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The Parish of Trellech and Penallt October/November 2015

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest." Luke 10:2

CHURCH FABRIC

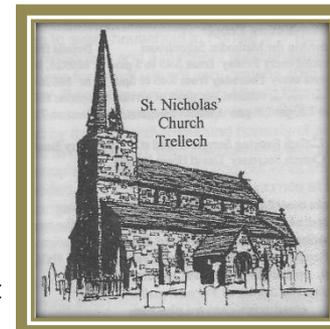
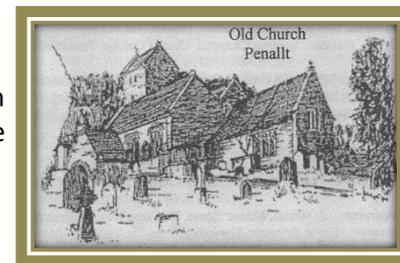
The first 2 projects for Penallt Old Church have now been forwarded to the Diocese for faculty approval. We are planning to upgrade the boiler and heating system, and have professional restoration work done on the Lychgate.

In the meantime the pilgrim shell, donated as a centre piece for the labyrinth prayer walk behind the church, is now in place, in accordance with the PCC agreement last year. Terry Roberts has confirmed that by the end of October the Old Church graveyard will be fully cut and any residual vegetation removed ready for the winter months.

Discussions continue with the DAC and relevant bodies regarding plans to repair/restore and improve the entrance porch at the Old Church.

If we reach agreement we are confident of securing grants toward this work as well as for the heating and the Lychgate

Once projects are approved, we will begin to look at the needs for St Nicholas Church in the light of the Quinquennial report. The upgrade of the notice boards at St Nicholas will be dealt with before very long.



SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2015

4th Oct.	Trinity18	
09.30.	St Nicholas Trellech	Sung Mattins
11.00.	Old Church Penallt	Harvest Eucharist
11th Oct.	Trinity 19	
09.30.	Old Church Penallt	BCP Eucharist
11.00.	St Nicholas Trellech	Family Communion
18th Oct.	Luke Evangelist	
09.30.	Old Church Penallt	Holy Eucharist + baptism
11.00.	St Nicholas Trellech	Holy Eucharist
25th Oct.	Last after Trinity	Rev J Blick
09.30.	Old Church Penallt	Holy Eucharist
11.00.	St Nicholas Trellech	Healing Eucharist

FUTURE DEADLINE

To help the editors to get the News Sheets out on time please can contributions reach us by 15th November for the Christmas/January Issue. You do not have to wait for the deadline, earlier would be good.

As they say “Speed Limits are not Targets. You can go slower”.

REFUGEES

In the summer the pressing concerns of migration from the Middle East has been highlighted and European governments have been responding in practical ways to the ever deepening crisis. People often look to the church for guidance and a press statement outlining the response from the Bench of Bishops and some practical guidance can be read here: <http://www.churchinwales.org.uk/news/2015/09/bishops-call-on-churches-to-help-refugees/>.

Previous Happenings

Funerals

14 th August	Funeral: Kathleen Mansell
18 th August	Burial of cremated remains: Clive Andrews
19 th August	Burial of cremated remains: Elizabeth Margett
24 th August	Funeral: Jayne Owen.

News

6th September we welcomed the Rev Ruth Lownsbrough as the new Methodist Minister for Monmouth and Trellech

We also have a new Priest in Charge arriving at Llandogo, The Venerable Nigel Duke and his wife Ruth will move into the Llandogo Rectory this month. We welcome him into the Deanery

17th September – Coffee Morning at the Vicarage - I would like to thank the 26 people who came and made it such a happy gathering; for the abundance of cakes, and for raising £167.90 for our parish churches. The previous time I hosted the parish coffee morning it was a very small group, and about £40 raised. So whether you can host a small or a large gathering, it all helps to bring people together as well as contributing to the great coffee morning total at the end of the year. If you can host a coffee morning in October or November, please let me know

INVESTITURE CELEBRATION

We note the celebration for the investiture of our Treasurer Tony McGorrigan who, on Sunday 13th September was at Buckfast, being invested as a Knight of the Military Order of the Collar of St Agatha of Paterno. This is a Christian, ecumenical Order focused on global charitable projects. Congratulations Tony.

ADVANCE WARNING

Christmas Quiz in St Nicholas on Tuesday 8th December, 7.30 pm.

