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Can you imagine trying to get out of the shop door when we had snow in January 1982?



Can you remember sweets weighed out into little paper bags?



Children from the primary school 1977



Ann Edwards receives the award from Nell Jenkins

A WELL-attended celebration took place at Beguildy Post Office and Stores to com-memorate 40 years of dedicated service by Ann Edwards. Since moving to Beguildy in 1977 with her family she has been a key figure in the local community selling everything from a postage stamp to a bag of sugar.

Neil Jenkins, Post Office Network Oper-ations manager, travelled from Gloucester to present Ann with a Community Service

Award. The award was given to thank her for 40 years of excellent service to her customers and community who, in turn, gathered to toast her with a glass of bubbly and a piece

of cake. Beguildy now boasts the only sur-viving Post Office between Knighton and

Newtown. Councillor Chris Thomas paid tribute to Ann's work and said: "On behalf of Be-guildy Council we are indebted to Trever and Ana for 40 years service to our com-munity."

47 years in Beguildy Shop and Post Office

"Would you like a shop?" I must have said yes because here we are 47 years later! The house was very small and basic when we first arrived - half of the ground floor was a forge, with two large fireplaces and double doors for the horses to come in through.

There used to be four other shops/post offices in the valley and now we are the only one. How things have changed! When we first arrived there were no local supermarkets or their delivery vans constantly on the roads - we used to load up our little blue van on a Friday evening to do our own delivery service. It was a very social event, delivering to about nine different farmhouses and dwellings - even putting the groceries away at some places. Always time for a chat and sometimes a warm drink. I think our children enjoyed it as well!!

There has been a shop and Post Office in Beguildy for well over a hundred years - I've heard tales of a previous shopkeeper walking to Shrewsbury and back to fetch provisions! Small village shops are disappearing fast in our world, where everything can be delivered to your doorstep!

We have to visit a cash and carry for most of our provisions now. Bread used to be baked locally and delivered twice a week - now if comes from Wem. Milk came from Knighton every other day and now it comes from Hereford. Travelling salesmen are a thing of the past - they used to come to the shop every fortnight to take the order for groceries, confectionery, cigarettes and tobacco, cards and stationery - all to be delivered a few days later. Newspapers were collected from Knighton by the postman or the school bus - now we have to rely on a few kind volunteers. We collect eggs, sausages and ham from a Newtown butchers who have unfortunately retired very recently.

We still have a few - much appreciated! - weekly orders but most of our customers are holiday makers, lorry drivers and passers-by. It's interesting meeting so many different people who come to stay in the numerous holiday cottages nearby - they are good customers, buying treats and things they have forgotten to bring with them. We stock a varied selection of appealing cakes, chocolates and treats.

Over the years we have had highs and lows with many funny moments and amusing anecdotes:

- We get lots of requests for directions sat navs often lead people astray!
- Many people call in whilst searching for their ancestors in the churchyard.
- "Can I use your toilet?"
- "Can I use your phone we can't get a signal?"
- "Do you know the phone number for.....?"
- "I'm meant to be meeting them in the pub but it's closed!"
- "Can I wash my hands please I'm putting up signs for a car rally"
- "I've no money until the end of next week can I book these cigarettes?"
- We've been burgled twice.
- "Sorry that newspaper is ordered." "Do you mean I can't buy it?" I try to explain the system but am met with the retort "I'll go where I can get one then," and they slam the door!!
- "Can I leave this parcel here as they are not at home?"
- "Do you actually live here? That's really cool living in a shop!!"

- A Dutchman with an enormous white beard sat in our garden drinking a coffee. He'd come over from Rotterdam on the ferry seven months ago with his motorised tricycle and had toured all over Scotland - up one side and down the other. He hoped that he'd eventually land up in Margate!
- "Can I wait here for the bus?" What bus?
- A little girl was knocked over by a car outside the door luckily she was not too badly injured and we looked after her until her parents arrived.
- "There's no reception here can you ring for a taxi for me?"
- *"I've found this dog will you look after it?"* Luckily I found the owner a lorry driver the dog had jumped out of his cab at a farm and run away.
- "There are sheep on the road will you report them?"
- One sudden death we rang the emergency services and rescued the dog.
- A lady fell outside on the pavement and cut her head very badly.

Covid was a challenge but we managed to stay open and leave groceries outside the door to be collected.

I still love the sound of the bell. Every day (and every customer) is different and I often wonder if anybody else would take it on - it's a very rewarding way of life.

A Letter from the Vicar's Study

Dear Friends,

We spend much of December in the season of Advent, a time of preparation as we look towards the season of Christmas and think about what we ought to do to be ready to celebrate the birth of God's Son, both now and when he returns. Christmas itself is a time of celebration as we thank God for the gift of his Son and the fact that God chose to become one of us.

Much of our time during Advent though is inevitably spent preparing for the Christmas season. Thinking about gifts and decorations, food and drink. Planning celebrations and gatherings with family and friends. Working out the logistics of how to see those close to us in a short space of time, particularly where travel and staying over is involved. So how can we engage with the real purpose of Advent and Christmas?

Perhaps we could spend some time each day during Advent in prayer, make an effort to think of those around us for whom Christmas will be a difficult time, those who are unwell, lonely,

or bereaved. But, behind all of these things, we need to think about who Jesus is and why he came to be one of us. Jesus was, and is, not only God's son, but God himself with us. How amazing is that? God choosing to come here and be born as one of us. To identify with us, to walk with us, share with us, experience what we experience and, ultimately to die for us. If we can get our heads around this, then how should we respond? Not an easy question to answer, but perhaps one to think about as we travel through Advent and approach Christmas.

God Bless, Rev Rach

About the Cover - St Andrew

The lowly shepherds are gazing in wonder at the infant Jesus They wear the humble clothing of working people and arrive barefoot from the fields. One carries a straw hat and a drinking vessel as he gestures in awe. The kneeling shepherd closes his eyes and clasps his hands in prayer. We wonder if the first music Jesus heard was that of this shepherd playing the pipes tied to his belt.

They are the first to witness God's arrival on Earth.

They are all ages, perhaps three generations: the middle one with a long beard and the youngest with short curly hair and no beard. A rope for tethering animals in the stable is tied to a ring. A cluster of grapes above and a bowl of fruit below signify the richness and goodness now brought to us.

The window is from St Michael's Church in Ewyas Harold in the Golden Valley.

Photo and article by Laura Woodside-Jones

We wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and a joyous New Year.

