



The New Times



December 2022 and January 2023

The parish magazine of Llantilio Crossenny,
Llanvetherine, Llanvapley and Penrhos



From the first Advent candle in Llanvapley
to the east window of Llanvetherine Church.
The Christmas story is told once more.

A Happy Christmas
to you all



From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

What a good idea hibernation is! As we approach the cold dark winter days and nights, I think the bears and tortoises have a lot to teach us! How I would love to hide away and retreat until the warmth and light of Springtime awoke me once more.

Hibernation is a fascinating phenomenon of nature, which we would do well to learn from.

The season of Advent teaches us to slow down, reflect, and wait for the birth of the Christ child.

When everyone seems busy rushing around, whether it's shopping, working, or going to various parties, there is an inner voice which calls us to quietness and stillness. A voice which calls to us in our wilderness to prepare a way for God.

For it is in the midst of the cold and the darkness that Jesus comes to meet us. He cries to us, he laughs with us, he longs for us to pick him up and hold him tight.

God comes to us in a completely unexpected way, as a new-born baby, vulnerable, helpless and needing our love.

May you feel His love and peace in your hearts this Christmas that you may face the New Year with joy and hope.

With every blessing,

Heidi



The Gate Of The Year

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.”

And he replied:

“Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

Minnie Louise Haskins.

Interfaith Event for Climate Change.

On November 27th a very special event took place locally. Some of our national religious leaders from different faiths came together to climb our Holy Mountain to make an act of penitence against what we, as humans, have done to the planet, and also to see what resolutions we can make as people of faith, to care for God's creation. After climbing the Skirrid they made their way to the fields below Whitecastle, where, thanks to our lovely Kate Beavan and her team, they helped to plant trees.

Naturally, they made sure that our former Bishop and Archbishop Rowan Williams, planted a rowan tree! It was so good to see people of faith coming together in peace and harmony.

Ministry Area News

Advent Carol Service in Llanvetherine

For many people, the thought of spending a cold, damp, darkening November afternoon in a remote part of rural Wales, far from shops, buses, pubs, and restaurants, in a small church surrounded by the graves of long-gone parishioners, might seem like a recipe for depression. If they knew that a service was going to be held, they may well imagine that nothing more than a wet dog, seeking refuge from the rain, would be present.

But how wrong these impressions were proved by the Advent carol service in Llanvetherine church on Advent Sunday, 27th November. A warm, well-lit church, full of people, welcomed Advent in hymns, readings, and choir pieces. Apart from the biblical readings, there were texts ranging back to medieval times, such as the antiphons associated with the last few days before Christmas, and a totally modern touch given through Rowan Williams poem Advent Sunday.

Musically, the congregation was in fine form as the building was filled with cracking-good traditional Advent hymns. Additionally a choir, with members from the parishes of the forthcoming Ministry Area, sang some of the great hymns and pieces from Europe, stretching back to the 7th century.

Centre stage was the new organ, only installed in the church a couple of weeks beforehand - a gift to the church from The Revd Andrew Dawson.

Without a doubt, this was a successful event. It was promoted under the banner of the North Monmouthshire Ministry Area and, although the MA won't be formally instituted until next month, it shows that the idea of working together is more than wishful thinking.

Phil Norman



Carols on the Green

A festival evening of singing carols in St David's Church for the first part of the evening with Abergavenny Salvation Army band, and then in the village hall for the second part.

Tuesday 13th December 7.00 pm, Llanddewi Rhydderch NP7 9TS
www.festival-choir.cymru/christmas

For information about NMMA Music
Philip Norman 01873 590 055 or 07939 064 247
pkn@pnms.co.uk or www.festival-choir.cymru/NMMA

Llanvetherine Church

Christingle Service

Christmas

Mulled Wine

Eve 4pm

Mince Pies



*Everyone
Welcome*

*Especially
Children!*

Together on Skirrid

By Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg

'Skirrid,' Archbishop Lord Rowan Williams replied when I asked him if he knew of a sacred mountain in Britain. Forested until close to the summit, beautiful, accessible and not too high, it was the perfect place. The idea, inspired by the Elijah Interfaith Institute, was to echo the declaration to be made by leaders of the world's faiths at Mount Sinai, timed to correspond with the gathering of governments at COP 27 at nearby Sharm el-Sheikh. On mountain tops across the globe similar statements would be offered, expressing remorse for our treatment of the planet and our heartfelt commitment to care for it to the best of our ability from now on.

