

# Services and Events in August 2024

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## 25<sup>th</sup> August

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# News from the 4 Churches.

## St Cadoc's, Penrhos

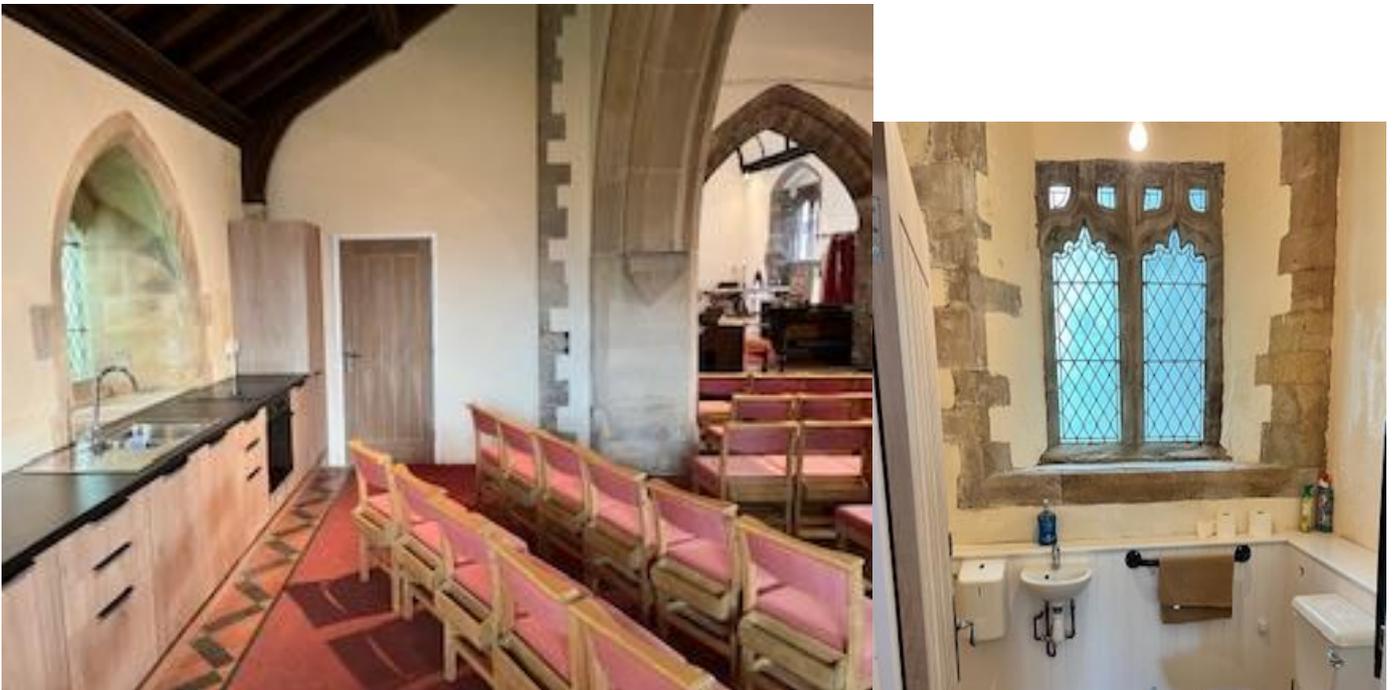
### **Kitchen and loo successfully installed.**

Penrhos is a quiet and friendly village but unfortunately there was no community space for socialising. It was always the dream for the church to be a place that allowed for fellowship as well as worship and so last year the wheels were put in motion for the installation of a new kitchen and lavatory at St Cadoc's church.

Once the facility had been approved, a grant application to the Community Green Energy Group was successful providing a very healthy sum towards the project.

Nick Oxford Builders undertook all aspects of the building works and installed a stylish kitchen supplied by Howdens in Pontypool. Nick's team was excellent and overcame obstacles such as solid, thick church walls with skill and precision.

The work was completed on schedule and to a very high standard. Everyone at St Cadoc's and visitors from near and far are already enjoying the new facilities including refreshments after services. The project is a great step forward for the church and community fellowship.



## **St. James, Llanvetherine.**

The news from Llanvetherine this month is that Matthew Bailey and Kirsty Reynolds were married at St James Church on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Revd Heidi Prince was officiating. Following the marriage service there was a local reception with spectacular fireworks. Congratulations to the happy couple with best wishes and blessings for their future together.

## **St. Mabli's, Llanvapley**

On 7th July Llanvapley Church held its annual Strawberry Tea. Preparations began earlier in the week and a close eye was kept on the weather forecast. The threat of rain meant it was sensible to hold the event in the church and sure enough it did rain on Sunday afternoon. Thanks go to everyone who supported the event and those who helped to prepare the church and to serve. If you were unable to attend the event you probably don't want to be reminded that the tea, cakes, scones, strawberries and the cream were all delicious. The poor weather contributed to a lowish turnout but the treasurer was pleased to say the net profit was £165.70.



On Sunday 14th July the weather was thankfully warm and sunny and the church welcomed a large congregation for the Baptism of Layla Dewfield. Emma and Christian were delighted to welcome family and friends to the church in which they were married in 2022. Revd Heidi led the service and thanked everyone for the lovely flowers. Emma and Christian chose 'One more step along the world I go', 'I Danced in the morning' and 'Give me joy in my heart' for the hymns, the last two were also played at their wedding. After the service everyone stayed behind for refreshments, this was followed by a family party at Chapel Farm.

