

The New Times

July 2022

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



It was the Jubilee in June and the WI were popping up everywhere.....



and beacons were also popping up everywhere!

From the Vicarage

It's here! July, the month when we start to think about our holidays, which we may or may not have dared to book, and which we hope will mark the beginning of the end of a very difficult period. But as I write, there are countless sad reports of people already missing longed-for holidays, or failing to make precious face-to-face contacts again with relatives abroad they haven't seen for years. Those who are taking a staycation (the norm during my childhood and youth) are facing rising costs and a fierce domestic holiday market. And there are still those unable to take any break at all through sickness, or unaffordability, or lack of opportunity.



Despite these difficult thoughts, and despite all the weighty issues at home and abroad, there is still a social collective mood of hope, of life being able to move forward again, free, it seems, of the major restrictions on our being. Hope is vital, whether that be to forthcoming social or to spiritual events, with all the delightful renewing anticipation that comes with them. Hope is more than blind optimism, far from it. For Christians, along with Faith and Love, one of the main pillars of our belief is Hope. Hope is arguably far more considered, more profound, than optimism. Hope carries with it an element of realism, of acceptance of difficulties endured or yet to be faced. Hope is inevitably about looking forward and moving away from the past, and ultimately about the defeat of death through our belief in Christ, and the purpose of his perfect Sacrifice.

Like many of you I'm looking forward to a holiday in July (yes, a staycation!), and I have some gentle expectations about it too. Why not?

Let us all remember, whatever our hopes for the coming months, this quote from Isaiah 40: 31: '...those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.'

Let's go!

All blessings from Andrew

Llantilio Crossenny News

News from St Teilo's Church

On June 5th our four parishes came together at St Teilo's for a service of thanksgiving to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The bells rang out and a large congregation came along to celebrate the occasion. Revd Heidi Prince conducted the service with Revd Peter Cobb giving a wonderful sermon reflecting on Queen Elizabeth's seventy years of service and Revd Andrew Dawson leading the prayers. Following the service everyone assembled in the Lady Chapel for refreshments. A beautiful cake made by Flossie Lowes was much admired and Revd Peter, who has much in common with our Queen being only slightly younger, was called upon to cut it. Everyone was then served with a glass of prosecco and a slice of cake and Les Taylor did the honours of proposing a toast to Her Majesty the Queen. A special thank you to everyone involved for making this a truly memorable occasion.



Following the service several people commented on Revd Cobb's sermon and he was approached and asked for a copy. All Peter's sermons are written in a notebook and by his own admission they are not easy for someone to transcribe. Many thanks to Peter for taking the time in difficult circumstances to type up his sermon and for making it available.

Revd Peter Cobb's Sermon on June 5th

So here I am, on this great day of anniversary, charged with the task of preaching our Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It's a great privilege; but at least I have the clout for it, for I can look back beyond these four jubilees, beyond her coronation, beyond her own father's, way back beyond the abdication to the Silver Jubilee of her grandfather, George V. But then, because the Queen and I are much of an age, so can she; only, in all those great events she has been major performer, with the eyes of the world upon her, dissecting every facial expression, every step in a detail that only the modern media have made possible. What a life to have to lead! I'm sure she had premonition of it when she was in South Africa, and made that promise on her 21st birthday to dedicate her life, whether it be long or short, to the service of her country and the Commonwealth. I do so admire people who, when they have made a promise, keep it, though it be for seventy years.

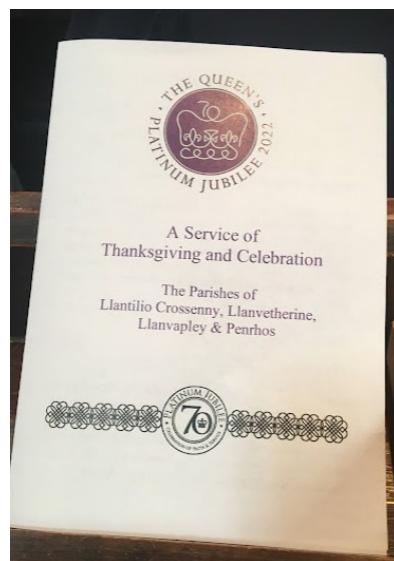
It is thoughts of this sort that have made me choose my text for today from an obscure nook in the Old Testament - the book of Micah - What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God.

To do justly : there were times when monarchs had real power to do justly, and did nothing of the sort! Witness, in their several ways King John, King Charles I.

