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We had a very successful show on Saturday 30th August, with over 300 entries across floral, vegetable, domestic, craft and children's classes, making it our largest show to date. The New Radnor area is a sea of talent with some worthy winners.

Thanks to everyone who helped organise and supported the club on the day.





# Harvest Time

## Looking Back on Harvest Festival Celebrations

In the Autumn, churches across various denominations in Britain celebrate a Harvest Festival. The "Harvest Festival" is said to be primarily a Victorian innovation rooted in biblical themes.

The Bible mentions several festivals associated with the harvest. The Feast of Weeks, known as Shavuot, signified the commencement of the harvest season with the collection of the first fruits, while the Feast of Ingathering, or Sukkot, celebrated the conclusion of the harvest when all produce was collected and safely gathered in.

There is no fixed date for Harvest Festivals. In this country, these celebrations usually occur on a single day in either September or October and in rural communities, the Harvest Festival has become a significant annual event, often attracting a large congregation to the service.

In years gone by, when there was a plentiful national harvest, a designated Thanksgiving Day was established by the Church of England to express gratitude to God for the bounty. These were referred to as Harvest Thanksgivings and held from the late 18th Century to the middle years of the 19th Century.

By the 1860s the concept of an annual Harvest Thanksgiving service had gained popularity within the church calendar and by the 1870s were also being held by non-conformist churches. St Paul's Cathedral in London hosted its inaugural service in 1874.

In the early days of Harvest Thanksgivings, the church was adorned with the final sheaf of corn from the harvest. As time progressed, the decorations grew increasingly elaborate, with parishioners contributing a colourful selection of flowers, fruit and vegetables. A tradition which continues today.

## Harvests Around the World

Around the world, harvests are celebrated in different ways in different places and happen at different times of the year.

Canada in October and USA in November have "Thanksgiving" and people celebrate by enjoying a family roast dinner and think about the time when Pilgrims (who had just arrived in America) had their first crop of wheat and shared food with the Native Americans. It is a national holiday and everyone has the day off.

In Barbados a special "Crop Over" harvest is held in June when it is time to harvest the sugar cane. The whole island celebrates with concerts, dancing and fastest cane cutter competitions.

The wine harvest in Argentina has amazing parades and festivals with musicians, food, entertainers and dancers. A Harvest Queen is chosen who then sets off a fantastic firework display.

In West Africa, there is a celebration called "The Festival of Yams" usually in August. It is held in the hope of averting famine in the coming year and people celebrate by dancing and sharing the vegetables with the village.

The continent of Asia has a variety of festivals. Some areas of Thailand celebrate the fruit harvest with competitions, art displays and making floats from thousands of tropical fruits and vegetables.

In Indonesia, during the rice harvest of May and June, villages are covered with bright flags, simple bamboo temples are put in the corners of the fields and small rice dolls are placed in the stores to keep evil spirits away.

"The Harvest Moon Festival" in mid-autumn is loved by people in China and looked forward to all year. Coinciding with the full moon, they believe this is the best time for harvest, ceremonies are held both to give thanks and to encourage the harvest-giving light to return again in the coming year. It is also a time for friendship, people try and see friends and family they haven't seen all year, and together enjoy picnics, the bright lanterns, eat mooncakes and watch puppet shows.

In our Ministry Area, the churches of Whitton, Heyope and Pilleth will begin the "Harvest Festival Season" holding their services in September and the other churches in October. We look forward to coverage of these in the next editions of The Radnor.





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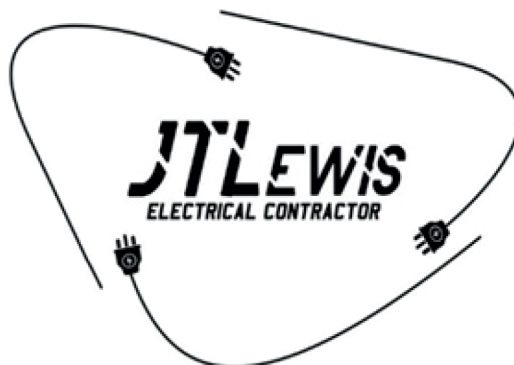
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# A Letter from the Vicar's Study

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At this time of year our thoughts turn towards celebrating the harvest, giving thanks to God for the abundance of fruit, vegetables and grain that has been grown and harvested this year. We also give thanks for the tireless work of our farming communities near and far as we enjoy and share in the fruits of their labour. What we don't often see is the dedicated work and thought that goes into growing a crop that will be as bountiful as possible whilst not stripping the soil of its nutrients for future crops. Farmers will be asking themselves what crops will grow well in the soil that they have; then deciding whether to develop that soil so that a different crop might be grown next season.

In our church communities we need to do the equivalent of soil analysis to give the seeds of faith that we are attempting to sow the best chance of growing and thriving. This challenges us to go back to our roots, to the source of our faith, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Through working together and seeing '*what God is already doing*' in this place, '*then see how we can join in*', as Rowan Williams once put it, and make that flourish.

Thank you all for your prayers, messages and support during my time away from the ministry area in the last few weeks, it is greatly appreciated. I would like to thank everyone who has kept the ministry area running, including keeping the thirteen churches open for worship and prayer.

Blessings, Rachael



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## 'The Radnor' – going forward

You will have read John Hanna's news in the last issue that he and Rosemary will be moving to Exeter and you may have been wondering what that means for the magazine. The role of Editor has been filled by volunteers up to now but these have been increasingly hard to find. The good news is that a business arrangement has been agreed with Craven Design and Print and they will, from next year, take over the full editorial duties which we hope will solve the problem.

There may be a few changes over time but contributions should still be sent in to [radnoreditor@outlook.com](mailto:radnoreditor@outlook.com). Your efforts in meeting deadlines will be very helpful particularly at this time of change over.

It just remains to say a **massive thank you to Rosemary** for all her dedication, hard work and enthusiasm. We hope that the commitment to producing an interesting, varied and well balanced magazine which reaches out into the community will continue well into the future, and we wish Rosemary and John all the very best as they prepare to move on.

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## About the Cover - Angels and Music

The angel on the cover holds a portable organ. He, along with an angel holding a harp, accompany St. Thomas, the Patron Saint of the church in Douglas on the Isle of Man. The angels represent worship of God through music. They fill the world and heaven with divine music, representing our prayers to the Lord, and the Lord's prayers to us, through music. This connection, while not explicitly biblical, offers a fascinating insight into the perceived relationship between prayer, music, and the divine.

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Our formal meeting was a very busy one where we discussed topics such as our Stowe & Stanage WI treasurer Ann Lloyd, who is also the Powys WI Federations Chairs challenge for charity. Ann participated in the World Bog Snorkeling Championship in Llanwrtyd Wells where over 200 people took part, Ann did the challenge in four minutes, and raised lots of money for her chosen charities. We discussed our recent success with our entries into the Knighton Horticultural Show; we were awarded first prize. We scored 141/160. Unfortunately we were the only WI to submit an entry, however the Carnival Committee chose to go ahead with this particular section, and we were judged accordingly and with vigour.