## **St. Teilo's, Llantilio Crossenny.**

### **Sung Evensong and a very special award.**



#### **Philip Norman receiving his Archbishop of Wales' Award in Church Music from Father Julian Gray**

The very well attended North Monmouthshire Sung Evensong service was held at St Teilo's church Llantilio Crossenny on June 30th at 6pm. The service was led by Revd Heidi Prince with the Revd Peter Cobb delivering a thought-provoking and relevant address . The wonderful additions provided by Margaret Parry with the Selby Sound hand bell ringers and Philip Norman with his " Pop Up" choir all added to a beautiful Evensong service.

During the evening Father Julian made a presentation to Philip Norman in recognition of his services to Church music, the prestigious Archbishop of Wales' Award in Church Music. A very well-deserved accolade.

A delicious supper with Pimms was served in the Lady Chapel following the service. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to a memorable summer evening in St Teilo's.

In recognition of Philip's musical inspiration, the editor has chosen a poem that combines music and this summer season.

## **A Prose translation of Antonio Vivaldi's 'Four Season's' Poems.**

### **L'Estate (Summer)**

Opus 8, No. 2, in G minor

I. Allegro non molto--

Under the heat of the burning summer sun,  
Languish man and flock; the pine is parched.  
The cuckoo finds its voice, and suddenly,  
The turtledove and goldfinch sing.  
A gentle breeze blows,  
But suddenly, the north wind appears.  
The shepherd weeps because, overhead,  
Lies the fierce storm, and his destiny.

II. Adagio; Presto--

His tired limbs are deprived of rest  
By his fear of lightning and fierce thunder,  
And by furious swarms of flies and hornets.

III. Presto--

Alas, how just are his fears,  
Thunder and lightning fill the Heavens, and the hail  
Slices the tops of the corn and other grain.

## **Hot off the Press**

Bishop Cherry is delighted to announce two new appointments to the North Ministry area.

Revd Mary Moore has been appointed as House for Duty Team Vicar in the North Monmouthshire Area with particular care for the Grosmont Pastoral District. Mary will take up her post after the licensing service to be held in St Nicholas Church in Grosmont on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

The Revd Canon David Williams has been appointed as House for Duty in the North Monmouthshire Ministry Areas. David will have particular responsibility for the Llanddewi Rhydderch Pastoral District and will begin his new role at the start of 2025.

# Community News.

## Llanvapley and District Gardening Club.

There is no meeting in August but normal service resumes on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September when Alison Cooper will be presenting a fascinating talk entitled 'Botanical art and my favourite plants'.

Meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at Llanvapley Pavilion and start at 7.00pm but members of the Club also visit various local gardens on an ad hoc basis.

All are very welcome to come along.

Contact Marion Ashton at [marion.ashton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:marion.ashton@yahoo.co.uk) if you are interested in joining this group of horticultural enthusiasts!

## News from the Llanvapley Village Sports and Social Association. (LSSA)

On 11<sup>th</sup> July the Llanvapley Sports and Social Association held its monthly coffee morning in the pavilion. The coffee morning is open to everyone from the four parishes and is not just a Llanvapley event. Thanks to everyone who came along and supported the event and who helped to prepare the delicious scones and cakes. The highlight of the event was the first 100 club draw. The 100 club raises funds to run the pavilion and was won by Lin Morris who was delighted with her £50 prize. When told about her good fortune she said, "My WI lot told me on Wednesday, when we had our trip. So I spent it on buying them all an ice cream."

The next coffee morning is on 8th August which is the second Thursday of the month. The LSSA also held a 'Cornhole' games night on Thursday 18th July. The weather was excellent which meant it could be held outside for the first time. The event attracted teams from not only Llanvapley but Llantilio and Lladdewi Skirrid and beyond. The evening features a fish and chip supper which was ordered from and delivered by The Codfather in Abergavenny. After some fierce competition, Andrew and Paula managed to claim the prize by beating Richard and Alison in the final.

Don't forget to look out for the next games night which is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August and the next film night on the 24<sup>th</sup> August. Why not come along and join in the fun?

## Llantilio Crossenny WI news and events

June ended with an enjoyable walk from Llantilio Crossenny to Whitecastle and back, navigating the Offa's Dyke path. The weather was kind and it was a delightful route for spotting wildlife and stunning scenic views. The event was held in aid of ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) to help support women in rural communities in the UK and across the globe.



Walkers enjoying refreshments after their exertions!

In July members of the WI along with friends and family, enjoyed a trip to St Fagan's then on to Penarth for an ice cream and 'a looksie at the sea.' Another enjoyable event, helped by the beautiful weather and the delicious ice creams generously supplied by Lin Morris, President, courtesy of her win on the Llanvapley Pavilion prize draw- Thanks Lin!

In August we look forward to our annual picnic in the beautiful surrounds of Daphne and Adrian's garden at Park Farm, Llantilio Crossenny. Everyone is most welcome to join us on August 14<sup>th</sup> from 2.30pm at Park Farm. Bring a picnic if you like but we always have lots of food (and drink) to share.

## **Here's an invitation that sounds like fun!**

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August Isca Morris Dancers will be dancing at the Halfway Inn, Tal-y-coed from 8pm. Isca Morris have been the local Morris side in the Newport and Gwent area since 1976.

In summer they dance out at pubs, folk festivals, beer festivals, fetes, weddings, wassails and all sorts of local events. You may remember they appeared at Llanvapley Pavilion for the Jubilee and also danced at the Red Hart later that summer.

Isca Morris love dancing in lovely old pubs and they particularly like it when there is a large and appreciative audience. Why not put this date in your diary and come along and support traditional dancing and your local pub!