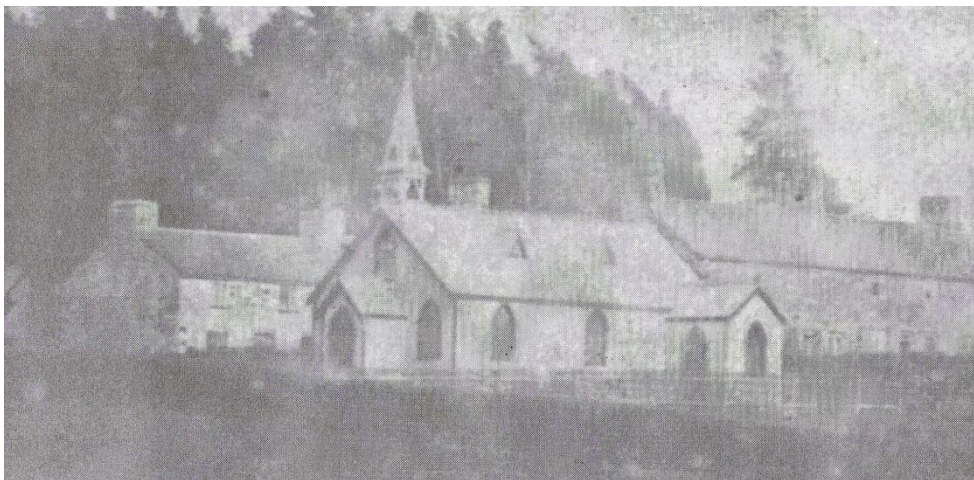


*PENTREF
BAPTIST
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The Chapel at the Heart of Newbridge



Where in Newbridge was this building?
Competition details on the back page.

**The Newsletter
Of Newbridge-On-Wye,
Baptist Church,
August 2019**

FROM THE MINISTER

To continue where I left off last month:
'Our Father' Even in this secular age these two words at the beginning of the Lord's Prayer are familiar to most people.

When the disciples of Jesus asked him to teach them how to pray – these are the first two words that Jesus said to them.



Over the last month or so I have been thinking about these two words and asking myself what are the lessons that we learn from them. Last month we looked at the word 'Our' this time I want to think about the second word 'Father'.

As I have been thinking about this word I have been thinking about human relationships. They do not stay the same, but they change and develop over time. The relationship that we have with our parents matures and deepens over time. (Well that is how it should be – I know that in reality not all parent child relationships are like this).

The first part of the parent child relationship is one of total trust and dependence, someone to feed you at one end and change the nappy at the other. This trust and total dependency changes as the child grows. The child wants to become less dependent and try things on their own. There is a realisation that their parents may not be infallible and the simple trust changes. There are some things that you still trust your parents for, but other things where you want to make up your own mind and try things in your own way.

Over time the child leaves the parental home and sets up home for him/herself. The relationship now changes to one of: 'Lend me the electric drill' or 'can I borrow a tenner.'

What have all these musings got to do with the second word of the Lord's Prayer? Well, it just made me ask the question 'how has my relationship with my Heavenly Father developed and matured over the years'? Has it done the opposite of what I have just been describing? Have I grown in the knowledge that His love for me is infinite? Have I learnt to trust more fully as I come to realise more and more that he indeed is infallible?

How is it for you, are you growing up to be an adult in your relationship with your Heavenly Father?

Steve

COFFEE MORNING



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

**The next Coffee Morning is on Wednesday August 7th
We will supply the coffee and tea – the cakes and biscuits
and you can come along to supply the good-humoured company.**

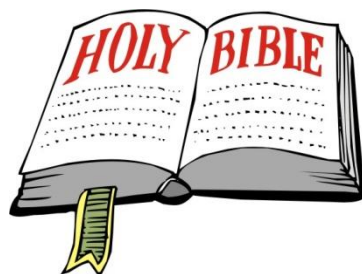
**No charge but donations gratefully received in aid of:
The Africa Greater Life Mission UK, based in Crossgates.**

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 August we will continuing our series, on the Lord's Prayer.

If you would like to come along we will be meeting on Tuesday 13th & 27th 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)

The Men's Fellowship

The next meeting will be on

Tuesday August 20th

At 10:30am

Speaker: John James

Subject:

Young Farmers & Modern Farming

Ladies are invited



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

JULY AT PENTREF – Clive Barrett

On the first Sunday morning Steve continued his studies in the book of Ezekiel. Rev Steve said that from a theological point of view, Chapter 18 changed the Israelite's understanding of the teachings of the Old Testament. Previously they had been taught that they were being punished for the sins of their fathers. Ezekiel teaches the people that it is not for the sins of the fathers that they were being punished but for their own sins, and that if they turned back to worshipping God, then God would lead them out of exile and they would return to Jerusalem.

