

*PENTREF
BAPTIST
CHAPEL*



The Chapel at the Heart of Newbridge



**DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK
AND FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT ADVICE
ALL ACTIVITIES AT THE CHAPEL
REMAIN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**The Newsletter
Of Newbridge-On-Wye,
Baptist Church,
MAY/JUNE 2020**

FROM THE MINISTER

Another Baptist Minister shared the following words, which sum up the feelings not just of those who go to his chapel, but the feelings of many who come and worship together at Pentref:



“A difficulty for our shut-in members, and still more for those who are being ‘shielded’, is a feeling of uselessness. Their characteristic reaction in time of trouble was to bake a cake and take it round, or pop round to see those in trouble or need, take some fruit, cook a meal..... give them a hug.... take them shopping.... And now such things cannot be done, without getting someone to help, which is difficult too. The change from being a provider, to being one who is provided for, needs grace.”

Although the resources of the chapel are limited, as many who attend the chapel are elderly or vulnerable, if we can help you in any practical way at this time please contact the Minister: Rev Steve Wallis on 01597 860185

Or email him at: steveoncomputer@aol.com and we will see what we can do to help.

The work of prayer also continues, and although the church will not be gathering together at this time individually, the people will be praying for the wellbeing of each other and the wellbeing of the local community.

ONLINE SERVICES

Although we will not be able physically to gather together to worship, that does not stop us worshipping God. On Sunday at 5:00pm and Thursdays at 2:30pm we will be joining together on ZOOM for a time of prayer and reflection around a Bible passage. If you would like to join us send a request for an invitation to

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and we will send you a link to join the meeting.

Steve

Our Roving reporter Clive Barrett has not been able to ‘rove’ as much as usual because of the lockdown, but here is a report of the VE DAY MEADOWLANDS – VIRTUAL STREET PARTY

The Meadowlands cul-de-sac of Newbridge on Wye held a very successful virtual street party last Friday to celebrate 75 years since V.E. Day. Residents sat on chairs near the pavement in their front gardens, with the appropriate measured out social distancing. The “get together” of over 20 residents lasted several hours, with those attending providing their own food and drink. During the afternoon those gathered sang “We’ll Meet Again”, accompanied by Vera Lynn’s famous record. At the end of the celebrations those who organised the event were thanked by the other local residents.



Other parts of the village joined together in the V E Day Commemorations. Pictured is the Village Post Office, festooned to mark the occasion.

Cover Photo: Gorse in Bloom Beside the River Wye – Elsa Harflett



I would like to say a special big **THANK YOU** to all those who work so hard in the Village Shop/Post Office, and to all those who have put themselves at risk to keep the village supplied in these difficult times.

I would also like to say a special big **THANK YOU** to Stuart Jones and all his helpers who have been out and about keeping the village tidy, and especially for the repainting of the benches.

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