

Services and Events in October 2024

Friday 4th October

6.30pm. **St Cadoc's, Penrhos (Harvest Festival)**

Then afterwards at High House for harvest supper.

6th October

9.30am **St. James the Elder, Llanvetherine (Harvest Festival).**

11.00am **St. Teilo's, Llantilio Crossenny (Harvest Festival).**

Then afterwards in the church for a buffet lunch.

13th October

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.** (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.

20th October

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

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

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.

27th October

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)

The service will include the baptism of Amelia Simpson



News from the Four Churches.

St Cadoc's, Penrhos

Harvest Festival: Friday 4th October at 6.30pm.

This is always a wonderful service and everyone is very welcome to join us and to come along afterwards to High House for Harvest Supper.

St. James the Elder, Llanvetherine

Harvest Festival: Sunday 6th October at 9.30am.

The Llanvetherine Harvest Festival this year will take place as part of the normal service and all are very welcome to join us.

St. Mabli's, Llanvapley

Taize service in Llanvapley.

There will be a Taize service in Llanvapley church on Thursday 21st November at 7pm. Rehearsals for the service will take place at the Catholic Church at Llanarth Hospital on Sunday 6th October at 4pm and Sunday 3rd November at 4pm and one more date nearer the time. Everyone is welcome to the service and the rehearsals which will be of particular interest to anyone who enjoys singing.

St. Teilo's, Llantilio Crossenny.

Harvest Festival: Sunday 6th October at 11.00am

Followed by a buffet lunch in the church. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

Llantilio Crossenny Bell Ringers

The Llantilio ringers have had a busy few weeks. On Saturday 30th August the team rang for the wedding of Abigail Gray and Matthew Beech. Ringing bells for a wedding can be a bit stressful. It is not like practice night (Tuesday) when residents of the village hear all sorts of mistakes and clanging as the ringers try to perfect their art. The team were delighted with the compliments it received but knew they could get better. The team had its chance on Wednesday 11th September for the wedding of Oliva and Luke Barnfield. The days before the wedding were certainly taxing due to some of the ringers being unavailable. Luckily, the team was able to contact ringers from other towers and were pleased to welcome Ian and Frances from Monmouth to make up the magic number of six ringers. Once again the team received praise for its ringing and this time there were no mistakes and the bells rang out across the village and the fields on what was a lovely early Autumn day. The photo shows the ringers for the second wedding.



Llanvapley Church News

Llanvapley Church held its Harvest service on Sunday 22nd September. The church would like to thank Fr. Julian for taking the service and his entertaining sermon in which he explained how harvest services were started by Reverend Robert Hawker at his church in Morwenstow, Cornwall in 1843. Thanks are also due to all the people who prepared the church, played the organ and provided a first rate harvest lunch. After the service Les, Des, Verity, Alison, Ann, Elaine, Gerald, Gill, Steve and Alex each rang the bell ten times to celebrate the 100th birthday of Doris Evans.



The Cwmmera Chapel, Old Ross Road, Llanvetherine.

Report by Andrew Dawson.

Cwmmera Baptist Chapel stands just outside Llanvetherine, at Caggle Street.

Here are two shots showing the beautifully decorated Cwmmera Chapel before the harvest Service on Sunday 15th September, all created by Chris Lewis and Chris Jenkins. The service was taken by myself and the organ played by Jeannette Massochi - both of us at very short notice owing to the unfortunate incapacity of the planned preacher and organist. A lovely afternoon tea was served after the service.



This little Baptist chapel, for those who don't already know it, is beautifully and lovingly looked after, nestling beside the Old Ross Road just outside of Llanvetherine. They always have a warm welcome for Christians of all denominations, and indeed anyone who would like to join them. The carol Service is a cheering seasonal experience and worth going to if you haven't been before.



An Invitation to the Licensing of Revd. Mary Moore

Everyone is cordially invited to the licensing service of Revd. Mary Moore as House for Duty Vicar of Grosmont Pastoral District at St Nicholas' Church, Grosmont on Tuesday 15th October at 7.30pm

Community News.

Llanvapley and District Gardening Club.

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. Our next meeting is on October 2nd when Dave Cropp will be giving a demonstration about dividing and potting on. Dave gave a wonderful presentation to the Gardening Club last year on the topic of Gardening at a time of Climate Change and this is sure to be another informative evening.

All are very welcome to come along. £5 for non-members and all are welcome.

Contact Marion Ashton at marion.ashton@yahoo.co.uk if you are interested in joining this group of horticultural enthusiasts!

Grosmont Gardening Club have an exciting event coming up on Friday 4th October at Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Michael Marriott is one of the world's leading rosarians and will be giving a talk entitled 'David Austin English Roses'. Tickets are £10 for non-members. Contact barbararees549@btinternet.com for more information and tickets, although a few tickets will be available on the door.

LSSA News

It was a busy month in Llanvapley pavilion with a number of meetings as well as the usual community events. September saw the return of Quiz Night which was very well attended. After eight rounds and a picture round the 'Firs Brigade' and 'Quizzical' could not be separated and it took a tie break to decide the winner! There will be a Film Night and a Quiz Night again in October. If you are not on the mailing list please contact llanvapleyvillagecommittee@gmail.com.

Doris is 100!

