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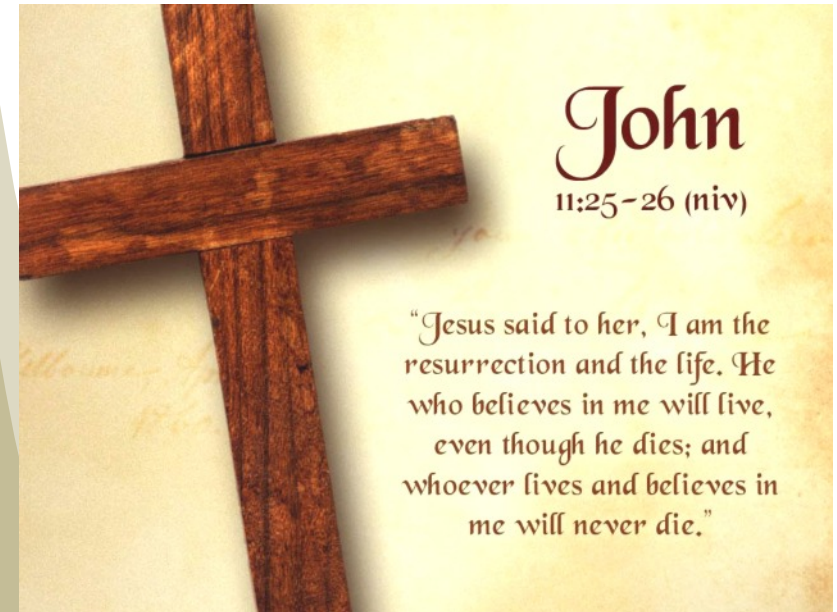
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## *The Parish of Trellech and Penallt March/April 2016*



## SERVICES MARCH 2016

<b>6th March</b>	<b>Lent IV</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>
09.30.	St Nicholas Trellech	Matins
11.00.	Old Church Penallt	Family Communion
<b>13th March</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION</b>	<b>BISHOP RICHARD</b>
11.00.	St Nicholas Trellech	Parish Communion
<b>20th March</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
09.30.	Old Church Penallt	Holy Eucharist
11.00.	St Nicholas Trellech	Holy Eucharist
<b>24th March</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	
7pm	St Nicholas Church	Holy Eucharist
<b>25th March</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	
11.00.	St Thomas Monmouth	walk of witness 'followed by service and hot X buns'
12.30.	St Nicholas Trellech	service of penitence
2.00.	Old Church Penallt	meditation on the cross
<b>27th March</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>SERVICE OF LIGHT</b>
09.30.	Old Church Penallt	Holy Eucharist
11.00.	St Nicholas Trellech	Holy Eucharist

### Mothering Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> March

or Mother's Day, is traditionally a day to visit your mother church. It is now a day to honour mothers and other mother figures, such as grandmothers, stepmothers and mothers-in-law. Many people make a special effort to visit their mother.

**Palm Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March** - is the start of Holy Week, which is the week before Easter, commemorating events in the last days of Jesus Christ's life. According to Christian belief, Jesus rode into Jerusalem where people gave him a hero's welcome during the Jewish Passover celebration



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### Give thanks to the Lord for he is Gracious

**New birth:** congratulations to our organist Jill Westwood who became Grandmother to George Andrew. Jill and Simon will be seeing their grandson in Chicago very soon.

### LAST MONTH

**Birthday celebrations:** a few people have had significant birthdays this last month.

Congratulations to Glyn Parsons, on his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Congratulations to Tessa Kemp on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**Shrove Tuesday** saw the annual Friends of Trellech Church and Churchyard Pancake quiz at St Nicholas church. A great evening with five teams competing for honours, enjoying lovely homemade pancakes and raising £283.50 to support the work of Friends.

## April Diary

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - BINGO AT THE LION

We are very grateful to Debbie Zsigo for agreeing to Peter Gardener's generous offer to run a bingo evening at The Lion to raise funds for the parish. Times and details to be confirmed so watch for the posters but put this date in the diary to support the event and show our appreciation.

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm April - HARP TEA PARTY

**St Nicholas Church** - Another must for the diary - and again we are very grateful to Charlotte and John for using the church to host their harp tea party and allow funds to go to the Parish. Come enjoy cake and tea and listen to our harpists, from beginners to the very experienced. We will be looking for volunteers to provide cakes, and to serve teas on the afternoon.

