

THE PARISH TAP



April 2026

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

You will find listed below all of the planned services for April, including those for Easter, with times and venues. The next edition of the Parish Tap is at the beginning of May, so please get anything you'd like featured in it to me by 10am on Tuesday 28th April, by email to judy.williams1944@gmail.com (no PDF files please) or ring 01874 625140.

Services April 2026

| Date | Day | Time | Venue | Service | Minister presiding |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------|--|-----------------------|
| 2 nd April | Thursday | 7.00pm | Llyswen | Holy Communion & stripping of the Altar | Rev Richard Walker |
| 3 rd April | Good Friday | 2.00pm | Llyswen | Devotional Hour | Members of the Church |
| 5 th April | Easter Sunday | 9.30am | Talachddu | Holy Communion | Rev Rowland Edwards |
| " " | " " | 10.30am | Llandefalle | Holy Communion | Rev Rowland Edwards |
| " " | " " | 10.30am | Llyswen | Matins – Richard Shackelford & Catriona Charlesworth | |
| 12 th April | 1 st Sunday after Easter | 9.30am | Talachddu | Holy Communion | Rev Rowland Edwards |
| " " | " " " " | 11.00am | Llyswen | Holy Communion | Rev David Thomas |
| 19 th April | 2 nd Sunday after Easter | 11.00am | Boughrood | Holy Communion | Rev David Thomas |
| " " | " " " " | 10.30am | Llandefalle | Holy Communion | Rev Rowland Edwards |
| 26 th April | 3 rd Sunday after Easter | 9.30am | Talachddu | Matins | Catriona Charlesworth |
| " " | " " " " | 10.30am | Llyswen | Matins | Judy Williams |

Reflection from Judy Williams, Worship Leader

Halleluiah! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Halleluiah! But is He risen? Can we depend on that? Well, yes we can. All the evidence, incredible as it seems, comes down in favour of that statement. The empty tomb, the subsequent sightings and the change in the whole demeanour of the disciples; from hiding in abject terror to fearless courage, are testament to it. It is central to our faith. Indeed, St Paul said in his first letter to the Corinthians, 'if Christ was not raised your faith has nothing in it and you are still in your old state of sin.' What a terrible thought. But luckily for us it's true, Christ was raised. God loved the world so much that he gave us his son so that he could die in order that we might have eternal life. Yes, Jesus died for you and for me. Wow! What an amazing gift. Certainly something to shout Halleluiah about. **Halleluiah! Halleluiah!**

Llandefalle Flower Rota

EASTER – Ladies of the Parish

April – Anne Taylor/ Rose Lewis

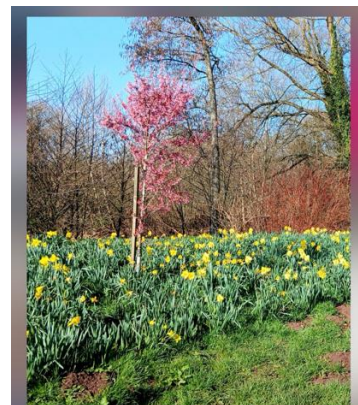
May – Mrs Sue Rees


Strollers Report

12 Strollers met at the Kensington Car Park in glorious, rarely seen the last couple of months, sunshine. It was lovely to have



a couple of members, who haven't been for a while, join us for the morning. We had a delightful walk along the Promenade by the Usk; passing daffodils, crocus and early cherry blossom. Once past the boathouse, we headed for the Ghurka path, but turned right to do a loop of the park, so as to avoid any mud. After returning to the cars we retired to the terrace of the Castle Hotel to be served coffee and cake. AND, to be entertained by the Royal Helicopter flying in and out to deliver its passengers to Brecon for Shan Legge Bourke's memorial service.



Next month's walk, 1st of April, will start from The Groe car park in Builth Wells at 10 am. It is a linear walk of approximately 3 miles along the Wye. Those who do not wish to come the whole way would be able to stroll to the suspension bridge and back without coming onto the field paths. It is planned to retire to the Strand café on the finish.  Enquiries Vera 07879417459 or Peta 07967157721.

'Music and Memories' at Llandefalle

On Saturday, May 2nd at 7pm in the church, we will be hosting an evening of music, and memories as we listen to 'Desert Island Discs' chosen by Ken Rees. Sing along to some of Ken's choices and listen to others. Paul Sweeting will be playing the organ, and songs will be sung by Jayne and by Morgan. Tickets £10 (to include a glass of wine on arrival) from Vera on 07879 417459 or on the door Refreshments after the show. We would love you to join us.



Llandefalle – Save the Date

Saturday and Sunday June 13th and 14th gardens open in Llandefalle with tea and cake
Watch this space for more details

Deepest Sympathy

goes to Mrs. Gwyneth Phillips and all the family on the recent death of David, beloved husband and father. For many years Dave farmed at Llwynycynog Farm, Talachddu. He was a much respected member of the community, former warden of Maesyberllan Chapel and member of the Talgarth Choir. His gentle manner and dry sense of humour will be greatly missed.

Felinfach Ladies' Friendly Society

The demonstration and talk by Tricia from the Brecknock Spinners, Weavers and Dyers Guild was extremely interesting. Tricia told those present some of the history and all about the evolution of the spinning wheel. She then showed the ladies samples of wool at different stages of preparation before demonstrating the art of spinning. Many thanks to Tricia and to the staff of the Griffin who always make the Ladies Group feel so welcome.

