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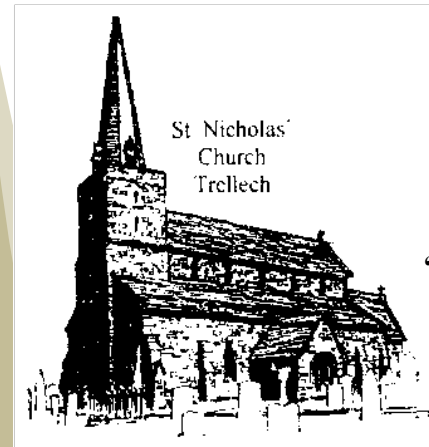
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# The Parish News

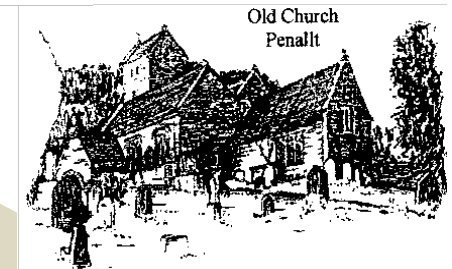
## Trellech and Penallt

### NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2019

Because of God's tender mercy, the light from heaven  
is about to break upon us,  
to give light to those that sit in darkness and in the  
shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace,  
*Luke 2.78.79. NLT*



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



## Vespers at Tintern Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

We were blessed with a large congregation and fine weather for the annual Ecumenical Service of Vespers on the Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The service began with a colourful procession led by servers from the Monmouth Group of Parishes with streamers, incense and a processional cross. In the procession were members of Newport Cathedral Choir, clergy, monks, friars and nuns from the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches and our preacher, the Revd Dr Tim Macquiban, a Methodist theologian who has been working in Rome for the past five years pastoring a Methodist church and working ecumenically with the Vatican and other churches.

The service reflected the monastic worship that would have been heard at Tintern Abbey for over 400 years. We sang the psalms in plainsong We had hymns and an anthem in honour of Mary and the preacher chose as his text the words of Mary at the wedding in Cana, "Do whatever he tells you".

Dr Macquiban reminded us that Mary always points us towards Jesus and he told us how Methodists honour Mary as the one chosen by God in his plan of salvation.

Mother Katharine from Tymawr Convent led the intercessions and another Anglican, Brother Stuart, the former Abbot of Mucknell Abbey read from *The Rule of St Benedict* concerning hospitality. Benedict told his monks that guests should be received as Christ himself and how great care should be shown towards welcoming the poor and pilgrims.

The statue of Our Lady of Tintern was blessed by Abbot Paul from Belmont Abbey and Mary and Child had been decorated with flowers to mark the Feast. After the service people had the opportunity to buy cards and calendars sold in aid of the Friends of Our Lady of Tintern who organise the service each year and who are also planning a pilgrimage route around Tintern Abbey so that visitors can take part in a spiritual journey in such an iconic setting.

For more information go to the Friends' website

- [www.ourladyoftintern.co.uk](http://www.ourladyoftintern.co.uk)

Next Year Vespers at Tintern Abbey 3pm Sunday 13 September 2020

+Dominic

## Winter at The Lion Inn Trellech

*The cosy open fires are roaring - why not bring your friends and family for High Tea at The Lion. Indulge in an afternoon of decadence. £12.50 per person. Booking essential.*

*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 brownies, fruit scones, custard slices to mention just a few items on offer.*

*Christmas Eve - Carols around the fires led by The North Choir raising money for The Lymphoma Research Trust - 6.30pm - Grand Christmas Raffle will be drawn at 8pm*

*Christmas Day - We are open between 12pm and 2pm for drinks only.*

*Boxing Day - December 26<sup>th</sup> Open 12pm to 5pm - Food served 12pm to 4pm.*

*Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December - Annual Christmas Karaoke fun begins at 8.30pm*

*Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December - Annual Christmas Quiz - Fun begins at 8pm - Teams of 6 £1.50 per person - winning team takes the pot.*

*Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December - New Years Eve - Open all day as normal - Food 12pm to 5pm - No food in the evening.*

*New Years Day - Closed all day.*

*Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Back to normal*



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The Lion Inn Trellech

# HARVEST SERVICE IN PENALLT

## Now thank we all our God

The Old Church, Penallt was beautifully decorated with flowers, foliage, fruit and vegetables for the celebration of Harvest Festival on October 6<sup>th</sup>, a timely reminder that we have so much for which to be grateful and that we have a responsibility to respect and conserve our environment for future generations. A collection of food was given to Monmouth Food Bank.



