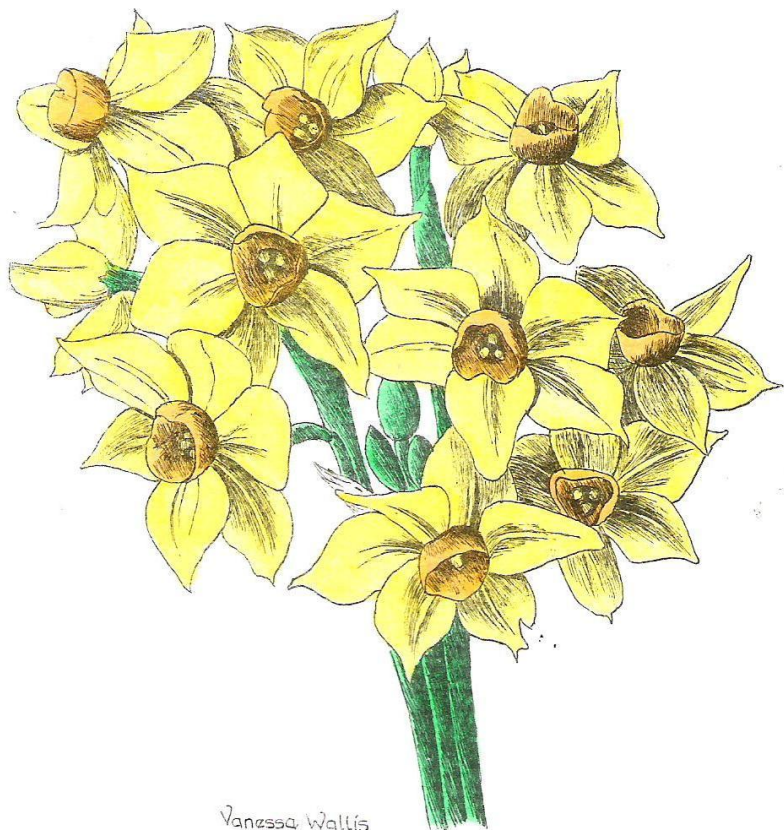


*PENTREF
BAPTIST
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The Chapel at the Heart of Newbridge



Vanessa Wallis

**The Newsletter
Of Newbridge-On-Wye
Baptist Church
March 2019**

FROM THE MINISTER

Yesterday, because I had to wear a tie, I put on a white shirt (it saves all that “does this tie go with this shirt?” stuff – any tie except a white one [and I don’t have one of those] goes with a white shirt). Having put on the white shirt I ate a pepperoni pizza and a piece of pepperoni fell off the pizza and left a red stain on my white shirt. As the mark was not covered by my tie I had to change my shirt.



I used to wear white or light-coloured trousers, but I found that every time I wore them Vanessa would find me a dirty job to do, pumping up the tires, or putting the rubbish out and I would get a dirty mark somewhere on my trousers. I have solved this problem - all trousers of a light shade have been dispatched to the charity shop and my wardrobe is now devoid of such items.

After changing my shirt, and while driving to my meeting, I had the opportunity to think about what I was going to write in this month’s letter. While I was doing this a thought came into my mind – I don’t know where it sprang from; it was a reminder of some ancient wrong. I realised that I had not really got over this, because when it came to mind I started to feel angry. Anger is not a good emotion when driving, and my anger was soon diverted from the ancient wrong to the driver dawdling along in front of me.

Just as the pepperoni had stained the clean shirt that I had put on and made it necessary to get changed, so the anger was making a stain upon my day. It too needed to be got rid of but getting rid of this particular stain is not as easy as changing a shirt. I realised that the problem was that I had not really forgiven. When I thought about the event of the past, I still really wanted to strangle the person concerned. It was a passing thought soon overtaken by the frustration of not been able to get past the car in front which seemed to be going ever slower.

I would like to say that I overcame all this just as easily as changing my shirt, but that would not be true. When Jesus taught his disciples to pray *‘forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us’*, he was not saying that such forgiveness would come easily. As we seek to be forgiven, we need also to seek the power of God to be able to forgive. I hope and pray for the day when the sudden recollection of the hurts of the past, do not create anger and bitterness, but are simply remembered as lessons to be learnt from.

Just as my wardrobe no longer has light coloured trousers, so let it be that the past can be remembered without hurt and bitterness.

