

Services and Events in May 2024

5th May

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.

12th May

9.30am St Cadoc's, Penrhos

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

19th May

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

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

26th May

9.30am St Cadoc's, Penrhos.

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



Heidi's Licensing

By Peter Cobb.

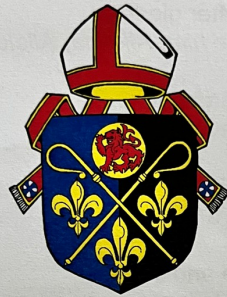
A goodly company, from many of the churches around, gathered on Tuesday evening, 9th April, in Llantilio Crossenny Church, for Bishop Cherry's licensing of the Reverend Heidi Prince as a team vicar in the North Monmouthshire Ministry area. The Bishop preached; the singing of the four hymns was excellent; and afterward, there was a more than generous supply of refreshments in the Cilwch Chapel.

To some, it may seem curious that such a process needed to happen at all, for Heidi has been minister of the Llantilio Crossenny group for nine years already. But, up till now, her status has been that of a 'house for duty' priest: that is to say, in return for free accommodation, she has been doing a part-time job - Sunday services and two days' parish work a week. There has been no stipend - salary - attached to the appointment. Now, however, she has accepted full-time paid work within the Ministry Area. She will continue to live at Llantilio Vicarage.

How fortunate we are! Heidi has proved herself the perfect country parish priest, deeply aware of the needs of those in her care, and fully understanding the subtleties involved in a rural ministry. She is someone who has long belonged here, and we pray that she will continue to belong here for many years to come.



The Diocese of Monmouth



**The Licensing of
The Revd Heidi Prince
as Vicar
in the North Monmouthshire
Ministry Area
on 9th April 2024**

**President : The Bishop of Monmouth
The Right Revd Cherry Vann**

News from the 4 Churches.

Easter Vestry Meeting at St Teilo's, Llantilio Crossenny.

At the Easter meeting Mrs Ros Jeffries and Mrs Marion Ashton were appointed as Associate Wardens in addition to Mrs Elsie Latham, Vicar's warden and Mr Sean Cavanagh, People's Warden.

In addition, Miss Jane Cooke is deputy Vicar's warden, Mrs Margaret Parry is Treasurer, Mrs Lauren Hughes is Secretary and Ms Sue Raynor is Safeguarding Officer.

Many thanks to all of those who cleaned the church and provided refreshments at Heidi's Licencing Service. Also, many thanks to those who had the unglamorous task of clearing up!

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

The ever popular, evergreen, **Annual Plant Sale** is nearly here! It 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.

If you have any plant donations, please bring them along after 1.00pm. Feel free to Bring and Buy throughout the afternoon!

Refreshments are available, a raffle and other surprises as well as the usual wide variety of plants and shrubs.

All proceeds are in aid of church funds so please come along and support the upkeep of this very special place.

Gardening Club.

Date for your diary: **Wednesday 5th June, 7.00pm** at Llanvapley Pavilion.

Sue Mabberley will be giving a talk entitled 'Unusual ways to grow Vegetables'.

What on earth can that mean? (forgive the pun)

Come along and find out. All welcome. Guests £5 per meeting.

Llantilio Crossenny WI news and events



The next meeting of the Llantilio Crossenny WI is on **Wednesday 8th May** at 7.00pm, Llanvapley Pavilion.

This is our AGM but don't let that put you off, especially as it will be followed by a party to celebrate the Llantilio Crossenny WI's 105th birthday. In fact, we are the oldest WI in Monmouthshire with a proud history of bringing companionship and friendship to women in our area. This was beautifully illustrated by Les Taylor at his recent talk when he presented a fascinating insight into the Llantilio Crossenny WI as featured in the The New Times over many years.

There will be plenty of food, drinks and socialising on the 8th May so please come along and join the fun.



