

December 2022

THE PARISH TAP



The monthly newsletter for the parishes of Boughrood, Llandefalle, Llanstephan, Llyswen and Talachddu

Listed below are all the planned services for December and January including the ones for Christmas. Where the times vary from usual, you will see them highlighted in bold print. Everyone is welcome at any or all of them.

The next edition of the Parish Tap will be at the beginning of January so please get anything you'd like featured in it to me no later than 10am on 28th December, by email to judy.williams1944@gmail.com (no PDF files please) or ring 01874 625140.

Services Winter 2022/23

Date	Day	Time	Church	Service	Minister presiding
4 th December	2 nd Sunday in Advent	10.30am	Llandefalle	Holy Communion	Ven. Alan Jevons
11 th December	3 rd Sunday in Advent	10.30am	Llyswen	Holy Communion	Rev Richard Walker
11 th December	3 rd Sunday in Advent	6.00pm	Boughrood	Tree of Light	Catriona Charlesworth
18 th December	4 th Sunday in Advent	10.30am	Llanstephan	Holy Communion	Rev Richard Walker
19 th December	Monday	7.00pm	Llandefalle	YFC Carol Service	Catriona Charlesworth
21 st December	Wednesday	6.00pm	Boughrood	A Celebration of Christmas	James Luckhurst
22 nd December	Thursday	7.00pm	Felinfach Griffin	Carols in the Barn	Ven. Alan Jevons
24 th December	Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Llyswen	Crib Service	Rev Jill Jackson
24 th December	Christmas Eve	6.00pm	Talachddu	Nativity Play	Judy Williams
25 th December	Christmas Day	9.00am	Boughrood	Christmas Matins	Catriona Charlesworth
25 th December	Christmas Day	10.30am	Llandefalle	Holy Communion	Ven. Alan Jevons
25 th December	Christmas Day	10.30am	Llyswen	Holy Communion	Rev Richard Walker
8 th January	1 st Sunday after Epiphany	10.30am	Llandefalle	Matins	Catriona Charlesworth
15 th January	2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	10.30am	Llyswen	Matins	Richard Shackelford
22 nd January	3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	10.30am	Boughrood	Holy Communion	Rev Richard Walker
29 th January	4 th Sunday after Epiphany	10.30am	Talachddu	Holy Communion	Ven. Alan Jevons

Service Update

It has been decided by the Boughrood PCC to scrap the planned Matins service on 18th December and instead to support the service of Holy Communion at Llanstephan Church. The PCC apologises for any inconvenience.

Llandefalle Flower Rota

December – No flowers in Advent

Christmas – Ladies of the Parish

January – Joan Millard

'Goodbye' and 'Welcome'



We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mike and Peta Mellors. All of us here in Llandefalle will miss you. A message from Peta, "Just to let everyone know, we are now installed in our new home in Brecon. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Llandefalle friends and neighbours for their support and friendship over the past, very happy, 35 years. Anyway, we aren't far away and will not be breaking all ties to the Parish. Get in touch, 07967157721, and if you are in Brecon do come and find us and have a cuppa. You will be very welcome. Mike and Peta"

A new family will soon be moving into The Llan (Mike and Peta's former home); they are Sarah and Graham Ball and daughter, Tegan. We would like to welcome you all to your new home and hope you will be very happy living here.

Yoga Class

Sue Rich has started a Yoga class in Llyswen Village Hall on a Wednesday evening from 6-7. All, regardless of ability and experience, are welcome. Sue is a very experienced and qualified Yoga teacher and her classes are a delight. For more information contact by email at tyyoga@hotmail.com or by phone on 07939070141

Remembrance Day in Llandefalle Church

On Remembrance Day, November 11th, parishioners and friends gathered in the porch of the church to pay tribute to the young men of Llandefalle who gave their lives for King and Country in the World Wars.

This moving little ceremony is growing in popularity each year and this year we were pleased to welcome Rory from Somerset. He happened to stand next to Andrew Poe from Llandefalle and during their chat, it transpired that they had both attended All Hallows School in Dorset 50 years ago and had not seen each other since! How about that for a coincidence!

New Baby

Congratulations to Ffion and Tom on the birth of daughter Zoe Efa Gardiner. She arrived on 17th November, two days before her due date weighing 7 lbs 1 oz. Mum and baby are doing well. That makes five lovely granddaughters for Keith and Eirwen!



