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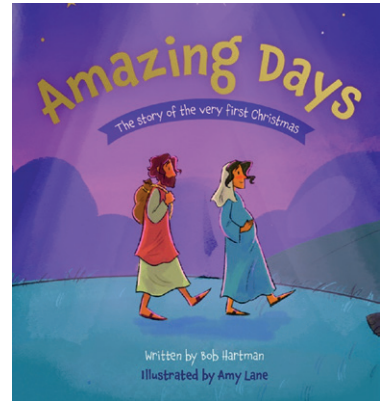
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## John Hanna's 80th Birthday Celebration

You are invited to drop in for afternoon tea on  
**Saturday 4th May**  
any time between 3pm and 6pm.

We would be very pleased to see our friends and acquaintances from throughout the ministry area and beyond.  
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# Open the Book

It is a great privilege to be able to go to Knighton Primary School on Thursday afternoons to present Bible stories to the children under the aegis of Open the Book. It was several years ago that Rev'd Melia Cope brought the idea to Churches Together in Knighton and District and she inspired people from the Knighton churches and others in our ministry area to join the project. There were so many of us that we had enough people for two groups, going into school on alternate Thursdays. We have built up a wonderful collection of costumes and props to help us dramatize the stories and the children love to join in. We try to involve a few children each week, dressing up as characters in the story and even saying a few lines of the story. During Covid we were able to tell stories on Zoom, which the teachers enjoyed showing to their classes during the week. After the lockdown we got back together and videoed the stories to send into school. You can see some photos opposite of our antics in the Methodist Church as we tried to be film stars.

By the time we were able to return to school, several people had moved on to other things, for various reasons, so now we only have a small group to present the fortnightly story. You can see some photos of us back in school and some of the children who help us. The stories are written by Bob Hartman, under the umbrella of the Bible Society, and we always finish with a thoughtful time and a prayer for the children to say Amen if they want to make it their own prayer.

If you think you might be interested in taking part, you can come along on a Thursday to see what we do. My contact details are below and I can explain about training and safeguarding. We would love to have someone to take charge of the costumes and we also need a photographer. Laura Woodside-Jones used to take wonderful photos and she would get permission from the parents to allow the children's photos to be published in The Radnor.

Another thing that we need is people to pray for us and our school. Here is a prayer from an organisation called Pray for Schools: *Father, please pour out Your blessings upon our whole school community so that everyone grows in the knowledge of Your truth, love, wisdom and peace. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.*

Rosemary Hanna, [rojo.hanna@outlook.com](mailto:rojo.hanna@outlook.com), 01547 529 296

## Why is Open the Book so crucial to Bible Mission?

*A message from Paul Williams, CEO of the Bible Society*

Open the Book takes Bible storytelling into schools and in many ways is a perfect example of what Bible Society is all about.

It unites Christians of different denominations to work together, creating a trusted meeting place around the Bible. And at the centre of it all is being able to equip a new generation with a knowledge of the Bible. It is vital to make the Bible accessible to all ages in ways they can understand, and it's especially important that children have the chance to engage with the Scriptures.

The stories in the Bible have shaped a whole civilisation over thousands of years and we neglect them in society at our peril. They've inspired all kinds of social change and reform and transformed people's lives on a personal level.

Through Open the Book, Bible stories can inspire school communities and parents – even those without a faith.

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## A Letter from the Vicar's Study



Dear Friends,

Easter is still firmly in our minds following services throughout Holy Week, as it should be. Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar as it is the time when Jesus was raised from the dead as prophesied.

Over the next few weeks we will hear readings from the book of the Acts of the Apostles, which tells us of the times that Jesus appeared after His death. It is a comfort to know that the story did not end at the Resurrection.

All through life we encounter loss and gain. When we lose someone who is close to us we are left grieving and struggling to find our way forward. Eventually we create a new way of being, not without that person, but with them in a different way. Love cannot be taken away and that is what joins those on earth with those who have gone to their new home.

In our Ministry Area many churches are struggling following COVID and due to lack of support. I am delighted to see how many people turned out for a meeting to prevent St David's Church, Heyope from closing. We need to pull together and resurrect our churches. The buildings are the hub that leads to us all caring for each other and living as a loving community.

I pray for all church buildings and all organisations in our Ministry Area that reach out to help people, whether they be of faith or not.

Let us all pull together for the common good.

*Love and blessings,*

*Petra xx*



Dear Friends,

At the moment it feels like the whole world, and the whole of our society, is in need of prayer. There seems to be so much bad news around at the moment, in the media, hearing about people we know, from things that are affecting loved ones, to things that are affecting us personally. We are so fortunate, though, in where we

live. If you are feeling anxious about something, take the time to notice the beauty of the countryside in which we are living. I know it doesn't pay the bills, it doesn't put fuel in your car, it doesn't put food on the table, or warm our homes, but there are signs of new life everywhere we look in nature at the moment, which is encouraging. It can give us hope and lift our spirits. However hard things can seem at times, a new sunrise or new growth in the garden, newborn lambs out in the fields, a smile and a kind word from a friend, neighbour or even a stranger, all these show that this is a new day, with the possibility of new opportunities, with renewed hope. "This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it." The times we live in can be hard right now; but take time to notice the good things and rejoice in them. And provide that smile yourself and for someone else, too; they might really need it.

*Blessings,*

*Rev Rachael Storer*

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### Deadline

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## About the Cover – Jesus, the Good Shepherd

At this time of lambing "*The Lord is my shepherd*" (Psalm 23) resonates with all in the farming community. One of the names we have for Jesus is the "*lamb of God*." In the stained glass image Jesus is carrying two lambs and surrounded by sheep. The Brecon Beacons are behind with a tree (reminiscent of the cross) and spring flowers. His robes are vivid red, for martyrdom, and despite their elegant trim, he is barefoot in humility.

Over and over we see Jesus as a good shepherd, tenderly caring for the sheep. In Matthew and Luke's gospels the good shepherd leaves his 99 sheep to find the one who is lost. In John's gospel Jesus says that he will lay down his life for the sheep. That divine care appears repeatedly in the Psalms; God "*led out his people like sheep and guided them in the wilderness like a flock. [78.52]*"

The window is probably by Taylor & Clifton from the early 20th Century. It was given in memory of David and Elizabeth Thomas by their children.

*Photo and article by Laura Woodside-Jones*

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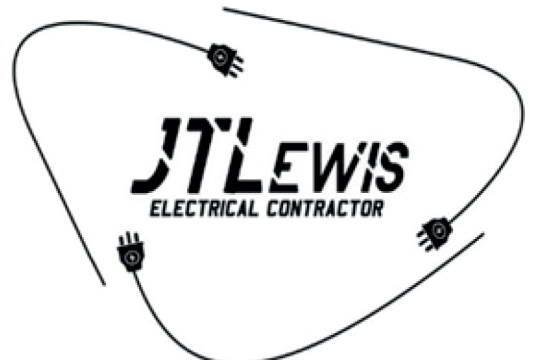
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# St Cynllo's Mothering Sunday Service

As ever it was lovely to see children in church and they happily beavered away at their special area by the font assembling and decorating little gifts for the ladies.

Of course mothers, in all their different guises and with all their many attributes, were very much at the heart of the service and memories from some of the older members of the congregation were put together in a "Book of Mum" which was read out for us all to share.

The Bible readings told of Hannah, who sacrificed her long awaited and much loved son Samuel into the service of God, and Mary at the foot of the cross as she gave up Jesus to His fate.

