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*FOR THE PARISH OF*  
**TRELLECH & PENALLT**

April & May 2011



Old Church, Penallt

St. Nicholas, Trellech



Easter Greetings to everyone in the  
parish

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From the Vicarage.

In a time of earthquakes, tsunamis and nuclear concerns; war and political unrest, global financial instability, individual sickness and other personal need, people can either turn away from God in despair, or turn to him again, aware of the need of his hand upon our lives.

In the light of the recent news, many people have approached me with that sense of hopeless despair, and **asked, "But what can we do?"**

Well, like all people, first of all we can give. Our churches have been having retiring collections for earthquake victims, but other avenues of giving will be opening up and we can all give something to help in the relief of suffering. And we can give thanks; for all that we have. When you see the people of Japan, in all that turmoil, simply trying to get on with their lives, trying to get back to normal, and people in the Arab States wanting the same sort of democracy that we enjoy, then perhaps a very positive thing to do is to just get on with our lives - but do it with a sense of purpose and celebration, and solidarity with those who strive to do the same, thankful for the life we have.

Sometimes this is all most people can do; try to keep order in the midst of the chaos around them. So for example, in the grief and shock of bereavement, the kettle is put on, the child is fed, the normal things of life become the anchor of stability. And we will all have experienced that moment when we pulled ourselves away from the magnet of

the TV screen images to continued living the life that has been given to us, not forgetting what we have seen, but allowing it to have its place and allowing it to become part of who we are now. In this reflection I was reminded of the words of a well known popular song:

*When I find myself in times of trouble,  
Mother Mary comes to me,  
Speaking words of wisdom, Let it be.*

And that is of course the other thing that we can do, as Christians. When others feel there is nothing left to do, we can still pray. The church is a place where we can pray together for all these circumstances, but I also offer a page of prayers in this magazine for anyone who would like to pray at home but may need some words to follow. Alternatively we can use these familiar words and allow them to shape how we live the life we have.

*Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is  
in heaven. Amen*

Sandra Howells - Vicar

Prayers of the peoples and the places of the world  
Almighty and merciful God, when our hearts are filled with prayer which cannot be put into words, we remember the words of the ancient psalmist: You are our refuge and strength, the light in the darkness. In this confidence we offer our prayers **to you for a world shaken by natural disasters and man's inhumanity to man.** Gather us all under your wings, calm our fears and keep our faith strong, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for those who grieve the loss of family, friends and neighbours, for those who are injured, those separated and searching for family, and those who have been traumatized. We ask for your continued healing presence in their lives and we commend to your care all those who have died.

We commend to your care, all who work to clear the debris from natural disasters and war ravaged cities. We pray also for those and who have found themselves like refugees in their own locality. May shelter and clean water and food and medicines and comfort be supplied as quickly as possible as governments and other organisations work together to bring relief to all.

In all circumstances and situations we pray that people may work together and through the power of your Holy Spirit rebuild their communities, and cities. Fill their courts and government services with justice, their plates with food, and their streets with music. Bring them peace and freedom from all evil.

We give you thanks for the blessing in our lives, especially the gifts we so often take for granted - the gift of family, friends, home, and possessions. Most of all we praise you for the gift of life itself.

We pray that we too may know the grace and power of you love at work in our lives; your healing touch in times of sickness, and your reassurance in times of worry and concern. Grant us the gift of reconciliation where relationships are broken and renewed faith in times of trial. O Great Shepherd of the sheep, gather us all in your arms and lead us safely within the one fold of your love.

**Our Father.....**

## Announcements and Acknowledgements

*"Rest eternal grant them O Lord;  
and let light perpetual shine upon them"*

Recent deaths in the parish:

Sydney Lewis  
Phyllis Riley  
Alan Sparks



A note from the magazine editor:-

It's good that most things for the magazine now come via email, BUT could I please ask contributors NOT to send me either .pdf or .docx files, as they make my computer very ill! i.e. they won't open, and crash my machine! .doc and .jpg files are fine ...