Steve

COFFEE MORNING



**First Wednesday
of the month
10:30 – 12ish**

**The next Coffee Morning is on Wednesday March 6th
We will supply the coffee and tea – the cakes and biscuits
and you can come along to supply the good-humoured company.**

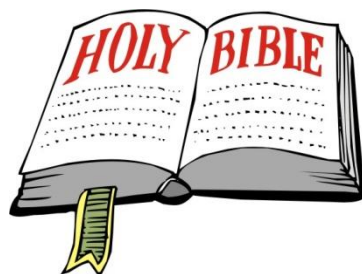
**No charge but donations gratefully received in aid of:
The local branch of the Parkinson's Society**

Bible Study

On Tuesday mornings a group of us get together to look at a particular part of the Bible. This is an informal gathering where all are encouraged to take part. We are not a bunch of academics debating the finer points of a text, but a group of people who want to hear what God has got to say to us through His word.

In February we will be continuing to look at the gospel of John.

If you would like to come along we will be meeting on Tuesday 12th & 26th at 10:30am, in the Baptist Church hall.



A few of us go to lunch in Rhayader after the meeting. You would be more than welcome to join us. (2 courses for only £5.50)

FEBRUARY AT PENTREF – Clive Barrett.

On the first Sunday of the month communion was celebrated in the morning. In the evening Rev Steve continued his theme “pictures of the church” citing the example of the church as God’s field or garden. There are different denominations and churches, but we are all one church, not just Baptists. We are all followers of Jesus. Rev Steve spoke about Church growth and the fact that new people bring change, and we all have a role to play. **The monthly Coffee Morning** was well-attended, with donations going to the latest charity, Parkinson’s Society (Local Branch). During the morning a cheque for £100 was presented to Ida Bufton, Chair of the local branch of Cancer Research.



In the second Sunday morning service Rev Steve referred to Mark chapter 1 (Jesus in the synagogue at Capernaum), and posed the following question “Why do we come to Church?” The bible reading related that people came to the synagogue as usual, probably not expecting anything to happen, but they met Jesus. There was a man there whom we are told was possessed by an evil spirit and Jesus cast it out. The people were amazed because Jesus spoke with authority, and even the evil spirit obeyed him. This man was transformed by his encounter with Jesus. Rev Steve stated that we should go to Church expecting to meet with Jesus and be amazed by his presence. The witnesses saw and heard such great things that they related these wonders to the people outside the Church.

At the Sunday evening service Rev Steve read from Mark chapter 3. The story was about a man with a withered hand, and the fact that the healing took place on a Sabbath.

Question - What does the passage tell us about Jesus? Answer - He is the Lord of the Sabbath. Sunday should be observed as holy with no work. Although Jesus met the man in his hour of need, there were some who were looking for a reason to criticise/accuse Jesus and catch him out for healing on the Sabbath. Should good or evil be done on the Sabbath? On this point Jesus challenges what is right or wrong. At the end the Pharisees left, plotting against him and how to bring him down. What lessons can we learn from the passage? The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.

The third Sunday of February was Leprosy Sunday, with the morning service led by Rev Steve and Mr Trevor Grant from the Leprosy Mission as the guest speaker. Trevor gave an interesting talk on the work of the mission.

For the third Sunday evening service, Rev Steve led a more informal communion service and asked us to think about a line in Hebrews 13; what is meant by “a sacrifice of praise?”

On the fourth and final Sunday of February Rev Paul Tarling occupied the pulpit in the morning, and Mrs. Monica O’Dea in the evening.

PENTREF MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING.

Due to Rev Steve Wallis' unavoidable absence at short notice Mr Richard Meredith of Newbridge and the USA, stepped in as guest speaker. At the start of the meeting Mr. Bob Atkins of Howey led the devotions. He included prayers, and a reading from Luke's gospel, when Jesus preached, and the people believed they would be healed of diseases if they could only touch him. Mr. John Lloyd, long time Pentref member introduced and afterwards thanked the speaker Mr. Richard Meredith. In his power point presentation of "Old Newbridge" he showed some very old and varied photos of the village. There were a good number attending, possibly because of the local interest of the subject, and the fact that the ladies were invited. He fascinated his appreciative audience with his explanations about old buildings still standing, and those which have been demolished over the years, included the old Sun Inn, where the Rebecca Rioters would congregate. He also showed various past photos of the village from different angles, including the present All Saints Church, before, during and after being built. Richard displayed various pictures of Newbridge Railway Station and the different number of river bridges. From a historical point of view the timescale of these pictures were from the mid 1800's including a picture of a "small village" in 1883 through the 1920's to 1970's. Old time pictures of Newbridge included those of the famous Horse Fairs which took place on the present Village Green. The speaker completed his talk by showing old pictures of local residents, and well known families. Richard Meredith had enthralled his audience with his excellent collection of old photos.