The address drew together all these elements, acknowledging the strength it often takes to cope with the challenges of motherhood. It was also the time for Petra to share with us some recollections of her own Mum, bravely illustrating that relationships are not always the stuff of golden memories but part of what makes us human. She also made us very aware that mothers aren't just those who physically give birth. All women who support, love and encourage children of all ages are acting in the role of Mum and we should appreciate them all for what they do.

After a rendition of "Mum's busy day goes round and round" to a familiar nursery tune the children gave out their little gifts to all the ladies present and everyone was soon sipping tea, tucking into the usual yummy spread and catching up with all the news.

Many thanks, as ever, to all who helped to make the service an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

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## Stowe & Stanage WI

Following a short business meeting we settled down to hear Anne Cummings speak about *The Famous and the Infamous*. Anne is a qualified graphologist and she showed us the handwriting of three people, giving us clues to guess who they were.

The first was a letter written by Margaret Thatcher in May 1979. Analysis of her style showed that she was a clear thinker, independent and with keen judgement. Large capital letters showed a desire to lead, and the upright style indicated a thinker and planner.

Secondly we saw a letter written by Jimmy Saville, who apparently refused initially to give a sample of his handwriting until he was told it would show how clever he was! The fact that all the letters were connected showed he was focused on his goals and liked to have his own way. Apparently simple and innocent, it required intense analysis to reveal the manipulator.

Finally we saw a letter written from prison by Harold Shipman. His left-slanting style revealed a polished outer image, but moody and unpredictable underneath, with an internal rage to have things his own way.

Our April meeting is on **Tuesday 2nd April** at 7pm in the Reynolds Room when Serenity will conduct a session of chair yoga. All are welcome.

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## Llanfair Waterdine WI

A really big meeting in March. Nearly all our members were able to attend and we had several visitors. It was a willow weaving workshop, led by Bridget Graham, and everyone left with a really elegant trivet. There were so many of us that it became a very lively evening.

**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. A workshop again but much more delicate! We have been asked to bring scissors.

R Rand of the Blood Bikes group is coming to talk about their work at the May meeting. They have a very active group in this area and are well supported.

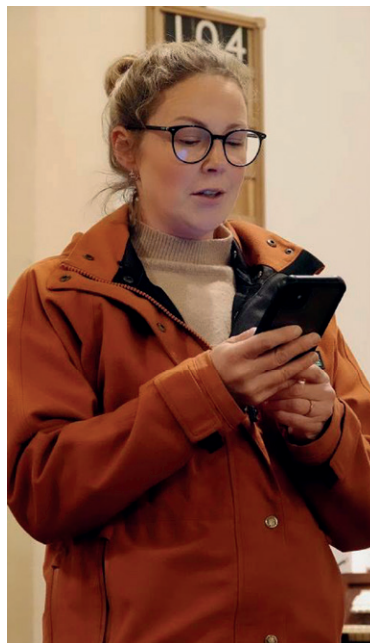
Our meetings are on the first Friday of the month in the Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine. Meeting 7pm. Speaker 7.30pm. We are always pleased to welcome visitors to enjoy the speaker and share our finger buffet supper. So please come along.

For further information contact Margaret Clugston 01547 529 155 or Ann Harroway 01547 528 477.

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# St Cynllo's Mothering Sunday Service



## Tref-y-Clawdd WI



## Whitton WI Centenary



*Bernard & Sylvia*



*Busy Tables & Flowers*



*Date Bars*



*Chatting*



*Kate & Audrey*



*Lynsey, Steve & Carolyn*

### Flowers for Fun:

Maybe you would like to know how to arrange flowers? Join our friendly group to see what we do - at Whitton Community Hall on Thursdays 18th and 25th April from 12 - 2 pm (May dates to follow).



## Tref-y-Clawdd WI

We completed our business meeting in record time, even allowing for a lively discussion about the title of our section for the Knighton show in August, as well as plans for the host of forthcoming events: next month we're having a ladies afternoon tea; we even cemented and confirmed our entries for the Powys county show in May; and this year we shall celebrate having been formed 90 years ago - so all events are extra special or even more extra special than normal!

After all this decision making, we cleared the tables for one of our favourite occupations - A craft evening! Everyone made some beautiful Easter decorations, whilst enjoying our tea and biscuits. We each tried our hand at very realistic daffodils and some members also progressed to an Easter wreath. It was very appropriate for St David's day as well as Easter. Two daffodils will fit into a stem vase and everyone was pleased with their efforts.

We even squeezed in time to choose books from the book stall and draw the monthly raffle, as well as judging the regular competition which is always so closely fought. This month, it was a handmade Easter card and the entries were inspired, so even more difficult to judge.

We meet at St Edward's church hall (usually on the first Wednesday of the month) and also occasionally hold extra meetings ie bookclub/craft club etc. Please contact Dorothy for details 07974 678 514

*Dorothy Symonds*

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## Whitton WI Centenary

Despite being a miserable, grey, wet day – there were lots of smiles, lively chat and catching-up at the March coffee morning. It's always good to see and hear our neighbours and friends together, whilst they enjoy plenty of FREE cake, coffee and tea. The FREE Book Stall, FREE Raffle and pretty table flowers are also part of the morning to lift spirits and evoke some laughter.

It was interesting to hear it said that the delicious Date Slice (pictured) is also known as Matrimonial Cake. Why???

Apparently it represents two different families coming together, but someone said cynically “it's hard on the outside and soft in the middle”.

There will be an extra special birthday cake, games and reminiscing on **Tuesday 9th April**. We will be celebrating 100 continuous years of a W.I. in Whitton and hope that many others will be sharing this with us. We are certainly looking forward to providing a welcome and continuing to support our community. Please do come along, maybe you 'bump' into someone you haven't seen in a while and you'll be sure of a good slice of cake!

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## New Radnor Informal Worship “Café Church”

What a lovely afternoon of worship, tea and cake Michael and Paul designed for us all at our February meeting, inspired by a certain auspicious date in the Gregorian calendar, the theme was LOVE.

As we know the Inuit have about 26 words for love, but in spite of our paucity of vocabulary, the Bible tells us a lot about love and compassion, both for ourselves and for each other. We are told to love our neighbours as ourselves, and even our enemies. But above all we are told that God Is Love. We are told that God loved us so much he was willing to let his Son give up his life for us.

That is love indeed. Michael and Paul invited us to share and reflect on some of these Bible verses. As we meditated on what Love calls us to do, we were asked to think of something we could do in the week to come, which would show our love and care for others. I immediately thought of something and someone on my “To do List”, who needed my care. Needless to say, that was my first priority on Monday morning. So for that day at least, I would more nearly reflect God's love for us. I wonder if the other participants were equally inspired? It would be difficult not to be. Anyway there was clearly a lot to chat about over love heart sweets, sandwiches and cake as nobody seemed to want to go home.

We look forward to welcoming lots of you to our April “Café Church”. when we shall be exploring “Rogation”. See you there. **Sunday 21st April**, 4.00pm New Radnor Community Centre. And thank you Michael and Paul.

*Hermione Evans*

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# Knighton News

## Coffee Morning

**Saturday 20th April** at 10.30am in the church hall – our time for coffee, chat, meet new friends and browse the stalls. Books, jigsaws, produce, cakes, Granny's Attic and competitions. We look forward to seeing you. If you have items to donate, please bring them along or phone 528260 to arrange collection. All profits to help us maintain your parish church. Competition winners at our February event were: D Bowen, DG Price, I Greaves, L Heakin, S O'Rourke and R Morris. The sum of £260.00 was raised. We appreciate your continued support.

## Bingo in the Church Hall

All proceeds from our evenings of bingo go towards the Roof Fund. The roof will have to be renewed in the near future. Come along and join in the fun on **Saturday 27th April** at 7pm and help us raise the much needed funds. We still have some roof tiles to sell. Thank you to all who have already donated. For further details contact Derrick Price (Town Crier).