### ***OLD CHURCH FLOWERS & CLEANING***

Always needing volunteers ... please ring Sarah Haeffner on  
01600-712349

April 24 (Easter) and May

Mrs Cynthia Frost & Mrs Laura Troupe

Penallt now has a magnificent village website, with local information, pictures, and details of what is happening in the village. The site is: [www.penallt.org.uk](http://www.penallt.org.uk)

Web-master (for adding items):  
[webmaster@penallt.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@penallt.org.uk)

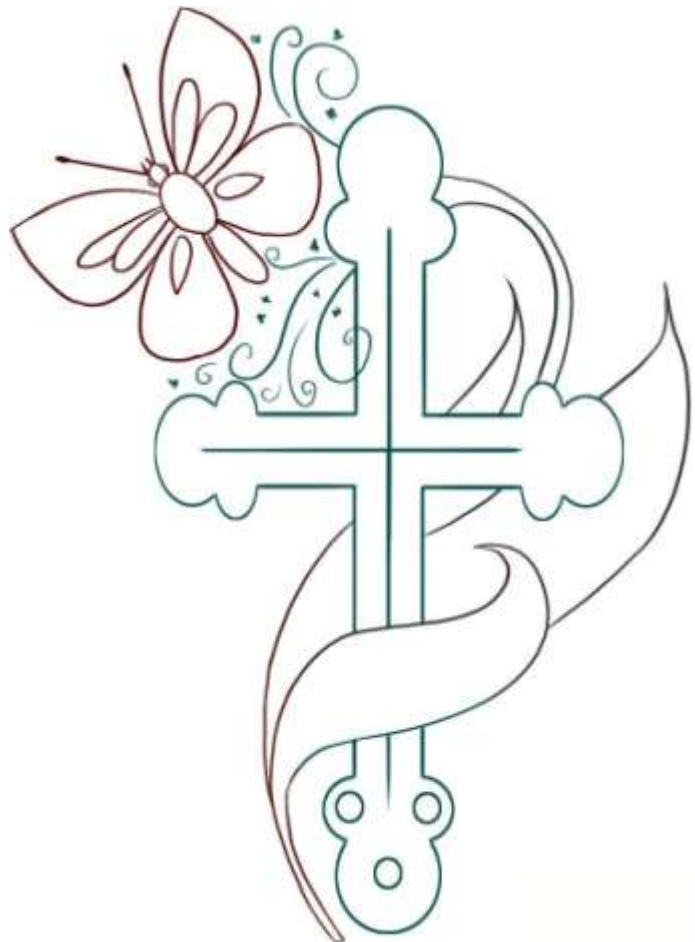
## NOTICE OF THE EASTER VESTRY for the Parish of Trellech and Penallt

The Easter Vestry will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, at 7.30 p.m. in St Nicholas Church. The annual accounts and agenda will be displayed in both churches prior to the meeting in accordance with the Constitution of the Church in Wales.

Those wishing to stand for the PCC must be over 18 yrs of age, be confirmed and be proposed and seconded by members of the church electoral role.

The Electoral role will be updated for the Easter Vestry.

Application forms are available from the Vicar or PCC secretary for those wishing to be included on the electoral role. Members must be 18 or over, and confirmed.



## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER in Trellech and Penallt

Palm Sunday: 17<sup>th</sup> April Jesus enters Jerusalem amidst cheers and royal welcome but knows it is the journey into rejection and death. In our church service we begin that journey with him, and will follow his journey every day of the week.



Holy Monday. 6 p.m. Our journey takes us through the stations of the cross in St Nicholas Church as we reflect on what it means to us.

Holy Tuesday. 11 a.m. in the Cathedral. The Bishop blesses the Holy oils and the clergy all renew their vows as they prepare for the services which will lead us all into the sorrow of Good Friday and the Joy of the Easter.

Holy Wednesday. 6 p.m, in the Old Church Penallt, reflective prayer.

Maundy Thursday. 8 p.m. in St Nicholas Church we remember the Last Supper, the washing of feet, the prayers in the garden of Gethsemane before Jesus is arrested.



Good Friday As we remember Jesus condemned to death and awaiting crucifixion, so we seek forgiveness for sins in our morning services in both churches. We meet with other churches at lunchtime in Monmouth to witness to what Jesus did for us, and at 2 p.m. we meet in Beacon Hill car park with the youngsters to walk to the top of a hill and keep our 3 p.m. Good Friday observance before enjoying hot cross buns and making Easter Gardens.

Holy Saturday: Jesus lies in the sealed tomb and we quietly prepare for Sunday. But our lives pulsate with expectancy as the tomb pulsates with the life it holds but cannot contain.

Easter Sunday. We celebrate the resurrection. When Christ, risen from the grave, conquers death for all.

COME AND JOURNEY WITH US



Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May.  
ROGATION PICNIC  
After a united service  
CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE KING JAMES VERSION OF THE BIBLE

A united service, at 11 a.m. in St Nicholas Church.  
A celebration of the historic but much loved 1662 Holy  
Communion,  
With the readings from the King James Bible.

