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FOR THE PARISH OF
TRELLECH & PENALLT

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St. Nicholas, Trellech



Old Church, Penallt

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From the Vicarage

Thank you for such a warm welcome back after my sabbatical. It is good to be back, and I am very grateful for all that has been done in my absence, by so many people; not only those who have sustained the services and the home communions but those who have also continued with the general upkeep of the churches too. I know Friends of Trellech Church and Churchyard had a working party to tidy up the graveyard; and Tessa Murray and her team have continued to make progress in the redevelopment plans for St Nicholas Church.

At the Old Church, Terry Roberts has been working away in the graveyard and Terry Churchward has been beavering away too. With help he has reconstructed the wall by the lychgate and has begun to address a huge list of maintenance matters I left with him. Study groups have continued and as you will see from the content of this magazine many activities and events are in the pipe line. Thank you all, including all who are not mentioned by name but who have continued to help in all the usual ways.

Follow some enquiries about services, I can confirm that the time table of services will continue in its present form, although you will see from the centre pages that there are some special services where times vary, so please mark them in your diaries.

While I have been out and about I have been looking at other parish magazines for inspiration and there will be some introduction to new things which might be welcomed. To begin with, we have introduced a Poetry Page, and it is hoped that people will submit their own poems or their favourite poems, to the editor for future editions. A few words about your choice would also be very welcome.

There is also information about a monthly prayer cycle for the parish and news of the ministry of healing which is developing in our churches.

Please continue to offer any interesting articles and information so that our editor, Lyn has plenty of material which is related to the whole community.

Happy reading.

OLD CHURCH FLOWERS & CLEANING

Always needing volunteers ... please ring Sarah Haeffner on 712349

October: Mrs Sally Welsh & Mrs Anna Welsh-Morgan

November: Mrs Sarah Haeffner & Mrs Christine Jackson

... and volunteers please !

Coffee Morning in aid of 'Hands Around the World'

Friday 8th October, 10.30 - 12.30 or so !

'Nyanza', Penallt (almost opposite the Vicarage)

I am supporting this charity, and with a local group will be going out to live and work in a Kenya shanty town next to Lake Victoria for a month in February. Our project will be to build a workshop with, and for homeless street-living teenagers, so that they can learn carpentry in order to help themselves out of poverty by making and selling simple furniture. I am seeking financial sponsorship - I have pledged to raise over £2000 - the money goes to buy cement, wood, corrugated iron (for the roof) and to pay some local labour. I am paying my own air fare, and will NOT be having a month of lazing in the African sunshine, nice as that would be in February !

Our aim in the charities motto is to *'Give a Hand, Not a Handout'*.

You can read my blog about my own and the groups preparation on

<http://luolaughter.blogspot.com>

Lyn Harper .. Please contact me for more information

Bible Study Groups: -

The Penallt group will be starting up again ... dates so far as follows:-

Tues 5 Oct, Weds 13 Oct, Tues 19 Oct, Tues 26 Oct, 3 p.m., at The Old Post Office, Penallt.

The Monday morning group meets at Rose Parsons house in The Narth; contact her if interested in joining the group.

Tuesday evening group meets at 'Fernlea' at Trellech Cross. Contact Peter Symes.

Anybody and everybody is welcome ... we are not stuffy, and we learn a lot !!

Announcements and Acknowledgements

The funeral of Douglas Smillie, formerly of Trellech, took place at the Forest of Dean Crematorium and his ashes will be interred in St Nicholas Churchyard

Noah and Grace were baptised at the Old Church in Penallt on Sunday 9th August.

A baby girl has been born to Charles and Leanne Snell of Lone Lane.

Geoff and Lee Richardson were married on 8th September.

Jeff and Bethan Green were married on September 18th, and Gareth and Rebecca Fullerton married on 24th September; we will miss them at our family services until they return from their honeymoons.

Congratulations to all who have received their examination results in the holidays, and our best wishes and prayers for all who have started new schools, colleges or universities.

Welcome to all who have moved into the Parish of Trellech and Penallt over the last three months. We hope you will visit our churches and choose to come and join us on a Sunday. We pray for peace in your hearts and a blessing on your new home.

Congratulations to Flo James, Katherine Dullforce and Jordan Heales our young bell-ringers, for achieving their blue badge, an award for their next progress in bell-ringing.

Have you news to celebrate? Send details to the editor so we can share your news in the December copy of the magazine.