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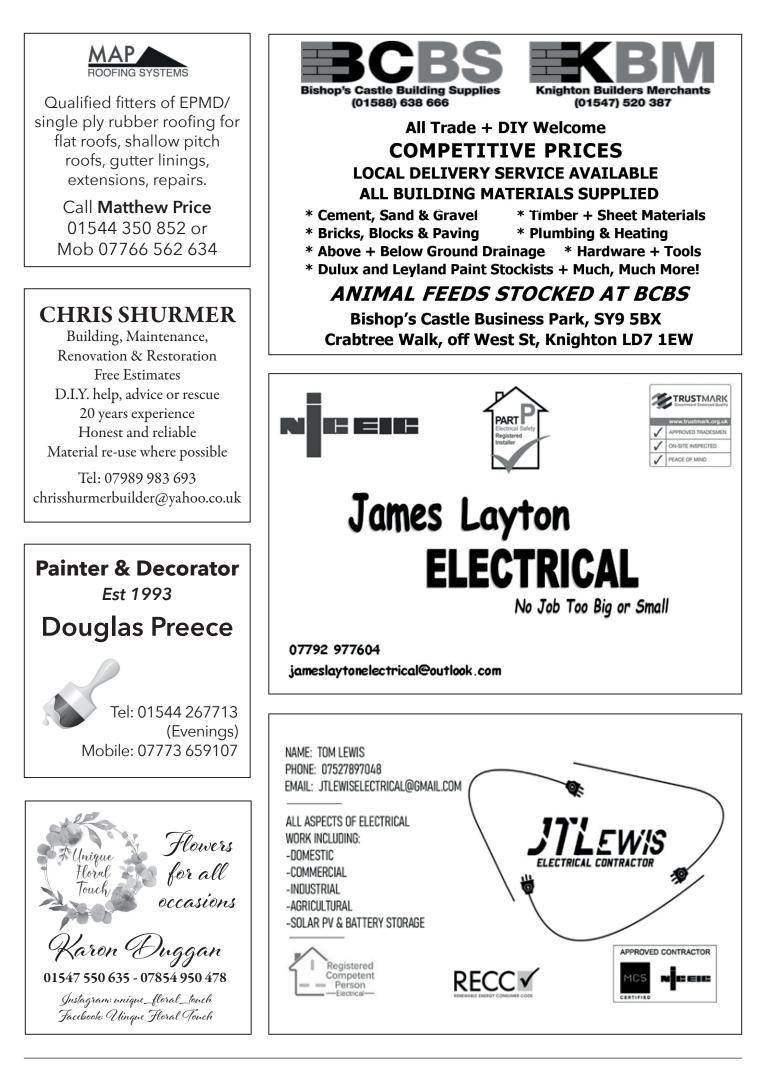
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Celtic Saint of the Month The Christmas Tree

Yes, I know that the Christmas tree isn't a Celtic saint, but two saints from our British Isles are credited with inventing the first Christmas tree in two legends that were written down for us over a thousand years ago.

The first one is a story about St Columbanus, an Irish missionary of the 6th century, who we wrote about last month. We know a lot of facts about him, but there are also legends which were passed on by word of mouth until they were written down. One story is that he created the first Christmas tree at his



first monastery at Anegray in the Vosges mountains. To teach the local population about the birth of Christ, he climbed the hill where a majestic fir tree spread its branches, a sacred tree to the pagan populace. Columbanus lit torches and lanterns to hang on its branches. This attracted the local people and they all gathered round the tree, where Columbanus told them about the Nativity, the birth of the baby Jesus. The church of St Martin was built on the hill and a fir tree still stands beside it.

Our other saint is Boniface of Crediton (now the patron

saint of Devon), who lived a century later than Columbanus, and this is quite a dramatic tale. Boniface was sent to evangelise what is now the Netherlands and Germany. On one of his travels he came across a huge oak tree. This was the Thunder Oak, the Donar Oak dedicated to the god of thunder, Thor. You can still visit the village of Geismar in Thuringia, right in the middle of Germany.

The druids would meet with the local population to worship Thor in the middle of winter at this old oak tree. Part of the worship included human sacrifice, usually a young child. The druids had previously declared to Boniface that the Christian God couldn't destroy their oak tree, so he travelled there with a few companions to interrupt the sacrifice. He grabbed an axe and, with the help of a mighty wind that suddenly arose, he felled the oak. Surprisingly a little fir tree sprang up behind the oak, presumably it was already there, and Boniface used it as an illustration to preach the gospel to the people. He said, "This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace... It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are ever green. See how it points upward to heaven. Let this be called the tree of the Christ-child; gather about it, not in the wild wood, but in your own homes; there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts and rites of kindness." Many were converted and baptised on that day.

Rosemary Hanna

Teme Valley Gardeners' Club

The October meeting was of outstanding interest to many. The speaker was Kevin Pratt, previously a gardener and garden designer to the (often newly) wealthy in the Cheshire environs of Manchester and Merseyside. He spoke of the houses, gardens and attitudes with which he met up in his work. He now runs a Garden Centre featuring some exceptional plants, and gives talks.

There is generally a competition; this time it was of a display of Autumn Colour, won by Pat Buckley.

Refreshments and a raffle are always available. Visitors are welcome. Apart from the Christmas Dinner, the next meeting is at Knucklas Community Centre on **Monday 10th February** at 2pm. The subject will be: *'Shade Loving Plants'*.

Robert Forbath

Whitton WI

Until April, Whitton WI continue to commemorate their Centenary and as part of this have organised an evening to *Spice Up 2025*. We wanted something to look forward to (particularly in that dull period after Christmas and New Year) so we are offering a warm welcome with the help of local catering experts.

Indian starters and authentic Thai Curry are on the menu - not too spicy-hot, but guaranteed to be tasty and delicious. There will also be entertainment and a raffle. Held at Whitton Hall on **Friday 31st January** at 6.30pm. We will need to restrict the number of diners to this special event for *One Night Only*, so it is essential tickets (£18) are booked in advance. Tel. 01547 560 081

Music in New Radnor Saturday 14th December 7.30pm

The Oneira Trio Isabelle Harris, flute; Elliot Kempton, viola and Emily Harris, harp

The Oneira Trio are a young, award-winning ensemble of recent RWCMD graduates, all now enjoying full-time, freelance musical careers since graduation. This will be a lyrical evening of mainly 20th century romantic composers: Amy Beach, Maurice Ravel, Sir Arnold Bax, Jacques Ibert, Cécile Chaminade and the Welsh composer William Mathias. This type of instrumental combination works beautifully in the resonant Community Hall and we are looking forward to hosting an emerging group of musicians.

