

# Services and Events in November 2024

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

7.00pm. **Joint Service for All Saints, St Teilo's, Llantilio Pertholy**

## Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

6.00pm **Joint service for All Souls, St Teilo's, Llantilio Crossenny**

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

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 11.45am-12.30pm.*

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

9.30am **St. Cadoc's, Penrhos. Service of Remembrance.**

Refreshments will be served after the service. Open to all.

10.45am **Joint Service of Remembrance. St Teilo's Llantilio Crossenny.**

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

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

NB. There will not be a service today at St Teilo's, Llantilio Crossenny.

## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

7.00pm **Taize Service, St Mabli's, Llanvapley**

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November

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

*Refreshments are served after the service from approximately 10.20am onwards and everyone from the community is very welcome.*

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

*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.*



## **News from the Four Churches.**

### **St Cadoc's, Penrhos**

#### **Harvest Festival**

The Harvest Festival at St Cadoc's was a charming service with lusty singing of the traditional harvest hymns from the packed congregation. The church had been beautifully prepared by several members of the local community and was especially atmospheric in the evening gloaming, with the candles lit. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a convivial Harvest Supper at High House Barn courtesy of Richard and Fiona Cleeve.

#### **Christmas is a Comin'!**

The Carol Service at St Cadoc's, Penrhos, is on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.00pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies at High House. Everyone is very welcome.



Lord God, We celebrate your goodness and give thanks for your care. For the food that we eat and for those who have prepared it. For the land that has grown it, and for those who have farmed it. For this county of ours, Full of bounty and beauty. For all of your gifts We give you our thanks. Amen.

## St. James the Elder, Llanvetherine Harvest Festival

The Harvest service was held in St James the Elder with a heartening turn out given such an uninviting day. The congregation gave donations for the Abergavenny food bank. A lot of work went into cleaning and decorating the church which looked beautiful. The congregation were in excellent voice for the rousing harvest hymns led by Heidi on the organ, with the service led by me.

*Report by Andrew Dawson*



## St. Mabli's, Llanvapley Taize service in Llanvapley: date change.

There will be a Taize service in Llanvapley church on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. Rehearsals for the service will take place at the Catholic Church at Llanarth hospital on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 4.30pm with a final rehearsal at Llanvapley Pavilion on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm.

Everyone is very welcome to the service and the rehearsals which will be of particular interest to anyone who enjoys singing.

## Llanvapley Churchyard

Llanvapley Churchyard is maintained by the church community and there is a lot of maintenance work to do! The most obvious is grass cutting and we would like to thank David Lewis for his excellent work throughout the year to ensure the churchyard looks well looked after. Apart from the grass there are the trees, paths, walls and graves to look after. There is a plan of the churchyard on the Llantilio Group website and a list of each grave and the inscriptions on the graves. The plan shows a blank area on the west side of the churchyard. The area appears to have been used for burials but there are no gravestones to be seen. Recently, a stone was seen poking out from under the soil, moss and leaves which was a bit of a trip hazard. Following further exploration a very large gravestone was revealed which had not been recorded on the churchyard plan. The inscription on the gravestone read *"In memory of William Jones of Great Killough who died the 6th day of May 1844 aged 56 years / Fear not for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. 43rd Chapter Isaiah first verse"* Does anyone know anything about Mr Jones? He must have been a significant figure in the area and there must be a reason why he was buried in Llanvapley and not in the Killough Chapel in Llantilio Crossenny Church.



## Baptism Service

The baptism of Amelia Jane Fiona Simpson (daughter of Alex and Alicia, and granddaughter of Tom & Flossie Lowes) was performed by Reverend Heidi at St Mabli's Church Llanvapley on Sunday 27th October and Jeanette Massochi kindly played the organ in a packed church. The sun shone on a very happy occasion which was followed by a family lunch at The Old Rectory.



## St. Teilo's, Llantilio Crossenny.

It was 'serendipitous Sunday' on the 20<sup>th</sup> October as it was Elsie Latham's birthday. I'm sure that our readers know that Elsie is an indefatigable and energetic churchwarden at St Teilo's and a much loved member of the community. Marion baked an absolutely delicious orange drizzle birthday cake and there was a rousing rendition of 'Birthday to You!'. A merry time was had by all.