Penallt Old Church Christmas Bazaar

Pelham Hall, Saturday 27th November, 2 p.m.

Delicious refreshments - teas, homemade cakes, etc

Christmas gifts

Tombola

Books, video's, DVD's

Cakes

Toys



Raffles:- Picture by Mr Kimber

Guess the weight of the Christmas Cake by Mrs Frost

Main raffle

Children ... a chance to post your Christmas letter in
Father Christmas' special Post Box ... and a glass of
mulled wine for the grown-ups.

Contact Sarah Haeffner (01600-712349) with offers of
help or for more information.



POETRY PAGE

Have you a favourite poem, or have you written some yourself?

Send them to the editor with a few words explaining why you like it or in what context it was written. To start us off here are two home written poems inspired by the beauty of Penallt on early September mornings.

A September morning in Penallt

Hello you misty murky autumn morning
Clouds that veil the valley
And shroud the shape of trees
Stretching up to clearer skies.
Like them we upward gaze
For clarity, as seasons change
and leave us wondering.

Why upwards look?
When before our eyes the world reveals
A grace; a beauty, in accepting seasons
As they come and go.

God's living book of wisdom

Turns her pages day by day
Before our misty murky clouded minds.

The lesson given and received,
And grace restored
As morning sun burns through the mist;
Its new found heat
As much a blessing on the walkers head
As to the soil beneath her feet.
Anon.

God's love

Is
As strong
As the September Sun;
As clear
As the morning sky;
As fresh,
As the bird song;
As full,
As the harvest hedgerow.