> (NB: BYOB – no bar this time). New Radnor Community Hall, Hall Lane, New Radnor, Powys, LD8 2SW Pre-booking preferred. Tickets £15 / £3 from 01544 350 746 or 07493 940 683 Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start

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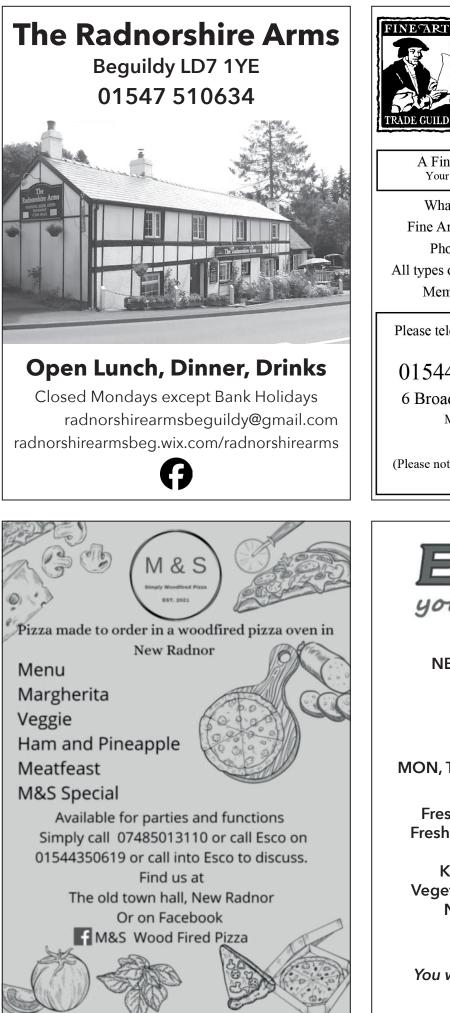


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Respectful ceremony at Llangunllo Cenotaph and thought-provoking service at Gravel Chapel

What had been a week of extremely foggy weather finally cleared to give us a pleasant, almost sunny morning for Remembrance Sunday.

Rev. Leigh Spicer led us through the usual Act of Remembrance. After the prayers and hymn, representatives of church, chapel and community read the names of The Fallen and laid commemorative poppy wreathes. The Last Post sounded, followed by two minutes silence, broken only by the lively twittering of sparrows, then finally the strains of Reveille. The Kohima Epitaph and Blessing concluded proceedings and we were invited to go on to the service at Gravel Baptist Chapel

Poppies and candles enhanced the respectful atmosphere of the occasion there, as did the words of the chosen hymns and reading.

Rev. Leigh, an ex R.A.F. chaplain, brought heartfelt poignancy to the service. He drew our attention to the history surrounding the Unknown Soldier whose grave in Westminster Abbey causes all, be they princes, politicians, world leaders or paupers to step aside as they enter. A reminder, if any was needed that, all too often, the lives of ordinary men and women are spent at the behest of those in positions of power.

Speaking of the uncomfortable contradiction that many of us oppose war but rely on the police and our armed forces to defend us when we are under threat, Leigh humbly admitted, I guess like all of us, that he didn't know the answer. He went on to urge us all to do our bit towards peace and understanding, not only in the way we behave towards those in our homes, work and community, but also by extending our acceptance, good will, and love to those on the periphery – those whom we would not necessarily acknowledge in the usual way of things.

We went out into the sunshine with plenty of food for thought.

What's On at Knighton Comm

On **Saturday 30th November** the Comm presents Flamingo Bingo, a fun-filled live show consisting of bingo, DJs, live performances and insane prizes. Get your friends together for this entertaining evening and book tickets on Eventbrite.

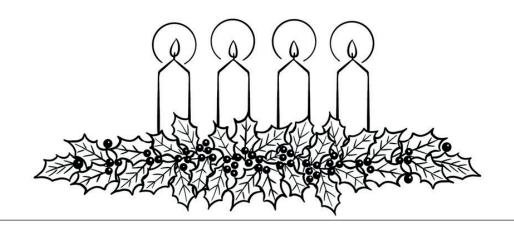
Christmas family fun starts with a film show of *The Grinch* at 6.30pm on 4th December. Then on Friday 13th the last film of the Flicks autumn season is the Oscar winning *The Holdovers*. Set in the 1970s the film follows a curmudgeonly instructor (Paul Giamatti) at a New England prep school who is forced to remain on campus during the holiday break to babysit the handful of students with nowhere to go.

This is followed by a family Christmas Quiz on Saturday 14th December from 6.30pm.

The Comm closes for a Christmas break after the **Community Market** on **21st December** and reopens on **Thursday 2nd January** with the **Drop In Café and Leg Club**.

The popular Women's Hour sessions will restart on Tuesday 7th January followed by the monthly Whist Drive on Thursday 9th and Bingo resumes on Friday 10th.

On 17th and 18th January *Teme Spirits* will be entertaining us with their panto, *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly Sisters*. For more information about all events visit *www.knightoncomm.wales*



Remembrance Sunday at Llangunllo



Heyope Church



Gravel Chapel



Rev'd Leigh Spicer



Llangunllo WI







Beguildy Church

Trevor plays the Last Post



Llangunllo Church & Friends L

Rev'd Leigh Spicer



Llangunllo and Bleddfa Community Council





Remembrance Display at Gravel Chapel

Radnor YFC's Bow Ties & Boots Charity Ball

On Friday 5th July 2024, over 540 people dusted off their bow ties and favourite pairs of boots and joined Radnor YFC's County Chairman, Ella Harris, at her Charity Ball at the Hendre Farm, Felindre near Knighton. It was a special and unforgettable evening, welcoming Nigel Owens MBE as guest speaker and supporting three wonderful Charities. They had a 2-course meal superbly cooked by Andrews Catering. A Charity Auction conducted by Lloyd Humphreys, McCartneys, of 18 amazing and kindly donated lots (which raised £11,000 alone), music from New Rivals to dance the night away to, along with a well-stocked bar overseen by Neil Morris from Behind Bars to keep guests hydrated, and an all-round amazing evening. A staggering total of £20,000 was raised from this incredible event with



£9,000 of this donated to Birmingham Women's & Children's Hospital, £9,000 donated to Cystic Fibrosis Trust and £2,000 donated to Radnor YFC. Ella said "the support we have received has been phenomenal – so a massive thank you to each and every one of you who has donated, attended or helped towards the event to support these fantastic Charities – it really is appreciated".

