

# The New Times

## April 2015

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



Photo by AD

The licensing service for Rev. Heidi Prince took place on Thursday 12 March in Llantilio Crossenny Church. The service was conducted by Bishop Rt Revd Richard Pain. A large congregation gathered from the four parishes and beyond to witness a joyful service which was a mixture of pomp and informality. Thanks go to all members of our four Churches who contributed and helped in any way towards the success of the service and the reception after the service - have you ever seen so many welsh cakes! It really was wonderful to see so many people who had come along to wish Rev. Heidi every success in her new Ministry and to welcome Heidi, Simon and Gwen back home.

### **Easter Vestry meetings**

Llanvapley Thursday 23 April 7 pm in the church

Llantilio Crossenny Monday 13th April at 7 pm in the Church.

Penrhos Monday 13 April 11.00 am in the church

Llanvetherine Thursday 16 April at Cartref 7 pm

## **From The Vicarage.**

Wow! What a welcome! Thank you all so much for the wonderful warm welcome you have given us. Thank you too for the cards, cakes, plants and flowers and good wishes we have received. You have been so kind, and it really feels like we have come home.

It made me think about some of the ways Jesus describes the Kingdom of Heaven - the welcome, the sense of home-coming, the open arms, the warm embrace.

As I write this we are approaching Holy Week, the most momentous week in the Christian year, with its triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, the horror of Good Friday, the desolation and grief of Holy Saturday to the wonder and joy of Easter.

There are various services in our parishes to mark these events throughout Holy week. Please do come and join us and walk with Christ in his hour of need.

With every blessing, Heidi.

## **An Easter Blessing.**

How beautiful is the blossom spilling from the tree,  
the hidden primrose and the bluebell ringing out the news.

He is risen, He is alive, we shall live for evermore.

The dark winter is past, the slow, cold, foggy days are over.

May the warmth of Your resurrection touch our hearts and minds  
as the warmth of the sun touches our bodies.

By Kate McIlhagga. The Iona Community.

## **Would you like to write a Prayer?**

As our churches are located in such glorious countryside, and attract a number of hikers, especially those walking along the Offa's dyke path, I thought it would be good to have some special prayers written that bring together the beauty of the area with the sense of a journey/ pilgrimage for our visitors to use if they so wish. So, if anyone would like to put pen to paper (how old-fashioned I am!), or e-mail me with their ideas, I would love to hear from you.



## Llantilio Crossenny News

Since the last edition of TNT there have been lots of changes at our local pub, **Warwicks**. Alan and Sue have moved to Nantydyrry to take over the running of the Foxhunters. I am sure everyone would like to thank both of them for all they did for the community during their time at the Warwicks and to wish them every success in their new venture. The Warwicks is now being run by Alan and Christine and I am sure everyone would like to wish them well in running the pub.

Den & Ann Ball of Upper Cwm Farm, Llantilio Crossenny celebrated their **Diamond Wedding Anniversary** with a telegram from the Queen and family meal at The Cripple Creek. They were married at St Hilary Church, Cowbridge on Tuesday 22nd March 1955. Congratulations from children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.



## Llantilio Crossenny Festival 2nd-17th May

Events include: a production of the opera "Orfeo and Euridice" by Gluck on 9th May

Gospel meets Jazz on 10th May

Treadam Barn goes Ronnie Scott's on 15th May

Children's opera "Hansel and Gretel" by Humperdinck on 16th May

Llanvetherine local talent & Open Mic Night on 16th May (evening)

Sunday Afternoon Concert on 17th May

For more info please visit [www.llantiliofestival.co.uk](http://www.llantiliofestival.co.uk) or find us on facebook or call the box Office on: 07779225921

Also if there is anyone who enjoys singing and would like to join the opera chorus for "Orfeo", they are welcome to contact the box office on: 07779225921

Llantilio **bell ringers** will be ringing in a number of churches on 9 May. This year they will be visiting Abbeydore, Ewyas Harold and Kentchurch. Rumour has it that they will be ending up in the Bridge Inn at Kentchurch after working up a thirst and an appetite! The bell ringers meet twice a week and new members are always most welcome.

Sunday 15 March was **Mothering Sunday** and also Rev. Heidi's first service since her return to the four parishes. However, it will also be remembered for the excellent performance from the Riding Lights Theatre company who performed a short play based on the story of Jonah and the Whale. Everyone was won over by their youthful enthusiasm and their stage skills. Thanks go to Sean Cavanagh for organising the event. Riding Lights are back in the area in the coming months and will be performing in Grosmont Church. Details to follow. Not to be missed!



Members of Riding Lights with their Mothering Sunday flowers

## Llantilio Plant Sale

Reasonably priced, home grown plants.  
Bank Holiday Monday, 4 May at 2.00 p.m  
Light refreshments.

