

# The New Times

September 2021

The Parish Magazine of Llantilio Crossenny,  
Llanvetherine, Llanvapley and Penrhos



**Llanarth Church opens its doors in September!**



**Orchard Acre opens its doors in August**

## From the Vicarage

Well, that was a first! At a recent marriage service, the wedding vows were spoken in Spanish, as well as English. With the groom coming from Spain, I thought it would be a lovely idea to have some of the service in his native tongue.



Having been many decades since I learnt Spanish, and “May I please have a chocolate ice-cream?” not being part of the traditional wedding ceremony, I clearly had a lot of brushing up to do!

Lorraine Cavanagh, being fluent in the language, however, was able to deliver a lovely sermon – much to the astonishment of some of the guests!

It made me think about the universality of the language of love.

Whatever our native tongue may be, wherever we come from, we can all understand and experience what it means to love, and to be loved.

Many years ago, I remember hearing a sermon on 1 Corinthians 13:

“Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things”.

The preacher challenged us to substitute our own name in the place of the word “love” – it is quite a good test as to how we are doing, and gives us something to aim for. Why not give it a go yourself?

Talking of tests, many, many congratulations to all our young people who have endured and weathered such a difficult time over the past eighteen months. To my mind, it is the youngsters who have been hardest hit. Just at a time in life when the world should be opening up, and full of hope, they have experienced the exact opposite.

For those off to pastures new this month, I do hope it will be a wonderful and exciting time for you. Be true to yourself, and remember the wise words of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux:

“Life is only for love; Time is only that we might find God.”

With every blessing,

Heidi

## Open Doors Heritage event planned at Llanarth

The closed Grade II\* church of St Teilo's at Llanarth, near Raglan, will be on view on **Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**, from 2 - 6pm as part of Cadw's Heritage Open Doors month.

The Village Alive Trust, a local buildings preservation charity, will be hosting viewing at the church, which closed over seven years ago, by allowing visitors to see inside from the three open doors of the building.

Trust chairman, Pat Griffiths, said, 'The church was closed after a five yearly inspection showed repairs were needed, but the building was not deemed to be structurally unsound. However, as the years have rolled on, the church has been left untended and now requires more expensive conservation work to the roof, as well as upgrading with facilities.

'As the interior has not been maintained regularly the Trust is unable to allow visitors into the Nave, but clear views of the large interior can be obtained through the doors of the bell tower, porch and chancel, without needing to step into the church. Stewards will be on hand to guide visitors as they view the building and the churchyard.

'After viewing the church visitors are invited to drive to the Village Hall to see an exhibition outlining the planned conservation and refurbishment of the church for public use once again. Refreshments will be available and Trust members will be on hand to talk about the project, ' said Pat.

The Church in Wales is supporting the Trust as it works towards seeking grants to carry out the conservation work and facilitate various uses for the building. One aim is to rehang the eight bells which were removed, as the Llandaff and Monmouthshire Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers would like to use the church as a centre for training new ringers.

Gwent Wildlife Trust has designated the churchyard as a Local Wildlife Site and its heritage trees include an ancient historic yew. The Trust is planning to manage the churchyard to enhance its flora and fauna and already has support from local volunteers. Parish burials continue at the churchyard which includes a listed cross and the grave of Elizabeth Jones, the last surviving child of Sir William Morgan, of Tredegar House. It was Elizabeth's widowed husband, William, who built the Gothic Clytha Castle in her memory, in 1790.

Llanarth is accessed off the B4598 Abergavenny to Raglan road. Parking near the church will be stewarded and anyone needing the limited disabled parking spaces at the church is asked to email [village.alive@btinternet.com](mailto:village.alive@btinternet.com) in advance. Further details on The Village Alive Trust and the project can be found online at [www.villagealive trust.org.uk](http://www.villagealive trust.org.uk)



## From Llantilio Pertholey Vicarage

Dear Friends,

As a child and teenager, I would dread the appearance of those huge posters that suddenly appear in shop windows around mid-August, posters that proclaimed in big, black capital letters: 'BACK TO SCHOOL.'