After the formalities of the business meeting, Sue Beddoes led us all into a crafting session. This session was one very close to home for Sue and had strong connections with our WI. We were all taught how to make decorations which would be used to decorate the Stowe & Stanage Church pews and interior for Sue's grandson's wedding the following Saturday. Sue's grandson, Charlie is also another member's (Angelique Williams) son, and his (now) wife Katie is the granddaughter of Marjorie Moore who was one of the earliest members of Stowe & Stanage WI. It was a lovely session and the floral decorations we all made were really quite delightful and graciously received by the happy couple.

If you or anyone you know would like to hear more about our Stowe and Stanage WI please contact [sswisecretary24@gmail.com](mailto:sswisecretary24@gmail.com). Our members are always keen to meet prospective members, and we are open to people coming along for a 'taster session' as the secretary's guest.



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## Whitton WI

Whitton WI Members did not stop activities because of holidays or the hot summer. Coffee mornings continued on the second Tuesday of every month and this is always particularly enjoyable when we are joined by children who are off schools locally, or visiting from further afield

At our September meeting we met Miar at the family farm in Llandegley. Originally a cookery teacher and living on the farm she was eager to stress how important it is that people know and understand where their food comes from. She introduced us to Farmgate2kitchenplate, whilst she made delicious chocolate truffles, which we were then able to taste. She welcomes small groups to share some great cooking tips and recipes and offers top quality local farm produce. She also opens a Friday morning farm shop and tearoom where she is able to offer additional Mid-Wales produce alongside the family's beef, sheep and pork (tel. 07730 508923 LD1 5UH)

Members have been attending events held throughout the county and particularly enjoyed the fabulous pictures of the night sky which were presented in an entertaining way by Dafydd Wyn Morgan of Serydda. There was also a poetry evening, a river walk and a murder mystery to entertain us. Whitton arranged a successful Quiz evening, with a Raffle, Chinese Bingo and Hotdogs, which was attended by other WIs and members of the community. The winning team took home a cash prize – so no wonder that Tina, Libby, Steve and Jane are smiling.

Our annual Harvest Supper on **24th October** is not to be missed. It's always very popular as the food and entertainment make a great evening out. This year we are very lucky to have booked Eisteddford winners – Elin and Carys – extremely talented musical sisters who play a variety of instruments and have captivating voices when they sing traditional folk songs. You will not be disappointed if you get a ticket (£15) which must be booked in advance contact 01547 560 327 or 07949 967 829.

## The Leaves

The leaves had a wonderful frolic.  
They danced to the wind's loud song,  
They whirled, and they floated, and scampered,  
They circled and flew along.

The North Wind is calling, is calling,  
And we must whirl round and round,  
And then when our dancing is ended  
We'll make a warm quilt for the ground.

*Author unknown*



## Stowe & Stanage WI



## Whitton WI





# Knighton News

## Knighton Show and Carnival:

Blue skies, warm sunshine and lots of people helped to make a perfect day of fun and interest for all in our community and for visitors.

Two excellent processions, led by our very attractive Carnival Princess and her lovely attendants, with lots of colour and music. Mrs. Sarah Griffiths, Show President, and judges had a huge task selecting the winners of each class on the show field. Lots of entertainment and interest, and many fun games for the younger ones, plus the pets in the popular dog show.

The horticulture, floral and handicrafts section in the Community Centre was well supported with so many exhibitors, providing so much colour with their displays. In the Reynolds Room, tables of home-baked goodies, jams, marmalades, eggs and gin. Church members R Morris, S Sahingoz, P Pugh and J Price all collected silverware as first prize winners for their exhibits.

Congratulations to the Young Farmers Club members, for the contribution they made, with excellent displays of their clever work. Dolau YFC were the champions of the day.

Thanks must go to all the volunteers, who worked tirelessly to make the show possible; many hours of planning and hard work to make this fun day special for all.

The A.G.M will take place in November in the RAFA Club – Would you like to help or have ideas for the 2026 Show? This is your opportunity to get involved!



## Twinning Weekend





# Knighton News

We are looking forward to our monthly social event on **Saturday 18th October** in the church hall, to meet friends and make new ones, over coffee and chat, 10am-12 mid-day.

There will be stalls of books, jigsaws, cakes and bric-a-brac, as well as competitions for you to look at and enjoy. If you have items to donate, please bring them along on the day. We can collect if required, so please phone 01547 528260.

The August coffee morning raised the sum of £310.00 for church funds, so a big Thank You to all who helped make an enjoyable morning! Competition winners were J Vickerstaff, L Johnson, S O'Rourke, C Didlick, J Fairclough and R Reeves.

## Christmas Bazaar:

Please make a note in your diary for **Saturday 15th November** at 10am in the church hall.

Would you like to have a table and sell your own items, for a small fee? We are hoping to have lots of full tables, with opportunities to purchase a Christmas gift or two. It is essential to book your table before the sale date, as soon as possible, as there is limited space. (Tel. 01547 528 260)

The Grand Prize Christmas Draw will take place nearer the big day!

## From The Registers:

The funeral service took place on August 26th for Barry Samuels, who passed away in hospital, aged 89 years. The service was conducted by Rev. Christine Gould and Geoff Weaver. The hymns chosen were '*Come Ye Thankful People Come*' and '*Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer*.' The organist was George Baker. Tributes were paid by family members and Simon Gill (friend). Favourite music was played as the cortège left the church for burial in the cemetery. Our thoughts are with Amanda, family, friends and neighbours at this sad time.

We remember all mourning the loss of loved ones, especially Ann Edwards (Beguildy), and Penny, Brigitte, Jo, Tim, Christopher and families on the sudden death of Trevor, much loved husband and father, who will be missed by so many.

Jean Pricev

## cheap at the price

A little boy was pestering his parents for a baby brother or sister. They kept telling him 'maybe one day, but we can't afford one yet.' Then one Sunday the little boy dragged his parents over to the noticeboard at the back of church. It was advertising a coming sale at the church and announced: 'children: free'.

## Quiz Night at Walton Hall

There will be a quiz at Walton Hall on **Friday 24th October** at 7pm. It has been written by Dave Treen, who will also officiate as question master. Bring your own refreshments. £2pp. Max teams of 6.

## Twinning Weekend 22nd - 25th August 2025

Knighton welcomed 10 guests from Varades in France on Friday 22nd August.

They were greeted by Tom Taylor, our Mayor, at the St. Edward's church hall. After coffee, they were treated to a tour of the church tower to see and listen to the bells. After lunch, they all enjoyed listening to the hand bells.

The hosts then invited their guests to their homes where they settled in.

On Saturday, the day started with an introduction to bowling followed by dressing up and participating in the carnival procession, which was great fun! The rest of the day was spent enjoying the carnival exhibits, attractions and fireworks display in the evening.

