

The New Times

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The Parish Magazine of Llantilio Crossenny, Llanvetherine, Llanvapley and Penrhos



Llantilio sheep waiting for their annual appointment at the barbershop



Its all change in our four parishes

From The Vicarage

“Ever old and ever new, keep me travelling along with you.”

On behalf of all the parishes, I would like to say a huge “Thank You” to my friend and colleague Revd Andrew Dawson for all the time, effort and skill he has put into designing and creating our new orders of service for our worship.

Introducing new liturgy can be a challenge! Many of us have preferences and opinions about what to include or exclude. Some of us love the poetry and familiarity of the traditional language, whilst others prefer something more modern and up-to-date. Hopefully, with the in-pu-t of all our wardens, we have found a healthy balance of the two.

There is a fabulous song written by Richard Stilgoe and Peter Skellern called “Mrs Beamish”:

“Mrs Beamish stands in church, expression calm and holy; and when the organ plays she mumbles hymns extremely slowly...But recently St. Botolphs has gained a brand new vicar, his name is Ken, he’s single, and he wants the hymns sung quicker...He’s introduced a custom that Mrs Beamish hates, so she rounds upon the person next to her and clearly states:

“Don’t you dare shake hands with me, offer signs of peace. You lay a finger on me and I’ll send for the police.

Don’t whisper “Peace be with you”, this is the C of E, so bend the knee say “Thou” and “thee”, and keep your hands off me!”

For me, the important thing to remember in all these things is that there is no “right” or “wrong” way to worship. What is important, and what does matter is that we offer our worship to God in Spirit and in truth. True praise comes from our hearts.

With every blessing to you all for a wonderful Summer.

Heidi

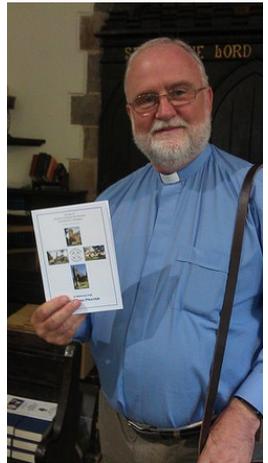
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New Service Sheets for our four parishes

Building on the initiative taken by Tricia Wilding before she moved away, a group formed of the eight Churchwardens, Andrew the Curate and Heidi the Priest in Charge, agreed to develop a common form of worship for use by all four churches for our regular Holy Communion and Morning Prayer services. The aim was to provide a unified approach to worship in our group. Everyone in the group made a contribution to design and content. Our four churches are pictured on the front cover, arranged in the shape of a cross. Like the services previously developed in Llantilio, the booklets are A5 size. The print is now quite large with a modern typeface which should be readable by most people. The booklets have been printed on substantial pure white 'silk' finished paper by a local printer who uses 'green' printing techniques and materials. They have strong covers and should last for a few years.



Llantilio Crossenny News

There will be a **Summer Party at Warwicks** on Saturday 7th July starting at 7.30 pm, everyone is welcome. We will be serving BBQ food and salad, vegetarians will be catered for. There will be a DJ and live music performance from Jim Ramsey a well known local artist.

Llanvapley News

Strawberry Tea at Llanvapley Church on Sunday 8th July from 3pm to 5pm Everyone welcome

The **LSSA 100 Club** winner for June was David Lewis.

After repairing a large number of **ceiling panels in Llanvapley Church** last year, the Parochial Church Council thought the job had been done. That was until a collection of dust appeared on the floor indicating that a panel at the rear of the church had decided to start to fall apart. Luckily the panel is only small and can be repaired fairly quickly without too much inconvenience. Job done.



Llanvapley Church PCC has made an application to the **Community Green Energy Advisory group** to enable repair and restoration work to be done on the church tower. As you can see from the picture of the tower, the coping stones have started to erode and water is penetrating the stonework which is causing further deterioration.

Services in Llanvapley were well attended in June but we weren't prepared for **some rather unusual visitors!** During the prayers a noise could be heard at the door as if someone was trying to get in. Suddenly the door burst open and two spaniels came rushing in. The dogs were quickly captured by one of the churchwardens and escorted off the premises. During all this commotion, Revd. Heidi kept calm and waited to resume the prayers and then said "Thank you Lord for the companionship of our pets!"



