

Services in June 2013

Sunday 2 June	9.30am	Llanvetherine
<i>Trinity 1</i>	11.00am	Llantilio Crossenny
Sunday 9 June	9.30am	Penrhos
<i>Trinity 2</i>	11.00am	Llanfapley
Sunday 16 June	9.30am	Llanvetherine
<i>Trinity 3</i>	11.00am	Llantilio Crossenny
Sunday 23 June	9.30am	Penrhos
<i>Trinity 4</i>	11.00am	Llanfapley
Sunday 30 June	11.00am	Group Service

LLANTILIO CROSSENNY GARDENS OPEN DAY

JUNE 16 2 P.M. – 5 P.M.

ROVER TICKET £5, to include Tea & Biscuits

PLANTS FOR SALE AND CAKE STALL AT
LITTLE CIL-LLWCH

Sale of Wooden Craft items

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The Bell Ringing Team at Llantilio Crossenny
with the Bishop of Monmouth

**PENRHOS
LLANTILIO CROSSENNY
LLANVETHERINE
LLANVAPLEY**

From the Vicarage

Dear Friends

At the annual meetings of each church, I took the opportunity of updating the Congregations on the new ways in which The Church in Wales will reorganise itself over the next few years. The four churches of our group will become part of a much larger group called a Ministry Area, which will include the Grosmont Group and the Llanddewi Rhydderch Group of churches. This ministry area will be led from Llantilio Crossenny Vicarage by a full time stipendiary priest who will be the leader of the enlarged group.

At present, I am what is called a 'house for duty' priest in that I am unpaid but live in the Vicarage in return for taking the Sunday Services and offering pastoral care when required. Officially, I am a retired priest of the Church of England who has the privilege of living here! Of course, as my wife Helen is aware, it feels as though I am working full time, but here as elsewhere, the church has fewer clergy so it depends on me people like me to be very part time vicars.

I am also Area Dean of Abergavenny and I am at present working on a new training scheme for this and neighbouring deaneries to train more lay people to be lay ministers and possibly part time clergy in order to ensure that each church has a recognised and authorised minister. I have described the proposals as the church's version of 'a girl in every port!' Whilst I have no plans to leave in the near future, there needs to be realistic planning for the future life of the parishes in the medium term. It is recognised that people want services in their own church and only reluctantly go to the other churches in the group. We also have too many churches in the Diocese and clearly there will be churches closing in the longer term – but for the moment we need more people who are not professional clergy, trained locally to fulfil local needs. There are a few people in our group of parishes who are considering being one of these ministers and we hope to involve them more in parish life in the near future.

Your friend and part time Vicar

David



Llanfapley Church Strawberry Tea Sunday 16 June

Llanfapley Church will be holding its annual strawberry tea this year on Sunday 16 June from 3pm to 5pm. The date is earlier than normal but it could be said that it is in a perfect position as the traditional summer festivals of Royal Ascot and Wimbledon start on 17 June and 24 June. The spring has been late this year but the signs are that things are warming up so it is fingers crossed for another fine sunny day. The strawberry tea coincides with Fathers Day this year so why not take dad out and treat him to a relaxing afternoon and give him a break from mowing the lawn!

LSSA Coffee Morning 12 June

The Llanfapley Sports and Social Association will be holding a coffee morning on 12 June from 10.30 to 12.30. The LSSA hope that as many people as possible will be able to come and an invitation is extended to everyone in the four parishes. The coffee morning will be held in the village sports pavilion and it is hoped that the weather will be kind as it always nice to be able to sit outside. The sports field is also a safe place for anyone with pre-school children or anyone looking after them as there is a play area close to the pavilion. A special invitation is also sent to the gentlemen of the parishes who may think that coffee morning is simply a chance for the ladies to get together!