November Strollers

Ten brave souls and a dog started out on a blustery but dry morning for the monthly strollers walk. Some arrived by car, others on bicycles and one in her Gaitor.

The forestry provided shelter from the wind, but when we went out on to the hill for the return walk the full force of the wind was felt, which certainly blew the cobwebs away.

There were some lovely autumn colours on the trees giving a true reflection of autumn. Once back at the starting point coffee and biscuits were enjoyed by all. The December walk will be on Wednesday 7th December, meeting at the cattle grid going onto Llandefalle Hill, above Llandefalle School hall; it will be a circular walk of approximately 2 miles and we will then meet at Llandefalle Old School Hall for some Christmas cheer.

A small donation of £1 each would be helpful to wards use of the hall.

For those who are feeling more energetic you are welcome to park at the school hall and walk up to the hill, takes about 20 minutes. Any enquiries please contact Vera 07879 417459.

Talachddu Nativity Play

This year's (alternative!) Nativity Play, entitled "The Dizzy Angel", will be performed by the children of the Parish on Christmas Eve in Talachddu church at 6.00pm. Everyone is very welcome to come and watch this unusual performance. The children would welcome your support.



With Sympathy

It is with the deepest sorrow that I record the death of a valued and personal friend, Mrs. Jane Baker. For many years she lived with her husband Don in Talachddu and then after his death she moved to Pendre Gardens in Brecon. A deeply committed Roman Catholic, Jane was a true Christian whose thoughts were always on how she could best serve God. Nothing was ever too much trouble for Jane, she could always be depended upon in any emergency, no matter how small. She used her car to assist others, taking her neighbours to and from hospital if they needed a lift. For most of her time in Talachddu as well as when she moved to Brecon, Jane took on the post of Treasurer at Talachddu Church as well as Treasurer for the group of churches and was always ready to help the Treasurers from the other churches in the group. She was an active member of Felinfach WI and also WI markets where once again she took on the role of Treasurer both in the Brecon Market and for the Market Society (the group of Markets in South Powys). She supported numerous charities and could often be found knitting blankets to be taken to underprivileged peoples in other countries. Her whole life was one of unselfish giving. She was an example to us all. She will be sadly missed. Her final resting place is with her beloved husband in the plot in Talachddu Churchyard. Our thoughts and prayers are with her five children and many grandchildren.

Llyswen Crib Service

On Christmas Eve in Llyswen Church at 4 p.m. the now traditional Crib Service will be led by Rev Gill Jackson. We need help from all ages to get the Crib ready for Jesus to arrive and do hope you will come.



Felinfach Ladies' Friendly Society

In November we went to the Griffin in Felinfach at 2pm for an afternoon of chat and a fun Beetle Drive. The winner of the Beetle Drive was Monica who won every single game in her group – well done Monica!!

On December 12th we'll be going to the Three Horseshoes for Christmas Lunch. Lunch is booked for 12pm so for those meeting in Felinfach, please be at the usual rendezvous point at 11.30am.



Christmas Coffee Morning

In Llyswen Church on Saturday 10th December

from 10am to 12.30pm

Bring and Buy and raffle The Powys Green Guide
Coffee and mince pies

Everyone welcome – come and find the perfect Christmas present.





Carols for Christmas with Llyswen School and Llyswen Church

On December 16th at 6 pm the children of Llyswen School are going to entertain us with a programme of Christmas songs and readings in the school. There will also be an opportunity for us all to sing our favourite carols together. Coffee and mince pies will be served. Do please come and join us.



Tree of Light

The Tree of Light service is on Sunday 11th December at 6pm in Boughrood Church. If you would like to sponsor a light in memory of a loved one or of a special event please let Catriona Charlesworth know by Wednesday 7th December. More information and forms are available from Catriona on 01874 754799 or email catriona.1965@btinternet.com.

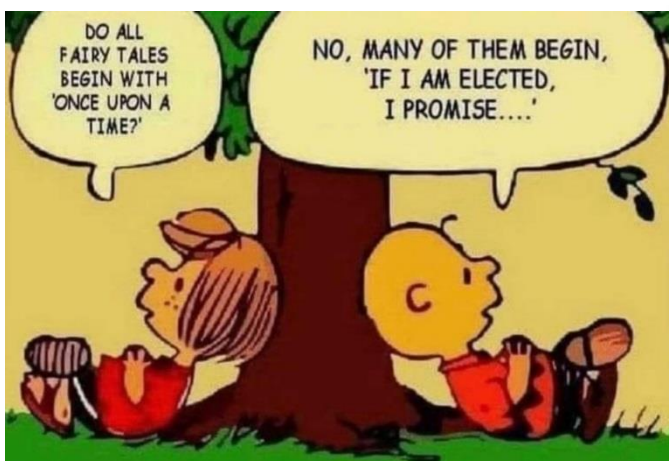


Sunday 22nd January, 3.00pm
St. Mary's Church, Hay-on-Wye

Tickets and full programme details at www.haymusic.org – also available at Hay Tourist Bureau and at the door