*If anyone has any plants for the stalls, please bring them along or if you need help, ring Margaret Parry, 01873 855207 .*



Llantilio Plant Sale 2014 in the grounds of the rectory

## Llanvapley News



On Saturday 14 March Llanvapley Church hosted a concert of music given by friends of Alice Sidwell from Monmouth House in Llanvapley. The church was packed with friends and family and everyone enjoyed some excellent singing and playing.

Three thousand, three hundred and seventy seven days after Rev. Heidi's last service in Llanvapley it was a delight to welcome her back on Sunday 22 March! Heidi may have forgotten that something always goes wrong in the services in Llanvapley but she was reminded when the smoke alarm started bleeping at the start of the service. Oh dear! - who forgot to turn the kettle off?



## Point to Point

The Monmouthshire Hunt Point-to-Point meeting is to be held at Great Killough Farm, Llanvapley, Abergavenny on Saturday 4 April. The meeting is often held on the same day as the Grand National at Aintree. However, this year the meetings are a week apart. Anyone looking for a TNT inspired tip for the Grand National may like to put their faith in “Godsmejudge” or hope that “Saint Are” will answer their prayers. However, the smart money is on a horse whose name might appeal to those outside our church communities

- The Druid's Nephew.



Easter Day will be the last time Robert Walker will play the organ in Llanvapley Church. Robert has been our organist for 5 years and was responsible for upgrading the organ in 2012. Robert will always be remembered for his wonderful playing and his sense of humour. He likes to catch everyone out by extemporising on a popular theme as the vicar walks back down the aisle. Robert and his partner, Matthew are moving to Northamptonshire and they go with all our best wishes.



## Llanvetherine News

Christopher Phelps and Rhian Bough have announced their engagement. Both sets of families are very pleased indeed (*as its about time!*)

Llanvetherine Village Society met last Tuesday (17th) to start trying to plan some events for the year. If anyone (from any of the parishes) would like to join in with the meetings or has any ideas please do say. The next meeting is on Tues 21 April at 7.30 pm, Hunter's Moon.

## Penrhos News

A funeral service for Edgar Lewis was held on Wednesday, 18 March at the Forest of Dean Crematorium and was very well attended. Edgar was born, lived and farmed all his life at the Walks and was well known in the area. Chris Lewis gave an excellent eulogy which was dignified and poetic. It is particularly noteworthy that Edgar died in the same room he was born which must be very rare indeed.



### WI March News

A busy year ahead is planned for the WI centenary year. Details of all the events were discussed with members including a summer outing to Swansea visiting the Dylan Thomas museum and the marina and lunch at Langland Bay. On 12th August a community Afternoon Tea is being held which will showcase the WI and the many interesting talks we have and things we do.

A small group are working on a display to be entered into the co-operative competition at the ACM which is being held in April. Marion gave details of the craft items being made and will give a full report at next months meeting.

A special Garden Party is being held at Buckingham Palace on 2nd June and each WI was asked to hold a ballot to choose one member to represent their WI. Ros Jefferies was chosen to attend for Llantilio Crossenny WI.

An interesting talk was given by Roger Evans about the history and origins of the Wellingtonia tree with some fascinating photographs.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 8th April** at Llanvapley Pavilion at 7pm and the talk is Aloe Vera and Bee Products. All new members are very welcome.

## Good Friday: 3rd April

9:15am Holy Walk up the Holy Mountain (The Skirrid)

Meet at the car park at 9:15, Please wear suitable footwear, it will probably be muddy not like in the picture! We shall join with parishioners of Llantilio Pertholey group of parishes and reflect on the events of Good Friday as we climb this mountain with its legendary association with this holy day. You may wish to bring a drink and sustenance to help you on your way.



Good Friday 2011 Top of the Skirrid

## SERVICES IN APRIL

### Maundy Thursday 2nd April

7pm Llanvetherine Service of Holy Communion.

### Good Friday 3 April

Penrhos 2.30 Stations of the Cross

A short service to reflect on the events of Good Friday.

### Easter Sunday 5th April:

Llanvetherine 9.30 Easter communion

Penrhos 9.30 Easter communion

Llanvapley 11.00 Easter communion

Llantilio Crossenny 11.00 Easter communion (with Easter egg hunt).

### Sunday 12 April

Penrhos 9.30

### Sunday 19 April

Llanvetherine 9.30

Llantilio Crossenny 11.00

### Sunday 26 April

Penrhos 9.30

Llanvapley 11.00 Holy Communion

### Sunday 3 May

Llanvetherine 9.30

Llantilio Crossenny 11.00

## Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 8 April Llanvapley Village Hall 10.30

Wednesday 29 April Llanddewi Rhydderch 10.30

*Contributions for the May issue of TNT will be needed by 20 April.*

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