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The Chapel at the Heart of Newbridge

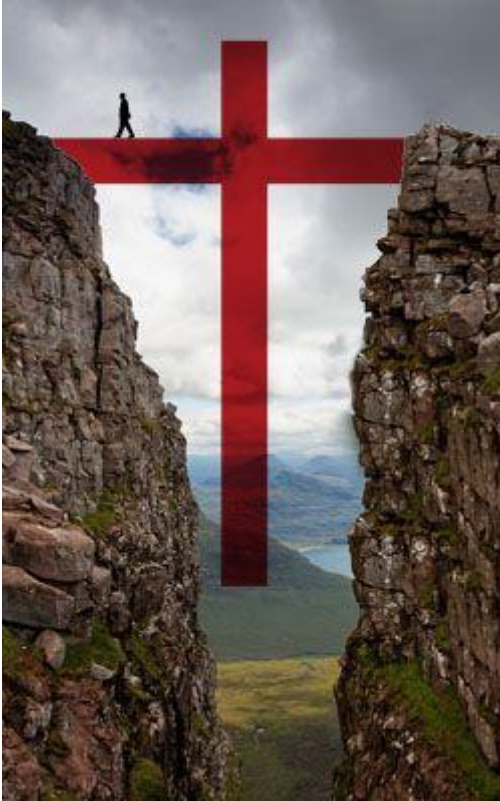


Postcard picture of the old wooden bridge

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

FROM THE MINISTER

Easter is a time when God built a bridge between heaven and earth. Many have tried to explain the real meaning of Easter through the picture of Jesus creating a bridge between God and people as in the picture below:



On the left cliff edge are all the people of the world and on the right cliff is God. Between them is a great chasm that cannot be crossed.

You can also describe the picture as earth on the left and heaven on the right.

The chasm between the two is created by what the Bible calls sin, an old fashion word that can be translated as 'all that we have ever done wrong'.

As there was and is no way that a person can cross that gap by their own efforts. God built a bridge over the gap so that all people might find a way to Him.

The bridge that was built is the cross on which Jesus died. As he died, he paid the penalty for all the sins of the earth and carried them upon himself.

The cross bridges the gap. The Easter Story of course does not end with the cross of Good Friday, but carries on to the glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. All those who come to Jesus and cross the bridge are promised not just eternal life but fullness of life in the here and now. If you want to know more about how to cross the bridge, why not go along to a church this Easter and find out more.

Steve

P.S. Easter is a time when God built a bridge between him and all the people of the world. This Easter why not take the time to build a bridge between you and those you may have fallen out with. As it says in the Lord's Prayer; *'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us.'*

COFFEE MORNING



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

**The next Coffee Morning is on Wednesday April 3rd
We will supply the coffee and tea – the cakes and biscuits
and you can come along to supply the good-humoured company.**

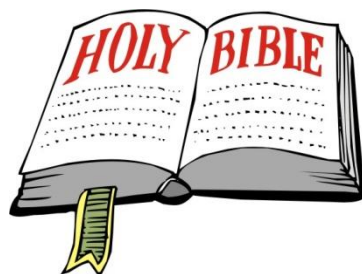
**No charge but donations gratefully received in aid of:
The local branch of the Parkinson's Society**

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

If you would like to come along we will be meeting on Tuesday 9th & 23rd 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)

MARCH AT PENTREF – Clive Barrett.

On the first Sunday morning of March Rev Steve took Proverbs Chapter 13 as his theme, which he explained, together with the evening service, would be a one-off study. A wise man uses his tongue correctly, and heeds his father's instructions, contrasted with a foolish man who doesn't, and is scornful and mocking of advice. Wise words bring about good things. Compare and contrast the person following Jesus with others involved in violence and hurt. In the evening Rev Steve widened his studies in the Book of Proverbs. Regarding wise and foolish people, there are occasions when we fall into both groups. There are four sources of wisdom mentioned in the passage: firstly, our parents. As already stated, the wise son heeds his father's instructions. Secondly the commands of God. Thirdly the words of the wise, and fourthly, walking with the wise.

On the second Sunday morning there was a missionary focus. Rev Steve began by showing a short video from Baptist World Mission concerning refugees and the subsequent crisis. The film portrayed those in Beirut, Lebanon and Aleppo, plus the forgotten families who escaped from Syria. All these receive help from the wider church. This was followed by a time of prayer for refugees. For his sermon Rev Steve started a new study 'Highlights of the book of Ezekiel'. He started by explaining the background. The book is set in the time of Israel's exile in Babylon. In reality these 'Old Testament' people were similar to the refugees of today. These people thought 'how can we worship God in a foreign land'. The book starts with a strange vision, and Ezekiel's call to be a prophet. In the vision Ezekiel catches a glimpse of the glory of God, sitting upon the heavenly throne, with a vision of fire, splendour, power and humanity. May God also give us a glimpse of his awesome glory.