In the event, the event at Sinai could not take place. Instead, faith leaders stood together in London on Parliament Hill, facing the city with its centres of political and economic power, and held a moving ceremony greeted with silent respect by numerous bystanders and widely reported around the globe.

Two weeks later, timed to take place between COP 27 and COP 15 with its focus on biodiversity, fifteen of us, Christians, Muslims and Jews, gathered at the foot of Skirrid. Most of us had never met before, but immediately a warm feeling of solidarity embraced us all: we felt shared a deep love and concern for our world.



The weather held as we began our climb through the autumn woodlands of Skirrid. We paused halfway for a meditation led by Archbishop Rowan and Zakarya Gangat, Imam of the Cambridge Central Mosque:

'Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be ...

We hold brothers and sisters who suffer from storms and droughts intensified by climate change. We hold all species that

suffer.

We hold world leaders delegated to make decisions for life.

May love and wisdom might inspire our own actions and our actions as communities. so that we may, with integrity, look into the eyes of brothers and sisters and all beings and truthfully say, we are doing our part to care for them and the future of the children'

(adapted from New Zealand Prayer Book online and <https://www.faithclimateactionweek.org/prayers-and-climate-blessings/>)

Climbing steeply to a viewpoint across the hills and fields, we made ten declarations in Welsh and English, focussing on climate repentance, justice and love, culminating in the determination to keep our hearts open to the suffering caused by climate change, so that love and compassion motivate us to do everything within our power for the sake of all life, and with the commitment to act to the best of our capacity in every sphere, individually, collectively, locally, nationally and internationally. We concluded by sounding the shofar, the ram's horn, a raw cry from the very depths of nature.

To give our intentions immediate expression we joined the team of Stump Up For Trees a remarkable farmer-led group aiming to grow a million trees to provide windbreaks and increase biodiversity while supporting local livelihoods. It was probably not the first time that the archbishop was offered a rowan to root.



Alongside the trees, warm friendships were planted across our different faiths. We determined to stay in touch and work together in solidarity with leaders across Wales, Britain and the world for the future of humanity and all creation, until, in the words of Isaiah...

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea.

Llantilio Crossenny News

You are invited to join your neighbours and friends at Llantilio Crossenny
Christmas Get together and Street Party
Outside Hostry House (The Old Hostry)
23rd December between 5-7pm



Come along for mulled wine and a mince pie (free of charge) and listen or sing along to Christmas carols. Father Christmas will be making an appearance on the evening too (sorry no meet and greet!).

Feel free to bring along any extra food or beverages you may wish to consume and a chair to make yourself comfortable!

Everyone is welcome but please bear in mind there won't be any parking nearby so if you are unable to walk far you may wish to arrange to park with someone in the village.

All this is by kind permission of Aled and Nic at Hostry House and thanks to them we have also set up a Christmas nativity scene for everyone to come and see and enjoy over the festive period.

For more information or if you would like to RSVP:
contact Lauren at 8 Trothy Way 07971607157

For your information the road directly outside Hostry House will be closed on the afternoon/evening of 23rd December and road traffic diversion signs will be in place.

Hope to see you there.

Many thanks and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lauren Hughes

Penrhos News

Penrhos Carol Service will be on Thursday 22nd December at 6.30pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies at High House by kind invitation of Richard and Fiona Cleeve. There will not be a service at St Cadoc's Church Penrhos on Christmas Day.

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 13th November a service of Remembrance was held at St. Cadoc's Church, Penrhos led by the Revd Heidi Prince. The congregation gathered at the lychgate where the names of those who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars were read out. A wreath was laid by Richard Cleeve followed by two minutes silence. The service continued in the church with readings, prayers and a thought provoking sermon. Thank you to all who took part.

