

The New Times

August 2016

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



Find out what was happening in the marquee



Find out why the ladies of the WI were all at sea!

From The Vicarage

“As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you O God.” (Psalm 42).

The soaring temperatures have seen most of us seek out the shade, protecting us from the glaring heat of the sun. And how lovely and refreshing it can be to sit by a cooling stream when the rays of the sun beat down.

I love the analogy of the psalmist who compares the thirsty deer craving for a drink from a stream, to his own soul thirsting after God. All of us need to seek the shade of God’s presence, bathe our souls in His love, and quench our thirst by drinking from His goodness.

The created world has much to teach us of the richness of God’s love.

Those of us who have had the privilege of sharing our lives with animals, will know how devastating it is when they die.

With this in mind, I shall be holding a special service to remember our loved pets and to give thanks for them on Sunday September 11th at 6pm in Llantilio Crossenny. You may want to bring along a photograph, or something that reminds you of your beloved animal(s) to the service.

If any of you have poems or readings that might be appropriate, please let me have them, and I shall try and incorporate them into the service.

Meanwhile, have a wonderful Summer, and a good rest, - body, mind and soul.

With every blessing,

With every blessing,
Heidi.
Llantilio Vicarage
llantiliovicar@aol.com

Bible text of the month selected by Christine Everitt

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. Proverbs 16:3

Lean upon the thought of God
A great thought let it be,
Large enough and deep enough to rest in utterly.
Finding consolation, hope, refreshment and release
In the quiet comfort of his presence and his healing peace.

Lean on this, for this alone
Will take your whole full span
And will make you strong to face whatever be his plan
Every other path you take, will be of no avail
Just lean upon the will of God, for he will never fail.

I saw this poem and thought I'd share it. I like our text which tells us to 'commit' everything we think and do to God. It made me wonder, do you ever pray before you make a decision? Do you ever seek God's wisdom and advice? Do you believe he will establish your plans? Why not? If you are in a dilemma or facing difficulty today why not, lean upon the thought of God and trust him. If he doesn't know the answers, then no one does.

Llantilio Crossenny News

The **Big Tea in the Garden** on Sunday 10th July was a great success. The event was organised by the rural ministry area group with support from the Diocese and Revd. Jean Prosser. Revd. Heidi very kindly offered the vicarage garden for the event and thankfully the weather was dry and warm. The event was organised to encourage discussion and cooperation between all the parishes in the rural ministry area. Our ministry area includes parishes such as Grosmont all the way down to Llansantffraed. In order to facilitate the conversation, badges were given out to identify who you were and which parish you represented. Despite it being a bit artificial it did help to get people together and to stimulate conversation. It was good to meet so many people who are committed to supporting their own parishes and were keen to find out more about what is happening elsewhere. The hope is that this will all lead to more cooperation between the parishes, which can only be a good thing. A marquee was erected by the Revd. John Humphries of Llanddewi Rhydderch in order to provide shelter from the rain, but in the end it was more useful as a sun shade. An excellent buffet was provided and a thoroughly good time was had by all.

On Saturday 16th July, members of the **Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Branch of the Association of Church Bell Ringers**, practised for two hours at St. Teilo's Church. During the practice, members from several churches demonstrated different methods. They were also on hand to develop and encourage the less experienced. Those who listened heard a magical sound.

Llanvapley News

On Tuesday 28th June a concert was held in the public gardens of Kensington Palace which was headlined by Coldplay. The concert was a sell out and was organised to raise funds for Sentebale and other charities to raise funds and awareness of the challenges faced by adolescents living with HIV in sub-Saharan Africa. Coldplay were obviously the star of the show but for one very proud and nervous mother from Llanvapley the star act was her daughter, **Alicia Lowes** who is shown in the picture below. Well done Alicia and well done Fiona for keeping so calm!



There is a **Coffee Morning** in Llanvapley Pavilion August 10th 10.30-12.00. For those of you who think you missed the July coffee morning – don't worry – it didn't happen as the cake makers were having a well earned annual holiday! However the LSSA 100 club draw did take place as normal and was drawn by one of the members of Llanvapley Cricket Club. The July winner was **Rob Harris**.

Llanvapley Church is holding its annual **Strawberry tea** in Llanvapley church garden on Sunday 14th 3pm – 5pm. This event is normally held in June to coincide with Wimbledon and Royal Ascot but this year it is slightly later in the summer season. Everyone is welcome and your support will be greatly appreciated. The picture below is from the Strawberry Tea last year.



Llanvapley Church is organising a **Summer BBQ** (including puddings and bar!) in Llanvapley Pavilion on Friday September 2nd at 7pm, rain or shine. The event has been timed so that everyone can get together at the end of holiday period. It has been organised to help to raise funds for the church restoration and development project. Everyone is welcome, especially those of you from the other three parishes in the group. The cost of the BBQ is £8.

Llanvapley Church is welcoming back the **Wales Baroque Players** on 9th October 7.30. They last appeared in Llanvapley in October 2014 and were so taken by the church that they asked for it to be included in their first official tour which takes in Cardiff, Swansea and Haverfordwest. The programme includes works by Bach and Telemann. Lovers of classical music will of course enjoy the music but don't be put off by the title Baroque as it isn't always what it appears to be. For example one of the items which will be played is Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 5. If you think this sound dull and high brow then try listening to it on Youtube. Listen to the piece from 6.30 minutes onwards and you will appreciate this Youtube comment "Harpichord solo anticipates Hendrix by 250 years. No matter what others do, Bach did it first (and best)." Further details in your next TNT.

