Chi practiced for self-defence and health, known for its slow, intentional movements, is a popular form of gentle exercise and moving meditation with benefits to mental and physical health. Paul shared his experiences of Tai Chi, giving its history, and demonstrating a number of the moves involved. He then led members in some of these (see photographs) and all agreed it had been a most interesting and enjoyable time.

Business followed and included a report on member voting for NFWI Resolution 2024 and the very successful week at the Charity Shop in Kington, arranging the Community Spring Lunch and an Open Meeting for April and discussing entries for the County Show in May. A bring and share tea rounded off the afternoon.

From March we return to evening meetings and the next is the AGM on **Tuesday 7th March** at 7pm in the Village Hall, followed by a "hands on" session, *"All About Wool"*, led by member Rebecca Twyman.

Visitors and new members are always welcome, please contact Isabel (Secretary), call 01547 550 689 or email mramorris@btconnect.com

Rock N Roll Bingo!

Felindre Village Hall Committee hosted a night of 'Rock N Roll' Bingo on Saturday 10th February to raise funds for the ongoing running of the hall.

Instead of numbers being called, players were tested on their music knowledge with music clips from the 70's, 80's and some dedicated rounds in honour of Valentine's Day. The first to get four corners or a line included Jenny Barrett, Kim Barnett, Brian Thomas, Mark Fletcher and Ffion Griffiths; all taking home valentine themed sweets. Full house winners taking home bottles of prosecco were Sue Cole, Sarah Bevan, Petra Ford and Bono Barrett; and a tie-break decision on the last game between Michael Morgan and Sarah Bevan, with Sarah taking home the winning prize.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the night - a great time had by all!

Jayne Bright



The Mini Notice Board

Thanks from Beguildy

Peter Edwards would like to thank everyone who donated to the Air Ambulance UK in memory of Marion. He has received a letter of thanks from the Fund Raising Office telling him the total was the wonderful sum of £565. They are very grateful.

Teme Valley Gardeners' Club

Our attractive and relaxed programme has continued at Knucklas Community Centre with a fascinating and informative talk on *'Japanese Gardens'* by a local enthusiast. We had visited the gardens he was responsible for at Delbury Hall, Diddlebury, last summer.

The next meeting will be on the fascinating subject of *'Bees'*, starting at 2pm on **Monday 11th March**. Visitors always welcome.

Robert Forbath

New Radnor Children's Playground Club 100 February Winners!

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3rd: Tracey Price

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Llangunllo Village Walk

Llangunllo's Village walk will be on **Saturday 4th May**. All welcome.

Meet at Greyhound pub car park at 9.30am to sort lifts to station for 10.01am train to Dolau. Walk back from Dolau via the foothills of the Radnor Forest. Great views, mostly on good tracks or quiet lanes, no stiles, one steepish climb at the start.

Dogs welcome, will need to be on leads for much of the time due to abundant sheep.

12 km or between 7 and 8 miles.

Bring a drink and picnic lunch, there may be a refreshment stop en route, but not guaranteed.

Any queries to Jan Walmsley 07813 085 211

Alexis Korner Celebration Day

On **Saturday 20th April** St Edward's Church will host Alexis Korner Celebration Day. Any wishing to perform and for further details please contact John Goodband goodband.john@gmail.com or 07863104275

Welsh Words

dydd Gwener y Groglith

Good Friday

lili'r Grog *Easter lily*

dydd Sul y Pasg *Easter Sunday*

ŵy Pasg *Easter egg*



St David's Day Celebration at Knighton Community Centre

Sunday 3rd March 3-5pm

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Powys National Garden Scheme

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Llanfair Waterdine Flicks In The Sticks

Our final film of the season is *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* starring Jim Broadbent as the eponymous Harold and Penelope Wilton as his wife, Maureen.

One day, Harold, a seemingly unremarkable man in his 60s, receives a card from his old friend, Queenie, that she is dying. He sets out to post the card he has written to her only to decide, at the last minute, he will take the card to her personally – by walking – 450 miles, much to the despair of Maureen! Comments from other Flicks audiences call it “an engaging film with superb acting”, “poignant”, “heartwarming” and “a thoroughly enjoyable film”. Don't miss it!