## St Edward's Church Family News

Please remember all who are unwell in our community, those in hospital or recovering at home from surgery. Our thoughts are with residents of Cottage View, Knighton Hospital and all the staff who care for them.

Get well soon to Jean Shuker and Chris Edwards.

Congratulations to Colin and Doe Phillips, who recently celebrated their diamond wedding (married in St Edward's).

We send our sympathy to Mary Niblock and her family and friends, mourning the loss of husband Bob.

Monday 26th February was the funeral service for Mervyn Lewis, who passed away on Sunday 4th February aged 86 years. Rev. Petra Goodband conducted the service and the organist was Thomas Heakin. The hymns chosen were *"The Lord's my Shepherd"* and *"The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended"*. Tributes were made of the huge contribution Mervyn had made to the Royal British Legion over many years in our community and the Poppy Appeal in Knighton. Committal followed at Hereford Crematorium.

On Monday 4th March Rev. P. Goodband conducted the funeral service for Alan Prothero, who passed away aged 79 years. Included in the service were the hymns *"Praise my soul, the King of heaven"* and *"Guide me, O thou great Redeemer"* and tributes by members of Alan's family. Committal took place earlier in the day at the crematorium.

We remember all who are bereaved, mourning the loss of loved ones, especially the family and friends of Mervyn and Alan.

Jean Price



  
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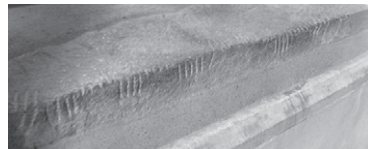
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## Celtic Saint of the Month - St Brynach - 7th April

Brynach, like his contemporary Brychan Brycheiniog, one of whose daughters married Brynach, was of Irish extraction. He may have been born in Ireland or, more likely, in West Wales, where there were many Irish settlers. Traditionally he was known as Brynach Wyddol (Brynach the Irishman).

After a wild time as a youth, he settled down to follow where God would lead him. It is said that he went to Rome, where he slew the obligatory evil serpent, then passed through Brittany on his way back to Wales, landing at Milford Haven. He was friends with St David, who often visited him at his best-known foundation, St Brynach's, Nevern. Nevern



*Ogham Script on the  
Maglocunus Stone*

is famous for its tall Celtic cross, decorated all over with interlacing patterns. It is called St Brynach's Cross, but dates about 400 years after him. However there are two memorial stones from St Brynach's era, one standing in the churchyard and the other laid on an inside windowsill, both with ogham script.

At Pontfaen is another church dedicated to Brynach and from there you can see Carn Inglis, a hill that he used to climb for meditation and to meet with angels. While Brynach was living there with his fellow monks, he owned an extra large cow and a wolf. The cow was precious as it gave more milk than other cows. The wolf took the cow out to pasture in the morning and brought it in again every evening. The cow came to a sticky end due to the antics of a local king, Maelgwn, who demanded that Brynach provide him with a banquet. With no banquet forthcoming, he stole the cow, chopped it up and put it in water to boil. But the water remained cold! Believing this to be a judgement from God, Maelgwn repented and returned to Brynach for forgiveness. Brynach resurrected the cow and returned it to the wolf's safekeeping. The monks gathered wheaten bread from an oak tree for Maelgwn and his starving men.

There are seven churches dedicated to Brynach in south west Wales and a few in south east Wales. Their connection with the distribution of ogham stones continues the Irish influence.

It is possible that eventually Brynach sailed back over the Severn Sea to north Devon. The church in Braunton is dedicated to St Brannock, who could well be the same person, and that is where he would have died.

*Rosemary Hanna*



*St Brynach in St Non's  
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# What does a Ministry Area look like?

*From the website of the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon*

*We seek to be faithful to our Lord, to gather as God's people, grow in his image, and go out in his power.  
The new Ministry Area model provides an organisational structure designed to reduce administrative hurdles.  
There is one design, but each Ministry Area will have a unique look and feel.*

## Context

We now live in a post-christendom society and our diocese needs to respond to the changes which have taken place. The diocesan vision is to see growing and flourishing local churches. The structures and systems which have been inherited are no longer the best framework to enable this mission and ministry to develop.

The aim of Ministry Areas is to reduce the obstacles that hold back being a stronger and more lively Christian presence. Fundamental to the concept of Ministry Areas is that they are rooted in teamwork.

Very simply, a Ministry Area is a gathering of churches which provides the opportunity to streamline administration and expand the ability for mission to take place. By working together in a collaborative way churches and their people can share knowledge, skills, resources and talent to the glory of God.

Each Ministry Area will have an appropriate stipendiary presence shared with other licensed ordained and lay ministers.

## Governance of the Ministry Area

The model this diocese is moving to will be:

- Diocese
- Archdeaconry
- Ministry Area

*(which will also take the constitutional role of the Deanery and the Parish)*

## Local Church

The current Benefice / Parish boundaries within a Ministry Area will be removed. The Ministry Area will have a single Parochial Church Council. Each Ministry Area will also, in time, become an unincorporated charity, with the members of the Parochial Church Council also being trustees of the charity, so long as they are eligible. The removal of legal boundaries within a Ministry Area will mean that the right to marriage, baptism and burial will extend to the Ministry Area.

## Ministry Area Council

The Ministry Area Council will set the strategic direction of the Ministry Area. It will have the powers of both the former Parochial Church Council and Deanery Conference and will promote the mission and ministry of the Church. It will identify and review the needs of the Ministry Area in respect to people, finance, buildings and property. Two Ministry Area Wardens will be elected by an Annual Parochial Meeting of the Ministry Area. The Ministry Area Council will elect a Chair from its membership. The membership is governed by the Constitution of the Church in Wales. Each Ministry Area will define its own mechanism for local representation. Each Ministry Area Council is invited to provide representation to Diocesan Committees. Other sub-groups may exist but are not part of the governance structure, e.g. fundraising group, prayer group etc.

## Local Churches

Each church or group of churches within the Ministry Area should have a church committee and appoint church (sub) wardens. This group will be responsible for matters of local concern.

*(To be continued)*

## Can You Help?

### 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](mailto:danicagulliver@churchinwales.org.uk) or speak to Rev'd Petra Goodband or Rev'd Rachael Storer (contact details on page 5).



# Crossword

The Bible version used in our crosswords is the NIV.

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## ACROSS

8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the —' (ISAIAH 53:12) (13)

9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives' (MATTHEW 26:30) (3)

10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)

11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (ISAIAH 60:5) (5)

13 Muslim holy month (7)

16 Ten ears (ANAG.) (7)

19 Under (POETIC ABBREV.) (5)

22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (GENESIS 15:2) (9)

24 'Go to the —, you sluggard' (PROVERBS 6:6) (3)

