

# The New Times

## July 2016

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



Find out all about the royal celebrations at Llanvapley Pavilion  
Did you get a mug?



## From The Vicarage

Well, all of the Home Nations made it through to the last 16 in the European championships. In their match against Russia in June, Wales might well have given their finest performance of the last 100 years. The matches will continue through the early part of the month, with teams gradually being eliminated, until the final on the 10th of July. It has been a great treat for enthusiastic fans of the great game. In the midst of the action, a short film taken on a mobile phone went viral on social media. It showed a small boy from Northern Ireland, opening an envelope on his birthday, and being overwhelmed with excitement when he realised it contained tickets for a match in which the Northern Ireland team were playing the following day. Who could fail to be moved as he leapt, sobbing with gratitude, into his father's arms? The funny thing is, the little boy nearly didn't open the envelope, presumably thinking it was just another boring card from a distant relative. Instead it turned out to contain a gift more precious and exciting than he could ever have imagined. The boy's Dad knew what this would mean to his son. In the same way, God knows us better than we know ourselves.

The most special gift might be lurking under the guise of the most familiar and boring. We never know when God will surprise us: and when he does, it brings joy without exception. To the surprise recipient, with no hint of what they will find; To the onlooker, who will share their delight; And to God, the sacrificial giver, knowing what lies hidden within the envelope, waiting with joy to see its impact.

With every blessing,  
Heidi.  
Llantilio Vicarage  
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On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June a convoy of cars from our parishes made their way to St. Woolos Cathedral to witness the joyful ordination of **Andrew Dawson** to the Diaconate. In short, this means that now Andrew is able to officiate at Christenings, Weddings and Funerals, as well as lead Sunday services, teach and preach and carry out pastoral duties within our group of parishes. Andrew brings so many skills to the role, but above all, he brings himself. It is wonderful to have another colleague and friend bringing fresh vision and new insight. A huge "Thank You" to Sally and her 'team' for the delicious afternoon tea in their home after the service. All our love, prayers and warmest wishes are with you both.



## Bible text of the month selected by Christine Everitt

This food should be held in reserve for the country to be used during the seven years of famine.... Genesis 41:36

It is illegal in 51 countries around the world to carry a Bible in public. Many of those Christians who do, are beaten and put into prison for daring to contravene the law. Sadly, the majority of us in this country, who have so many freedoms, seldom pick one up. Our text this month, is taken from a passage by Corrie ten Boom, who writes: 'Joseph filled the barns in the time of plenty to be prepared for the time of famine. Gather the riches of God's promises which can strengthen you for the time when there will be no freedom. No one can take away from you those texts from the Bible which you have learned by heart.' She knew first hand what it was like to lose so much for God's cause, yet what she gained was immeasurable. What she is saying is: learn and store while we have the opportunity, we never know how quickly that can be taken away! How many Bible verses can you remember?

**Prayer for today** *Lord Jesus, we do not fear the future because we know YOU, who hold the future in your hand. What a joy to know that you are the same yesterday, today and forever. Amen.*

The Llanvapley Pavilion was the venue for the celebrations to mark the **Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday** on 11<sup>th</sup> June. Our four Churches the WI and the Community Council all came together to celebrate this historic occasion. A fun filled afternoon with various games and competitions and a delicious tea was enjoyed by all who came. Our AM, Nick Ramsey was there to propose the Loyal Toast to Her Majesty the Queen. A lovely celebration cake was made by Daphne Watkins and was cut by our most senior member Doris Evans. As a result of a very generous donation from the Community Council all children received a lovely commemorative mug. At the end of the afternoon Dr Huw Morgan played guitar, accompanied by Richard Booth on harmonica and singers, Ruth Hoggins, Marion Ashton, Sheryl Westoby and Lin Morris. They led the audience in singing some old favourites. Thanks are due to the W I for providing all the competition prizes. Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of an enjoyable community occasion.