### Monmouth Concert Orchestra

They are playing at St Nicholas Sunday 1st December 4pm – 6pm  
£6 for a ticket with free admission to under 16 year olds

### Narth Singers

Singing 13<sup>th</sup> December St Nicholas at 7pm  
No entry fee, as is normal, but a retiring collection, this year in aid of Lymphoma Research

Refreshments will be available on both occasions.

### Message in a Bottle”

#### A GREAT IDEA

This isn't just the title of a 70s song by Sting but is the name of a scheme to save lives.

The Monmouth Lions Club has taken this up.

It is a LIONS INTERNATIONAL project that does exactly what it says on the tin – or in this case on the bottle.

Anyone who needs medication, or who suffers from allergies, lists them on a special form along with their personal details. They then put the form in the bottle and place it in the fridge.

A green cross sticker on the fridge door lets any emergency services know it's there. Vital if someone is taken ill or is found unconscious. Such information could and has already helped save lives.

If anyone would like one of these bottles - free of charge - they can contact Sue Wooldridge of Monmouth Lions on 01600 740189 or the Editor Chris Swayne

## SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2019

### Every Wednesday 11am St Nicholas Holy Communion

Date	Season/Church	service
<b>2nd November</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	
5pm	St Nicholas	All Souls
<b>3rd November</b>	<b>All Saints</b>	
11.00	Penallt Old Church	Eucharist
<b>10th Nov</b>	<b>Remembrance</b>	
10.50	Penallt Village	Act of Remembrance
10.50	St Nicholas Trellech	Remembrance Service
3pm	Catbrook Hall	Remembrance Service
<b>17th November</b>	<b>2nd Before Advent</b>	<b>Baptism</b>
11.00	Penallt Old Church	Eucharist
<b>24th November</b>	<b>2nd Before Advent</b>	
11.00	St Nicholas Trellech	Eucharist

### Photos wanted!

The Church website ( [www.trellechandpenallt.church](http://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.

## SERVICES IN DECEMBER 2019

### Every Wednesday 11am St Nicholas Holy Communion

Date	Season/Church	Service
<b>1st December</b>	<b>Advent 1</b>	
11.00	Penallt Old Church	Eucharist
<b>8th December</b>	<b>Advent 2</b>	
11.00	St Nicholas Trellech	Community family carols
<b>15th December</b>	<b>Advent 3</b>	
11.00	Penallt Old Church	9 lessons and carols
<b>22nd December</b>	<b>Advent 4</b>	
11.00	Catbrook Hall	9 lessons and carols
<b>24th December</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
4pm	Penallt Barn Service	Nativity
11.30 pm	St Nicholas Trellech	Midnight Mass
11.15pm	Penallt Old Church	Midnight Mass
<b>25th December</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
10.30	Penallt Old Church	Family Eucharist
11.00	St Nicholas	Family Eucharist



### United Service

**29th December Methodists 6PM**

## PARISH COFFEE MORNINGS

**We have held two Parish Coffee Mornings as follows:**

**10.30 Friday 13th September at**

The Granary, Osbaston Farm,  
Monmouth NP25 5DL

hosted by Stevie Coutts



**10.30 Tuesday 8th October at**

Rough Pastures, Craig Y Dorth  
Mitchel Troy

hosted by Chris and Carole Swayne



The November Coffee Morning has unfortunately been postponed to next year

The first two have been successful and good fun All are welcome and we now need volunteers to host some more in January February and March Next year



## *CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING PELHAM HALL 10.30 to 12.30*

*ALL ARE WELCOME  
SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER*

Come to enjoy coffee mince pies  
and meet friends



*IN AID OF THE OLD CHURCH PENALLT*