25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

## DOWN

1 My — for His Highest (OSWALD CHAMBERS' BEST-KNOWN BOOK) (6)

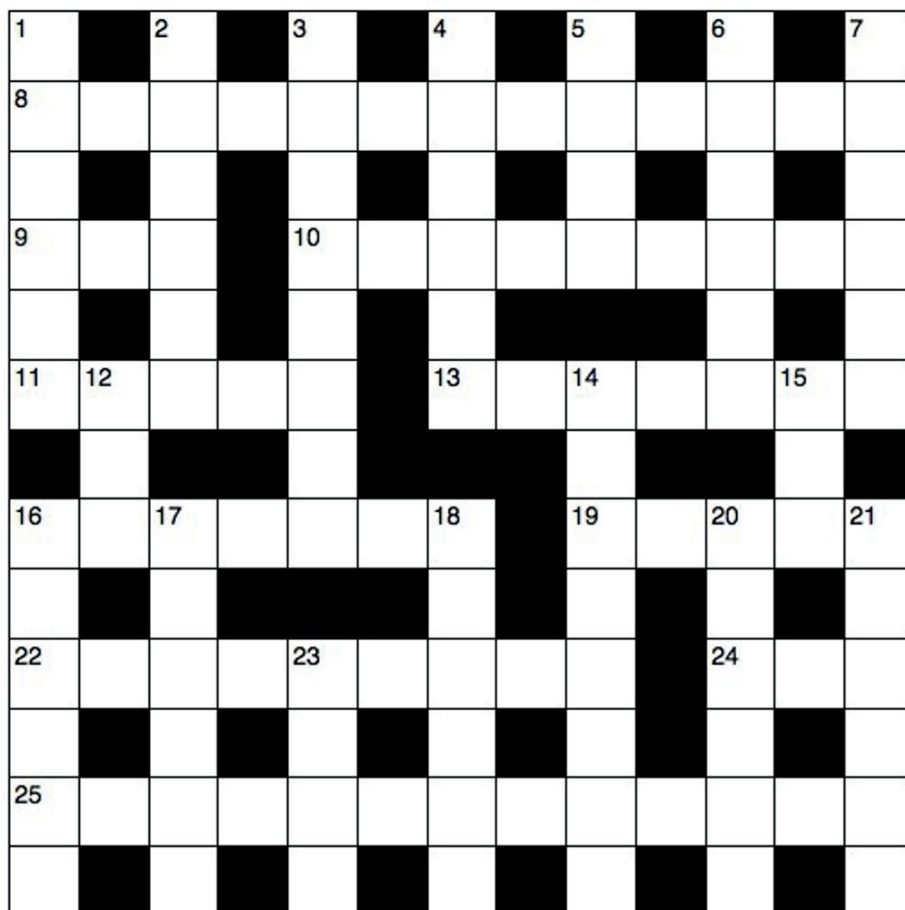
2 Festival of the resurrection (6)

3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (DANIEL 11:10) (8)

4 'Let not the — string his bow' (JEREMIAH 51:3) (6)

5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)

6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (MATTHEW 26:16) (2,4)



7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (HEBREWS 3:6) (2,1,3)

12 Long-handed implement used to till the soil (ISAIAH 7:25) (3)

14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)

15 Appropriate (PROVERBS 15:23) (3)

16 I, uncle (ANAG.) (6)

17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (LUKE 24:42) (1,5)

18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (DANIEL 3:24) (4,2)

20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (GENESIS 8:4) (6)

21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (JAMES 4:4) (6)

23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

Answers can be found on page 7

# Prayer Walking In Our Community

Prayer walking is just what it sounds. You pray as you walk.

What is the point? Think of it as stepping out as God's children, to intercede for those who are living in your community. Be intentional about praying for God's blessings on what you see and feel.

Simply praying: "Your Kingdom come, your will be done..." is an excellent start.

Prayer walking is NOT about being seen to be praying, you are not doing it to 'show off'. It is about seeing your neighbourhood with compassion, and then praying for God's mercy and blessing to be upon it.

So, as you go along, you can pray quietly, or in silence. If you do want to pray out loud, take a friend along, so that it will seem merely as if you are chatting. In fact, when you do a prayer walk, it is best not to do it alone. Always try and go with someone else. After all, Jesus sent His disciples out in pairs.

On your prayer walk, try and be aware of what God is saying to you as you move around the community. As the former Archbishop of York, Lord Sentamu, once advised: "If any Bible verses pop into your head or if you have any pictures, visions or words of knowledge, turn these into prayer."

At the end of the prayer walk, share with others what you prayed for, and heard from God. Write any impressions down, so you can keep track of how you have prayed for your area.

Again, to quote Lord Sentamu, "If you feel that God has highlighted specific needs or challenges, think about how to take action. Could you or the church be part of God's solution practically, as well as prayerfully?"

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## 1st April - All Fools' Day

In years gone by, the rules surrounding April Fool were this: between midnight and noon on 1st April, everyone is 'fair game' to be made a fool of. It is the morning of the practical joke. But the aim is not just to discomfort the victim: he must be tricked into taking action himself, sent on a 'fool's errand'.

And so children would be sent to the dairy for a pint of dove's milk, or to the bookseller for *The Life of Eve's Mother*. Practical jokes on a bigger scale were played: in 1860 a vast number of people received an official looking invitation to the Tower of London that read: 'Admit the Bearer and Friends to view the Annual Ceremony of Washing the White Lions.' Precisely the same trick had been played in 1698.

Then, on the stroke of noon, tradition decrees, April Fools is finished. If anyone attempts devilry thereafter, even while the clock is still striking, it recoils on his own head. A child would then race through the sing-song formula: 'April-Fool-Day's-past-and-gone-you're-the-fool-and-I-am-none!'

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## What's on in the East Radnor Ministry Area?

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- Our attractive and relaxed programme has continued at Knucklas Community Centre with, on a March afternoon, our captivating and multi-talented visiting speaker on the subject of Honey-bees.
- One lesson we had to take from this was, that in the event of any problem with bees, the best and most effective course of action is to send for a beekeeper. It is surprising how many of these there are around!
- The next meeting is on the delightful subject of 'Roses'. **Monday 8th April**, back to the usual 7.30pm timing. Visitors are always welcome. Refreshments are available.
- *Robert Forbath*

## **Gladestry 49 Club**

The January and February winners were: Betty Johnson (41), Tony Jones (7), Rachael Storer (42), Heather Carrington (16), Susan Robinson (48), Liz Lythall (34), Chris Smedley (43), and a rollover.

## **Beguildy News**

**Congratulations** to David Barrett of Beguildy on becoming a proud grandfather to a baby boy called Bodhi – son of Sam and Siobhan.

## **Llangunllo Village Walk**

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

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## **Welsh Words**

*mis Ebrill April*

*Mawrth a ladd, Ebrill a fling*  
*March slays, April flays*

*Diwrnod Ffŵl Ebrill April Fool's Day*

*cawod Ebrill April shower*



## **Date For The Diary**

The Friends of St Cynllo's Church,  
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*Further details to follow.*



## Powys National Garden Scheme – Gardens Open in April

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### Knucklas News

Weather-wise, rain has still continued to be a prominent feature, but no houses around here reported to have flooded. Some excellent work has taken place higher up the catchment area of the Teme and its tributaries, which has really made a difference lower down.

Apart from all the various social activities taking place at the Community Centre, Dragon Auctions continue to hold sales each second Wednesday morning, with proceeds going to the Community Centre.

#### The Future of St. David's Church, Heyope:

The church has failed to function as a worshipping community for well over a year now and a decision has to be made soon. Money and insurance are less of an issue than commitments made and stuck to, if the church is to continue in a recognisable form. Apart from that, the churchyard is much loved, used and needed and the church building is something of a gem. So perhaps it is not surprising that a fair number of local people rallied to a meeting in the church to prepare for a more formal meeting a short time later at Knucklas Community Centre.

Delightful refreshments were served in the comfortable hall, before well over thirty people, including some from Llangunllo and further afield, got down to business! The meeting was presided over by local vicar, Revd. Petra Goodband and was noteworthy for strong feelings but mutual respect and a determination to keep the church worship alive, albeit in a simpler form and focussing on High Days and Holy Days. Some six representatives of the local community agreed to meet with the Vicar after Easter, to work out a strategy.