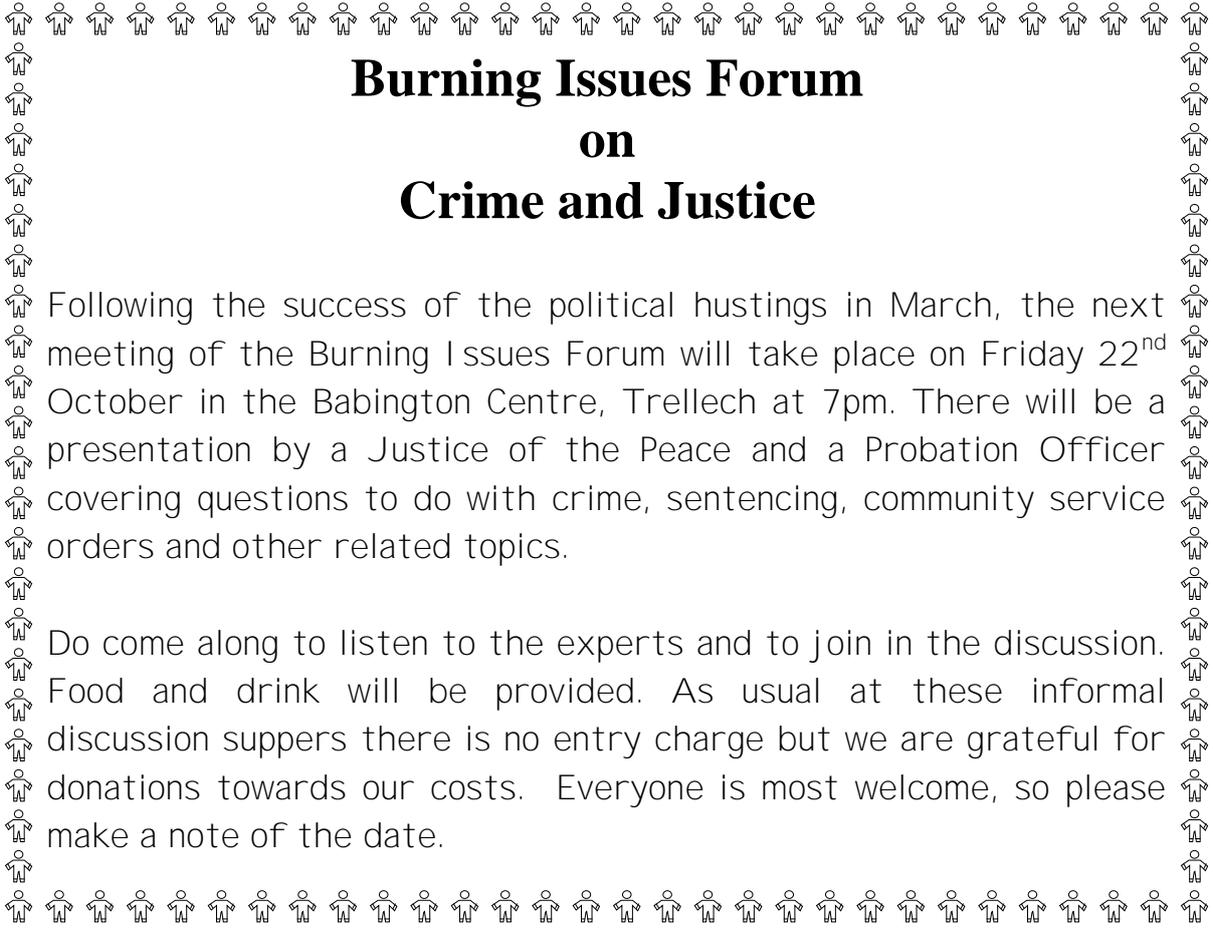
Anon

Have you read a good book recently that you can tell us something about? Others might like to hear your thoughts and reflections. Send a short piece to the Editor and we can have a page for favourite books.

Book recommendation:-

I have enjoyed all historical novels written by Tracy Chevalier, but her recent story 'Remarkable Creatures' is based around the life of 19th century Mary Anning. Mary was different to other girls; she searched the beaches and cliffs of Lyme Regis for fossils and discovered many new species. She became friends with a fossil obsessed middle class spinster, and this novel, based around facts, is their story.

LH.



Burning Issues Forum on Crime and Justice

Following the success of the political hustings in March, the next meeting of the Burning Issues Forum will take place on Friday 22nd October in the Babington Centre, Trellech at 7pm. There will be a presentation by a Justice of the Peace and a Probation Officer covering questions to do with crime, sentencing, community service orders and other related topics.

Do come along to listen to the experts and to join in the discussion. Food and drink will be provided. As usual at these informal discussion suppers there is no entry charge but we are grateful for donations towards our costs. Everyone is most welcome, so please make a note of the date.



Friends of Trellech Church and Churchyard

Friends and Families Christmas Quiz

Tuesday 7th December, 2010

7.30 p.m.

St Nicholas Church, Trellech

Refreshments available

Entrance fee

Come along and have fun !

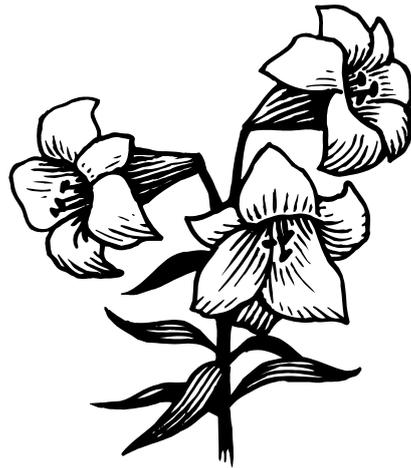
Penallt now has a magnificent village web-site, with local information, pictures, and details of what is happening in the village.

Visit www.penallt.org.uk

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**Remembering
those who
have died**

Tuesday 2nd November 6.30pm
St Nicholas Church, Trellech



ALL SOULS EUCHARIST

The Commemoration of
The Faithful Departed

If you wish a loved one to be remembered in prayer please add their name to the list in either church. To order a lily to be put in church for the service or to have a name entered in the remembrance book, please take a form from either church or ask for one from the Vicar.

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PARISH MONTHLY PRAYER CYCLE

We invite you to share in our daily prayers which, over a period of a month, will cover covers all areas of the parish, as well as the particular cares and connections we share as a community. Pamphlets are available in our churches where you can also leave specific prayers in the book provided. These will be included in the daily prayers of the church.

Day 1	Our parish of Trellech & Penallt The Narth and Pool Lane
2	Our Vicar and her family School Lane, Badgers Dean and Woodlands
3	Our Wardens & PCC members Narth Lane, and Clearview Court
4	Those who minister in our worship Penyfan, and Penyfan Green
5	Our prayer and study groups Maryland and Cleddon
6	Our Bishop and diocese The Beacons and Nine Wells
7	The Sisters at Tymawr Botony Bay and Catbrook
8	Trellech school & the children of the parish Whitelye and Broadstone
9	The school at Nebbi Parkhouse and The Gethley
10	Christian unity & Churches Together Cicelyford and Trellech Cross
11	Our Methodist friends and their leaders Pantglas and The Hygga
12	Our doctors and nurses Chepstow Road and Llandogo Road
13	Local hospitals and St David's Hospice Trellech Town, Catbrook Road
14	Healing Ministries Beacon Road and De Clere Way