On Sunday 22nd September Mrs Doris Evans celebrated her 100th birthday by being taken by her family to the seaside. Doris claims her great age is down to her regular routine of a glass of wine and an afternoon nap! On Saturday 21st a party was held at her home which was attended by family and her many friends from the village. Pride of place on the mantelpiece was her card from King Charles and Queen Camilla. The guests were treated to a lovely buffet tea and toasted Doris with champagne. As a special treat for Doris, her three great grandsons – Tom, Josh and William – went over to the church and rang the bell one hundred times to celebrate a very special day, a very special lady and a wonderful life.

A message from Denise (Doris's daughter)

I would like to thank all her neighbours and friends who gave Mum such a wonderful and happy time at her party on Saturday 21st. September. You were all so kind and generous, she was delighted. Also a very big THANK YOU for the beautiful flowers from the Community Council.

We just managed to hear the bells again after the Harvest Festival at church before we set off for the Mumbles in the pouring rain!! However the trip to the sea for her birthday was a huge success despite the weather and happy time was had by all, Mum, me, Colin and Jan....there was lots of laughter. I think lots of people were thrilled to see the King's birthday card!



Llantilio Crossenny WI news and events

The September meeting of the Llantilio Crossenny WI was one of the most thought provoking and at times emotional evenings that we can remember. As part of an initiative of the Alzheimer Society, Marianne Piper came to speak to us about 'Dementia Friends'.

Marianne is the Volunteer Co-ordinator for Monmouth, Raglan and Usk, based at the Bridges Centre in Monmouth. Her role is focused on recruiting and deploying volunteers across a diverse range of worthwhile projects in the north Monmouthshire area.

However, at our meeting Marianne led an interactive session on a topic that is relevant to us all- Dementia and becoming a Dementia Friend.

A Dementia friend is somebody who is willing to learn about dementia and then turn their understanding into action. Even small adjustments by each of us can make a huge difference to someone living with this condition.

The session taught us the 5 key messages of Dementia Friends:

- Dementia is not a natural part of aging
- Dementia is caused by brain diseases
- Dementia is not just about memory loss
- It is possible to live well with dementia
- There is more to the person than the dementia.

Everyone listened warmly to a fellow member who spoke from the heart, having developed the condition herself. She confirmed with great sensitivity and eloquence about how she manages to live an independent life thanks to the

enduring support of close friends and wonderful carers.

Marianne was unanimously thanked for giving such an insightful presentation - we all gained a much better understanding of living with dementia and how we can help. For more information please contact Dementia Friends on 03002225855 or ring Marianne at Bridges on 01600 228660.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th October at Llanvapley Pavilion at 7pm with a talk on Scams and Cyber Security. Join us if you can. Call Sue on 07768280251 if you want more information or a lift.

**A verse from Dylan Thomas this month, taken from
Especially When The October Wind.**

Especially when the October wind
With frosty fingers punishes my hair,
Caught by the crabbing sun I walk on fire
And cast a shadow crab upon the land,
By the sea's side, hearing the noise of birds,
Hearing the raven cough in winter sticks,
My busy heart who shudders as she talks
Shares the syllabic blood and drains her words.

NMMA CHOIR

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Autumn and Winter Requests 2024

The NMMA Choir serves the seventeen parishes of the North Monmouthshire Ministry Area. Membership of the choir is open to any interested singers.

Each request functions as a stand-alone project. That is, participation in any one event does not imply participation in any others.

The repertoire chosen is tailored to the singers available. Those singers are not hammered into an unhappy union with hard notes.

These are the requests for the next few months. If you want to know more about any one, just visit the website or contact Philip Norman (details below).

<p>Sunday 29 Sept 6.00 pm</p> <p>St Michael's Church Llanvihangel Crucorney</p> <p>Sung Evensong</p> <p>One of the regular NMMA fifth-Sunday-of-the month services, held on St Michael's Day</p> <p>festival-choir.cymru/ evensong</p>	<p>Tuesday 15 Oct 7.30 pm</p> <p>St Nicholas' Church Grosmont</p> <p>Revd Mary Moore Licensing Service</p> <p>The Revd Mary Moore is officially installed as a team vicar</p> <p>festival-choir.cymru/ MaryMoore</p>	<p>Friday 1 Nov 7.00 pm</p> <p>St Teilo's Church Llantilio Pertholey</p> <p>All Saints Service</p> <p>The seventeen parishes come together to celebrate one of the major festivals of the year</p> <p>festival-choir.cymru/ AllSaints</p>
<p>Sunday 1 Dec (pm tbc)</p> <p>St Teilo's Church Llantilio Pertholey</p> <p>Advent Carols</p> <p>A service of Advent carols and readings on Advent Sunday</p> <p>Details coming soon</p>	<p>Sunday 22 Dec 6.00 pm</p> <p>St Teilo's Church Llantilio Pertholey</p> <p>Christmas Carols</p> <p>Sing with the resident choir of St Teilo's at this traditional carol service</p> <p>festival-choir.cymru/ StTeilo</p>	<p>Sunday 12 Jan 4.00 pm</p> <p>St David's Church Llanddewi Rhydderch</p> <p>Revd David Williams Licensing Service</p> <p>The Revd David Williams is officially installed as a team vicar</p> <p>Details coming soon</p>