

Llantilio Crossenny

Penrhos **NEWSAROUND** *Llanfapley*

Llanvetherine



September 2000

Heidi's Comments

They say it's a sign of getting older– but time really does seem to be whizzing by.

The Harvest Season is fast upon us, and there is no better place to celebrate this wonderful Festival than here in this glorious countryside.

Yet behind the idyllic scenes there is much hardship on our farms.

All of us are called to bring forth a harvest – a harvest of the spirit. One of the most humbling things is when we meet people who, although the circumstances of their lives have been particularly hard and marred by sadness, still seem to possess an even greater capacity for kindness and compassion.

Bringing forth a harvest is a difficult and uncertain business. However much hard work we put in, things can still go wrong, and we can never be sure what the end result will be.

Which is why it is only right that when all is safely gathered in, we set aside time to give thanks and praise to God.

Every blessing to you all.

Heidi.

Harvest Festival

“All is safely gathered in”

We will be thanking God for the Harvest in each of our Churches as shown in Dates for your Diary on the following pages.

Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 7th September– Cil–Llwch Chapel

Llantilio Crossenny 7:00 pm

There will be a coffee evening plus stalls to raise funds for the Flower Guild of St. Teilo's Church.

Friday 15th September– Llanvetherine Harvest Festival
7:00 pm

Following the Church service there will be a Supper at Meadow Lea Farm (adjacent to the Church) by kind permission of Dr. & Mrs. Bissett. Tickets priced at £4 will be available from Church Officers. To help with catering please purchase tickets early.

Friday 22nd September– Penrhos Harvest Festival 7:00 pm

The preacher will be the Rural Dean the Rev. Richard Grey. Service will be followed by a Supper at High House in Penrhos. Tickets (available from Church Officers) £6 please bring your own cutlery.

Friday 29th September– Llantilio Crossenny Harvest
Festival 7:00 pm

The preacher will be Rev. Colin Wilcox, vicar of Griffithstown. Service will be followed by Supper at the Hostry Hall. Tickets available from Church Officers £6.

Friday 6th October– Llanfapley Harvest Festival 7:00 pm
Details to follow in a later edition.

**Sunday 10th September– Sunday School the Vicarage
Llantilio Crossenny 3:00 pm**

Sunday School will reconvene after it's summer break. All children are welcome to attend.

Church Buildings Beyond 2000

Following the Diocesan Conference last year at which every Parish in the Diocese had been asked to express its' views on the "Beyond 2000" document, we have now been invited to consider a number of issues involving our Church buildings. Each Parish is asked to hold a PCC meeting and discuss the following issues:

Mission and your Building

- 1.) How would you answer the question: What does it mean to be the Church?
- 2.) Do you feel that maintaining your Church building(s) enhances or inhibits the mission of the Church?– Please give reasons for your answers.
- 3.) What positive advantage might envisage in linking up with a neighbouring congregation?
- 4.) How much does your latest Quinquennial Report recommend should be spent on repairs/ restoration, and do you think this expenditure is justified?
- 5.) If your Church were to close, what alternative provision might be made for worship?

Mission and Population

- 6.) Is there likely to be growth or decline in your Parish(es) if so, how do you intend to respond to this development?
- 7.) Is it necessary to make Parish realignments to respond to trends of population growth/ decline?

Mission and Community

- 8.) How much good will and support is there for the Church in your community(ies)?– Please supply evidence.
- 9.) What thought have you given to reordering your Church for greater community use?
- 10.) Would your local community be willing to assume some responsibility for the maintenance of Church buildings?

Mission in Diocese and Parish

11.) Would you be prepared to ask the Diocesan Churches and Pastoral Committee to make an independent and dispassionate assessment of the future for your Church building, and to advise the Bishop accordingly?

12.) Are there any further comments you wish to make?

No doubt such questions will generate much discussion, and you might wish to write down any thoughts on the issues raised before the meeting.