Help and encouragement were also offered by Rev'd John Hanna (former Vicar), County Councillor Debbie Edwards from Norton and Pam Livingstone-Lawn of Llangunllo Church.

Altogether quite an encouraging picture!

*Robert Forbath*

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### Your Land, Your Community – Get Closer and Enjoy it

Knucklas Castle Community Land is on the edge of Knucklas village – there for everyone's year-round enjoyment. It includes an orchard, allotments, woodland, steep hillsides and a historic castle mound with panoramic views. The land is owned in common and is cared for by local people. All are welcome to use and help to look after this special place: there's gentle work to do such as tending community beds in the allotment field and more strenuous activities like cutting back unruly hedges and undergrowth. The shared aims are to grow nutritious food, encourage wildlife and biodiversity, and open up the wonder of nature for everyone. Community, climate change and care of the environment are at the heart of everything.

All volunteers are very welcome at work parties which last no more than about two hours (or come for as long as you like) – these are a chance not only to contribute, but also to meet and enjoy the company of others. And of course there are refreshments!

Forthcoming work party dates are: **Sunday 7th April** 10.30am and **Sunday 12th May** 10.30am. A warm welcome awaits.

Further dates during the summer will be midweek afternoons and will be publicised on the website [Knucklascastle.org.uk](http://Knucklascastle.org.uk) and on the Facebook page for Knucklas Castle Community Land Project.

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# Dates For Your Diary

## April

2.....	Chair Yoga.....	Reynolds Room.....	8
5.....	Zig-zag Mini Books Demo.....	Everest Hall.....	8
6.....	Music Marathon.....	St Edward's Knighton.....	19
7.....	Work Party.....	Knucklas Castle Land.....	21
8.....	Roses Gardeners Club Talk.....	Knucklas Comm Centre.....	20
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9.....	Whitton WI Birthday.....	Whitton Comm Hall.....	11
13.....	Music in New Radnor.....	The Hub.....	18
13.....	Bingo Night.....	The Comm/KDCC.....	12
13.....	Art Exhibition.....	Knucklas Comm Centre.....	40
14.....	Art Exhibition.....	Knucklas Comm Centre.....	40
15.....	Robert Arley Talk.....	New Radnor Comm Hall.....	26
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18.....	Whist Drive.....	The Comm/KDCC.....	12
20.....	Coffee Morning.....	Knighton Chuch Hall.....	12
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20.....	Alexis Korner Celebration.....	St Edward's Church.....	38
21.....	A Needlework Journey.....	St Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa.....	27
21.....	Informal Worship - Rogation.....	New Radnor Comm Hall.....	11
24.....	Community Lunch.....	Llangunllo Comm Hall.....	40
24.....	Spring Plant Fair.....	Broxwood Court.....	27
26.....	Male Voice Choir Concert.....	Brecon Cathedral.....	26
27.....	Bingo.....	Knighton Church Hall.....	12
27.....	Male Voice Choir Concert.....	Pavilion, Llandrindod Wells.....	27
28.....	Sunday Salon Concert.....	The Hub.....	19

## May

4.....	Llangunllo Village Walk.....	Greyhound Pub.....	20
12.....	Work Party.....	Knucklas Castle Land.....	21
20.....	Bonsai Tree Talk.....	New Radnor Comm Hall.....	26
25.....	Duck Race.....	Monaughty, Knighton.....	19

## Monthly Events

1st Tues.....	Tea & Natter.....	St Edward's Church Hall.....	19
1st Tues.....	Stowe & Stanage WI.....	The Comm.....	
1st/3rd Tues...	Craft Afternoon.....	Walton Hall.....	28
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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.....	
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## Weekly Events

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Tuesdays.....	Women's Hour.....	The Comm.....	
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**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**  
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**21 Oct - 7.30pm - AGM**

**18 Nov - 7.30pm - Sabina Ruber**  
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**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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## Walton Hall Events

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

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## Citizens Advice available via the Knighton Community Centre

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# Flora and Fauna

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This year a lot of the flowers appeared earlier than usual. It was amazing to see, in St Edward's churchyard, snowdrops and daffodils in bloom in January, much to our surprise and enjoyment. This month is the ideal time to move and part snowdrops to prevent overcrowding. I am sure you have friends who would be delighted to receive a gift of a few bulbs. In Clun they have a set day when gardeners, after dividing up the snowdrop bulbs, meet with volunteers waiting to spend their day planting surplus bulbs in spaces around the community in need of TLC. This year it was such a joy to see all these dainty little flowers, with visitors taking photographs.

All gardeners are waiting for the weather to improve so that real work can be done, clearing leaves and debris, lawns needing raking, rose pruning and hardy annuals to be sown. There is still a risk of frost at night, so tender plants will need protecting. On a wet day what better than a trip to the garden centre. Most are overflowing with fantastic colour and a wide choice of plants and shrubs, also the "must have" plant, together with up to the minute ideas to keep up with the latest fashion in outdoor entertaining.

At this time of the year, birds are busy. They contribute so much to the garden with their activities. The song thrush is nature's very own pest control officer, catching slugs and snails, helping to create a natural balance in the garden. We must continue to provide food and clean water for them and enjoy their dawn chorus.

*Jean Price*



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## Dathlu Dydd Gwyl Dewi Celebrating St David's Day

This year's St David's Day celebration in Knighton Community Centre was a wonderful effort by the organisers. The hall was decorated with Welsh emblems, and performers did their best to wear the Welsh colours of red, green, white and black. There was even a competition for the best dressed child in Welsh national costume. Evelyn Bennett, MacyGrace Morris and Sofia Gomes took part and they were all winners! There were activities for the children throughout the afternoon: thank you to Carole Smith and Maggie Mortimer for supervising. Thank you also to those who ran the bar and provided refreshments of delicious bara brith and Welsh cakes, including Michael Harding and Carole Didlick. Chris Martin made sure the programme ran smoothly and worked hard behind the scenes.

The MC for the afternoon was Judith Phillips, who also sang some delightful songs. Our harpist was Eleri Darkins who played beautiful melodies on her triple harp. Sarah Graham organised her Welsh classes to come along and read poems in Welsh, accompanied by videos with an English translation and beautiful scenery to illustrate the poems. Well done to all the learners! Rosemary Hanna also read a couple of entertaining Welsh poems. The afternoon concluded with a selection of Welsh songs by the Llanfair Singers, conducted by Graham Trew and accompanied by George Baker, the final item being the Welsh National Anthem as we all stood to sing Hen Wlad fy Nhadau.

Apologies for any names I have omitted and we hope to see you all again next year.



*Evelyn Bennett, Mary Grace Morris & Sofia Gomes*

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## The Late Roger K.T. Bright

A service to celebrate the life of Roger Bright was held in St Edward's Church on 9th March, organised by his grandchildren. Roger passed away on 19th March 2020 at home, surrounded by his family, aged 88 years. The service was conducted by Rev. Petra Goodband and the organist was Judy North. The eulogy was spoken by Joseph Bright (grandson) with tributes from granddaughters Karmel and Katana. A poem was recited by Jasmine, great granddaughter. The service included the singing of "Amazing Grace" and "Morning has Broken". Rev. Goodband spoke of a long life dedicated to this town, a community stalwart who was awarded the British Empire Medal in recognition of his services. Roger was town mayor on four occasions, a supporter of the local RAF Association, the show and carnival, the town forum and St Edward's Church. He ran his photography business on High Street and for over fifty years was chief photographer for the Mid Wales Journal, attending local events and family occasions, especially weddings. Missed but not forgotten. RIP.