The Men's Fellowship

The next meeting will be on

Tuesday March 19th

At 10:30am

Speaker: Rev Steve Wallis

'The Declaration of Principle'

Why it's important to Baptists

Sing

Fancy a sing along to some of the old favourite hymns and the opportunity to learn some of the newer Christian songs? then come along to Cartref on Tuesday 12th March at 7:00pm, where some of us from

Along

the chapel will be gathering to practice some of the songs we will be using in services in the coming weeks.



Tea, Coffee and biscuits, maybe even a cake will be supplied



**Thursday Afternoons
2:00pm – 4:00pm**



Do you, paint, draw, sculpt, knit, crochet, do macramé, or anything else creative? If you do, you would be more than welcome to come along and join the group. Come along to share your skills in a group where we learn from each other.

Refreshments provided.

More Info: Vanessa 01597 860185



USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Pentref Chapel collects used postage stamps which are sold to support the work of the Leprosy Mission. The Leprosy mission works in countries all over the world bringing support to those who are suffering from leprosy. If you have any used stamps, please drop them into

the chapel or give them to someone you know who goes to the chapel. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

- Stamps of all descriptions, GB and foreign (even the very common ones) (please leave approx 5mm of the envelope around the stamp)
 - Postcards (GB and foreign, posted or unused)
 - Coins and bank notes
 - Cigarette cards
 - Old matchboxes
 - Medals
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The Village Defibrillator

The Defibrillator is situated on the side wall of the Post Office. Using it is self explanatory. The defibrillator can be used by any person on the scene of a cardiac arrest.

Sarah Mason and John Lloyd originally organised the set-up of the defibrillator and Sarah has offered to give free training to anyone who wants it.

If you would like to take up this offer then please let Steve Wallis know and when there are enough people for a training session one will be arranged.

Hugh & Lorraine Chase have kindly volunteered to give their phone numbers and are willing to be called upon in an emergency. 01597 860162 or 0797 086 1362



SERVICES AT PENTREF



Sunday 3rd March	10:30am	Rev Steve Wallis (Communion)
	5:00pm	Rev Steve Wallis (Pictures of the Church)
Sunday 10th March	10:30am	Rev Steve Wallis (Highlights from the Prophet Ezekiel)
	5:00pm	Rev Steve Wallis (Pictures of the Church)
Sunday 17th March	10:30am	Rev Steve Wallis (Highlights from the Prophet Ezekiel)
	5:00pm	Rev Steve Wallis (Communion) (Pictures of the Church)
Sunday 24th March	10:30am	Rev Steve Wallis (Highlights from the Prophet Ezekiel)
	5:00pm	Mrs Heather Jones
Sunday 31st March	10:30am	Mrs Susan Wilson
	5:00pm	Mrs Falmai Puw Davis

The Pentref Baptist Chapel newsletter comes out each month and is delivered to every home in the village. If you are part of an organisation in the village or if you are organising an event in the village we are more than happy to publicise it in the Newsletter. Please send copy to Steve at;

steveoncomputer@aol.com

The deadline for the April edition is: Sunday 24th March

MARCH AT ALL SAINTS



**Sunday 3rd March
No Service**

**Sunday 10th March 11:00am
Morning Worship**

**Sunday 17th March
No Service**

**Sunday 24th March 11:00am
Holy Communion**

**Sunday 31st March
TBC**

**Midweek Communion
On the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 10:00am.**

FEBRUARY IN NEWBRIDGE – Clive Barrett

PIP SAMUEL DONATES THREE SHEEP

TO YOUNG FARMER WHO HAD FLOCK STOLEN.

PIP SAMUEL from Newbridge on Wye recently helped 15 year old Jack Sinott from Rossett, near Wrexham, who had his flock of 23 sheep stolen, by giving him three pregnant pedigree ewes. Pip, who judges and shows his Black Welsh Mountain sheep at local shows, heard about Jack's plight on the Welsh national news, and decided he could help by giving him three ewes. Pip commented: "I thought he must be so upset, I just thought I could do a little bit to help and get him to start up again." Jack had saved his pocket money and work money to pay for the original sheep. He and his grandfather came to Newbridge to collect the three sheep to replace the ones he had lost, and apparently "Jack was over the moon". Pip added "The three ewes are in lamb, two are expecting twins and one a single lamb, so Jack will have some lambing to do after all! It's something to get him going again with a new stock, and hopefully he is starting off with some good stock". Following Pip's "Good Samaritan" act Jack has since been given a total of 10 Welsh Black Mountain ewes by three separate farmers who heard about his loss.

NEWBRIDGE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE DRAW.

Newbridge Carnival Committee are organising a draw to win two tickets to see the International Football match between Wales and Slovakia on Sunday March 24, 2019 at Cardiff City Stadium.

The proceeds will be for Carnival funds.

The draw will take place on Saturday March 16th
(after the Wales versus Ireland 6 Nations Rugby match)

Tickets £1:00 are available at Newbridge Post Office & Stores.