To love mercy : there were so many times when they had every opportunity to show mercy, but chose savagery instead. Just think of some of those Tudors, with Henry VIII leading the field.

Nowadays, the monarch has no power to change history as some of them did; to the extent that some may even wonder, why bother with the monarchy at all, when it seems to have so little bearing on the way people now live. Which is all very well, until you think of the consequences when someone like Putin, or even Trump gets into the driving seat. Better by far to have a figurehead one can admire and respect, and whose principles could with advantage be imitated. What I find so admirable about our Queen is her unswerving conviction that there is duty to be done. The understanding that even the Big Chief is a servant, not a tyrant.

To me, there are two things that have gone badly wrong in my lifetime: First : the promotion of the Gospel of Greed. Since the Thatcher years, greed has become almost a virtue;



Second : the way in which the sense of 'my duty' has been eroded away, and replaced by 'my rights'.

Both of these mean that 'you first' has now become 'me first', and the outcome can only be destructive. Is there any wonder that Christian beliefs, to which, in my youth, the majority did at least give lip service, have now been relegated in the minds of most to the category of a fringe club for the eccentric few?

Make no mistake: the religious convictions of Queen Elizabeth II are no eccentric fringe activity. Her conduct throughout her reign has been that of to whom the Christian ethic is absolutely essential, whose choice it has been to walk humbly with her God. There can be few in a better position to understand what Jesus meant when he said;

'You call me Master and Lord ; and you do right, for so I am. But I am among you as one who Serves'.

Can you imagine the Queen waking up one morning, and saying to her maid, 'I think I'll have the day in bed, dear. When Mr Johnson comes for his audience, send him away'.

Fifteen Prime Ministers she's had. Goodness knows what she must thought of some of them. But whatever her personal opinion, you may be sure that she will have treated each and every one of them with the same professional concern for the good of her people, both here and in the commonwealth.

What a weekend this has been! Full of warmth and goodwill and gratitude. A bit like Christmas, really. But Christmas fades. So will this. The grubbing and the in-fighting of government will resume; so will the media's royalty soap opera. But just reflect: today we are witness to the example of one who at the very outset divined the meaning of what God created her to do, and has done it, day and night, for the rest of her life, and always for the best, as she sees it. And if that doesn't make us feel grateful, whatever will? What was it Micah said? What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God? Those are the qualities of a lifetime's dedication for which a whole commonwealth is in her debt.

Peter Cobb

A new lease of life for Llantilio flower stands

St Teilo's has some very old beautiful plant / flower stands which are used to display flowers for special occasions. Over the years they had started to look rather shabby. Our good friend Peter Slater has taken these and cleaned and painted them and, as you can see from the picture, has restored them to their former glory. Thank you Peter, we are extremely grateful to you.



Bellringing in Llantilio

On Wednesday, 1st June 2022 a group of bellringers visited Llantilio Church to ring the bells. As far as anyone knows the group had never visited the tower before. The group were from England and they call themselves 'East meets West'. They consisted of eight ringers who were :-

Linda M Garton (Campton, Beds)
Peter J Sanderson (Huntington, North Yorks)
Andrea B Beaumont (Weston Super Mare)
Ian P Hill (Bristol Cathedral)
James Clatworthy (Worcester Cathedral)
John P Loveless (Campton, Beds)
Joseph St J Beaumont (Weston Super Mare)
Simon A Rudd (Conductor – St Peter Mancroft, Norwich)

Anyone living in Llantilio on that day would have been very impressed by their ringing. They rang non stop for 2hr 39min in a peal of 5152 changes known as Cooktown Orchid Delight Major which is a special method composed by Michael Maughan. This peal was to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of her Majesty the Queen.

The group left a message and a donation to the tower and said '*Your bells are 'new' by bell standards, cast by Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London, in 1977/8 at a time when light rings were not common. They are an excellent modern light eight which are easy to ring with great acoustics giving a bright, balanced sound in the ringing room. We really enjoyed ringing them. 'East Meets West' annual tours started in 1969 and are about good fellowship, great company and (hopefully) excellent ringing. This was the final peal of our tour, with many of us then driving hundreds of miles home before the start of our local Jubilee ringing. We normally have a week's tour, based at a suitably positioned pub, with minimal travelling to the tower, but as we get older we're thinking about a shorter duration, maybe 5 or 6 days including two weekends! A lot of evidence that you pull together as a church - we liked the heating initiative, the superbly cared for churchyard and the wonderful toilet, reflective of good organisation and leadership.'*'

John Loveless

Llantilio Crossenny Area Jubilee Celebrations

After months of planning the Jubilee celebrations kicked off in style with not one but two beacons being lit on the evening of June 2nd. One was held up at the Mound at Penhros and nearly 400 people attended. The other took place in a field close to St Teilo's church with over 150 watching the specially commissioned beacon being lit.