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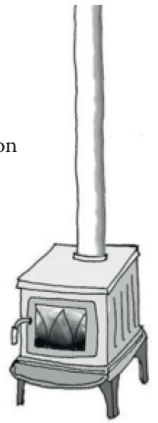
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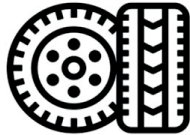
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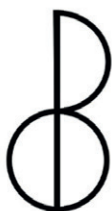
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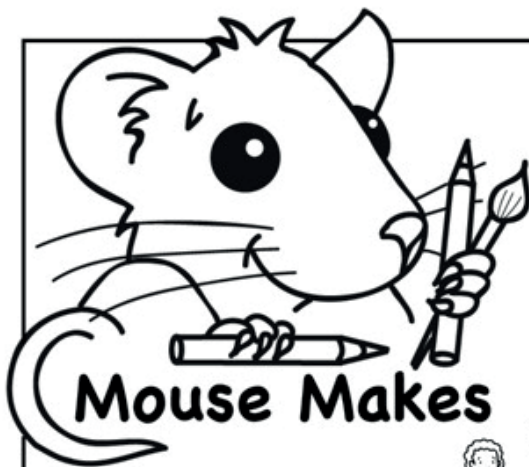
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Some time after Jesus had risen a few of His disciples met together to go fishing. They fished all night but caught nothing. As the sun rose a man on the shore asked; "Have you caught anything?" "Not a thing" they answered.



He said to them "Throw your net out onto the right side of the boat and you will catch some." So they did and they and they caught so many fish they could not pull in the net. Then John recognised the man, "It is the Lord!"



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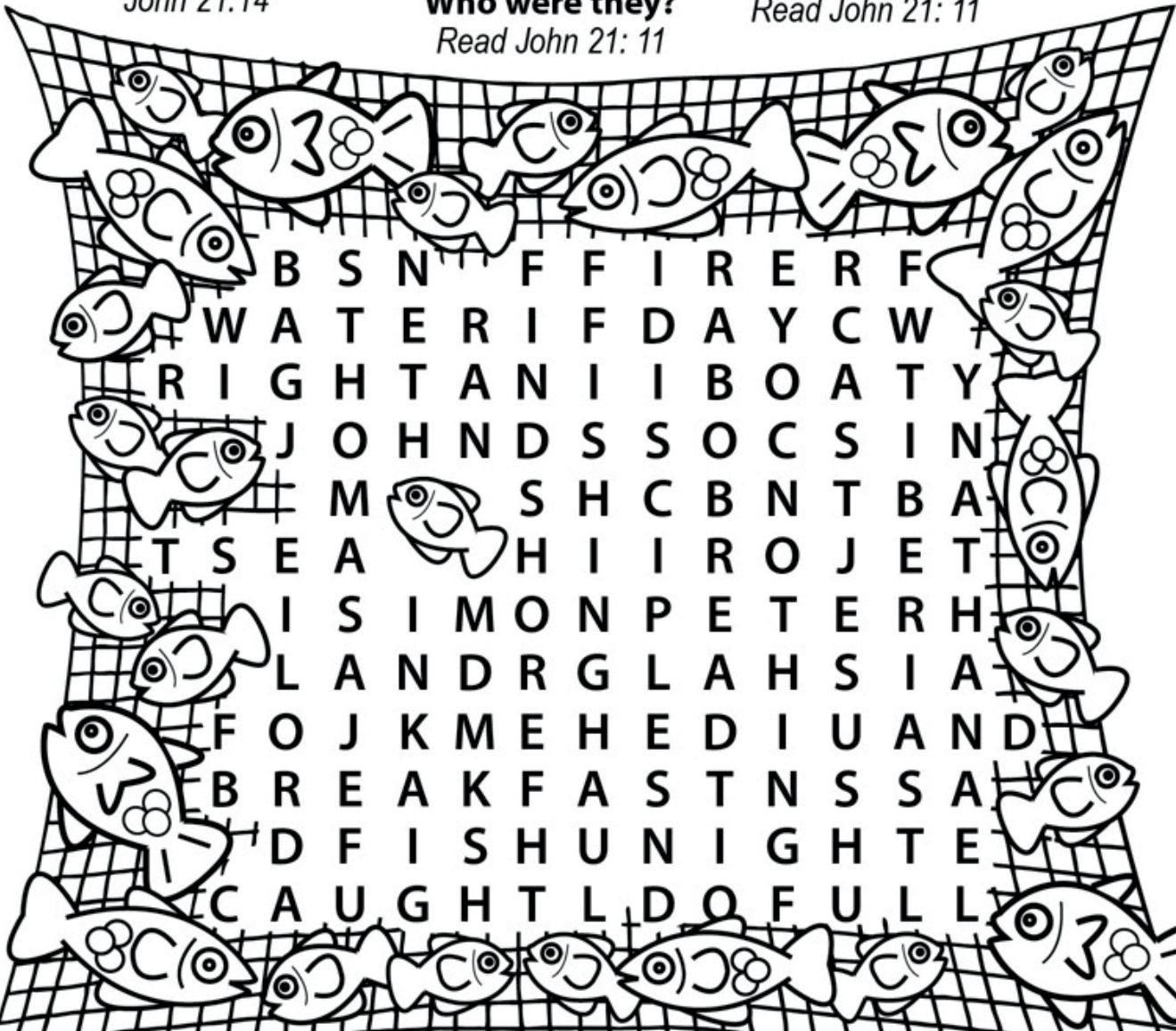
the story in **John 21**

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## Llangunllo Games Night

It has been a while since a Games Night was held at Llangunllo Community Hall. So, the fun event held by The Friends of St Cynllo's Church on Saturday, March 9th was appreciated all the more by those who attended.

There were plenty of activities laid out to keep everyone busy, including: skittles, (kindly re-painted, recently by Chris Alderson) pool, table football, air hockey and Giant Jenga. The latter attracted much jollity, as players of each round tentatively removed the wooden blocks and placed them on the top of the ever-growing, precarious towers, whilst onlookers waited in anticipation to see them topple over. There was much laughter and loud cheers as the constructions eventually clattered, dramatically to the floor.

After so much excitement, it was time for a break, with cheese and ham and plain cheese pizzas being served, and a selection of delicious biscuits to follow.

Once everyone had enjoyed their supper, the raffle was drawn, sending home the happy winners with a choice of prizes, from bottles of wine, various plants and chocolate Maltesers truffles.

The final game of the evening, for all participants, was "Killer Skittles." The rules for this knock-out competition being very simple; with each player having 3 lives to start and needing to hit at least one skittle from those still standing. If a skittle was missed, a life was lost and once all three were used up, the player was out. The final woman standing and worthy winner was Pam Livingstone-Lawn.

The evening was also an opportunity for many to get a first look at the ongoing refurbishments, currently taking place in the hall: re-painting and new curtains, with more improvements to come. A fitting addition to a night of nostalgia was the use of the blackboard, (kindly fitted by John Lewis) that once hung in Llangunllo School, before it closed.

A thoroughly enjoyable time was had and everyone went home with smiles on their faces. Many thanks to all who came along and helped in any way.

*Debbie Jones*

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## St David's Celebration at Colva with The Radnor Valley Band

Pilgrims gathered on a bright sunny afternoon for the celebration service for St David. A warm welcome was given to the Radnor Valley Band on their return visit to accompany the hymns with traditional Welsh tunes. Christine, Joanna and Marlene read the poems and readings. Rev. Rachael reminded us that David was the abbot of a monastery and ate a simple diet, which was later represented with people wearing a leek. A phrase said to be part of his last sermon reads, "Do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about." Rev. Rachael concluded her talk by saying, "The small changes that we can all make can bring joy and love into our lives for both ourselves and those around us, as we walk with God." Rachael thanked everyone who attended the afternoon and helped in any way. Following the singing of the Welsh national anthem, refreshments were served by the ladies.