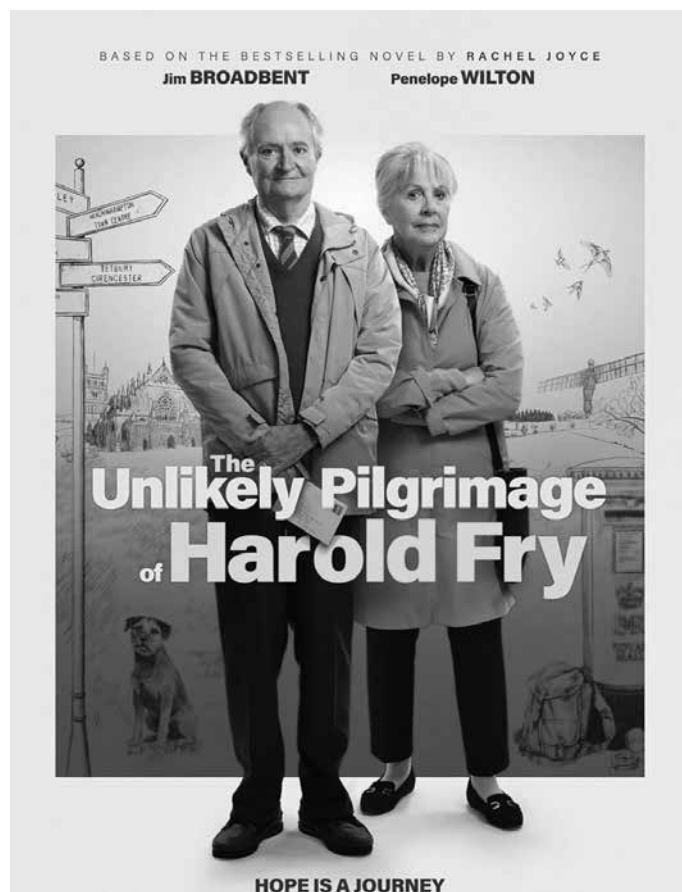
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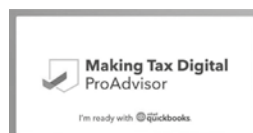
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18 Mar - 7.30pm - Alun & Jill Whitehead

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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.

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Saturday 9th March 7.30pm. Music in New Radnor.

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Forthcoming Events at Knighton & District Community Centre

St. David's Day Celebration

Sunday 3rd March, 3pm-5pm

Performances by professional harpist Eleri Darkins, with Welsh songs from the Llanfair Singers. Welsh poetry readings and children's activities, including daffodil planting and the story of St. David. Prize for best dressed girl or boy in National Costume or rugby kit. Free admission, including refreshments - Welsh cakes and Bara Brith.

International Women's Day Celebration

Tuesday 5th March, 10am-2pm

Taking up the theme of "Invest in women: celebrate progress", the event will include a series of speakers/workshops followed by a 'bring & share' lunch. More details can be found on the K&DCC Facebook and website.

Bingo Night

Saturday 9th March

Doors open 6.30pm, with eyes down at 7pm.

£10 for 10 games + Quickie.

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ADVANCE NOTICE

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Please see our Llangunllo Village Website:

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Knighton Community Centre

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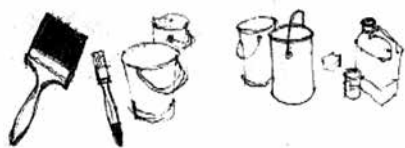
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My Night Out

Driving home over Penybont Common I remind myself to stay alert to avoid the sheep who like to lie down on the road or cross without warning. I've been on shift answering phone calls for nearly 4 hours and I'll be ready for bed when I get home at around 3 in the morning. I'm by myself - my shift partner had a short walk home from the branch office and is probably under the duvet by now. As we logged off in Llandrindod, volunteers in another branch somewhere in the UK took over to continue the 24-hour, seven day a week service that Samaritans provide.

Before I volunteered, I wondered how I would cope. The two things that have enabled me to cope are the thorough training and the support given by fellow volunteers. We always have a colleague close by who can (and does) give moral support. And there's always a leader available by phone.

Thinking back over the 20 years since I was trained, I estimate that I've probably taken calls from several thousand people - most of them distressed, desperate or suicidal at the time they called. I don't know how they are now, but most have thanked me for being there for them when they needed someone, anyone, who would listen to them without judgement, without telling them what to do.