On the Saturday morning around 32 people and 15 dogs walked from the church to the Hogs Head and after a quick pit stop carried on up to White Castle. Despite the weather it was a chance to catch up with old friends and to meet some new people.

Saturday evening it was off to the Hogs Head for the live screening of the Buckingham Palace concert. Another fantastic turnout and once the concert had finished the BBC band from Grosmont had everyone up dancing and singing along with them.

On Sunday morning there was a special service at St Teilo's and then it was back to the Hogs Head for the Big Jubilee Lunch. Entertainment was provided by the local WI choir who also judged the various competitions. Prizes

were awarded to children who had entered colouring, fancy dress, baking and making animals out of vegetables. In the adult categories the WI judged entries for floral displays in a teacup and saucer and the hotly contested Victoria sponge. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to everyone who competed.

Matt Tebbutt was invited to judge the entries in the Platinum Pudding and had a hard time deciding but was eventually swayed by the quantity of amaretto in the winner's dish! Congratulations on this to Val Cooke.

We are now moving on to produce the Jubilee Book which is being subsidised by the funds raised earlier this year. The actual cost is only £5 a copy for what will be a piece of local history.

We would like to ask all those who would like to be included to submit their photographs and accompanying wording as soon as possible. Please take as high a resolution as possible picture of your house / farm / building and send it together with details of who lives there and some background on them and anything else of interest you would like to include.

We do have a form you can complete too if that helps.

Please email your pictures and words or request a form to nickandjaneathome@gmail.com



Llanvapley News

Llanvapley Church Strawberry Tea is back!

Everyone in the four parishes is welcome to make their way to Llanvapley on Sunday 3rd July to enjoy a delicious strawberry tea. The tea will be between 3pm and 5pm and if the weather is kind it will be outside in the garden at the rear of the church otherwise we will be setting up the tables in the chancel.



Memorial Service

On Saturday 25th June a memorial service was held in Llanvapley Church to remember Fred Hansel. Fred and his wife, Jill, lived in the village for many years in St Mabley's Close. Jill and family were welcomed back to Llanvapley and the church was full of family and friends to remember Fred. After the service the family retired to the Red Hart.

Flowers in the church

Llanvapley Church would like to thank members of the village who decorated the church for services in June. Flowers are an important way to demonstrate that a church is well loved and cared for. The flowers in June were all delightful. Thank you Penny, Lizzie, Flossie and Lynda.



Llanvapley Sports and Social Association News

Llanvapley Jubilee celebrations

After weeks of lower than average temperatures, the weather was thankfully kind as Llanvapley celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth on Friday 3rd July. Preparations had been in place for some time but there was still a lot to do on the day and the day before. The new marquee was skilfully erected, the inflatable slide was put in position, chairs and tables were put out and the pavilion was prepared and decorated with bunting.

Once people arrived everything went smoothly. The entrants for the cake competition started to appear and lots of people arrived in specially made Jubilee hats and bonnets. The children quickly discovered the bouncy slide, free ice creams were given out and parents started to relax and enjoy the festival atmosphere. The Jubilee cake competition was very competitive with several spectacular entries. Janet Andrews (who knows a thing or two about cakes) was on hand to judge and congratulated all the entrants. It was a very difficult decision but in the end the winner was announced and Verity Vater (pictured) was delighted to receive a gift token donated by the Red Hart. Verity's enormous multi-layered cake was cut up and distributed to the delight of everyone. The bonnet competition was again very competitive and was judged by Mary Davies. Entrants were asked to parade in front of the judge to give everyone the chance to see their creations. There were two £20 prizes which went to Seren Foster (Junior) and to Sharon Andrews. Mary thanked all for their millinery talents and hard work.



The fun continued with the arrival of Isca Morris who performed a very entertaining set of dances. Spirits were so high that one or two locals could not resist joining in to the delight of the onlookers.