And after the service, join us for a picnic at Trellech Barn,  
home of Ed and Jean Rogers. The plan is to walk through the  
fields to Trellech Barn, blessing the land as we walk, as is  
customary on Rogation Sunday.

Those who prefer four wheels can drive directly to Trellech  
Barn for coffee while they wait for the rest of us to arrive.  
Drinks provided but bring a picnic and a friend, together with  
any games you might like to offer.  
More details nearer the date.

VISITING CHOIR FOR EVENSONG  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 5 p.m.  
St Nicholas Church  
Followed by tea and sandwiches £2

Members of St John the Baptist Church, Cardiff are in this  
area on pilgrimage and will be in St Nicholas Church with  
their choir for evensong and tea. Please come and enjoy  
the service and welcome our guests.

DEANERY CONFERENCE  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 p.m.  
Pen-y-Clwdd Hall

A time for members of all the local Anglican churches to get together, hear the news, nominate representatives for Diocesan committees, and hear from our guest speaker, Lisa Tragenza, our Diocesan Training officer.

She will tell us of the many facilities in the Diocese for helping church people and clergy to further their knowledge in discipleship and in practical stewardship .

COFFEE MORNING

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 10.30 to 12.30  
The Reynolds, Tregagle (860277)

EVERYBODY WELCOME

To raise funds for Art in Penallt, a local art and craft exhibition to be held in Capel Pentwyn/Babington Meadow on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

~~~ Proceeds of exhibition to Babington Meadow and  
Cancer Research UK ~~~

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\* CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY NEEDED to work \*  
\* in St NICHOLAS CHURCHYARD. 10 a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> June \*  
\* BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS PLEASE ! \*  
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*If anyone would like to host (or hostess) a coffee morning in aid of Old Church funds, please let Sarah Haeffner know to enable it to be publicised in the next edition of the magazine.*

## CELEBRATE THE ROYAL WEDDING WEEKEND IN TRELLECH

St. Nicholas Church Festival Weekend.  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

St. Nicholas Church, Trellech is hoping to bring a ray of sunshine to the Spring Bank Holiday Weekend. We will be holding a weekend of events to celebrate the life of Mrs. Nancy Pugh of Hygga, Llanishen who died at the beginning of December 2010. To honour her memory, her commitment to Trellech Church and the life and laughter she brought into it we could think of nothing more suitable than to repeat the extremely successful wedding gown festival she helped to organise some years ago. Just before she died, upon hearing of the royal engagement, Nancy asked the Church to arrange a community event to celebrate the event, and this seemed an opportunity to put on the festival again in her memory. This, combined with the Trellech Church Annual Spring Fair will make a joyful weekend of memories and new beginnings.

Many other activities will also be taking place to make it a real community weekend, with the following events booked so far:

### Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> April

Morning - Royal Wedding

Afternoon - Narth Hall Party

### Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> April

10am - 1pm Trellech Methodist Church coffee & Photo morning.

12 noon - Preview of Wedding Gowns in the Church. Tickets only.

1pm. Wedding Gown Festival opens to the public. Tea shop open (£2 Entrance Fee)

Afternoon - **Bring & Share Street Party in 'The Lion' forecourt.**

Evening - **Live Music in 'The Lion'**

### Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May

10am - 4pm Church open for Wedding Gown Festival. Tea shop open

All Day - Trellech Archaeological dig - tours.

4 p.m. - Festive Evensong at Trellech Church.

Monday, 2nd May

10am - 4pm Church open for Wedding Gown Display . Tea shop open  
2pm - 4pm Trellech Church Easter Fair in the Babington Centre  
Evening - **Live music at 'The Lion'**

The school hope to provide a display of their work on Royal Weddings, and the Babington Centre are also looking to offer an event on the Sunday or Monday morning.

Please come along and join in the fun and laughter on this Bank **Holiday weekend... and those of you who knew Nancy will know how much she would have enjoyed all these festivities!**

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St Nicholas Trellech Wedding Gown Festival

**30<sup>th</sup> April – 2nd May 2011**

Would you like to include your wedding gown in our Wedding Gown Festival or maybe you still have **one belonging to your mum... we would particularly like to hear about these? We are also looking to borrow tailors dummies. If you can help with either of the above...**

Please contact: Rose Parsons 01600 861855

Appeal

For the forthcoming Easter Fair at the Babington Centre we are appealing for donations for Raffle Prizes, Tombola Prizes,  
Bric-a-Brac, Cakes, Plants, Preserves, & Easter Chocolates.  
*Please give generously.*

Telephone: Kay Bowen 01600 860594

## Newport Cathedral roof

Less than five years after the appeal to repair the Cathedral roof was launched work has started on repairing half of the roof at a cost of around half a million pounds.

