

SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday 1st February

09.30 Trellech
11.00 Penallt

Sung Matins
Candlemass

Sunday 8th February

09.30 Penallt
11.00 Trellech

2nd before Lent.
BCP Said Communion
Family Communion

Sunday 15th February

09.30 Penallt
11.00 Trellech

Next before Lent
Holy Eucharist
Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 15th February

11.00 Penallt
06.30 Trellech

Ash Wednesday
Eucharist with Ashing
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Sunday 22nd February

09.30 Penallt
11.00 Trellech

Lent 1
Holy Eucharist
Holy Eucharist

Sunday 1st March

09.30 Trellech
11.00 Penallt

St David's Day
Sung Matins
Holy Eucharist

CANDLEMASS - (or more correctly, "The Presentation of Christ")

The service remembers the presentation of the Christ child in the temple and marks the proper end of the festival seasons of Christmas and Epiphany.

We all have candles as we remember Christ as the Light in the world, hence the better known name of Candlemass. Traditionally it was the day that new candles, purchased after Christmas, were blessed and set aside for the use of the church. Do join us if you would like to experience this.

ASH WEDNESDAY - one of the most solemn days of observance in the Church. This year we are offering a morning service as well as an evening service so that there are two chances to get to church. It is the first day of the Season of Lent where our thoughts turn toward Good Friday, and the enormous gift of love that comes to us through the suffering and death of Christ.

That journey begins our reflection through prayers of penitence, acknowledging it was for our sins that he died. We take the ashes of the previous year's palm crosses to sign on our foreheads as an outward reminder that we are all sinners and in need of God's forgiving love which comes to us through the death of Jesus.

Recent Funerals

15th December – John Stait – from the Narth

22nd January – Grace James – Llandogo/The Narth

Recent Event News

6th December- Fun at Pelham Hall Did you come? It really was fun with tables overflowing with food and presents (even some wonderful tapestries); singing of Carols; mulled wine and children playing. It raised an astonishing £813 for old church after expenses were paid.

13th December- Fun Christmas Concert. At St Nicholas Church

There was a warm uplifting atmosphere when we were treated to a wonderful programme by the Monmouth Choral Society with breaks for our own village school and Grange School choirs and some delightful readings. Some 400 people (including 100 performers, were present. The church raise £200 and the Friends £400 with raffle, mulled wine, bar and mince pies. The Choir also benefitted from the ticket money on the door.

Christmas Eve - The annual Barn Nativity was a great success.

The barn was packed with people standing shoulder to shoulder singing and watching the children.

4th January - Family and Friends of the Late John Windridge gathered at the

Babington Centre to celebrate what would have been his 100th birthday

10th January – Mike Frost celebrated his 80th birthday at the Pelham Hall. with his family and friends

February Diary

Wednesday 4th – Our Vicar and her Husband will attend the Muslim Council for Wales seminar. – The Jewish chief Rabbi will be the guest speaker .

Tuesday 17th – 19.30 - Friends of Trellech Church and Churchyard are planning the annual Pancake Quiz in St Nicholas Church. Entry to the quiz (19.30) will be 2.50€/person, bar (from 19.00)and refreshments available.

From Monday 23rd . The start of our Lent home groups, meeting weekly to discuss the Christian approach to Holy week and Easter. Especially suitable for newcomers. If you would like to join a group please contact the Vicar or Kay Bowen for the Narth (860594); James Coutts for Penallt (860277) or Dick Coates for Trellech (860100).

Thursday 26th 10.30 to 1200 Coffee morning hosted by Jill Westwood at Pennyfarthings, Catbrook. {note Jan 28th at Old Post Office Penallt - host Anne Stratton).

Who's Who?

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GIFT AID

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The Parish of Trellech and Penallt February 2015

Visitors and newcomers are always welcome
"I am the vine, You are the branches. He who abides in me & I in him bears much fruit..."
John 15 - 4

