

THE PARISH TAP



June 2026

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

Listed below are all the planned services for June with times and venues. The next edition of the Parish Tap is at the beginning of July, so please get anything you'd like featured in it to me by 10am on Monday 22nd June (I will be away from 23rd to 30th June, hence **early deadline**), by email to judy.williams1944@gmail.com (**no PDF files please**) or ring 01874 625140.

Services June 2026

Date	Day	Time	Venue	Service	Minister presiding
7 th June	1 st Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Boughrood	Matins	Richard Shackelford
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14 th June	2 nd Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Talachddu	Holy Communion	Rev Rowland Edwards
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21 st June	3 rd Sunday after Trinity	11.00am	Boughrood	Holy Communion	Rev David Thomas
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28 th June	4 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Talachddu	Matins	Catrina Charlesworth
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Reflection from Richard Shackelford, Worship Leader

June opens the book of creation at its most glorious page. A double page colour plate of long dreamy days, where the world around us seems to breathe more slowly. Our gardens and the countryside spill over with colour and scents, and with life at its most active, and all to a backing track of beautiful birdsong. It is easy to become blasé about this abundance of beauty, but it is also easy to find evidence of God's hand: each petal, each blade of grass, each ant or bee, all speak of a God who delights in colourful life. So, June asks something quite simple: to notice, to give thanks and to care for this world of ours, because in cherishing the Earth, we honour the One who made it, whilst remembering that we too are wonderfully made.

Llandefalle Flower Rota

June – Mrs. Peta Mellors

July – Jayne Owen Lowe

Strollers Report May 6th

We may have been depleted in numbers this month, but not in spirits, as we headed off through the pretty back ways of



Talgarth, making our way up the hospital hill to the lower Pwll y Wrach entrance. The air in the woods was full of bird song and the smell of wild garlic and bluebells, intensified by the sunshine. The valley had noticeably suffered a great deal of damage in the winter storms, with numerous fallen trees on the lower path hampering our progress. However, the "strollers", very gamely and in the best of humour, willingly tackled "the obstacle course" to reach our goal of "the falls". A walk never to be forgotten! We had an easy stroll

via the higher path back down to town and the Mill café to enjoy a superb coffee and a giggle over our adventures.

Next month's walk, Wednesday 3rd June, will be an easy Stroll on the Begwyns to the Roundabout. Please combine into as few cars as possible and bring refreshments. We will meet at the parking area by the second cattle grid that you come to, when you take the first turning to Painscastle in Clyro (passing by the Hideway Caravan Park). Any enquiries to Vera 07879417459 and Peta 07967157721.

Llandefalle Festival 2026 – June 13th and 14th

The 5th Llandefalle Festival is almost upon us, as we open Church House Gardens and St Matthew's church to the public. The one acre garden at Church House is looking really lovely this year, and the views over to the Black Mountains are spectacular. There is colour at every turn!

In the church we will have an art exhibition by Peta Mellors and friends, and the chance to try your hand at painting. For the first time we are combining the Art Show with a Flower Festival. Expect to see some beautiful flower arrangements.

Also for the first time we are to have craft sessions for children. Material will be provided to make little things to take away. The theme is, appropriately enough, flowers.

And, as ever, Afternoon Teas will be served in the garden; expect an array of delicious cakes.

We look forward to welcoming you. See also the poster on the back page.

Music and Memories at Llandefalle Church.

On Saturday, May 2nd, a capacity audience gathered at St Matthew's Church, Llandefalle.

The event was centred around Ken Rees, a local farmer who has lived in Llandefalle all his life. He was churchwarden for 56 years, and at the wonderful age of 92 still plays an active part both in the life of the church and in the community.

The evening took the form of Desert Island Discs. Ken had chosen 11 pieces of music which reflected different aspects of his life, from childhood through to the present day.

We started with the hymn 'This is my Story, this is my song' which set the tone for the entire evening.

Ken told stories about other important people in his life, and the music he associated with them, from Miss Herring who taught him at Llandefalle School, and who first recognised his gift of a lovely singing voice, to our late and much loved, Rev. Ian Charlesworth.

Singing played a huge part in Ken's life and with the Talgarth Male Voice choir he travelled to America and Europe. Songs were chosen to reflect these visits. To celebrate his long and happy marriage to Eileen, his late wife, Ken chose 'The Wedding' and 'She wears my ring'.

Solos were beautifully sung by Jayne and by Morgan and a hymn was movingly recited by Anne Taylor. Paul Sweeting played the organ for us and Chris Taylor was the host for the evening.

We finished the evening with the audience singing 'Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer', imagining we were at the Albert Hall on the night of the 'Thousand Voices Festival'.

When asked by our host for the evening, Chris Taylor, which of the 11 songs he would save from the waves, Ken chose 'Myfanwy'. His choice of book on the Desert Island was a book on sheep by Godfrey Bowen and his luxury item was a succulent steak.

The audience was then invited to partake of a sumptuous repast, prepared by the ladies of the parish.

So, thank you Ken, for giving us a wonderful joyous evening.



Felinfach Ladies' Friendly Society

Unfortunately I was unable to contact the Rural Life Museum in Usk, and so no event was managed in May. I now have a contact for the Museum, so a visit later in the year is a possibility, I'm thinking that September could be a good time.

On Monday 8th June we'll be learning about what happens to our recycling after it's been collected, when we visit the recycling centre at the Waste Transfer Station in Llanwern. Unfortunately we aren't allowed to visit in the afternoon as the site becomes too dangerous when large vehicles are tipping their loads. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear. The site is very exposed and can be cold, even when the weather is fine. No sandals or open-toed shoes are allowed. We'll assemble in the Felinfach Griffin at about 10am for coffee and then proceed to the centre in time for the talk at 11 o'clock.

