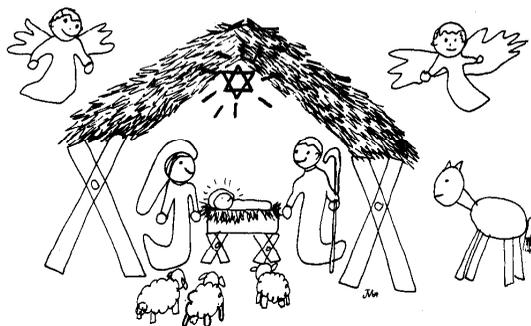


# THE NEW TIMES

## DECEMBER 2012

## JANUARY 2013



**PENRHOS  
LLANTILIO CROSSENNY  
LLANVETHERINE  
LLANVAPLEY**

# From the Vicarage

It is that time of year when that phrase is used again – ‘*coming up to your busy time, Vicar!*’ Actually, it is still a time that I look forward to in the church despite the increasing commercialism around us and the cost of it all. The message of Christmas is timeless and is a simple one. God came to our world,



which he created, and gave us an example of love at its best. That love was shown to us in humility and selflessness, a love that we are encouraged to share.

The Christmas Services are all displayed on one page of TNT so that you can take the page out or print it and put it on your kitchen notice board. All our churches will have Carol Services and there will be the Children’s Crib Service with Christingles on Christmas Eve afternoon in Llantilio Crossenny. The midnight service will be at Penrhos at 11.30pm and there will be services at Llanvetherine and Llantilio Crossenny on Christmas morning.

As 2012 comes to an end, thank you to all who are involved in our churches, wardens, PCC members, flower arrangers, organists, readers and many who do untold and often unseen jobs, like those who maintain churchyards and hedges. Thank you especially to Bryan Miller and Kevin Graham of Milking Solutions who print TNT. All our churches are so well looked after and say much about the beauty of our lives here.

There will be a service on Sunday 23 December at 11.00am in Llanfapley Church. The Bishop of Monmouth, the Rt Revd Dominic Walker will be the preacher and it will be the only service in the group on that Sunday. Everybody is welcome to come along!

We wish you and your loved ones a very happy and joyful Christmas

Your friend and Vicar

**David**

*Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share God's blessings,  
all the snow in the world won't make it 'white' -- Bing Crosby*

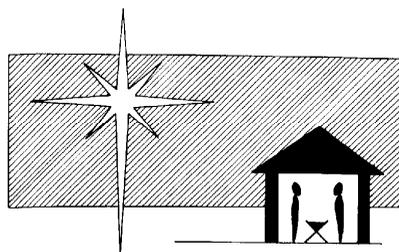
# Christmas Services

16 December	11.00am	Llantilio Crossenny Carol Service
	4.00pm	Penrhos Carol Service <i>followed by mulled wine and mince pies at High House Barn</i>
20 December	6.30pm	Llanvetherine Carol Service
21 December	7.00pm	Llanfapley Carol Service
23 December	11.00am	Service at Llanfapley Preacher: The Bishop of Monmouth

24 December Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Crib Service and Christingles Llantilio Crossenny
	11.30pm	Christmas Midnight Service Penrhos

Christmas Day	9.30am	Holy Communion Llanvetherine
	11.00am	Family Communion Llantilio Crossenny

30 December      No service



# Llantilio Crossenny News

The scaffolding is now complete on St Teilo's Church. It has taken a long time both to plan and to erect. The work has begun and hopefully will be completed before the bat licence runs out at the end of January. The first task will be to take down the old shingles and renew the inner supports and felting. The builders do not know yet what they will find underneath, and what further renovations need doing – there is a contingency in the budget for this. Craig and Lewis the roofers are about half way down the spire taking off the old tiles. Once all has been made good and the lightning conductor put in, they will use some 12000 oak tiles affixed by 24000 nails.