Stowe & Stanage WI

Our November meeting was our AGM at which all officers were willing to stand again with the exception of the secretary. Annie England takes over that post.

Jenny reported on the Council Meeting of the federation at which there were two interesting speakers: Reg Cawthorne described the role of High Sherriff which he recently held, and Jane Pugh from Bishops Castle demonstrated several beautiful floral displays themed *Walk on the Wild Side*.

After our business meeting, Rene led us in decorating a

tree for the St Edward's Festival in December. Ties were wound around a pyramid shape and on these will be fixed

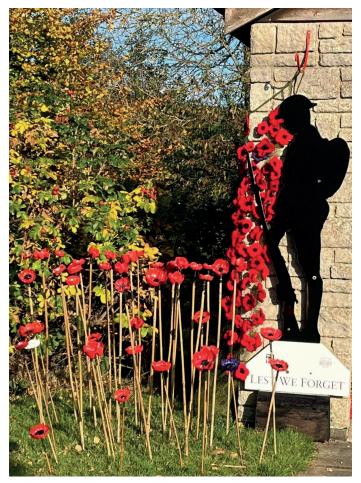


the bows that we made with various coloured ribbons. Tea was served, accompanied by a delicious marmalade cake made by Shauna and bara brith made by Rene. Jenny thanked them for a delightful afternoon.

For information on future meetings please contact Annie England: *sswisecretary24@gmail.com*

Lest We Forget...

Felindre hosted a new 'Tommy' for Remembrance Day. Felindre Village Hall Committee received the statue from Beguildy Community Council and it was decorated with crocheted poppies and poppies made from recycled plastic bottles, made by some of the 'Crafting Companions' group (who are funded by The National Lottery Community Fund).



Knighton News

Christmas Tree Festival

The festival will take place on **December 6th**, 7**th and 8th**. We would like to invite your group, organisation or yourself to bring along a tree and decorate it on Thursday 5th December between 10.30am and 3.30pm. To be part of this event and for further details, please phone *528 260* (Jean Price) or see posters around town.

Christmas Coffee Morning

Do come along on **14th December** to the Church Hall, 10am - midday. Enjoy good company and witness the Grand Annual Christmas Draw, with many festive prizes. There will be stalls, books, bric-a-brac and more. Tickets for the draw are available in town, or contact Sally or Jean. Please note: the date is the second Saturday in December.

The first coffee morning in the New Year will be on 18th January in the church hall at 10 am.

Competition winners in the October event were: R Morris, J Morris, J Wells, V Cropper, M O'Rourke and C Wood. The sum of £280.00 was made for church funds.

From the Registers

- 18th October The funeral service for David Powell, who passed away on 18th September, aged 62 years. The service was conducted be Rev'd Rachael Storer and the organist was George Baker.
- 22nd October Rev'd John Hanna conducted the funeral service for Joyce Lewis, who passed away on 26th September, aged 79 years. The organ was played by George Baker.
- 23rd October The funeral service for Colin Phillips, who passed away on 22nd September, aged 87 years. The service was conducted by Rev'd Rachael Storer. The organist was George Baker. The Rhayader Male Voice Choir accompanied the service and sang favourite Welsh music with pianist Bethan Thomas.
- 4th November Rev'd Rachael Storer officiated at the funeral service for John Taylor, who passed away on 15th October, aged 85 years. The organist was George Baker.

Our thoughts are with all mourning the loss of loved ones, especially the families and friends of David Powell, Joyce Lewis, Colin Phillips and John Taylor. R.I.P.



Can You Help? East Radnor Ministry Area Volunteers Needed

The East Radnor Ministry Area is now up and running but there are still some essential people needed to ensure that it will run smoothly.

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Gladestry 49 Club

The winners during September and October are as follows: Dave Bridson (2), Hattie Budd (12), Michael Johnson (19), Pat Hammond (37), rollover, Heather and Stuart Jones (13). During the year we will have raised £2398 and half this, or £1199, will have been paid out to the winners. The village hall will have retained £599 and the same amount will go to the Gladestry church fabric fund. Many thanks to everyone for supporting the village.

Michael Johnson

Kington Food Bank

Dear Friends,

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported Kington Food Bank this year. Your help has been amazing and very gratefully received.

The last collection before Christmas for the Food Bank will be **Friday 6th December** 2pm from the church porch at Gladestry.

Ann Dean

Norton Hub 100 Club Winners October Draw

1st - £40 - No 99 - Jack Ruby 2nd - £25 - No 56 - Dave Rowing 3rd - £15 - No 59 - Anita Lewis

November Draw

1st - £40 - No 27 - Danielle Baize 2nd - £25 - No 26 - Gary Brown 3rd - £15 - No 30 - John Wilding

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Saturday 28th December "We are the Millers"

Saturday 18th January "Holes"

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speakers on various topics and a number of garden visits.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at The Community Centre, Knucklas, commencing 7.30 pm (unless otherwise stated)

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Gladestry WI



Some members enjoying scrapbooks and minute books from Gladestry past!

Pilleth News

Pilleth steps with the new coping stones



Closure of Felindre WI



It is with great sadness that we have to report the closure of Felindre WI on 6th November 2024, due to the very small numbers of members making it impractical to continue.

First formed on 24th October 1947, the WI will be presenting a commemorative plaque to be put up in Felindre Village Hall, their main meeting venue. A history of the high points of the WI is planned for a coming issue of the Radnor Magazine.

Maggie Flanders Press Secretary, Felindre WI

Pictured: Members of Felindre WI with commemorative plaque for the Village Hall

Gladestry WI

Our October meeting was not as anticipated - unfortunately our visiting speaker, booked for the evening, was unwell and unable to attend. So, as true women of fortitude, we gathered as usual with a wonderful collection of WI scrapbooks, minute books and other memorabilia we had withdrawn from the archives in Llandrindod for our 100th celebration.

It was a lovely opportunity for members to relive some memories of past events and read beautifully hand written minutes. One hundred years makes for many minutes, photographs and newspaper clippings! Joan, our longest serving member, read from the 1924 minute book. How times have changed - competitions for the 'best laundered handkerchief' or the 'most highly polished shoes' featured in the minutes.

Our competition for the evening, a pretty ring, was won by Chris. Joan won the draw- she was thrilled as it was the first time she'd won the draw. We concluded our evening with delicious refreshments provided by Chris and Margaret.

Rev. Rach will be showing us how to make needle felted Christmas decorations at our November meeting - it promises to be a fun filled evening.

New members always welcome. We meet on 3rd Tuesday in the month in the village hall at 7pm.