Yoga in Llanvapley The yoga sessions have been great in the early and late spring. It has been a privilege to share yoga with such committed and enthusiastic students. In May we had a lovely long morning of yoga, a practice and then a more in-depth look at yoga asanas for deeper breathing followed by an introduction to simple meditation practices. In between there was time for socialising and much needed food, while sitting outside enjoying the early spring sunshine. The Llanvapley Pavilion is in a beautiful setting providing us with a peaceful and calm space to practice. My heartfelt thanks go to Elaine and Les for helping over the year with setting up the Pavilion, it is so appreciated. We have one more class in July and here are some of the students, ready and up for it! For September 2018 Sessions contact Zara at: zgst1celrington@gmail.com



Penrhos News

Penrhos wine walk What better way to explore the world than through wine! Travel the globe on foot without leaving Penrhos. Do please come along at 7pm on Saturday 8th September for a few hours of jollity, chat, wine and food at six different locations, all within easy reach of each other on foot (walking, sprinting or staggering options available). Divide into groups and move between the six locations, starting at St Cadoc's Church to collect your world map, with everyone gathering at the final location for the grand finale of yet more wine and food from a distant spot on the planet. All this for a modest cost of £15 per head. All profits will be split equally between the Church and the new Village Association. Please add your name and those of friends and relations to the list of world travellers by contacting Pip on piprumsey2001@yahoo.co.uk or Charles on woodlandsfarmwales@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Thanks, Merci, Dank, Gràcies, Cheers, Grazie, Dankie, Iechyd Da

Two Penrhos gardens open in July

Longhouse Farm garden opens on two days between 2pm and 6pm on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th July. Homemade teas in aid of the Penrhos Village Association will be available.

Woodlands Farm gardens is open on three days: Between 6pm and 8pm on Friday, 27 July (with wine and canapés in aid of the Penrhos Village Association); and Between 2pm and 6pm on Saturday, 28 July and Sunday, 29 July (with homemade teas in aid of the Penrhos Village Association).



Penrhos Village Association The village meeting went ahead on 22nd June at which it was resolved to create a village association to work alongside the PCC with a remit that is not entirely church focused. The minutes of the meeting and the village association's revised draft constitution will be on the Penrhos Village website by the end of June.

Llanvetherine News

White Castle Vineyard was very busy in the month of May with visits to London on a number of occasions. This included the WineGB tasting reception at Westminster, the Three Wine Men Fizzical and the London Wine Fair. White Castle Vineyard also appeared more locally at The Royal Welsh Spring Fair. Each event showcased what Wales has to offer with regards to quality Welsh Wines. **Welsh Wine Week** (26th May – 3rd June) was also very busy at the vineyard with many new and returning visitors. The highlight of the week was the release of new vintage Gwin Gwyn,

Siegerrebe and Pinot Noir Reserve. During the week the results of WineGB Awards were announced and White Castle gained a trio of awards for their quality Sparkling Wine, Pinot Noir Précoce and Rondo. Congratulations to Robb and Nicola! Robb also coordinated a successful Vineyard Nutrition Day on the 4th June for the Welsh Vineyards at the vineyard along with Chris Cooper and Farming Connect. From now on the vineyard rapidly changes as the growing season is well underway. Robb and Nicola are hoping that 2018 will be a vintage to remember.



WI News The June WI meeting was a guest night and was very well attended by guests and members. It was also health and well-being week, so there was a tree of life, on which suggestions were placed. Various methods of keeping well were demonstrated, by members of the WI. It was both interesting and stimulating, to hear their many ways of staying well, in body and mind. These varied from sewing, baking, gardening, keep fit and walking to origami, positive thinking, vegetarianism, yoga, friendship, singing and Tai Chi. Everyone was also entertained by demonstrations by members of the Tenovus choir and Tai Chi group. Both of which were very inspiring. The guests and members were treated to picnic boxes beautifully decorated and full of goodies, thanks to members' wonderful artistic skills.



Next month is the **annual outing** by coach on Wednesday 11th July. Everyone will meet at Abergavenny bus station at 9am to leave at 9.15am. The trip will include a visit to Swansea Marina and a chance to see the view from the Meridian Centre with their coffee. Some people may rather visit the Maritime Museum that is not too far away. Then it is on to Langland Bay for lunch and a paddle or swim! If you prefer a stroll beside the beach or hike up the hills. We expect to return between 6 and 6.30 pm. There are only a few seats left and this is open to locals too. The cost is £30 including lunch. Contact Marion on 01600 780440, Jan on 01600 780302 or Lin on 01873 850939.

The WI are holding a **fun auction and BBQ** at 7pm on the 8th of August. Local people are invited to attend and will be fed....provided they support the auction! Or give a small donation! It is a fund raising event for the WI celebrations of Llantilio Crossenny WI's centenary next year. Watch out for more fun and games next year!

