November 2026

THE PARISH TAP



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

Listed below are all the planned services for November with times and venues. The next edition of the Parish Tap is at the beginning of December, so please get anything you'd like featured in it to me by 10am on Tuesday 24th November, by email to judy.williams1944@gmail.com (**no PDF files please**) or ring 01874 625140.

Services November 2026

Date	Day	Time	Venue	Service	Minister presiding
1st November	All Saints Day	10.30am	Boughrood	Matins	Judy Williams
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8th November	Remembrance Sunday	9.00am	Boughrood	Holy Communion	Rev Richard Burton
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15th November	24th Sunday after Trinity	11.00am	Boughrood	Holy Communion	Rev Richard Walker
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22nd November	Sunday before Advent	9.30am	Talachddu	Matins	Richard Shackelford
" "	" " "	10.30am	Llyswen	Matins	Catriona Charlesworth
29th November	1st Sunday in Advent	10.30am	Llyswen	Holy Communion	Rev Richard Walker

Reflection by Catriona Charlesworth, Worship Leader

Memory is precious. Recollections of loved ones, childhood, parents and friends comfort us and can bring laughter through stories of people and events now past. Yet memory is unreliable: we forget names, lose our train of thought and worry more about each lapse as we age. It can also mislead. Hindsight reshapes events, people recall them differently, and even a misremembered word or forgotten action can cause serious conflict.

November calls us to remember: the fallen on Remembrance Sunday, those dear to us on All Souls' Day, and the holy men and women who died for their faith. Remembering accurately matters, but history is often shaped by those who prevail and by what they need to justify. A generous spirit recognises that every story has another side and that our knowledge is incomplete.

We remember to learn, not to dwell in the past. If we carry its lessons forward with generosity and a willingness to grow, perhaps we can leave good memories to the future

Llandefalle Flower Rota

November – Edna Edwards
No Flowers in Advent
CHRISTMAS – Ladies of the parish

Talachddu Flower Rota

8th November – Gloria Price
No Flowers in Advent
CHRISTMAS – Ladies of the parish

Remembrance Day Service at Llandefalle Church

We at St. Matthews Church, Llandefalle, invite you to join us on Armistice Day, November 11th at 10.45am for this very moving ceremony of remembrance and thanks for the men of the parish who have given their lives for their country. Coffee and biscuits to follow.

Strollers Report for October



Ten of us met up for the October walk on the edge of Llaneglwys forestry at Werntoe cattle grid; welcoming a "newby", Vanda, who had joined us for the morning. As luck would have it, the rain eased off as we left the vehicles. Dressed as we were, for the first time in many months in waterproofs, and in some cases hats and gloves, we set off down the road in a brisk breeze. It was sheltered in the woods, even though large swathes of trees had been removed over the summer, and it made for very pleasant walking. Next month, 4th November, we will make our Country File Ramble for Children in Need. Please come armed with a small donation, if possible a Teddy, and your coffee flask. We will meet in Buckland Woods at the usual pull in at 10am. Hope to see you then. Peta and Vera



Llandefalle YFC Bonfire and Firework Night

On Monday 9th November at 7.30pm Llandefalle YFC will be having a Bonfire Night In Llandefalle village hall.



Felinfach Show

Dinner and Dance

Saturday 14th November 2026: 7 for 7.30pm

CRADOC GOLF CLUB

Enquiries to: Debbie Jones – 07929304405 or deejayne54@gmail.com

Felinfach & District Show

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 24th November 2026

7.30pm at The Griffin, Felinfach

Advance Notice for 2027 Handicraft Classes

Ragdoll	Knitted nativity set (minimum 10 items)
Smocked item of clothing	Bobble hat – to be donated to DPJ Foundation
Wooden pull along toy	

Felinfach Ladies' Friendly Society

Fourteen ladies were present for Penny Williams' talk and slide-show last month. We were treated to a large number of excellent photographs of the people in the villages in Africa that Penny visited in 2011. What a lesson those people can teach us here in our privileged country. How to be happy with so little! It's not possessions that bring happiness, it's attitude of mind. Many thanks to Penny for her wonderful presentation and to the Griffin for their unceasing kindness.

On Monday November 16th at 2pm we'll be back in the Felinfach Griffin for a talk by nutritional therapist Maria Moore. Maria has given us the benefit of her expertise in the past, and this time she'll be talking about the interactions of prescribed and over the counter medicines with supplements. It may surprise you to learn how some medications interact badly with the supplements we take in the belief that we are doing our bodies good. If you would like a specific query on this subject answered, please send me your question beforehand so that Maria can give you an in-depth answer. Please submit questions at least a week before the talk.

Felinfach Griffin – Autumn Offers and Events

Bottle Shop Tuesday – We bring back last year's new venture. One night a week, wine from the list at our takeaway prices, as long as you're dining with us. Prices more akin to what you might pay for a bottle in a shop. From Tuesday 3rd November through until late March (except 22nd and 29th December). To take the sting out of the bill, to encourage a trawl deeper into the list or maybe just trigger a last-minute supper with a bottle of wine. And definitely an extra incentive for a **Winter Escape** stay (see below) that takes in a Tuesday.