Marlene Evans

Pilleth News

Our Harvest Festival was held at the end of September when the Church was beautifully decorated by the ladies of Pilleth. Rev. Rachel officiated, but it was disappointing to have so few in the congregation, mainly due to people being away on holiday. Thanks must go to those who helped decorate and provide tea and cake after the service.

We are pleased to say that the walls of the steps have now been completed with new coping stones to replace the stolen ones and also replace the ones which were removed for safety. Alan Jones and his helpers have done an amazing job, pinning the stones together and securing them to the wall so that they will be very difficult to remove again. We have had some lovely comments on the workmanship, which we are pleased to pass on.

The next event at Pilleth will be the Wellies and Woollies Christmas Concert on **6th of December** at 7.00pm, when the Radnor Valley Band will provide the music and Rev. Rachel will lead us with carols and readings. Hot punch and mince pies will follow and all are welcome.

Could it be Magic? It Certainly was for Llangunllo WI

Llangunllo WI's meeting this month certainly was different, as we were treated to a wonderful, and fascinating evening of magic kindly hosted by Di and Chris in their home. It's true to say I don't think members quite knew what to expect, but by the end of the evening all we could say was "How Did He Do That?"

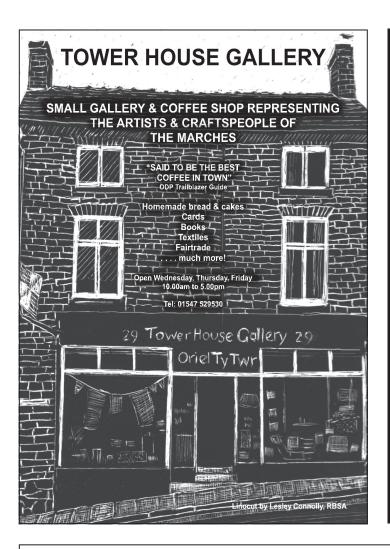
Mark, the magician, assisted by his lovely wife, introduced us to his world of magic with tricks involving accurately predicting the detail on a drawing done by a member which he hadn't seen as it was folded up in her pocket, to numbers and suits on cards chosen at random by members and much, much more. The time went by very quickly and he finished off turning the paper flower that he made in front of us into confetti. Mind you, his magic didn't quite extend to clearing it up, as like most of us he resorted to hoovering it up when he had finished.

Mark not only demonstrated his skill as a magician, but entertained us with how he became interested in magic, an appearance on television, as well as his life as a vicar and now a celebrant. The whole evening was rounded off with a lovely supper, and with all of us still trying to work out how he had worked his magic on all of us.

The evening was just one of the many interesting speakers, events and visits that have featured in our WI programme for this year and we are all looking forward to another interesting programme for 2025. For more information about Llangunllo WI, please contact Isabell Morris our secretary on *01547 550 689*.

Anne Newton





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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.

A craft afternoon is held in the hall on the first and third Tuesday of every month from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Spend a relaxing couple of hours working on your own arts and crafts with some like-minded enthusiasts. £3 entry, which includes bottomless tea and coffee and a slice of cake.

Knighton Library Opening Times

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Llangunllo Community Events

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Table Tennis at the Village Hall

Every Thursday, between 5 and 6.30pm. £2.00. All welcome

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

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Knighton Community Centre

3rd Tuesday of the month, 10am -12 noon

For more information: Rachael Beech 07552 165 800 or rachael.beech@rnid.org.uk

Presteigne

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

Citizens Advice available via the Knighton Community Centre

citizens advice

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

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St Cynllo's Church, Llangunllo, Celebrating "The Harvest of Life."

The Community Harvest Festival, led by Rev Rachael, was held on Sunday 20th October at St Cynllo's Church. Flowers and foliage of autumn shades, with fruit and vegetables, decorated the windows, font and chancel.

The congregation were welcomed with the singing of the traditional harvest hymn "*Come ye thankful people come*." The first part of the service reflected on God's Creation and included Psalm 65 and the hymn "*For the beauty of the earth*."

The role of mankind, as God's partner in his great creative work, was then celebrated and the montage "*The Harvest of Life*" was formed at the front of the church. Items were brought up, including those from the children, to represent how mankind brought forth God's harvest - a harvest of nutrition and taste, to a harvest of design, discovery, knowledge and interpretation, which in turn, brought forth the fruits of community. We then listened to the song "A Million Dreams" from *The Greatest Showman*.

Prayers, the reading of the poem "*To Autumn*" by John Keates and the singing of "*We plough the fields and scatter*" concluded the service.

Refreshments, including mulled cider, were enjoyed by those present and a donation from the collection will be given to Christian Aid.

St Cynllo's Church.

Gladestry Pop In Café

On Monday 11th November eighteen Pop Inners welcomed Ray Rand from Blood Bikes Wales to our weekly meet up. Ray gave us an insight into the invaluable work of the Blood Bikers - a 100% volunteer charity providing a completely free courier service to the NHS. They not only transport blood samples but plasma, essential donated human milk, cataracts and various specimens the length and breadth of Powys, sometimes covering 300 miles in a day!

We paused as John Harrison led us in 2 minutes silence as a tribute to those who 'gave their tomorrow for our today.'

After questions were answered by Ray, Dee presented him with £100 donation from Pop In Café. As our inspiring morning drew to a close, Ray explained the main features of the Blood Bike, with specific focus on the cool box, essential in the transportation of the life-saving cargo.

Many thanks to Ray for giving us an insight into his selfless work as a Blood Biker volunteer.

Tref y Clawdd WI

Tref y Clawdd had a successful AGM this month and heard interesting annual reports from all the officers. Our nominated president for next year will be Dorothy Symonds and our secretary will be Tina Travers. We had a full attendance and welcomed new members who enjoyed our evening. How did we fit everything in during one year? !

We are planning an interesting programme for next year with a lot of varied ideas put forward to keep ourselves entertained. Outings and food seem to figure greatly, together with craft evenings. We also join with various local WIs on activities too. For example, Dorothy was invited to run a workshop at Whitton WI to show them how to make her spectacle cases out of fabric that she had designed, and showed them how to make use of such unique materials, which they all enjoyed. We also visited Whitton village hall for enjoyable bowls tournaments, kindly organised by Powys federation. Some members were also pleased to attend the ACM, hosted by Llangunlo WI this year. Tref y Clawdd were presented with a certificate in honour of our 90th year, and our oldest member, Jean Courthauld, was delighted to accept it on our behalf.

Our WI attended the Remembrance Service at the war memorial and laid a wreath as part of a very moving service for all local organisations in Knighton.

