

The New Times

May 2016

The parish magazine of Llantilio Crossenny,
Llanvetherine, Llanvapley and Penrhos



Find out what was selling well at the Table Top Sale



Does anyone know where the India and China Tea Shop was in Abergavenny?
Find out who used to work there.

From The Vicarage

This fine weather that we have been having (well three days to be exact!), can only mean one thing – exam time must be here. Why is it that exams and sunny weather go together?

I remember sitting my examinations in a large stuffy hall, longing for them to be over. Looking back, I, along with countless others, got the importance of them completely out of perspective. It seemed that everything depended on them.

I feel for our young people, as more and more pressure is heaped upon them, not to mention the demand for “results” put on the teachers.

In the end we can only do our best.

Jesus, of course, turns all our values up-side down and inside-out.

Jesus’ life was hardly “successful” by worldly standards.

But God calls us to faithfulness rather than success. The “results” He values are those of service, dedication, gratitude and love; Faith, Hope and Love.

You’ll be hard pressed finding those requirements in a job advertisement.

The real test, and the only one which really matters, will come to us all, as Saint John of the Cross put it:

“In the evening of life we will be judged on love.”

Let’s start practising now!

With every blessing,

Heidi.

Llantilio Vicarage

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Ordination of Mr. Andrew Dawson

It is with great joy that I can tell you that Mr Andrew Dawson is due to be ordained as a Deacon in St Woolos Cathedral in Newport on Sunday 26th June at 10am.

It would be lovely to go and support Andrew in the service, and celebrate this wonderful moment with him. If you would like to come to the service in the Cathedral please let me (Heidi) know, and we can arrange suitable transport.

Bible text of the month selected by Christine Everitt

In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.

Psalm 5:3

A Morning Prayer

I praise you for the gift of another day
For your mercies new each morning.
My eyes are open and my heart is beating;
Each of those mean you have a plan for me.
I don't know every step of your plan for today
But I know it will be for my good,
And I'm confident it will be for your glory.
Will you lead me, Jesus? I need you.
Will you order my steps, each one?
May your love flow through me
And may I embrace every opportunity
To share your love with others. Amen

Thought for the day: Good days begin with prayer.....

The following story was told in a sermon in Llanvetherine Church

There's a story about a man who was worried that his wife was becoming hard of hearing. He called her doctor to make an appointment to have her hearing checked. The doctor said he could see her in two weeks, but that meanwhile there was a simple, informal test the husband could do to give him some idea of how serious her problem was. "Stand about 40 feet away from your wife, and speak in a normal conversational tone and see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response." That evening, when he returned home from work, his wife was in the kitchen cooking. So he decided to try the test. "What are we having for dinner?" No response. He moved a little closer. "What are we having for dinner?" No response. Closer still. "What are we having for dinner?" Again, no response. He moved to the kitchen door. "What are we having for dinner?" Yet again, no response. Full of concern, he walked right up to her, held her hand, and asked: "What are we having for dinner?" She whirled around, and shouted, "For the fifth time, we're having chicken!" Sometimes, we think someone else has the problem when really, it is actually us all along!

Llantilio Crossenny News

Queen's 90th birthday celebration

On 11th June an afternoon party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday is to be held in the Pavilion at Llanvapley. Our four Churches, the W I and the Community Council wish to be involved. A meeting to arrange this is being held in the Pavilion on Tuesday May 3rd at 7 pm. Please come along to share ideas and plans for a lovely afternoon community get together.

Llanvapley News

Congratulations to **Bill and Brenda Speake** who are celebrating the birth of their great-granddaughter Amelia Grace on 9th April to their grand-daughter Abbie and her partner James.

The April winner of the **LSSA 100 club** draw was Bubbles Cooper.

Churchyard Tidy Up

On Saturday 7th May (10 – 12) Llanvapley Church will once again be spring cleaning the church and the churchyard. Everyone is invited to come along and help. A special invitation is extended to all those who have family buried in the churchyard. Llanvapley Church is aiming to develop resources to help visitors to understand more about the lives of the people buried in the churchyard. The churchyard tidy up will hopefully be an opportunity to gather information.

Recently some very interesting information has come to light following a chance meeting with a couple who were attending to the grave of Charles Williams. Sergeant Williams is the only soldier from the Great War to be buried in the churchyard. Marilyn Hughes, his great granddaughter, has shown a number of pictures from her family album to the church. These include the picture to the right which shows Sergeant Williams and his wife, Cecilia. Before the war Charles Williams managed the India and China Tea grocery shop in Abergavenny. He is on the left side of the picture on the front of TNT.



On Saturday 23rd April Llanvapley Church held a **Table Top Sale** in the pavilion to raise funds for repairs and improvements to the church. Thanks go to everyone who came along to the event either to sell or to buy. Thanks also to everyone who provided cakes and organised everything so well. Your support was greatly appreciated. A total of £219 was raised. Pictured on the front of TNT are Chris Cousens of Llantilio Crossenny with Brenda Allen of Llanvapley. If anyone needs any elastic bands then see Brenda!

Penrhos News

Holly Flynn had a once in a life time experience Pony Racing at Cheltenham racecourse last month. All competitors used the ladies and gents changing rooms and Holly had her silks hanging on Nina Carberrys peg. They had a good tour around the racecourse and Holly came a very respectable 5th.