Following the dancing everyone was asked to line up for the village photograph. Thanks go to Andrew Dawson and his ladder for ensuring the picture was perfectly posed



despite the fact that no one seemed to be looking at the camera at the same time. In the end the photograph was fantastic with everyone smiling and looking at the camera. The photograph will be framed and displayed in the pavilion with all the other village pictures from the past.

The afternoon ended with the singing of our two national anthems and a tree was planted by Noah and Harry Young. Thanks to everyone who helped to organise the event and to everyone who came along and made it a day to remember.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Llanvapley Village, 3 June 2022

A date for your diary

The LSSA is hosting an afternoon tea on Monday 11th July at 2pm. Everyone is welcome. We can't promise the morris dancers this time!

Llanvapley Walking Group

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our June walk – a very interesting walk along Firs Road to Crossways and then down the old greenway - which had got a bit overgrown - and back along the lane to the Abergavenny Road.



We always have secateurs with us and some maintenance was necessary as it often is at this time of the year. Another lovely walk with interesting views across the fields and hills and a good social occasion, of course. For our July walk we will meet on Saturday 9th July, 10.30 at Llanvapley Pavilion (parking available) and it would be great if you could join us.

Phil Allsopp, llanvapleywalkinggroup@gmail.com

Meteorites Talk from the Usk Astronomical Society

Have you Ever Wondered what the Earth is made of?



Have you ever wondered how the Earth, the Sun, the Moon and all the planets were made? Where did all the stuff that we are all made of come from? The answers are more surprising than you might imagine. In this talk Nick Busby from the Usk Astronomical Society sets out to answer these and many other questions. The talk is illustrated using wonderful examples of meteorites from the Usk Societies extensive collection including pieces of the Moon, Mars and asteroids. The talk is suitable for all ages over 7 years, so young people, in body or mind, are most welcome.

7th July

@ Llanvapley Sports Pavilion & village hall at NP7 8SN

Starts: 7pm

Free Admittance

To book contact: marklloyd@monmouthshire.gov.uk

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Penrhos News



So today 26th June, I was finally christened! I had thought about this for years, but never got around to do anything about it. Then the sweetest lady came up to me one morning in church and asked me why I never take communion, I explained that I had never been christened, and it felt wrong to do so. After that conversation, she set the ball in motion, and here we are today, no fuss just the nine of us in church perfect. Many thanks to the wonderful Peter for playing the organ one handed, special thanks to Sian for offering to be my Sponsor, and to Heidi for a really lovely service. *Yvonne Phillips*

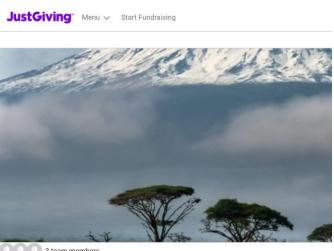
Climbing Kilimanjaro

As many of you know, we are finally taking on the almighty task of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in August 2022, after several cancelled trips due to the pandemic. Please see below a link to our JustGiving page, where we are raising money for two very worthy causes close to our hearts.

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/DanAmy2022>

Amy Phillips

Amy is raising money for JDRF which is the world's leading charitable funder of type 1 diabetes research and raises money to drive world class research. The second charity is British-Ukrainian Aid who support the victims of the war to relieve their suffering. You can click on the screenshot from her JustGiving page to pledge your support.



Dan and Amy Climb Mount Kilimanjaro 2022

Climbing Mount Denali

Denali, or Mt McKinley as it was previously known is the highest mountain in North America at 6,190m (20,310 ft). The mountain is in Alaska and gets pretty cold. New Scientist ranks it as the 4th coldest place on earth. It's latitude also means the air is 10% thinner at the same height than most other tall mountains. Why wouldn't you want to climb it?

It's been an aim of mine to give Denali a try for many years and I was very lucky to be able to join an expedition which started to climb on the 9th May 2022. You can imagine that there is a lot of kit to take and lots of training to do if you get time. I met up with the other members of the team (5 other climbers with 4 experienced guides and proceeded to pack 3 or 4 kilos of snacks each (sweets, chocolate, biscuits, nuts, crisps etc.) which we aimed to consume between breakfast and the evening meal.

The start proper is when you jump on a small ski plane to fly to the glacier, and base camp, at around 600m (2,000 ft). From that point on it's just a routine of hauling loads slowly uphill. Sometimes we dropped them off so we could go back and sleep low and carry more kit up later. The good news was that the loads reduced slowly as we progressed up the mountain. This was due to caching kit that was no longer required and we were eating the food and using the fuel up. The bad news was that the air grew progressively thinner, the terrain became more challenging and as we had started with a combined sled/back pack load of 55kg (120lbs) the loads remain pretty heavy throughout.

