

Services and Events in July 2024

7th July

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

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

This service is followed by tea/coffee and a chat; everyone is very welcome even if you do not join the service. Refreshments served from 11.45-12.30pm.

14th July

9.30am St. Cadoc's, Penrhos

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

This service is followed by tea/coffee and a chat; everyone is very welcome even if you do not join the service. The bell will be rung when the service finishes.

21st July

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

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

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28th July

9.30am St. Cadoc's, Penrhos.

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

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News from the 4 Churches.

St. James, Llanvetherine.

Llanvetherine Church provides teas at Glen Trothy Open Gardens

The Church Committee were offered the opportunity to provide teas at the Glen Trothy Yellow National Open Garden Scheme, on Sunday 16 June in Llanvetherine, which we saw as a timely chance to raise extra funds now needed to repair the external tower masonry. The owners, Ben and Sara Herbert, made us very welcome, the gardens were magnificent (if you haven't been before, do visit at the next opening), the weather was perfect, and the team were non-stop all afternoon. The photo taken through the gardens shows the beautiful pastoral view across Glen Trothy parkland. We were able to raise over £600 towards the Tower Fund.

Andrew Dawson.



Glen Trothy Parkland

St. Teilo's, Llantilio Crossenny.

A splendid new bench has been installed.

Mostly funded by Whitecastle Community Council, this elegant new bench has been installed and is being enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. There is a splendid view across the churchyard and out onto the valleys and hills of Monmouthshire. A peaceful and serene spot.



A Bench is Waiting (anon)

a bench is an invitation
to sit and rest
to unwind
to take a breath
to reflect

a bench is a reminder
that others
came before you
and others
will come after

a bench is welcoming
communal
acknowledging
the shared nature of a space

a bench is an invitation
to become one with it
to let nature
and the world
flow around you

a bench is waiting
for you
to give it
purpose
for a moment

St. Mabli's, Llanvapley

St. Mabli's is once again hosting a Strawberry Tea in the church garden (inside if it's raining.) We look forward to welcoming residents from the four parishes and other churches in the ministry area.

Strawberry Tea at Llanvapley Church

Sunday 7th July

3pm – 5pm

Come along and enjoy a relaxing afternoon in the church garden while also enjoying a delicious strawberry tea.



£6 per person
£3 for children



Everyone is very welcome.

Community News.

Gardening Club.

Gardening Club members are visiting `Hereford Cathedral Gardens on the 3rd July. There is no meeting in August but normal service resumes on Wednesday 4th September when Alison Cooper will be presenting a fascinating talk entitled 'Botanical art and my favourite plants'.

Meetings are on the 1st Wednesday of the month at Llanvapley Pavilion and start at 7.00pm. All welcome.

LSSA News

It was another busy month at the sports pavilion. Apart from the WI and the Gardening Club, the hall was used for film night, coffee morning, a private party and a very enjoyable 'Cornhole' night. Cornhole is a game played with two boards (each with a hole in it) and eight, small hand-sized bags (each with corn in them). It is suitable for everyone and is easy to play and great fun.

The competition was fierce but in the end Lynda and Neal managed to touch off Andrew and Paula to take the prize. There will be another Cornhole Night in July. Perhaps in the autumn we can challenge other villages. Llantilio are you up for it? If you would like more information about what is going on at the village hall then please contact the village committee on llanvapleyvillagecommittee@gmail.com

Llanvapley Walking Group

The walking group met on Saturday 8th June and went for a walk around the solar farm. The walkers were promised a surprise and were delighted to be the first group to use a new gate. The gate was installed by the county council with the help of footpath volunteers and the support of the local landowner. The gate was provided by the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales using funding from the Community Green Energy Advisory Group (CGEAG). The advisory group distributes community benefits from the solar farm. It was therefore appropriate that this final gate is the last of ten accessible gates installed on a route which goes through the solar farm. If you would like more information about the walking group then please Phil Allsopp on llanvapleywalkinggroup@gmail.com



Llantilio Crossenny WI news and events

Lots has been going on at the Llantilio Crossenny WI during June.

We were enthralled by a talk from John Sheen entitled 'The Happiest Days'. We were led down the memory lane of our school days- the good, the bad and the downright ugly in some cases! The evening was peppered with amusing anecdotes and silliness and enjoyed by us all.

The WI Choir performed at the Trinity Hall in Abergavenny to the afternoon club for the visually impaired. What a wonderful and inspiring afternoon it was and we are grateful to everyone for their enthusiasm and their marvellous singing.



Llantilio Crossenny WI Choir in full flow!

Our WI members are a social lot and we now have bi-weekly 'meet and chat' get-togethers at various places locally. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

Dates for your diary: Friday 5th July at Raglan Castle café, NP152BT at 10.30pm; Friday 19th July at Bridges Community Centre, Monmouth NP255AS, also at 10.30am.

Selby Sounds Handbells ringing out at a beautiful June wedding.

Selby Sounds Handbells pealed out the bride and groom at their wedding at St Michaels and All Angels church Llanvihangel-Ystern-Llewern. The happy couple wanted bells at their wedding but there are no church bells at the moment so Selby Sounds provided what the bride called 'one of the most beautiful things she has ever heard'. How wonderful is that?!



Happy Birthday to our very own Reverend Peter Cobb.

The congregation of St Teilo's enjoyed chocolate cake with the indomitable Reverend Peter Cobb on the occasion of his birthday this month.

Impressively, Peter blew out all of the candles in one go!

In his usual erudite fashion, Peter spoke warmly about the friendship and support that binds together our very special church community here in north Monmouthshire.

We are all indeed very fortunate to live and worship here and benefit from Peter's wisdom and Insightful words.