Changes to bible readings in Llanfapley

Llanfapley Church has decided to make a small change to its monthly Eucharist service. It has decided that one of the bible readings will be read in Welsh. The reading will be printed in English so that everyone will be able to follow what is being said. The results of the 2011 census showed that the number of Welsh speakers in Monmouthshire is increasing. Even though the percentage of Welsh speakers is small, the use of Welsh in the area is significant, particularly in education and signs in public areas. Llanfapley wants to play its part in promoting the use of the language and hopes the use of Welsh in our church will send a signal to young people who learn Welsh in school. The change was made for the first time on 12 May when one of the churchwardens read a lesson in Welsh. The reaction to the change was positive and a number of people said they enjoyed it. It was interesting to find out that three of the congregation were either Welsh speakers or Welsh learners. The next Eucharist service is on 9 June. You may like to come along simply to listen or you may feel confident to offer to read a lesson yourself.

Roger and Barbara Spells

Many people in Llanfapley will remember Roger and Barbara Spells who used to live in Stable Cottage. They left the village some years ago and have been living in New Zealand. They visited Llanfapley briefly in May when they came back to Britain after the birth of their grandson. Roger and Barbara signed the visitors book in the church and passed on their good wishes to everyone who remembers them.

Penrhos NEWS

The last weekend in April saw Woodlands Farm and The Old Rectory Open their Gardens for the NGS. Although the day was dry it was bitterly cold which encouraged everyone to come and enjoy the amazing spread of tea, cakes and sandwiches which Craig and his team had put together. We had 107 people through the gardens and raised a fantastic sum from the teas and plant sale for the church.

We had an excellent evening at the Hogs Head when Penrhos took on Llanvetherine in an Inter Parish skittles match. I'm not sure friendly is the right word to describe the match, competitive yes, and not just between the 2 teams!!! I was amazed at how many talented skittles players we have in the two villages it was a pleasure to watch them play. It was a very close match with the lead changing all the time. Eventually Penrhos came out the winners but it was a nail biting finish. I hope we can make this an annual event between the four villages because it really is a great game and very social. Pip Rumsey

Llanvetherine news

Both Brian and Zoe Lane have spent time in hospital recently. Both are home now and convalescing. Zoe is recovering well and regretting not having trained Brian more in the kitchen department. We wish both a continued and speedy recovery.

Skittles.

Residents of Llanvetherine were recently challenged to a skittles match by the residents of Penrhos. Whilst those present enjoyed a fun-packed evening and the food at the Hog's Head we have to explain that our stars were unavailable (probably due to the apathy that comes towards the end of a long season) and the talk of managers retiring and stars playing abroad next year (some have signed for a team in Ross on Wye) unsettled our performance. No further excuses but we had a good night and lead for most of the match but as Mr Lineker says, it is the score at the end that counts and after all "it's a funny old game!"

We look forward to the next game and with more people involved in the fun.

Llantilio Crossenny WI.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 8th May. The acting president Ann Couldwell warmly welcomed members and guests including Terese Casemore and Ida Doubler who were kindly acting as tellers for the evening. The committee were duly elected and a new president Lin Morris was elected.

2012 saw some difficult times for the WI when their president Rose Roberts sadly passed away. The members recently enjoyed an afternoon tea at The Angel hotel in fond memory of Rose, where everyone held a yellow rose and a minute's silence was observed.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th June at 7pm at Llanfapley Pavilion where members are being entertained by the Pub Session Players followed by refreshments. New members are always welcome.

Llantilio Crossenny News

The annual plant sale on May 6th was again very successful. Thank you to all our hard working gardeners and everyone who came along to support this popular event – it was held in glorious Spring sunshine for the first time in many years! A total of £550.00 was raised for church funds.

On Saturday 11th May the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir were warmly welcomed to St Teilo's church. A wonderful concert was enjoyed by all who came. Afterwards the choir went up to the Hogs Head for supper and what they call the "Afterglow " where they continued to entertain us well into the night.

Choral Evensong was sung by the choir of Newport Cathedral to conclude the Music Festival and The Bishop of Monmouth, +Dominic was the preacher. The newly formed bell ringing team gave us a wonderful first solo peal and demonstrated their newly learned skills. Bishop Dominic went up into the ringing chamber to meet the ringers and also to thank Gwyn Sayce and his team who have been the inspiring teachers for our ringers.

Thank you to all who came to support these events and those behind the scenes who make them happen.

Congratulations to Bryan and Kelly Miller on the birth of their daughter Ellis. Bryan, as part of Milking Solutions, owned by Kevin Graham, does the printing of TNT each month as part of their contribution to our village communities.