Beaujolais Day – A little cracker in the hospitality calendar. This year's Gamay crop, picked, pressed and bottled. From the vineyards of Beaujolais to the table in just a few weeks. A product made in France, but a concept championed initially here in Wales. One day we'll try Swansea on Beaujolais Day. And book the next few days off. We pour from 19 November until our allocation runs out sometime in mid-December. ***Join us: Beaujolais Supper Club, Thursday 19 November 6pm. Book with the team***

Lunch for Less – This Prix Fixe menu runs pretty much through the year. Excellent value, pub food done very well, ideal if you're meeting friends. Monday – Saturday. £25 for two courses, £30 for three. From 19 November it's replaced by its cousin, the Déjeuner Economique, a cracking little menu to run alongside the Beaujolais Nouveau (above). A touch of the Lyon (just a short journey south of the Beaujolais vineyard) bistro displaced on secondment to Felinfach. Conversation with our team exclusively in French.

Staying Over – From the start, the model was for our guests to eat well, have the odd glass of wine or a pint, and then potter up to a comfortable room. That hasn't changed. We've eight bedrooms upstairs, each with a bath and/or shower and a Vispring bed, Roberts Radios and an absence of eye-catching flashing lights. Most of our guests stay on dinner inclusive rates, and we run offers through the year, including the enduringly popular **Winter Escape**, which overlaps into Autumn and Spring. Booking via our website

Christmas Dates for your Diary

Maesyberllan Chapel Christmas Carol service on Sunday 13th December at 2pm followed by festive refreshments.

Llanstephan Church Community Carol Service on Sunday 20th December 3pm followed by refreshments. With the Rev Anna Bessant.

Llyswen

On Friday 6th November we are really looking forward to welcoming Talgarth Male Choir to St Gwendoline's for a concert, starting at 7pm. Tickets £10 available from Boughrood Stores and Ursula Pumphrey.

Hay Music and U3a Hay

JENNIFER FRANCE AND LANA BODE' Between Two Worlds — Women's Stories and Songs'

Thursday, 19th November at 7.00pm. St Mary's Church, Hay-on-Wye

Jennifer France, soprano and Lana Bode, piano, perform songs and piano works written by women about women including music by Fanny Mendelssohn, Clara Schumann, and Emma-Ruth Richards (world premiere). More 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).

At the **next u3a Hay meeting** on **Tuesday 17th November at 10.30am, Mark Goulding** will tell of his life as a Wildlife Crime Enforcement police officer. His talk on "**Wildlife Sightings: Tales of the Unexpected!"** will reveal his experiences of unusual wildlife in the UK. Come along to Baskerville Hall Hotel, Clyro with coffee from 10am and lunch from 12.15pm. Entrance is only £2 for u3a Hay members and £5 for non-members. Hope to see you there! For more information, see http://hay.u3asite.uk, email u3ahay@gmail.com, or phone 01497 822523.

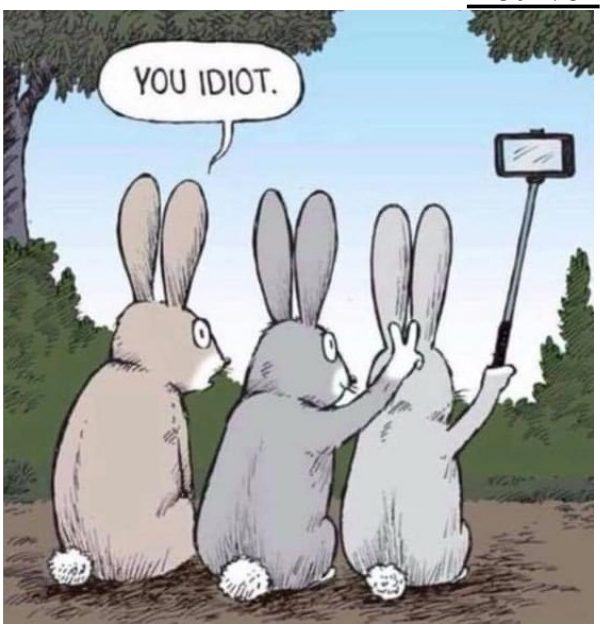
Boughrood

Bingo

Friday 13th November - 7pm
Llyswen & Boughrood Public Hall
Will it be lucky for some?!