I signed up to help others, but volunteering has helped me. I realise how lucky I am and what a narrow margin there is between happiness and despair. If I've helped just one person step back from the abyss then all those hours have been well spent.

Could you give 3 or 4 hours every week in our Llandrindod office to answer phone calls? We have a training session starting in March and there are a few vacancies waiting for someone like you.

Phil King

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News from the Hub

Greetings from New Radnor!

The Hub continues to be a busy centre for all sorts of activities, and we would like to draw your attention to a few of the upcoming events that might be of interest.

On **Saturday 2nd March** we are hosting a fundraiser for the Radnor Arms pub featuring Radnor musician **Phil Ram** with his **Manana Kids** plus support. Phil has had an illustrious career bringing his own high energy mix of original rock and roll and ballads all with powerful messages behind the swagger. Not to be missed. See the poster on page 43 for details.

Music apart, our monthly Saturday Morning Workshops, co-ordinated by Jane continue to be very popular. **Crocheted Easter Bunting** is the theme for the **Saturday 23rd March** workshop. There's always something to make and take home. Places are limited so book early.

Another thing to book super early for is our very popular **Sunday Lunches** cooked by Yas and Jo. The next is on **Mother's Day 10th March**. There's 2 sittings and you won't go away hungry! Poster on page 44.

Our regular **Thursday Coffee Mornings** (10am-12pm) and **Friday night bar and food** (from 6.30pm) are well supported, and everyone is welcome.

The **Piano Hub** is another regular and increasingly popular monthly get together... details are attached.

Finally, although not a Hub event, we would like to draw your attention to the next **Music in New Radnor** concert at the Community Hall will feature **Pedwar Bones**: a Trombone Quartet from The Royal Welsh College of Music. Well worth a visit.

It's all happening in Radnor!

For now, Very best wishes The Hub Team

The Piano Hub

Are you an amateur pianist? Would you like to play the Bechstein Grand Piano at The Hub in New Radnor?

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Suggested donation: £3 per session. If you are interested, please contact Louis: louis_joyce@btinternet.com, 07483 211 171 or 01547 560 874, or if you prefer, simply turn up on the day.

Workshop

Make and take home 'Crocheted Easter Bunting'

Saturday 23rd March

10am - midday

£10.00

Please phone 07867 472 615 to book a place

MUSIC IN NEW RADNOR

Pedwar Bones



A mix of works composed or arranged for trombone quartet, from four RWCMD undergraduate musicians on the verge of their musical careers. A varied programme of classical and jazz pieces in an evocative blend of soothing and energetic musical works.



Saturday 9th March, 7.30pm

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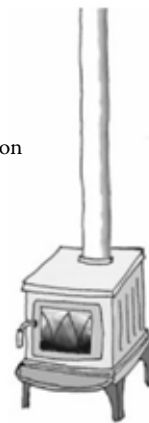
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Celebrating Success at Gladestry CiW School

Staff, pupils, parents and governors of Gladestry Church in Wales Primary School are celebrating receiving a glowing Estyn Inspection which heaps praise on the school.

Chair of Governors Hannah Price said, "The whole school community are thrilled to have received such a fantastic Estyn inspection. We are delighted that inspectors recognised the school's nurturing ethos and the caring, respectful relationships our teachers develop with pupils, which creates a happy and supportive school. We are so proud of our pupils for their excellent behaviour and the care and respect they show for one another which inspectors described as 'exemplary'".

Headteacher Mrs Ros Beck added, "We are very proud of this report which recognises the strong teamwork and skills of our staff and outlines the strengths of our school. In particular, that our nurturing ethos of support and care provides a high level of challenge and experience to pupils creating an atmosphere in which they thrive. Staff have worked hard to create a vibrant curriculum within the Curriculum for Wales which the pupils really enjoy and engage in. This was applauded by the inspectors".

The school has received only one recommendation on which work has already started. Assistant head teacher Mrs Kat Ingram said, "We are very excited to be creating a new learning environment for our foundation phase pupils. Works are due to start over the Easter break and when complete will create a fantastic learning environment for our younger pupils. This will create numerous creative opportunities for learning and play, both inside and outside".

The school runs a breakfast club and after school clubs and makes providing opportunities within the community and beyond the locality a priority. One parent commented: "The school is at its very best. We feel very lucky to have such a brilliant team to support our children. All the children and parents work together so well within our community".