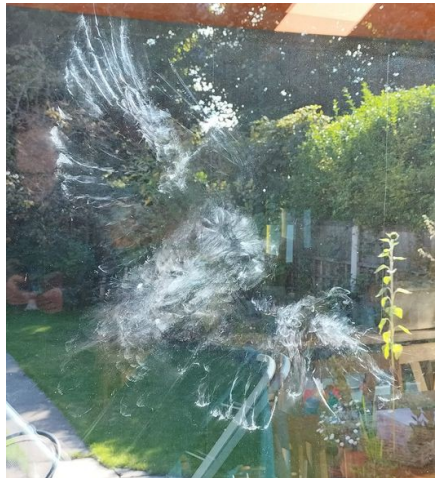


The story of a not so wise old owl in Penrhos

A little while ago Iggy submitted a short piece for the Guardian Young Country Diary Series. The article needed to be about a recent encounter with nature and be between 200-250 words.

Iggy heard just before half term that he made the final 30 shortlist from the initial 350 entries. His entry was about an owl imprint on his aunt's kitchen window. I hope you like it!

Vicki Howe



"Aaaahhh!"

There was a scream from downstairs. I ran and jumped downstairs to see my Aunt Ali pointing to the large kitchen window in utter amazement.

On it was a perfectly shaped form of an owl with the wings and feathers intricately patterned. The detail was preserved perfectly, and I knew that this was no drawing.

“It must be a tawny owl”, I thought. We had been hearing the drawn-out hoot of a male tawny owl in the large, tree lined garden during the last couple of nights. But was it injured? What had happened?

Tawny owls are the most common British owl species weighing 380-800 grams, about the size of a wood pigeon. They are a beautiful reddish brown with a pale chest, about 38 cm tall with a ring of dark feathers around their face and dark eyes. They hunt small mammals, moths and bats at night and the male hoot is different from the female kewick call. Our owl was definitely a male and we decided to call it Ollie.

As there was no sign of the owl we knew it had flown off. But that night we decided to leave a light on in the kitchen in the hope that it wouldn't fly into the window again.

At midnight the following night I woke up to hear a wonderful tawny owl duet; “twit twooo”. Ollie was making a territorial call and a female was calling back. Ollie was fine!

Llanvapley News

Finding the Evans Family connection

by Jan Freemantle (nee Curtis), Brisbane, Australia.

I have been a serious genealogist researching for about 10 years, I have been fortunate to visit many places where my ancestors have lived, including Australia, Scotland, Wales, and Denmark.

My grandfather Frederick Curtis was born in Chepstow, Monmouthshire and migrated to Australia in 1903. Fred's grandmother was Charlotte Osbaldeston Evans. With a middle name of Osbaldeston, searching marriage records made it easy to verify her parents, William and Sophia Evans (nee Osbaldeston). Charlotte Osbaldeston Evans was baptised in the local Llanddewi Rhydderch parish church of St David's on 28th May 1837 and married to Hereford outfitter Corenelius Curtis in the same church on 10th May 1860.

Evans, a popular surname in Wales, made confirmation of the family connections difficult. Census records indicated they may have lived at Ty Cenol farm in the Llanddewi Rhydderch parish. It was not until a letter, written in 1933 and found amongst family papers in 2019, helped to validate



the census records. The letter was from John Charles Osbaldeston (JCO) Curtis in Chepstow to his niece Jean Curtis in Australia. JCO Curtis was the first son of Charlotte Osbaldeston Evans and Cornelius Curtis.

"I often go for a run in the car, but Auntie Jessie is the driver. Auntie Lottie and Margaret nearly always come along. Sometimes we go to Hereford, which is 36 miles away, very often to Monmouth 16 miles away and then home through Usk and Raglan where there is fine castle (ruins).

Last Thursday we went to Abergavenny and home through Llanvapley and Monmouth 56 Miles. Llanvapley is four miles from Abergavenny and is near the old farm where my mother was born and brought up. She would be your great grandmother--- when I was a boy I spent nearly all my holidays there, also I spent a lot of time at Llanvapley where my uncle had a flour and corn mill which is driven by a great water wheel----We went inside the mill where I used to play and Auntie Jessie and Lottie were much interested----It were 60 years since I was there."