To me, those posters were highly intimidating because I didn't want to go back to school, thank you very much! I was happy for the long, hot, lazy summer holidays to continue, completely unabated. I just wanted to hang about with my friends, busy doing nothing - building dens in the local wood or larking about in the shallow end at Griffithstown Lido. Then, in the evenings, rounding off the day nicely with a bit of train spotting at Pontypool Road Station where, if we were lucky, we might be let up into the signal box, providing the signalman was in a good mood! My pals and I would return to our homes, briefly, to eat and sleep often in tents that we had erected in our gardens. Throughout the Summer holidays we were the feral lords of all that we surveyed!

Then, suddenly – thud! Down to earth we fell with an almighty bump as 'BACK TO SCHOOL' signs in shop windows reminded us that our sense of unlimited freedom was just an illusion. Reality was hitting back hard and, to this day, when I see posters in shops saying 'BACK TO SCHOOL' I get a sinking feeling in my heart!

It was only at the age of seventeen, when I began to realise that God was calling me to be a priest, that I started to take my education at all seriously. Only then did I begin working harder to get decent A Level grades so that I could progress to university to study theology. My call to the priesthood made me work and, now I have been a priest for thirty-two years, I know that education is a precious gift from God and that acquiring wisdom through learning is part of our growing into His image and likeness and allowing Christ to be formed in me.

I wonder if, however, in the towns and cities of Afghanistan there is something akin to the 'BACK TO SCHOOL' slogan? If there is, I wonder how Afghan girls or young women might be feeling this moment on seeing such words. Their hearts will surely be sinking, not because they don't want to go back to school but because they desperately want to and will probably be prevented from doing so.

In the perverse obscurantism of the Taliban, the view is that women should not be educated above a very basic level. When previously they were in control of Afghanistan, the Taliban not only denied education to girls and young women, but also medical care. We are being told that the Taliban today is different, more moderate and reformed. Let us hope and pray that this is true.

It should not be forgotten that it was the Taliban who attempted to murder Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani civil rights activist and Nobel Laureate. In 2012 Malala was dragged by Taliban gunmen from the bus in which she

was returning home from school and shot in the head at point-blank range. Her 'crime' was to campaign for Pakistani women to have the right to an education. Malala and her family found sanctuary here, in the United Kingdom and, following major surgery and recovery, her dream of attending school again became a reality. As a student at Egbaston Girls High School in Birmingham she gained outstanding GCSE and A Levels and eventually secured a place at Oxford.

So, following the dramatic events of the past couple of weeks, when I next see 'BACK TO SCHOOL' in an Abergavenny shop window, my response will be different. I will thank God that I had the huge privilege of having an education and to rejoice that our own children and young people, especially our girls and young women, have the wonderful opportunity to achieve their God-given potential at school and university. I will think of my own daughter, now a doctor, and thank God that she had so many opportunities to follow her chosen career. I will also say a prayer for the many Afghan women – gifted, articulate and intelligent people – denied the opportunities of their male counterparts and, therefore, denying the world of what they have to contribute.

God has made women and men equal and to ignore that fact is the real blasphemy. The last word, appropriately, should be left to that brave, prophetic young woman, Malala Yousafzai, from an inspirational speech she gave at the Girl Summit in London a few years ago. This is what she said:

'Traditions are not sent from heaven, they are not sent from God. It is we who make cultures and we have the right to change it and we should change it.'

God bless you all.

Fr. Julian Gray

Vicar of Llantilio Pertholey Church and Ministry Area Team Leader for our four parishes

Fr. Julian is pictured here with Revd. Heidi on top of the Skirrid as part of a Good Friday group service.



The next meeting of the **Ministry Area Transition**

**Team** will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at St Bridget's Church, Skenfrith at 7pm. The minutes of the previous meeting have been amended to include the following comment in relation to the recent visit of Bishop Cherry. "Julian stated that it had been considered that a Q and A session with the MATT members might have taken place on this occasion, however this had been declined as the Bishop is committed to moving to MA's and was not prepared to discuss it further. For at least one member of the MATT this continuing lack of engagement at a strategic level is disappointing, and an important opportunity for our leader who is driving this transition with her own vision, to allay some of the fundamental concerns that remain is unfortunately going to be lost."