It is intended to hold the PCC meetings on the following dates:

Monday 18th September– Llanfapley 7:30 pm
The Vicarage, Llantilio Crossenny

Tuesday 19th September– Llantilio Crossenny 7:30 pm
Cil–Llwch Chapel

Monday 25th September– Llanvetherine
Time and venue to be arranged

Thursday 28th September– Penrhos
Time and venue to be arranged

A Lovely Day

*I watched the sun begin its arc across the sky,
I chatted with a friend, I dreamed an afternoon away,
I saw the sky turn pink and kiss the sun goodbye,
Ah! This has been a lovely day!*

Jean Plumb

Daring To Dream

You are warmly invited to a day of reflection about mission in Monmouth Diocese:

Saturday 23rd September

at

Panteg Church Hall

10:00 – 16:45

Free of charge

Bring your own packed lunch

PROGRAMME

10:00	Arrival and Coffee
10:30	Keynote Address The Archbishop of Wales
11:30	Seminar I
12:30	Lunchbreak
13:30	Seminar II
14:30	Tea and Comfort Break
15:00	Seminar III
16:15	Closing Worship
16:45	Depart

It is hoped that many parishes in the Diocese will be represented at an exciting day for thinking together about what it means to be shaped as a mission-minded Diocese. Do try and come and bring others with you.

Please let Heidi know by Sunday 16th September if you plan to attend.

A Story Of Faith

“Marcia is a 28 year old civil servant now attending an Anglican church. Her parents had little for the Christian faith. She was never encouraged to go to Sunday School or church as a youngster and never did so. She described the religion she learned about at Primary School as having “little or no effect”. Her response to secondary schooling was a little more positive as she remembers performing in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat having been a help.

Marcia’s journey to faith began when she was 25 and she described life as being normal. She met and started talking to some new friends who were Christians and she states that she was helped primarily through discussions, sharing experiences, and together questioning the Christian faith with friends. She started going to church, when asked why she said; “ Because I enjoyed it! My going to church helped to strengthen my faith, which led to me being confirmed (at the age of 27) and now I get a lot from the Communion service.”

For people like Marcia one step in their journey to Christ is the invitation, “ would you like to come along to church with me?” While it was friends who first brought Marcia to church, it was the minister who helped her in many ways after that.

Marcia testifies that:” Church activities provide a stable foundation on which one’s faith can grow strong enough to support during times of questioning or doubt Holy Communion itself offers chance for spiritual renewal... it also gives a great sense of community and belonging, and an opportunity for caring.”

Diary

Sunday 3 rd September	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evening Service	Llanvetherine Llantilio Crossenny Llanfapley	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
Thursday 7 th September	Coffee Evening	Cil-Llwch Chapel (Flower Guild)	7:00 pm
Saturday 9 th September	Baptism	Llantilio Crossenny	2:00 pm
Sunday 10 th September	Holy Communion Holy Communion Sunday School Evening Prayer	Penrhos Llanfapley The Vicarage Llantilio Crossenny (Time Change)	9:30 am 11:00 am 3:00 pm 4:30 pm
Monday 11 th September	Harvest Preparations	Southleigh, Llanvetherine	8:00 pm
Friday 15 th September	Harvest Festival	Llanvetherine	7:00 pm
Sunday 17 th September	Holy Communion Mattins with Holy Communion and Baptism Evening Prayer	Llanvetherine Llantilio Crossenny Llantilio Crossenny	9:30 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm
Monday 18 th September	Parochial C. C.	The Vicarage (Llanfapley PCC)	7:30 pm
Tuesday 19 th September	Parochial C. C.	Cil-Llwch Chapel	7:30 pm
Friday 22 nd September	Harvest Festival	Penrhos	7:00 pm
Saturday 23 rd September	Daring to Dream	Panteg Church Hall	10:00 am
Sunday 24 th September	Holy Communion Holy Communion Sunday School Evening Prayer	Penrhos Llanfapley The Vicarage Llantilio Crossenny	9:30 am 11:00 am 3:00 pm 4:30 pm
Monday 25 th September	Parochial C. C.	Llanvetherine PCC (To be arranged)	
Thursday 28 th September	Parochial C. C.	Penrhos PCC (To be arranged)	
Friday 29 th September	Harvest Festival	Llantilio Crossenny	7:00 pm
Sunday 1 st October	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evening Service	Llanvetherine Llantilio Crossenny Llanfapley	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm

I Would Pick More Daisies

If I had to live my life over again.....
I'd dare to make more mistakes next time;
I'd relax; I would limber up; I'd be sillier than I've been this
trip.
I would take fewer things seriously. I would take more trips.
I would climb more mountains, swim more rivers;
I would eat more ice cream and less beans,
I would perhaps have more actual troubles
But I would have fewer imaginary ones.
You see, I'm one of those people who live seriously and
sanely
Hour after hour day after day.
I've had my moments and if I had to do it over again,
I'd have more of them.
In fact I'd try to have nothing else— just moments, one after
another--
Instead of living so many years ahead of each day.
I've been one of those persons who never goes
Anywhere without a thermometer, a hot-water bottle,
A raincoat and a parachute.
If I had to do it again I would travel lighter than I have.
If I had to live my life over I would start barefoot earlier in the
Spring
And stay that way later in the Fall.
I would go to more dances, I would ride more
merry-go-rounds, and....
I would pick more daisies.

Nadine Stair, (aged 85)

Millennium

By Jean Adams

On this night, perceiving a new Century's begun,
Man celebrates the cleverness of all that he has done,
With fireworks and parties and noisy celebration,
Disturbing the tranquillity of each and every nation.
He's penetrated far into the darkness of the deep,
Discovering new creatures who for eons were asleep,
He's climbed the highest mountains and explored the distant
poles
He is proud of his achievements in attaining all his goals,
He's stretched life out beyond the normal three score years
and ten,
Til immortality itself seems well within his ken.
He's interfering in the way that human life is made,
Taking the powers of God upon himself— yet not afraid.
He's penetrated far beyond the orbit of the sun
In the hope of finding how the universe begun.
Can circumnavigate the globe beyond the speed of sound,
Communicating with mankind in sea and air and ground.
He'll genetically modify the very food we eat
Altering the make-up of all plants and fish and meat.
He's split the atom, but its use has caused such radiation
That the fall-out has affected us — each and every nation.

But let us halt a moment in this time of jubilation,
And stop this noisy orgy of self— congratulation,
And remember that 2000 years ago in Palestine
A Child was born who still lives on in gifts of bread and wine:
Whose reign has seen the rise and fall of kingdoms every year —
Kingdoms whose power and might seem destined not to disappear.
So let the bells ring loud and clear from Spire and Tower and Steeple
Peeling out a hopeful message to all Christian People,
That God will never fail us— He'll forgive man's foolish ways,
So let us in humility give back to Him our Praise.

Stories of our Hymns.... cont'd

Lead Us Heavenly Father Lead Us

James Edmeston

In the Canadian selection of hymns this one of James Edmeston's bears an unfamiliar author's name. Finding out about him took me on a London bus down through the East End to Homerton where he lived and worked for over 50 years until his death in 1867.

The Homerton Edmeston knew was a retired and leafy suburb of well-built 18th century houses, little squares of brick houses all long since turned into tenements and flats. Some of Hitler's bombs left wide holes in Homerton, but long before that happened Homerton's peace had dissolved into the noise and bustle of London.

Edmeston was an architect, but his hymn-writing facility was so marked that he published over 2,000 hymns, and is said to have written one a week for family worship. The names of his collections—*For the Assistance of Cottages in their Domestic Worship*, *Hymns for the Chamber of Sickness*, and *Infant Breathings, Hymns for the Young*—indicate his general style. And out of all that comes this fine hymn, *Lead us Heavenly Father*, with many easily remembered lines in it such as “O'er the world's tempestuous sea” and “Thus provided, pardoned, guided, Nothing can our peace destroy”.