On Sunday, we all visited the Orgasmic Cider Company, where we enjoyed a tour around the orchards with a picnic. In the evening, a lovely meal was enjoyed in Knucklas village hall, followed by musical entertainment and singing. Tom Clough, Chair of the Knighton twinning group, and Didier Marlier, President of the French Group, exchanged gifts.

On Monday, we all met in front of the Community Centre and said our goodbyes. We all agreed that it had been a great and fun weekend.

Simon Gill



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## Celtic Saint of the Month

### Colman of Templeshambo – 27th October c. 595

All good things come to an end. This is probably my last Celtic Saint of the Month. For the last five years I have been discovering saints who ministered, evangelised and founded churches throughout the Celtic nations and beyond. It has been hard to find the facts among the legends and traditions. Many saints *Lives* were written many years later, based on oral tradition, often for political reasons, and we have the names of places, villages, holy wells and churches which indicate who lived or travelled there as founder of a church (llan) or monastic community (clas). Over the last few years we have probably included most of the saints of Wales, Ireland, Scotland, Cornwall, Brittany and the Isle of Man that we have interesting stories about. There are many more of whom we only know the names of the churches they founded and their stories have been lost. Looking at Wales alone, there are about 800 saints we know of from the 6th to 8th centuries, at least 30 with feast days in October.

Have you heard of Giraldus Cambrensis, Gerald of Wales? He was Archdeacon of Brecon in the 12th century, though he really wanted to be Bishop of St David's, but this was overruled by King Henry I, who reckoned he would be a trouble-maker, particularly as there was a campaign to make St David's an archbishopric, equivalent to the Archbishop of Canterbury. (It took another 800 years for the Welsh Church to become independent of the See of Canterbury.) Not that the king didn't respect him, in fact Gerald became a chaplain to the king in 1184 and was chosen to accompany the king's son, John, on a visit to Ireland. This is what started Gerald's literary career, for he wrote a history of Ireland, entitled *Topographia Hibernica*. This was followed by his next appointment, which was to accompany the Archbishop of Canterbury on a tour of Wales, actually a recruitment campaign for the Third Crusade. This resulted in two more important literary works, the *Itinerarium Cambriae* and the *Descriptio Cambriae*, still two valuable historical documents.

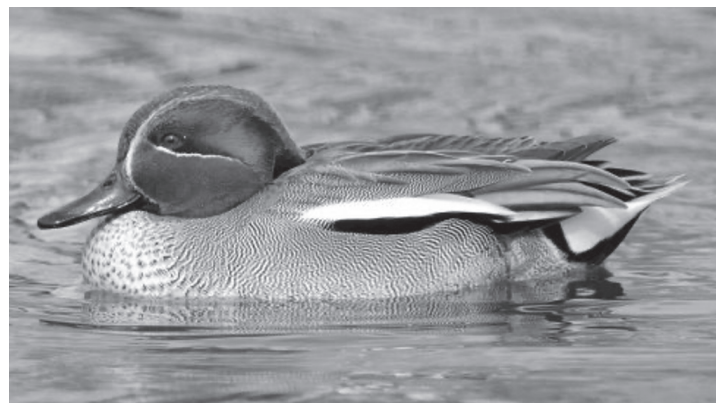
Now we come to our saint of the month, not Welsh but Irish, as recorded by Gerald of Wales, Colman of Templeshambo. Colman lived in the 6th century in Connacht. His monastery, Temple Sean Bothe, means the Temple of the Old Bothy. He is known for his love of ducks, especially the teal that lived in the pond by Colman's holy well. These teal were under Colman's special protection and could not be harmed. The story goes that that one night the cook scooped up water from the pond to boil the evening meal, but the water remained cold. When someone looked inside the pot, they saw a little duck swimming around. The duck was rescued and taken back to the pond, whereupon the water started to boil. There are other stories: a kite, who caught a teal, was paralysed until the teal escaped, and a fox who tried to eat a teal choked on the little bird. Hopefully it was rescued.



*Illustrations from  
Gerald of Wales'  
book about Ireland.*



*Colman's Well (and pond)*



*A beautiful teal from Ireland*



## Knucklas Notes

October tends to be a momentous time of year, with the nights becoming visibly shorter and the clocks being adjusted an hour backwards overnight on 25th/ 26th. So it is back to 'Greenwich Mean Time'. It is also a time of harvest thanksgiving in the various churches and chapels. Other than soft fruits, apples and a few choice items, this year's harvest has been problematic, due to extreme wetness last autumn and extreme (at least by our standards) dryness. Several bouts of stormy weather have not helped either. But, amazingly, there always is a harvest and horticulture has done well as usual.

Herefordshire Arts Week must, to the talented artists and craftspeople who exhibit around here, always seem worthwhile. The exhibitions in the Community Centre, along with hot refreshments, all went with a swing.

This month we have the Knighton Literary Festival (weekend of **10th-12th October**) to look forward to. Also, during that same weekend, members of the Birmingham-based Vintage Sports Car Club members will be passing through Knucklas.

Apple Day is scheduled for the afternoon of **Sunday 19th** in the area by the orchard.

Several moves into our end of the village are in the offing during these next few months. The bridge to Chapel Close has **STILL** not been fully restored as I write.

Those that have known him will be sorry to learn of the passing of Trevor Edwards of Beguildy Post Office and Shop. The family were previously resident for some happy years here in Knucklas, where Trevor did some good building work, including an extension to what is now our own house. With every sympathy to Ann and the family and all their many friends.

Robert Forbath



*Chapel Close Bridge, now under reconstruction*



*It will be a thorough Job!*

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## Powys National Garden Scheme

As the long hot summer begins to turn and the colours deepen there is plenty to enjoy in the gardens opening for the National Garden Scheme in October.

- **Saturday & Sunday, 11th and 12th October** (9-5pm) Dingle Nurseries & Garden, Welshpool SY21 9JD. Internationally acclaimed RHS partner garden, herbaceous plants around lake.
- **Saturday and Sunday 18th and 19th October** (10 - 4pm) Gregynog Hall & Garden, Gregynog, Tregynon, Newtown SY16 3PL. Grade 1 listed garden associated with William Emes.



**Gardens currently open by arrangement are:**

- **Llysdinam, Newbridge-on-Wye:** Llysdinam Gardens are among the loveliest in mid Wales, covering some six acres, they command sweeping views down the Wye Valley. Adults £5, until 16 December.
- **The Old Pottery, Llansantffraid:** The garden has developed over the last few years. Plants abound with colour during most seasons. Perennials, flowering shrubs and much more. (12-20) Adults £6, until October.
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# Knighton Festival of Books, Art and Music 2025

Knighton's annual Literary Festival returns to the Knighton Community Centre from 10th to 12th October with an exciting lineup for you this year. Over the weekend there will be a poetry and harp recital, talks and interviews with some inspiring writers, a film, an arts, crafts and books market and an art exhibition, see programme details below.