## SERVICES IN APRIL 2016

<b>3rd April</b>	<b>Easter 2</b>	
09.30.	St Nicholas Trellech	Matins
11.00.	Old Church Penallt	Holy Eucharist
<b>10th April</b>	<b>Easter 3</b>	
09.30.	Old Church Penallt	BCP Eucharist
11.00.	St Nicholas Trellech	Family Communion
<b>17th April</b>	<b>Easter 4</b>	
09.30.	Old Church Penallt	Holy Eucharist
11.00.	St Nicholas Trellech	Eucharist with healing
<b>24th April</b>	<b>Easter 5</b>	
09.30.	Old Church Penallt	Holy Eucharist
11.00.	St Nicholas Trellech	Holy Eucharist
<b>1st May</b>	<b>Rogation Sunday</b>	
09.30.	St Nicholas Trellech	Matins
11.00.	Old Church Penallt	Holy Eucharist

### Rest Eternal Grant them O Lord

**8<sup>th</sup> February:** The Revd Jean Ellis died. Jean was ordained priest in 1997 and, as assistant priest in Rockfield and St Maughan's with Lllangattock (99-04), in our own deanery. Please pray for her husband, The Revd John Ellis and their family.

### Preliminary Announcement

The ST NICHOLAS MAY DAY FETE is planned for Monday 2nd May from 10.00 to 12.00. You can claim your stall by signing up on the form available in the Church.

## March Diary

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March - 2.30 at the vicarage – Posies for Mothering Sunday.** It would be lovely if we could get back to the traditional idea of making posies for Mothering Sunday, and if anyone would like to bring garden flowers **we can have coffee and cake and make posies at the same time.**

### Mothering Sunday. 6<sup>th</sup> March

This year our Parish Mothering Sunday service will be at Penallt Old Church, 11am. **All are welcome.**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March** Preparing for Holy Matrimony. 1pm – 4pm St Nicholas Church. A time to help and support those planning a Christian wedding this year. If you have time to and would like to be part of our welcome team., please contact the Vicar.

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Bishop's visit to the Parish

The Bishop has requested the opportunity to visit the Parish, to preach and lead us in worship. It is a time for rejoicing that we are able on that Sunday to also present candidates for confirmation. Please do your best to enable us all to be together as a parish with our Bishop.

### The Friends of Trellech Church & Churchyard

#### NOTICE

Charity draw sponsored by the Monmouth Rotary Club  
Tickets £1 Each.

The winning prizes for which are being provided by  
Monmouth Rotary Club

Prizes are:- 1st. - £250; 2nd. - £150; 3rd. - £75.

All proceeds from draw tickets sold by the trustees of "The Friends" are retained by "The Friends." for the fabric of  
St Nicholas Church

The draw : The Savoy Theatre, 2nd July, during the performance  
of "Elvis in Concert".

## LENT PROJECTS

### **We manage with less so that others might have more.**

This year we have three projects to support with all the money we save from giving up chocolate, wine or whatever!!!!

### **1 THE BISHOP'S MISSION FUND** - The Church at home.

This fund will be available for all parishes to apply for help in mission work in the coming year. Each Sunday in Lent there will be a plate at the door for a retiring collection to this fund. Please use the gift aid envelopes and mark them – “Bishops Lent Fund”

**2 BRICKS FOR A NEW CHURCH IN UGANDA** – the church overseas. We funded the building and establishment of a school for girls in the Nebbish district in Uganda, and they are now building a church to support the school and community. If you wish to offer a gift to this project, it can be given directly to the Vicar and will be sent directly to the school.

### **3 EASTER EGG APPEAL** - the Community at large.

‘Llamau’ Chocolate Easter Eggs Appeal.

‘Llamau’ is a Cardiff based charity working in Cardiff, Newport and Monmouthshire. It is a charity for the young homeless that have come out of care, and vulnerable women, they currently have 5,000+ young adults and children in their care, and would like to try and give each child an Easter egg. Would your Parishioners be interested in helping this charity working in our area by donating eggs? They are not looking for anything expensive, just the standard egg but they are needed by 12<sup>th</sup> March to arrange distribution.

Gifts can be left in our churches or given to our parish link to the charity: Christina McFarlane.



## **Lent by Josephine Bax**



So it will be sometime soon, when the winter of death is past,  
hope springs again.

Resurrection life will raise us up.

The light of the sun will shed His warmth.

The angels will sing for joy  
that those whom we lost are come to greet us.

New life will unfold for us then.

All creation will rejoice together at the coming of the kingdom,  
& heaven will be at our door.

Everything reaches towards the sun,  
unstinting in its warmth.

The buds of the daffodils begin to break.

The forsythia bursts into blossom.

The birds sing happily guarding their little kingdoms,  
while Sheba rolls languorously in the dust,  
wriggling her back with sensuous pleasure.

The air has lost its sting of cold.

All creation seems to rejoice together at the coming of spring at last.

New life is unfolding piece by piece,  
& heaven is in sight at my door.

So it is when God's kingdom breaks into our lives to save us,  
when the winter of sin is past.

New life is given to us.

The light of the sun sheds his warmth.

The angels sing for joy in the kingdom as our past sins are forgiven.

God's way unfolds for us then.

The Communion of Saints rejoice together at the birth of new life  
& heaven is here, at our doors.