On the second Sunday morning Rev Steve turned to Chapter 19 of Ezekiel. This commenced with Ezekiel's task of taking people's false hopes away. They should not put their trust in earthly kings but put their trust in God. This is as true for us today as it was in the days of Ezekiel.

On the third Sunday morning Rev Steve looked at Ezekiel Chapter 28, which is part of the section of the book where Ezekiel's prophecies concern the nations that surround Israel. In this chapter the prophecy concerns the King of Tyre. At the time of Ezekiel, the nation of Israel was under siege by the Babylonians. The smaller nations surrounding Israel took the opportunity in a time of weakness to send raiding parties into Israel. Ezekiel points out that the King of Tyre who was already rich, was greedy for more. He says of the king that he is puffed up with pride and believes he is a god. Ezekiel in his prophesy predicts the downfall of the city of Tyre, '*pride coming before a fall*'. This prophesy is fulfilled in the days of Alexander the Great, who razed the city to the ground. The lessons about pride and greed are as applicable today as they have ever been.

On the first Sunday evening Rev Steve took as his theme: Christian persistence. On the second Sunday evening he spoke about the importance of the Bible as the word of God and how attempts had been made over the years to stop people reading it. It is true even today that in many parts of the world it is difficult to get hold of a Bible to read. We are blessed with being able to own as many copies as we like, but the word of God is of no use unless we read it. On the third Sunday evening he spoke about Christian unity and the importance of not judging one another.

On the last Sunday the morning service was conducted by Rev Ian Sim and the evening service was taken by Rev Simeon Baker, who spoke about the comfort of God.

SERVICES AT PENTREF



Sunday 4 th August	10:30am	Rev Steve Wallis (Communion) (Highlights from the Prophet Ezekiel)
	5:00pm	Rev Steve Wallis (Studies in Paul's letter to the Corinthians)
Sunday 11 th August	10:30am	Rev Steve Wallis (Highlights from the Prophet Ezekiel)
	5:00pm	Rev Steve Wallis (Studies in Paul's letter to the Corinthians)
Sunday 18 th August	10:30am	Rev Steve Wallis (Highlights from the Prophet Ezekiel)
	2:30pm	Joint Service with Howey and Franksbridge Baptist Chapels at Franksbridge. Speaker: Rev John Roberts
Sunday 25 th August	10:30am	Mr William Powell
	5:00pm	Rev Ian Sim (Communion)

JULY IN NEWBRIDGE – Clive Barrett NEWBRIDGE BIG NIGHT OUT.

The Friends of Newbridge School organised a Big Night Out and Grand Auction on the first Sunday evening of July. There was music from “Lucky Pierre”, plus a two-course buffet. The event was well supported by parents, friends and residents, with Neil Rees of Rhayader as the popular compere. The money raised will go towards purchasing items for the benefit of Newbridge School.

CRISP PACKET RECYCLING.

A new crisp packet recycling point has opened in Llandrindod Wells at a showroom which has joined a UK wide scheme by Walkers Crisps and Terracycle. Marches Window and Interior Showroom on the Ddole Road Industrial Estate is the eighth point to open in Powys along with points in Builth Wells, Crickhowell, Brecon, and Hay on Wye. The showroom is donating all money it raises through the scheme to the very worthy cause of the Wales Air Ambulance. The collection leader is Simon Dadson, whose telephone number is 01597 823822. The scheme which accepts all crisp brand packets, helps recycle the packets which would normally end up in landfill as the material is difficult to recycle, similar to disposable coffee cups, and therefore is not accepted by local authorities. Local residents can take their old crisp packets to the Marches, or give to Clive Barrett of Meadowlands, Tel: 01597 860571, who is willing to act as a local collection point if required.

NEWBRIDGE CARNIVAL.

With the greatest of respect to those involved in the previous several years which were all successful, the 2019 event, the second year running to be held on the Recreation Field near the Village Green, was described in the local press by the organisers as “the best village carnival in Wales”. The Carnival Committee under the Chairmanship of Adam Taylor are already looking forward to organising next year's event, and he recently thanked his Committee members and everyone who had supported the Carnival. There was a wide selection of entries in the fancy dress categories, plus a record number of floats which supported the day. The Carnival judges were Ms. Michelle Pugh and Mr. Clive Barrett.