To join our mailing list please email music@haymusic.org

You've Got to Laugh

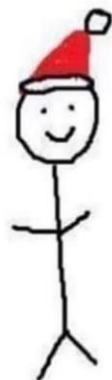


"You've been out partying all night again, haven't you?"



1st-26th Dec

27th Dec- 31st Dec



Festive.



Confused,
Full of cheese,
Unsure of the day
of week.

When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.

Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9.00 pm is the new midnight.

I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.

Children's Bumper Christmas Corner

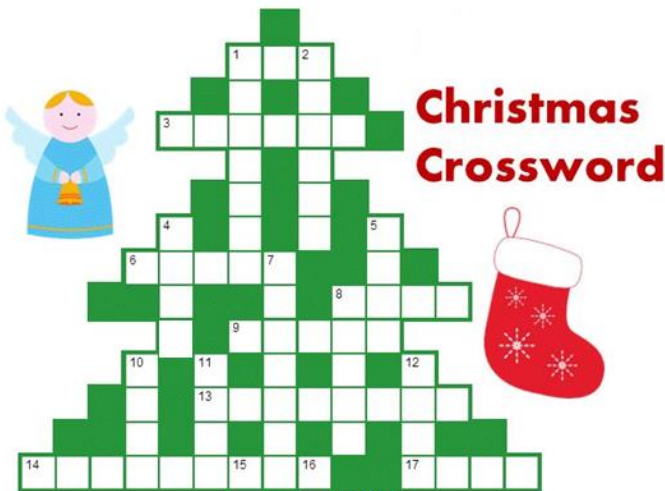
Help Santa to find his way to the Christmas Tree



Nativity Word Scramble

All these words come from the Christmas story. Can you unscramble them?

1. KREENANSFCI -----
2. NNI KEERPE -----
3. AZHTRNAE -----
4. BMHEELHTE -----
5. LDGO -----
6. RYRMH -----
7. HARLSATAB -----
8. RCASPA -----
9. EMRHLCIO -----
10. AIGRELB -----



Christmas Crossword

- ACROSS**
1. Made with mincemeat
 3. Santa's ride
 6. Celebration
 8. Newborn
 9. Northpole helpers
 13. Word of praise
 14. Words on a Christmas card
 17. It's opened at Christmas
- DOWN**
1. Alternative word for 17 across
 2. Christmas drink
 4. Shepherd's gift
 5. December holiday
 7. Christmas warmer
 8. "Jingle _____"
 10. Christmas tree
 11. O. Henry's "The Gift of the _____"
 12. What carolers do
 15. French Christmas
 16. Snow slider

The Twelve Days of Christmas Wordsearch Puzzle

D	P	L	A	D	I	E	S	J	I	A
L	O	A	S	W	A	N	S	C	X	H
U	O	V	R	T	R	R	I	Q	E	R
K	D	R	E	T	E	D	S	N	E	I
L	C	M	D	S	R	R	S	F	E	N
S	X	D	B	S	E	I	E	T	R	G
D	D	N	I	M	B	S	D	M	D	S
I	J	J	M	I	E	S	D	G	U	X
A	T	U	R	E	Y	J	E	B	E	D
M	R	D	G	L	E	G	Y	M	J	H
D	S	K	B	P	S	R	E	P	I	P

- Find the words in capital letters from the carol below
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| A PARTRIDGE in a pear tree | Seven SWANS a-swimming |
| Two turtle DOVES | Eight MAIDS a-milking |
| Three French HENS | Nine LADIES dancing |
| Four calling BIRDS | Ten LORDS a-leaping |
| Five gold RINGS | Eleven PIPERS piping |
| Six GEESE a-laying | Twelve DRUMMERS drumming |



What kind of dinosaur loves to sleep?
A stega-snore-us.

What's orange and sounds like a parrot?
A carrot!

What's the worst thing about throwing a party in space?
You have to planet.

