

October 2023

THE PARISH TAP



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

You will find listed below all of the planned services for October. Unless otherwise stated all services start at 10.30am. The next edition of the Parish Tap is at the beginning of November so please get anything you'd like featured in it to me by 10am on Wednesday 25th October, by email to judy.williams1944@gmail.com (no PDF files please) or ring 01874 625140.

Services Summer 2023

Date	Day	Time	Church	Service	Minister presiding
1 st October	17 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Boughrood	Holy Communion	Rev Trina Lodge
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8 th October	18 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Llyswen	Holy Communion	Rev Trina Lodge
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15 th October	19 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Boughrood	Matins	Richard Shackelford
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22 nd October	20 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Llyswen	Matins	Catriona Charlesworth
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29 th October	21 st Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Llanstephan	Harvest Festival	Rev Richard Walker
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Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Monday	2 nd October	6.30pm	Llandefalle	Catriona Charlesworth and YFC	Harvest supper in the Church
Wednesday	4 th October	7pm	Talachddu	Rev Rowland Edwards	Refreshments in the Church
Friday	6 th October	7pm	Llyswen	Rev Trina Lodge	Bring and share supper in the Church
Sunday	8 th October	6pm	Boughrood	Ven Alan Jevons	Refreshments in the Church
Wednesday	11 th October	6.30pm	Maesyberllan Chapel		Harvest supper in the Chapel Vestry
Sunday	29 th October	10.30am	Llanstephan	Rev Richard Walker	Refreshments in the Church

Llandefalle Flower Rota

October – Mary Hopkins

HARVEST FESTIVAL Ladies of the Parish

November – Edna Edwards

No flowers in Advent



September Strollers Report

Sixteen of us met on 6th September at Trevithal Farm to walk the Cider Apple Orchards on what promised to be another baking, hot day. We were welcomed by our host, David James, with a lovely cup of coffee and Welsh cakes. David



started our tour with a brief introduction and a small deviation to one of the farm buildings to meet "Betty", his beautiful sprocker spaniel and her six adorable puppies. As we walked the magnificently, apple-laden orchards David explained their history, and the planting and harvesting plans; a fascinating and time critical process. Half way around, we were taken to see a large, recently dug wildlife pond, one of several on the farm. Then we ended our trip viewing the harvesting machine, with a formal "thank you" to David and a small presentation.

Next month's walk, 4th October, is planned to be at 10.00am from the Stables at Llanstephan House, to walk the woods with, hopefully, some magnificent autumn colour; this will be our Pudsey fund raiser (that time of year again), so don't forget your spotted scarves, eye patches and teddy bears along with a small donation for the cause. Enquiries to Vera 07879417459 or Peta 07967157721

Sympathy

Sincere condolences go to Eira Evans, daughters Sue and Helen and her two little grandsons, on the death of husband John. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Black Mountains Ministry Area – Llandefalle Visit

On Wednesday 13th September Llandefalle Church was pleased to welcome the Rev. David Wyatt and Judith Phillips, the former having been appointed to succeed Father Richard as Vicar of Hay and with a temporary remit to visit and help any Church in the new Ministry Area, the latter to help relieve the administrative burdens that fall on the shoulders of Clergy, Treasurers and Churchwardens. Her post is a paid one and she impressed greatly with her grasp of the new arrangements and was very reassuring about the future. David, who is currently based at the Rectory in Bronllys, enjoyed his tour of the Church and displayed a keen interest in its history and idiosyncrasies. He clearly has an in depth feel for Church fabric and traditions and was keen to help with services, especially the YFC Christmas Carol service. He struck us as kind, with a warm sense of humour and a genuine compassion for his future flock in general. We wish him every success for his time in the Ministry here and will pray for him. We will soon see him out and about and he emphasised that he is more than willing to support and help anyone requiring it. Similarly we welcome Judith to a post she is well equipped to deal with and we thank both for their kind visit to us.

Felinfach Ladies' Friendly Society

Last month thirteen ladies met at the Felinfach Griffin for an afternoon of chatting and a game of Mountain. This is a dice game and proved to be great fun; the ladies divided up into three groups and put £1 each into 'their pot', which was the prize for the winner. Each group played two games.

On Monday 9th October at 2.30pm we'll be going to Meudwen's house in Felinfach to hear all about Shaker furniture.

Felinfach Show

A big thank you from the Felinfach Show Committee to everyone involved in making this a successful Show. A particular thanks to the President, Mr Atty Beor-Roberts, and to all the judges, stewards and helpers. To Mr and Mrs Bowkett for the use of the field; and not forgetting you, the exhibitors, as there would be no show without you. All your support is very much appreciated. You will find some photos on the Felinfach Show Facebook page.