## Which is the best parish? Now we have the answer!

The parishes in our group are in many ways very similar. It is probably true that everyone who lives in Llantilio, Penrhos, Llanvetherine and Llanvapley is very fond of where they live. But which is the best? It would be very unfair to ask Revd. Heidi to choose. It would be like asking a mother which of her four children she likes the best!

Thankfully, Monmouthshire County Council have been very busy and have been doing all sorts of work to analyse different settlements in the county and we now have an answer to the question – Which of our four parishes is the best?

Before I tell you the answer let me explain that as far as the council is concerned 'the best' is the one which is most 'sustainable'. The word sustainable is a bit of a buzz word but what does it mean? The council has decided that sustainability is all about three things. Transport links, local facilities and employment opportunities.

### Here are the results in reverse order.

In joint **third place** is Llanvetherine and Penrhos.

These villages / settlements were considered to be too small and were excluded from the 'premier league' of 55 settlements in the main analysis.

In **second place** with a score of 16 points was Llantilio Crossenny.

Before Llantilio residents get too excited about this 'silver medal' please note that the top of the county list is Abergavenny with a score of 160. Well done to Abergavenny for beating Monmouth, Chepstow and Calidicot and for confirming many people's suspicions. Llantilio was sadly bottom of the list of 55 settlements and has been awarded a wooden spoon as well as a silver medal!

In **first place** with a score of 35 points we have Llanvapley. Well done to Llanvapley which can now claim bragging rights in the next meeting of the group's churchwardens!

You may like to know that Llanddewi Rhydderch was given a score of 29 and Grosmont and Llanarth were both given a sustainability score of 23. Grosmont is the only one of the 55 settlements to be given a score of zero for one of the 3 sustainability factors (transport, facilities and employment). If you are live in the beautiful village of Grosmont (pictured above) and have a job then you are lucky for the employment score for the village was zero!



*If you are at all interested to find out more then go to the council website and look for Monmouthshire Replacement Local Development Plan Sustainable Settlement Appraisal June 2021. The report is 700 pages long. You can't complain about the council when it comes to writing reports!*

## Llantilio Crossenny News

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August St Teilo's Church was delighted to be the venue for the marriage of **Kathryn Stoddart and Johann Brown-Fumeu**. The service had a bit of Spanish twist with the entrance of the groom being given equal status as the entrance of the bride. The hymns were 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind' and 'Love Divine' and the the music was 'Danny Boy' performed by Laurie Cottam and 'Ave Maria' performed by Aine Smith. The bells were also rung before and after the service. The weather was kind to the newly married couple despite rain earlier in the day.

**The funeral of** Cal Hovgaard, who lived in Trothy Way, Llantilio, was held in St. Teilo's on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

**Llantilio bell ringers** have resumed their regular practices and have been able to perform when requested. Thankfully, the group has stayed together throughout Covid and the size of the group has not diminished. However, the holiday month of August has highlighted the need to have a bigger group of ringers to ensure six people are available when ringing takes place. The group is therefore looking for people from the four parishes to join the team as learners. Ringing church bells is unlike playing any other 'musical' instrument. Firstly, it is a very physical activity as well as one which makes you think. Secondly, it is probably easier to learn than say learning the guitar – no need to do any grades! Thirdly, it is not a solo activity. You don't play by yourself. It is a very social activity. If you would like to find out more then please contact our tower captain, Richard Booth and he will explain how to get involved. (richardboothinthegarden@hotmail.com) At the moment only competent ringers are allowed to ring but we hope to be able to allow learners into the tower as soon as restrictions ease.

## Llanvapley News

**Llanvapley Walking Group** Two walks again this month, the first was on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August. We walked up Firs Road, along Crossway - an ancient greenway - and back mainly along some very quiet lanes to the village. This four mile route was both a good social occasion and took in many scenic views as always. There was quite a bit of maintenance to do as the



brambles and bracken have grown so much this summer. The walk turned into an impromptu litter pick on the way back. The hill on the way down to