On the second Sunday evening Rev Steve returned to 1st Corinthians Chapter 3 for his pictures of the Church series. He spoke about the foundation on which to build a watchtower. Compared to his previous 'pictures of the Church' within the bible, the Church changes from a field or garden into a building, whose foundation is Jesus. In the case of Corinth, a foundation laid by the Apostle Paul. Wherever the church is, the foundation remains the same, although it may have been laid by a different builder. Each member of the church makes a contribution to building on the foundations that have been laid.

On the third Sunday morning Rev Steve continued his highlights of the Book of Ezekiel. Ezekiel overtaken by his vision falls on his face before God. God reaches out and lifts him up. Ezekiel, being aware of his creator's greatness, is fearful but not overwhelmed. Ezekiel is sent by God who is with him to preach to his own people. At first sight this didn't appear to be a difficult ministry, but they were a rebellious, stubborn people. In today's world many traditional Christian nations have rebelled, and do not respond to the call of Jesus. However, despite this the faith we follow is growing across the world, in Asia, South America and Africa. The vision of God's glory keeps Ezekiel going, and it can be likewise for us today.

At the third Sunday evening Communion service, Rev Steve returned to Corinthians and took as his theme 'the cup of the Lord'.

On the fourth Sunday morning Rev Steve spoke about Ezekiel as the 'watchman for the house of Israel'. The evening service was conducted by Mrs. Heather Jones of Rhayader. The preachers on the fifth Sunday were Mrs. Sue Wilson of Knighton in the morning, and Mrs. Falmai Puw Davis of Dolau Nantmel, in the evening

The Men's Fellowship

The next meeting will be on

Tuesday April 16th

At 10:30am

Speaker: Dr Martin Wright

Sing Along

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 9th April at 7:00pm, where some of us from 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



John (the Baptist) Lloyd Will be 90 this month.

The chapel would like to invite all his friends and acquaintances to join us as we celebrate the occasion.

John has asked that there be no presents but donations to the British Heart Foundation or the Chapel would be appreciated

3:30pm on Easter Sunday
In the Chapel School Room
High Tea

(or something similar -
'there will be cake')

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Radnorshire Baptist Association Singing Festival Committee

Welcome to a

Sankey Evening

to be held on

Palm Sunday, April 14th. 2019

at 7.00 p.m

**Pentref Baptist Chapel,
Newbridge-on-Wye.**

Guest Artists

Pentref Singers, Newbridge-on-Wye
Leader

Mrs Sue Wilson, Knighton

SERVICES AT PENTREF



Sunday 7 th April	10:30am	Rev Steve Wallis (Communion) (Highlights from the Prophet Ezekiel)
	5:00pm	Rev Steve Wallis (Pictures of the Church)
Sunday 14 th April (Palm Sunday)	10:30am	Meet at the Chapel for the blessing of the Palm Crosses then process to All Saints for Holy Communion
	5:00pm	Rev Steve Wallis
Thursday 18 th (Maundy Thursday)	7:00pm	Communion
Friday 19 th (Good Friday)	10:30am	Walk of Witness Meet at All Saints and process to the chapel where refreshments will be served.
Sunday 21 st April (Easter Sunday)	10:30am	Rev Steve Wallis (Communion)
	5:00pm	Rev Steve Wallis (Communion)
Sunday 24 th April	10:30am	Rev Steve Wallis (Highlights from the Prophet Ezekiel)
	5:00pm	Rev Steve Wallis
Sunday 28 th April	10:30am	Rev Paul Tarling
	5:00pm	Mrs Heather Jones

APRIL AT ALL SAINTS



Sunday 7th April

No Service

Palm Sunday

Sunday 14th April

11:00am

Holy Communion

Meet at the Chapel at 10:30am for the blessing of the Palm Crosses and then process to the Church

Good Friday

Friday 19th April

10:30am

Walk of Witness

Meet at the Church, then process to the Chapel where refreshments will be served

Easter Sunday

Sunday 21st April

No Service at All saints

6:00am

Sunrise Service on the Eppynt followed by Breakfast at St James, Llanwrtyd

11:00am

Easter Communion at St James, Llanwrtyd

Sunday 28th April

11:00am

Holy Communion

MARCH IN NEWBRIDGE – Clive Barrett



Champions - The Meerkats team were presented with the Walter Rogers Memorial trophy by Annette Barrett. The cup was donated nine years ago, by Annette and her sister Dorothy in memory of their late father Councilor Walter Rogers.

The Newbridge Team were runners up in the event. Pictured from left to right: Ken Evans (Radnor Indoor Chairman), Shirley King, John Lloyd, Dal James (League Organiser), Annette Barrett, Colin Pugsley, Clive Barrett and John Rees. Team member Ann Edwards was not in picture.



The Charity Pool Tournament at the New Inn raised more than £2,000 for the local Parkinson's group.

Picture from left to right
Barry Parkin –this year's runner up
Siân Elliot (Landlady of the New Inn)
Buck Price – the 2019 Champion
David Leeton of the Parkinson's Society
Valerie Morgan (Secretary South Powys Parkinson's Group)
The Parkinson's group would like to thank all those who took part and contributed so generously to a successful event

A warm welcome to Ian & Joan Barr who have taken over at the Golden Lion



Ian and Joan who have extensive experience in the pub and hotel trade say that they have received a very warm welcome to the village.