One half of the roof, from the mid section to the North end, will be replaced, spending all the funds in the Cathedral Appeal pot. In January Instaat (formerly GPS) were chosen as the contractors and in February they **started preparatory work, including casing the Cathedral's** organ so it will not get dust inside its precision pipes.

Welcoming news of their appointment the company **issued the following statement:** *"Instaat Projects Ltd are proud to be associated with the Cathedral, and, as a Newport based company, we are thrilled to have been appointed Principal Contractor for this prestigious project. We are relieved that, after years of planning and fundraising, the works, which will secure the cathedral for future generations, is finally able to proceed. We look forward to working with the cathedral administrators and project designers on this exciting scheme."*

Once the cash is spent, the hard-working Campaign Committee needs to raise another £500,000 to finish the job. The appeal has raised more than £1 million since it was launched in July 2006, with a ten-year timetable to raise the money needed for all the necessary work.

Cash has been spent so far on ongoing emergency works throughout the Cathedral, parts of which date back to the 12th century. The current phase of work is expected to finish in the late Autumn.

## BURNING ISSUES FORUM

This year there will be three meetings of the Burning issues Forum, to which everyone is warmly invited. The format, for those of you who have not yet been to a meeting, is that we begin with a welcome drink, listen to a speaker on a topic of general interest, often ethical or moral, then have some informal discussion and a meal together. We begin at 7 and aim to end by 9 and we usually meet on a Friday evening at the Babington Centre, Trellech, which has plenty of on-site parking.

We have had speakers on a wide range of topics including Greenpeace, Amnesty International, the probation service and magistrature, Refugee Council for Wales, fossil fuels, Islam and Transition Monmouth.

There is no charge but we do invite donations to cover the cost of food, drink and hire of the hall. So far, we have managed to cover our costs in this way.

Dates for 2011:

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Babington Centre, Trellech  
**FAIRTRADE**

Talk on the background, principles and benefits of Fair Trade by Peter Symes

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm in the Bar area of Pelham Hall, Penallt  
**FAIRTRADE IN PERU**

Illustrated talk on their trip to Fairtrade projects in Peru by Catherine and Peter Symes

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the Babington Centre, Trellech  
**CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU**

An overview of CAB work and the problems for which people seek their help by the Monmouth Bureau Manager Jo Lloyd.

## Services times at St Nicholas,

| Season/place                                             | Service                                 | reader 1                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| MOTHERING SUNDAY 3rd April                               |                                         |                                      |
| Old Church, Penallt                                      | 11 am. Family Eucharist                 | G Blick                              |
| St Nicholas Church                                       | 5 p.m. Family Songs of Praise           | various tba                          |
| Lent V 10th April                                        |                                         |                                      |
| Old Church Penallt                                       | 9.30 BCP Eucharist                      | V Kimber                             |
| St Nicholas Trellech                                     | 11 a.m. Family Eucharist                | B Green                              |
| Palm Sunday 17th April                                   |                                         |                                      |
| Old Church Penallt                                       | 9.30 Eucharist with liturgy of palms    | C Mills                              |
| St Nicholas Trellech                                     | 11 a.m. Eucharist with liturgy of palms | A Gilbey                             |
| Maundy Thursday 21st April                               |                                         |                                      |
| St Nicholas Trellech                                     | 8 p.m. Eucharist and stripping of Altar | R Parsons                            |
| Good Friday 22nd April                                   |                                         |                                      |
| Old Church Penallt                                       | 9.30 Service of penitance               | J Coutts                             |
| St Nicholas Trellech                                     | 11 a.m. Stations of the Cross           |                                      |
| Easter Day 24th April                                    |                                         |                                      |
| Old Church, Penallt                                      | 9.30 Holy Eucharist                     | L Harper                             |
| St Nicholas Trellech                                     | 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist                  | J Rogers                             |
| Easter II 1st May Wedding gown festival weekend          |                                         |                                      |