Neighbours in Dispute!

Below is a short account of an article featured in the Radnorshire Standard, 7th February, 1900 -

WANTON WORDS AND WASTE OF WATER.

In early 1900, two Llangunllo ladies were involved in a heated dispute over "Wasteful use of water."

Gertrude Davies and Sarah Ann Evans, neighbours in the village, were taken to Knighton Police Court to appear before the local magistrates, PC Charles Rogers, stationed in Llangunllo, having dealt with the incident.

The ladies had assaulted each other as Gertrude Davies threw away buckets of water from the tub (water butt) which Sarah Anne Evans needed

for washing, and also, over washing down the road after moving sticks.

The assault included fighting, bruising, bleeding, biting, water being thrown over Mrs Evans and verbal abuse. The following evening Mrs Davies' husband was accused of stealing sticks, resulting in further offensive language and a great deal of shouting to the annoyance of the neighbours, in contravention of a bye law of the Radnorshire County Council, as reported by PC Roberts. A hint of slander was also added,

with Mrs Davies accused of taking breakfast up to a man's (not her husband's) bed! She later explained it was only a cup of tea as her lodger could not get up due to a sprained ankle!

After hearing both ladies, character witnesses and PC Rogers, the Chair of the Magistrates dismissed the case, regarding it simply a quarrel between two neighbours and stating "very often ladies feelings overcame them."

The full account is on the community website and well worth a read.

Reference: www.llangunllo.co.uk/neighbours-quarrels-at-llangunllo



Celebrating Success at Gladestry CiW School





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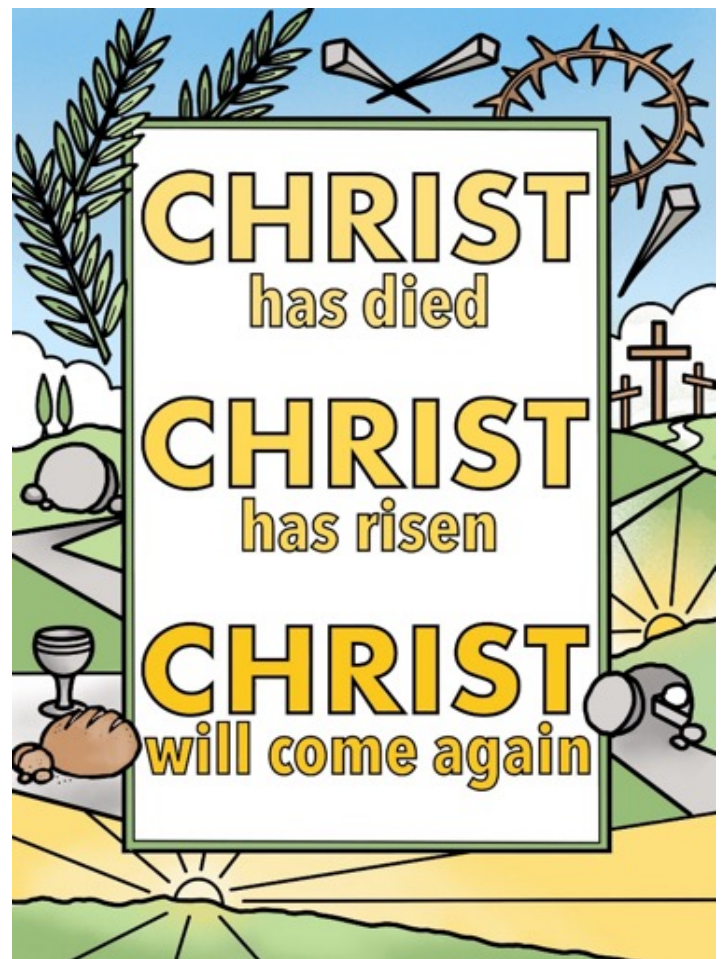
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The Peregrine String Quartet

On **Good Friday, March 29th** at 1pm, St Edward's Church will host a performance by The Peregrine String Quartet of Joseph Haydn's Seven Last Words of Christ on The Cross. Rev. Petra will link each of the nine movements with a brief reading. Admission is free and we expect the performance to conclude at approximately 2.15pm. For further information contact John Goodband: goodband.john@gmail.com or 07863 104 275.

Gladestry WI

The February meeting got our members into a sticky situation!