Boughrood Churchyard Grass-Cutters

The weather was very kind to the voluntarily loyal Grass-Cutters, (not contractors, which a lot of churches now have at great expense) who gave up their time to ensure that the Churchyard is kept up to the highest standards.

Before cutting Richie and I checked for the rare blue wildflower to no avail. We have also left an area at the bottom of the Churchyard by the bin and around the tree adjacent to village farm for wildflowers etc.

We did not cut the inside of the wall opposite Village Farm to allow for any slow worms as per our risk assessment.

As ever Richie and John the Cilgwyn have put in many hours of hard work on the new mower which is really performing well.

The evening finished off with a glass of home-made cider sponsored by Wynn Brown, pest control, in the churchyard; then down to the Bridge for a well-deserved drink on the Church, with Hot Dogs sponsored by Barry and Helen, Bridgend Inn. What a fantastic community we have.

Martin Jones (very senior chief executive and Cider taster of the Boughrood Church Grass-cutters!)

Boughrood Church Committee would like to add their thanks to the Grass-Cutters for all the work they do in maintaining the churchyard. As Ian used to say, the country would grind to a halt without the many volunteers who give willingly of their time.



Felinfach Show Dinner

7.30pm Friday 10 November 2023
Cradoc Golf Club
(new management and new Chef)

2 Courses - £20 per head

Turkey and trimmings
Profiteroles or Cheesecake
Vegetarian option available

Guest Speaker

Email your choices to
deejayne54@gmail.com

Or ring Deb on 01874 754223
Or Mobile 07929 304405

Choices to Debbie Jones, see contact details above, by 1st November please.

HAY Music

Trio Kurtág - Juliette Roos - violin, Yume Fujise - viola, Eliza Millett – cello

Thursday, 19th October at 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm). The Castle, Hay-on-Wye. Selected and supported by the prestigious Countess of Munster Trust, this highly acclaimed young string trio will play works by Georges Enescu, Jean Francaix, Ernő Dohnányi and György Kurtág, plus Beethoven's great String Trio in C minor Op. 9 No. 3. The Castle, Hay-on-Wye, HR3 5DG. Tickets, details and pre-concert suppers at www.haymusic.org.

Hay U3A

At the next U3A Hay meeting on **Tuesday 17th October at 10.30am**, author and podcaster **Deborah Diane** will talk on “**Civil Society and Social Change**” and will explain how she has campaigned and worked across human rights, and development, environmental and economic justice issues. Her most recent role was as Director of the Finders’ Initiative for Civil Society collaborative. Her experiences both nationally and internationally promise a stimulating presentation!

We meet in our regular venue, the elegant Music Room at Baskerville Hall Hotel, Clyro, where there is plenty of free parking! Coffee is served from 10am and lunch from 12.15pm - please book it as you arrive!

Entrance is £5 for members and £7 for visitors, and new members are always welcome. Our Interest Groups which are held during the month are varied and thriving; come and join us!

For more information, see <https://u3asites.org.uk/hay/events>, email u3ahay@gmail.com or phone 01497 822523.

You've Got to Laugh

The United Kingdom seen from the International Space Station



When you're stressed you eat ice-cream, chocolates, cakes and sweets. Why is that? Because 'stressed' spelt backwards is desserts.

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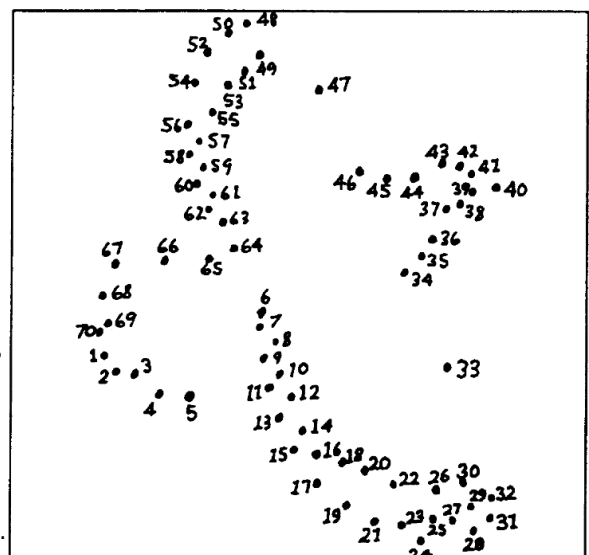
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Children's Corner

Foods which grow wild

- BLACKBERRIES
- CRABAPPLES
- MUSHROOMS
- THYME
- HIPS
- HAWS
- STRAWBERRIES
- BILBERRIES
- CHESTNUTS

Join the dots to find a symbol of peace



Why did the tomato turn red? Because it saw the salad dressing.
Where do hamburgers go to dance? The meat-ball.