| Old Church, Penallt                                      | 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist + baptism        | <i>healing ministry</i> T McGorrigan |
| St Nicholas Trellech                                     | 4 p.m. Festive evensong                 | <b>S Woolford;</b>                   |
| Easter III 8th May                                       |                                         |                                      |
| Old Church, Penallt                                      | 9.30 BCP Eucharist                      | T Churchward                         |
| St Nicholas Trellech                                     | 11 a.m. Family Eucharist                | with Baptism B Green                 |
| Easter IV 15th May                                       |                                         |                                      |
| Old Church, Penallt                                      | 9.30 Holy Eucharist                     | W Boycott                            |
| St Nicholas Trellech                                     | 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist                  | <i>healing ministry</i> B Richards   |
| Easter V 22nd May                                        |                                         |                                      |
| Old Church, Penallt                                      | 9.30 Holy Eucharist                     | S Dean                               |
| St Nicholas Trellech                                     | 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist                  | R Parsons                            |
| ROGATION SUNDAY 29th May united service, walk and picnic |                                         |                                      |
| St Nicholas Church                                       | 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist                  | <b>S Haeffner</b>                    |
| Visiting choir /church 4th June                          |                                         |                                      |
| St Nicholas Trellech                                     | 5 p.m. Choral evensong                  | and tea tba                          |
| Easter VII 5th June                                      |                                         |                                      |
| St Nicholas Trellech                                     | 9.30 Matins                             | A Powis                              |
| Old Church Penallt                                       | 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist                  | T McGorrigan                         |



# Trellech and Old Church, Penallt

|                         |                       |           |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| reader 2                | server/chalice        | chalice 2 | welcome                     |
| A Stratton              | tba                   |           | G Blick<br><b>R Parsons</b> |
| T Churchward            | n/a<br>Katherine, Flo | K Lowe    | T Churchward<br>A Stubbs    |
| W Boycott<br>B Richards | L Harper<br>A Gilbey  | K Bowen   | C Mills<br>A Gilbey         |
| S Haeffner              | R Parsons             |           | K Lowe                      |
| S Coutts                |                       |           | Coutts<br>R Parsons         |
| S Haeffner<br>R Parsons | L Harper<br>K Bowen   | K Lowe    | S Haeffner<br>B Green       |
| D Shannon<br>A Powis    | T McGorrigan          |           | T McGorrigan<br>A Powis     |
| A Stratton              | n/a<br>R Parsons      | K Lowe    | A Stratton<br>A Stubbs      |
| S Haeffner<br>A Gilbey  | K Bowen               | A Gilbey  | W Boycott<br>R Parsons      |
| C Mills<br>J Rogers     | K Lowe                | R Parsons | S Dean<br>B Green           |
| Methodist               | A Gilbey              | L Harper  | A Stubbs<br><br>R Parsons   |
| F Kemp<br>V Kimber      | T McGorrigan          |           | A Powis<br>T McGorrigan     |

## TAKE YOUR HARP TO THE PARTY

**There's an old saying: "I took my harp to the party, but no-one asked me to play", but this will certainly not be the case on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May when the 5th annual Harp Tea Party takes place at St. Nicholas Church, Trellech. It offers the opportunity for beginners as well as more experienced players not only to take part, but also to be inspired by the playing of others and to hear a variety of music, both traditional and modern, played on harps of all sizes.**

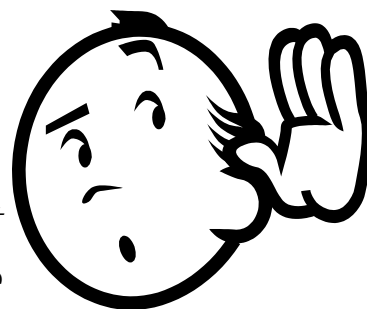
Visitors are welcome to just come and listen, or to bring **along their own harp and join in the fun. If you've always wanted to have a go on this beautiful instrument, then here's your chance. You are never too old to play a harp and** it always makes a lovely sound, unlike learning the violin or trumpet!

The afternoon will be guided by local harp teachers John Thomas and Charlotte Poulter, with different-sized harps available to try, ranging from the little Clarsach or Celtic Harp to the big 47 stringed Concert Harp. Refreshments **will be available along with harp music and CD's. The party** starts at 2.00pm and ends about 5.00pm and you are welcome to join it at any time.

Proceeds to Trellech Church and Churchyard.

For further information contact John Thomas on 01291 421565 or Charlotte Poulter on 01600 860562.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your responses. We have heard you !!