For the Christmas tree festival in St Edward's Church we have decided to decorate the WI tree with home-made ornaments, amongst which will be the snowflakes in the photo which we spent a pleasant evening making. We managed to make two each, so can keep one and use the other for the Christmas tree in December. I think the tree will be well laden.

Next month, we're having a visit from Secret Santa, with a delicious buffet supper. We will be celebrating the new year in January with a meal out plus partners, as we're all so busy with Christmas events. If you would like to join us (on the first Wednesday evening of every month) please phone Dorothy for more details 07974 678 514

Harvest at St Cynllo's Church













Gladestry Pop In Café

Images:

1. Blood Biker volunteer Ray Rand holding PopInners enthralled by his fascinating talk.

2. Ray explaining the key features of his Blood Bike.

3. Dee presenting Ray with £100 donation to Blood Bikes Wales.





Tref y Clawdd WI



Homemade Tree Ornaments



Remembrance Colva and Gladestry



Local children laying poppies on Gladestry War Memorial Left to right: Ben and Callum (representing Colva) and Max and Albie (representing Gladestry)



Whitton WI Harvest Supper



Remembrance Day Service at Whitton

Remembrance Service at Evancoyd

We gathered to pay our deepest respects to those people who had taken part in the first and second World Wars and indeed remembering subsequent world conflicts. Our service was led by Steve Jones who brought to our attention that this year marked the 80th Anniversary (on 6th June 1944) of Operation Overlord or D Day as it is widely known. It was the largest seaborne operation in history and involved the capture of five beachheads along a 50 mile stretch of the Normandy coast of France. This invasion comprised around 5000 ships and landing craft manned by approximately 195,000 naval personal from eight allied countries. Some 133,000 troops from the British Commonwealth, United States and their allies landed on D Day and by the end of June that number had increased to approximately 875,000 men. At the end of August 1944 almost a quarter of the two million troops which had by then been deployed would be wounded and some 100,000 killed on both sides.

At this year's D Day memorial service in Normandy only a handful of British and Commonwealth veterans were able to be present and it is estimated that less than 100 are still alive today, thus 2024 may be the last major ceremony honouring them in their presence. Steve reminded us that the BBC has led a project to record the accounts of veterans and their families entitled "We were there", which is thought provoking and poignant. He said therefore that the passing of time makes our remembrance even more important, that it is not about glorifying their involvement but honouring their memory and the contribution and sacrifice they made and continue to make for 'our tomorrow', it is about reconciliation and peace.

Joanna Winstone

Pictured: Steve Jones leading the service at St. Peter's, Evancoyd. Photo by Lauren Morris

News From Whitton

Whitton WI Harvest Supper

Once again Whitton Women's Institute provided the Annual Harvest supper for the Community, as they have done for very many years. This year saw the largest number of diners ever, with over 80 people seated in Whitton Community Hall. The buffet meal was outstanding with a vast array of meats and salads followed up with a selection of homemade puddings. There was also a raffle, which raised El 80 to help support Blood Bikes Wales. The evening concluded with some wonderful singing from Glasnant Morgan from Talybont on Usk, accompanied on the piano by Rebecca Ganes. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening and grateful thanks were expressed for the efforts of the members of Whitton WI.

Carols for the Community - with Knighton Town Silver Band

This will be held on **Sunday 15th December** at 5pm in Whitton Community Hall. Following a very successful Carol concert a few years ago we are fortunate to once again have the Knighton Town Silver band to lead the singing of Carols and also play some Christmas classics. Seasonal refreshments will be available afterwards. There will be no admission charge, but donations will be received for Shelter Cymru. Please come along with your friends and families to enjoy this Christmas event hosted by St. David's Church, Whitton.

Whitton Church Annual Christmas Whist Drive

This will be held in Whitton Community Hall on **Monday 23rd December** at 7.30pm; traditionally it has always been held on this date for very many years, unless it falls on a Sunday. Please, if you are a Whist player we would like to see you at Whitton for your last night out before Christmas!

Remembrance Day Service at Whitton

The service was led by Iris Greaves and the organist was Lindsay Bayles. Following the service in Church the congregation assembled at the War Memorial in the Churchyard, where the Poppy Wreath was laid by a local serving officer, Hawthorn Lockwood. The names of the fallen from the two world wars were read before the Last Post was played, albeit from an iPhone!

David Roberts Poem

Christmas is Coming! The Gis is getting fat!

But back in 1916 it was hard work plucking and preparing the poultry, and only the women involved... much the same as it is now I suspect, tho' fewer farms do it at all these days.

THE X'MAS MARKET

Oh, this be a rollicking time, I wis! When folks be fitherin turkeys and gis,

And dressing the ducks and hens! Women be busy thro' half the night, Plucking away by the candle light! And some be at it till the morning bright,

For the task must be immense!

This fitherin' work must be hard, by gum! And tired must be the finger and thumb

From plucking the fithers and down! But merrily all be pulling away, For well do they know that the job do pay; And gladly they welcome the market day To take 'em to Knighton town!

The prices be good and soon they've sold, The women smile as they pocket the gold! 'Tis a payin trade, by giar! It's a ripping time for the folks who sell! The profits be handsome, so they tell! And lots of people be doing it well, In spite of this orful war!

The bacon's up, and so is the biff! The price of our 'tommy's' getting stiff! Is it all because of the war? The profits be grawing more and more, Until the buyers be feeling sore! The cornerers be rotten to the core!

That's clear enow, by giar!

Welsh Words

mis Rhagfyr – December (lit.- foreshortened – presumably referring to the shortness of the days)



dyw Nadolig – Christmas Day

plygain – a Christmas service with traditional Welsh carols

mis Ionawr – (January – from the Latin *Ianarius*) – the old word for January was **marwfis** – dead month – so you can see why it was changed.

dyw Calan Ionawr – New Year's Day

Knucklas Notes

The weather in recent weeks has been mild for the most part, but dominated by cloud and a wetness in the atmosphere. But change is in the air as I write and, as we approach the Winter Solstice on 21st December when the days start to (imperceptibly) lengthen, we could well have it sunnier though colder.

Prior to that, there will be many Christmas Dinners with clubs and groups and additional attractions in our area. Plans are afoot for social events organised by the Community Centre Committee and the Castle Hill Community Land Project.

This latter recently held its A.G.M. with Lottie O'Leary in the Chair and Jamie Ritchie as Secretary. Siggy is Treasurer and also in charge of the allotments. The Project has a healthy turnover and the finances are stable, but with continual need for grants and fresh investment. They will be organising a Christmas Fayre on **6th-7th December** and, meanwhile, there is a programme which includes the felling of dangerous trees on the hill, especially those suffering from Ash Dieback.