Llanvapley was covered with the usual detritus. The group were pleased to pick up a bottle of rum, gin and whiskey left by some merry person. The second walk was an evening walk on Thursday 19th August and the pleasant weather meant we could walk through to Llanthewy Wood and across a meadow to the steep lane at Galchen. The highlight of the walk, apart from the opportunity for friendly conversations as always, was saying 'Noswaith dda' to the donkeys we met (see above photo). Join us for our next walk which takes place on Saturday 4th September at 10.30, Llanvapley Pavilion. Email for more information at [llanvapleywalkinggroup@gmail.com](mailto:llanvapleywalkinggroup@gmail.com) Phil Al *Isopp*

Congratulations to Jim and Rowena Brook on the birth of their first grandchild. **Finley James Driscoll** was born on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Izzy and husband Craig, who live in Cardiff, are delighted with the safe arrival of Findlay and look forward to being able to visit the village with their new baby.



**Doris Evans** of Llanvapley will be celebrating her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Best wishes to Doris on her birthday and she is looking forward to being able to celebrate it on her new decking area in her lovely garden.

**Llanvapley Church Parochial Church Council** will be meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7pm in the church. The meeting will discuss services over the next few months including Christmas services and also churchyard maintenance.

**Llanvapley Church** was delighted to welcome **Revd. Peter Cobb** (pictured) to its two services in August. Peter was thanked for his excellent sermons which were very thoughtful and up-to-date. If anyone thinks that sermons are dull then you haven't listened to any of Peter's sermons. When asked where he gets his ideas from he revealed that there are only five types of sermon and he likes to



mould his sermon around one of these themes. In an age in which we are all asked to be more tolerant and to accept more diversity (as mentioned in one of his sermons) it is interesting to remember that the most important difference we all should accept and respect is age. Peter is an example of someone whose knowledge and wisdom should be shared and valued widely. Peter has recently celebrated his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Llanvapley Church was delighted to take delivery in August of two **wooden benches** which are destined to be installed in the churchyard. The installation involves building a base on which the benches can be secured. If you would have any skills in laying sandstone paving slabs please contact any of the church committee as your help and support would be greatly welcomed.



## Orchard Acre Updates

The season must be slowing down. We are transitioning many of our beds into winter crops now, to take our salad business through the winter and ensure we have enough food for our CSA members come November.

It's half way through our growing season, with 13 weeks of veg deliveries under our belt and 12 weeks to go! It's been a steep learning curve, but everything has been going very well, despite it being a bit of a strange growing season. Our veg shares have been going out to around 25 households week, all within a 6 mile radius of the garden. With quite a few of those being collected on foot by Llanvapley village residents. It's been a pleasure to share our harvest, with sugar snap peas, our ever evolving salad mix and now the cucumbers going down particularly well. Everyone has had to wait a little longer than we hoped for polytunnel produce, as we had long delays in the delivery, but now its here it is even more exciting. Our basil has also done well and at home we have been making lots of pesto with it. We are also delivering fresh food to Abergavenny Food Bank twice a week due to additional funds our CSA members have been able to gift. This is part of our solidarity work to increase access to fresh locally grown food.

Each week we make a slightly different salad mix which includes herbs and flowers too. This is now



selling as salad bags in the Angel Bakery shop, who also put our salad in their sandwiches. Mundy and Jones the greengrocer in Monmouth has also just started stocking our salad bags and The Little Green Refills, plastic free shops in Abergavenny are also using our salad in their new café.

August has seen our first 2 events here at Orchard Acre, with a Harvest Feast for our CSA members on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August and an Open Farm Tour for the public, this Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>. This was supported by Our Food Crickhowell who support local regenerative producers in this area.

Autumn is just beginning, here's to welcoming it with excitement for the winter squashes and leeks soon to come. The Orchard Acre Team

## Llanvapley Sports and Social Association BBQ

It was great to see around 80 Llanvapley residents made it to this years BBQ on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>. The marquee situated in the beautiful setting of our cricket ground worked a treat creating a cosy atmosphere a central point for all the activities



A central core of volunteers helped organise and set up, serve and clear away the BBQ, thanks go to Les, Sue, Phil, Tom, Pete, Joe, Nia and Lizzie (pictured), Neal, Nicola and Terry. To name a just a few.