Golden Wedding

Congratulations to Pam and Haydn Boxhall who will celebrate 50 years of happy marriage on Friday 12th June. Well done, and all good wishes for the next 50!!

Thank You

Many thanks to all who bought vegetable plants in my recent plant sales in Felinfach.

With your help, £80 has been donated to Air Ambulance.

Karen Goodall.



Llyswen and Boughrood Show 2026 Classes

Arts & Craft Section

President's Competition – Hand knitted or crochet garment for a child

Hand knitted or crochet tank-top
Item of needlework

Picture from pebbles and drift wood
Item of Beadwork

Limerick - "I made my first tart for the tent"

A Painting, any medium - not to exceed 75 cm

A Thank You Card - any medium



Country Crafts Section

Shepherds Crook

Best Walking Stick

Homemade Item out of Bailer Twine

Homemade Wooden Item - not to exceed 1m square

Homemade Bird Box

Homemade Metal Item - not to exceed 1m square

Photography Section

Any vehicle...a car, motorcycle, tractor etc.

A building from a barn to a castle

A bridge over the River Wye between Hay and Builth

My pet

A portrait of a human

Country Life



HAY MUSIC: THE SACCPMO STROMG QUARTET

Friday, 12th June at 7.00pm. St. Mary's Church, Hay-on-Wye

Formed in 2001, the four founder members share an unwavering passion for the string quartet repertoire, infectiously reaching out to audiences with their energy and enthusiasm. They will play quartets by Mozart, Freya Waley-Cohen and Smetana.

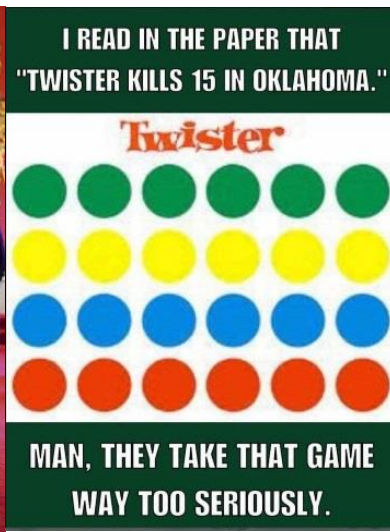
Programme details and tickets at www.haymusic.org. Tickets also from the Hay Tourist Bureau and at the door if still available. A limited number of free tickets for under 25s are available (online only).

u3a Hay

Have you ever undertaken a long distance walk? Solo?? And overseas in challenging terrain? Explorer and writer **Fran Sandham** has - he walked from coast to coast across Africa, accompanied only by a disastrous donkey! He will relate his adventures from Namibia's Skeleton Coast on the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean near Zanzibar in his talk "A Solo Walk Across Africa", at the next u3a Hay meeting on **Tuesday 16th June** at 10.30am.

Do 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 £2 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



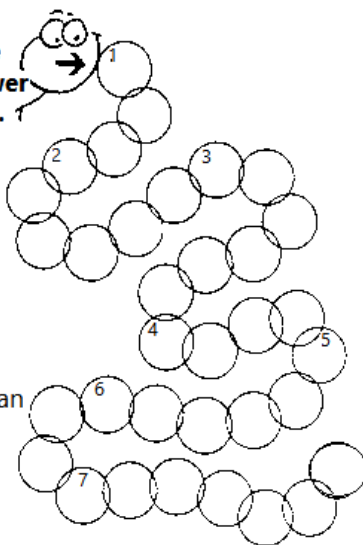
A vicar announced one Sunday that his sermon the following week would be on the subject of lying. As preparation he asked all the members of the congregation to read Genesis Chapter 51. The following Sunday he began his sermon by asking all those who hadn't read the chapter to put up their hands. There was no response and so he began by saying "In that case, the sermon on the theme of lying should be quite appropriate, as there are only 50 chapters in Genesis,"

Children's Puzzle Corner

Word Snake

Begin at the arrow and enter the answer to the clues one after the other. The last letter of one answer is also the first letter of the next.

- 1 The valley in which David killed Goliath
- 2 The cry of the people as Jesus rode into Jerusalem
- 3 Cave where David hid from Saul (1 Samuel 22)
- 4 He delivered the Israelites from Egyptian slavery
- 5 A judge of Israel and a strong man
- 6 Here Jesus raised a widow's son from death
- 7 An Old Testament book



WORDSEARCH

- HUNDREDS
- THOUSANDS
- FIFTIES
- TENS
- JETHRO
- MOSES
- JUDGES
- DISPUTES

D	F	F	I	F	T	I	E	S	B
Q	J	H	U	N	D	R	E	X	I
S	D	E	R	D	N	U	H	J	S
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T	F	T	H	O	R	S	A	N	U
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What do you call a room with no walls?
A mushroom!

Why are snails so slow?
Because they carry their houses on their backs!

Llandefalle Festival

In aid of Macmillan and St Matthew's Church, Llandefalle

Saturday and Sunday 13 - 14 June

2.00pm - 5.00pm

Open Garden

Church House, Llandefalle, LD3 0ND

One acre garden with views of The Black Mountains

Adults £10

Children £5

Including Tea / Coffee & Homemade cakes

Some parts of the garden are accessible to wheelchair users if ground is dry

Well behaved dogs on leads welcome

Art Exhibition and Flower Show

St Matthews's Church, Llandefalle

Free entry

Works by local artist Peta Mellors and friends

Fabulous floral arrangements

Craft activities for children of all ages