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St. Nicholas, Trellech



Old Church, Penallt

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From the Vicarage.

My last letter from the vicarage was written in the aftermath of earthquakes, a tsunami and the leakage of a damaged nuclear power station. With all these ongoing problems in the world, the news is now full of political unrest, violence and retribution. At the same time we have experienced the new hope and promise of Easter, a Royal Wedding, a great weekend of community centred events and a wedding gown festival to raise funds for much needed work on our parish church.

It is quite a bizarre world in which we live. Troubled by the realities around us, and without forgetting the troubles in the world, we still manage to hold onto the good and get on with life as best we can.

It seems to me that there are two ways of looking at this world. As an optician by profession, I could say it almost depends on which pair of specs you wear.

There are those rose coloured specs - they reveal humanity at its best; kind, compassionate, charitable. We are aware of those strengths; we see them on a daily personal level. We recognise such goodness at work in world issues too.

On the other hand, through the lens of cold realism, we see the cruel hardness of human nature, and again it confronts us every day, on personal levels, as well as in the world at large; malicious cruelty, abuse, hatred dissension, division, warfare. All fruit of the same tree, and so destructive.

And when we look at the natural world what do we see? Through one pair of specs, a beautiful creation so wonderfully ordered, reflecting the wonderful God who

created it. Or we can see a very different picture. A creation where there is death and decay, pain and suffering, and a world which is being systematically raped and plundered by the human race, creating pollution and disaster.

With that view of things, it is easy to conclude that mankind is hell bent on destruction. If we fail to destroy it all by bombs and hatred, we will eventually destroy it through greed and folly.

Through which lens does God view the world? Looking at the sad reality of today, does he still feel the grief and the pain he felt when in the days of Noah he wanted to cleanse the whole world and nearly threw in the towel on all his work.

How often do we feel like that? How often do we despair at the behaviour and attitudes that confront us and feel like throwing the towel in?

**But God didn't! And God will never do that. The Easter** message reminds us that he found another way. Love conquers despair, but only when it is fully and freely given. I am the good shepherd, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

We cannot be blind to the harsh reality of the human condition around us and within us. But we need always to see with equal clarity the enduring faithful love of God, reflected in his world, freely given to us by the good shepherd himself, and demonstrated still in the lives of those who have chosen to live in the light of his love.

Sandra Howells

## *Registers*

### Weddings:

Matthew Dyson and Sarah Duthie

### Infant Baptisms:

Margot Christine Alys Pons

Hazel Jane Warren

### Adult Baptisms:

Tom Alexander Mathias

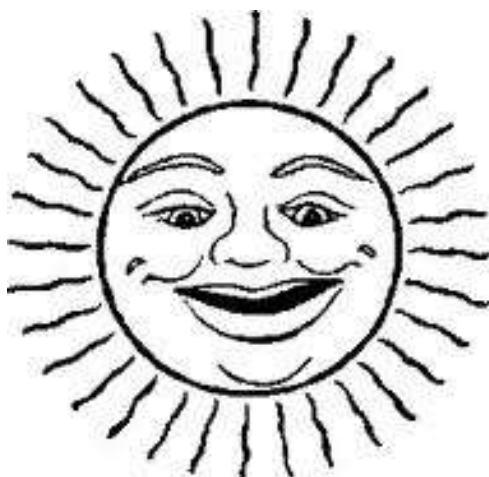
## *CHILDRENS WELCOME CLUB*

**We are hoping to reopen the children's welcome club but** are unable to do so unless more leaders come forward to run this club.

The age range is 7-11 and we follow the Christian ROOTs programme which provides ample material and there is help from the Vicar and others, but we need leaders committed to running the group after initial training and help. New leaders will need to be CRB cleared but we can arrange this, and it is possible to change the day and time to suit, so if you feel able to take this challenge, or want more information first, please contact the Vicar on 716622 .

A note from the magazine editor:-

Its 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

June ... Mrs Jan Noirit, Mrs Sue Phillips & Mrs Gill Nichols

July ... Mrs Stevie Coutts, Mrs Kathy Farber

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)

# Penallt Old Church

## Summer Fete at Moorcroft, Penallt

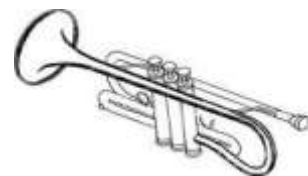
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Saturday, 18th June, 2011

2 p.m.

The 17th Century Society Re-enactors are back to demonstrate various crafts. They are delighted to answer questions about the society and the various skills they have researched and practised. (See article on next page).

*Bream Silver Band*



All the usual stalls ... books, toys, plants, cakes, tombola, white elephant, childrens games, raffle ...