Too numerous to mention are the contributors of the wonderful salads, desserts and raffle prizes but I hope everyone had the opportunity to taste the refreshing tomato or cucumber salads coleslaw, a mystery pea salad and a potato and pasta salad. The burgers chicken and sausages were Powell's finest and Waitrose donated every variety of Coleslaw. There were has some incredible puddings to choose from, Llanvapley pavlova experts brought us many varieties, as well as lemon tart cup cakes, cheesecake fresh strawberries, chocolate brownies, chocolate cake and red velvet cake and lashings of fresh cream.



So many generous gifts made our raffle well worth a punt! Bottles of fizz, fabulous fragrance and skincare creams, fragrant candles, and a generous voucher from The Red Hart. After the music and dancing finished friendly chatter went on into the night lit by twinkle lights from the Marquee and flickering candle light. Lets do it again soon. Lynda Caster

## Llanvetherine News

David and Shirley Hughes Jones are the proud grandparents of **Elinor North** who recently competed in the British National Pony Club Dressage championships. She rode her great auntie's horse Casey. Elinor (pictured) gained second place in her class and ninth overall out of 170+ competitors.



From the register of Baptism, **Tomos Hyde** was baptised in Llanvetherine Church recently. He is the third son of Stephen and Liz Hyde.

The residents of **Llanvetherine Court** recently entertained their neighbours when they hosted a barbecue. It provided a great opportunity to chat to friends and neighbours after the isolation of lockdown. A joyous and very pleasant evening was had by all who attended. *David Hughes-Jones*

## Penrhos News

**Penrhos Church Harvest Festival** Come along and join us at Penrhos Harvest Festival on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am. Following the service everyone is welcome to High House for a 'bring your own picnic' and a long awaited catch up and get together. *Richard Price*

## WI News

The WI are managing to do their best to enjoy the summer months, with get togethers.

Many have taken the opportunity to swim, in Angela's lovely warm pool. Then assuming the swim will counter balance it, they have indulged cake and wine in the sunshine! We do seem to be lucky with the weather and swimming in the sunshine, surrounded my Welsh hills, is as good as any holiday abroad, in far flung places. Thanks again Angla for her hospitality.

The visit to Highfield Farm garden (pictured) was on a dull day BUT there was no rain until it was time to leave. The glory of the beautiful flowers, plants and trees, was a wonder to behold. Plus the information that the owner, Roger, was able to impart was very interesting. So it satisfied all our senses, sight and smell, in particular.



The September meeting will see the WI back in their normal home at Llanvapley cricket pavilion. The plan is to be outside, with the hope of good weather. The meeting will be at 6pm as the evenings may be drawing in by then. The fact that we are now able to meet again there is a joy but we will, of course, have to stay covid safe. We all know the rules by now! The theme of the evening will be 'Ways to Have Fun and be Well'. So members will need to bring a smile and comfy shoes!

The committee are planning future meetings and invite any of our multi talented members, to volunteer or suggest activities or speakers for our 2021/2 meetings.

After the amazing success of the WI cookbook ,the committee decided to order more copies. These will be available to members, friends, family and readers of the TNT! A small donation of £3, to help with the printing costs, would be appreciated but not required. Many have suggested these would make excellent Christmas presents. Copies will be available at the pavilion on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, for anyone who would like a copy. Do come along and meet the stars who gave the recipes. Or contact Lin Morris at [Lin.tedit@btinternet.com](mailto:Lin.tedit@btinternet.com) 01873 850939 or 07840641856

## The Garden in September

The Chelsea Flower show is being held in September this year and it will be very interesting to see what plants are shown. No doubt lots of Dahlias and plants from the compositae genus like Echinacea, Rudbekia, Heleniums, Gaillardia, and Asters. Asters are wonderful Autumn flowers, with more than 250 species to choose from, the bulk of them flowering in late summer or Autumn, peak flowering time being September 29th hence 'Michaelmas' Daisy. Aster 'Little Carlow' is a good one – it is a bright lavender blue, not too tall and behaves. A. 'Kylie' is a good pale pink variety which is resistant to mildew – a common problem - and has an RHS award of merit. It is worth looking out for RHS awards of merit. It means that the plant has been through trials at Wisley and indicates a good reliable variety. Some asters creep everywhere and you end up wishing you had never put them in your border. It is worth splitting them up in the spring to keep the clumps healthy. Helianthus 'Lemon Queen' is a good 'doer' being unfussy and trouble free. I saw someone suggesting Maclaya cordata on Gardener's world yesterday. He did say it is better for a larger garden, but plant it at your peril! It will overtake your border in no time. It is almost as bad as Clerodendron bungei (pictured) which pops up all over the



place and is impossible to get rid of, pretty though the clusters of pink blooms are at this time of year.