They are presently involved in a refurbishment of the premises. Ian says: 'that when the refurb is finished we will be serving food on a Friday and Saturday with a carvery on a Sunday'.

Ian said: that he would like to scotch the rumour that they intend to make the Golden Lion a gastro-pub. The food they serve will be traditional pub fayre. Ian and Joan hope that their customers will find hot food and a warm welcome. Ian and Joan hope that the locals will continue to support their local pub.



Raising funds in aid of



Codi Arvan
CANDIDIAN CANCER
VELINDRE
CANCER CENTRE
Fundraising



June 22nd 2019 - Rotary Cross Wales walk - 42 miles in one day in aid of Velindre Cancer Centre Wales



On the Sat 22nd June 2019 at 2.30 we will be starting a journey to walk 42 miles across Wales to England.

'This is not an easy walk by any stretch of the imagination and flat can only be used to describe the walker's position recumbent at the finish. Even hilly is wildly optimistic!! Please take this into consideration when supporting the above, poor hapless walkers. They will have walked, limped, crawled and sworn the distance so that Cancer suffers and their families can get the support they need'

**Sponsor forms now available at the New Inn,
Post Office, Anvic Carpets and
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Mair-james
any amount greatly appreciated. Many thanks!
Mair and Jason.**

Registered in Wales

www.velindrefundraising.com



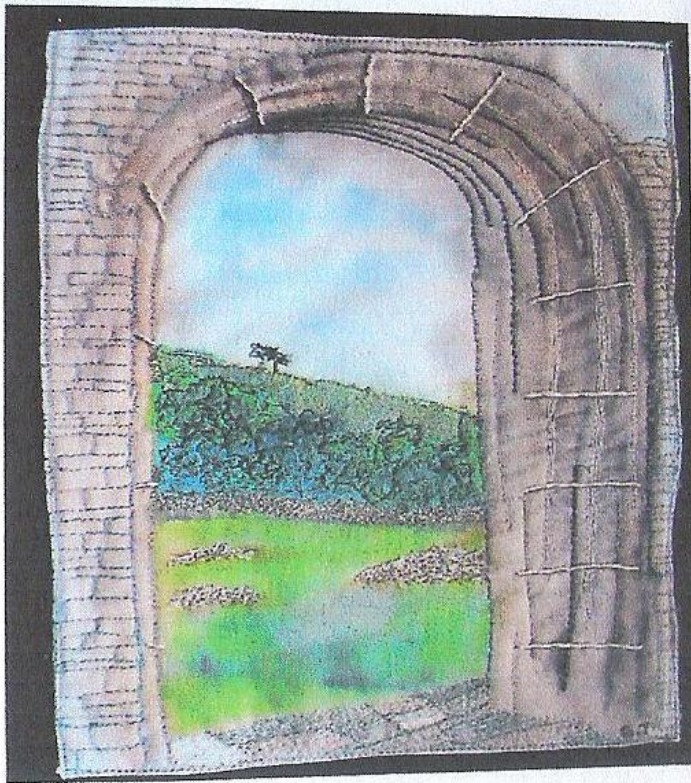
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HERE WE GO AGAIN!

Mid Wales Embroiderers' Biennial Exhibition



Minerva Arts Centre Llanidloes SY18 6BY

19th April - 1st May including Sundays
10am - 4pm
Admission Free

SONGS OF PRAISE AND SANKEY FESTIVALS 2019

April 14th Palm Sunday	Pentref Baptist Chapel Newbridge	Radnorshire Festival of Sankey Praise	7:00pm
April 19th Good Friday	Moriah Chapel Landeilo Graban	Sankey Praise	7:00pm
May 10th	Knucklas Baptist Chapel	Choral Festival Mission Praise	7:00pm
May 12th	Bethania Elan Valley	Sankey Praise	7:30pm
May 17th	Madley (Hereford) Methodist	Sankey Praise	7:00pm
May 19th	Nantmel Church	Songs of Praise	7:30pm
June 2nd	Franksbridge Chapel	Sankey Praise	7:00pm
June 9th	Penuel Chapel Llanwrthwl	Sankey Praise	7:30pm
June 16th	Howey Baptist Chapel	Sankey Praise	7:30pm
July 7th	New Radnor Baptist Chapel	Songs of Praise	7:00pm
July 14th	Rhayader Catholic Church	Songs of Praise	3:00pm
July 14th	Yardo Chapel	Sankey Praise	6:30pm
July 21st	Coxall Baptist Chapel	Sankey Praise	2:30pm
August 12th	Knucklas Baptist Chapel	Sankey Praise	6:30pm
August 18th	Gravel & Pound Baptist Chapels at Pound	Songs of Praise	6:30pm
September 1st	Dolau Nantmel Baptist Chapel	Sankey Praise	7:30pm
September 6th	Kerry Baptist Church	Sankey Praise	7:00pm
September 8th	Dolfor Free Church	Sankey Praise	6:30pm



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

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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You can also find us on the internet at:

www.newbridgebaptistchurch.co.uk

or on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/Pentref-Baptist-Chapel

The deadline for the April edition is: Sunday 21st April