Delicious refreshments.



## 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.

### The 17th Century Society

The 17th Century Society evolved a couple of years ago, mainly from the Fairfax Battalia who entertained you a few years ago. A few individual people were interested in widening the range of **normal 'military' re-enactments**, and normally base our activities **around the household ... think 17th Century 'Upstairs, Downstairs' or 'Downton Abbey'!**

We have worked in houses such as The Merchants House in Marlborough and Plas Mawr in Conway, and even changed centuries (and kit) and cooked and served a banquet to the top brass from CADW and the Welsh Assembly when Tretower Court was reopened after its wonderful restoration.

At the Penallt fete this year we plan to demonstrate a wide variety of skills and crafts we have researched and practised. These may include cooking, miniature painting, basket-making, spinning (on the great wheel), sewing and embroidery, ferret keeping/working, and lace-making.

We are all volunteers and many of us can do several crafts; it is up to the individual which they choose to do at the fete. Please come and chat to us. We can let you have a go at many **of the crafts, and we don't bite!**



## COFFEE MORNING

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 10.30 to 12.30

**Lyn Harper, 'Nyanza', Penallt**

EVERYBODY WELCOME

**To raise funds for 'Hands Around the World', the charity**  
with whom I spent a month in Kenya working on a  
project to help orphan teenagers.

Please also bring all your 1p, 2 p, and 5 p. coins you have  
hidden away in a jar somewhere !

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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.*

## Services times at St Nicholas,

Date/time	Season/place	Service	
29th May	ROGATION SUNDAY	united service, walk and picnic	
11.00.	St. Nicholas Church	1662 service	
Sat 4th June	Visiting choir, pilgrims and ringers		
4 p.m.	St. Nicholas Church	<b>Choral evensong and tea</b>	
5th June	Easter VII		
09.30.	St Nicholas	Matins	
11.00.	Old Church Penallt	Holy eucharist	Healing ministry
12th June	PENTECOST		
09.30.	Old Church Penallt	BCP Eucharist	
11.00.	St Nicholas Trellech	Baptism & communion	
19th June	Trinity Sunday		
9.30	Old Church Penallt	Holy eucharist	
11.00	St Nicholas	Holy eucharist	Healing ministry
26th June	Trinity 1		
09.30	Old Church Penallt	Holy eucharist	
11.00	St Nicholas	Holy eucharist	
3rd July	Trinity II		
09.30	St Nicholas	Sung matins	
11.00	Old Church Penallt	Holy eucharist	<i>Healing ministry</i>
10th July	Trinity III		
09.30	Old Church Penallt	BCP Eucharist	
11.00	St Nicholas	Family Eucharist	
17th July	Trinity IV		
09.30	Old Church Penallt	Holy eucharist	
11.00	St Nicholas	Holy eucharist	Healing ministry
24th July	Trinity V		
09.30	Old Church Penallt	Holy eucharist	
11.00	St Nicholas	Holy eucharist	
31st July	Trinity VI	United service, refreshments	
6.00 p.m.	Old Church Penallt	Evensong	

## Trellech and Old Church, Penallt

<i>reader 1</i>	<i>reader 2</i>	<i>server/chalice</i>	<i>chalice 2</i>	<i>welcome</i>
S. Haeffner	Methodist	A. Gilbey	L. Harper	A. Stubbs
tba				<b>R. Parsons</b>
A. Powis McGorrigan	F. Kemp V Kimber	T McGorrigan		A. Powis T McGorrigan
V Kimber B. Green	T Churchward	K Lowe		T Churchward A Stubbs
C. Mills	W Boycott	L Harper		C Mills
A Gilbey	B Richards	A Gilbey	K Bowen	A Gilbey
L Harper J Rogers	S Coutts R Parsons	L Harper K Bowen	K Lowe	<i>S Coutts</i> B Green
<i>T McGorrigan</i>	A Powis D Shannon	T McGorrigan		A Powis T McGorrigan
T Churchward B Green	A Stratton	R Parsons	K Lowe	A Stratton A Stubbs
W. Boycott B Richards	S. Haeffner A Gilbey	L Harper K Bowen	A Gilbey	W.Boycott R Parsons
<i>S. Dean</i> R Parsons	<i>C Mills</i> J Rogers	K Lowe	R Parsons	<i>S Dean</i> B Green
<b>tba</b>	Methodist			tba

## Art in Penallt

Plans for the Art Exhibition in Capel Pentwyn, Babington Meadow and The Penallt Inn at the beginning of October are proceeding well. We have been holding a number of fund raising events, the latest was a coffee morning at The Reynolds in Tregagle. Many thanks to all who came and also for their generous contributions.