For the first time, in conjunction with Knighton Library, we are running a poetry and short story competition for aspiring writers of all ages. There will be cash prizes available for children (under 18s) and adults with a special awards ceremony during the Festival. Details of how to enter are on our website [www.knightonfestival.wales](http://www.knightonfestival.wales) or from Knighton Library.

Tickets for all events can be bought in advance via the Festival website, or on the door. The Festival is run by a small group of volunteers, and we are grateful for the support of the following organisations: Literature Wales, Knighton Town Council, Friends of Knighton Library, Knighton Rotary Club and the Knighton Community Centre.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for up-to-date announcements of speakers and events.

## FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

### FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER

2pm ..... Chris Tutton and Lucy Nolan - *Imaginary Landscapes* - Poetry and harp recital

6pm ..... Knighton Writing Prize Competition Winners Ceremony

6.30pm ..... Borderlands - Meet The Artists Event - Start of Festival art exhibition

7.30pm ..... Film: *Warpaint - Women At War*



### SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER

9.30am ..... Journalling workshop

10am - 4pm ... Art, crafts and books market in the main hall

10.30am ..... Kathy Biggs - *Attention All Shipping*

12pm ..... Peter Stevenson - *Welsh Folk Tales of Coast and Sea*

1pm - 2pm ..... Lunch with music in café

2.15pm ..... Karen Bartlett - *Escape From Kabul*

3.30pm ..... Jo Jukes - *Finding Home – Journeys with the Hillforts of Shropshire*



Kathy Biggs



Peter Stevenson

### SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

11.30am ..... Manda Scott - *Any Human Power*

1pm ..... Lunch in cafe

2.30pm ..... Felicity Spector - *Bread and War* - sponsored by Knighton Refugee Group

5pm ..... Willow Globe Theatre presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream*



Manda Scott

## Llanfair Waterdine Women's Institute

For our September meeting (5rd), we welcomed back a regular speaker, Phil Morris, who gave us an update on the wonderful fruit and vegetables he grows in his garden and polytunnels. We all went away with a fresh resolve to plant more and “smuggle in” those vegetables into our flower beds. This was followed by our regular “Bring and Share” supper.

For our October (3rd) meeting, we will be having a social evening and getting ready for our 100-Year Celebrations. Looking back at the history of the Llanfair Waterdine Women's Institute, it is amazing to see the changes over the years and we will be celebrating everything that has been achieved over this time. We are also looking forward to our November meeting (7th) where Karen Bennett and Ann Lloyd will be speaking to us about “Safeguarding”. Both meetings will be followed, as usual, by a “Bring and Share” supper.

Our meetings are usually on the first Friday of the month in The Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine. Meeting 7pm. Speaker/ activity 7.30pm. We are always pleased to welcome visitors or new members to enjoy the speaker/ activity and share our finger buffet supper. So please come along. For further information contact Margaret Clugston 01547 529 155 or Christine Chainey 01547 519 254.

# Fun In The Sun At Llangunllo Show

What a beautiful Summer's day it was on Saturday, August 16th for the Llangunllo Show. The sun was shining and the crowds attended.

It was an early start for some, with modern and vintage tractors arriving around 9 am to register for their run around some of the most beautiful countryside Wales has to offer. They left just after 10 am, meandering the country lanes before a much needed lunchtime break at Coco's Farm, before returning to the field in the afternoon.

Meanwhile, the competition horses and riders arrived, ready to start their events at 11 am. Competitors were put through their paces with a variety of age groups and classes taking part. There were 2 rings with seven events in each one, culminating in the Perpetual Cup for Show Champion being presented at the end of the afternoon.

At 12.30 pm the dog show commenced, with a large variety of breeds attending and entering 9 different classes, giving Jen Smith a busy afternoon of judging. The Bryan Morgan Cup for Best In Show was handed over by Bryan during the presentation ceremony.

Car booters and various other stalls, selling crafts, plants & produce attended the show. Demonstrations by Rebecca Twyman, showing how to spin yarn from locally sourced wool & local craftsman, Jonathan Protheroe displayed his skills of stone masonry and carving. There was guess the weight of 2 of Rachel Holman's lovely sheep, Orinoco Animal Sanctuary brought an assortment of some of the animals they care for, ferret racing, Naughton Sheep and their, just for fun, ABXY competition. Poortraits, (no it's not a spelling mistake,) offered sitters a poor-portrait drawn for fun, or you could admire the fascinating collection of tools owned by Henry Morgan. The Radnorshire Wildlife Trust had a stall & raffle and the St John's Ambulance were in attendance to make sure everyone was safe and get immediate medical assistance, if needed. For the first time, the show offered this year's children's bouncy castle free from charge, all day!

The Whack A Nail game provided fun competition and it's fair to say the oak beam took quite a hammering! Luckily, in order for competitors to cool down, it was close to the bar, ice-cream trailer and tea tent, where drinks, delicious cakes, sweet treats and a sit down were all available. There was much fond interest in the albums filled with photos from Llangunllo Shows of yesteryear, long before its return in 2024. The BBQ servers were also kept busy all day, flipping burgers and cooking sausages.

At the bottom end of the show tent were the many competition entries, open to all ages in a large array of categories, including: drawings, paintings, poetry, photography, flower arranging, crochet, crafts, jams, gin and cake, to name just a few! There were even a few entries in the 'Men Only' competition to bake a Victoria Sandwich!

It's great to see the local community taking part and showing just how much talent there is in this part of the world.

As the day moved on there was live music from local duo, The Outlaws of Babylon aka Tom and Vincent. The children's football was very well supported, as were The Tug of War tournaments. First came the children's teams, then the adults/mixed teams, with a little skulduggery going on, which didn't go unnoticed by the referee! There were a lot of ooh's, arrgh's and heaving going on, until we had a winning team. A great effort from all concerned.

To close the day's proceedings, the winners' cups were presented and the raffle was drawn, sending home many happy prize-winners.

As evening started to draw in, so the Speed Shearing started to attract the crowds. Competition was stiff, with shearers of all abilities taking part well into the night.

The Llangunllo Show has been a great success, once again! Many people get involved volunteering behind the scenes way before the big day, from helping to assemble the field, taking time to make sure the day goes as smoothly as possible for all to enjoy, to putting everything away again after the event.

Special thanks must go to them all and especially Clodagh Weingart, Karon Duggan & Anna Jones for their huge commitment in making it happen, to Mr Haydn Jones for the kind permission to use his field at Lower Bailey Farm, all our sponsors and to this year's President, Mr David Pugh. See you all in 2026!