On April 13th the Ladies Group will be in the Griffin once more; this time for the 'Spring Lunch'. If you haven't already made your choices and would like to be included, or if you'd like a copy of the menu please contact Judy (details top of page 1), no later than 6th April. We are booked in to the AGA room at 12.30 pm to eat at 1.00. Please remember that all ladies within the reach of the Parish Tap are very welcome to join us for this, or any of the events run for the Ladies Group – no membership.

Potato Competition in Aid of Talachddu Church and Felinfach Play Park

We have decided to hold a Potato Competition again. The cost is £10, which includes a bucket and a seed potato. These are available from Maureen Griffiths, Denise MacPherson, Judy Williams or Gwen Jones. More details next month.

Plant Sale

Karen Goodall will be holding a plant sale outside the Plough and Harrow, Felinfach, by kind permission of Sue Loveday, on Easter Saturday, 4th April, 9am-3pm. 'Mix and Match' – any three for £10.



Hay Music and U3A

HAY MUSIC: THE NEW LONDON CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Friday, 24th April at 7.30pm. The Castle, Hay-on-Wye.

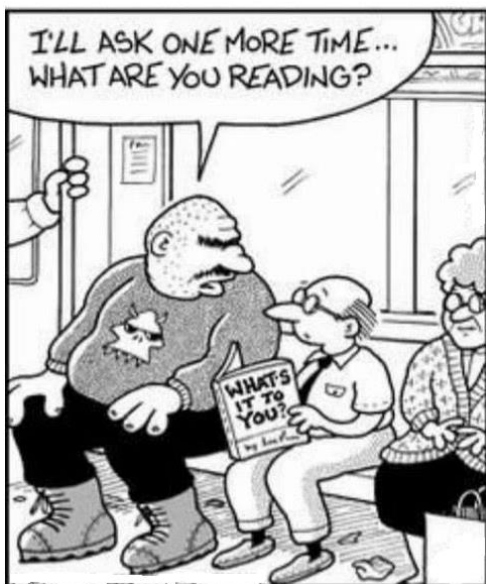
One of Britain's leading wind quintets, NLCE returns to Hay Music to play pieces by Debussy, Barber, Hindemith, Holst, Moondog, Coleman and a world premiere by Julian Philips introduced by the composer. Full details and tickets at www.haymusic.org. Tickets also from the Hay Tourist Bureau and at the door if still available. A limited number of free tickets for under 25s are available (online only).

u3a Hay – Since the first human flight in 1783, British women have played a huge part in the development of aviation and achieved firsts in various areas: ballooning, parachuting, gliding, airships and fixed-wing flight.

Aviation enthusiast Sally Smith will tell the exciting story of these pioneering women at the next u3a Hay meeting on Tuesday 21st April at 10.30am, in her illustrated talk "Magnificent Women and Flying Machines". This will be followed by a short AGM. Come and join us in the elegant Music Room of Baskerville Hall Hotel, Clyro and enjoy coffee from 10am and lunch from 12.15pm (please book on arrival). Entrance is free for members and £5 for visitors. For more information, see <http://hay.u3asite.uk>, email u3ahay@gmail.com or phone 01497 822523.

You've Got to Laugh

'These older homes are tricky. You never know what kind of pipes you'll find.'



Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere; makes your heart race and changes you forever. We call those people policemen.

Children's Puzzle Corner

**What can we share with our friends?
Unscramble the words and write them
under the pictures.**

DFOO
EITM

NRDIK
MLSSIE

SYTO
RATSE

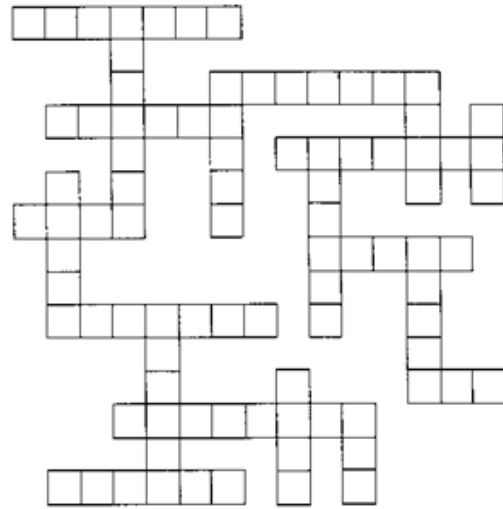


Why did the chewing gum cross the road?
Because it was stuck to the chicken's foot!

What do you call two bananas on the floor?
Slippers!

Word Fit

Words from the list below, which are the names of animals and birds from the Bible, should be fitted into the correct squares.



| 3 Letters | 4 Letters | 5 Letters | 6 Letters | 7 Letters | 8 Letters |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| HEN | WOLF | CAMEL | PIGEON | SWALLOW | BEHEMOTH |
| OWL | DOVE | SHEEP | WEASEL | ROEBUCK | |
| EWE | HAWK | STORK | HORNET | SPARROW | |
| | | EAGLE | RABBIT | LEOPARD | |
| | | | | OSTRICH | |

Memories, Music and Wine

Do come and join us for an evening with

Llandefalle's own

Mr Kenny Rees

“My Desert Island Discs”



On Saturday, May 2nd at 7pm

in Llandefalle church

Tickets £10, (to include
one glass of wine)



from Vera, on 07879 417459 or on the door

Refreshments after the show!!