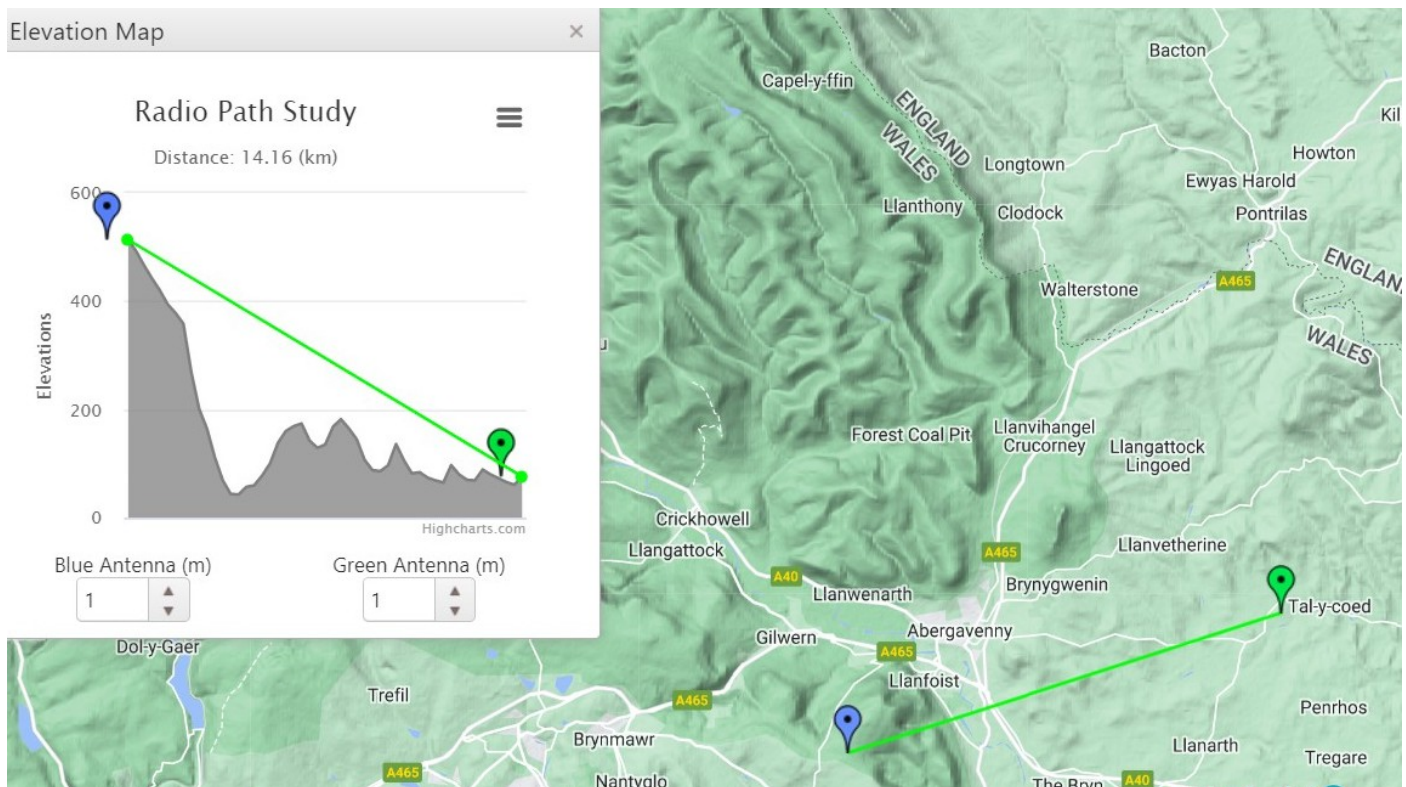
See staybehinds.com for more fascinating facts about this period of history.

Did you know?

That the altar at St Teilo's church at Llantilio Crossenny is said to have been the hiding place for a wireless in WW2?

The Special Duties Branch was set up in July 1940 and was a network of civilians who, in the event of a German invasion, would pass information from their 'Outstation' back to stations manned by the Royal Signals and then on to Army Headquarters.

Llantilio Crossenny Church had a 'Suboutstation' with the wireless hidden at the altar and the spire used to support the aerial. The church was in direct line of sight with the Bloreng Zero Station.



Extract

“Most people liked it best in the spring when the woods down to the river seemed to shift almost before one’s eyes from snowdrop white to daffodil yellow to the shimmer of bluebells- when rooks cawed furiously in the beeches, the garden woke to lily in a splurge of rhododendrons, and the young lambs caught their heads five times a day in the fencing down the drive. I shall always remember it with the profoundest gratitude....”

- Jan Morris 'Conundrum'.