*In answer to our questionnaire sent out with the last issue of the magazine: -*

The overwhelming majority of replies have been to request a continued delivery; very generous donations are coming in, and whilst most replies offer little comment other than they wish to continue and are happy to support by donation, we have also had some very positive suggestions as follows:

*Additional request for monthly notices on email.*

*Individual life stories.*

*More book reviews please.*

*Introduction of devotionals /meditations*

*More detailed reports on PCC events, and the outcome of discussions, (acknowledging that more work would be needed in collecting and editing material).*

*More info on community and church events from all areas of the parish.*

**SO ... it's over to you ! If you send me film or book reviews, information on village events and reports thereof, stories, poems, drawings (sorry, we cannot reproduce photo's) ... then I will do my very best to include them in the magazine.** You can email them to me at the email address inside the front cover, or via the post, or put through my letter box in Penallt.

Editor ...

# MAY DAY GARAGE SALE

In aid of several charities, including:

The Old Church  
NSPCC  
Centre Point  
The Royal Marsden  
Smile Train  
The Severn Hospice  
and others ...

Sunday, 1st May 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

at

Maes-y-Dalar, Pen-y-Garn, Penallt, NP25 4AP

Books and furniture  
Garden/farm/kitchen/sports equipment  
Handbags, shoes, fascinators, hats, jewellery  
New/once worn designer & high street ladies clothes  
Ornaments and pictures  
Hi-**fi**, **VHS**, **CD's**, **DVD's**  
Bric-a-brac  
Bargains galore

*Sorry ... Cash only; credit cards cannot be processed*

Directions:- from Penallt War Memorial on your right, straight on passing the bus shelter on your right; down the hill, left at grass triangle. Maes-y-Dalar faces you at the next T junction.

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Plant and seedlings bring and buy sale

2nd May 10 - 12 noon outside

The Old Post Office, Penallt,  
by kind permission of Mrs Anne Stratton

**Proceeds towards the Old Church's 18th June  
Fete Plant Stall**

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Are you spring cleaning ?

If so, please remember ...

**Old Church Summer Fete**

By kind permission of Mr & Mrs R Hartley at  
Moorcroft, Penallt

18th June, 2 p.m.

**we need books, DVD's, childrens toys, plants ...**

A reminder to dog walkers and horse riders: -

*If you are out at dusk or dawn, PLEASE wear some kind of high visibility or light coloured clothes. A lot of people have commented recently about walkers & riders not being visible enough; when driving around the lanes it is often impossible to see people until you are virtually on top of them. A dangerous situation for everybody.*

## MOTHERING SUNDAY. 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL



A choice of two special services in our churches



11am at The Old Church at Penallt

A family Communion service with flowers blessed and distributed by the children who come.

5pm at St Nicholas Church Trellech

A Mothering Sunday songs of praise.

We will be singing favourite hymns, and youngsters are playing instruments, etc in the service.

The Babington Educational Foundation is a Penallt charity, providing funds for children and young people under the age of 21 living in the village with bursaries to be used for educational purposes. We have helped with university costs, book purchases and school trips in the past ... so if parents or students would like to apply, we will consider your needs.

Get a form either via the post from The Clerk to the **Trustees, 'Nyanza', Penallt, NP25 4SE**, or collect one from the box outside my house AFTER EASTER. Forms to be returned by 19th June. Please supply a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Two wheel-barrows, a bucket, a small grass brush, and one and a half shovels !

*Working for a month in Kisumu, Kenya, with Hands Around the World, by Lyn Harper*

Well, I did it ! And I can honestly say I have NEVER in my life worked so hard physically, in temperatures over 90° F and with high humidity ! If you need someone to mix concrete or mortar, by **hand, with a broken handled shovel, then I'm you're woman !** The title of this piece tells of the only equipment we had to work with; we soon added a hose as a single bucket was totally inadequate for moving all the water we needed for mixing cement and concrete.

Our original aim was to complete the building of a second storey plus the roof on a workshop started last year; when we arrived it seemed much more sensible to complete the ground floor so that it could be brought into use immediately as a training centre to teach carpentry to orphans and street living teenagers, so we did just that. In the month, we worked as labourers for four African builders to get the inside of the brick shell plastered; the outside rendered; electricity laid on; metal burglar proof windows made and installed; door frames made ... and other sundry tasks. The upper room and roof can be completed by another group later.

As well as work, we made time to visit health centres and schools, including one for mentally handicapped children. We also went to a remarkable school started by a lady , who had a sudden conversion when visiting as a tourist about 18 years ago when she saw street children; she went home to Norfolk, sold her house and all she owned and returned to Kenya where she bought a small plot of land and started an orphanage for homeless children. That has grown into a very successful school/orphanage for nearly 200 children. I am hoping to go back in the winter and work there for a while ...