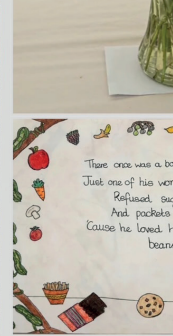
Debbie Jones

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# Llangunllo Show

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### Winners On The Day:

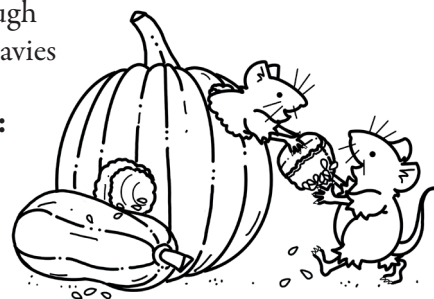
Show Champion Horse Events Cup..... Chloe Lloyd  
 Best In Show Dog Cup ..... Chris (Penyclawd)  
 Best Young Handler Dog Show Cup ..... Phoebe Pugh  
 Most Show Points Adults' Competition..... Debbie Jones  
 The Janet Davies Memorial Cup For Children ... Alice Lloyd

### Naughton Sheep ABXY Competition

Adult - Robert Pugh	Heidi Pugh
Child - Amelia Lewis	Henry Pugh
Phoebe Pugh	Nicole Davies

### Sheep Shearing Competition Winners:

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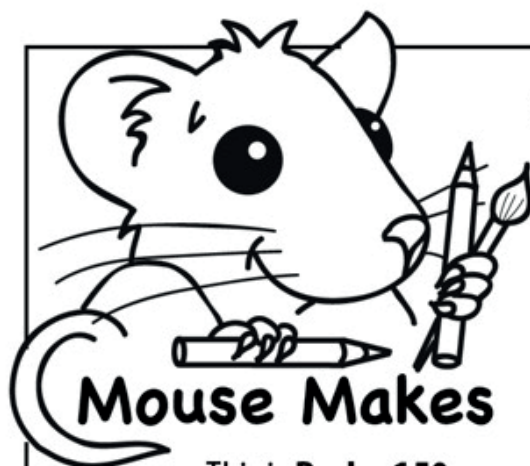
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**Praise** Him in His mighty heavens.  
**Praise** Him for His acts of power,  
**Praise** Him for his surpassing greatness.

**Praise Him**  
with the sounding trumpet,

**Praise Him**  
with the harp and lyre,

**Praise Him**

with tambourine and dancing,

**Praise Him**

with the clash of cymbals,

**Praise Him**

with the resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath

**PRAISE THE LORD!**

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## David Roberts Poem

There are few Cloggers now, using original hand tools, but not working in tents!

I remember being told of a clogger working by the river in Plowden.....

### THE CLOGGER

Have you sid the busy clogger,  
In hees natty little tent?  
He's a most untiring slogger,  
At hees trade he's quite content.  
In the glade,  
With hees blade,  
On hees task he's daily bent.

Trees he saws and cuts to measure,  
Blocks he cleaves in handsome style!  
Watch hees knife, it be a pleasure!  
Chips be flying by the mile!  
With hees knife,  
For hees life,  
He be adding to the pile.

See how quickly he be shaping,  
Every cut is in its place;  
Round the block hees knife be sweeping,  
Till it's finished – back and face,  
All day long,  
Stout and strong,  
He keep up a steady pace.

Hear him singing "Annie Laurie,"  
As he homeward wends hees way;  
he's a merry man and cheery,  
Tho he slogs the live-long day.  
He will sing,  
With a swing,  
From the yarly morning grey.

You will never see him idle,  
But he's always making chips;  
With hees axe or with the "beetle,"  
Coat and vest he often strips,  
Wet or dry,  
Chips do fly!  
Thro the 'orls he quickly rips.

He can shaps your "understandings,"  
Make a block your "fut" to fit,  
Carve the curves and turns and bendings,  
In a jiff he's finished it!  
Cut and chop,  
Without stop,  
Keen hees blade and sharp hees wit.

## Welsh Words

### mis Hydref – October

*autumn, fig. period of full maturity of life and development, when decline and decay, although imminent, have not yet actually set in; October, the tenth month of the year; rutting season, mating time.*  
(from Geiriadur Prifysgol Cymru)

**gŵyl yr un fil ar ddeg Gwryddon** –  
festival of the eleven thousand Virgins,  
21st October

**pompion** – pumpkin

**cnau ceffylau** – horse chestnuts (conkers)



## Teme Valley Gardeners' Club

The potato-growing competition was won by Marilyn Price. Following that, we had an excellent illustrated talk by Margaret Herbert on gardening for the future. She is an extremely well-qualified and experienced gardener and garden designer and shared some valuable insights such as:

- The nature of your tiny share of the planet's surface should indicate what you can best do to enhance it.
- Grass is MEANT to go brown in the summer months.
- Leaves can be as much an embellishment as flowers.

The next meeting is due to take place on **Monday 13th October** in Knucklas Community Centre starting at 7.30pm. The subject of the talk will be *'Foliage from your Garden.'*

Visitors are very welcome to join with this friendly group. Refreshments are always available.

Robert Forbath

## Mr Meredith Thomas

To answer the question posed in last month's interesting article, Memories of Felindre Village Shop and Post Office, yes, there was a connection between Knighton and Felindre's Meredith Thomas shops.

In my book *Upper Teme Valley Memories*, Mr. Jack Jones, who grew up at The Wharf during the First World War tells us:

*"Mr Meredith Thomas kept The Stores next door to The Wharf, and the family also had two shops in Knighton. There were seven or eight assistants in the shop and the warehouse. Upstairs seven ladies worked in the tailoring and outfitting department: seamstresses, stitchers, ironers, pressers and fitters. When new black clothes were ordered for a funeral, staff from the Knighton shops would be called upon to assist."*

Beth Williams



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### **Walton Village Hall**

#### **Book & Jigsaw Swap**

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10am - 1pm inc. refreshments & homemade cakes.

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### **The Radnorshire Bridge Club**

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## Tref y Clawdd WI

We celebrated in style our return after the summer break with wine and nibbles, together with a new age kurling competition. We were all a bit rusty, so Rebe needed to restore order by refereeing and the blue team won by a narrow margin (probably!). We weren't quite sure that we were scoring correctly but it was great fun. Everyone also remembered our competition entry, so that was judged as well as the monthly raffle.

A few days later, we held a committee meeting to help plan next year's programme, as well as a few Christmas events, and enjoyed tea and cakes together. The following day we tried our hand at Iris folding - ably organised by Pauline Goodall. In spite of the convivial chatter and not fully concentrating entirely we all made several items each and will have another card making session next month as we all enjoyed being creative and would like to try other methods too.

Next month we plan to have a quiz night with great prizes!! So it will be closely fought. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at St Edward's church hall. Do join us if you'd like, you'd be made very welcome as we are a fairly informal group. Further details from Dorothy 07974 678 514

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## Llangunllo Women's Institute Behind the Scenes of the World of Showbiz and Celebrity!