Jean Flynn saw her first swallow of the year on 1st April in fact there were about 20 of them skimming about all over the pond opposite Bottom Farm. Jean has never seen them before the 12th April in all the years she's been here. Still waiting to hear the cuckoo though.

**Cwmerra Baptist Chapel, Llanvetherine
Plant Sale and coffee morning
Cake stall
Raffle
Saturday 28th May 10 – 12**

Llantilio Crossenny Festival for Music and Drama 2016

Don't forget the Llantilio Crossenny Festival for Music and Drama which runs from 1st May until Sunday 15th May. All the information is on the website llantiliofestival.co.uk

Pets of the Month

Our cat, Abu Bin David / **Dave**, grew up in the back streets of Ryadh in Saudi Arabia. He was brought back to this country by our son and spent 6 months in quarantine. We have no idea how old he is, but he is very fit and has taken over our lives with aplomb. Having survived on scraps and goodness knows what for the first few years of his life, he is now very fussy and will only eat the best cat food.

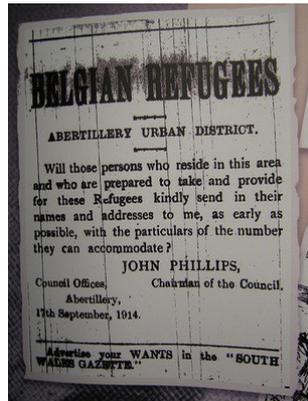
He has control of our son's black Labrador, and our daughter's black Cocker is terrified of him. He stalks the garden here and catches a few mice (hopefully not birds) and has been known to bring a rabbit or two into the house as trophies. If a foreign dog comes to stay, he disappears for a couple of days, to return almost the moment the 'alien' has gone. Where does he go? Does anyone have a handsome white and tabby marked cat visit them from time to time? We think he is very noble, and has the look of the Egyptian tomb cats. Bubbles and Graham Cooper



Llanvapley Church is regularly visited by all sorts of pets. Some of these are happy to come inside while others are not too sure. The pictures to the left shows a very special cat called **Poppy**. Poppy has lived at No.5 Firs Road for a few years now and rather likes it. She is very well looked after by her owner Mrs Doris Evans. When Doris walks to the church she is always followed by Poppy. Poppy waits outside the church for the service to end to make sure Doris gets home safely.

WI News

Llantilio Crossenny WI had the good fortune to have the Gwent Archives World War One Exhibition at Llanvapley Pavilion for two days.



Peter Strong was the guest at the April meeting of the WI. Peter is a highly regarded historian and he gave an excellent presentation. Everyone was spell bound by his stories of Gwent people and situations during the war. The next day the exhibition was open to the public with tea and cakes provided thanks to the Mary Berrys of Llantilio!

Before the meeting, many members attended early to practice singing for the Gwent Federation concert in October. They were beautifully harmonious! Members were reminded to put their names down for the summer outing as soon as possible. Also members were reminded to bring a hand made card with flower, for next month's competition.



The next meeting will be the AGM on the 11th May. There will be singing practice before the meeting and a great singer after!

Services in May

Sunday May 1st

Rogation Sunday

9.30am Llanvetherine

11.00am Llantilio Crossenny

Sunday 8th May Easter 7

9.30am Penrhos

11.00am Llanvapley Holy
Communion

Sunday 15th

Whitsunday/ Pentecost

9.30am Llanvetherine

6.00pm Festival Evensong Llantilio
Crossenny

Please note there is NO morning service in Llantilio

Sunday 22nd Trinity Sunday

9.30am Penrhos

11.00am Llanvapley Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th 5th Sunday

Joint Service for all four parishes

11.00am Llantilio Crossenny

Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd Plant sale Llantilio Crossenny 2.00pm

Tuesday 3rd Meeting re Queen's birthday celebrations at Llanvapley Pavilion
7.00pm.

Wednesday 4th Joint meeting of churchwardens in vicarage at 7.00pm.

Saturday 7th Llanvapley churchyard clean 10am - Noon

Wednesday 11th LSSA Coffee Morning 10.30 Llanvapley

Wednesday 11th Deanery Conference 7.00pm Llandewi Rhydderch church.
Everyone is welcome to attend

Sunday 22nd 1.00pm Hog Roast Bulmer's Barn Everyone welcome

Sunday 22nd 4.00pm Afternoon Tea in Treadam Barn with The North Singers
(in aid of Monmouthshire and District National Eisteddfod)

Wednesday 25th Coffee morning Llanddewi Rhydderch

Friday 3rd June BBC Music Day 7.00pm.

Church bells throughout the country will be ringing

Sunday 5th June High House & The Old Vicarage Gardens Open on NGS

Sunday 12th June - Longhouse Farm Gardens Open on NGS

Tweets @LlantilioG

Our website and twitter account is updated with a regular "Thought for the Day"
which is known as a TFTD. Here is the TFTD from 22nd April

"Be the change you want to see in the world"

We also follow the tweets of others. Here is a particularly interesting one from the
Bishop of Burnley on 23rd April

**"As we celebrate our Syrian patron, St George, let's pray for a spirit of
hospitality and love to the war-ravaged people of that land"**

Contributions for the June issue of TNT by 20 May. Please send emails to

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Don't forget our website llantiliogroup.info for the latest information