### Save the Date.

There will be a Christmas Coffee Morning at Llanvapley Pavilion on Thursday 28th November at 10.30am. There will be delicious cakes, Christmas crafts and a book stall to tempt you along with a raffle and lively conversation. St Teilo's needs a new carpet and any funds raised will go towards the considerable cost of this improvement.

### Community News

#### Llantilio Crossenny WI news and events

Our October presentation by on Cyber Security was postponed at the last minute by Gwent Police. Luckily our very own Keiko stepped into the breach and taught us the Japanese art of origami or paper folding. The word origami comes from 'ori' meaning folding and 'kami' meaning paper and Keiko certainly tested our skills and competence!

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the session and the chance to catch up.

We were very pleased to welcome three new members to our lively group.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00pm at Llanvapley Pavilion. Please join us - you will receive a very warm welcome.

Contact Sue on 07768280251 if you need a lift.

#### **Solar farm community grant help for The Village Alive Trust** (*Abergavenny Chronicle October 2024*)

The Village Alive Trust, a local listed buildings preservation charity, has received a grant from the Community Green Energy Advisory Group to create a new website to help members of the public learn about past and present projects.

It is the Trust's 20th anniversary year and the running of the website [www.villagealivetrust.org.uk](http://www.villagealivetrust.org.uk) was recently handed back to the Trust by the long term volunteer webmaster, Jason Cooper.

Trustee Pat Griffiths said, "Members of the Trust are very grateful to Jason for his years of service in keeping the website running and updated. To enable us to upgrade and run a new look website we successfully applied for funding to the Community Green Energy Advisory Group (CEAG) which covers applications from community councils in the vicinity of the Llanvapley Solar Farm. "The Trust would like to thank the CEAG for recommending our website project for funding as the aim is to keep the community informed of the Trust's activities, particularly the current project to renovate the closed St Teilo's Church at Llanarth for use as a rural well-being centre."

Recently representatives of the Trust met with members of the creative team at TheMedia.Agency to plan the rejuvenated website which will be launched in a few months.

Pat said, "It was a productive meeting with Tylar and Brendan at the agency's Abergavenny design studio and they really understood what the Trust needs and showed us examples of websites produced for other local organisations which work well.

"We hope to work with them over the coming months to relaunch a new, updated, easy to navigate and comprehensive website. We are also grateful for the agency's competitive quote for creating the new website, which helped the Trust successfully complete the CEAG grant application."

The Village Alive Trust has recently received a St Teilo's Church project development report from consultant Gareth Kiddie who undertook the work after a tendering process. An energy survey has also been carried out for the church building; architect plans have been updated and a year long ecology survey to ascertain bat activity at the Grade II\* listed building is underway. These elements of project development have been enabled thanks to two grant offers from the Architectural Heritage Fund. The AHF also supported the initial viability study carried out by the Trust when the redundant church was put up for sale by the Church in Wales in 2019.

St Teilo's Church has Norman origins and was closed over ten years ago following a quinquennial inspection which found repairs were needed. The Church in Wales is supporting community reuse of the heritage landmark.

**It's near nigh impossible to find an uplifting poem about November!**

So I'm not going to include one this month as it's all too pessimistic for this editor's liking. So, instead, some jokes to finish...

Q: What is a pumpkin's favourite sport? A: Squash!

Q: Why did the star explode during Autumn? A: It was a super Nova-ember!

Q: What sort of cutlery do men use in November? A: Guy Forks!

Source: The Beano!



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## All Saints Eucharist

St Teilo's Church, Llantilio Pertholey

Friday 1st November

7pm

## All Souls Service

St Teilo's Church, Llantilio Crossenny

Saturday 2nd November

6pm

## Taizé (Practice)

St Mabli's Church, Llanvapley

Monday 11th November

7pm

## Taizé Worship

St Mabli's Church, Llanvapley

Monday 18th November

7pm

## Carol Talk by Philip Norman

St Michael's Church, Llanvihangel Crucorney

Saturday 23rd November

2:30pm

## Grosmont Market

St Nicholas' Church, Grosmont

30th November

10am-2pm

## Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

St Michael's Church, Llanvihangel Crucorney

30th November

2pm-4pm