The farm and the mill piqued my interest. A Google search revealed a picture of the Llanvapley mill taken around 1978 (Picture from

SG Coates and GD Tucker, *Water mills of the Monnow and Trothy*, 1978, Monmouth District Museum Service,

https://outsideecho.com/DGT-BIO_files/PDFs/DGT59.pdf, accessed 1 August 2022.) and the Llanvapley church website with documentation of the churchyard graves. This treasure trove included a map of the churchyard graves, transcriptions, and pictures. I discovered my Great-Great-Great Grandparents William and Sophia Evans of Ty Cenol farm were buried in the Llanvapley churchyard.

John Charles Osbaldeston (JCO) Curtis lived in Hereford and spent holidays on Ty Cenol farm with grandparents, William and Sophia Evans. His aunt, Sophia Evans married John Pritchard who ran the mill that JCO Curtis remembered. Sophia and John Pritchard's son John Pritchard junior was born three years after JCO Curtis. As first cousins, they may have played together at the mill during the holidays.

The Curtis family were residents of Chepstow from 1841 and Hereford from around 1860. Charlotte Osbaldeston Evans husband, Cornelius Curtis opened a shoe shop around 1881 at 30 High Street in the Chepstow Port



Wall, next to the town gate. It was known as Town Gate Boot and Shoe Supply. Son, JCO Curtis was the owner of the shop on Cornelius's death, and it remained in the family until around 1982.

The Pritchard family ran the Llanvapley mill for about 50 years.

William Evans, daughter Harriet Evans and grandson John Pritchard junior farmed Ty Cenol for close to 115 years: the Evans family for 70 years and the Pritchard family about 45 years.

Charlotte Osbaldeston Curtis (nee Evans) is a great- great grandmother to two family members in England and eleven family members in Australia. More detailed histories of each family are available in the church.

A letter kept for 85 years verified the connection to Wales. I hope to visit the Llanvapley church soon.

Flowers in the church in November

Llanvapley Church would like to thank Catherine Price and Bubbles Cooper for providing flowers for the Advent Sunday service. Although many churches don't have flowers in Advent it was decided we all needed cheering up in these dark winter days!



Llanvapley Sports and Social Association News

Residents' Meeting

A village meeting took place on Wednesday 23rd November in the pavilion at which both Christmas and dog mess were discussed! The Christmas lights switch on ceremony will take place on 9th December at 6.30pm.

The LSSA would like to thank Gobion Fawr Community Council for its donation of £100 to pay for a tree. The tree which was used last year did not thrive in the long dry summer so it was decided to replace it with one which will hopefully last for years. The switch on will be followed by refreshments in the pavilion. Last year's switch on ceremony was a great success. Everyone welcome again this year.

Dog mess on the playing field

There have been a number of complaints about dog mess on the playing field, around the play equipment and near to the pavilion. Following a discussion about the options available it was agreed to contact the council and to ask it to include the playing field in new county wide regulations from March 2023. The LSSA would like the following to happen :-

- All dog owners are required to remove any mess created by the

dogs under their control.

- All dog owners will be required to keep their dogs on a lead at all times.

The LSSA will await a response from the council and then discuss signage and the appropriate siting of dog mess bins.

LSSA Afternoon Tea

The November Afternoon Tea in the pavilion was cancelled. The December 'Christmas' Afternoon Tea will be on Thursday 8th December at 2pm. The final two 100 Club winning tickets will be drawn at this event. Thanks to everyone who supported the 100 Club in 2022 and hopefully you will continue to support the LSSA in 2023!

Llanvapley Walking Group

The early morning deluge didn't stop our November walk and the rain stayed away while we were out and about but we did the sensible thing and had a fairly short three and a half mile walk this time. Unfortunately no photos this time either, which is a shame as the autumn colours were fabulous and as always it was a friendly social occasion. The December walk promises to take place in different weather conditions as cooler winter weather replaces the mild rainy conditions we have been used to. We will meet on Saturday December 3rd at 10.30am at Llanvapley Pavilion and we hope you can join us! All welcome. If you would like any more information please email at: llanvapleywalkinggroup@gmail.com

Phil Allsopp.