15	Refugees and Asylum seekers Warren Road and Greenway Lane
16	Amnesty International Roman Way
17	The homeless Far Hill
18	Social groups in our parish & village halls Monmouth Road, Loysey, The Lydart
19	The Faithful Departed The Hoop and New Mills
20	Our Queen and her government Quab Lane and Whitebrook
21	Our MP, AM, and Local Councillors Tregagle and The Generals
22	World Peace The Argoed and the Common
23	Christian Aid Lone Lane and Barn Lane
24	The sick, housebound and bereaved The Birches and the Washings
25	The unemployed The Glyn and Black Brook Lane
26	Children in physical & emotional need Old Penallt and Church Hill
27	Vocations to the Ordained Ministry Penygarn and The Graig
28	Visitors to our Churches Green Pastures and Croes Faen
29	Those who work on the land or from home Pentwyn Park and Pentwyn
30	Conservation groups Church members living outside our parish
31	All who pray at home All who pray with others

May God's blessing be upon you, and upon your home, and may you know His presence with you always. Amen.

Service Times for

Date/time	Season/place	Service	
Oct 3rd	Trinity 18		
09.30.	St Nicholas Trellech	Matins	
11.00.	Old Church, Penallt	Harvest Eucharist	
October 10th	Trinity 19		
09.30.	Old Church, Penallt	BCP Eucharist	
11.00.	St Nicholas. Trellech	Family Eucharist	
October 17th	Trinity 20		
09.30.	Old Church, Penallt	Holy Eucharist	
11.00.	St Nicholas. Trellech	Holy Eucharist	
October 24th	Last of Trinity		
09.30.	Old Church, Penallt	Holy Eucharist	
11.00.	St Nicholas. Trellech	Holy Eucharist	<i>anointing of the sick</i>
October 31st	All Saints Eve		
4pm	Old Church, Penallt	UNITED SERVICE	
Tues.2nd November	Commemoration of faithful departed		(Kingdom I)
6.30pm	St Nicholas Trellech	All Souls Eucharist	
November 7th	Kingdom II		
09.30.	St Nicholas, Trellech	Matins	
11.00.	Old Church, Penallt	Holy Eucharist	<i>anointing of the sick</i>
November 14th	Remembrance Sunday (Kingdom II)		
09.30.	Old Church, Penallt	BCP Eucharist	
10.55	Penallt Village	act of remembrance	
11.00.	St Nicholas. Trellech	Service of Remembrance	
3.00,	Catbrook Memorial Hall	Service of Remembrance	
21st November	Christ The King		
09.30.	Old Church, Penallt	Holy Eucharist	
11.00.	St Nicholas Trellech	Holy Eucharist	
6pm	St Nicholas Trellech	Healing Service	
November 28th	Advent Sunday		
09.30.	Old Church, Penallt	Holy Eucharist	
11.00.	St Nicholas	Holy Eucharist	
December 5th	Advent II	Eve of St Nicholas	
11.00.	Old Church, Penallt	Holy Eucharist	<i>anointing of the sick</i>
4pm	St Nicholas Trellech	Advent Carols	all readers

for both Churches

	<i>reader 1</i>	<i>reader 2</i>	<i>server/chalice</i>	<i>chalice 2</i>	<i>welcome</i>
	F Kemp S Dean	A Powis V Kimber			A Powis S Dean
	T Churchward Welcome Club	T McGorrigan n/a	J Heales	K Lowe	T McGorrigan A Stubbs
	S Dean B Richards	W Boycott A Gilbey	K Bowen	A Gilbey	S Dean K Bowen
<i>red</i>	C Mills R Parsons	D Shannon K Lowe	L Harper K Lowe	R Parsons	S Haeffner A Stubbs
	L Harper	S Haeffner	L Harper	R Parsons	S Haeffner
	S Haeffner	R Parsosn	R Parsons	K Bowen	R Parsons
<i>red</i>	A Powis G Blick	F Kemp V Kimber	L Harper		A Powis G Blick
	T McGorrigan	T Churchward	L Harper		T McGorrigan
	B Richards	B Jones			B Jones
	W Boycott R Parsons	C Mills F Kemp	L Harper K Bowen	R Parsons	W Boycott A Stubbs
	L Harper A Gilbey	J Heales R Parsons	K Lowe	A Gilbey	S Haeffenr R Parsons
<i>red</i>	V Kimber B Richards	A Stratton A Gilbey	L Harper B Jones	R Parsons	A Stratton A Stubbs