Sunday Service: **Sunday 7th April** at 2.30 pm.

**Sunday 19th May**, Our bishop, the Right Reverend John Lomas, will attend for the blessing service of the new roof.

*Rosalind Tarrant, Photos by Michael Capstick*

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## Alexis Korner Celebration Day

On **Saturday 20th April**, starting at 1pm, St Edward's Church Knighton will host a Celebration of Alexis Korner. As many will know, Alexis had a long connection with Knighton, and some knew his widow, Bob.

To celebrate what would have been his 96th birthday we are making St Edward's Church the venue for an afternoon of music.

Admission will be £10 with under 16s free of charge. We also hope to have a barbecue up and running (weather permitting). Contact either Mike Longmore or John Goodband [goodband.john@gmail.com](mailto:goodband.john@gmail.com) if you'd like to perform.



# Llangunllo Games Night



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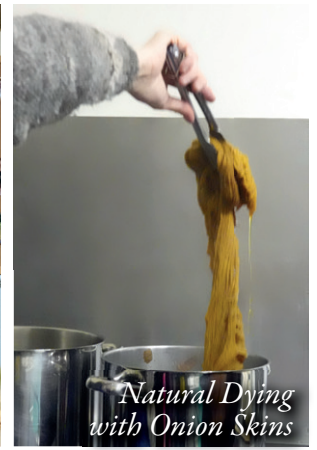
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# Llangunllo WI's AGM and Evening "All About Wool"

For the first time in 102 years Llangunllo WI held its AGM in March, rather than the traditional month of November, to reflect the NFWI new membership year.

Karen was re-elected President, other officers will remain in place for 2024 and we now look forward to enjoying the programme of speakers and visits planned for the rest of the year.

Business was discussed in a short meeting following the AGM and included members expressing interest in a possible Federation coach outing to the theatre and Malvern Flower Show and for our 2023 Programme to be included in the PRFWI Centenary Time Capsule.

We then enjoyed a "hands on" session "All About Wool", with our own member Rebecca. There was a display of different types of wool, tools used to prepare the wool for spinning and a variety of books to browse. One of Rebecca's favourite outings is to the annual "WonderWool Wales", the premier Wool and Natural Fibre Festival in Wales held at the Royal Welsh Showground. She informed us about the different types of wool available and their use, demonstrated the tools and, under her instruction, members carded the raw wool and took turns at spinning the thread on the two wheels provided. Hanks of wool were naturally dyed using onion skins to give varying shades of yellow, gold and brown. Members then took the newly dyed hanks home to begin knitting for the County Show!!

At our next meeting on **Tuesday 9th April**, 7pm, in the Village Hall we are Line Dancing and visitors/new members are always welcome. Please see our 2024 Programme and contact details on the Llangunllo Community Website.

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## Knucklas Art Exhibition

Our local artists group meets on Mondays in Knucklas and are putting on an art exhibition for people to enjoy over the weekend of **13th and 14th April** from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Entry is free. A local musician, Camilla Cancantata, will improvise music around each artist's work. She will play each day from 11.00am to 12.20pm and from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. Refreshments will be available throughout the weekend. The art works will be for sale by cash or cheque as there is no card reader. For further details, contact Angie on 07375 965 665.

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## Welsh Hymns 2 - Tydi a roddaist

*Tydi, a roddaist liw i'r wawr,  
A hud i'r machlud mwyn;  
Tydi, a luniaist gerdd a sawr,  
Y gwanwyn yn y llwyn:  
O! cadw ni rhag colli'r hud  
Sydd heddiw'n crwydro drwy'r holl fyd.*

*Tydi, a lunaist gan i'r nant,  
A'i su i'r goedwig werdd;  
Tydi, a roist i'r awel dant,  
Ac i'r ehedydd gerdd:  
O! cadw ni rhag dyfod dydd  
Na yrr ein calon gan yn rhydd.*

*Tydi, a glywaist lithriad traed  
Ar ffordd Calvaria gynt;  
Tydi, a welaist ddafnau gwaed  
Y Gur ar ddiethr hynt:  
O! cadw ni rhag dyfod oes*

*Heb goron ddrain, na chur, na chroes. Amen.*

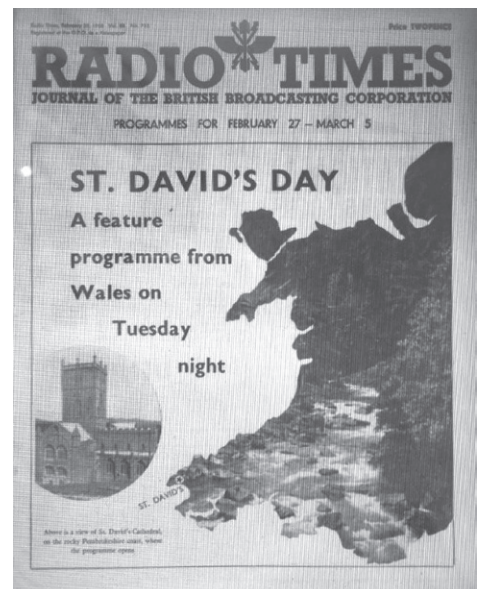
*Tydi a roddaist* is a well-loved hymn with an interesting history, the words by T. Rowland Hughes who was born in 1903, the son of a Llanberis quarryman and lay preacher. He went to university and worked as a teacher before being recruited to the newly established BBC Wales. Originally the BBC had a 'West and Wales' region, but following protests a Wales only region started in 1937. The historian John Davies argued the establishment of the "Welsh Region" was an important concession to nationalist sentiment and compared it with the disestablishment of the Church in Wales from the Church of England in 1920. These events enhanced a sense of nationhood and a belonging to an entity called "Wales". The Depression of the 1920s and 1930s was a difficult time for Wales with mass unemployment, near starvation and mass migration. Rowland prepared a programme for St David's Day 1938, wanting to look at the experience of the Depression and to express hope for peace for the future. He composed *Tydi a roddaist* as a poem to end the programme. One of his colleagues at BBC Wales was the composer Arwel Hughes, the son of a miner from near Wrexham and later Head of Music at BBC Wales. Both Rowland Hughes and Arwel Hughes were deeply rooted in Welsh non-conformism. He asked Arwel Hughes to compose the melody, which he did at Shrewsbury Station in 20 minutes, whilst waiting for a connection. His son Owain, the conductor, unveiled a commemorative plaque in 2004.

The hymn is a very lyrical description of creation. Use of highly naturalistic imagery is a characteristic of Welsh language poetry since medieval times. Rowland Hughes had recently developed multiple sclerosis and the pain of this is also in the poem, as well as the tragic situation of Wales after two decades of Depression. T Rowland Hughes sadly died in 1949 at the very young age of 46. Arwel Hughes died in 1988. There is a very good version of the hymn by the Treorchy Male Voice Choir on YouTube.