After our business meeting, discussing arrangements for our centenary celebrations in June and the forthcoming programme, we welcomed our guest speaker. Rev. Rachael Storer's hold-all revealed small, plain boxes, an amazing variety of decorative paper and glue. A fun filled evening of decoupage followed! Small pieces of torn paper were randomly glued to the boxes and wonderful creations were revealed.

Refreshments were served by Viv and Sue - the tea cooling as all concentration was focused on our boxes! A most enjoyable and productive evening, thanks to Rev. Rachael.

The competition 'a heart in any medium' was won by Liz and Margaret won the draw.

Our next meet will be our AGM when we'll enjoy another 'crafty' evening.

New members always welcome.



Getting 'stuck in' with Decoupage



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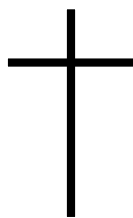
Gladestry Pop Inners were treated to a special 'sing a long' morning. Roger and his lovely wife, friends to one of our regular Pop Inners, came along with his guitar and song sheets.

Our vocal cords were challenged by renderings of many well-known favourite songs which raised the roof of the village hall's meeting room!

Many thanks to Roger for so generously giving of his time - he promised to return (with percussion instruments) - we must have impressed him!

Pop In Café meets every Monday morning 10.30 - 11.30 - all welcome for tea/coffee, biscuits and most importantly, a friendly chat.





Bridget Gwatkin
1937 - 9th January 2024



It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Bridget Gwatkin. She was a much loved member of St. Peter's Church, Evancoyd, where she played the organ for many years. She was born at her parents' home, the Court Farm in Evenjobb, in 1937. After attending Evancoyd Primary School and John Beddoes, Bridget became a teacher at Bredenbury Girls College. She married John Gwatkin in 1959 and they had three children, Hazel, Paul and Gareth. Bridget was involved in all aspects of village life, including Evancoyd WI and Mothers Union and was an active member of the Community Council and Planning Committee for Radnor District Council. She also enjoyed sport and played hockey for Kington Ladies Hockey team, short mat bowls and even played table tennis for the WI at County Level. Sadly Bridget succumbed to Alzheimer's and, since 2018, had been looked after by Ramona and a wonderful team of carers at the Garth Nursing Home. Bridget passed away on 9th January 2024 and we are deeply indebted to her for her kindness and her invaluable contribution to Evancoyd Church and its Community.

Llanfair Waterdine WI

Our speaker for our February meeting was Simon Nix talking about "*Bagpipes and Bees*". It is always nice to have a local speaker and he has so many talents and interests. We learned a lot about the life cycle of bees and also discovered that he can play the bagpipes. It made a really good evening.

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

Friday 5th April we are having a demonstration of "*Zig-zag Mini Books*" by Andrea Moore. Andrea is one of our members and her talks are always full of interest.

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 Margaret Clugston 01547 529 155 or Ann Harroway 01547 528 477.

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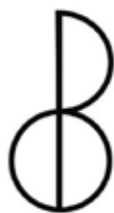
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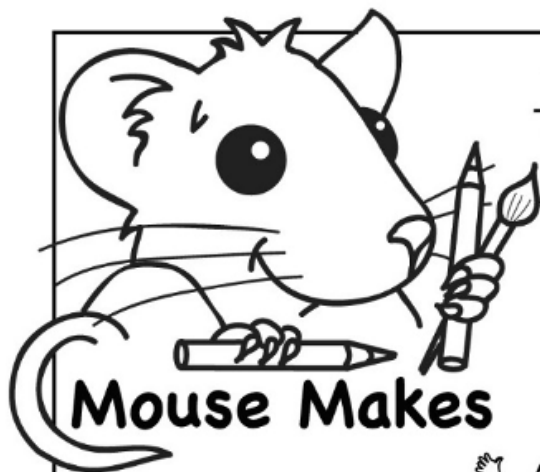
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"I am the **resurrection** and the **life**.
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John 1:25



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passages to find
the answers to the
crossword clues

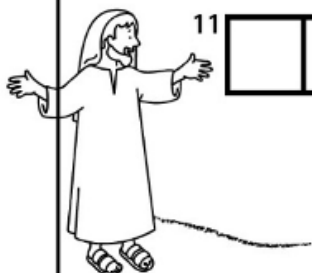
Matthew 21:1-11

1. Which city did Jesus ride into?
2. What did he ride on?
3. What did the crowd shout?
4. What did clothes did they put down?
7. What did they cut down to spread
on the road?