CARNIVAL RESULTS:

Best dressed under 5 years 1st Postman Pat and his van – Frazer Jones
2nd Dick Whittington – Caitlyn Watling
3rd Strongman – Max Prosser

Best dressed under 11 years 1st Clown – Amelia Lewis
2nd Egyptian – Emily Forkings
3rd Ringmaster – Poppy Hudson

Best dressed under 16 years 1st The White Rabbit – Isabelle Tomlins
2nd Egyptian Anubis – Josep Forkings
3rd Queen of Hearts - Elsa Rawbone

Best dressed over 16 years 1st Poison Ivy – Mair James
2nd Mime – Sophie Jones
3rd Egyptian Adult – Jason Forkings

Best group 1st Old Spice Girls – Newbridge Ladies
2nd Egyptians – Forkings Family
3rd The Incredibles – Lauren Ryland,
Theo Ryland & Reggie Metcalf

**Best decorated pushchair,
wheelchair or bicycle** 1st Army Tank – Jayden Morris
2nd Buzz Light Year – Maisie Jackaman Jones
3rd Baby Shark – Telin Jones

Best Pair 1st Bill & Ben, The Flowerpot Men –
Alice Samuel & Caitlin Wallace
2nd Jelly Fish – Imogen & Esme Fletcher
3rd KFC – Teddy De Winton & Tess Thomas

Best Float – Childrens 1st Newbridge Circus – The Lewis, Hudson,
Prosser, Christie-Rees, Hobbs &
Davies Families
2nd Bill & Ben, The Flowerpot Men –
Meghan Roberts & Poppy Samuel 3rd
Justice League – Newbridge Little Ones.

Best Floats – Adults 1st We Will Rock You – The Golden Lion
“A” Darts Team
2nd Alice in Wonderland – Family Mix
3rd Fireman Sam – Newbridge Thursday
Night Club,

Most Outstanding Float Overall
Enchanted Forest – The New Inn.

THANK YOU

So there we are, 2019 Carnival is over. What a day it was, and I hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. Are we the best village Carnival in Wales?

Newbridge Carnival Committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that came out and supported our amazing Carnival this year. You make it what it is, and we appreciate your continued support.

Also a huge thank you to Pip Samuel for sorting electrics out for us, the guys and girls who helped with traffic management on the day, Steve Hughson at the RWAS, The New Inn, Nick Hope for the use of his vehicle for the Queen, Buck & Chris Corfield for driving vehicles, people who lent us Gazebos, and everybody who helped with the bunting and also clearing up at the end of the day. Apologies if I have forgotten somebody, but thank you everyone who helped in some way to put on such a great day.

CHARITY SHOP

Newbridge Carnival will have the Charity Shop in Middleton Street from Saturday 17th August. If you have any items of clothing or household goods that you wish to donate, please drop them off at the shop from the 17th, or call Adam on 07415 229339 and we'll happily collect.

So please start having a sort out and hopefully we can raise lots of money so we can continue to put on a free Carnival for everybody again in 2020.

Can you help in the shop anytime that week? If so, please ring Adam on the above number. Thank you