*The tiles will be on the spire for a long time so we are inviting people to buy a tile at £5 each. You can buy as many as you like and you can write on the inside of the tile anything you think would be appropriate. Perhaps the name of a deceased loved one, a description of you and your house/family or a comment to future generations on 21<sup>st</sup> C life. Whatever is written will certainly be here for longer than any of us will be! Send an email to the Vicarage saying how many tiles you would like to buy.*

We are also inviting people to go up the scaffolding supervised by Mike Williams of Taliesin Conservation. Again please send an email to the Vicarage and we will put you on the list and arrange a time for this to happen. It is a long way up but TNT is assured that it is safe, - it will involve you agreeing to the health and safety conditions.

The Matt cartoon is printed with permission from *The Daily Telegraph* of 22 November and regretfully sums up the views of your Vicar!



*I considered becoming a vicar, but the Church's attitude to women is so stuck in the Dark Ages!*

## Llanfapley News

### Christmas

Llanfapley Church is holding its annual service of carols and readings on Friday 21 December at 7pm. This is an ideal opportunity to come together and to meet friends in the village and to make new friends if you are new to the village. The service will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the pavillion.

There will be a special service in Llanfapley on Sunday 23 December at 11.00 at which the Bishop of Monmouth will be preaching. The service will also be an opportunity to celebrate a rather special birthday.

### *Found*

*Small gold Victorian ring with three inlaid stones. The ring was found on the edge of the grassed car park area on Llanfapley's park. Please call Penny or Richard on 01600 780236 for more details if you or anyone you know has lost such a ring.*

### **Llanfapley Church**

8 December Llanfapley Church 7.30 pm  
A concert of seasonal music by

### **Vital Spark**

Come along and be entertained by this excellent group  
of singers and musicians  
and also avoid the final of X Factor!

Admission on the door £10  
to include complementary drinks

It has emerged that 13 people voted in the elections for Police Commissioner in Llanfapley. One spoiled the paper and another voted for a name similar to someone on the X factor!

TNT readers who came to hear Richard Pinel give an organ recital at Llanfapley last summer, and marvelled at his magical playing, will be delighted to learn he has recently won first prize in the most prestigious Breda International Organ Competition in The Netherlands. From a very high standard of organists from all over the world he not only



came first but also won a subsidiary prize for best Toccata performance. Just fancy! We heard it first! You can see all the details on Facebook [http://www.facebook.com/pages/Breda-International-Organ-Competition'](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Breda-International-Organ-Competition/)

Thank you to Janet Andrews who has made some new covers for the Holy Communion vessels. They look wonderful and there will be a dedication of them shortly in a service at St Mabli's. Flossie Lowes has renovated the old ones and so the church has set of altar covers that really do look stunning – the intricate needlework is quite exceptional.

## **Penrhos News**

I am writing this whilst taking a break from swatting up on whatever information I can retain before our quiz tomorrow night. With John Biggs as our quiz master who knows where to start revising!

We have our Carol Service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm followed by Mulled wine and mince pies at High House Barn. Amy Phillips would like to do a Nativity during the service so if anyone has any children who would like to take part please contact Amy on 01600 780 276.

Penrhos is also having a Candlelit Midnight service on Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30pm – this is a magical service.

We certainly had a wet October; Richard Price reports that we had 109.6ml of rain compared to last year's 65.9ml

.....and the Quiz at Warwick's was a very successful evening, Thank you to John Biggs who was the question master, and to Alan and Sue Long for hosting the event. The evening raised £182 for church funds. Pip Rumsey

## Llanvetherine News

There will be a Bingo Evening on Friday 7 December at 7.30pm at the Hog's Head in aid of St James' Church. There will be Children's games and a raffle. Prizes are welcome such as bottles, chocolates, hampers etc.

Please contact Janet on 01873 821388.

TNT is delighted to hear that Brian Lane is out of hospital and doing well

In Llanvetherine church there is a beautiful stained glass window donated by the Watkins family of Wern y Cwm. The picture represents the two saints to which the Church is dedicated, Saint Gwytherin and Saint James the Elder, but to older residents of the parish it represents Fred and Harri, the two bachelor brothers who farmed Wern y Cwm for many years. They were born and died there.

