THE NEW TIMES

PENRHOS
LLANTILIO CROSSENNY
LLANVETHERINE
LLANVAPLEY

From the Vicarage

It hardly seems possible that it is a year ago since the cover picture was taken. We haven't been able to match the star of last year and I guess it was all but impossible.

Yet the impossible message of Christmas remains the same, that God sent his Son in human form to forgive us the wrong in our lives and to give us an example of love.

So our churches will have carols and mystery at the heart of our Christmas services. The Midnight Service, (which actually starts at 11.30pm) is at

Llanfapley this year, and the other three churches will have services on Christmas Day, with Bishop Dominic presiding at the service in Llantilio Crossenny.

Helen and I wish all of you a very happy and blessed Christmas. My prayer for you is that you will find love, joy and peace in both the world and in other people.

All good wishes

Your friend and Vicar *David*

Philippines Typhoon Appeal

£500 has been sent from our church collections and includes £115 from the coffee morning at Warwicks to the Emergency Appeal. Thank you to those who contributed—the amount was gift-aided so we can another 22% to the total raised.

Llanvetherine Church are running a Bingo Evening at the Hogs Head on Saturday 14 December starting at 7.30pm. This will be an evening for all the family and will include children's games

We are sorry to hear of the death of **Dudley Blackwell** of Llanfapley. His funeral was on Thursday 28 November in Llanfapley Church.

This month's front cover picture is last year's incredible star on the scaffold of St Teilo's church and was taken by Dai Martin

Bell Ringers

Llantilio Bell Ringers will be ringing on Advent Sunday and on Christmas Eve before the scheduled services. The bells will be rung half an hour before the service so why not come along early and enjoy the bells "ding donging merrily on high"!

Warwicks' Darts Team

Warwicks' darts team have suffered four consecutive defeats in the league since the last report. It is not all bad news as team spirit is still high and everyone is enjoying welcoming teams to Warwicks and venturing out to other pubs in the area. On Friday 15 November, Warwicks welcomed a team from the Horseshoes pub in Monmouth. Despite being beaten 10 – 2 it was a most enjoyable evening—well done to Ed and Chris who managed to secure a win.

Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 11 December	10.30 Llanvapley
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Wednesday 8 January	10.30 Llanvapley
Wednesday 15 January	10.30 Warwicks

Metal Thefts

Gwent Police have been warning of metal thefts fin the area. Opportunist thieves are clearly around as there is evidence that they have tried to remove lead from around the porch at Llanfapley Church. Following the report of the problems in Llanfapley it was revealed that someone had been caught passing on stolen metal which was identified because it had been tagged using the Smart Water system.

Women's' Institute

Santa came early this year when he visited Llantilio Crossenny W.I. for their November meeting. He came in the form of a hand made sugar craft model made by local decorated cake specialist, Jenny Powell. Jenny treated members to some wonderfully creative ideas to decorate our Christmas cakes this year. She made it look so easy too! Our numbers are slowly growing which bodes well for the future. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 7.00pm in the Llanfapley Cricket Pavilion. Our next meeting, December 11th will include Christmas fun and for our January meeting we will be having a festive meal at a local restaurant.

Penrhos would like to thank Colin and Karen Groves for the kind donation they made to Penrhos Church after a charity fund raising event they held in the summer.

Sunday 1 December	9.30am	Llanvetherine
Advent Sunday	11.00am	Llantilio Crossenny
Sunday 8 December	9.30am	Penrhos
Advent 2	11.00am	Llanfapley
Sunday 15 December	9.30am	Llanvetherine
Advent 3	4.00pm	Llantilio Crossenny Carols
	6.00pm	Penrhos Carol Service
Sunday 22 December	6.00pm	Llanvetherine Carols

Sunday 29 December		*No service*
Sunday 5 January	9.30am	Llanvetherine
	11.00am	Llantilio Crossenny
Sunday 12 January	9.30am	Penrhos
	11.00am	Llanfapley
Sunday 19 January	9.30am	Llanvetherine
	11.00am	Llantilio Crossenny
Sunday 26 January	9.30am	Penrhos
	11.00am	Llanfapley