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The Parish of Trellech and Penallt December/January 2014/15

A Very Happy Christmas to Everyone

“Suffer Little Children to Come unto Me”



SERVICES IN DECEMBER 2014

Thursday 4th December		
14.00	Trellech	Trellech School Christingle service in church
Sunday 7th December		
09.30	Trellech	Feast of St Nicolas' Matins
11.00	Penallt	Eucharist with Healing
Sunday 14th December		
09.30	Penallt	BCP Eucharist
11.00	Trellech	Family Eucharist with Christingles.
Sunday 21st December		
09.30	Trellech	Said Eucharist
11.00	Catbrook	9 Lessons and Carols with band
16.00	Penallt	9 Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve		
16.00	Penallt	Nativity at the Barn
23.30	Penallt	Midnight Mass
23.30	Trellech	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day		
09.30	Penallt	Family Communion
11.00	Trellech	Family Communion
Sunday 28th December		
09.30	Penallt	Said Eucharist
11.00	Trellech	Holy Eucharist

St Nicholas Winter Fair & Records Day It rained cats & dogs in the morning so attendance was well down on this enjoyable & interesting day. Several came especially to look at new material which Stuart brought including a delightful drawing of the possible reconstruction of the medieval Manor House and fortified tower currently being excavated. £519.20 was raised, so that was good, but mainly the hard work was rewarded by the warm social atmosphere of those who came and lingered over the many stalls & exhibits

November Activities

All Souls Sunday 2 November - walking together in the light of Christ - remembering the faithful departed - has a special place in the life of our church - when loved ones return in reverence to light a candle and share their grief & thanks for lives of the ones they have lost. Over 30 members of our community turned again to the church for support in their time of grief, as they responded to the invitation to share together in their remembrance. The lilies remained for us all to enjoy.

Harvest was celebrated in both churches with wonderful displays of flowers and produce and a joyful atmosphere of praise for the beauty of creation - reflecting the privilege of living in such an outstanding rural setting and our farming heritage. Places were laid for 48 for harvest lunch at St Nicolas; many old friends were welcomed at the feast. The school thanksgiving produce went to Monmouth Food Bank; both churches sent their's to the Eden Gate Project providing night shelter & food in Newport.

ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUPS

The four weeks leading up to Christmas are busy times of “getting ready” for Christmas, with so many practical things to do that we often forget to make time to prepare ourselves spiritually for the Coming of Christ; to make ready our hearts to receive the Saviour and Hope of the world.

The Parish of Trellech and Penallt invite you to a series of 4 weekly discussion groups to explore the difference it means to live with hope. Subjects :- Hope – Hope of the World – Hope of the Church – Hope in the Word made Flesh

The Narth; Mondays 10.30 to 12.30 - Host Kay Bowen tel 860594 - Bowmead School Lane

Penallt : Tuesdays 15.00 to 16.30 - Host Kim Kimber tel Rev Coutts 860277 - Ysbugorwen, Pentwyn Park

Trellech : Wednesdays 14.00 to 15.30 - Host Rosemary Decker-Thomas and Dick Coates 860100 - 13 Roman Way

SERVICES IN JANUARY 2015

Sunday 4th January		2nd of Christmas
09.30	Trellech	Matins
11.00	Penallt	Holy Eucharist.
Tuesday 6th January		EPIPHANY
19.00	St Thomas Overmonow	Deanery Celebration
Sunday 11th January		Said Communion
09.30	Penallt	Family Communion
11.00	Trellech	
Sunday 18th January		Holy Eucharist
09.30	Penallt	Holy Eucharist
11.00	Trellech	
Sunday 25th January		Holy Eucharist
09.30	Penallt	Holy Eucharist with Healing
11.00	Trellech	
Sunday 1st February		Matins
09.30	Trellech	Holy Eucharist
11.30	Penallt	

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Wreaths were offered on the Catbrook Village Hall Memorial at their service led by Sandra with the privilege of an accompanying band.

At the first function after the restoration (thanks to generous donations from both individuals and organisations), Mr Gleed laid a wreath at the Penallt village memorial at the Act of Remembrance led by Lyn.

At the same time a service of remembrance was held at St Nicholas church in Trellech led by the Reverent Sandra Howells



December Diary

Tuesday 2nd December 7.30.pm Friends of Trellech Church and Churchyard invite you to a Christmas Quiz Night at St Nicholas Church. A very social event with bar & raffle; come as an individual or team (max 6) - £2.50

Saturday 6 Dec. 3- 5pm Festive Fun Pelham Hall Carols to sing. Raffle to win Gifts to buy. Refreshments to eat. Mulled Wine to drink. 'Kids Kraft Corner' to play. Organized by Penallt Old Church

Saturday 13 Dec: 7.30pm St Nicholas Church A concert of Christmas Music by Monmouth Choral Society with choirs from The Grange School and Trellech Primary; so this will be very special with such a huge choir. Mince pies and mulled wine will be sold at the interval for church funds. Parking at Babington Centre, but please share or park further away if possible. Tickets: £10 on the door. See also www.monmouthchoralsociety.co.uk.

January Diary

Sunday 25th 13.00 Churches Together in Monmouth Christian Unity Bring and Share lunches at St Mary's Church Monmouth

Advance Notice for 2015 - 'A Year Walking with Mary' See Church Notice Boards for services & talks by Bishop Richard and a pilgrimage (24 – 28 August) to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham (email: fgodsell@gmail.com for further info)

Parish Coffee Mornings: The next one will be on Thursday 22nd January, venue to be confirmed.

Gift Aid: Why not make a New Year's resolution to help ensure our churches' future by pledging a regular donation, however small, and using Gift Aid (to enhance it by 25%) if you are eligible to do so?



A CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

The Vicar offers this poem to reflect on as we approach Christmas and wishes everyone a peaceful and Meaningful Christmas where, as in the words of the famous Carol,



“Meek souls will receive him still, the Dear Christ enters in”

*When the world was dark and the city was quiet, you came.
You crept in beside us. And no one knew.
Only the few who dared to believe
that God might do something different.*

Will you do the same this Christmas, Lord?

*Will you come into the darkness of tonight's world;
not the friendly darkness
as when sleep rescues us from tiredness,
but the fearful darkness, in which people have stopped
believing
that war will end, or that food will come
or that a government will change
or that the Church cares?*

*Will you come into that darkness
and do something different
to save your people from death and despair?*

*Will you come into the quietness of this town,
not the friendly quietness as when lovers hold hands,
but the fearful silence when the phone has not rung
the letter has not come,
the friendly voice no longer speaks,
the doctor's face says it all?*

*Will you come into that darkness,
and do something different,
not to distract, but to embrace your people?*

*And will you come into the dark corners
and the quiet places of our lives?*

*We ask this not because we are guilt-ridden, or want to be,
but because the fullness our lives long for,
depends upon, us being as open and vulnerable to you
as you were to us, when you came, wearing no more than
diapers,
and trusting human hands to hold their maker.*

*Will you come into our lives, if we open them to you
and do something different?*

*When the world was dark and the city was quiet you came.
You crept in beside us.
Do the same this Christmas, Lord.*

Do the same this Christmas.

Author unknown.