When I was in school my parents kept the village post office. To help my father I used to deliver the mail to Wern y Cwm before catching the school bus. Fred and Harri were always welcoming and their housekeeper, Mrs Reynolds, used to give me a cup of tea. I can never look at our Church window without remembering the two brothers, one tall and serious, the other short and jolly. I wonder how many other parishioners remember the Watkins brothers of Wern y Cwm?

Anne Beavan, Great Tre-Rhew

### **LLANTILIO CROSSENNY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

The W.I. had a successful Murder Mystery evening last month. Dale Jones and the Hogs Head team did supper, (very good too!) and brains were taxed in the presentation by *Dailaughing Productions* and as ever, the mystery was solved by one of the youngest present.

The November meeting was a chocolate demonstration by Jenny Jones and members received tips on how to cook with chocolate as well as making truffles and Christmas puddings. The next meeting will be the Christmas Dinner which will be at Warwicks on Tuesday 11 December.

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# YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH

There will be a presentation by the Architect of St Teilo's Church, Stefan Horowskyj and Mike Williams of Taliesin Conservation the Contractor responsible for the building works on Friday 14 December at 7.30pm. You are invited to come and find out how our church was built, how it looked centuries ago and the techniques used by 14C builders

The future plans of the restoration will also be presented and there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Entrance will be £7.50 and will include refreshments

## Children In Need

Congratulations to Alan and Sue Long of Warwicks who raised more than £2000 on Children in Need night. Alan has not cut his hair or beard for several months now and Sian of Profile in Monmouth was on hand to professionally cut all the locks as long as people sponsored each snip. Alan says it feels very different but was a most worthwhile venture.



*The Bell Ringers at Llantilio Crossenny are doing well. Our thanks to Gwynn Sayce and his team for their expert tuition to Sarah Heath, Sally Latto, Les Taylor, Richard Booth, Helen Osborn, Sue Long, Myfanwy Williamson, Steve Watkins and Tricia Luxmoore-Ball who are all enjoying learning campanology.*

# Children's Corner

Hello Children,

This is the first time that the New Times has included something for you too. Each month you will find a picture that you can colour, decorate or paint. Bring your finished picture along to your local church for it to be displayed.

Christmas is nearly here!

Llanvetherine church is holding a Children's Christmas Service and Christingle on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 6.00p.m. If you would like to take part, please could you get in touch with me, Bethan North, by the 12<sup>th</sup> of December? There will be a practise in Llanvetherine church on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December at 3.00p.m. I will hand out words and what costume you will need before this date.

