

The New Times

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



Find out where all the roadside litter has gone



Find out why everyone was having fun in Llantilio

From The Vicarage

This month seems to be full of celebrations.

We begin with a wedding service in Llanvetherine – a celebration of two people committing themselves to each other, to love and to cherish one another through the journey of life.

To find a person with whom we want to share our whole lives is a wonderful, overwhelming testimony to the power of love. A gift we too often take for granted.

Later in the month there will be events to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Here we give thanks for the gift of a long and dedicated life of service.

The month ends with the ordination of Mr. Andrew Dawson in St. Woolos Cathedral Newport, as he enters the diaconate (a greek word meaning "service").

So often the news headlines are dominated by doom and gloom, and I'm sure that it can't be good for our mental health to be bombarded with one lot of bad news after another. So, let's try and balance things out a bit, and look at the Good News around us.

The power of love,

The gift of life,

And the willingness to serve and help one another along the way.

And for those of you who love the birdsong at the moment, "The Mass of the Birds" by Dafydd ap Gwilym is a wonderful poem to read as you listen to their glorious song.

With every blessing,

Heidi

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Bible text of the month selected by Christine Everitt

Our monthly text: "The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience and genuine faith." 1 Timothy 1:5

Developing the character of Christ is life's most important task, because it is the only thing we take with us into eternity. Jesus made it quite clear in his Sermon on the Mount that eternal rewards in Heaven will be based on the character we develop and demonstrate here on earth.

So how do we develop our character to please God. Here's a verses I read recently:

How To Develop A Right Character

Watch your thoughts, for they become words.

Watch your words for they become actions.

Watch your actions, for they become habits.

Watch your habits, for they form your character.

Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.

Character is never built in a classroom. Character is built through the circumstances of life. Live as God would want; honestly, with wisdom, truth and faith.

Llantilio Crossenny News

On Monday May 2nd the **Llantilio plant sale** once again drew a good crowd of people eager to purchase the lovely plants on offer for their spring gardens. The showery weather failed to dampen spirits and a good afternoon was enjoyed by all with some much needed funds raised for our lovely Church.

Many thanks are due to the plant growers, to Jane for doing the raffle and the ladies for making cakes and providing the tea's.

A coffee morning in aid of Church funds has been arranged for Wednesday June 22nd at 10.30 am. This will be held at Little Cil-llwch by kind invitation of Mrs Ceinwen Davies, If the weather is nice it should be a nice occasion to enjoy Ceinwen's lovely garden. We will be serving coffee and cakes, so donations of cakes will be much appreciated! We will also have a raffle and bring and buy stall, entry fee £3. Please put the date in your diary!

Monmouthshire Hunt Supporters are holding a Show at Park Farm, Llantilio Crossenny, Saturday 4th June 9.00 am. Details from show secretary Fran Fitzpatrick fran.fitzpatrick@btinternet.com

Raglan and Gwent **Young Farmers** are having their annual competitions Rally on Saturday 11th June, at Adrian and Val Cooke's, Nantyderri Farm Llantilio Crossenny. The day will run from



10am to 4pm, including singing, dancing, cookery, woodwork and so on. There will be 6 clubs (Abergavenny, Bedwas, Crucorney, Usk, Raglan and Wentwood) competing against each other.

Llantilio Crossenny Festival would like to say a big “thank you” to all the locals who took part this year. It really couldn’t have happened without you!

The chorus for Handel’s “Solomon” were so good that they were asked to sing the last section of the chorus “Swell the full Chorus” a capella! Our two local bass Head Eunuchs (in Solomon’s Harem!) had the audience in peals of laughter!



We’d also like to thank Selby Sound for their “performance” at Evensong-it was lovely to have something a little different and they wonderfully complimented the bell ringers, to whom we enjoyed listening with the doors wide open. Thank you!

As the only Festival in Europe to organize an annual children’s opera project from start to finish with able-bodied and disabled children (across Monmouthshire and Blaenau Gwent) working alongside professionals, we’d like to thank the Ernest Cook Trust and Allun Griffiths Contractors for their support of this year’s “The Magic Flute” by Mozart.

We were so proud of the children, especially the autistic ones with small solo roles. We were not too sure if these children would feel comfortable performing on the day, but it seemed that nothing was going to stop them! We had Cross Ash School choir singing in the chorus and even the newly formed orchestra played alongside the professional orchestra for one of the numbers. On the technical crew some of the children were severely disabled, but they were fascinated by the lighting and design side. The scenery was made according to the model designed by a pupil from Pen Y Cwm Special School in Ebbw Vale and painted accordingly by those who attended the scenery painting workshop. At the performances, it was lovely to see the carers and foster siblings of many of the disabled children in care who were performing. The two schools integrated with ease and there was a real sense of community spirit,

regardless of ability or social standing. We had a wonderfully sunny day and we'd love to thank our newly formed local Jazz Band for their performance at the pool party afterwards!