A lot of gardens look rather tired now, particularly if the grass is still uncut. If you are lucky, scabious and knapweed are flowering among the grasses. Beware thistles and docks, and try to cut them back before the seed flies about, otherwise next year there will be lots of seedlings – one year's weed is seven years seed. Bindweed has also taken hold in my garden. It seems to bolt when one is not looking and before you know it, it has strangled a shrub. Monty Don never talks about weedkiller and if like me you are reluctant to use chemicals, the only option is either to smother everything with thick black polythene for a year or else dig it out when you see it sprouting, and you will always leave a tiny bit of root behind. Soon it will be time to give hedges a good trim, particularly yew which if clipped well now should last until next year.



*Grosmont & District  
Gardening Club*  
*presents*  
*'Aberglasney Specials'*  
*An evening with*  
*Joseph Atkin*  
*Head Gardener at Aberglasney*  
*Cross Ash Village Hall*  
*Tuesday 7th September 2021*  
*@ 7:30pm*

*All welcome!*  
*£4 non members*

[email: grosmontgardenclub@yahoo.com](mailto:grosmontgardenclub@yahoo.com)



## In the Spotlight

In this month's edition of The New Times the spotlight has fallen on one of our hard working and dedicated community councillors. But how well do we really know **Pat Bolwell** from Llanvapley? TNT tried to find out more by putting her 'In the Spotlight'.



**How long have you been the community councillor for Llanvapley?**

Since 2017.

**Describe Llanvapley in three words.**

Peaceful, friendly, beautiful.

**Where were you born and where did you go to school?**

I was born in Oakdale, Blackwood, Monmouthshire.

**What was your first memory**

Starting at Primary School.

**What is your biggest fear?**

Spiders (snakes also but less likely to encounter them)

**How would you describe your house?**

Comfortable, lovely surroundings, a happy place.

**Do you have any gardening passions?**

Just trying to keep things tidy and pretty.

**Cooking - what is your signature dish?**

Roast dinner, including roast potatoes and "proper" gravy.

**How do you keep fit?**

Walking and gardening.

**What makes you mad?**

Injustice and unfairness.

**Do you sing or play an instrument and what sort of music do you enjoy?**

No, sadly. Gave up piano many years ago to my regret. Music - wide range of popular music and light classical.

**Do you have any pets?**

One cat.

**What occasion has caused you the most embarrassment?**

Requesting crab many years ago in a French restaurant, with foodie French people, thinking it came "dressed", and being presented with a whole crab and various tools!

**If you could invite three famous people to a meal at your house who would they be?**

The Queen, Boris Johnson and Paul McCartney.

**What is your favourite tippie?**

Brandy

**What is your favourite place to eat?**

The Walnut Tree

**What is your favourite place to go on holiday?**

The South of France

**Do you follow any sport?**

All sport, especially rugby, Formula 1 and athletics.

**Do you have any special skills?**

Not really. Master of some.

**If you were the First Minister for a day what would you change?**

First Minister - deal with the infrastructure - M4 relief road, Swansea barrage, Severn barrage - encourage other sources of energy. Ease bureaucracy for businesses. Encourage both business and tourism into Wales. With the tolls on the bridges gone, Wales is open, but the roads and M4 in particular, are becoming so congested it will put people off investing in Wales.

**The Traditional Counties of Great Britain**

Listed here are the names of all the traditional geographical counties of Great Britain, their county towns (italics) and other principal towns. For centuries their boundaries were also used to identify the administrative areas of county councils, but the structure of local government was changed in 1974 by the Boundary Commission's creation of new administrative county council areas. This has caused much confusion and led to the mistaken belief that the traditional counties have been changed. They have not. Traditional county names can still be used for place-names and postal addresses — and an awareness of them connects us with our geographical heritage, too.