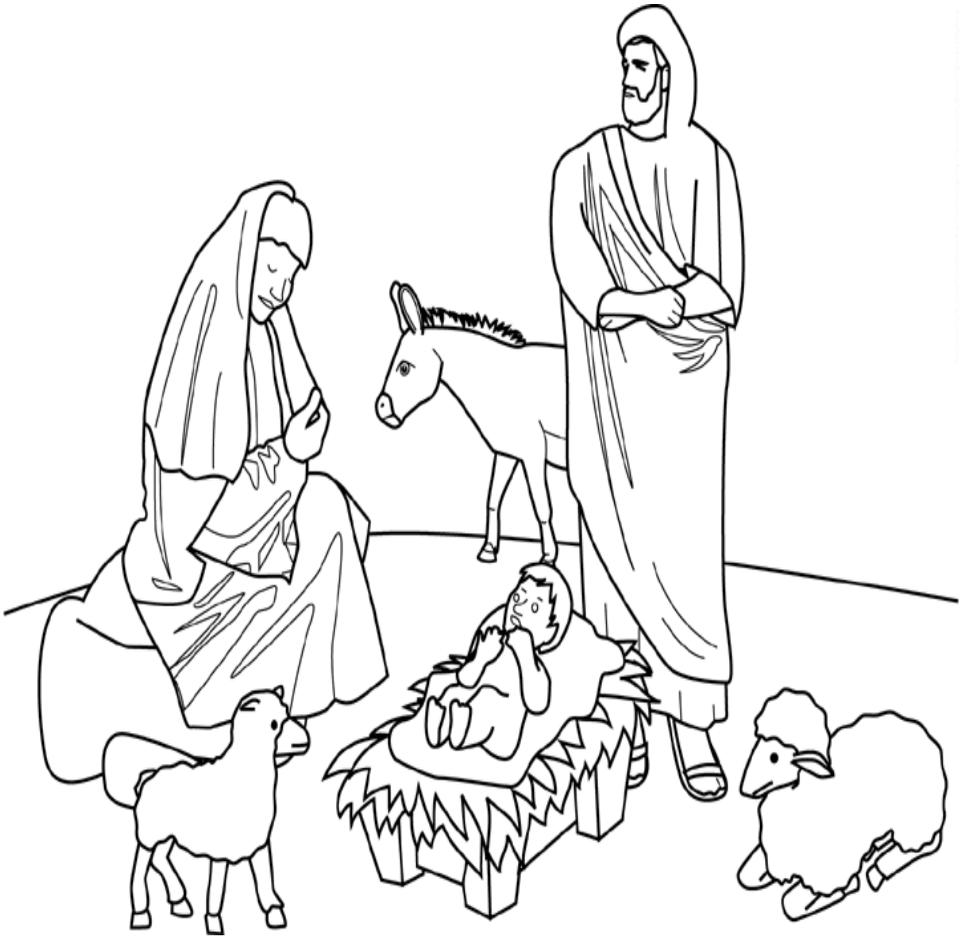
For those of you who enjoy singing, we will be Carol singing around Llanvetherine on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of December from 6.00p.m. your parents will need to come with you. Or if you live in Llanvetherine and you would like us to come and sing on your doorstep, please contact me on the number / email address below.

Thank you all for reading; I look forward to hearing from you

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**ESCAPE THE PRE-CHRISTMAS RUSH**

**by visiting**

**THE ADVENT  
SPIRITUAL  
JOURNEY**

**in St. Woolos' Cathedral,  
Stow Hill, Newport**

*The 'Spiritual Journey'  
will take you about 40 minutes to do.*

**OPENING TIMES:**

**Fri 7 December 10.30 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Sat 8 December 10.30 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Mon 10 December 10.30 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
and 7 – 8 p.m.**

Making this 'Journey' qualifies for a  
Diocesan Pilgrim Badge

# Services in December 2012 and January 2013

Sunday 2 December	9.30am	Llanvetherine
<i>Advent Sunday</i>	11.00am	Llantilio Crossenny Infant Baptism of Ruben Wilkins
Sunday 9 December	9.30am	Penrhos
<i>Advent 2</i>	11.00am	Llanfapley
Sunday 16 December	9.30am	Llanvetherine
<i>Advent 3</i>	4.00pm	Llantilio Crossenny Carol Service
	6.00pm	Penrhos Carol Service
Thursday 20 December	6.30pm	Llanvetherine Carol Service
Friday 21 December	7.00pm	Llanfapley Carol Service
Sunday 23 December	11.00am	Holy Communion Preacher: The Bishop of Monmouth
Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Crib Service : Llantilio Crossenny
	11.30pm	Midnight Service : Penrhos
Christmas Day	9.30am	Holy Communion : Llanvetherine
	11.00am	Family Christmas Holy Communion at Llantilio Crossenny
<i>Sunday 30 January</i>	<i>No service</i>	
Sunday 6 January	9.30am	Llanvetherine
<i>Epiphany</i>	11.00am	Llantilio Crossenny
Sunday 13 January	9.30am	Penrhos
<i>Baptism of Christ</i>	11.00am	Llanfapley
Sunday 20 January	9.30am	Llanvetherine
<i>Epiphany 3</i>	11.00am	Llantilio Crossenny
Sunday 27 January	9.30am	Penrhos
<i>St Paul</i>	11.00am	Llanfapley

The deadline for the February edition of TNT is **20 January**  
You can keep up to date on the parish website is [www.llantiliogroup.info](http://www.llantiliogroup.info)