July in the garden from our Gardening Correspondent

Come July the garden is bursting with blooms and heady with scent, but also **weeds** have begun to flourish and if you don't keep on top of them now you are doomed! Try to catch them before they seed themselves. Bindweed, celandine, creeping buttercup, dock, ground elder, goosegrass, and thistles, if only I could keep these under control. Turn your back for a minute and another lot have shot up



from nowhere. **Nettles** are a pest and yet they are essential for our butterflies. The young shoots make a good soup too, just treat them like spinach but wear rubber gloves. Nettle was used to make cloth centuries ago. The fibres are very strong as you will find out when trying to dig out those yellow roots from your border. So in between weeding, strimming, dead heading roses and pruning the early flowering shrubs I hope you have some time to sit back and enjoy the colours and scents that abound in June and July. Perhaps you are enjoying the first **broad beans** of the season, or young **carrots**. I planted heritage carrots last year and am trying them out again. They are multi coloured and tasted delicious. I took a tip and sowed them in an old drainpipe and then transplanted them in the garden when they were a couple of inches high.

Roses that are looking especially good this year include **Rosa rubrifolia**, which has beautiful greyish leaves and dainty puce pink flowers with a white centre. It has a graceful arching habit and in autumn dark red hips appear. It seeds itself round the garden but not in an annoying way. **R. Cerise Bouquet** is looking wonderful but is a bit of a monster. It grows very quickly with long arching stems, has fierce thorns but will flower on and off until September. For something a little tamer ... **R. Cecile Brunner** is a dainty pale pink and has very pretty buds that are perfect for button holes. **R. Isphahan, Fantin Latour, Tuscany Superb and Gloire de Dijon** are old favourites, with wonderful scent but they are not continuous flowering. David Austin has produced many new varieties and I saw one last week called **Princess Alexandra** which has gorgeous full petalled pinky mauve flowers and a delicious scent. Unless you want hips, keep on deadheading and they will last a little longer.

COACH TRIP TO LONDON

♥ In aid of Llantilio Crossenny and Llanvetherine Defib Fund ♥

As I am sure you are all aware I have been raising money towards a lifesaving defibrillator in Llantilio Crossenny and I thought why stop there! I am now raising money for one in Llanvetherine Church and we have £700 towards it already. We have everything ready for the Llantilio one and are just waiting for BT to sign over the telephone box for us to install.

So I have arranged a coach trip to London.
Details below, hope you can make it!

First come first served!

Leaving Monmouth cattle market at 8am Saturday 15th September, drop off in London. Pick up Sunday 16th September 5pm from London back to Monmouth cattle market.

Bus and Bed and Breakfast £115.00 per person
Includes a glass of bubbly or non-alcoholic alternative on the bus on the way down!

You can upgrade to have Tower Bridge view out of your room for an extra £20 per room.

You can upgrade to have a three course dinner on the Saturday evening for an extra £35 per person.

Room price based on either 2 sharing or 3 sharing. Can be double or twin and if triple room extra single bed.

There is a choice of four West End shows. I can make bookings for:

Matilda
Les Miserables
School of Rock
Mama Mia

♥ Raffle and money makers on the bus down for the Defibs ♥

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Services in July

Sunday 1st July Trinity 5

9.30am Llanvetherine
Holy Communion
11am Llantilio Crossenny
Holy Communion

Sunday 8th July Trinity 6

9.30am Penrhos
Holy Communion
11am Llanvapley
Holy Communion

Sunday 15th July Trinity 7

9.30am Llanvetherine
Holy Communion
11am Llantilio Crossenny
Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd Trinity 8

Penrhos 9.30am
NB No service in Llanvapley

Sunday 29th July

11am Joint service in Llanvapley

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday July 3rd Llandewi coffee morning 10.30am

Sunday 8th July Llanvapley Church Strawberry Tea 2pm – 5pm

Sunday 22nd July Novelty Dog Show and dog/children agility course. Starting at 1pm in Llanarth opposite the village hall in aid of Macmillan Cancer. Refreshments available.

Friday 28th September Macmillan Coffee Morning at Woodlands Farm, Penrhos 10am - 12pm.

Grosmont And District Gardening Club Plant Sale in June was extremely well supported and funds raised will go towards our trips and speakers for the benefit of our members so a big “thank you” who all who donated plants, cakes and raffle prizes. The remaining plants were donated to Jamie’s Farm, Rowlestone and tools to “Tools for Self Reliance” in Crickhowell, two local charities.

Tuesday 3rd July Social Cheese and Wine Evening at Rockfield Park, Monmouth A chance to visit the meadows and formal gardens, including herbaceous borders, rose and kitchen gardens and a steep water garden leading to lawns on the banks of the River Monnow.

Friday 13th July Coach Trip to Spetchley Park A historic garden which includes rare plants, shrubs and trees from around the world, set in the Worcestershire countryside with views to the Malverns.

New members are always welcome. For further information please contact Jan Parker on 01600 772891 or visit the Grosmont village web site.

Contributions for the August issue of TNT by 20 July 2018 please

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