Llanvetherine News

Llanvetherine Church is delighted with its new organ which has been warmly welcomed by the local congregation and by visitors from other churches in the ministry area. The organ was presented to the church by Andrew and Sally Dawson and has been dedicated to Andrew's mother and father, Celina and Stanley. The organ has been moved onto its new plinth with help from Andrew's son and son-in-law and fitted with a brass memorial plaque.



The picture was taken the day of the dedication and shows three generations of the Dawson family – Milly, Alice and Andrew.

Community Green Energy Advisory Group

The Community Green Energy Advisory Group is delighted to announce the successful groups / projects from the 2022 Community Benefit Fund. This round of grants is funded by Community Green Energy Monmouthshire CIC and / or Community Green Energy England & Wales CIC

Bettws Newydd Church

£11,000 - Composting toilet and timber building.

Bettws Newydd Village Hall

£11,000 - Replace 2 doors & frames.

Sand & paint interior wooden walls.

Cross Ash School

£11,000 - Sports equipment & shed.

PA system & interactive whiteboards.

Llanarth Sports Association

£10,000 - Replace current lights with LED's & install solar panels.

Llanarth Village Hall

£11,000 - Update kitchen and ladies toilet.

Llanvapley Congregational Church Graveyard

£3,000 - Maintain graveyard and repair roadside fence.

Llanvapley Cricket Club

£3,000 - New scoreboard & cricket shirts.

Monmouthshire Pony Club

£10,000 - New set of show jumps.

St Mabli's Church PCC

£4,000 - Making the steps on the northern side of the churchyard safer.



Llantilio Crossenny WI News

The November meeting of the WI was a Well Being evening with Stephan Grabner. He told of his practice using the Amatsu technique and his journey through his life since he left Leipzig until he found his present niche. He explained the Amatsu method with the aid of models and charts. We learned a lot about the human body and the points he finds which reduce pain in different parts of the body. Members also gave their own ways of feeling good from singing to friendships. They wrote these and stuck them on a large heart. Finally a treat of tea, truffles and delicious biscuits left everyone feeling content.



Our next meeting on December 14th at 7pm will be a social time with a chance to do a Christmas craft. We will be making a useful piece of origami over some nice nibbles and mulled wine. Not forgetting Secret Santa and no doubt a few Christmas carols led by the choir of course! In fact the Choir for Good leader had everyone doing warm up exercises during the September meeting so no doubt everyone will join in this time!



Actually our WI choir have had a busy time lately. Their act in the Gwent Federation 'Down the Decades' Show (pictured) was a great success. November 24th sees them singing in St. Mary's Church, Usk, for the service to support the movement to prevent violence against women. December will be a busy time too, when on the 3rd at 2pm, they will be singing at St. Julian's church, Newport, for the GFWI's Carol Service. Then on the 18th at 6pm. They will be singing at St Telio's Carol service, Llantilio Crossenny.



January 2023 will be the time for our Annual Dinner which is normally during the third week of January. This is an uplifting occasion in the midst of the dark winter months and the feeling of anticlimax after Christmas. The invited special act may be a surprise for everyone!

The 2023 programme is going to print and is also published below. Remember guests are always welcome.

For further details of the WI contact Lin Morris on 01873 850939/ 07840641856

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Llantilio Crossenny Women's Institute Programme 2023

January

Annual dinner with surprise guest!

February

End to End - Cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats

Christine Green

March

Friends of Lower Wye

Mike Dunsbee

April

'My Grandfather' First Dog for the Blind

Helen

May

AGM Quiz and Social

June

Tudor Women

Majel Lee

July

National Trust Trip

Lizzie Smith Jones

August

Picnic at Daphne's and / or Swim at Angela's?