**ENGLAND**

**Bedfordshire**  
(*Bedford*, Luton, Leighton Buzzard, Dunstable).

**Berkshire**  
(*Reading*, Maidenhead, Abingdon, Windsor).

**Buckinghamshire**  
(*Aylesbury*, Buckingham, High Wycombe, Slough, Milton Keynes).

**Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Ely**  
(*Cambridge*, Wisbech, Ely, March).

**Cheshire**  
(*Chester*, Stockport, Birkenhead, Wallasey).

**Cornwall**  
(*Bodmin*, Truro, Falmouth, St Austell).

**Cumberland**  
(*Carlisle*, Whitehaven, Penrith, Keswick).

**Derbyshire**  
(*Derby*, Chesterfield, Ilkeston, Ashbourne).

**Devonshire**  
(*Exeter*, Plymouth, Torquay, Barnstaple).

**Dorset**  
(*Dorchester*, Poole, Weymouth, Shaftesbury).

**Gloucestershire**  
(*Gloucester*, Bristol, Cheltenham, Cirencester).

**Hampshire and the Isle of Wight**  
(*Winchester*, Portsmouth, Southampton, Bournemouth, Newport, Cowes, Ventnor).

**Herefordshire**  
(*Hereford*, Ross-on-Wye, Leominster, Ledbury).

**Hertfordshire**  
(*Hertford*, Hemel Hempstead, St Albans, Watford, Bushey, Tring, Welwyn Garden City).

**Huntingdonshire**  
(*Huntingdon*, St Neots, St Ives, Ramsey).

**Kent**  
(*Maidstone*, Ashford, Canterbury, Rochester, Dover, Sevenoaks, Ramsgate, Bromley).

**Lancashire**  
(*Lancaster*, Liverpool, Manchester, Preston, Salford, Blackpool, Burnley, Bolton).

**Leicestershire**  
(*Leicester*, Hinckley, Loughborough, Melton Mowbray, Lutterworth).

**Lincolnshire**  
**Lindsey** (*Lincoln*, Grimsby, Louth); Kesteven (Sleaford, Grantham, Stamford);

**Holland (Boston, Spalding, Holbeach).**

**Middlesex**  
(*Brentford*, Harrow, Ealing, Staines).

**Monmouthshire**  
(*Monmouth*, Newport, Chepstow).

**Norfolk**  
(*Norwich*, Great Yarmouth, King's Lynn).

**Northamptonshire**  
(*Northampton*, Kettering, Peterborough).

**Northumberland**  
(*Newcastle upon Tyne*, Berwick-upon-Tweed).

**Nottinghamshire**  
(*Nottingham*, Mansfield, Newark, Worksop).



St James' Park, London

Have you got your 2022 diary yet? Diaries often contain various pieces of information such as a map of the London Underground. This diary reminds us of the fact that Monmouthshire is in England in 2022!

# Church Services in September

## September 5<sup>th</sup> Trinity 14

9.30am Llanvetherine  
11am Llantilio Crossenny Holy  
Communion

## September 12<sup>th</sup> Trinity 15

9.30am Penrhos  
11am Llanvapley Holy Communion

## September 19<sup>th</sup> Trinity 16

9.30am Llanvetherine  
11am Llantilio Crossenny

## September 26<sup>th</sup> Trinity 17

11am Harvest Festival service in  
Penrhos, followed by a bring your own  
picnic at High House Penrhos.  
11am Llanvapley Morning Prayer

## October 3<sup>rd</sup> Climate Change Sunday

9.30am Llanvetherine  
11am Llantilio Crossenny Harvest  
Festival Service

### Covid Safety Measures

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## Overheard in The Hog's Head

You go to church a lot so you must know a lot about the Bible.

I suppose so.

What's the first mention of a motor bike, ice cream and a motor car in the Bible?

No idea! Go on tell me.

“And the TRIUMPH of Moses was heard throughout Israel”

“The WALLS of Jericho fell after the Israelites marched around the city”

“Jesus came across a FORD in the River Jordan and drove his disciples across”

*(Apologies to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John!)*

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