

THE PARISH TAP



May 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 May with times and venues. The next edition of the Parish Tap is at the beginning of June, so please get anything you'd like featured in it to me by 10am on Tuesday 26th May, by email to judy.williams1944@gmail.com (no PDF files please) or ring 01874 625140.

Services May 2026

Date	Day	Time	Venue	Service	Minister presiding
3 rd May	4 th Sunday after Easter	10.30am	Boughrood	Matins	Catriona Charlesworth
" "	" "	10.30am	Llandefalle	Matins	Judy Williams
10 th May	Rogation Sunday	9.30am	Talachddu	Holy Communion	Rev Rowland Edwards
" "	" "	11.00am	Llyswen	Holy Communion	Rev David Thomas
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17 th May	Sunday after Ascension	11.00am	Boughrood	Holy Communion	Rev David Thomas
" "	" " "	10.30am	Llandefalle	Holy Communion	Rev Rowland Edwards
24 th May	Pentecost	9.30am	Talachddu	Matins	Richard Shackelford
" "	"	10.30am	Llyswen	Matins	Catriona Charlesworth
31 st May	Trinity Sunday	10.30am		Holy Communion	Rev Rowland Edwards

Reflection from Catriona Charlesworth, Worship Leader

I wonder how many churches will include 'Happy Birthday' in their list of music for services on 24th May when we celebrate Pentecost. This is regarded as the 'birthday of the church'. It is celebrated fifty days after Easter and marks the end of the Easter season. The Festival commemorates the time when the Holy Spirit descended onto the disciples following Jesus' ascension and they were commissioned to go and make disciples of all nations.

Now, as then, Christ calls us all to spread the good news. Something we can do in our everyday lives and we can invite all to the party and maybe even sing Happy Birthday to the church!

Llandefalle Flower Rota

May – Mrs Sue Rees

June – Mrs. Peta Mellors


Strollers Report

Eight of us and Dai's dog Elsa gathered on the Groe in Builth on a cold, cloudy 1st of April. Unbelievably chilly, as the day before temperatures had soared to 19*. It was an extremely pretty riverside walking, starting along a tarmac path which leads to a small suspension bridge crossing the lthon. We then walked into fields, strolling along at the edge of the Wye to reach Penddol Rocks, a series of impressive cataracts on a bend in the river.



On our return to Builth we retired to the warmth of the Strand café.

Next month's walk will be on Wednesday 6th May 10am - to walk from Talgarth main car park to Pwll y Wrach and back in the hopes of seeing bluebells in bloom. This is

not a particularly long walk (under 3 miles) but we will give it  as there is a fairly long steep pull up to the woods and then some very, narrow, uneven slippery paths to reach the waterfalls. We will then assemble at Talgarth Mill for coffee. Enquiries Vera 07879417459 or Peta 07967157721.

Quiz Night - General Knowledge

On Wednesday 29th April 2026 at the Plough and Harrow, Felinfach with many thanks to our host Sue Warren Arrive from 7:00pm. Quiz starts at 7:30pm. Cost £3.50 person. Bring your own team or join a team there on the night.

There will be the obligatory raffle and a tasty prize for the winners!

Funds for the Play Park and Talachddu Church

Felinfach Fundraising

See also posters on page 3 of this newsletter with details of other fundraising events for the Play Park, the Church and Felinfach Show

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

Felinfach Ladies' Friendly Society

The Griffin did us proud when we had our 'Spring Lunch' last month. There was a lovely selection of savouries together with the famous Griffin chips and delicious focaccia in sharing bowls along the table. The puddings were 'to die for'!
On Thursday 14th May we will be taking a trip to the Rural Life Museum in Usk. The museum boasts a highly recommended café (Wendy's) so I thought it would be nice to arrive in time for lunch and then to look around the museum in the afternoon. It takes about an hour to drive to Usk so we'll leave Felinfach at 11.30am. Please note the date – the museum is only open on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Plant Sale