## Llantilio Crossenny News

**Llantilio Bell Ringers** featured in an article in The Monmouthshire Beacon in June. Here is the article. "Bell ringers from Monmouthshire celebrated BBC Music Day earlier this month, taking part in the special event. This year bell ringers across the



country were been invited to take part by ringing the in their church towers at 7pm on Friday 3rd June. The band from St Teilo's church, Llantillio Crossenny decided to take up the BBC on their invitation and ring for this special event. The band at Llantilio Crossenny were newly formed three-and-a-half years ago. The bells at St Teilo's hadn't been rung regularly for the past thirty years, when the then-vicar sent out a message in the church magazine looking for anyone interested in learning how to ring church bells to come along. Twelve people turned out on that first evening, and after a few people leaving and few new people joining the group regularly have a ten-strong band of ringers that meet up every Tuesday and Thursday evenings to practice. Bell ringing is a very social hobby where members often retire to the local pub for some light refreshment after all of their hard work ringing. The group also ring for church services, weddings, christenings and special occasions. Anyone interested in learning to ring should contact the Llandaff and Monmouth DACRB, who can put you in touch with your local band."

The beautiful gardens at the home of Mrs Ceinwen Davies was the venue for a **coffee morning** in aid of funds for St Teilos Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. A large gathering of people came along to enjoy the delicious cakes and tea's and coffees in the lovely surroundings. A bring and



buy stall and a raffle helped to raise £400.00 for our Church. Many thanks to Ceinwen for inviting us to share her lovely home and garden, and to everyone who helped to make it a very pleasant occasion.

## Llanvapley News

The Quinquennial **review** carried out in December 2015 on St Mabli's concluded that it was at serious risk as a result of a build up of water at the base of the walls on the north side of the church. New drainage and associated repairs are required urgently to stop this water further damaging the fabric of this historic building. An application for help towards the cost of the repairs was made to CADW in February and also to the Heritage Lottery Fund this month. A number of smaller charities have been contacted too but no replies have been received as yet. A decision is imminent from CADW but it will take about three months before we know if our HLF application is successful or not, competition for funds is extremely high. In the meantime we will be looking at the forms many of you completed recently to pull together a list of fundraising events based on the overall views as expressed by you. We will let you know the result and, if you offered to help, we will be contacting you as events come up to be organised.

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, Graham Clifton of Whites of Appleton Bellhangers (pictured) visited **Llanvapley Church** to give advice on the bells. He advised that it would be possible to remove the bells for repair and restoration. The bells each weigh about 4 to 5 cwt. The PCC will be discussing what to do once an estimate of costs has been received.



In July, **Emily James** from Llanvapley is off to an adventure of a lifetime with 9 other members of her school on a world challenge expedition to Mongolia. Each student has raised £4000 each to fund their trips. Emily has held bingo nights, had a successful sweet stall at the Usk Show and has received support in the village with car washing and cat sitting jobs. The expedition involves horse back trekking, walking in Mongolia whilst mixing with the local community and finally helping at an orphanage for abused children at the end of her expedition. On the return trip she is looking forward to visiting the Great Wall of China. What an amazing experience and good luck. TNT is looking forward to seeing Emily's pictures.

The June winner of the **LSSA 100 club** draw was Sharon Andrews. There will not be a coffee morning in Llanvapley in July.

Congratulations to **Emily Taylor** who will graduate from the University of Wales, Trinity St David's, Swansea on 12<sup>th</sup> July. Emily will be awarded a 2:1 honours degree in Educational Studies and Psychology.

## Penrhos News

During June we had 3 gardens open under National Garden Scheme, The Old Rectory, High House and Long House Barn. Your gardens are a real credit to you and all your hard work, time and effort you put into them certainly paid off. We served teas with the proceeds going to the church, thank you to everyone who helped serve, baked cakes, wash up and take money on the gates. It's a great way to catch up with neighbours and friends whilst sampling lots of delicious cakes. We took a total of £541.

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## Llanvetherine News

A very successful and enjoyable '**Jazz in the Barn**' evening was held at Whitehouse Farm on 11th June raising just under £2000 for 'Music in Hospitals'. About 110 people attended and picnicked in the garden. It was a lovely evening after all the rain that had been falling on previous days. The Alex Goodyear Quartet from the Royal College of Music and Drama in Cardiff provided the music and were excellent. Last year the College performed the Opera, Cinderella on what was an equally enjoyable evening for the same charitable cause and hopefully, we shall hold a similar event next June. The evening was organised by the Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, Brigadier Robert Aitken and hosted by Julian & Clarissa Fonseca.