The next money raising event will be another coffee morning at Lane End Cottage, Tregagle on Friday, 24th June 10.30 to 1.00. (please ring Cathy 860476 for directions). As an added attraction Cathy will show anyone who is interested the rudiments of stained glass making and use of the kiln.

### *NOT TOO LATE !!*

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.** Forms to be returned by 19th June. Please supply a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

## Babington Meadow, Penallt

Volunteers wanted please !

Would anyone, or a group of people with ride-on mowers be willing to mow the meadow on a regular basis or on a rota of, say three or four people, and to keep it tidy ?

If anyone is interested or is willing to help with this play area used by many of the village children, please could you contact a member of the committee on 01600-713943.

Thank you.

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*An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%*

*The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect.. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.'*

*The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!'*

This space is available !

Could you fill it next time with a report  
on some event you have attended,  
or a short story, or some jokes, or a poem  
you have written ?

**Because of copyright, all work must be your own ...**

**'Penallt Revisited'**

and

**'Penallt - A Village Miscellany'**

both books for sale at the Penallt Summer Fete

# MONMOUTHSHIRE MOBILE ONE STOP SHOP

is visiting the Babington Centre

1.30 – 3 p.m.

On the following Thursdays:-

2<sup>nd</sup> June, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Information – leaflets – forms – enquiries  
refuse bags

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## **Don't forget !**

The bin-men are now collecting black bag rubbish only once a fortnight. Pink and purple bags, and green waste bags will still be **collected weekly**. **PLEASE don't put your bags out until the night** before collection ... they attract foxes and dogs, and look so messy !



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## CATBROOK MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS

Saturday 28th May at 7.30pm - Music for May. An evening of light music featuring Forest Flute Choir, The Springfield Singers and local Group Cantores. A charity collection for Hands around the World. Admission free. Bring your own drinks and glasses.

Saturday 4th June at 7.30pm - Film, True Grit.

Saturday 11th June - Summer Dance with live band "The Bandits". Tickets £10 adults/£5 children. Light buffet and bar.

Saturday 2nd July at 7.30 pm - Film, Made in Dagenham.

Yoga classes with Ruth Routh on Tuesday evenings, 7-8.30pm and Thursday mornings, 10.30-12 noon.

Coffee mornings third Wednesday of each month at 10.30 am.

To book the hall email Rose at [info@catbrook.info](mailto:info@catbrook.info).

## PELHAM HALL, PENALLT

### Regular events

Bowls Club every Tuesday

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

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### SUMMER DANCE & HOG ROAST

Saturday 16th July, 7.30 onwards

£10

Music by The Birch Boys

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The North Singers Concert, 30th June



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.

BABINGTON CENTRE - TRELLECH

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, weekends, school holidays. Telephone (01600) 860058

The Living Bible:

His name is Tim. He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans, and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of college. He is brilliant. Kind of profound and very, very bright. He became a Christian while attending college. Across the street from the campus is a well-dressed, very conservative church. They want to develop a ministry to the students but are not sure how to go about it..

One day Tim decides to go there. He walks in with no shoes, jeans, his T-shirt, and wild hair. The service has already started and so Tim starts down the aisle looking for a seat.

The church is completely packed and he can't find a seat. By now, people are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything. Tim gets closer and closer and closer to the pulpit, and when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats down right on the carpet. By now the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick.

About this time, the minister realizes that from way at the back of the church, a deacon is slowly making his way toward Tim. Now the deacon is in his eighties, has silver-gray hair, and a three-piece suit. A godly man, very elegant, very dignified, very courtly. He walks with a cane and, as he starts walking toward this boy, everyone is saying to themselves that you can't blame him for what he's going to do.

How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid on the floor? It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy. The church is utterly silent except for the clicking of the man's cane. All eyes are

focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The minister can't even preach the sermon until the deacon does what he has to do.

And now they see this elderly man drop his cane on the floor. With great difficulty, he lowers himself and sits down next to Tim and worships with him so he won't be alone.

Everyone chokes up with emotion...

When the minister gains control, he says, 'What I'm about to preach, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget.'

'Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some people will ever read!'

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## Dates for the diary

May 29th	Rogation Day, Service, walk and Picnic
June 4th	Visiting Choir, St Nicholas, 5 p.m.
9th	Coffee Morning, Nyanza, Penallt
18th	Old Church Summer Fete at Moorcroft
24th	Coffee Morning, Tregagle
29th	Narth Choir, Trellech Church
30th	Narth Choir, Pelham Hall
July 15th - 17th	Art for Africa, Bridges, Monmouth
16th	Summer Dance, Pelham Hall

### 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 11.00, 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 June 17th, July 8th and 29th.

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

*Library phone: - 01600-775215*



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