Similar to last year, we held dress rehearsals at both Cross Ash School for the whole school and Pen Y Cwm Special School in the Hall of the Ebbw Fawr Learning Community, Ebbw Vale for more than 500 school children with differing degrees of disability. Many of them have never seen "live" theatre before, as a trip to the theatre would be impossible.

This year the children had so many ideas they wanted incorporated into the opera, that we have decided next year, through the Charles Farncombe Award for Young Composers in Wales, we will be encouraging the children to write/compose and perform alongside professionals in their own opera based on the historical figure "The Ogre of Abergavenny Castle"!

Next year's Festival will take place from 30th April-14th May 2017.

Llanvapley News

Emily James of Trothy View, Llanvapley has been appointed the new Head Girl of Monmouth Comprehensive School. Emily took part in a tough recruitment process with over 30 other girls who had been nominated by subject teachers to apply for the role. The next round of selection required each candidate to give a presentation to the school council and Deputy Head teacher on why they wanted the role of Head Girl. After the presentation it was straight into an interview with the Headmaster (Mr Davis), Head of Sixth Form and the two existing Head Boy and Head Girl. After an anxious wait of 24hrs, Emily was told that she had been successful and was announced as the new Head Girl. Emily has the exciting job of recruiting the prefect team and she has already started her duties. Emily is over the moon and is really enjoying her new role in school which also includes support for all students through the move to the temporary school block whilst the new school is being built. Emily's parents, Mandy and Mark are busting with pride!

The May winner of the **LSSA 100 club** draw, which took place at the monthly coffee morning, was Hattie Marchant. Hattie is planning to spend her winnings on bones for her friends!

On the 19th May **Llanvapley Sports Pavilion** celebrated its 20th birthday. No party, no cards, no presents or fuss but still well loved.

Llanvapley Church organised a **litter pick** which took place at the start of May. The work concentrated on the roads around the village but also included parts of Abergavenny. A total of nearly £300 was raised to support the restoration work needed in the church. Thanks to everyone who supported the litter pick which was great fun. Pictured are Jason and Lesley Stoker with a car full of rubbish!



The **churchyard Spring Clean** on 7th May was a great success with a good crew of volunteers all ready and able to do their bit to smarten up the churchyard and the inside of the church. Thanks go to everyone who helped to make it such a success. Thanks Harry!

On 10th May Mike Penney from the **Bell Ringers Association** visited Llanvapley Church to inspect the bells as part of the fact finding for the restoration project. Mike was able to confirm that the second bell which is currently not used is in fact cracked. He identified two hair line cracks on the bell caused by corrosion of steel staples which hold the clapper. He was able to give advice on how the church could restore the bell to working order.

While the good folk of Llantilio enjoy **superfast broadband** the good folk of Llanvapley are still waiting for Openreach to get their act together and switch on the green cabinet. It has been there since last July but still nothing happens. Let us pray.....

On **Saturday June 11th at 3.00pm** there will be a party in **Llanvapley Pavilion** organised by the communities of Llanvetherine, Llantilio, Llanvapley and Penrhos. The event is being held to celebrate **Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday**. A full programme of events has been organised which includes a toast, a group photograph, a sing song and games and competitions for children. All children will be given a commemorative mug to mark the event. Full details are on a poster which has been circulated.

Penrhos News

On 24th April, **Rowan Adams**, son of Tarquin and Clare was christened in Penrhos church. It was a beautiful service attended by close family members on both sides as well as godparents. Rowan, now one year old was very well behaved right up to the crucial point when he put up a bit of a protest, but Heidi put him at ease and Rowan was christened into the church. The weather held out for most of the day and family as well as members of the congregation enjoyed a post church celebration back at Woodlands Farm barn.



Events are taking place in June in Penrhos to fundraise for the church as part of the NGS Open Gardens scheme. The gardens at the gardens at **High House and the Old Vicarage** are open on Sunday 5th June from 2-6pm and the gardens at **Longhouse Farm** are open on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th of June from 2-6pm. All are welcome and childrens' games and activities have been organised on 11th June. Refreshments are available throughout the afternoon

The annual **Penrhos Hog Roast** at Bulmers Barn took place on Sunday 22nd May with over 100 people enjoying the delicious food and a friendly get-together and catch-up. Thanks go to Bulmers, Alan Williams and his team for hosting the event and to all who helped to make it such a success. Over £1,000 was raised for St Cadoc's Church.

Llanvetherine News

The service of **ordination of Andrew Dawson** is at 3.00 pm at St Woolos, Newport on Sunday 26 June. For those able to and kind enough to come there are only a small number of reserved seats for family, so we are told, otherwise its first come, first served. Parishioners from all the parishes, including anyone unable to make the service, are invited to our home Southleigh for finger buffet and tea from 5.30pm to 7.00pm after the service. Please let Sally Dawson or the Vicar know if you would like to come just for an idea of catering numbers.