You've Got to Laugh





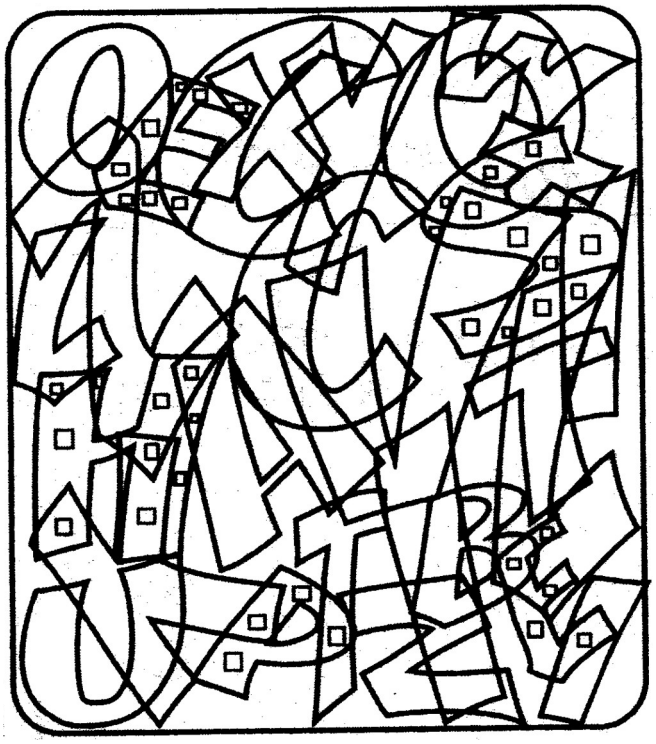
Some More Really Bad Analogies Written by High School Students

Her eyes were like two brown circles with big black dots in the centre.
He was as tall as a 6'3" tree.
She grew on him like she was a colony of E. Coli and he was room-temperature Canadian beef.

Children's' Corner

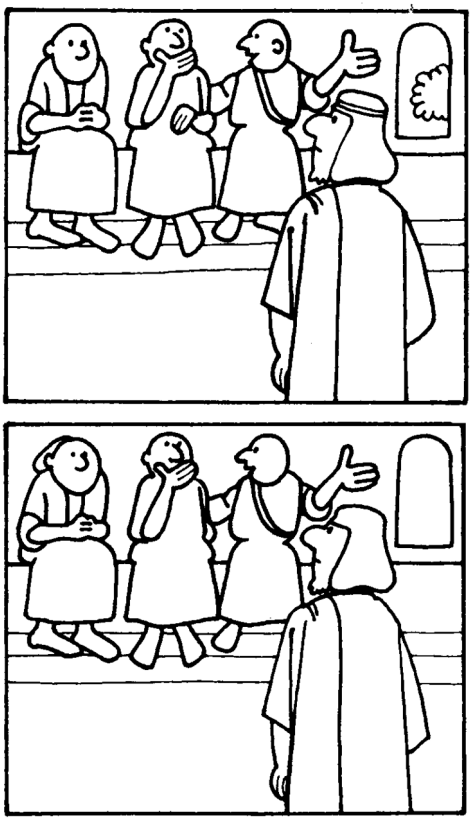
Hidden Letters

Colour in the areas that contain a square to reveal the hidden letters. Then use the letters to complete the verse below.
"But he brought his people out like a flock. He led them like
__ __ __ __ __ through the desert." **PSALM 78:53**



Find the Difference

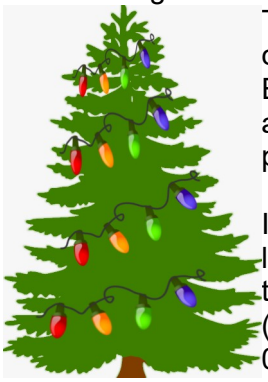
Can you find six differences between these two pictures?



Why don't you ever see giraffes in primary school?
Because they're all in high school!

Tree of Light 2026

The Tree of Light service will take place on **Sunday 13th December 2026** at **4pm** in Boughrood Church.



The names in the book of remembrance will be read out whilst over one hundred candles are lit. The lights on the tree will be lit and will remain on until the Feast of the Epiphany on 6th January. The book is kept in the church so that those who have asked for names and events to be recorded may come into the church, turn up the page, light a candle and say a prayer.

If you would like to sponsor a light or lights then we suggest a donation of £3.00 per light requested and we encourage you to Gift Aid this donation if you are a tax payer, as this is worth a further 25p for every £1 given. Payment can be made by cash, cheque (payable to Boughrood Parish Church), or BACS (sort code 53-50-31 Account No. 05360013). Please use the reference: **Tree of Light**

To sponsor a light on this year's Tree of Light, please complete and return the form below to: Catriona Charlesworth, Griffin Cottage, Llyswen, Brecon LD3 0UU. Tel. 01874 754799 Email: catriona.1965@btinternet.com by **Wednesday 9th December 2026.**

Tree of Light 2026

I would like to sponsor ……..light(s) on the Tree of Light in memory of: (please print the names clearly)

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I enclose a donation of £..... (Suggested donation £3.00 per light)

Name(s) of donor(s): _____

Address:_____

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Post Code:_____

I would like this donation to Boughrood Church to be. Gift Aided ☐

Charity Name: Boughrood Church

Please treat this donation as Gift Aid. I pay income tax equal to the amount of tax reclaimed on all my Gift Aid donations this year.

Signed: _____ Date: _____




LLANDEFALLE YFC
Llandefalle YFC
welcomes you to their
BONFIRE
AND
FIREWORK NIGHT
Monday the 9th
of November
Llandefalle Village Hall
7:30PM
Food and Drink
Available
All welcome!

TALGARTH
MALE VOICE CHOIR



Concert

Friday 6th November 2026

7pm

LLYSWEN CHURCH

Tickets £10

Available from Boughrood Stores