

 THE NEW TIMES

JUNE 2008

PENRHOS
LLANTILIO CROSSENNY
LLANVETHERINE
LLANVAPLEY

SERVICES FOR JULY 2008

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| Sunday 6 July | 09.30am | Llanvetherine |
| TRINITY7 | 11.00am | Llantilio Crossenny |
| Sunday 13 July | 09.30am | Penrhos |
| TRINITY8 | 11.00am | Llanvapley (Pavilion) |
| Sunday 20 July | 09.30am | Llanvetherine |
| TRINITY9 | 11.00am | Llantilio Crossenny |
| Sunday 27 July | 09.30am | Penrhos |

From the Vicarage

I wonder if you have been to the Black Country Museum in the West Midlands? We stopped by there for a day recently and were enthralled by this living museum. It is a collection of houses, shops, school, trams, a coalmine, a fairground, cobbled streets and a Temperance Chapel. It is though time stopped somewhere around 1920 when tin baths on a Friday night, and children playing hoop-la in the street were a common experience. As a museum it is fascinating: the visiting children cannot quite believe people lived like that and the older people actually remember it just like that.



We all love nostalgia. I met at a recent wedding in Llantilio Crossenny a character from the TV series *Heartbeat*. He recognised the drama appeals to a certain generation and the temptation to see that period of history as the 'good old days'. Except of course that for many they weren't. If only we could take the best of those times and mix them with the best of our own times – that may be a perfect world, or as near as we can get to one.

The reality of our present lives is not always pleasant and often painful. Somebody sent me a note recently saying that the best way to tackle the storms is to run through the rain holding God's hands. I have included the full story in the TNT elsewhere.

We can't change much in our lives, either by looking to the past or pretending things are different. Jesus faced Gethsemane head on and emerged through a black Friday into Easter and resurrection. So we are promised that God will go with us as he did in our past history and on into our future.

Your friend and Vicar

David

SITUATION VACANT

Help required for most of August, definitely 1st three weeks...driver necessary and willing to stay overnight...for family with teenagers in Llanvetherine.... male or female, I don't mind! Call Suzannah on 01873 821 225

Student needed four hours per week for gardening in Llanvetherine.... please call Suzannah 01873 821225

Llanvetherine Church News

Llanvetherine village has been unusually quiet of late, but May and June saw many of us celebrating in one way or another.

First of all it was good to see Lena Jones of Mount Pleasant, home from hospital and relaxing in her garden once again.

Dilwyn Tranter of Gelli Llwyd celebrated a BIG birthday. I'm sure many of us would like to see 21 again!!!

A very pleasant evening was had when the Gwent Singers visited our church and entertained a full audience and afterwards we all went back to Trerhew for refreshments. For once the weather was kind and we were able to sit outside. It was also lovely to see Sian and Sue (nee Beavan) back in the homestead and helping out just like the old days. Many thanks to Trevor and Anne Beavan for organising this event. A good time was definitely had by all.

Weddings are always a wonderful way to celebrate and our congratulations and very best wishes go to Katie Bailey of Meadow Lea and her new husband Martin George.

Exams and all the stress that go with them are now over and we wish everyone all the very best of luck and look forward to reporting all their results in the not too distant future.

Megan Crabtree has a new pony and although it's early days in the partnership, I know they are going to have lots and lots of fun together. Hey, who knows Llanvetherine today, Horse of the Year Show tomorrow!

Weather-wise June can hardly be described as 'Flaming June' but optimistically it still is early June. So fingers crossed for the last half to be better than the first. On that note all that is left, is from all of us over here in Llanvetherine is to wish our fellow parishes a very Happy Summer.

**James Powell's
Educational Foundation**

The Governors of the above named Foundation invite applications from parents residing in the parish of Llantilio Crossenny United for assistance towards the maintenance of children in further education, i.e. University, College, 6th Forms and Apprenticeships.

Applications for assistance under the scheme should be made to the Clerk

Mr DT Hayhurst,
Rose Cottage Chapel,
Llanvetherine,
Abergavenny.
NP7 8PY

The closing date for applications will be Wednesday 15th August 2007.

Please note that no applications will be accepted after the closing date

Llanvapley Sports and Social Association

**Summer Social
and Barbeque**

Friday 4th July

at 7.00 pm

Sports Pavillion



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**Bring along your own food
and drink**



Llantilio Plant Sale

Thanks to everyone who braved the wind and rain to raise the magnificent sum of £568 at the plant sale. Special thanks to those who donated all the plants and to Eddie and Elsie Phillips for providing the shed to shelter us from the worst of the elements.



and Baroque Orchestra present

BACH & BEYOND

**Explores some hidden treasures of baroque music, which
heralded the great master including**

**Bach - Cantata No 21 & works by
Buxtehude, Vivaldi & Purcell**

SUNDAY 13 JULY 7.30PM

St Edmunds Church, Crickhowell

**Tickets: £8 (full time students free) available from
Abergavenny Music, Webb's - Crickhowell and Choir
Members**

News from the Villages

The big event this month is the Vicarage Garden Feté on Saturday 12 July at Llantilio Crossenny. The opening is at 2.30pm by Matt Tebbut of the Foxhunter at Nant y Derri and who now lives in the village. During the afternoon, there will be lots of stalls, competitions – serious and silly, a sale of some lovely china from Stoke on Trent including Portmeirion, Spode, and Wedgwood. There will be the Grand Draw and a running BBQ and drinks stalls. There will be a fancy dress competition for THREE age groups: the under 5's, 5-8 years and over 8's. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize for each age group and chocolate bars for each entrant.

The organisers would welcome contributions for the bottle, plant, toy and book stalls – just leave them at the Vicarage.