Matthew 26:17-29

15. What feast did Jesus celebrate?
12. Who did he celebrate it with?
11. What did Jesus break to eat?



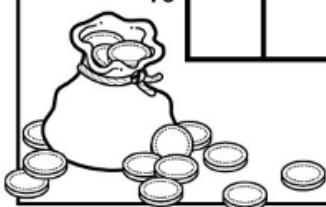
Matthew 26:36-75

6. What did Jesus go to
do at Gethsemane?
18. Who denied Jesus?



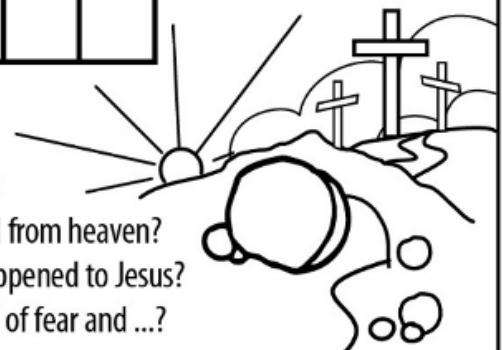
Matthew 26:14-16

- 8d. Who betrayed Jesus?
10. How many silver
pieces was he paid?



Matthew 28:1-10

5. Who descended from heaven?
19. What had happened to Jesus?
- 8a. Mary was full of fear and ...?



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Ni allaf tra bwyf byw ond canu'r gân;
'Rwyf heddiw'n gweld yr harddwch sy'n parhau;
'Rwy'n teimlōr ddwyfol ias sy'n bywiocáu;
Mae'r halleluia yn fy enaid i,
A rhoddaf, Iesu, fy mawrhad i Ti. **

You did this mighty deed, Oh! Christ God's son,
You gave me joy anew the race to run;
Your Spirit held and guided me along
Forever more I'll sing the glorious song
I see the beauty now that can survive,
I feel the touch divine that makes alive.
The hallelujah has possessed my soul,
To You, O! Christ, I give my praises all.

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In February 2012, Welsh speaking viewers of the S4C programme 'Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol' ('Start Singing, Start Praising'), a Welsh equivalent of BBC One's 'Songs of Praise', voted the hymn known as 'Pantyfedwen' as their favourite from a list of twenty chosen by a panel of experts. The words were written by a Congregational Minister William Rhys Nicholas in 1967. Like many Ministers of his era, he was a highly educated and cultured person. He wrote and published poetry in Welsh and competed in Eisteddfodau. The hymn was originally entered for the Pantyfedwen Eisteddfod, hence the name of the hymn. The Eisteddfod was one of three established by Sir David James, a successful Welsh/London businessman who was passionate about Welsh culture. The tune was composed by Eddie Evans, a Welsh speaking organist and musician who lived most of his life in Liverpool. In some ways, the hymn encapsulates many of the key aspects of Welsh culture of the twentieth century, the key role of Ministers as educated people, their passion for poetry and the Welsh language, the personal expression of faith and the role of ex patriot 'funders' who had been successful in London.

Pantyfedwen is sung widely at weddings, celebrations and funerals and we sang it for communal singing at the Knighton Cymarfa Ganu in 2019, chaired by Rev'd Kevin Dare and conducted by Graham Trew. You can watch Powys singers at the Montgomeryshire National Eisteddfod conducted by Jeff Howard on You Tube.

For more information, please see 'The Story of Pantyfedwen: Wales's Most Popular Hymn' online for detailed biographies of Reverend Rhys Nicolas, Eddie Edwards, and Sir David James and the Dictionary of Welsh Biography.

Ruth Forrester



St Patrick's Day Groaners

Why do people wear shamrocks on
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How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time?

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What would you get if you crossed
Christmas with St. Patrick's Day?

St O'Claws!

"I married an Irishman on St Patrick's Day."

"Oh, really?"

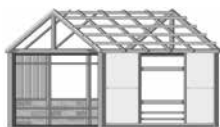
"No, O'Reilly!"