The Apple Day had been quite an achievement, despite it needing to be held in the Hall. The display in the Centre during Herefordshire Arts Week had been an outstanding success.

The planned patio adjoining the Community Centre and the field, is now well under construction.

With the local train service having deteriorated in recent times and a reduction in service due from December, regular local rail-users are up in arms. A meeting was held recently at Knighton Community Centre to express that concern. Railways representatives attended, as did local politicians and our own County Councillor, Corinna Kenyon-Wade, as well as some one hundred people, including several from our locality. A further meeting is to be held sometime in the future.

Both Knucklas Baptist Chapel and St. David's Church, Heyope, will be holding pre-Christmas services and the Baptist Chapel will, of course, be continuing with worship into January. On most Friday mornings, the Chapel in Knucklas becomes a drop-in centre welcoming anyone passing by who may enjoy a cup of coffee and a bit of a chat. A small number of worshippers from Knucklas, Knighton etc. also go over to enjoy Llanfair Church's hospitality with monthly midweek evening services and some Sunday services and festivals.

On most Friday evenings there is now CWTCH (meaning 'affection', 'closeness') at the Community Centre, 7-11pm. where local residents can meet up in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoy a nice meal cooked and served by Jean, Petra etc. This seems to have made a strong start.

We are very sorry to learn of the passing of Ian Kinnell (the Vineyard) after a very long illness. With every sympathy to Elizabeth and all their family and friends.

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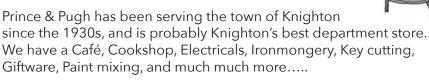


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Flora and Fauna

In our endeavour to capture the true meaning of Christmas our creative minds get busy. We look around our gardens and immediately see the beauty of the evergreens. The tradition of using evergreens to decorate our homes derives from pagan times, since when they have been prized for their ability to show signs of life in midwinter, retaining their colour, even producing flowers and berries when most other signs of floral life have vanished.

The trend for more elaborate uses of greenery grew in the Victorian era when arrangements would be draped over

mantlepieces, pictures and mirrors. The custom of using holly was a Christian belief that holly was a symbol of goodwill and used to decorate the church at Christmas. Holly wreaths are now very popular as a front door decoration, a welcoming sign to visitors. Now the wreaths are sold with lots of artificial material, so will the holly lose its popularity?

Mistletoe is also a must have plant at Christmas, especially at parties and social occasions in December. It is a plant that only survives by growing on a host tree, often found in orchards where they thrive on apple trees.

Ivy is one plant that seems to get overlooked in arrangements, but I think it makes a delightful addition to a display, very showy and neat. The berries start green, then change to brown and finally black. Many of us grow the variegated variety for use throughout the year.

Do not forget our feathered friends at this time of the year. Garden goodies begin to disappear with the colder weather, so they look to us for a small reward for all the interest and fun they provide us with throughout the year. Christmas is a busy time for most of us, but we must remember why we celebrate Christmas: the birth of Christ.

A happy and peaceful Christmas to you all.

Old and New

Where has the old year gone? What does the new year hold? What are the lessons we've learned From a year once new and now old?

What of our good resolutions To be selfless and put ourselves last? All those noble intentions Long since over and past?

We had honestly meant to bring light To the lives of the poor, the denied, But we seemed so alone in the struggle That our candle soon spluttered and died.

How quickly the months have all gone, A new year waits at the gate, Though we grieve for the time that is lost, We know that it's never too late.

Jean Price

Jeffrey Gee

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What's on in the East Radnor Ministry Area?





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"How did I get here? Memories

of six decades in motorsport, and musings on the future of Formula 1 and the planet" with motoring journalist, Mark Williams.

Sunday 15th December 2024 at 3pm In the Assembly Rooms, Presteigne.

Copies of the book will be available for sale. Voluntary contribution to MBA appreciated.

www.howdidigethere.co.uk

The Radnorshire Bridge Club

Meets weekly on Thursdays at 6.45pm at Whitton Old School Community Centre (LD7 1NP).

New players are very welcome.

For more information, please contact

Kay Taylor (*kay.tony@me.com*) or Jane Stirling (*jane@janestirling.co.uk*).

Radnor Valley Gardening Club Events Calendar for 2024

Dec - Annual Christmas meal

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

Grief Space

Sunday 1st December, 3 - 5pm at the Assembly Rooms, Presteigne.

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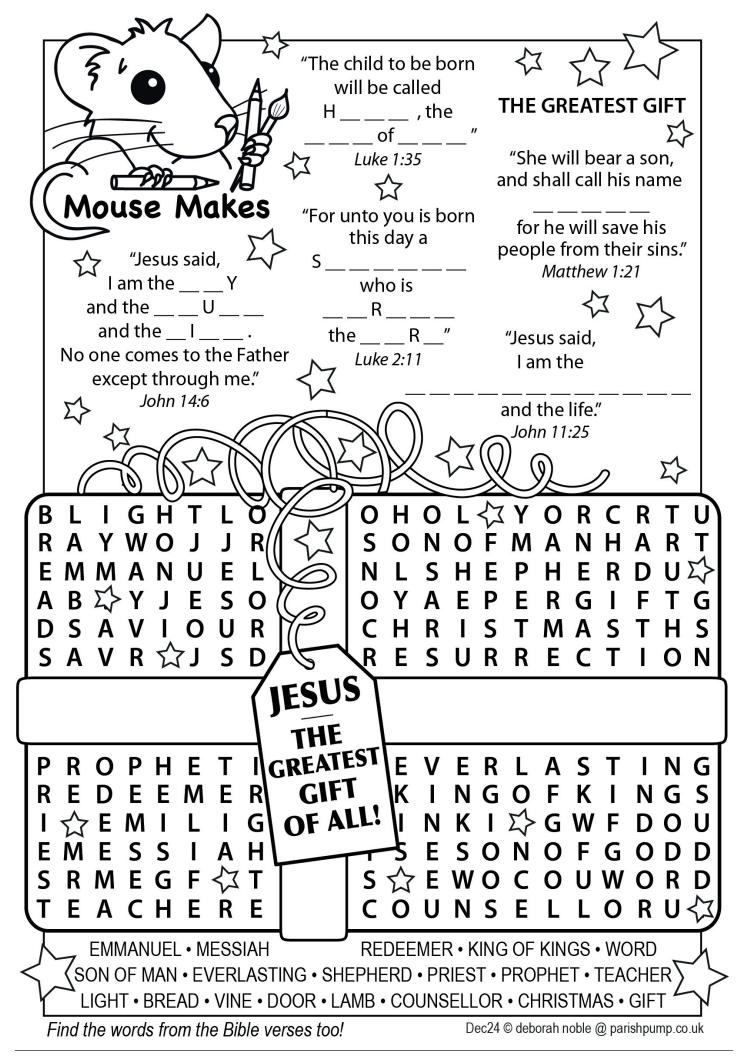
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Knighton Roman Catholic Church

