

Services in March 2012

Sunday 4 March <i>Lent 2</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Llanvetherine Llantilio Crossenny
Sunday 11 March <i>Lent 3</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Penrhos Llanfapley
Sunday 18 March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Llanvetherine Llantilio Crossenny
Sunday 25 March <i>Lent 5</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Penrhos Llanfapley
Sunday 1 April		Palm Sunday Group Service
Good Friday <i>6 April</i>	2.00pm	Llantilio Crossenny 'An hour at the Cross'

Llanfapley News

The Llanvapley Sports and Social Association has once again organised walks to local pubs to watch the six nations rugby. Support from Llanvapley is obviously making a difference as Wales won have won their first two games! If you are one of those people who watch the game from the comfort of your armchair, why not come along and find out how much more fun it is to watch the match in a local pub. Apart from the great atmosphere, the landlord is also very hospitable and often puts on a bite to eat at half time. Thanks go to Andrew Canning at the Clytha and Dale Jones at The Hogs Head for their hospitality. The remaining walks will take in Llanddewi Rhydderch village hall, The Clytha (12.30 pm start) and finally the Hunters Moon (1 pm start) to watch the final match and hopefully celebrate the Grand Slam.

The deadline for the April edition of TNT is **20 March**
The parish website is www.llantiliogroup.info

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THE NEW TIMES

March 2012



**PENRHOS
LLANTILIO CROSSENNY
LLANVETHERINE
LLANVAPLEY**

From the Vicarage



The Bishop of Monmouth has written a pastoral letter to all the churches in the Diocese and I have included some extracts from it below.

Once again I am following the ancient practice of issuing a Pastoral Letter to call you to a faithful observance of Lent. Lent traditionally lasts for 40 days and is a time of preparation for the major Christian festival of Easter when we celebrate Christ's resurrection. Easter is then followed by 50 days of celebration culminating in the great feast of Pentecost when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

*The four Lenten disciplines are **prayer, bible study, fasting and almsgiving**. This year, once again, I am calling upon you to go without a meal on Ash Wednesday and each Friday in Lent and to give the money you would have spent on the food to my Lent Appeal. Some may choose other forms of fasting such as giving up meat, alcohol, chocolate or some other food or activity during the whole of Lent.*

Bishop Dominic would like the money raised to go partly to a local project in Abergavenny and partly to our sister Diocese in South Africa. In Abergavenny, there is being set up a centre where separated parents and children can meet each other in security and confidence.

One of the marks of a Christian is sacrificial giving in a time of hardship. This challenge is relevant to us whether we are church-going Christians or not: indeed, it is applicable to many of you who tell me that you accept the Christian ethic but have got problems with the organized church. (I think that also include the local vicar!).

The Bishop's letter concludes

Finally, (and here I shall imitate St Paul when he wrote letters to the churches) I thank God for you all and for your prayers and support. I believe that we are truly blessed in the Diocese of Monmouth with some wonderful priests, deacons and people. We face challenging times, but so often the churches grow when facing such times because it requires us to examine what it means and what it costs to be the pilgrim people of God.

Your friend and Vicar

David

LLANTILIO CROSSENNY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The speaker at the February meeting was Don Balkwill, who writes a regular article on Grandmas' Gadgets in the Abergavenny Chronicle. He brought with him twenty labelled gadgets and a prepared a quiz. He told the group that most of his finds, mostly household objects but also some tools, come from the Flea Markets held in Abergavenny on Wednesdays. The gadgets were passed round and were familiar to some members but not by all. Don then talked about objects, which members had brought along. Although it was a miserable cold evening with a leaking roof to contend with, everyone present thought it had been a really good evening. Ann Couldwell gave the vote of thanks.

During the business side of the meeting it was agreed that the summer trip should be to Croft Castle and Ludlow, which is a European Heritage trip on Wednesday 20th June. There will be a walk on 22 March in the Skenfrith and Cross Ash area, part of the Three Castles walk, where hopefully the daffodils will be in bloom.

The next meeting will be on the 14th March when Kathryn Lewis will be speaking

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Penrhos Church would like to thank Waitrose for the donation of £406.00 towards the upkeep of the Church through the "Community Matters Scheme".

We are sad to report the death of Penrhos' oldest inhabitant Herbie Gunter. Herbie, who had lived at Coed Poerth all his life, died on 13th February at Monnow Vale and was 96yrs old.

The annual Hog Roast in Penrhos will be on 17 June in Bulmer's Barn, starting at 1.00pm.

For over three years now, Ross Labels has printed and provided the paper for *The New Times*. Angie Ellis, and her family of Ross Labels never wanted to be thanked for arranging this but this seems an appropriate moment to recognise Angie's generosity in facilitating the production of what has become a vital community magazine. Ross Labels are no longer able to print TNT but we would like to thank Rachel and Jeanette who month by month have provided us with a wonderful resource for our communities.

