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# The Parish of Trellech and Penallt SEPTEMBER 2015

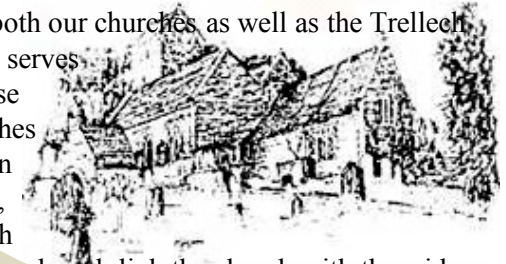
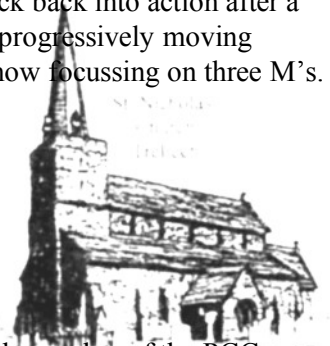
## From the Vicarage, September 2015

The holiday season will be over by the time you read this news letter. Children and parents will be getting back into routine as schools re open. New adventures await those going to university or starting new jobs. Our church life will also bring new challenges as we kick back into action after a holiday period where things have been quietly but progressively moving forward. Having met with the Bishop, the PCC is now focussing on three M's. Ministry, Maintenance and Mission.

**Maintenance:** There is a short report from Terry, elsewhere in the newsletter, about the maintenance projects now in hand and as we await the full reports of the quinquennial inspections completed in August, we anticipate a number of maintenance projects which will unfold in the next few months.

**Ministry and Mission:** is being explored, with each member of the PCC offering a possible mission statement in less than 25 words, and listing a further 12 words that come to mind when we think of the word mission. We will be exploring these more fully at our next meeting and the congregations will be invited to engage with us by offering their ideas and words so that we can together shape the ministry and mission of our church for the future. In the meantime, September /October HARVEST AND HARVEST LUNCH is being planned, as well as the November PROMISE AUCTION at Catbrook Memorial Hall, which will benefit both our churches as well as the Trellech Surgery and a Refuge Centre which serves this and the wider community. Please collect pledge forms from the churches and offer your promise so that it can be included in the catalogue of bids, and support both these events which are there to draw us together as a church and link the church with the wider community.

May your home know the blessing of Christ's love - Sandra Howells, Vicar



## SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2015

<b>6th Sept.</b>	Trinity 14	
09.30.	St Nicholas Church	Sung Mattins
11.00.	Old Church Penallt	Eucharist with healing
3pm	Tintern Abbey	Ecumenical Vespers
<b>13th Sept.</b>	Trinity 15	
09.30.	Old Church Penallt	Holy Eucharst.
11.00.	St Nicholas Trellech	Family Communion
	& celebration of Jim & Mary's Diamond Wedding	
<b>20th Sept.</b>	Trinity 16	
09.30.	Old Church Penallt	Holy Eucharist + Baptism
11.00.	St Nicholas Church	Holy Eucharist
<b>27th Sept.</b>	Trinity 17	Trellech Harvest Lunch
09.30.	Old Church Penallt	Eucharist with Hymns
11.00.	St Nicholas Trellech	Harvest Eucharist Festival
<b>4th October</b>	Trinity 18	Penallt Harvest
09.30.	St Nicholas Trellech	Matins
11.00.	Old Church Penallt	Harvest Eucharist Festival

## September Diary

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>** - Tintern Vespers . A lot of people like to go to this special service of ecumenical vespers at 3pm in the Abbey. The preacher is Dr Madeleine Gray. There is no seating - bring chairs.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** - 19.45 St James, Tytherington: Quarter Peel attempt

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>** PCC Meeting –

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30-12** Coffee morning at the Vicarage Penallt

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00** Visiting Bellringers from Oxford

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>** St Nicholas Churchyard Working party (morning)

**September 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>** - Art in Penallt - the annual Penallt Art Festival, all details on the website [www.artinpenallt.org.uk](http://www.artinpenallt.org.uk).

**Friday 2nd October 19.30** - The next Burning Issues at the Babington Centre - "Greening our hearts and minds" Speaker will be Professor Herbert Girardet, cultural ecologist, film-maker, author and international consultant. No entry charge, food and drink provided, donations please..

### Celebrations and Congratulations

July 11<sup>th</sup> Lisa Rogers and Aiden McLaughlan. Holy Matrimony - Trellech  
 July 27<sup>th</sup> Richard Howells and Amanda Booke. Holy Matrimony – Thailand  
 Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> Welcome to Ruth Lawnsborough, the new Monmouth Methodist Minister

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> Daphne Shannon's husband John, on his 100th birthday.

### Rest In Peace

Wesley Kedward - Funeral 27 <sup>th</sup> July	St Nicholas Church
Kathleen Mansell - Funeral 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	Penallt Old Church
Elizabeth Margetts - Cremated Remains	St Nicholas Church
Jayne Owen - Funeral 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	St Nicholas Church

### PENALLT OLD CHURCH

Your PCC is working with an architect, suppliers, and the DAC to make improvements over the next 18 months. These include a substantial upgrade on the heating system; weather-proofing the porch; repairing the upper windows in the Nave and the lichgate closure; redecorating the internal walls; putting a French drain around the church walls to ease drainage, and repairing two large gaps in the graveyard walls.

**A working party** to remove the large heaps of compost hay, and wood; the suckers from the major lime trees; and having the whole graveyard strimmed. Any help will be appreciated so just call the Churchwarden.



**Harvest Festival lunch will be after the service in Trellech on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Please bring gifts to offer Lunch tickets £5 Harvest Eucharist in Old Church 4th Oct. 11am Followed by bread and cheese fellowship.**

### Harvest in UK

**Please bring harvest gifts which will be sent to Homeless Charities after the services.**



### Harvest in West Africa