Karen Goodall will be holding plant sales outside the Plough and Harrow, Felinfach, by kind permission of Sue Loveday, on Saturday 2nd, Sunday 3rd and Monday 4th May, and Saturday, 16th and Sunday 17th May 9am-3pm, and throughout the Hay Festival week, Saturday 23rd to Sunday 31st May



MU Beacon

As part of our diocese's celebrations for the 150th anniversary, torches or beacons are making their way via every branch to Brecon Cathedral. Llyswen will receive the torch on 9th May at Llyswen Church. There will be a short service at 11am and the beacon will remain in the church for a week before being passed onto Crickhowell on 16th May. All are welcome to attend this short service which will be followed by coffee and cake.

u3a Hay

A whirlwind of laughter and smiles is the promise at the next u3a Hay meeting on **Tuesday 19th May** at 10.30am. **Kevan Everleigh**, previous President of the Cardiff Speakers Club, will include men, women, sport and "everything else" in his lively and engaging talk "**A Day in the Life**".

Why not 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



To spell the word panda, you just need a p and a

My friend couldn't afford his water bill, so I got him a get well soon card.

My neighbour just banged on the wall at 4.20am, can you believe that? Luckily I was still up playing music. He banged and shouted, "Can we have a little respect please?"
So I shouted back, "I'm not a big Aretha Franklin fan, but OK this one's for you."

Children's Puzzle Corner

Animix

Can you sort out the mixed-up letters to find the names of two animals of the Bible? The letters are in the correct order and the first answer is given to help you solve the others.

MUBLULEL = MULE and BULL
CWAEMAESLEL
DOPGIG
MLOIUZSAERD
RABDONBIKETY
ECWOEW

JESUS wants us to



(^Fill in the first letter of each object)

Why do elephants wear yellow socks?

So they can hide upside down in a bowl of custard!

What goes up and down but doesn't move?

Stairs!

Fundraising for Felinfach Play Park and Talachddu Church

Potato Bucket 'Tipping Out' and Sunflower Judging

On Saturday 25th July at 2pm in the Play Park, the potatoes will be weighed and the sunflowers will be judged.

Ready Steady Plant

Who can grow the tallest sunflower?

How to enter

- Get 5 sunflower seeds for £5 from Delyth Rowlands, 07971160396 or delyth.rowlands66@gmail.com
- Plant your sunflower seeds
- When your sunflower is fully grown, measure from the soil to the top of the sunflower petal. Send us your measurements along with a picture or bring it to the play park on Saturday 25th July

Prize for the tallest sunflower

Extra Competition for Children

Prize for the best decorated flowerpot with sunflower in

Raising funds for Felinfach play park



Fundraising

Curry Night

6.30 pm on Tuesday 30th June
at Zeera, Brecon

Tickets: can be purchased from
Denise MacPherson (07968961746 or
macpherson850@btinternet.com) or
Claire Drew (07875750176 or
claire_griffiths42@hotmail.com)

£25 per person

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The Eight that Paint Tower Art Group



13 March | Mawrth – 11 May | Mai 2026
Community Gallery | Oriel y Gymuned
Level 2

9am-5pm

(No access / ni ellir cael mynediad

Tues / Mawrth 10am – 12.30pm

Thurs/ Iau 13pm – 15pm)



Theatr Brycheiniog welcomes Tower Art Group to present a beautiful and varied exhibition of eight local artists who come together regularly to make new work, practice new painting skills, critique each other's work, and for the enjoyment of each other's company.

This exhibition shares paintings that are created for pleasure and by a group of artists whose work is underpinned by friendship.



Mae Theatr Brycheiniog yn croesawu Grŵp Celf y Tŵr i gyflwyno arddangosfa hardd ac amrywiol gan wyth artist lleol sy'n dod ynghyd yn rheolaidd i greu gwaith newydd, ymarfer sgiliau peintio newydd, beirniadu gwaith ei gilydd, ac er mwyn mwynhau cwmni'i gilydd.



Mae'r arddangosfa hon yn rhannu paentiadau a grëwyd er pleser, a chan grŵp o artistiaid y mae cyfeillgarwch yn sail i'w gwaith.

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