

SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday 6 June <i>Trinity 1</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Llanvetherine Llantilio Crossenny
Sunday 13 June <i>Trinity 2</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Penrhos Llanfapley
Sunday 20 June <i>Trinity 3</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Llanvetherine Llantilio Crossenny
Sunday 27 June <i>Trinity 4</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Penrhos Llanfapley

You can keep up with current events in our villages by going to the parish website which is www.llantiliogroup.info

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The deadline for the July TNT is June 20

THE NEW TIMES

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Llanfapley Church one year after restoration Pentecost 2010

PENRHOS LLANTILIO CROSSENNY LLANVETERINE LLANVAPLEY

From the Vicarage

One of the great delights of being a vicar is that all kinds of people talk to me for various reasons. Sometimes confidentially, (and wild horses wouldn't drag the information from me), sometimes as a just a person who listens. Often, a conversation with a Vicar is an opportunity to say what you think about a number of issues, sometimes but not always about religion.

There are some familiar topics of course, and Science versus Religion is a an old favourite. Someone wrote to me last month a highly intelligent letter, and they said that I could quote them, about science and religion.. They claimed that Darwin had won hands down and that science had disproved religion once and for all. Of course, I disagree! Darwin desperately wanted to believe in God, he just couldn't equate what he saw in fundamentalist Victorian religion with his discoveries about evolution.

One of the great things about Darwin was that he never let what he saw as truth take precedence over blind dogma. In the end he took the view that if there was a God then that God was big enough to withstand any amount of research by mankind: if he wasn't then that God was not worth believing in.

This month's issue of '*The Economist*' has an article about the creation of artificial life. It suggests that we really are on the verge of achieving this, but that like any discovery, the responsibility of such initiatives is frightening. The 21st C Christian approach should be one of openness: knowledge cannot be unlearned, but we can learn to regulate and bring Christian ethics to bear on the issues. If Darwin were alive he would want to build into the process the facility that makes the good to outwit the bad. This is just what the New Testament says of course: Paul in his letter to the Romans says *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

Ultimately, we are not children of a lesser god, but of the God who gave us freedom and creativity to live and love in the most fulfilling way possible. As they say on the end of most recipes these days.....Enjoy!

Your friend and Vicar

David

Llantilio Crossenny Church

The PCC held a meeting last month to meet the architect, Stefan Horowskyj, the Principal of Morgan and Horowskyj architects. He outlined all that was required and the process by which we can raise enough money to re-clad the spire and generally put the fabric right. Mr Horowskyj says that we are in a good position to apply for grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund and CADW : the total cost could be in the region of £300000 and we shall have to raise some 15% of that sum ourselves.

This is a big undertaking for a small community but the priceless jewel that is St Teilo's Church is worth every penny and should, if successful, put the building right for a good 100 years or so!

There is an appeal group now formed and villagers should receive something through their letterbox shortly, outlining all that is necessary to do and inviting people to subscribe to the works. In the meantime, the PCC are continuing to arrange money-raising activities that will go towards the fabric fund of the church.

The new organ is on its way. The process by which any grade 1 listed building can alter or add to its structure is very complicated and full of bureaucratic and legal hurdles.

And finally..... one comment did delight and somewhat amuse the PCC about the Music Festival. Someone said, in mock complaint, that the church was too warm! That is something we don't hear very often

Llanvetherine

At their annual meeting, the wardens, treasurer and secretary were re-elected and quiet progress was reported for 2009. Our thanks to Shirley and David, Andrew and Sally and particularly Janet who contributed so much to the recent Bingo event at the Hog's Head in March which was described as a 'chocoholic's paradise'.

We are saddened to hear of the death of Mrs Jacquie Evans who was the daughter of the Revd Aurelius, once Vicar of Llanvetherine. Her funeral is arranged for Saturday 29 May in Llanvetherine Church at 2.30pm. Our condolences to Julian, Patrick and Ray.

Congratulations to Katie Phelps on her new teaching job.

Warwicks have a Music Night on 16 June and a Curry night on June 30

Vital Spark appear in Llanvapley Church

Llanvapley was treated to an excellent evening of live music on 8th May from an amazing group of singers and musicians known as Vital Spark. Everyone was thoroughly entertained by the wide range of interesting music. The group really appreciated playing in the church and they were most complimentary of its acoustic qualities. Thanks go to everyone who helped in the organising and the setting up of this concert. The evening raised £35 for church funds. It is hoped to invite the group back again in the future. If you were unable to see them this time then make sure you don't miss them next time!