Llantilio Crossenny Dates for your diary

- April 1 Group Service for Palm Sunday (*No donkey this year!*)
- 6 April Good Friday Service at 2.00pm
- 12 April Easter Vestry meeting at 7.30pm
- 20 May Festival Evensong at 6.00pm
Preacher : The Archbishop of Wales
- 3 June Jubilee Service at 11.00am
- 15 June Concert by St Woolos Choristers
- 7 October Harvest Festival

Parisian musical afternoon tea
at Treadam Barn, Llantilio Crossenny
on Sunday 4th March at 4pm

A selection of sandwiches and patisseries will be served at tables accompanied by a programme of French music by Milhaud, Messiaen and Fauré performed by:

The Akoka Quartet

Tickets: £8

Simeon Broom – Violin
Victoria Simonsen – Cello

Sarah Masters - Clarinet
Rachel Church – Piano

Formed in 2003, the Akoka Quartet were awarded First Prize in the prestigious Granada Chamber Music Competition playing Messiaen's *Quatuor pour la Fin du Temps*, which they went on to perform in recitals across the UK. Their ambition is to bring astounding twentieth century chamber work to further audiences and in April they will tour New Zealand, performing five prominent concerts as part of Chamber Music New Zealand's 2012 'Encompass' Season.

LLANTILIO CROSSENNY CHURCH

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Thank You Mother...



for helping me grow

A SERVICE FOR ALL THE FAMILY

SUNDAY 18 MARCH 2012

11.00am

New walking group is a big hit

The inaugural Amblers Association walk on Saturday 4 February was a great success. Despite the cold weather and the snow over 25 people and a selection of canine friends enjoyed a very pleasant stroll along the footpaths and lanes in the Tal y Coed area. It was nice to see people from outside the 4 parishes join in on the walk and the pace of the walk enabled everyone to enjoy the most important aspect of the walk which was the opportunity to have a good chat. It was also really interesting to discover footpaths which highlighted the beauty and solitude of the area we live in. The route was perfect as it was not too long and not too short. The route was basically up the valley from Warwicks until it connected with the Three Castles footpath and then back down the valley on Tal y Coed Lane. Everyone was back at Warwicks in good time for lunch and were greeted with a warm welcome and an even warmer open fire. What a splendid event!



Thanks go to Celia and Graham Bryant for their initiative in organising this event. Running such an event as this is not easy and it should be noted that they put in an enormous amount of effort to ensure that everything went smoothly and everyone was well looked after. The next AA walk takes place on Saturday 3 March and every first Saturday of the month starting at 11am from Warwicks.

There will be a Jubilee 'do' on Sunday 3 June! Details are sketchy at the minute but the same people who produced the Royal Wedding party will be doing the organising with the help of one or two others. The Hogs Head, by kind permission of Dale Jones, will be the venue and there will be lunch at around 1.00pm. We will have to make a small charge for the meal and you will need to buy tickets so that we can cater for enough. There will also be games and a 1950's fancy dress competition with good prizes for the winners.

St Teilo's Church Llantilio Crossenny

The contracts have been signed for the start of the renovation work to St Teilo's Church. The contractors are Taliesin Conservation and our own architect Stefan Horowskyj will be overseeing the work. There will be roof repairs and rainwater goods upgraded, new gullies and stonework to be repaired. Some treatment of timbers is necessary and there are cracks to the wall and soffits to be repaired. Windows will be refurbished and the west porch needs serious attention. The internal walls of the nave will be re-lime mortared and the holes filled before the all the internal walls are redecorated with the same colour lime was as is on there now. The exterior walls will be repointed-mortared but not colour lime washed.

The works should take about 14 weeks but the order of the works will be dependent on weather conditions. The church will become a building site and there will be considerable scaffolding both internally and externally. There will be a working party to remove all the valuable vulnerable things inside the church and the new organ will have a protective covering over it.

The PCC have agreed that services will continue unless it becomes impossible to use the building, in which case, TNT will send round an email giving details of alternative arrangements. If necessary we will use the north entrance on a Sunday and either hold services in the Killough Chapel or the Sanctuary. No one will be allowed on the site during the works without the permission of the foreman – health and safety issues abound!

It is hoped that the Festival Evensong at the 50th anniversary of the Music Festival will be also be a rededication service and a celebration of the improvements made to the church in these last 2/3 years. The Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan will be the preacher. We have still not had our intended 'new organ celebration' and hopefully we can invite those who so generously made it possible. There is also the kitchen and up-graded heating. All in all, our church has much to celebrate and we may also persuade the grant making bodies to enable us complete the works to the tower next year.

Margaret Parry is recovering from her fall, and Shirley Hughes-Jones has begun her treatment. Do remember them both in your prayers.