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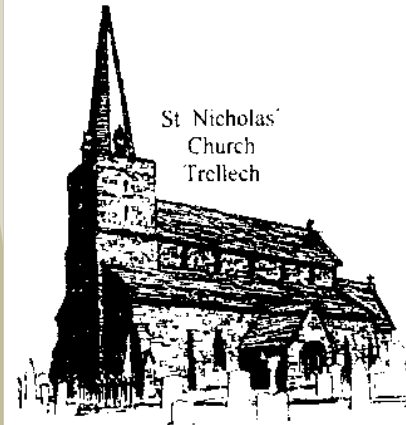
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The Parish News

Trellech and Penallt

SEPTEMBER OCTOBER- 2019

'The harvest is so great, but the workers are so few.. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send out more workers for His fields.'
Matt 9.37-38 NLT



St Nicholas' Church
Trellech

Visitors to Our Churches are always welcome –
“Come unto me all who seek rest for their souls.”



Old Church
Penallt

Congratulations Tim

Lands End to John O'Groats in 9 days by Bike



After 3 months of training – what a relief to get started on 1st July with some trepidation as to whether I would complete the course. Some facts and thoughts:

- Staying mostly in B+B – cycling days started at @ 8.30am and finished @7.30pm with a shower, Pint and Pasta.
- Longest day Okehampton to Penallt 138 miles and 10 hours cycling arriving at 8.30pm.
- 2 buckled back wheels that required emergency repairs !
- Weather for the first 8 days was fine and dry – only the last day was typically Scottish – wet and misty – by when it didn't matter.
- Mostly B roads with lovely countryside and views. In Scotland travelled through Trossachs, past Glen Coe to Fort William – stunning – as was riding alongside Loch Ness._
- Greatest danger was from motorists -particularly Mercedes drivers!
- There is nothing at John O'Groats except the sign below and a single pub/ hotel – which had plenty of good beer.
- Learnings – the adventure was as hard mentally as it was physically

And Never to do it again!

Most importantly some £4,255 were raised for and in memory of 2 fine young men Max and Ted who committed suicide in 2018, and for their respective charities to prevent further such tragedies.

Thank you everybody
who supported me



The Lion Inn

Saturday 14th September – 80's Themed Dinner with a 3 course meal, 80's Quiz and plenty of 80's Music. This is a ticketed event £20.00 per person.

Saturday 5th October – Grape V's Grain Dinner – 3 course meal with pairings of wine versus ale to match each course, with discussions from the makers on each course. £25.00 per person

26th October – Halloween Party – Featuring music with The Ronaldos Come and celebrate with me – 24 years ago I became caretaker of this fantastic Inn. Fancy dress preferred – anything goes! Fun begins at 8.30pm

Now taking bookings for our

Christmas Party Menu



A wonderful 3 course meal with coffee & hot mince pies for £23.00 or £16.50 for the smaller appetite or children. FED UP OF SIT DOWN CHRISTMAS MEALS, WANT SOMETHING ELSE ?

Why not try our Christmas Finger Buffet – Allowing you to mingle whilst you nibble on some tasty treats.

We have mixed sandwiches with a selection of hot and cold nibbles, hot mini roast potatoes with rosemary, sausage rolls, pigs in blankets and lovely miniature chocolate fruit scones, custard slices to mention just a few items on offer.



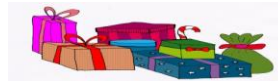
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Notes on Monmouth Deanery Conference on 31 July 2019

This was a follow up meeting, attended by Rev. Nick Taylor & myself, to the Conference on 15 June, following complaints that last year's Bishop's Audit had not been published (now released), to ask each church to produce their profiles by the end of August, and to update us on the process of appointment of the two Ministry Area Leaders. See my notes on the 15 June. Minutes of this 31 July meeting yet to be received.

The 49-page audit report (see online) is very professional & should be studied closely. There are finite recommendations focusing on the Mission of the Ministry Area, each individual church, and of Diocesan study material. The headings include: Immediate Context, Encouragement, Mission, Schools, Young People & Families, Worship, Ministry, Nurture and Discipleship, Governance, Communications, Buildings & Finance.

There is a section focusing on different aspects of church buildings: Significance Scores make St Nicholas & Old Church 4th & 5th out of 20. An interesting section on potential risks with action recommendations. Flexibility Scores make St Nicholas 4th & Old Church 11th. Overall Sustainability Scores rate St Nicholas 5th & Old Church 6th. There are also detailed notes on the condition of each church.