Our September Meeting was an Open Evening with author Richard Cobourne, thriller novelist, writing in the world of showbiz and celebrity. We welcomed members of other WIs and the community to a most interesting and entertaining time as Richard's illustrated talk, *"I shouldn't really be telling you this,"* took us through his life in showbiz and later as an author - AND what a very lucky life it has been!

His career began working for the BBC and during his time there he was involved in film, sport, drama and entertainment programmes. He later left the BBC to co-found "On Screen Productions" and again spent time working with many well-known, named celebrities. After selling the business in 2015, he pursued a career as a freelance consultant creative producer, presenter, voice artist and turned to writing full time. His novels have been successfully published and nominated for the Page Turner Awards.

The talk was followed by an informal Q&A session with Richard's books, personally signed, available to buy. Refreshments and the usual WI raffle rounded off the evening.

At the Business Meeting, held the following week, members were updated on Federation news and events, the recent changes to the NFWI Constitution and our programme for next year.

Next month we look forward to a Zoom Presentation - *"The History of Underwear"* (particularly knickers!) with Liza Jones. We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members to our meetings and please contact Karen 01547550 246 or Isabel 01547550 689 for further information.

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## A warm welcome at St Cynllo's...

...was extended to all who arrived at our Ministry Area Service at the end of August, including Arch Deacon Alan Jeavons, who took the service.

One of the challenges of our Ministry Area churches is their widely scattered nature, with no definite central town where people might bump into each other in the normal way of things. To engender cohesion isn't an easy matter, so this was a chance to get to know people from other churches and hear about some of the things that go on there.

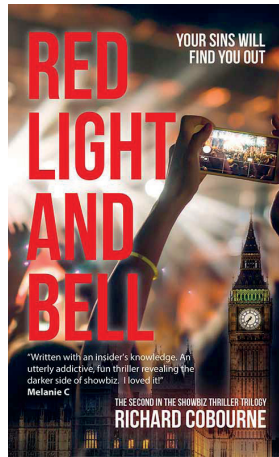
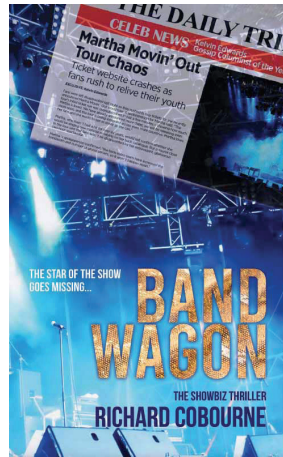
This brought to mind the early Christian churches that stretched from Palestine, through Turkey and Greece to Rome. It was from encouraging letters to some of those churches that the readings for the day were taken.

Another of today's challenges is, of course, the delivery of ministry as well as generally keeping the show on the road. Alan related a tale of priests, in the past, galloping from one church to another to deliver services of questionable reverence at half a guinea a time, fitting in as many as possible, in order to swell their bank balance. Things aren't quite that bad now and much emphasis was placed on the important role of lay workers and church members themselves in sustaining vibrancy and commitment. Our usual time for refreshments gave us a good opportunity to meet each other and talk a bit more about those issues as well exchanging news and ideas.

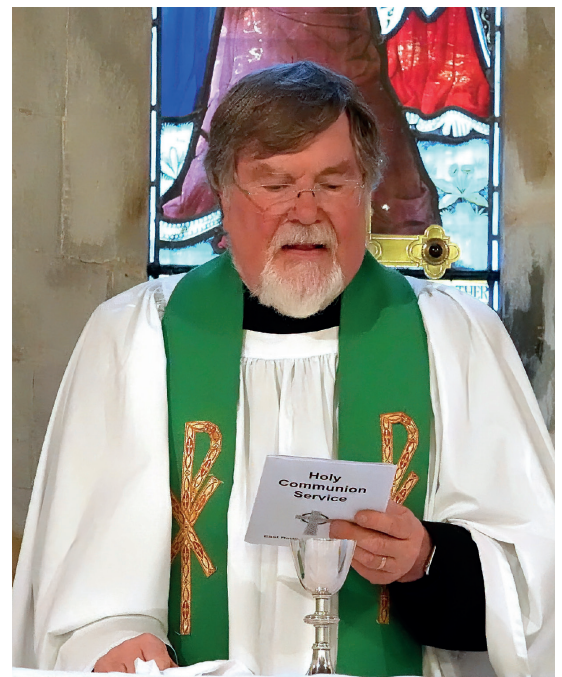
Many thanks to all who contributed to making St Cynllo's a welcoming place, for those who provided food for thought as well as stomachs and, of course, for everyone who attended.

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*Left to Right: Richard Cobourne, Chatting with President Karen, Richard's Showbiz Thriller trilogy of books*





**Gladestry WI Aberystwyth Trip**



**Whitton Coffee Morning**





## Gladestry WI

Several members and friends of Gladestry WI joined together for their August trip to Aberystwyth. After picking up in Burlingjobb, Walton and New Radnor, several already on the coach from Knighton, a coach of 34 happy trippers were on their way!

Some spent their day in Aberystwyth. Others, after a breath of sea air, a bit of shopping and lunch, met the coach and were transported to Aberystwyth Arts Centre to enjoy the amazing production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Oh, what a treat - fantastic music, dancing and song. Toto was a star in his own furry role. As one member of our party remarked - a more professional production than one seen in London!

Thanks to Karl, our driver with M&J Travel, who patiently picked up and dropped off at various places and delivered us home safe and sound. The weather had been kind, yet again and we hope for another trip next year!

Again we issue a plea for a Treasurer and Secretary otherwise our WI of over 100 years will close.

Marlene

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## Crug y Byddar Churchyard

Caring for Gods Acre cares for the churchyard at Crug y Byddar, that part that is still the responsibility of our Churches. We also care for the part in front of the church that is now the property of Bobby and Adrian Childs, and we share the cost of the two or three work days we do each year. The boundary is marked only by short pegs in the ground.

Alex Logan, our youthful and hard-working coordinator, remarked that the hay we scythed there on 2nd September was the best cut of the many churchyards we have cut this year! There were only two takers for the hay - for spreading on any meadow land - with the aim of improving biodiversity (see the advert for this in the September Radnor).

It was a pleasure to work there, and our thanks especially to Bobby Childs for providing coffee, tea and cake in Glebe House, a beautifully converted church building and retaining the very best original church features.

It is always a joy to be there.

Hilary Howcroft



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## A Misunderstanding

Brenda and Terry were going out for the evening. The last thing they did was put their cat out.

The taxi arrived and, as the couple walked out of the house, the cat shot back in.

Terry returned inside to chase it out. Brenda, not wanting it known that the house would be empty, explained to the taxi driver, "My husband won't be long, he is just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother."

Several minutes later an exhausted Terry arrived and climbed back into the taxi saying, "Sorry I took so long. The stupid idiot was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her with a coat hanger several times before I could get her to come out!"



# The Poppy Appeal

## Could you help by giving some time this autumn?



The 2025 Poppy Appeal will be launched this month.