For the first ten days we were blessed with stable sunny, not windy weather which made the going very warm, preferable to extreme cold, but not an issue I had really been worried about prior to the trip. Everything progressed as planned to the final camp at 5240m (17,200ft). We then



encountered a change in weather and it became colder and windier. The coldest temperature recorded in our tent was minus 30 Celsius (-22 F) and the wind chill definitely made that cooler still. As it would be another 7 Celsius degrees colder at the top and considerably windier, the lead guide decided that we would wait out the weather at the high camp. This lasted for 5 days but thankfully on the last day after we had left to summit, the weather warmed up and the wind dropped.



The summit day was about 10hrs up and about 4 hrs back down to high camp. Our team summited at 6pm on 28th May. The views were stunning but it was a very hard slog with some very serious drops. We stayed overnight at high camp and then started down. After almost 3 weeks of climbing



up, we marched all the way to basecamp, even whilst retrieving the caches we left at each camp in about 12hrs. If it floats your boat, it's an amazing challenge and a breathtaking trip though I'd recommend getting fit. Anybody need any warm climbing gear, one careful owner?

Julian Howe

Cycle to School

On Tuesday 21st June my brother, Iggy, and I cycled to school. The cycle was 22 miles and took about three and a half hours door to door. We got up at 5am and the sun was shining.

The cycle was fun apart from the start when it was freezing cold. Luckily, we warmed up cycling up Clytha Hill! (Iggy is pictured with cold hands going up Clytha Hill with a hot air balloon high in the sky!) The best bit was cycling on the canal from Goytre Wharf all the way to school.

Unfortunately, the canal was closed on the last section so we had to take a small detour but we still arrived in time for our first lesson.



Why did we cycle to school?

Iggy is fundraising to buy a printer for the Kibogaji Experiential Learning Centre (KELI) in Turiani, Morogoro, Tanzania. KELI is special as it is founded by Shaaban Fundi, a friend and former colleague of Vicki, our mum. Vicki worked with Fundi in southern Tanzania back in 1998 and they have remained in close contact, supporting each other whenever they can. KELI is a valuable resource for the local community of Turiani, bringing education and economic opportunity to all community members through a variety of programs. The main focus of KELI is a small pre-primary, and

after-school enrichment school. Here is the website for the school:
<http://kibogoji.org/>

The school has over 55 students in the preschool program, 25-grade one students, and over 150 students in the afterschool academic enrichment program.



The school is in need of financial support and many items to continue the good work and provide an even better learning environment for its students. Having a printer would make a huge difference to the teachers who currently have to go to a computer kiosk to print all teaching materials and papers for exams. If you are able to sponsor Iggy on his epic bike ride he would be delighted! It is no small undertaking cycling 22 miles before school, but as Fundi told my mum - many children in Tanzania have to travel long distances on foot to get to school – Fundi had to walk/jog over 12 miles when he was growing up!



Here is the link to Iggy's Just Giving page or click on the picture of Izzy.

Albie Howe

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Llantilio Crossenny WI News

After the wonderful celebrations of our Patron Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, the WI is looking forward to a fun Summer. Thanks has to be passed on to some members who attended the Llanvapley celebrations and helped by making tea and supervising the big slide. Many also attended the wonderful beacon lighting and the White Castle walk. What a varied weekend arranged by an amazing community. The choir sang in church on the Sunday and then on up to the Hogs Head to sing their hearts out. The next choir outing will be in October, when they take part in the Gwent Federation 'Through the Decades Show' and then hopefully in the Cathedral in December.

The summer plans are to visit Aberglasney Gardens on 20th July. The bus will leave from Abergavenny Bus Station and the cost of £30 includes the bus and entry. There is a restaurant, with simple meals, that members may wish to use or they may choose to take a picnic.

Also two of our members are kindly welcoming members to their gardens. Daphne, at Park Farm, has invited us to bring a picnic to their lovely garden on 10th August at 3pm, as we did last year. Then Angela has said we may swim in their heated outdoor pool, on Wednesday afternoons. The same as we did last year. How lucky we are!

We are also lucky to have a group, who will represent Llantilio Crossenny WI, at the Gwent Federation Annual Competitions. Margaret is leading the group Commonwealth Games entry and Verity is entering the single member entries. Hopefully members will go to the afternoon at the Bridges in Monmouth at 2pm on the 2nd July, to support our hard working competitors, Lizzie, Daphne, Keiko, Margaret and Verity. Good luck to them all.

