

*PENTREF
BAPTIST
CHAPEL*



The Chapel at the Heart of Newbridge

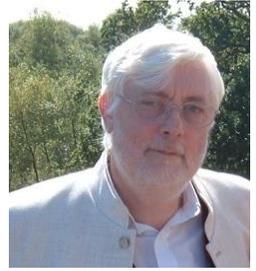


*The Members of
Pentref
Baptist
Chapel
would like to
wish you all
a Very
Happy Christmas*

The Newsletter
Of Newbridge-On-Wye
Baptist Church
December 2021

FROM THE MINISTER

I wrote this message for the 2018 newsletter but it seemed just as relevant for 2021 and so I share it with you again. Just before Christmas in 2018 I received the Christmas letter from the Moderator of the Southern Synod of the United Reformed Church.



He writes about asking a group of under 7's a few questions and answers. I thought I would share that short Q & A with you.

Q. Who is Jesus?

A. Jesus was a king and he wore a crown even though he was a baby. It was a really small crown.

Q. Where was Jesus born?

A. He was born in a stable a long way from here in another country.

A. Bethlehem – it's in England. There were sheep, horses and a crocodile outside the stable.

Q. What gifts did the wise men bring?

A. The three wise men brought Jesus presents of gold, frankincense and myrrh. But I think he would have liked some Lego.



Q. Who were his parents?

A. Mary and Joseph and they were happy with the king's gifts.

Q. Why do we celebrate Christmas.

A. (silence) I believe in Unicorns and pixies.

I think the last question is possibly a bit difficult for the under 7's, but it is a challenging question. Why do you celebrate Christmas?

Steve

The following may help you answer the question posed on the last page.

NEW CHRISTMAS TRADITION

**Beginning December 1st,
Read one chapter of
The Book of Luke in the Bible
each evening.**

**There are 24 chapters.
On Christmas Eve you will have read
an entire account of Jesus's Life
and wake up Christmas Morning
Knowing WHO and WHY
We Celebrate!!**

SERVICES AT PENTREF



Sunday 5 th December	10:30am	Rev Steve Wallis
	5:00pm	Service on Zoom (Communion)
Sunday 12 th December	THERE WILL BE NO MORNING SERVICE	
	5:00pm	Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 19 th December	10:30am	Rev Steve Wallis
	5:00pm	Service on Zoom (Communion)
Thursday 23 rd December	3:00pm	Carols on the Green
Saturday 25 th December	10:00am	No service at Pentref Christmas Day Communion at All Saints
Sunday 26 th December	10:30am	Rev Steve Wallis

THERE WILL BE NO EVENING SERVICE

To get a link to join the Zoom Meetings please email the secretary at:
Elsa.harflett@hotmail.com



**Carols
By
Candlelight**

Come and join us at

Pentref

*for a service of readings and carols
Sunday 12th December at 5:00pm.*

All are welcome



CHRISTMAS

In the Upper Wye Parish



Sunday 19th
December

Communion with Carols
3pm at St Michael's
Llanfihangel Brynpabaun



Thursday 23rd
December

Carols on the Green
3pm at Newbridge-on-
Wye's village green



Christmas Eve

Communion with Carols
11am at St Afan's
Llanafan Fawr

Communion with Carols
6.30pm at the Iron Room
Cwmbach



Christmas Day

Christmas Communion
10am at All Saints
Newbridge-on-Wye



*Wishing you a blessed and
peaceful Christmas*

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE IN NEWBRIDGE ON WYE. By Clive Barrett.

As usual the annual Newbridge Remembrance Service was held jointly between All Saints Church and Pentref Baptist Chapel. However there was a significant difference this year because due to the social distancing regulations rather than being held in one of the two churches, it took place mainly on the village green. There was a good attendance for the service led by the Rev. Peter Letson of All Saints, assisted by Pentref's Rev. Steve Wallis. The service included the normal remembrance hymns, prayers, confessions and the Act of Remembrance with the Rev. Letson giving a reflection address about remembering those who had given their lives for "all of us", especially family and friends.