Autumn Fete at St Nicholas

Saturday 6th November
from 1pm
St Nicholas Church, Trellech

Find out about your Family History
and support our church

Registers and graveyard plans

Refreshments and children's activities

Stalls and displays



Parish Away Day

Come and take time out with us at Michaelgarth in the grounds of Ty Mawr

Time to refresh the Soul and check your spiritual thermometer before the busy pre Christmas month! Soup lunch

Saturday 20th November
10am – 3.30pm

Open to anyone who would like to come .. names to Vicar or churchwardens please

Y.E.S. in the Parish of Trellech and Penallt

Sunday evening on 19th September was a first for St. Nicholas Church, when we hosted the Diocesan YES. The Youth Eucharist Service is a service for the youth of the Dioceses, conducted by the youth of the Diocese, in different places in the Diocese, for the many people who enjoy a fresh expression of the traditional Anglican Communion Service. It takes place quarterly, when all the youth and many older people who enjoy the atmosphere, congregate at a different church each time.

You might have thought Trellech church was invaded, but the team of technicians with speakers, monitors, lighting, smoke machines, bubble machines and strobe lighting were expected, and how hard they worked before the leaders and youngsters arrived for practices of music, drama and readings. Our youngsters were included. Jordan, Flo and Katherine joined in the Diocesan young peoples bell ringing team, Jordan was in the drama, Jack and Ben presented the bread and wine and others were in the congregation and helping out generally.

The Babington Centre Car park was hired for the expected 200 guests, but as ever, parking in Trellech is inadequate, and we are very grateful for Debbie at the Lion for allowing us to use their car park, and also for David Owen for the use of his field. Thanks also go to those who stewarded the parking, and those who stewarded the toilet treks! It was a great night, with good music and drama conveying the parable of the talents, and great skill and talent was shown by the team of ladies who managed to serve 200 hot dogs in church in record time. So many people were involved in making this event so successful. The next YES will be in Newport on 5th December. Let us know if you want to join us there !

Visitors to the Old Church

The visitors book in the Old Church, given in memory of Raymond Cutter in 1994, is full and has been replaced. During the sixteen years to mid-2010 more than **4,500 people 'signed in', but the actual numbers visiting the church is most** certainly higher because some signed as families and others as groups (e.g. Ramblers), quite apart from those who did not sign at all.

Visitors' comments afford many glimpses of the joys, fears, hopes and memories which touch all of us from time to time. Many came, of course, to visit old haunts and the graves of loved ones. They include some from abroad among the 458 who indicated the country from which they came. Forty four countries, no less, are named, the majority being in the Commonwealth, the U.S.A. And Europe, as the following table shows:

U.S.A.	128	Ireland	9
Australia	77	Channel Islands	7
Canada	57	Italy	7
Holland	31	Sweden	6
Germany	26	Spain	5
New Zealand	19	Switzerland	5
France	18	Belgium	4
South Africa	11	Denmark	4

Japan, Jamaica and Hong Kong were represented by three visitors from each; two each came from Argentina, Austria, Czech Republic, Greece, Mexico, Morocco, Norway, Portugal, Uganda and Zimbabwe. One each came from the Bahamas, Bosnia, Botswana, Chile, Cyprus, the Dominican Republic, Hungary, Jerusalem, Malaysia, Oman, Sarawak, Slovakia, Taiwan, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.

Numbers of visitors from abroad fluctuated widely from year to year with the last two or three years seeing a falling off which probably reflected a tightening of visitors belts !

Visitors comments were generally limited to a single word or two - **'peaceful', 'quiet', 'beautiful', 'calm', 'special', 'well-kept'**. **Some thought the building 'cool', another 'cute' and a few thought it 'pretty'**. **Three American airmen confined their joint comment to 'WOW !'** **A good number wrote how pleased they were to find the church open and the pilgrimage tapestry attracted interest including that of a visitor who thought that it was 'like a computer game'**. **One**

stretched credulity by signing himself 'Gerald of Wales' (but sadly added no address). An apoplectic gentleman, who found the church dressed for a wedding in 'unsuitable decorations', demanded to know why it was allowed. One family complained that the organ didn't work, and that 'there's nothing to play with'. A regular visitor used the book to write a short annual report on her family's progress.