September

Orchard Acre Market Garden

Alice Sidwell

October

5 Boys and a Pie

John Sheen

November

Desert Island Discs

December

Christmas Craft and Social

Llantilio WI meet once a month in Llanvapley Pavilion. Non-members are welcome to our meetings if you would like to find out more about what we do.

From your County Councillor

Rising inflation and interest rates are impacting on households, especially those on low or fixed incomes who have little to cushion themselves against these economic shocks. You can get advice on what support is available to you by visiting one of the Community Hubs or calling Monmouthshire Council on 01633 644644. You can also contact Citizens Advice on 0800 702 2020. Note that the UK Government has not yet announced how it will pay the £200 'alternative fuel payment' for those of us using oil to heat our homes and water – hopefully this will be clearer soon.



Monmouthshire Council is also facing its own financial challenges due to rising costs and an increased demand for the services it provides to vulnerable people.

This financial year it has a shortfall of nearly £9 million that council officers are trying to recover by savings on public services that were already lean after years of austerity. The budget for this financial year was set by the previous Conservative administration in March, when they agreed a council tax increase of 2.95% while inflation was already at 7% and rising.

The situation for 2023/24 looks worse with a projected shortfall of around £23 million. By mid-December there should be greater clarity on the cost of nationally agreed pay awards and what financial support the Welsh government will give following the UK government's latest budget. The current Labour administration will consult Monmouthshire residents on its proposed budget in January. Inevitably, all councils in the UK are likely to introduce council tax rises and cuts to services.

I'm sorry to be sharing such worrying news in the lead up to Christmas. Please look out for each other and support those who are struggling in these difficult times.

Warmest wishes,

Cllr Ian Chandler

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The Garden in November

I have just spent a few days with a friend in Sherborne. She has bought a house, built in 2003 in the extensive grounds of an old grammar school. There are mews houses, small cottages and larger houses built in brick or mellow stone, interspersed with small parks and little gardens. The reason for me mentioning this is because the parks and gardens have been planted with a number of trees, most notably clumps of two or three Himalayan Birch – *Betula utilis* planted in the same hole (pictured on the right on the right). They have grown well and will get more and more striking as they age and the trunks become entwined. This birch comes from West China and has very white stems.



There are others and all have spectacular bark of varying hues from pale mauve through to salmon pink and even crimson. I prefer the white and as leaves are small, they do not cast a lot of shade so it is good for a small garden although you will find a few twigs after a stormy day. Apparently 'betula' is a white pigment and it may rub off on your hands. *Arbutus unedo* – the Strawberry tree also has nice pink bark and I made a mistake and cut it back so now mine is a bush. The leaves are evergreen and the white flowers are born in clusters almost at the same time as the fruit which looks a bit like a strawberry. Apparently they are pollinated by bumble bees. The word 'unedo' means 'I eat one' - the fruit is so insipid that one is quite enough!

Another tree with striking bark is *Prunus serrula*, the Tibetan cherry (pictured above on the left) also from West China. We have an old one on our drive which must have been planted about 60 years ago. If I take the time to peel off the shaggy bark, it is smooth crimson satin underneath. Some people take time to scrub the bark and it does look wonderful. Unfortunately the tree itself is rather stiff and upright and branches are inclined to die off. Perhaps ours is getting past its best. Another *Prunus* for the winter is *Prunus subhirtella* 'Autumnalis' – the Winter Cherry, which I think is a wonderful little tree and any garden should find room for it. The flowers are just coming out now and the little clusters of semi double palest pink flowers will continue till the spring. The leaves are small and don't cast a lot of shadow so you can pop it in anywhere without worrying that it will take away light from other plants. The variant 'Autumnalis Rosea' has deeper pink flowers. You need a few evergreen trees or shrubs for the winter, and any kind of eucalyptus would do, but if you have room for a large tree, what about a blue Atlas Cedar – *Cedrus atlantica* 'Glauca'. It can grow up to 50 feet so not for a small garden, but the blue green leaves are gorgeous and it has such a beautiful conical shape.

The Lighthouse Theatre Company

The Lighthouse Theatre Company is bringing a performance of Miracle on 34th Street to Monmouth and Abergavenny this Christmas. It will be a brilliant show for Christmas and I heartily recommend it (I happen to have designed it as well!)