Further reading: Dictionary of Welsh Biography, the Welligger website, biography of Dr Owain Arwel Hughes OBE

*Ruth Forrester*

O Thou who gave the dawn its form  
And gently set the sun.  
O Thou who formed the song and scent  
Of sylvan springtime green.  
Oh! save us lest the magic goes  
That every place in this world knows.  
O Thou who gave the brook his song  
And murmuring green forest made;  
Who gave the breeze its biting tongue  
The lark its serenade;  
Oh! save us lest we see a day  
That cause our heart's song go away.  
O Thou who once heard hesitant steps  
On Calvary's hill of shame;  
Who saw the blood in trickling drops  
From Man on path so strange;  
Oh! save us from our future loss;  
No crown of thorns, nor pain, nor cross. Amen



## Baptist Church Services

Sunday 7th	11.00am	Worship Service	Norton Street, Knighton
	6.00pm	Sunday @ 6 Service	Knucklas Chapel
Monday 8th	7.00pm	Prayer Space	Community Room, Norton Street, Knighton
Sunday 14th	11.00am	Worship Service	Norton Street, Knighton
Sunday 21st	11.00am	Worship Service	Norton Street, Knighton
	6.00pm	Sunday @ 6 Service	Knucklas Chapel
Sunday 28th	11.00am	Worship Service	Norton Street, Knighton
	4.00pm	Messy Church	Knucklas Community Centre

In addition to the above, our popular Toddler Group meets 10.00 -11.30am each Thursday morning in the Community Room at our Knighton Chapel during school term times. We also have a network of Lifegroups meeting daytime and evenings during the week - please call our Pastor, Rev. Gareth Davidson for details of times and venues on 01547 528 679. For details of other events and news, please see our Facebook page.

## Knighton Methodist Church Services

7th April	Mr Stephen Dalton	
14th April	Mr Mike Owens	
21st April	Mrs Vivienne Thomas	Holy Communion
28th April	Deacon Sara Windsor-Hides	
5th May	Mr Adrian Williams	

### 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

### New Radnor Baptist Chapel

Sunday 28th April	3pm	Rev'd Leigh Spicer
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*All very welcome*

### Gravel Baptist Chapel

*Further information from Keith Williams 01597 851 122*

14th April	2.30 pm	Robert Thomas
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### Knighton Roman Catholic Church

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### Sankey Services and Songs of Praise 2024

Fri 10th May	7.00pm	Madley Methodist Church
Sun 12th May	6.30pm	Gravel Baptist Chapel
Sun 12th May	7.30pm	Bethania Chapel, Elan Valley
Sun 2nd June	7.00pm	Franksbridge Chapel
Sun 9th June	7.30pm	Penuel Chapel, Llanwrthwl
Sun 16th June	7.30pm	Howey Baptist Chapel
Sun 1st Sept	6.00pm	Kerry Baptist Chapel
Sun 8th Sept	6.30pm	Dolfor Free Church
Sun 27th Oct	7.00pm	Crescent Christian Cnt, Newtown

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### St Mary's Church, New Radnor, Services

Every 2nd Sunday, 10am, Morning prayer in church  
 Every 3rd Sunday, 4pm, Evening Praise in Community Centre  
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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*

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## Types of Anglican Church Services in East Radnor Ministry Area

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### 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 or 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.

## Readings for Regular Services April

*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*

### 7th April Easter 2

Acts 4. 32-35 *or*  
Exodus 14. 10-31; 15. 20, 21  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1.1 - 2.2  
John 20. 19-31 *or* Acts 4. 32-35

### 14th April Easter 3

Acts 3 12-19 *or* Zephaniah 3.14-20  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3. 1-7  
Luke 24. 36b-48 *or* Acts 3. 12-19

### 21st April Easter 4

Acts 4. 5-12 *or* Genesis 7. 1-5, 11-18,  
8. 6-18, 9. 8-13  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3. 16-24  
John 10. 11-18 *or* Acts 4. 5-12

### 28th April Easter 5

Acts 8. 26-40 *or* Baruch 3. 9-15. 33-  
4.4 *or* Genesis 22. 1-18  
Psalm 22. 25-31  
1 John 4. 7-21  
John 15. 1-8 *or* Acts 8. 26-40

### 5th May Easter 6

Acts 10. 44-48 *or* Isaiah 55. 1-11  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5. 1-6  
John 15. 9-17 *or* Acts 10. 44-48

### 9th May Ascension Day

The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.  
Acts 1 1-11 *or* Daniel 7. 9-14  
Psalm 47 *or* 93  
Ephesians 1. 15-23 *or* Acts 1 1-11  
Luke 24. 44-53

# Informal Worship New Radnor Community Hall

Readers of this magazine may have noticed a 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, afternoon of tea and kindness in our community hall. A warm welcome awaits you, whoever you are and wherever you are.

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

May 19th: **Joy:** What is joy?

June 16th: **The Lord is my Shepherd. Psalm 23:** exploring this most famous of psalms.

July 21st: **Taizé Worship:** A style of worship and song enjoyed by 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.

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Bleddfa.....	SO 206683 .....	LD7 1PA
Heyope.....	SO 239745 .....	LD7 1PY
Llangunllo.....	SO 211712 .....	LD7 1SW
Knighton.....	SO 287724 .....	LD7 1AG
Norton.....	SO 304672 .....	LD8 2EY
Whitton.....	SO 390673 .....	LD7 1AG
Pilleth.....	SO 256682 .....	LD7 1NP
Cascob.....	SO 239664 .....	LD8 2NT
N Radnor.....	SO 210609 .....	LD8 2SS
Gladestry.....	SO 230551 .....	HR5 3NR
Colva.....	SO 199531 .....	HR5 3RA
Evancoyd.....	SO 262639 .....	LD8 2PA
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# World Day of Prayer 2024

*I beg of you, bear with one another in love.*

A table display of citrus fruits, dates and olives helped set the mood for this service which was prepared by the Christian women of Palestine over two years ago, so before the current tragic conflict, but how very relevant it proved to be.

We heard the stories of three women: Eleanor and Sara who were displaced, and Shireen, a famous journalist, who was killed. It was moving to hear how those forced to flee hold onto the keys to their home in the hope of returning, a hope passed on through the generations.

*Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it*

How much the world needs to do this now.



# Café Church – New Radnor Informal Worship

Our February session centred on Love, inspired not just by St Valentine, but of course by Paul's letter to the Corinthians. It was a lovely session devised by Michael Capstick and Paul Norton, giving us much to think about, sing about and enjoy, including small heart shaped sandwiches, lovely cake and Paul's favourite love sweets!



New Radnor  
Informal  
Worship Team



*Invite you to join our cafe worship*



**ROGATION SUNDAY**

*What is it all about?*

New Radnor  
Community  
Centre

**SUNDAY 21ST APRIL AT 4 PM**

Refreshments & Cakes  
Contact Hermione if you would like  
a lift 01544 350691

# Mother's Day in New Radnor



# East Radnor Ministry Area Service Rota April 2024

## 7th April – Easter 2 (White)

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	Holy Communion
3pm	St Michael's, Cascob	Holy Communion
7.30pm	St Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa	Compline Plus

## 14th April – Easter 3 (White)

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

## 21st April – Easter 4 (White)

9.30am	St David's, Whitton	Morning Worship
10am	St Mary's, Gladestry	Holy Communion
10.30am	St Cynllo's, Llangunllo	Morning Worship
11am	St Peter's, Evancoyd	Morning Worship
11am	St Edward's, Knighton	Holy Communion
3pm	St Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa	Dedication of Tapestries Service
4pm	New Radnor	Informal Worship @ the Community Centre

## 28th April – Easter 5 (White)

9.30am	St Edward's, Knighton	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, New Radnor	Holy Communion
11am	St Michael's, Beguildy	Morning Prayer
3pm	St Mary's, Pilleth	Evening Prayer
4pm	St Mary's, Gladestry	Evening Worship

## 5th May – Easter 6 (White)

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

## 9th May – Ascension Day (White)

9.30 am	Castle Mound, New Radnor@The Hub for coffee & cake afterwards	
6.30 pm	St Edward's, Knighton	Coffee & cake afterwards