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If you want to volunteer, or if you would like a visit from a local volunteer who can speak to your community/church group, please go to: [www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer).

## St Luke - Wordsearch

To St Luke, whose feast-day is 18th October, we owe a beautifully written gospel as well as the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician and faithful travelling companion to St Paul. Under house arrest near the end of his life Paul noted, 'only Luke is with me'. Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ, and offers us moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than in any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner. His gospel also features more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners', who are all shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. In Acts, Luke skilfully links sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. He tells of how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

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Day	Women
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Gospel	Lepers
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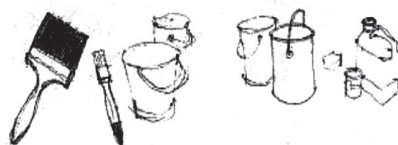
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For more information: Rachael Beech  
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4th Wednesday of the month, 1pm - 3pm

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Thursday 10.30am - 1pm and 2 - 6pm  
Friday 8am - 12.30pm

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Knighton Library and Community Hub,  
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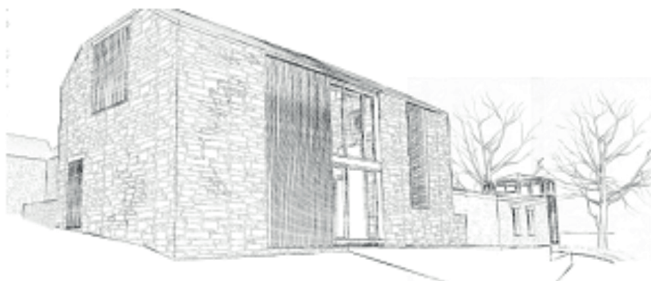
## Citizens Advice available via the Knighton Community Centre

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

At the Community Centre they offer a private room, computer access and help with starting the interview. All interviews are by appointment only. To make an appointment either phone the Community Centre on 01547 428 088 or drop in on Tuesday or Thursday mornings or message the Comm's Facebook page.

You can also self-refer to the CAB contact line 0345 6018421.

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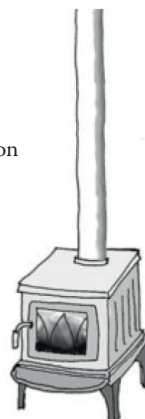
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# Is there a spiritual revival going on among our young people?

A leading Roman Catholic professor of Pastoral Theology at the University of Vienna thinks that this may well be so. For the Revd Paul Zulehner says that while Church is still losing young people, it is also gaining them.

*"We're clearly witnessing a protest against mainstream secularisation, as groups of youngsters yearn for re-spiritualisation or re-enchantment. Many are looking for meaning beyond material success, when such perceptions have become enfeebled in our pluralistic societies."*

Professor Zulehner was speaking to the Church Times after the recent Roman Catholic Church's Jubilee of Youth, which attracted a million-strong gathering in Rome, led by Pope Leo XIV.

Meanwhile, in Britain, Youth for Christ, an international evangelical youth ministry, has reported that weekly church attendance by young people had doubled from four to eight percent in five years. YFC said that half of young people were now declaring a belief in God, and 96 per cent express an openness to "supernatural experience".

The report also said that the number of younger people claiming to pray regularly had also increased sharply, although it is still small. 65 per cent said that they now viewed churches "positively", compared with just eight per cent in 2020 — defying "every prediction about declining religious engagement".

Professor Zulehner added that while many young people are sceptical about institutional Churches, they have found a "medium and language" through social media for sharing their religious interests.

He told Church Times: *"Gospel influences are at work through Instagram, TikTok, and the networks today's youngsters rely on, which may ultimately prove as important in finding followers for Christ as the Church's leaders and traditions."*

*Editor: As the dark nights close in, and the season of Hallows Eve, All Saints, and All Souls arrives, here is part of an ancient Celtic prayer from Benbecula asking for God's provision, redemption and protection from evil.*

## The Gates of the Kingdom

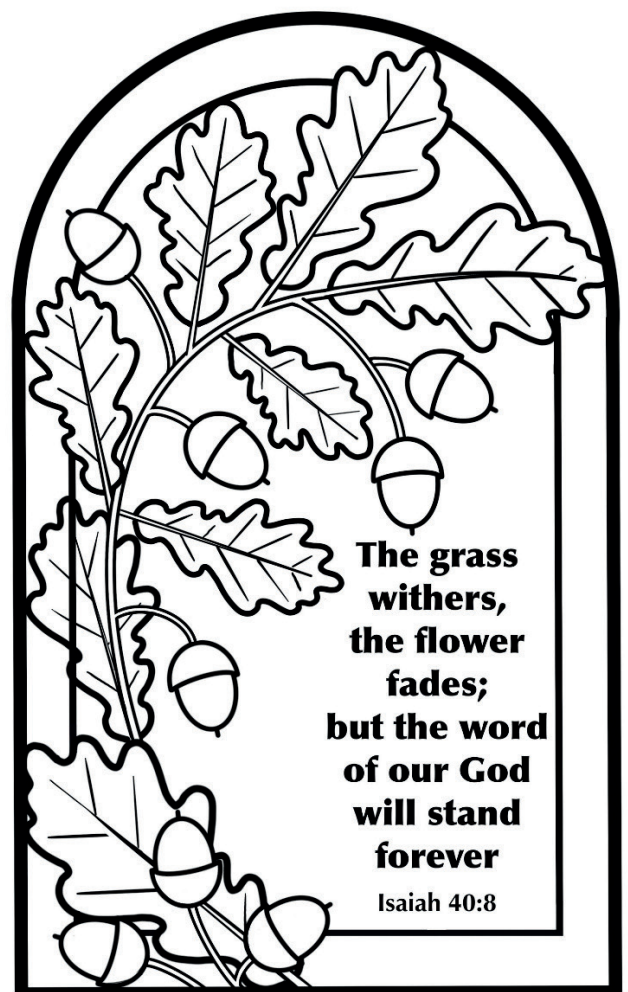
Give us, O God, the needs the body feels,  
Give us, God, the need-things of the soul;  
Give us, O God, the balm which body heals,  
Give us, God, the soul-balm which makes whole.

O great God, thou who art upon the throne,  
Give to us the heart repentance true,  
Forgiveness give us of the sin we own, -  
The sin inborn and the sin we do.

Give us, O God, a yearning that is strong,  
And the crown of glory of the King;  
Give us the safe home, God, for which we long  
In thy kingdom's lovely gates to sing.

May Michael, archangel warrior white,  
Keep down hostile demons of the fall;  
May Jesus Christ MacDavid guide our flight  
And give lodging in His peace-bright hall.