"The cloud with the silver lining"

It's an ill wind as they say - because although the wedding reception for Fiona Lowes' brother, Mark Dyer, due to be held on 24th April, at the Old Rectory, Llanvapley, was cancelled because the bride and her family were unable to leave their home in Dallas, Texas, thanks to the closure of British airspace because of the Icelandic ash cloud, it was decided by Llanvapley PCC to press on with a drinks party to raise funds for St Mabli's fabric fund, and this was held in the Old Rectory garden the following Tuesday, duly raising £680!

Llanvapley invite you to a Strawberry Tea at St Mabli's on Sunday 13 June from 3.00pm onwards. Leave the garden and come and enjoy an indulgent Sunday afternoon.

LLANTILIO CROSSENNY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The meeting on the 12th May was Llantilio Crossenny W.I.'s AGM and competition night. Members welcomed Jeanette Hood and Brenda Allen from Llandewi Rhydderch who acted as tellers for the voting procedure. The committee was re-elected and Rosemary Roberts was returned as President. The main item in the business meeting was the resolution for the National AGM., where the W.I. are urging HM government to introduce clear and mandatory country of origin labelling on all meat, poultry and fish products sold in this country. This was voted through unanimously. After the official reports, Rosemary Roberts thanked all of the committee for their support during the passed year. Barbara Williams from county concluded the meeting talking about her position and thanked everyone for their warm welcome. We were very pleased that Carole Tranter and Olwen Smith from Bryngwyn W.I. had been able to give of their time to judge all of the entries for the competitions, which were of a high quality. The results were: **Art** – 1st Kath Powell, 2nd Elsie Phillips, 3rd Gaynor Evans. **Craft** – 1st Kath Powell, 2nd Gaynor Evans, 3rd Rosemary Roberts. **Photography** – 1st Gaynor Evans, 2nd Maureen Barnfield, 3rd Derrine Warwick. **Floral Art** – 1st Gaynor Evans, 2nd Rosemary Roberts, 3rd Derrine Warwick. **Baking** – 1st Gaynor Evans, 2nd Derrine Warwick, 3rd Daphne Watkins. Overall winners were 1st Gaynor Evans, 2nd Kath Powell and 3rd Derrine Warwick. The next meeting will be the guest evening on Wednesday 9th June with entertainment provided by local performers Kath, Pam and Di. followed by supper provided by all members. Llantilio Crossenny W.I. meet at Llanvapley Pavilion at 7pm on the second Wednesday of the month and new members are always welcomed.

The Plant Sale

Thank you to the many people who both supported and organised the Llantilio Crossenny Plant Sale. £715 was raised for Llantilio Crossenny Church and as ever, we are grateful to people who donated some high quality plants that will hopefully grace the vegetable and flower gardens around here.

There will be 'Lunch in the Garden' at Little Cil-llwch, Llantilio Crossenny by kind invitation of Ceinwen Davies on 18 July at 1.00pm. Tickets are £10 and will include a glass of wine—children are welcome and their tickets will be £3.

St Teilo's Church

The organ faculty application continues. We are delighted to acknowledge from an anonymous person a very generous donation of £1000 to the organ fund, along with another donation from an equally anonymous person of £2000. With gift aid these donations are increased by the inland revenue by 25% and it means that we have raised the total amount for the organ from new fund-raising and to so many people we are very grateful.

We congratulate Tim Hoggins and Eve Murzyn on their wedding in Llantilio Crossenny Church on May 8 : a really happy occasion for everyone.

The ash trees that were next to the memorial fence in the churchyard have now gone and it looks much better.

The Llantilio Crossenny Music Festival

'One of the best Festivals ever'

Such was the verdict of many people who came to this year's music festival. So if you live in the village and missed it, then you missed a real musical experience. The children's opera and the two lectures by Derek Bissell and Alex Gibbon were delights in themselves: the two mini operas were not only performed by high quality singers but the smaller chamber Orchestra added much to the performances.

The Sunday afternoon concert was brilliant. The young people who performed gave us an outstanding experience and we thank Peter and Sian Cobb, and Jeanette Massochi for their direction and leadership. The ladies gave us the usual high standard tea and choral evensong completed a lovely day. Our congratulations to Ken Key and his committee for all their work and the home team for a magnificent effort.

So next year.....all those who say 'we don't go to the Festival anymore' you need to be there! One of the bonuses this year was that the Church was warm and comfortable

We welcome to Don and Julia Menzies to *The Corners* at Llantilio Crossenny and hope they will enjoy being part of our community.

St Cadoc's Church, Penrhos

Hog Roast

Sunday 20th June 2010

Bulmers Barn, Penrhos

Carving at 1pm



Contact PCC Members for Tickets or
Ring: 01600 780 246

£10.00 per Ticket (Children half price)

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Following the sad death of Gerry Flynn last month and there will be a memorial service in Llantilio Crossenny Church on Tuesday 1 June at 2.30pm. Jean and the family will be glad to see friends and acquaintances at the service.