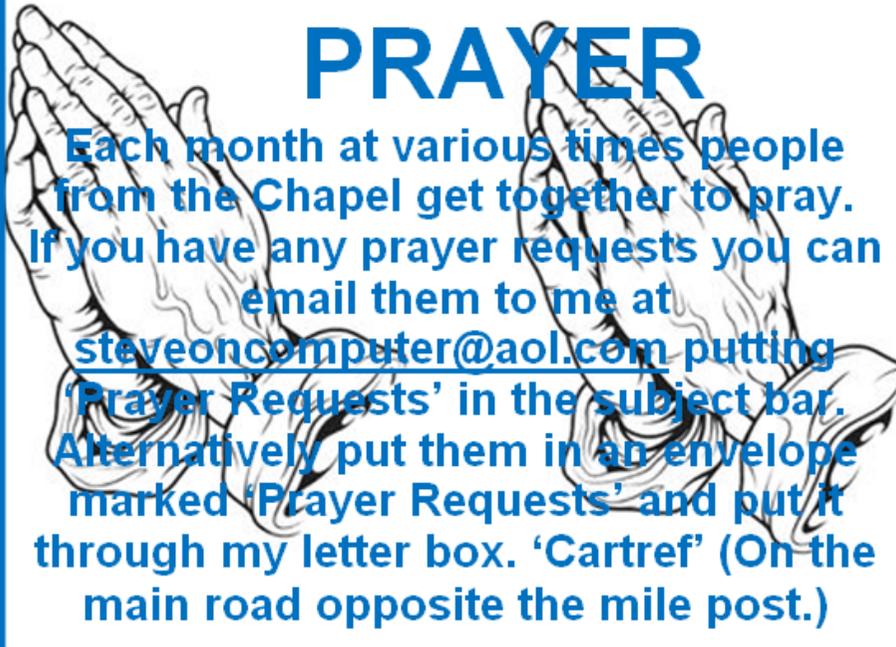
During the service a bible reading was given by Mrs. Clare Letson. Whilst for the act of remembrance it was very encouraging for the future to see the names on the roll of honour read out by two youngsters namely Jacob Hobbs and Caitlin Wallace. They shall grow not old..... was said by Mr. John Rees, a former soldier with the Warwickshire Fusiliers. Following The Last Post and The Reveille, towards the end of the service the congregation moved to the front of nearby All Saints Church. Here representatives of organisations in the village were able one at a time to lay wreaths of tribute at the war memorial inside All Saints. Wreaths were laid by Mrs. Sylvia Stirland, on behalf of the local W.I, Councillor Mark Davies representing Llanyre Community Council, which covers Newbridge, and Mr. John Rees for Pentref Baptist Chapel. The service ended with the singing of the two national anthems, and the blessing by Rev. Letson in Welsh and in English by Rev. Wallis.

FRIENDS OF NEWBRIDGE ON WYE CHURCH IN WALES SCHOOL --CHRISTMAS FAYRE.

The Friends of Newbridge Primary School are holding a Christmas Fayre at the village's Community Centre on Sunday 5th December 2021 between 2:00pm and 5pm. They state that this is the perfect opportunity to find seasonal gifts, and have some festive fun. Entry is £1 for adults and free for children, and the event is open to all. All funds raised will go to supporting the school, and the organisers wish to point out that masks are to be worn at all times.

NEWBRIDGE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON.

The Christmas Lights Switch On will take place on Friday 10th December at 6:30pm, outside The Golden Lion. There will be Carol Singing led by some members of the Llandrindod Wells Theatre Company. There will also be hot chocolate, hot toffee apple cider, and hot dogs and burgers. A special visit from Father Christmas is also expected.



PRAYER

Each month at various times people from the Chapel get together to pray. If you have any prayer requests you can email them to me at steveoncomputer@aol.com putting 'Prayer Requests' in the subject bar. Alternatively put them in an envelope marked 'Prayer Requests' and put it through my letter box. 'Cartref' (On the main road opposite the mile post.)

This newsletter is aimed to let the whole village know what is happening at the Baptist Church.

We intend to continue putting this newsletter out monthly to every home in the village.

We would like the newsletter to be a service to the village and will happily publicise events organised by other groups. If you have an event you would like included in future issues, please contact either Steve or Elsa.

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**The deadline for the January Edition is Mon 20th December
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