*Ancient Celtic prayer*



# October Readings

## 5th October Trinity - 16

Lamentations 1. 1-6  
Psalm 137  
2 Timothy 1. 1-14  
Luke 17. 5-10

## 12th October - Trinity 17

Jeremiah 29. 1, 4-7  
Psalm 66. 1-12  
2 Timothy 2. 8-15  
Luke 17. 11-19

## 19th October - Trinity 18

Jeremiah 31. 27-34  
Psalm 119. 97-104  
2 Timothy 3.14 -4.5  
Luke 18. 1-8

## 26th October - Bible Sunday

Joel 2. 23-32  
Psalm 65 or 65. 1-8  
2 Timothy 4. 6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18. 9-14

## 2nd November - All Souls

Wisdom 3. 1-9  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 1. 3-9  
John 6. 37-40

# 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

# Baptist Church Services - October

## October 2025

Sun 5th ..... 11am... Worship Service ..... Norton Street, Knighton  
6pm..... Harvest Celebration Service..... Knucklas Chapel  
Mon 6th ... 7pm..... Prayer Space . Community Room, Norton Street, Knighton  
Sun 12th... 11am... Worship Service ..... Norton Street, Knighton  
Sun 19th... 11am... Worship Service ..... Norton Street Chapel, Knighton  
6pm..... Sunday @ 6 Service ..... Knucklas Chapel  
Sun 26th... 11am... Worship Service ..... Norton Street, Knighton

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 519 215. For details of other events and news, please see our Facebook page.

# Methodist Church Services

All services start at 11am

## October 2025

5th ..... Mr Stephen Dalton.....  
12th.... Rev George Heinz.....  
19th.... Mr Kingsley Duah .....  
26th.... Rev Richard Hall..... Holy Communion

**Lunch Club** on Mondays (except Bank Holidays) from 12 noon at Methodist Church, Victoria Road.

**House Group** on first and third Wednesdays at 10.30am at Ystrad House.

**Quiet Space** prayer group on second and fourth Wednesdays at 10.30am; check venue at [alithomas1@gmail.com](mailto:alithomas1@gmail.com).

# Knighton Roman Catholic Church

Service every Sunday at 10am

After a period of consultation the Services at the Catholic Churches in our area are changing their timetable. This will enable Fathers Gerald and Richard to continue to provide a Mass for each Church every weekend.

*The Services will now be held as follows:*

Builth: Saturday at 4pm  
Rhayader: Saturday at 5.30pm  
Presteigne: Sunday at 8.30am

**Knighton: Sunday at 10am**  
Llandrindod: Sunday at 11.45am

# Gravel Baptist Chapel

12th October, 2.30pm - Andrew Wyton (Harvest)  
9th November, 10.45am - Remembrance at Llangunllo  
21st December, 2.30pm - Carol Service  
*Further information from Keith Williams 01597 851 122*



## East Radnor Ministry Area Bible Study Group

**The third Thursday  
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rachaelstorer@cinw.org.uk  
01544 350 760



### Diocesan Prayer

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

*Bless us as we **gather** in your name;*

*Guide us as we **grow** into the likeness of your Son;*

*Lead us by your Spirit to **go** out and make disciples of others.*

Ministry areas are the structure we are using to journey  
together with God as a pilgrim people, turning that vision  
into reality.

*from diocesan website*

## Church Contacts

### Methodist Minister:

Rev. George Heinz

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george.heinz@yahoo.co.uk

### Baptist Minister:

Rev Gareth Davidson

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### Baptist Secretary:

Mrs Lizzie Bethel

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www.knightonbaptists.org.uk

### Knighton Roman Catholic Church

Fr. Gerald Okechukwu Isiguzo

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## Grid References & Church Postcodes

Beguildy.....	SO 194797.....	LD7 1YE
Bleddfa.....	SO 206683.....	LD7 1PA
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Llangunllo.....	SO 211712.....	LD7 1SW
Knighton.....	SO 287724.....	LD7 1AG
Norton.....	SO 304672.....	LD8 2EY
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Pilleth.....	SO 256682.....	LD7 1NP
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N Radnor.....	SO 210609.....	LD8 2SS
Gladestry.....	SO 230551.....	HR5 3NR
Colva.....	SO 199512.....	HR5 3RA
Evancoyd.....	SO 262639.....	LD8 2PA
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	Brian Thomas.....	07799 346 182.....	felindrevh@gmail.com
Gladestry Village Hall.....	Marlene Evans.....	01544 370 646.....	marlene.evans@hotmail.co.uk
Llangunllo Community Hall.....	Karen Edgar.....	07811 172767.....	communityhall@llangunllo.co.uk
Knighton Community Centre.....	Ceri Brown.....	01547 428 088.....	www.knightoncomm.wales/
Knucklas Community Centre.....		01547 528 765.....	www.knucklascommcentre.org.uk
New Radnor Community Centre.....	Carlee Evans.....	01544 350 575.....	
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Festival of Books, Art & Music

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## Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 15th November  
10am-4pm  
Hall Barn  
Bleddfa


£10 to hire a table, please contact Kim on 07956 358 380 or 01547 740 236  
Refreshments available on the day



# Borderlands


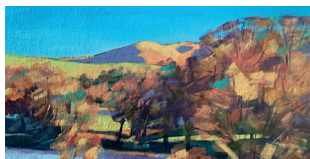
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## East Radnor Ministry Area Service Rota October 2025

### Friday 3rd October

6.30pm ...St Michael's .....Harvest Service  
Llanfihangel Nant Melan

### Saturday 4th October

6pm .....St Peter's, Evancoyd .....Harvest Service  
7.30pm ..... Bring and Share Supper in the community hall.  
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### 5th October – Trinity 16 (Green)

11am .....St Edward's, Knighton .....Holy Communion  
2.30pm ...St David's, Colva .....Harvest Service  
3pm .....St Michael's, Cascob.....Harvest Service  
7.30pm ...St Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa.....Harvest Service

### Friday 10th October

7pm .....St Michael's, Beguildy .....Harvest Service

### 12th October – Trinity 17 (Green)

10am .....St Mary's, Gladestry.....Harvest Service  
11am .....St Peter's, Evancoyd .....Holy Communion  
11am .....St Edward's, Knighton .....Harvest Festival  
4pm .....St Mary's, New Radnor .....Harvest Service

### 19th October – Trinity 18 (Green)

9.30am....St David's, Whitton.....Holy Communion  
10am .....St Mary's, New Radnor .....Morning Worship  
11am .....St Peter's, Evancoyd .....Morning Prayer  
11am .....St Edward's, Knighton .....Holy Communion  
4pm .....St Cynllo's, Llangunllo.....Harvest Service

### 26th October – Bible Sunday (Green)

10am .....St Mary's, New Radnor .....Ministry Area Service

### 2nd November – All Saints Day (White)

10am .....St Michael's .....Morning Worship  
Llanfihangel Nant Melan  
11am .....St Peter's, Evancoyd .....Morning Worship  
11am .....St Edward's, Knighton .....Holy Communion  
2.30pm ...St David's, Colva .....Evening Prayer  
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