One likes to think of Edmeston, the industrious architect, and Church Warden of St. Barnabas, Homerton, working at his blue-prints, and his hymns, perhaps at the same time. One of his pupils was Giles Gilbert Scott whose grandson designed Liverpool Cathedral—England's most notable modern Cathedral, a rare hymn in stone.

Christian Burial

Mr. John Herbert of Gelli Farm, Llanvetherine, passed away on Saturday 19th August, having borne his illness with great courage and dignity. He will be remembered by many among the farming community as a true countryman who was always willing to help.

The funeral took place at St. James the Elder, Llanvetherine on Saturday 26th August at 11:00 am.

Our prayers are with Gwyneth, William and Amanda.

Illness

Over the summer a number of our parishioners have been unwell. Our prayers are with Mr. Paddy O'Connor, Mrs. Ceinwen Davies and Mrs. Florence Davies. We hope that they continue to make good progress towards a full recovery.

Hymn Books

At a service on Sunday 27th August new hymn books were dedicated in memory of Mr. Lyndon Evans who was Church Warden of Penrhos for almost 40 years from 1958–1997. His generous bequest to the Church made the purchase of these new books possible.

Adorable kittens– free to good homes. Please phone Mr. Richard Price of White House Farm Penrhos 01600 780246.

Congratulations

To Catherine Price of White House, Penrhos who graduated from Birmingham University with a 1st Class Honours Degree in Food and Consumer Management.

To Alice Dawson and Bethan Hughes-Jones of Llanvetherine on their A-Level achievements.

To Joe Bromwell of Llanvetherine who passed all 11 of his GCSE's at grade C and above.

To Lauren Cooke of Llantilio Crossenny for passing her grade 2 Theory piano exam with a Distinction to add to her existing grade 1 Theory and Practical achievements. We wish her all the best on her grade 2 Practical.

To Miss Edith Roberts of Coed-Morgan who celebrated her 90th birthday on 23rd August.

Prize Competition

Of the entrants received by Heidi on the closing date the winner was declared as:

REBECCA BARNFIELD

*Stop wishing for things you complain you have not
And start making the **BEST** of all that you've got.*

Children's Prize Puzzle

Read Acts Ch 18. vs.1-3, 18-19, 24-26. about Priscilla, Aquila and Paul, then find the words in the word search.

Find 6 place names

P	R	I	S	C	I	L	L	A
C	J	T	I	A	M	C	G	P
O	E	A	Q	U	I	L	A	O
R	W	L	R	L	U	A	P	L
I	S	Y	R	I	A	U	A	L
N	T	E	J	F	U	D	L	O
T	E	M	O	R	T	I	O	S
H	E	P	H	E	S	U	S	T
H	P	O	N	T	U	S	E	M

C
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And seven people.

P
C
A
A
J
P
J

The letters not used in the names spell out what Paul said about Priscilla and Aquila.

Answer:

The last date for entries for this competition must be given to Heidi before Sat. 24th September

A Funny Story

A parishioner had dozed off during the morning service. "Will all who want to go to Heaven stand?" the preacher asked. All stood except the sleeping parishioner.

After they sat down, the preacher continued: "Well, will all who want to go to the other place stand?"

Someone suddenly dropped a hymn book, the sleeping man jumped to his feet and stood sheepishly facing the preacher. He mumbled confusedly, "Well, preacher, I don't know what we are voting for, but it looks like you and I are the only ones for it."

Who's Who

Vicar— Rev. Heidi Prince	01600 780240
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People's Warden— Richard Price	01600 780246
Llanvetherine	
Vicar's Warden— David Hughes-Jones	01873 821497
People's Warden— Zoe Mayo	01873 821422
Llanfapley	
Vicar's Warden— Gerald Parry	01873 855207
People's Warden— Les Taylor	01600 780376
Llantilio Crossenny	
Vicar's Warden— Dennis Ball	01873 821236
People's Warden— Richard Barnfield	01600 780365