The Archdeacon gave a positive outlook, assuring us it was hoped to advertise the two posts in September asking us to ensure that we put in a single page profile (see format notes) for each church by 31st August. We were given an analysis of how the 2 MAL (& 1 priest for Monmouth urban) were to be funded showing our 2019 contribution to be £17,684.

An open debate followed at which deep concerns were expressed about the onus placed on Focal Ministers & their future availability, the role & workload of the MAL, & the mileage of the rural MAL. In particular deep concern was expressed about mission. This should be his title role, not day-to-day concerns of 9 churches. If an administrator is appointed it would have to be mainly financed by the 9 churches.

Dick Coates 9 August 2019

TRELLECH *Work in Progress*

Painting. The PCC agreed that the painting of the Nave and Tower were essential and it is planned to commence work on 27th August.

Electrics. Storage heaters continue to have problems,

Outside lighting – it is agreed that improved external lighting is required for main entrances of Church.

Microphones – a new microphone has been purchased for St Nicholas .

Future priorities – Drainage and memorial garden action.

Ecumenical Events

Sun 8th Sept: 3pm Vespers Tintern Abbey (bring chair)

Fri.14 Sept & Fri 11 Oct: 7.30pm Filling Station Service, Talk & refreshments Llandogo Village Hall.

Sat/Sun 14 & 15th Sept 1.30-5pm Arts & Crafts Weekend
Llanishen Hall & Church

Sat 28 Sept 10am - 4pm "Full of Grace" Study Day Tymawr Convent. book: community@tymawrconvent.com

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2019

Every Wednesday 11am St Nicholas Holy Communion

Date	Season/Church	Service
Sun 1st	Trinity 11	
11.00	Old Church	Sung Eucharist
Sun 8th	Trinity 12	
11.00	St Nicholas	All Age Service
Sun 15th	Trinity 13	
11.00	Old Church	Sung Eucharist
Sun 22nd	Trinity 14	
11.00	St Nicholas	Sung Eucharist
Sun 29th	Trinity 15	United Harvest Service
11.00	St Nicholas	Harvest Festival
12.00		Harvest Lunch

SUPPORTING OUR CHURCHES

A big thank you to everyone who contributes to the maintenance of our two churches. Some take advantage of the Gift Aid scheme which allows charities like the Church to add 25% to a gift from everyone who pays income tax.

There are 3 ways of doing this:

1. By direct debit to the Church in Wales. The simplest method as all the admin is carried out by church HQ and the money plus the reclaimed 25% comes straight back to us.
2. By direct debit to the Church Bank - The Gift Aid is reclaimed by the parish.
3. By putting cash into a yellow envelope at church. The cash is banked and Gift Aid is reclaimed by the parish. Envelopes can be issued to individuals or collected in the Churches.

Support need not be confined to church goers but is open to all who are interested in helping to maintain these wonderful old buildings. If you would like to know more, please contact Stevie Couotts (Gift Aid Secretary) or a member of the PCC.

SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2019

Every Wednesday 11am St Nicholas Holy Communion

Date	Season/Church	Service
Sun 6th	Trinity 16	Penallt Harvest Thanksgiving
11.00	Old Church	Harvest Eucharist
Sun 13th	Trinity 17	
11.00	St Nicholas	All Age Worship
Sun 20th	Trinity 18	
11.00	Old Church	Sung Eucharist
Sun 27th	Last after Trinity	
11.00	St Nicholas	Sung Eucharist
Sun 3rd Nov	All Saints Day	
11.00	Old Church	Sung Eucharist

Some photos from events organised by the Friends of Trellech Church and Churchyard

**Monmouth Choral Society
Summer Concert
Saturday 22 June 7.30pm
St Nicholas Church Trellech**



**The Friends took over the
Friday Teas at the Babington
on 12th July**



**CHURCH YARD
TIDY UP DAY
On 13th July**



Parish Coffee Mornings are restarting! Everyone welcome.

10.30 Friday 13th September at The Granary, Osbaston Farm, Monmouth NP25 5DL hosted by Stevie Couotts

10.30 Tuesday 8th October at Rough Pastures, Mitchel Troy NP25 4JQ hosted by Chris and Carole Swayne

10.30 Thursday 14th November at The Old Vicarage, Trellech NP25 4PA hosted by Karen & Phil Lowe

Photos wanted!

The Church website (www.trellechandpenallt.church) is being updated and we are very short of good images. We need a steady supply in order to keep the site fresh and seasonally relevant. If you are out and about please take a camera/phone with you ! We particularly need images of - The two churches and surroundings - exterior shots and other relevant outside views.