Penrhos held a very successful Hog Roast last month and raised over £900 for church funds.

Congratulations to Sharonne Button and Terry Mainwaring who were married in Penrhos on 21 June and also to Tim Heywood and Amy Bissett who were married in the chapel at Nevill Hall.

Peter Cobb is now home from hospital following his serious fall down stairs at home. He has had quite a torrid time but as ever retains a graciousness and positive outlook as ever. We also remember in our prayers, Anna Ingledew who has also had a serious fall and is in Nevill Hall.

On Sunday 6 July, Llanvapley will be having their Strawberry Tea at 3pm in The Old Vicarage. You can have a good view from the garden of the works proceeding on the church roof

and monitor progress. In the meantime, services will continue to be in the Pavilion.

Our thanks to Sonja Watkins who is now printing THE NEW TIMES. Tim and Karen continue to do the sterling work of editing.

On Sunday 3 August there will be a Ploughman's Lunch at the home of Ceinwen Davies beginning at 12.30pm: it will also be an opportunity to admire Ceinwen's beautiful garden. Tickets are available from churchwardens and the vicarage at £7 each. 'You will need to bring your own chair!

Congratulations to Gwyneth and Roy Cooke who celebrated their golden wedding on 28 June

The Llantilio Crossenny PCC meeting was postponed last month and will meet on Tuesday 8 July in Church. There will be two major items: Allen Organs will demonstrate two instruments for us to listen to and Trish Luxmoore-Ball will give us an update on the building developments.

Two pictures from this morning's meeting at Llanvapley Church are included on page 14. One of the roofers has found an 18th century tile with a map of the area on it and a plan of the church. We will put it on display later with other artefacts found in taking the roof off.

Congratulations to David and Erin Parry on the birth of their son Thomas Connor on 15th June

Llantilio Crossenny Church

GARDEN FETÉ

SATURDAY 12 JULY 2008

2.30pm

In the Vicarage Garden

**Stalls, Games, Competitions,
BBQ, Handbells**

Grand Raffle

**Portmeirion, Spode, and
Wedgwood China**

RUN THROUGH THE RAIN

NEED WASHING??

A little girl had been shopping with her Mum in the supermarket. She must have been 6 years old, this beautiful red haired, freckle faced image of innocence. It was pouring outside. The kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth it has no time to flow down the spout. We all stood there under the awning and just inside the door of the supermarket

We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day. I am always mesmerised by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day.

The little voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in 'Mom let's run through the rain,' she said. 'What?' Mum asked.

'Lets run through the rain!' She repeated 'No, love. We'll wait until it slows down a bit,' Mum replied.

This young child waited about another minute and repeated: 'Mum, let's run through the rain,' 'We'll get soaked if we do,' Mum said.

'No, we won't, Mum.. That's not what you said this morning,' the young girl said as she tugged at her Mum's arm.

This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?

'Don't you remember? When you were talking to Dad about his cancer, you said, 'If God can get us through this, he can get us through anything!'

The entire crowd stopped dead silent. I swear you couldn't hear anything but the rain. We all stood silently. No one came or left in the next few minutes. Mum paused and thought for a moment about what she would say. Now some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life. A time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith.

You are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain. If GOD let's us get wet, well maybe we just needed washing,' Mum said.

Then off they ran. We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars and yes, through the puddles. They held their shopping bags over their heads just in case. They got soaked. But they were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars.

And yes, I did. I ran. I got wet. I needed washing.

Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories...So, don't forget to make time and take the opportunities to make memories everyday. To everything

there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.

I HOPE YOU STILL TAKE THE TIME TO RUN THROUGH THE RAIN.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

Take the time to live!!!

Keep in touch with your friends, you never know when you'll need each other -- and don't forget to run in the rain!

Penrhos Hog Roast

On Sunday 15th June all roads led to Bulmers Barn, Penrhos Farm following the mouth-watering aroma of roast pork.

The barn was transformed for the day and soon plates were piled high with roast pork, juicy crackling, stuffing, apple sauce and salads of all sorts – followed by trifles, apple pies, pavlovas and delicious puddings to tempt every palate, all washed down with a glass of wine or cider.

Over 100 neighbours and friends then circulated for a chat to catch up on news and to meet and welcome newcomers to the parish. The afternoon ended with an hilarious game of Irish bingo followed by the raffle.

Many thanks go to Bulmers for providing the venue and the cider – to Mr Alan Williams for all his help and to all who worked so hard to make this such an enjoyable occasion, raising £900 for Penrhos Church funds.

Llanvapley Church Photographs



LLANTILIO CROSSENNY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The June meeting of Llantilio Crossenny W.I. was Guest Night where Alison Barnett of Associated Country Women of the World gave a resume of what the organization stands for.

The main purpose is to help women all round the world where there is a need, but in particular third world countries. One of the main concerns was the girl child and the discrimination they can suffer in countries such as China and Africa. Seventy countries are involved and meet regularly to determine where the monies should be distributed. The U.K. is one of the top contributors.

A lot of the members were interested to know now the reason for the Pennies for Friendship jar, which is put out at each W.I. Meeting. Gaynor Evans thanked Alison for a wonderful explanation of A.C.W.W. Among other matters discussed was the forthcoming fete at Llantilio Crossenny Vicarage in aid of church funds on 12th July, where the W.I. has been invited to run a pink theme stall. The evening ended with a wonderful spread provided by all members and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The next meeting is on the 16th July and will be the Summer Outing to Tretower Court where there will be a guided tour followed by an evening meal at the White Hart Inn at Crickhowell. Llantilio Crossenny W.I. meets at Llanvapley Village Hall at 7pm on the second Wednesday each month and new members are always welcomed.