Now here is a puzzle for you. What floor covering is impossible to stain but is covered with stains? The answer is **linoleum**. The picture shown below shows the underside of flooring removed recently from the first floor landing in the tower. It shows that the flooring is in fact a very old example of linoleum flooring which was probably laid in the 19th century. Linoleum was invented in 1864 by James Walton and was made by the Linoleum Manufacturing Company Ltd which was based in **Staines** in London. Any other examples of original linoleum still in use in the four parishes?



Penrhos News

Congratulations to Richard and Fiona Cleeve on the birth of their 3rd grandchild a boy called Freddie.

Llanvetherine News



Rev. Heidi Prince presents **Rev. Andrew Dawson** with a stole in Llanvetherine Church. This was a gift from all the four parishes on the occasion of his first service following his ordination as a Deacon. Rev. Dawson would like to express his thanks to everyone and has written this

message. "Please can I give a thank you to everyone in the four parishes for their wonderful support, prayers, and good wishes over the period of my ordination. The stole presented to me this morning from the four parishes at Llanvetherine and Llantilio Crossenny is beautiful and I am very touched. I will bring the stole with me to Penrhos and Llanvapley next Sunday so that all have been able to see it."

Spare a thought for the individuals who carry out those tasks that make our churches a joy to enter. These tasks are actually carried out by members of our congregation/community. They are not done by the altar fairy or a grass cutting wizard. In the case of our churchyards, many are cut by **David Lewis** who shows a lot of love and care to add to the natural beauty that they offer. His work is done quietly, efficiently and seems to be done automatically. Maybe he is a wizard after all. I am sure that we are all grateful to Dai for all his hard work and it is important that we acknowledge all his hard work and not take it all for granted.



WI News



On 13th July the members had an outing, by coach, to Dyffryn Gardens and Cardiff Bay. As you can see from the picture on the front of TNT, a great time was had by all and no one was lost overboard thanks to having a good captain in charge!

'Life in the Diocese' photography competition

Budding photographers of all ages from across the diocese are being invited to take part in a photography competition.

From rural Monmouthshire to inner-city Newport and the beautiful rugged landscapes of the Valleys, there is no shortage of images to capture!

Entries will be featured in an exhibition in Newport Cathedral at the end of October and a selection of photos will also be featured in a 2017 Diocesan calendar.

The competition is open to all amateur photographers living or worshipping in the Diocese, including a separate competition for under 14s.

Photographs should reflect diversity, both in landscapes and congregations whilst also reflecting the broad range of life across the Diocese, including people, buildings, landscapes and events.

The competition is divided into five categories:

Christian life
Worship
Faith in action
Our place in creation
Sacred heritage

Entrants should send a low-resolution version of their image (between 1mb and 5mb) to monmouthphotocompetition@churchinwales.org.uk including their name and category in the subject line and date of birth if under 14 years old. Entrants should also ensure the original photograph was taken in high resolution, to allow reproduction at a later date, if required.

The closing date is Wednesday 31 August and the winners will be announced at the Diocesan Conference on Saturday 15 October.



Palm Sunday Llanvetherine 2016

Services in August

Sunday 7th August Trinity 11

Llanvetherine 9.30 am.

Llantilio Crossenny 11am.

Sunday 28th Trinity 14

Penrhos 9.30 am

Llanvapley 11am

Sunday 14th Trinity 12

Penrhos 9.30am

Llanvapley 11am

Saturday 3rd September

2pm Wedding of in Llantilio

Crossenny of Tania Watkins and

Thomas Plant

Sunday 21st Trinity 13.

9.30am Llanvetherine

11am Llantilio Crossenny.

Sunday 4th September.

Llanvetherine 9.30am

Llantilio Crossenny 11am.

Saturday 27th August

2pm Wedding in Llantilio

Crossenny of Abigail Archer and

William Marlow

Sunday 11th September

Penrhos 9.30am

Llanvapley 11am

Llantilio Crossenny

Special Animal Memorial Service

6pm

Dates for your Diary

Friday 29th July - 6th August National Eisteddfod of Wales in

Abergavenny

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

– details below.

Sunday 7th August Llangattock Lingoed Show 1pm - late

Wednesday 10th August Coffee morning in Llanvapley Pavilion 10.30-12

Saturday 13th August Grosmont Market 10am – 2pm Grosmont Church nave

Sunday 14th August Llanvapley Church Strawberry Tea 3 – 5 pm

Friday 2nd September End of Summer BBQ in Llanvapley Pavilion 7pm

Sunday 9th October Wales Baroque Players Llanvapley Church 7.30pm – details below

Tweet of the month

The amazing new Jesse window @StMarysPriory in memory of Fr Jeremy Winston & the largest ever #CottamWillTrust grant

by @friendschurches on Jul 15

Well worth a visit to see it – Ed.

Contributions for the September issue of TNT by 20 August.

Please send emails to lestaylor.taylor@gmail.com

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