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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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| 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

Sun 3rd.....	11.00am.....	Worship Service	Norton Street, Knighton
	6.00pm.....	Sunday @ 6 Service	Knucklas Chapel
Mon 4th.....	7.00pm.....	Prayer Space	Community Room, Norton Street, Knighton
Sun 10th.....	11.00am.....	Worship Service	Norton Street, Knighton
Sun 17th.....	11.00am.....	Joint Worship Service	Knighton Methodist Church
		<i>(Please note - there will be no service at Norton Street this morning)</i>	
	6.00pm.....	Sunday @ 6 Service	Knucklas Chapel
Sun 24th.....	11.00am.....	Palm Sunday Worship Service	Norton Street, Knighton
	4.00pm.....	Messy Church Easter Special	Knucklas Community Centre
Wed 27th.....	8.00pm.....	Tenebrae Service <i>(Dramatic reflection on the Easter story by candlelight)</i>	Norton Street, Knighton
Fri 29th.....	11.00am.....	Cytun (Churches Together) Walk of Witness	Meet at the Cenotaph
Easter Sun 31st.....	9.30am.....	Easter Celebration Service	Knucklas Chapel
	11.00am.....	Combined Easter Worship Service	Knighton Methodist Church
		<i>(Please note - there will be no service at Norton Street this morning)</i>	

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

3rd March.....	Rev Roger Hides.....	Holy Communion
10th March.....	Deacon Sara Windsor-Hides.....	
17th March.....	Baptists join Methodists at Victoria Road.....	
24th March.....	Mrs Joyce Evans.....	
31st March.....	Deacon Sara Windsor-Hides.....	
7th April.....	Mr Stephen Dalton.....	

St Mary's, Pilleth Services 2024

April 28th, Sunday.....	3pm.....	
May 26th, Sunday.....	3pm.....	
June 23rd, Sunday.....	3pm.....	Battle of Pilleth
July 28th, Sunday.....	3pm.....	
August 25th, Sunday.....	3pm.....	
September 22nd, Sunday.....	3pm.....	Harvest Festival

Gravel Baptist Chapel

Further information from Keith Williams 01597 851 122

Easter Sunday 31st March.....	2.30pm.....	Leigh Spicer
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New Radnor Baptist Chapel

Easter Sunday 31st March.....	3pm.....	Richard Mansell
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All very welcome

St David's Church, Heyope

The Archdeacon of Brecon invites you to an open meeting to discuss the future of St David's Church, Heyope.

Thursday 14th March 2024

at 7.00pm

In Knucklas Community Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

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

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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.

Grid References & Church Postcodes

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Heyope.....	SO 239745	LD7 1PY
Llangunllo.....	SO 211712	LD7 1SW
Knighton.....	SO 287724	LD7 1AG
Norton (closed).....	SO 304672	LD8 2EY
Whitton.....	SO 390673	LD7 1AG
Pilleth.....	SO 256682	LD7 1NP
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Holy Week Services

Monday 25th	2.00pm	Reflection Service	St Michael's, Beguildy
Tuesday 26th	10.30am	Reflection Service	St David's, Whitton
Wednesday 27th	11.30am	Celtic Morning Prayer & Lenten Lunch	New Radnor Community Centre
Maundy Thurs 28th	4.00pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Gladestry
	6.00pm	Eucharist	St Edward's, Knighton
Good Friday 29th	10.00am	Hot Cross Bun Reflection Service	The Hub, New Radnor
	11.00am	Knighton Walk of Witness	from Brookside Square, Knighton
	1.00pm	Seven Last Words of Christ by Peregrine Quartet	St Edward's, Knighton
	2.00pm	Final Hour	St Peter's, Evancoyd
Holy Saturday 30th	6.00pm	Compline	St Mary's, New Radnor
	7.30pm	Easter Vigil TBC	St Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa

Readings for Holy Week Services

Monday 25th

- Isaiah 42. 1-9
- Psalm 36. 5-11
- Hebrews 9. 11-15
- John 12. 1-11

Tuesday 26th

- Isaiah 49. 1-7
- Psalm 71. 1-8, [9-14]
- 1 Corinthians 1. 18-31
- John 12. 20-36

Wednesday 27th

- Isaiah 50. 4-9a
- Psalm 70
- Hebrews 12. 1-3
- John 13. 21-32

Maundy Thursday 28th

- Exodus 12. 1-4, [5-10,] 11-14
- Psalm 116. [1-2,] 12-19
- 1 Corinthians 11. 23-26
- John 13. 1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday 29th

- Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12
- Psalm 22 or 22. 1-11 or 22. 1-21
- Hebrews 10. 16-25 or 4. 14-16; 5. 7-9
- John 18.1 - 19.42

Easter Saturday 30th

These readings are for use at services other than the Easter Vigil

- Job 14. 1-14 or Lamentations 3. 1-9, 19-24
- Psalm 31. 1-4, 15;16 or 31. 1-5
- 1 Peter 4. 1-8
- Matthew 27. 57-66 or John 19. 38-42

Easter Vigil

A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen. The readings from Exodus 14, Romans and the Gospel should always be used.