CHARITY SHOP IN LLANDRINDOD FOR NEWBRIDGE SCHOOL.

Local Newbridge and district residents will be interested to know that the Charity Shop in Middleton Street from the week beginning March 16, 2019 will be for the benefit of Newbridge Primary School.

You might like to support them with donations,
and purchasing items during the week.



OpenDoors

Serving persecuted Christians worldwide

OPEN DOORS PRAYER AFTERNOON

TUES MARCH 26th 2.30-4 PM

ST FRANCES CENTRE

All are most welcome to come along and join us for this informative time, to find out about praying for our persecuted fellow Christians around the world.

The World Watch List 2019 should be available at this meeting and is invaluable for keeping us up to date with news from the 50 countries around the world with the worst persecution of Christians. Let me know if you can't make the meeting but would like a free copy.



SUSANNA KOH: 'I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY... BUT GOD HAS HIS PURPOSE'

It's now been two years **since since Pastor Raymond Koh (pictured) from Malaysia was abducted**. CCTV footage from 13 February 2017 shows how at least ten men in black SUVs forced Pastor Raymond out of his car and into one of theirs and drove away. Nothing has been seen or heard of him since.

Pastor Raymond is one of four people who all disappeared around the same time; a Christian couple, Joshua Hilmy and Ruth Sietpu, have also gone missing, along with Amre Che Mat, a Shia Muslim activist. In May last year, a public inquiry was launched to investigate the disappearances, the findings of which will be presented this month.

Despite the lack of news or information, Susanna Koh, Pastor Raymond's wife, has not given up hope. "I don't understand why this is happening but God has His purpose," she says. She has hosted several prayer vigils for the missing four, which have been attended by ordinary citizens, non-activists, and some who are not even Christians.

Open Doors is urging the Malaysian government to throw its entire weight behind locating Pastor Koh and three other individuals who went missing around the same time. Zoe Smith, Head of Advocacy at Open Doors, said: "We urge the new Malaysian government to expose the truth behind these abductions and to root out the corruption which allegedly led to their disappearances."

Susanna is grateful to you for your prayers. "It's been a long and difficult journey because of the uncertainty. We don't know where he is, who has taken him or how he is. We are thankful for the support of the local churches and Christians all over the world and their prayers."

PLEASE PRAY: For God's hand upon Raymond Koh, Joshua Hilmy, Ruth Sitepu and Amre Che Mat, that they will soon be released
Louise Tarling (822615)



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The New Inn

Mother's Day

Sunday 31st March 2019 – service at 1pm

Tomato soup served with a bread roll



Smoked Salmon on a bed of salad



Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding served with seasonal vegetables



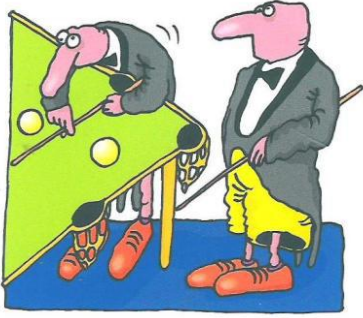
Sicilian lemon tart with clotted cream

£19.95 per head

Mother's Day gift for all mums included



Special dietary requirements can be catered for. Please ask a member of staff for details



CHARITY POOL TOURNAMENT NEW INN

Thursday 7th March 7:00pm

The local communities Annual Pool Tournament is now underway to help Dai Leeton raise even more money for the local Parkinson's Group. There will be a raffle draw and an auction on the evening.

Raffle Prizes

£20.00 Voucher for the
Gwystre Inn

£20.00 Petrol Voucher
John Powell's Garage

Whisky

Prosecco

And many more

Tickets available from the
New Inn

Auction

*Weekend Break
at Penstowe Manor,
Cornwall*

Stilt Walking Lessons
Handy-man for a Day

Learn to Drive a Tractor

Sunday Lunches

Indoor Bouncy Castle Hire

Servant for the Day

Spring Clean

And many more

Donations for the raffle and the auction are still welcome
If you have anything that you would like to give please let
David Leeton or Siân at the New Inn know.

Hope to see you all on Thursday 7th March for a great
evening



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.)

The minister of the chapel is available not just for those who come to chapel but to anyone in the village who needs help and support:

- If you want someone to talk to who will listen, get in touch and he will arrange a visit
- If you would like someone to pray with you, please get in touch and he will arrange a visit.
- If you are going into hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please let the minister know and if possible he will visit.

The minister of the chapel is here as chaplain to the village. If he can be of help in any way, please get in touch.

Tel: 01597 860185.

Email: steveoncomputer@aol.com



Don't forget
clocks go forward
on the weekend of the
30th/31st March