Sean Cavanagh

**Abergavenny Borough Theatre
12th Dec. 7:30**

For more information go to
www.lighthouse-theatre.co.uk/events/



Father Christmas is coming to Cross Ash Hall

for the first time since the 60's!

Christmas Shopping and Grotto Event

Saturday 10th December

10 am - 5 pm

Cross Ash Village Hall

NP7 8PL

Over 25 stalls with local businesses showcasing their products.

Visits to Father Christmas in his magical Grotto

Festive Food and Drink

The smells and sounds of Christmas to get everyone in the spirit!

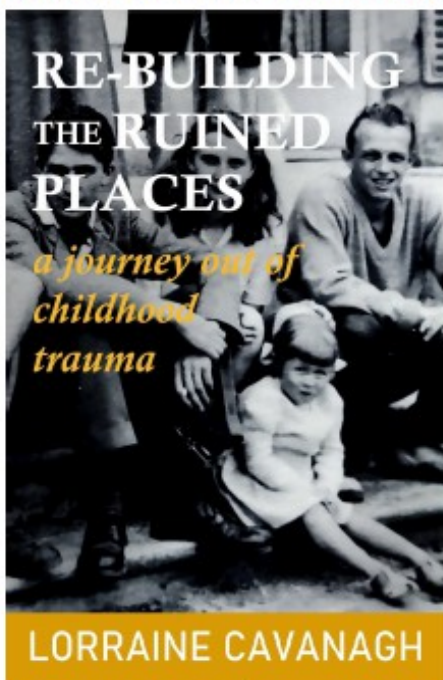
Llanvapley and District Gardening Club

Llanvapley and District Gardening Club are meeting at the Pavilion on Wednesday 7th December at 7pm.

This will be the Christmas social and members are asked to bring a plate of finger food. The club will supply mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies. A jolly start to the xmas festivities!

Stephen's Bookshop

Church Street, Monmouth



December 7th 6-7pm

All Welcome!

local author Lorraine Cavanagh launches her new book

Re-Building the Ruined Places

Added Bonus Neil Powell Butcher is offering a **10% Discount on Pulled Pork Bun for every book bought**. Just pop in next door with your purchased copy to claim your discount!* **Offer applies only on December 7th*



Church Services in December / January



Sunday December 4th Advent 2

9.30am Llanvetherine Morning Prayer
11am Llantilio Holy Communion

Monday 5th

Penrhos PCC Church 7pm

Wednesday 7th

Lorraine Cavanagh Book Launch "Re-building the ruined places. A journey out of childhood trauma".
6-7pm Stephan's Bookshop Monmouth.

Sunday 11th Advent 3

9.30am Penrhos
11am Llanvapley

Monday 12th

Taizé Group rehearsal 7.30pm
Great Blaenocoed, Llandewi Skirrid, NP7 8AH

Sunday 18th Advent 4

9.30am Llanvetherine
6pm Llantilio Crossenny Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Monday 19th

6pm Llanvapley Carol Service with guest speaker Revd Michael Marsden.

Thursday 22nd

6.30pm Penrhos Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies at High House.

Friday 23rd

5pm Llantilio Crossenny carols in the village. Meet by Hostry House.

Saturday 24th Christmas Eve

4pm Llanvetherine Christingle Service for all the parishes. All Welcome.



Christmas Day

10am Llanvapley
Christmas Communion

10am Llanvetherine
Christmas Communion



10am Llantilio Crossenny
Christmas Communion



Sunday 1st January 2023

No Services

Sunday 8th Epiphany 1 The Baptism of Christ

9.30am Penrhos
11am Llanvapley

Sunday 15th

3.30 pm Llantilio Crossenny Ministry Area Commissioning Service

Tuesday 17th

Llanvihangel Crucorney church Safe-guarding training. This is open to everyone involved in church life.

Sunday 22nd Epiphany 3

9.30am Penrhos
11am Llanvapley

Sunday 29th January Epiphany 4

TBC

Please send your contributions for the February issue of The New Times by 20th January

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