Service every Sunday at 11 am

Gravel Baptist Chapel

15th December - 2.30pm Carol Service Further information from Keith Williams 01597 851 122

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



Methodist Church Services

December	
1st5pmRev Phil Summers	Ecumenical Advent Service
8th11amKingsley Duah	Carol Service with Silver Band
15th11amVivienne Thomas	
22nd_11am_Rev Phil Summers_	Holy Communion
29th11amLocal Arrangement	
January	
5th11amRev Phil Summers	
12th11amKingsley Duah	
19th11amAdrian Williams	
26th11amRev Phil Summers	Holy Communion & Covenant Service
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February

2nd____11am___Stephen Dalton

Baptist Church Services

December

December			
Sun 1st	11am 6pm	Worship Service Sunday @ 6 Service	Norton Street, Knighton Knucklas Chapel
Mon 2nd	7pm	Prayer Space Community Room	Norton Street, Knighton
		Worship Service	e
Sun 15th	11am 6pm	Worship Service Sunday @ 6 Service	Norton Street, Knighton Knucklas Chapel
Fri 20th	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Norton Street, Knighton
Sun 22nd	11am	Worship Service	Norton Street, Knighton
Wed 25th.		Churches Together JointKni Christmas Celebration Service Christmas Morning Service	Victoria Road
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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 528679. For details of other events and news, please see our Facebook page.

Readings for December

1st December

Jeremiah 33. 14-16 Psalm 25. 1-10 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-13 Luke 21. 25-36

8th December

Malachi 3. 1-4 Canticle: Benedictus (Luke 1. 68-79 Philippians 1. 3-11 Luke 3. 1-6

15th December

Zephaniah 3. 14-20 Canticle: Isaiah 12. 2-6 Philippians 4. 4-7 Luke 3. 7-18

22nd December

Micah 5. 2-5a The Canticle Hebrews 10. 5-10 Luke 1. 39-45, [46-55]

24th December

Isaiah 52. 7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1-12 John 1:1-14

25th December

Isaiah 52.7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1-12 John 1:1-14

Readings for January

5th January

Jeremiah 31. 7-14 Psalm 147. 12-20 Ephesians 1. 3-14 John 1. [1-9,] 10-18

12th January

Isaiah 43. 1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8. 14-17 Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22

19th January

Isaiah 62. 1-5 Psalm 36. 5-10 1 Corinthians 12. 1-11 John 2. 1-11

26th January

Nehemiah 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 or 19. 1-6 1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a Luke 4. 14-21

2nd February

Malachi 3. 1-5 Psalm 24. [1-6,] 7-10 Hebrews 2. 14-18 Luke 2. 22-40



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Gladestry	SO 230551	HR5 3NR
Colva	SO 199512	HR5 3RA
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East Radnor Ministry Area Service Rota

November 2024

1st December – Advent Sunday (Purple)

11amSt Peter's, Evancoyd	Morning Worship
11am	Holy Communion
3pmSt Michael's, Llanfihangel Nant Melan	Christmas Tree Service
5pmKnighton Methodist Church	Churches Together
	Advent Carol Service
7.30pmSt Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa	O Antiphons

5th December

6pm Light up a Life Service

6th December

8th December – Advent 2 (Purple)

9.30am St David's, Whitton	Holy Communion
10am St Mary's, New Radnor	O Antiphons
11am St Peter's, Evancoyd	Crib Service
11am St Edward's, Knighton	Nine Lessons & Carols
2.30pm St David's, Colva	Carols by Candlelight

15th December – Advent 3 (Purple)

10am St Mary's, Gladestry	
11am St Michael's, Beguildy	
11amSt Edward's, Knighton	
2.30pm St Mary's, New Radnor	
6.30pm Llangunllo Village	Carols around the Christmas Tree

16th December

6.30 pm... Evancoyd...... Carol Singing round the Village

20th December

22nd December – Advent 4 (purple)

9.30am St Edward's, Knighton	Morning Prayer
11am St Peter's, Evancoyd	Nine Lessons & Carols
3pmSt David's, Heyope	Carol Service with the Llanfair Singers
3pmSt Michael's, Cascob	Carol Service
4pmSt Mary's, Gladestry	Carol Service
6.30pmSt Mary's, New Radnor	Carol Service

Christmas Eve (White)

10am	Holy Communion	
3pmSt Cynllo's, Llangunllo	Carol Service	
4pmSt Michael's, Llanfihangel Nant Melan	Crib Service	
5pm	Crib Service	
7pm		
11.15pm. St Peter's, Evancovd	Midnight Mass	

Christmas Day (White)

9.30amSt Mary's, New Radnor	Holy Communion
9.30am St David's, Whitton	Morning Prayer
9.30am Knighton Methodist Church	Churches Together
-	Christmas Service

29th December Low Sunday - No services

January 2025

5th January - The Epiphany of our Lord (White)

11am St Peter's, Evancoyd	Morning Worship
11am St Edward's, Knighton	Holy Communion
3pmSt Michael's, Llanfihangel Nant Melan	Christingle Service
7.30pm St Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa	Compline

12th January - Baptism of Christ (White)

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

19th January - 2nd Sunday of Epiphany (White)

9.30am St David's, Whitton	Morning Worship
11am St Peter's, Evancoyd	Morning Worship
11am	Holy Communion
4pm New Radnor Informal	Worship @ the Community Centre
5pmSt Cynllo's, Llangunllo	Evening Worship

26th January - Brd Sunday of Epiphany (White)

9.30am St Edward's, Knighton	Morning Worship
10am St Mary's, New Radnor	Holy Communion
10am St Michael's, Beguildy	Morning Worship
4pm St Mary's, Gladestry	Christingle and Family Communion

2nd February - Candlemas (White)

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

Churches Together Events in Knighton

All are welcome Please look out for further details

Light Up A Life

Service at the Methodist Church Thursday 5th December at 6.30pm

Carols at the Comm

Tuesday 10th December at 6.30pm

Christmas Morning Joint Service

9.30am at the Methodist Church