

Services and Events in March including Easter 2024

Lent Study Group.

Every Tuesday beginning on 20th February at St Teilo's, Llantilio Pertholey at 7.00pm. We will be following the Bishop of Blackburn's Lent Course 'Journey to Freedom'. Everyone is most welcome.

3rd March (Lent 3)

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

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

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

10th March (Lent 4, Mothering Sunday)

9.30am St Cadoc's, Penrhos

11.00am St Mabli's, Llanvapley

17th March (Lent 5, St Patrick's Day)

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

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

24th March (Palm Sunday)

9.30am St Cadoc's, Penrhos.

11.00am St Mabli's, Llanvapley.

Holy Week.

Thursday 28th March (Maundy Thursday)

7.00pm. St Teilo's, Llantilio Pertholey.

The Last Supper with footwashing, stripping the altar and watch.

29th March (Good Friday) *

The Holy Mountain Walk with Stations of the Cross.

9.00am. Meet at The Skirrid car park.

Sturdy footwear and a drink are strongly advised for this challenging walk. Poles a good idea if it's muddy.

2.00pm. St Mabli's, Llanvapley. **The Last Hour.**

30th March (Holy Saturday).

7.00pm. St Teilo's, Llantilio Pertholey. **Easter Vigil.**

31st March (Easter Day).

9.30am St Cadoc's, Penrhos. **Easter Communion.**

10.00am St James the Elder, Llanvatherine. **Easter Communion.**

11.00am St Teilo's, Llantilio Crossenny. **Easter Communion followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.**

* On Good Friday at St Nicholas' Church, Grosmont at 2.00pm a Choir is being gathered to sing at a special Good Friday Meditation event. Everyone is welcome. Those wishing to join the choir should visit festival-choir.cymru/GoodFriday or email pkn@pnms.co.uk or tel 01873590055.

Calling 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 tour captain is an excellent tutor and will take you forward step by step.

If you prefer smaller bells...

Why not give **handbells** a try? Selby Sounds Handbells meets every Friday at Llanvapley Pavilion at 4.00pm. This is a lovely, gentle introduction to handbells in a convivial atmosphere. No musical knowledge is necessary but being able to count whilst enjoying the beautiful sounds of the bells is absolutely essential!

Save the Date.

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

The ever popular, evergreen, **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, a raffle and other surprises as well as a wide variety of plants and shrubs.

Gardeners- prepare for planting! All donations to the sale are always gratefully received so please bear us in mind when planning your year's gardening choices. All proceeds are in aid of church funds so please come along and support the upkeep of this very special place.

Other Community Events.

A talk on Handel's Messiah. Sunday 17th March at 3.00pm

If you've ever wanted to know more about the uplifting and sublime 'Messiah' by Handel, then this is definitely an event for you. This illustrated talk by Philip Norman will be held at St David's Church, Llanddewi Rhydderch at 3.00pm on Sunday 17th March and is sure to be an informative and entertaining presentation. Free admission with a collection for Church funds.

Gardening Club. Wednesday 6th March at 7pm.

The monthly meeting of the Gardening Club is held at Llanvapley Pavilion at 7.00pm and this month's talk is entitled "The Spring Garden' by Marion Stainton. This promises to be a wonderful sojourn through the glories of springtime in the garden. Members £20 per annum; Guests £5.

Continuing on the springtime theme...

Llantilio Crossenny WI is hosting a talk by Itton based Jonathon Jenkins entitled 'The Lenten Lily' on **Wednesday 13th March at 7.00pm.**

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 Lent Lily (also known as narcissus, daffodil or jonquil) is not only a sign of winter's end but also, throughout different cultures around the world, as a lucky emblem of future prosperity.

It seems apt, therefore, to finish this month's round up of services and events during this period of Lent with the poem entitled 'The Lent Lily' by A E Houseman.

The Lent Lily.

'Tis spring; come out to ramble
The hilly brakes around,
For under thorn and bramble
About the hollow ground
The primroses are found.

And there's the windflower chilly
With all the winds at play,
And there's the Lenten lily
That has not long to stay
And dies on Easter day.

And since the girls go maying
You find the primrose still,
And find the windflower playing
With every wind at will,
But not the daffodil.

Bring baskets now, and sally
Upon the spring's array,
And bear from hill and valley
The daffodil away
That dies on Easter day.