In sum, however, it is clear that the great majority of visitors were thankful for the benefit they felt simply by being in the building and for the pleasure of finding it. **One couple wrote, 'Came past on our new motor-bike - didn't think it would be open. What a pleasant surprise.'**

VFK 9.8.10

Trellech Primary School

The school has teamed up with the Orange Shop on Monnow Street, Monmouth for their **"Recycle and Reward" programme.**

The Monmouth store is the first in the UK to launch the campaign where two good causes collect old mobile phone handsets and exchange them for cash from Orange. The 170 pupils aged 4-11 years have been busily collecting old unused handsets from friends, relatives and neighbours and taking them into the collection box in the school. In addition, customers at the Orange Shop are asked to donate their old phone when they upgrade. In-store are two collection boxes in which customers and passers by can drop their old phone handsets. They can either donate to the Trellech Primary School box or Bridges Community Centre box.

Every phone donated earns money for the 'good cause.' All money raised is going towards exciting new IT learning equipment for the children in the school. The campaign runs until the end of October so there is still time to donate. Either drop your old phone into the Trellech primary School box in the Orange Shop or into the school office if you are in Trellech.

*"On their own old mobile phones aren't worth that much but because we've already collected a few hundred, we've already raised over £640!"*said Year 5 class teacher Jane Foster.

CATBROOK MEMORIAL HALL

Sat. 9th October at 7.30 pm - Film Night - Hachi, A Dogs Tale.

Sat. 20th November at 7.30 pm - Film Night- Ghostwriter.

Thurs. 4th November at 7.30 pm - Oua Umplute - Teatro Ch Y Moche/Compania Zingarozana

Sun. 14th November at 3.00 pm - Remembrance Day Service.
Cakes, tea & coffee served afterwards.

Sat. 4th December at 7.30 pm - Wine Tasting Evening. Four course meal with wines.
£25 per head.

Sun. 19th December at 11.00 am - Carol Service accompanied by Monmouth Band.
Cakes, tea & coffee served afterwards.

Coffee mornings held the third Tuesday of each month at 10.30 am. All welcome.
Yoga Classes with Ruth Routh on Tuesday evenings, 7-9 pm and Thursday mornings,
10.30-12.00.

To book the hall or for further information email: info@catbrook.info.

BABINGTON CENTRE - TRELLECH

Film Nights:-

- Saturday 2nd October - The Ghost Writer
- Saturday 6th November - Nowhere Boy
- Saturday 4th December - Me and Orson Wells.

□ Tickets £4.50 - Free Parking on Site - Disabled facilities - Bring your own wine!

□ **Crafts and Produce Market:-** Wednesday 20th October, Wednesday 17th
□ November, and Wednesday 15th December

□ For further information or to hire Babington Centre contact Dave Robbins on 860714

Pelham Hall Harvest Supper and Auction

Saturday 23rd October, 7 for 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £7, reduction for under 12's.

Everyone very welcome.

THE NARTH HALL

Contact person - Sue Stocker - Secretary 860530

Art group meets every Wednesday. Contact Sue Seymour on 860033

Bridge Group contact Vivienne Casson on 860054 to find out more.

Films on The Narth Contact Hywel Rees on 860516 for information

Gardening Club last Tuesday of the month. Contact John Lewis on 860374.

Keep fit for the mature person Thursday a.m.. Contact Huw Smith on 860659.

The Narth Singers Wednesdays at 7.30pm - contact Jenny Hickey on 860216.

Play reading group Meets one Monday a month. Contact Gordon Casson on 860054

Whist drive third Friday of each month at 7.30pm. Contact Sue Stocker on 860530

Womens' Institute 7.30pm on the third Tuesdays. Contact Jan Stephens on 860576

Youth Club fortnightly on a Thursday, 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Contact Kate Rees on 860516 or Rachel Widdicks on 869142

Private Bookings To book hall & for rates, contact Mary Pardington on 860227.