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2015

1st Nov.	All Saints / All Souls	
11.00.	Old Church Penallt	All saints Eucharist
5pm	St Nicholas Trellech	All Souls Eucharist
8th Nov.	Remembrance	P: Vicar / T: J Blick
09.30.	Old Church Penallt	Holy Eucharist
10.50.	Penallt Village	Act of Remembrance
10.50.	St Nicholas Trellech	Remembrance service
3pm	Catbrook Hall	Remembrance service
15th Nov.	2nd before Advent	
09.30.	Old Church Penallt	Holy Eucharist
11.00.	St Nicholas Trellech	Eucharist with Healing
22nd Nov.	Christ the King	
09.30.	Old Church Penallt	Holy Eucharist
11.00.	St Nicholas Trellech	Holy Eucharist
29th Nov	Advent Sunday	united service
5pm	Old Church Penallt	Advent Carols
6th Dec.	Feast St Nicholas	
11.00.	Old Church Penallt	Holy Eucharist
4pm	Trellech	Patronal Festival Party

All Souls Day

We remember in love all who have experienced the death of one their loved ones and invite them to a special service at St Nicholas Church on Sunday 1st Nov, at 5pm. We will pray by name for those who have died this year and remember those of former years if we are asked to pray for them. People have the chance to give a lily in remembrance and candles will be lit. Details of the service will be on the notice boards in both churches .

October Diary

Thursday 1st -11am Ringers from Taunton will visit our tower
Sunday 4th There will be refreshments after the service in Penallt.

Saturday 17th 09.30 - This year's Diocesan Conference takes place at **St Teilo's Church in Wales High School, Circle East Way, Pentwyn, CARDIFF CF23 9PD.** We are thrilled to welcome Dr John Spence, as our key note speaker. He is a leading member of the Church in England, an experienced international financier with a powerful personal story of faith to share. We are inviting all within the Diocese to attend and participate within this very special event. Non-conference members are requested to confirm their attendance and to contact the Diocesan Office by phone on 01633 267490 or email at lindaneal@churchinwales.org.uk

November Diary

Friday 6th at 19.30 – Burning Issues - we are delighted to have a return visit from Professor Herbert Girardet, one of our first speakers in 2008 at the Babington Centre. He is a distinguished, international figure in the field of cultural ecology. Some informal discussion will follow the speaker and then a gourmet meal. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday 12th 10.30 – Coffee morning – Chris and Carole Swayne will host another coffee morning at Rough Pastures, Craig Y Dorth.

Saturday 21st 18.30 Catbrook Hall. Promise Auction This will be a fun evening with hot meal & bar many exciting lots to bid for, including: Millennium tickets, a helicopter ride, several meals for 2 at local restaurants, truckloads of logs and rotted manure, a Christmas turkey, famous faggots, crates of wine, canoe trip down the wye, offers of dog walking, ironing, and much more. A full catalogue will soon be printed. All proceeds will go to our church funds, providing equipment for Trellech Surgery, and supporting WAIMON, the leading Welsh charity for abused women. To ensure your place you can buy tickets in advance from any of the Parish officers.

INTER- CHURCH NEWS

Although the old style of a formal committee and minutes of meetings is no longer followed, it is felt by the leaders that this new (but very ancient) principle of Christians meeting in fellowship and prayer is a much better model to follow, and one which should be developed.

As leaders of our churches we are planning to use these meetings together to explore our theological differences more deeply to encourage a dialogue of tolerance and understanding, and we intend to begin this journey by sharing our faith journeys at the next meeting. If this proves to be a useful, positive and enjoyable experience, it is something that we would want to encourage as a new initiative through inter church fellowship meetings for those who might be interested.

Meanwhile at 7pm on the first Wednesday of each month, there is already a chance to meet, listen and discuss Matters of faith at Costa Coffee, please go along, enjoy a coffee and hear what is the topic of the month!

As Churches Together, we were hoping to anchor an autumn event with a guest speaker from BARNABUS, a Christian body very deeply concerned by the persecution of Christians, but in the present and difficult climate of displaced Christians throughout the world, it is proving difficult to anchor a date and this may need to be postponed until next year. If we can arrange an alternative speaker I will give notice of it.

Meanwhile we are very excited to hear that the RC Archbishop of Cardiff, His Grace George Stacks, has shown interest in visiting this parish to see our lovely churches and has offered to preach at one of our services. It is most likely that this will be an evensong and we will invite our local RC church to share with us, as well as opening the invitation to all church denominations. A date is still to be confirmed.

Dick Coats is the representative for our congregations in inters church activities and he will welcome any questions or suggestions that you may have.

Please remember to pray for the church leaders in Monmouth and surrounding areas and give thanks for the good relationships that we share as we continue to seek ways of our churches living and proclaiming the Gospel together.