

Services in May 2013

Sunday 5 May	9.30am	Llanvetherine
Easter 6	11.00am	Llantilio Crossenny
Sunday 12 May	9.30am	Penrhos
<i>Ascension 1</i>	11.00am	Llanfapley
Sunday 19 May	9.30am	Llanvetherine
<i>Pentecost</i>	6.00pm	Llantilio Crossenny Festival Evensong
Sunday 26 May	9.30am	Penrhos
<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	11.00am	Llanfapley

The Llantilio Music Festival

The Llantilio Crossenny Festival of Arts and Music runs from May 10– 19. There is a full website of events to choose from and you can book at Fingal Rock in Monmouth Telephone 01600 712372.

The website is www.llantiliofestival and will give you all the details. On Sunday evening 19 May at 6.00pm the Bishop of Monmouth, the Rt Revd Dominic Walker OGS, will be the preacher at the Festival Evensong. The choir will be the Cathedral Choir of St Woolos.

Our own bell ringers will be ringing a peal for the first time on Festival Sunday, and the Bishop will dedicate them in the service.

The deadline for the June edition of TNT is **20 May**

The parish website is www.llantiliogroup.info

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THE NEW TIMES

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Springtime at Penrhos Church

**PENRHOS
LLANTILIO CROSSENNY
LLANVETHERINE
LLANVAPLEY**

From the Vicarage



Dear Friends

I have been reflecting again on our communities – the places where people think nothing happens! There is so much going on and we are fortunate to have lots of enthusiastic and committed people organising them.

In the four churches, the annual meetings have been held and my thanks to wardens, secretaries and treasurers, who with PCC members have the stewardship of the churches. Everyone seems in good heart – the odd moan, but that is the exception. All the treasurers are concerned about the level of giving of course, and David Hughes-Jones article in the March TNT is worth another read: our level of giving needs to go up and to gift aid what we do give in order to maintain our churches and ministry.

The buildings are all in good shape and that again is due to the management of the PCCs. We may have too many churches in the Diocese, but I suspect our own four churches will be serving our communities for many a generation yet. I am encouraged by those who would describe themselves as ‘not very religious’ yet still consider the buildings and what they represent as important in our communities. These are the same people who regularly engage me in welcome conversations about faith matters, and it is clear that such conversations are significant: perhaps a good use of our buildings would be open meetings from time to time for non-churchgoers to debate the issues of the day – over a glass of wine of course!

We look forward to several events in the coming summer: beginning with the Music Festival, there are a number of community events which I hope you will support. All we need now is for the sun to shine!

Your friend and Vicar

DAVID

During the Music Festival, we shall again welcome back the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir. They delighted us on their last visit and we are fortunate to have this premier choir back again, and also to the Music Festival and Eleanor Farncombe for including it in the programme as an integral part of the Festival. Tickets are £10 and can be obtained from Fingal Rock, on line or the wardens. After the Concert, the choir will go to the Hog’s Head for what they call traditionally the ‘Afterglow’: TNT is assured that they are even better than!

The Llantilio Crossenny Plant Sale



Monday 6 May

2.00pm



We were saddened to learn about the death of Paddy O’Connor of Broadlands, Llantilio Crossenny. Paddy’s funeral took place on 17 April and we share with Janet, Paul and Chris in their loss. Janet writes: ‘*Thank you for the love and support shown to us during these last two weeks. The church looked beautiful and the help at the house was greatly appreciated by all the family*’.

Amy Corcoran marries Darren Hill on Saturday 4 May in Llantilio Crossenny at 1.00pm and we wish them every happiness

Llanfapley celebrates

On 4 May the rate payers of Llanfapley will be celebrating the first anniversary of the closure of the footpath from the village over the fields to the Duffryn. The route was closed after the council was notified that the footbridge over Llanymynach brook was unsafe due to the bridge railing collapsing into the river. The council is so short of money that it has had to prioritise spending on footpath repairs on other more important routes. If you are wondering when the council will finally get around to repairing the bridge then don't get your hopes up. Given the low priority given to this problem it is very likely that the rate payers of Llanfapley will be celebrating a second and a third anniversary before they can once again cross the brook safely. Until then we will have to put up with walking along lanes which are often strewn with rubbish which the council can't afford to clean up. At least we will have a cattle market.

Milestone hunting

Anyone who uses the B4233 which connects Abergavenny and Monmouth will be aware of the beautiful scenery as you follow the twisting turning route through Llanfapley, Llantilio, Talycoed and The Onen. I have driven the route from Llanfapley to Monmouth hundreds of times and I always thought I was observant until I recently discovered a series of milestones on the side of the road which I had never ever noticed before. If you consult the Ordnance Survey map it lists 5 milestones between Llanfapley and Monmouth but there are more which are not shown on the map. Some of the milestones are missing but the series between Llanfapley and Talycoed are complete. If you like me have never noticed them then here is how to find one to get you started. Go about a hundred yards past the Warwick's pub in the Monmouth direction and you will find one on the left. It is slightly damaged but it is easy to find. Once you have found this one you should be able to find the next three on the way to Llanfapley. Just to help you here is the first one which is on the edge of the wood close to Ashgrove. The second one is a bit harder to spot and the third one is very hard to spot but well worth the effort.

The Church in Wales is seeking accreditation as a Fair Trade Province and is encouraging all churches to pledge their support. Llantilio Crossenny PCC has

now committed themselves to using Fair Trade tea, coffee and sugar, and to promote the use and sale of Fair Trade products locally.

Penrhos News

Last month we held a village tea party in the church, it was incredibly cold but luckily dry. This didn't put people off coming in fact they must have seen the amazing cakes that people had so generously baked. There were some serious contenders for the Great Penrhos Bake Off. The children had a lovely time on the treasure hunt especially when they knew there were Easter Eggs involved. Thank you very much to everyone who came it was great to catch up with so many people.

Trevor Bowen has been having a very successful time in the Young Farmers. He and Rhys Whittingham won the Gwent YFC 'Time to Shine'. They did a very funny sketch called 2 Old Birds, and they then went on to represent Gwent at the All Wales Final at Swansea. He is also part of the Gwent Team for Senior Stockman of the year which is held at Ruthin Market – North Wales

Penrhos dates for your diaries:

Wednesday 22nd May at 6pm is the Church and Churchyard Spring clean so dig out your gardening gloves and dusters and let's get cleaning.

Sunday 2nd June at 2pm – High House Gardens are Open to the public.

Sunday 23rd June at 1pm – Hog Roast at Bulmers Barns. If you like Roast Pork you will love this Hog Roast, there is always plenty to eat and drink here it's a very child friendly venue so please come along with your family and friends and let someone else do the cooking for you!! Pip R

May Davies who used to live in Rock Cottage in Llanvetherine died last month and her funeral was held in St James' Church. We extend our sympathy to Allan, Elizabeth and Janet. On the same day though, there was much happiness at the wedding of Gareth Powell and Jenny Jones as they were married in Llanvetherine: we wish them every happiness.

In Llantilio Crossenny, the scaffolding has now completely gone and the works completed. Also gone is a rather ugly tree on the north-west corner and we now have a new view of the church in all its glory. The PCC would like to express its grateful thanks to Keith Lewis who has cut the grass in the churchyard for many a year. The church mower is no longer capable of doing the job so the grass cutting has been put out to tender.