

Services and Events in April 2024

7th April

9.30am St James the Elder, Llanvatherine. (Morning Prayer)

11.00am St Teilo's, Llantilio Crossenny. (Holy Communion)

Followed by coffee, cake and a chat - everyone is very welcome.

9th April (Tuesday)

7.00pm St Teilo's, Llantilio Crossenny, a licensing service for Revd Heidi as a full time Team Vicar in the North Monmouthshire Ministry Area.

14th April

9.30am St Cadoc's, Penrhos (Morning Prayer)

11.00am St Mabli's, Llanvapley (Holy Communion)

21st April

9.30am St James the Elder, Llanvatherine. (Holy Communion)

11.00am St Teilo's, Llantilio Crossenny. (Morning Prayer)

28th April

9.30am St Cadoc's, Penrhos. (Holy Communion)

11.00am St Mabli's, Llanvapley. (Morning Prayer)



Whitecastle Community Council donation to St Teilo's Church, Llantilio Crossenny.

On Sunday 17th March, local Councillor Lauren Hughes on behalf of Whitecastle Community Council, presented a cheque to the Churchwarden of St Teilo's, Llantilio Crossenny, Mrs Elsie Latham in the sum of £1,000.

£750 of this money will be used towards the new purchase of a new bench just outside the main church door, which will replace an old bench originally donated by Llantilio Crossenny Community Council, and £250 towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

Mrs Latham, on behalf of the Church Committee, expressed grateful thanks to the Community Council for their support.



National Gardens Scheme: The Old Vicarage, Penrhos.



<https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/18606/the-old-vicarage>

This garden is set in rolling countryside in the grounds of a Victorian vicarage designed by Welsh architect George Mair (1867, house not open). The garden is particularly beautiful in the spring with a variety of shrubs, trees and bulbs, a parterre, kitchen garden, wildlife areas and ponds. The cakes and refreshments are always deliciously irresistible!

Proceeds from the entry fee go to various charities, raising nearly £3.5 million in 2023. Over two-thirds of this money was donated to some of the UK's best-loved nursing and health charities supporting the NHS and communities post pandemic. Proceeds from refreshments and plant sales are for St Cadoc's church funds and contribute to the upkeep of this beautiful and spiritual church.

St Teilo's Annual Plant Sale. Monday 6th May.

The fabulous **Annual Plant Sale** will take place in the Church Car park at St Teilo's, Llantilio Crossenny at 2.00pm on Monday 6th May, the first May Bank holiday Monday.

Refreshments are available, with delicious cakes and baked goods for sale, a raffle and other surprises as well as a wide variety of plants and shrubs.

Gardeners- please bear us in mind when planning your planting! All donations to the sale are always gratefully received

Proceeds are in aid of church funds and this is a major fundraiser for the church so please come along and support the upkeep of this very special place.

Another invitation to all potential campanologists!

Llantilio Crossenny Bellringers meet at St Teilo's Church every Tuesday at 7.15am to practice for church services and special events like weddings.

New ringers are always welcome. If the new year has been very much like the old year for you then why not come along and give it a try? It's good fun and very good exercise. Even if you have no experience or any idea what it is all about, you can turn up and watch, listen and learn and even have a go! Our tower captain is an excellent tutor and will take you forward step by step.

Why not give **handbells** a try? The next practice of the Selby Sounds Handbells meets is on Friday 5th April, 4.00pm, at Llanvapley Pavilion.

Other Community Events.

Gardening Club. Wednesday 3rd April at 7pm.

The monthly meeting of the Gardening Club is held at Llanvapley Pavilion at 7.00pm on the first Wednesday of each month and this month's talk is entitled "The Naturalist Gardener' by Cheryl Cummings.

A naturalistic garden uses native plants in the areas they are best suited to in order to achieve low-maintenance gardens that will not demand extra watering, fertilizing and heavy weeding. Such gardens also provide food and habitat for the insects that are important nutrition sources for birds and other wildlife. Sounds wonderful- come along and learn more!

Members £20 per annum; Guests £5.

Llantilio Crossenny WI news and events

Ever thought of joining the WI?

At Llantilio Crossenny WI we are very fortunate to include members of all ages, from different backgrounds and with a variety of interests from across our rural community. It is not all 'Jam and Jerusalem and baking cakes' (although there is some of that!) but it is certainly a place of fun, support and friendship with lots going on. In addition to our monthly meetings we have a melodic choir, play handbells, enter WI and other competitions, go on rambles and outings, campaign for deserving causes, participate in local events and more! If you think you might like to join us please pop along to our regular monthly meeting (see below) or ring Sue on 07768280251 to find out more.

Llantilio Crossenny WI is hosting a talk by Llanvapley resident, Les Taylor, entitled 'The New Times' on **Wednesday 10th April at 7.00pm.**

This promises to be a fascinating insight into the history, people and events that have shaped our community over the years. Les will look back through the pages of the parish magazine to find out what has changed and what has stayed the same!

Everyone is very welcome to this WI meeting which is held at Llanvapley Pavilion on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm. There is no charge to guests although a contribution to refreshments is always appreciated.

The first verse of this poem is uplifting and paints a gorgeous picture of Spring. The second verse is the poet's usual melancholic take on life so it is NOT included!

Spring by Gerard Manley Hopkins

Nothing is so beautiful as Spring-

When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;

Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush

Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring

The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;

The glassy peartree leaves and blooms, they brush

The descending blue; that blue is all in a rush

With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their fling.