The members may also like to consider some other interesting opportunities. There will be an antiques evening at Little Mill on 12th September at 7pm. £6. Plus on the 16th September there will be a literary lunch at Usk Memorial Hall. The guest speaker will be Matt Johnson, who is a former policeman and is now a crime thriller writer. The cost is £25 and the menu is in this month's newsletter. Please do let Lin know if you wish to go to either event.

We have had successful auctions in the past and we will have another one at the 14th September meeting. So please start looking out items that you would like to donate for the auction. Promises could also be donated if you would rather.

Guests are always welcome, if they wish to come along and try us out!

Lin Morris 01873 850939 07840641856 or Lin.tedit@btinternet.com

The Garden in July

It is quite difficult to write for the month ahead and even rather depressing to think that we are almost in July – the summer seems to be flying by all too quickly. As I write roses are blooming away like never before and the arum lilies are spectacular. Will they still be here next month I wonder? I have just spent a happy hour in our dingle – a bit of sunken garden planted up years ago by George Smith for Ian Gordon of Woodland Services, with a few additions from us over the last 20 years. There are huge clumps of hostas looking wonderful, and an iris I put in last year that looked rather sad earlier this year has bounced back. It is Iris confusa ‘Martin Rix’, (He of that beautiful book, the Botanical Garden and Hortus magazine). Philadelphus coronarius ‘Aureus’ has just finished flowering. It has gorgeous lime green leaves and heavily scented flowers, and it is happier in a slightly shaded position but it does grow so get out your secateurs and cut back a third of the thicker stems if you can and cut back the flowered branches to a strong shoot. I have a number of philadelphus in the garden, P ‘Belle Etoile’ is just coming into flower as is ‘Sybille’ a smaller dainty shrub which is ideal for a small garden. I have also got P Microphyllus which is rather difficult to keep tidy and does not seem to have much scent. If you come across P purpurascens buy it, it has dark purple calyxes and is a winner. Sadly I left one behind in our last garden and have not managed to replace it (should have taken a cutting!).

A friend asked how I control slugs, the immediate answer is, I don’t, but we do have a lot of birds in the garden and I think they help. I never use slug pellets now, but have used wool pellets round lettuce plants which seem to keep them slightly under control. I still find the odd one or two in the lettuce but nothing too disastrous. I also bake eggshells and crush them and then scatter them around any vulnerable plants. I cannot guarantee that it works though. So keep dead heading your roses and cutting back your geraniums and other herbaceous plants and hopefully you will still have colour come August!



Church Services in July

Sunday July 3rd

9.30am Llanvetherine
11am Llantilio Crossenny
3pm Llanvapley Strawberry Tea

Sunday 10th Trinity 4

9.30am Penrhos
11am Llanvapley

Saturday 16th

12 noon Llanvapley
Wedding of Alice Taylor and Joe Cook

Sunday 17th Trinity 5

9.30am Llanvetherine
11am Llantilio Crossenny

Sunday 24th Trinity 6

9.30am Penrhos
11am Llanvapley

Sunday 31st

No services

Can you guess the year?

There is an online archive of past issues of The New Times which is accessible via the 'News' page on our website. 'News from the villages' below appeared in a June edition of the magazine. But which year was it? (*the answer can be found at the bottom of the page – the year is incorrect in the date*)

News from the Villages



The big event this month is the Vicarage Garden Feté on Saturday 12 July at Llantilio Crossenny. The opening is at 2.30pm by Matt Tebbit of the Foxhunter at Nant y Derri and who now lives in the village. During the afternoon, there will lots of stalls, competitions – serious and silly, a sale of some lovely china from Stoke on Trent including Portmeirion, Spode, and Wedgwood. There will be the Grand Draw and a running BBQ and drinks stalls. There will be fancy dress competition for THREE age groups: the under 5's, 5-8 years and over 8's. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize for each age group and chocolate bars for each entrant.

The organisers would welcome contributions for the bottle, plant, toy and book stalls – just leave them at the Vicarage.

Penrhos held a very successful Hog Roast last month and raised over £900 for church funds.

You can keep in touch with what is happening in our church communities via our website www.llantiliogroup.info Our website has the latest news as well as information about all our churches. We are also on Twitter @LlantilioG

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