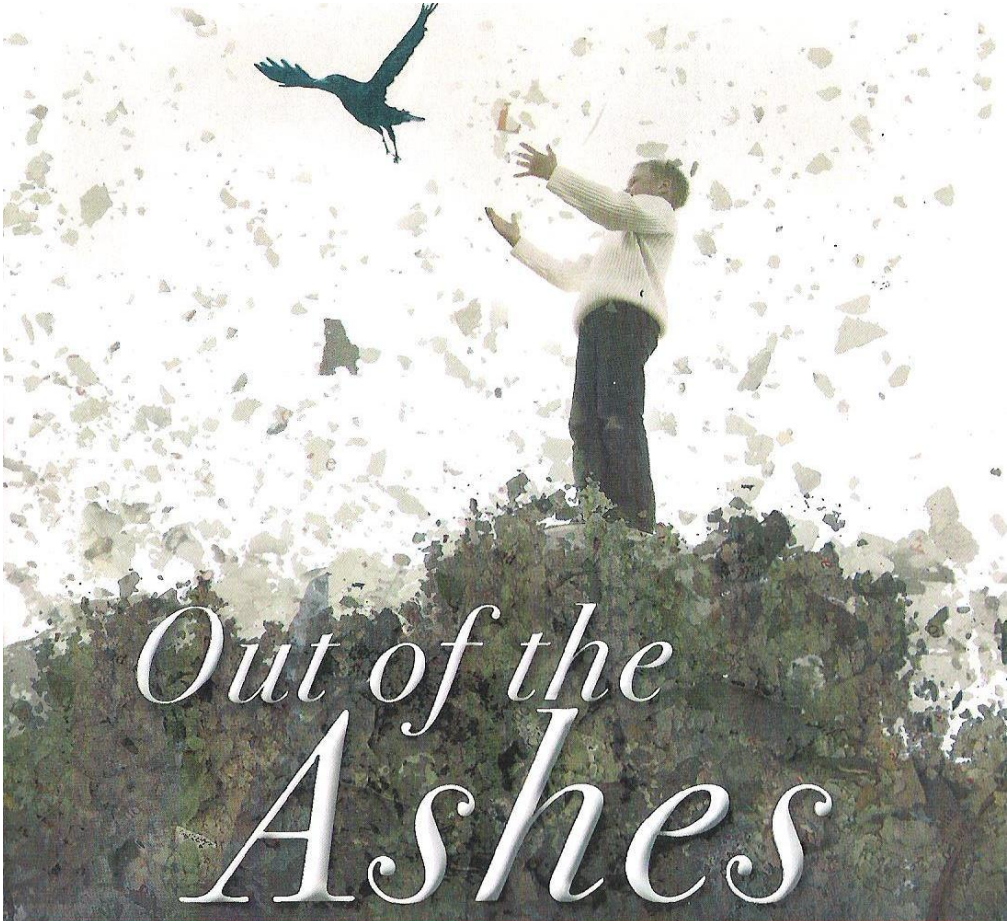
A WALK TO CORS Y LLYN AND TALK BY DR. FRED SLATER -

Clive Barrett

Following the publication of “Newbridge Past & Present”, a village guide compiled by Dr Fred Slater (launched at the Carnival in 2018), Dr Fred and Clive Barrett led a village ‘history walk’, which took place in August 2018. The booklets (which were very successful) are still available. Later, the idea of a walk from Newbridge to Cors y Llyn, the National Nature Reserve south east of the village, arose. It was a dry day in June 2019 (unusual for that month) that the suggested walk and talk took place. At the entrance to Cors y Llyn the 11 walkers were met by Dr Fred, who began by explaining about the history of the bog. The first field on the left was only ploughed during the war effort, and when he first visited in the late 1960s waders were needed to negotiate the depth of swampy mud. The field had not been affected by the compulsory wartime ploughing, consequently it is/was one of the richest old meadows in the area for wildflowers, and until recently there were 100 species of flowers and grasses there. Dr Fred then led the group through the field in question on a recognised footpath. He explained about the present planned cutting of the grass during a calendar year and emphasised that there was a very good display of heath spotted orchids, with different colours/shades ranging from deep purple to white. He also stated that the nearby pond was the best place locally for dragonflies and newts.

Along the subsequent stroll around the boardwalk on the bog, he showed various leaves of holly, and diverse mosses, some with very long roots which Sir David Attenborough had featured in the very first episode of his “Life on Earth” series. The speaker stated that bog moss draws up the water like a sponge, and also showed sundry heathers and cotton plants. Dr Fred pointed out the instruments placed in various locations for measuring the current water levels, and the areas where it was evident local peat cutting took place in the past.

Cors y Llyn has two wet basins and in passing from one basin to the other the group came to an area with smaller stunted bonsai type pine trees, which amazingly were probably 100 years old. Dr Fred said that in the past many native trees had either died or been cut down, and it was normal to leave at least a percentage of fallen trees for insects to inhabit. He also stated that one bird that was present here in the past was the goshawk. Finally, Dr Fred led the party to a different more modern ploughed drier field, with not as many varieties and species of plants as the other field. Someone commented that horses used to live in this field. Those plants present included: germander speedwell and an elm tree. Clive Barrett on behalf of the group thanked Dr Fred for his most enlightening, interesting conducted walk and talk, his time, his extensive knowledge and the undoubted enthusiasm he always displays.



Out of the Ashes

PETER GLADWIN

Peter was seriously burned in a house fire at the age of one, always in trouble with the police, stabbed in a gang fight at the age of 15, and the victim of a hit and run at 24. Other obstacles included his personal addictions, his wife's battle with cancer, and the suicide of his father. While contemplating suicide he heard a message that has totally turned his life around...