On the morning of **Pentecost** the service in Llanvetherine was held in the churchyard at the preaching cross where the small congregation sat in the warm sunshine. Early morning prayer was surrounded by birdsong and distant rural sounds making it a truly spiritual experience in a perfect simple way to celebrate the wonderful news of the Season.

LLANVETHERINE FUN DAY &
QUEENS 90TH BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION
Sunday 12th June 2016 - 12 Noon
Great Tre-rhew Farm
Llanvetherine

Games
Tug of War
Sack race
Egg and
Spoon

Live
Band

By kind permission of the Beavan family

Tickets available from Lanes Garage, Whitecastle Vineyard & The Hunters Moon

£5.00 each or £15 for a family of 4

EVERYBODY WELCOME

Royal Fancy
Dress Theme

Queens
Bake Off

BBQ &
Bar

Llanddewi Skirrid Village Hall
**Coffee Morning in aid of St
David's Hospice**

Thursday, June 16th
10.30am - 12 noon

Tea, coffee, cakes, bring and buy,
raffle etc



Charity Coffee Morning
Every 3rd Wednesday of the month at The Foxhunter Inn,
Nant-y-Deri

Raffle in aid of different charities each month
10.30 onwards

WI News

Llantilio Crossenny WI returned their committee and president, at their AGM. They then had a wonderful demonstration of flower arrangements using flowers and foliage from the garden, by Lynne Bayliss. Prior to the meeting there was a singing practice, which nearly raised the roof!

Members were reminded of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations taking place on Saturday 11th June between 3pm and 7pm. Daphne and Janet are making celebrations cakes to be cut on the day. The WI will provide bunting and decorations in various forms! Together with a crown competition and treasure hunt, for children. Members were reminded it is a bring and share event, and the suggestion was, of one plate of savoury and one of sweet. The WI have also been asked to lead a sing-song. Their choral reputation is spreading!

Our next meeting is the guest night, when members from other WIs are invited. Again the lovely ladies will provide their usual array of goodies to eat ! There will be musical entertainment ,too ! Singing practice will be at 6.30pm, before the meeting. Ruth and Margaret are knocking everyone into shape , ready for their performance at the concert, in October!



Why are coffee mornings so popular?

In June there are 5 coffee mornings in the local area all of which start at 10.30 in the morning. If you are one of the many people who attend coffee mornings you will know why they are so popular. If you have never been to one then why not select a coffee morning from the list and pop along and find out what they are all about.

Services in June

Sunday 5 th June Trinity 2

9.30am Llanvetherine

Holy Communion

11 am Llantilio crossenny H.C.

Sunday 12 th June Trinity 3

9.30 Penrhos H.C.

11am Llanvapley. H.C.

Sunday 19 th June Trinity 4

9.30am Llanvetherine H.C.

11am Llantilio Crossenny
Morning Prayer.

Monday 20th June

Archdeacon's Visitation at 7pm in
Llantilio Pertholey church.

All churchwardens and licence
holders are asked to attend.

Sunday 26 th June Trinity 5.

9.30am Penrhos H.C.

11am Llanvapley. Morning Prayer.

3pm The ordination to the
Diaconate of Mr. Andrew

Dawson at St. Woolos Cathedral
Newport.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 3rd June BBC Music Day 7.00pm Llantilio Bell ringing

Church bells throughout the country will be ringing

Sunday 5th June High House & The Old Vicarage Gardens open 2 –6 pm

Wednesday 8th June Coffee Morning in Llanvapley 10.30

Saturday 11th June Queen's birthday celebrations at Llanvapley Pavilion
3pm.

Saturday / Sunday 11th / 12th June - Longhouse Farm Gardens Open on
NGS 2 –6 pm

Sunday 12 th June Queen's Birthday Celebration at Great Tre-Rhiw,
Llanvetherine. 12 Noon

Wednesday 15th June Charity Coffee Morning Foxhunter Inn, Nant-y-Deri
10.30

Thursday 16th June Coffee Morning, Llanddewi Skirrid 10.30

Wednesday 22nd June Coffee Morning in Little Cil-llwch, Llantilio 10.30

Sunday 26th June Ordination Service St Woolas Church, Newport 3.00pm

Wednesday 29th June Coffee Morning Llanddewi Rhydderch 10.30

Tweets @LlantilioG

Our website and twitter account is updated with a regular "Thought for the Day"
which is know as a TFTD. Here is the TFTD from 24th May

"Train your mind to see the good in every situation"

We also follow the tweets of others. Here is a particularly interesting one from the
Kate Beavan on 23rd May

**"Rationing during Second World War meant the nation was fitter and
healthier than ever before. Fruit, veg, meat, milk, butter"**

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