You can see some of my photographs and read much more in my on-going blog ... [www.luolaughter.blogspot.com](http://www.luolaughter.blogspot.com)

Would you like to join a group from Monmouth going on a retreat in September ?

Noddfa is a Welsh word meaning haven or refuge - a place of peace and welcome a place where you can regain energy. It is the name of the centre run by the sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary in Penmaenmawr, on the North Wales coast, and is the destination for our next parish visit - a mixture of retreat and pilgrimage - from Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Plans are as yet in the early stages, but we will probably travel by train from Abergavenny to Penmaenmawr and spend one day on a coach trip to a place of local interest.

Noddfa offers good food and comfortable accommodation, including several twin and double rooms, a stairlift and some rooms on the ground floor with wheelchair access.

Overall costs for the pilgrimage and retreat will depend on numbers attending, but will be between £170 and £190 altogether, including full board and Noddfa.

Ask your churchwarden for an application form, or contact Revd Dr Ali Green, [alig9@btinternet.com](mailto:alig9@btinternet.com), 01600 715538.

### Coffee Morning ...

<b>Where?</b>	<b>Trelleck Barn, Greenway Lane</b>
<b>When?</b>	<b>April 8<sup>th</sup>, 10.30 – 12.30pm</b>
<b>Why ?</b>	<b>to raise funds for flowers for the Bridal gown exhibition at the end of April</b>
<b>Need directions?</b>	<b>Phone 860 275</b>



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## CATBROOK MEMORIAL HALL

Saturday 9th April at 7.30 pm - Quiz.

Saturday 16th April at 7.30pm - Film Night - The King's Speech. Tickets £4.

Saturday 7th May at 7.30pm - **Altogether Now.**

Saturday 11th May at 7.30pm - Dance Band with Duncan Lovett.

It is hoped to hold a another ever popular Race Night in the autumn.

Tony Jacobs and his Swing Cabaret Trio are hopefully booked for 26th November 2011.

Yoga Classes with Ruth Routh held Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings.

Coffee mornings held the third WEDNESDAY of each month at 10.30am.

## 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 of the month ... contact Trish Hayward on 712864.**

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

### FILM NIGHTS:

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - **Film Night "Drole de Drame" (French)**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May - **Film Night "In Fading Light" (British)**

Doors open 7.30pm. £5 to include a snack. Licensed bar available

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

COFFEE MORNING: - 10.30 - 12.30 9th April

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

BABINGTON CENTRE - TRELLECH

**Saturday 2nd April, 8 p.m. 'The Kings Speech'**

See review on page 31.

Tickets £4.50 - Free Parking on Site - Disabled facilities - Tea, Coffee and Wine available! Bring a cushion ... the seats are a little hard !

To hire Babington Centre, contact Dave Robbins, 01600 860714

Sensible teenage boy from Penallt area seeks work such as dog walking, cat sitting/feeding, babysitting. Available evenings, week-ends, school holidays. Telephone (01600) 860058

AN AUTUMN CELEBRATION OF ART AND CREATIVITY  
IN THE BEAUTIFUL WYE VALLEY

*ART IN PENALLT*

Cold winds, ice and snow - a breeding ground for good ideas? A small group of Penallt residents, temporarily deprived of their gardens, put their heads together and hatched a plan.

We would like to welcome you to a weekend (the first of many) of Art in Penallt, celebrating Art and Artists in the beautiful Wye Valley. We are putting together a number of events over the **weekend of 30th September, 1st and 2nd October 2011** ..... Proceeds will go to Cancer Research and The Babington Meadow Trust.

The weekend will start on Friday evening 30th September at the local pub, The Inn at Penallt, who will be offering a delicious three course meal, raffle and a talk by a well known artist. Over the weekend there will be an exhibition of paintings, jewellery, glass, and ceramics in the lovely old converted church, Capel Pentwyn. In the surrounding Babington Meadow there will be an Art Boot sale and local Artists will exhibit their work in the style of Art on the Railings. We are currently negotiating with local Artists to open their studios to visitors and give demonstrations of their art.

Throughout the weekend the Penallt Inn will be open for food and other refreshments.

Leading up to Art in Penallt there will be a number of money raising events which we hope you will enjoy. Last year we held a Christmas coffee morning. In June there will be a coffee morning at Lane End Cottage where you can try your hand at a bit of stained glass. Any other money raising ideas for the event would be welcomed. Ideas, comments and questions, please contact Cathy Farber (email: [cfarber@toucansurf.com](mailto:cfarber@toucansurf.com)).

### **MAY WE HELP YOU ?**

Do you have problems travelling to hospital appointments?

Are you housebound and needing a break?

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.?

Should you have a real emergency we will do our very best to help but this may not always be possible as our team usually requires some notice.

Please telephone either Rose Parsons (01600 861855)

or

Jean Rogers (01600 860275)

### THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT

At last, the sewing machines some of you donated to Ogenda School have arrived. Thank you for your continued support for the school and for the building of the new church. Gifts and donations can still be given to either project through Rev Sandra and John Howells. Here is the letter from the headmaster:

*Praise Jesus, I hope you are fine and doing well.*

*Greetings from staff and board members. We received 6 sewing machines, 2 boxes of materials and 5 boxes of scholastic materials as indicated in your earlier letter.*

*This year with effect from 25/02/2011 I will be staying in my new house in Ogenda just like the girls have started staying in their hostel.*

*The two houses are to be commissioned by Archbishop Luke Orombi and date have not yet been confirmed.*

*All teachers now have accessed government payroll, praise God.*

*Convey my greetings to all.*

*Best Wishes.*

*PI CHO PAUL KENNEDY*

Come to a CLOTHES SWAP on 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2011 between  
6.30 & 9 pm at the BABINGTON CENTRE, TRELLECH.

Bring your unwanted clothes, shoes, hats, accessories - **men's / women's / children's** -in good condition only please & exchange them for an equal number of other items. You will have the chance to refresh your wardrobe, meet your friends, enjoy a delicious meal and support two excellent charities.

**David and Martha of 'Love Zimbabwe' will be there to talk about their work.**

This is the locally organised charity that we supported before Christmas with our collection boxes of soap, toothpaste etc.

Entrance £10 (adult) or £5 (child) to include a two-course meal and a drink - tickets available from any of the organisers:

Mary Wakeling (712017), Susan Flower, Stevie Coutts (860277), Lee Richardson.

**Proceeds to St Anne's Hospice (Newport) and Love Zimbabwe.**

*A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop. The surgeon was there, waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his bike.*

*The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey, Doc, can I ask you a question?"*

*The surgeon was a bit surprised but walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big money, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"*

*The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic...*

*"Try doing it with the engine running."*

## *'The King's Speech'*

to be shown at The Babington Centre, Saturday 2nd April, 8 p.m.

Colin Firth gives a warm, sympathetic and Oscar winning performance as Bertie, the Duke Of York, an introverted and uncomfortable stammerer, bullied by his father George V, played by Michael Gambon, and overshadowed by his charismatic playboy older brother, David, a role dispatched with some style by Guy Pearce, incidentally putting to rest the over-powering memory of Edward Fox in the part. Helena Bonham Carter is Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, his robustly supportive wife who, with her intuitive sense of when and how to dispense with her own reverence for protocol, engages a new Australian speech therapist to help her despairing husband. This is the eccentric and un-deferential Leonard Logue, played by Geoffrey Rush. Logue is a man who must cure his own demons - a sense of failure over never having made it as a professional actor - and who is everywhere patronised as a colonial.

Ticket Price: £4.50

Refreshments: Tea, coffee and wine available

Parking: Free parking available on site

Disabled facilities:

For more information: Dave Robbins Tel: 01600 860714 Email:  
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## Dates for the diary

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 13 <sup>rd</sup> April. | Mothering Sunday songs of praise .<br>5pm St Nicholas Church         |
| 8th April               | Burning Issues                                                       |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> April.  | 12-4 pm. Wedding prep day . St Nicholas Church                       |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> April  | EASTER VESTRY MEETING                                                |
| 18th April              | Coffee morning ... The Barn, Trellech                                |
| 24th April              | Easter Sunday                                                        |
| 29th April              | ROYAL WEDDING                                                        |
| 30th April              | Start of wedding gown exhibition                                     |
| 2nd May                 | Easter Fair Babington Centre                                         |
| 3rd May                 | PCC                                                                  |
| 8th May                 | Harp Tea Party                                                       |
| 12th May                | Coffee morning ... The Reynolds, Tregagle<br>AGM Friends of Trellech |
| 29th May                | 1662 service St Nicholas, plus picnic                                |

### Mobile Library dates - use it or lose it !

Monmouthshire Mobile Library calls in Penallt, at the lay-by near Pentwyn Park, opposite the Old Post Office, every third Friday morning, at about 11.15, but because of vehicle problems, holidays and the weather, they often change the date at the last moment, so please phone the library to check; the van is expected April 15th and May 6th & 27th.

**PLEASE support this very useful service ...**

*Library phone: - 01600-775215*



*A house without books  
is like a room without  
**windows ...***