On Sunday 31st July, Jim and Kate Beavan are holding a "**Family Farm Fun Day**" to raise funds for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution at Great Tre-rhew Farm, Llanvetherine. Free entry, live music, tug-of-war, duck race, hog roast, bar, stalls, skittles, "Guess The Poo" competition and much more.... 2pm - 8pm - fun guaranteed!

**Don't forget** Llanvetherine Dressage Competition on Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup> and Llanvetherine Show on Saturday 23rd.

All details from Janet - [janetanddavidhelps@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janetanddavidhelps@yahoo.co.uk)

## WI News



The WI meeting in June was our annual guest night. Before the meeting the WI choir sang to the organizer of the October Federation concert. She was very impressed! Thanks to Ruth and Margaret for their boundless efforts to knock us into shape! A wonderful array of food was provided by members. There was entertainment was by Mark Chamberlain,

who accompanied by Kathleen Jenkins. Some people had seen her on Britain's Got Talent. The weather was kind and the concert was held outside.

On 13th July the members will have an outing, by coach, to Dyffryn Gardens and Cardiff Bay. The coach will leave from Llantilio Church at 9.30am. Hopefully, it too, will be a sunny day !

### **Recipe of the Month by Alice Dawson**

Why not try this with the kids. All you need is a packet of pretzels, a packet of Rolos (other soft toffees are available!) and a packet of pecan nuts. Put a Rolo on top of a pretzel on a baking tray, put them in the oven for 1 minute at 100 degrees C. Take out and squash the Rolo with a pecan nut. Voila! They may not look particularly interesting but they taste fantastic.



Rural Ministry

Area Parishes



A get-together for the parishes of  
Llanddewi Rhydderch, the Bryn, Llanarth & Llansantffraed  
Llantilio Crossenny, Llanvetherine, Llanfapley & Penrhos  
Grosmont, Skenfrith, Llangattock Lingoed & Llanfair

**Llantilio Crossenny Vicarage**

**NP7 8SU**

Delicious tea & a chance to talk

You are warmly invited

### **Recent Conversation between the vicar and a churchwarden**

Vicar: What use is Maths if you want to work in a zoo?

Churchwarden: Don't forget - you may be asked to look after the adders. :)

# Services in July

## **Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Wedding 12.30pm Llantilio  
Crossenny

## **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Trinity 6**

9.30am Llanvetherine  
11am Llantilio Crossenny

## **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July Trinity 7**

9.30am Penrhos  
11 am Llanvapley

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July Trinity 8**

*Please Note there will be no Morning  
Service in Llanvetherine.*

11am Llantilio Crossenny.  
6.30pm Llanvetherine Iona  
Evening Service.

## **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July Trinity 9**

9.30am Penrhos  
11am Llanvapley

## **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July Trinity 10**

Joint Taize Service at 11am in  
Penrhos.

## **Dates for your Diary**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July** 3pm-5pm Vicarage Garden Tea

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July** WI Outing

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** Llanvetherine Horse Show

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July** 2pm Llantilio Crossenny Village Walk and Teas

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July** 10.30am Coffee Morning Llanddewi Rhydderch

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July** National Eisteddfod of Wales begins in Abergavenny

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July** Farm Fun Day" to raise funds for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution at Great Tre-rhew Farm, Llanvetherine 2pm to 8pm

## **Archdeacon's Visitation**

On Monday 20th June, Llantilio Pertholey church was packed full of churchwardens, license holders and clergy from around the Abergavenny Deanery. It was an uplifting service of thanksgiving for the work and dedication of all our churchwardens who do so much in our parishes. Those newly elected at our Vestry Meetings took an oath of office for this role; among whom was Pip Rumsey from Penrhos parish. As we welcome Pip to the role, we also extend our heartfelt thanks to Jean, for all her years of faithful and dedicated service as Churchwarden in Penrhos.

*Contributions for the August issue of TNT by 20 July.*

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