PELHAM HALL, PENALLT

Regular events

Bowls Club every Tuesday

Book hall for Badminton via Vin Godier 01600 716502

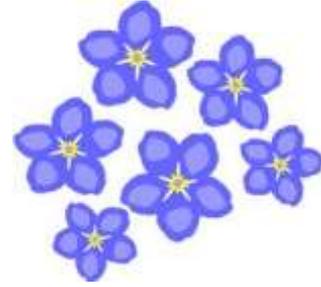
Wednesday morning PILATES ... contact Diane Bartle 891249

W.I. **1st Thursday evening of the month ... contact Trish Hayward on 712864.**

The hall is available for private functions ...book with Vin Godier on 716502

Film Night: Saturday 2nd October, 7.30. A Swedish film this time, entitled '**The Bookseller who gave up Bathing**' ! **What on earth will that be about !** Come along and have a light but substantial supper and watch the film !

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MAY WE HELP YOU ?

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Would you like some company and time for a chat?
Are you recently home from hospital, temporarily unable
to drive and need help with shopping etc.?

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Healing Services in the Parish of Trellech and Penallt

WHAT IS "HEALING" ? As Christians it is our belief and our experience that Jesus Christ heals a broken world and mends broken lives. He still brings healing (wholeness) to body, mind and spirit. When he died on the cross and rose from the dead, he mended our shattered relationship with God. He carries our sins, or sorrows, and our diseases, so that we might know his wholeness. In fact, Jesus is our complete Saviour.

WHY A HEALING SERVICE ? All Christian worship and prayer can be used by God for our healing. It is because the healing ministry has been neglected and ignored in so much of church life and worship that we seem to need specific services of healing prayer.

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT ? Expect a sense of the presence of Jesus. Expect that the service will do you good because his Holy Spirit is breathing through it. Rest in His love. Receive His word in the reading and the talk. Let Him bless you through the music. Thank Him for His forgiveness as the words of absolution follow the confession. Relax, because the whole service has a healing effect. Do not feel that you have to keep your emotions in check; our feelings are precious. Tears are a gift that often contributes to our healing. No one will be surprised or flustered by weeping at a healing service.

WHAT IS THE LAYING ON OF HANDS ? It is part of the service when you are free to be prayed for individually.

WHO ARE THE MINISTERS ? Usually they are the ordained clergy of the Parish or Diocese, with others who are chosen to **assist. They are not 'healers'. They represent the whole Body of Christ, (His Church) surrounding you with love and prayer.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS 'BY PROXY' It is quite normal to come for the laying on of hands, with others in our hearts whom we want God to bless. If there is a specific person, you can mention their Christian name to the Minister before they pray with you.

WHAT SHOULD I DO OR FEEL ? There are no rules about it ! Open yourself to the Lord Jesus who loves you. Imagine that his hands are healing you. Offer him the deepest prayer of your heart. He knows already about your symptoms or problems. When we are prayed for, we sometimes experience a warm sensation or an immediate release from certain symptoms. More often we feel nothing special, and we should not expect to do so. We are not putting our trust in an experience, but in the Lord Jesus Christ.

A pamphlet on this and more information is available in our churches. Do collect one and pass it on to those who may be interested.

WHERE AND WHEN

The first Sunday of the month at Old Church, Penallt,
in the context of the 11 a.m. Communion Service.

The third Sunday of the month at St. Nicholas Church, Trellech,
in the context of the 11 a.m. Communion Service.

OR SUNDAY EVENINGS

21st November, 2010

20th March and 19th June, 2011

6 p.m. St Nicholas Church, Trellech.

A less formal service of worship and prayer
Contact the Vicar for further information

Dates for the diary

Oct.3 rd .	11.00	Penallt	Harvest Eucharist
Oct. 6 th	6.00	Trellech	Chapter Eucharist and meal
Oct. 21 st	2pm	St Nicholas	Trellech School Harvest
Oct. 22 nd	7pm	Babington	Burning Issues Forum
Oct.31 st	4pm	Old Church	United Service for All Saints
Nov. 2 nd .	6 30	St Nicholas	All Souls service
Nov. 6 th	1pm	St Nicholas	Family records day and fete
Nov 17 th	tbc	Cathedral.	Confirmation with candidates from this parish
Nov. 20 th	10am	Michaelgarth	Parish Away Day. Soup lunch
Nov. 21 st	6pm	St Nicholas	Informal service of healing and blessing
Dec. 1 st	2pm	St Nicholas	Trellech School Christingle
Dec. 5 th	4pm	St Nicholas	Advent Carol Service (Feast of St Nicholas)
Dec 7 th	7 30	St Nicholas	Friends and family Quiz night

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