VENUE

**Pant-y-Dwr
Village Hall**

DATE

**Saturday
3rd August**

TIME

6:45pm

**BURGER VAN will be selling burgers from 6:45pm
TALK starts at 7:45pm**



Summer Celebration Service

Friday 16th August, 7:30pm

Celf O Gwmpas, Tremont Road, Llandrindod Wells LD1 5EB

Free Entry

YOU are invited to join us as we worship together in an informal environment.
An opportunity to meet together for refreshments, inspiration,
encouragement and celebration.

Everyone welcome!

Guest Speaker: Alex McNeil from West Lothian, Scotland

Alex was saved by Jesus in 1977 in a prison at the age of 23 where he had been sentenced to 3 years for bringing drugs into the country. The Lord guided Alex as he searched for God in eastern religions. After about eight months The God of The Bible in Jesus Christ brought him out of these searches through deep repentances, visions and various Power Encounters.

After his release in August 1978 Alex was married that December to Margaret his wife of nearly 40 years. They had two children, Deborah & Tim. Margaret went to be with the Lord last September.

Since finding Faith in Jesus Alex has preached, taught, led seminars, given his testimony and evangelised in all four countries of the UK, South Africa, India, Switzerland, France and Nigeria.

The things that characterise Alex's ministry are the passion, inspiration of the Holy Ghost, and deep understanding of the Bible and its Author. He preaches with a personal relevancy for today's world with a prophetic cutting edge. His pioneering experiences, leadership roles and Team Spirited approach to Church and Work Life, as well as in Discipling and Mentoring have also by The Grace of God touched many, many lives.



For more details, contact Anthony Archibald on 07892 696797



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SONGS OF PRAISE AND SANKEY FESTIVALS 2019

August 18 th	Gravel & Pound Baptist Chapels at Pound	Songs of Praise	6:30pm
September 1 st	Dolau Nantmel Baptist Chapel	Sankey Praise	7:30pm
September 6 th	Kerry Baptist Church	Sankey Praise	7:00pm
September 8 th	Dolfor Free Church	Sankey Praise	6:30pm



Pisgah Baptist Chapel

Llanafan Fawr

Anniversary Service

Sunday 4th August

6:30pm

All are welcome

Powys Radnor Federation of WIs

Bees and Trees

Arts and Crafts Exhibition

Craft demonstrations by local WI members

Craft Sales Table

Hotel Metropole

Sat 17 Aug - Fri 23 Aug
11:00am to 4:30pm

Sat 24 Aug 11:00am to 4:00pm

Free admission

“Rhayader by Nature”

the local natural history society

- exploring our natural heritage

www.rhayaderbynature.wordpress.com



Art & Craft Exhibition

“Inspired by Nature”

10th August to 14th September at

Rhayader Museum & Gallery

CARAD, East Street, Rhayader, LD6 5ER www.carad.org.uk

Opening hours:

Tues-Friday

10:00-4:00pm

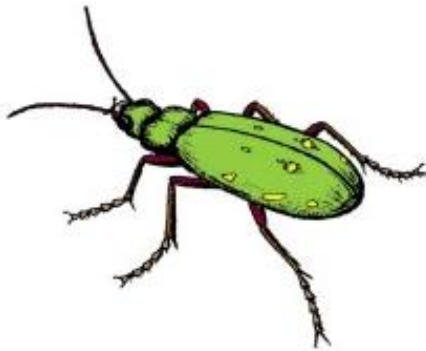
Saturday

10:00-1:00pm

Entry: £4.00 Adults,

£3.00 Concessions,

Children Free



The exhibition is a show of work by members of ‘Rhayader by Nature’ the local natural history society, and will be varied: drawings and paintings, tapestry, machine embroidery, rag rugs and felting, sculptures, wood carvings and basketry, poems, prose and cartoons, all inspired by the natural world.

Entry to the museum collection is included, leaflets are available describing wildlife walks in and around the town and with a choice of places to eat and drink. Visitors might like to come and enjoy a whole day out in Rhayader.



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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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 September edition is:
Sunday 25th August
Please send to steveoncomputer@aol.com**

COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

The competition is open to all children of primary school age.

All you have to do is identify where in the village the church pictured on the front cover was.

Name.....

Address.....

Age.....

Answer.....

Please put your completed entries through the letterbox of Cartref.

All correct answers will be put in a hat and the winner will be the first one drawn out at the morning service on 8th September.

Competition prize a £5.00 note.