- Exodus 14. 10-31; 15. 20,21 leading into Cantic: Exodus 15. 1b-6, 11-13, 17, 18
- Romans 6. 3-11 with Psalm 114
- Genesis 1.1 - 2.4a with Psalm 136. 1-9, 23-26
- Genesis 7. 1-5, 11-18; 8. 6-18; 9. 8-13 with Psalm 46

- Isaiah 55. 1-11 with Cantic: Isaiah 12. 2-6
- Baruch 3. 9-15, 32 - 4.4 or Proverbs 8.1-8,19-21; 9. 4b-6 with Psalm 19
- Ezekiel 36. 24-28 with Psalm 42; 43
- Ezekiel 37. 1-14 with Psalm 143
- Zephaniah 3. 14-20 with Psalm 98
- Mark 16. 1-8

31st March Easter Day White

If the Old Testament reading is used at the Principal Service in Eastertide, the reading from Acts must be used as the New Testament reading.

- Acts 10. 34-43 or Isaiah 25. 6-9
- Psalm 118. [1, 2,] 14-24
- 1 Corinthians 15. 1-11 or Acts 10. 34-43
- John 20. 1-18 or Mark 16. 1-8

7th April Easter 2 White

If the Old Testament reading is used at the Principal Service in Eastertide, the reading from Acts must be used as the New Testament reading.

- Either or (with OT reading)
- Acts 4. 32-35 Exodus 14. 10-31; 15. 20, 21
 - Psalm 133 Psalm 133
 - 1 John 1.1 - 2.2 Acts 4. 32-35
 - John 20. 19-31 John 20. 19-31

Readings for Regular Services March

3rd March Lent 3 - Purple

Exodus 20. 1-17

Psalm 19 *or* 19. 7-14

1 Corinthians 1. 18-25

John 2. 13-22

10th March - Purple

Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2. 1-10 *or* 1 Samuel 1. 20-28

Psalm 34. 11-20 *or* 127. 1-4

2 Corinthians 1. 3-7

or Colossians 3. 12-17

Luke 2. 33-35 *or* John 19. 25-27

17th March Lent 5 - Purple

Jeremiah 31. 31-34

Psalm 51. 1-12 *or* 119. 9-16

Hebrews 5. 5-10

John 12. 20-33

24th March Palm Sunday - Red

Liturgy of the Palms:

Mark 11. 1-11

or John 12. 12-16

Psalm 118. [1, 2,] 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion:

Isaiah 50. 4-9a

Psalm 31. 9-16, [17, 18]

Philippians 2. 5-11

Mark 14.1 - 15.47

or 15. 1-39, [40-47]

Good Friday

Hot Cross Bun Reflection

Led by Rev Rachael Storer

The Hub, New Radnor

29th March @ 10am

Come and join us to reflect on the events of Good Friday through music and hot cross buns!



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East Radnor Ministry Area Service Rota March 2024

3rd March – Lent 3 (Purple)

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

10th March – Mothering Sunday (Purple)

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
4pm	St Cynllo's, Llangunllo	Evening Worship

17th March – Lent 5 (Purple)

9.30am	St David's, Whitton	Morning Worship
10am	St Mary's, Gladestry	Morning Prayer
11am	St Peter's, Evancoyd	Morning Worship
11am	St Edward's, Knighton	Holy Communion
4pm	New Radnor	Informal Worship @ the Community Centre

24th March – Palm Sunday (Red)

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	Holy Communion

For Holy Week Services please see page 50.

31st March – Easter Day (White)

10.30	St Mary's Gladestry	Holy Communion
11am	St Michael's Beguildy	Holy Communion

7th April – Easter 2 (White)

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	Evening Prayer
3pm	St Michael's, Cascob	Evening Worship
7.30pm	St Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa	Compline Plus