

*PENTREF  
BAPTIST  
CHAPEL*



The Chapel at the Heart of Newbridge



*GIVE THANKS FOR THE HARVEST*

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

## FROM THE MINISTER

You may have noticed the absence of the September edition of the newsletter, for which I apologise. Its absence was due to a health issue which now hopefully is resolved.



For me two significant things happened in the month of August. The first of these was the fact that I celebrated my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. A day when for at least 40 years of my working life I was led to believe I would receive my old age pension. This of course is no longer the case and I will have to wait a little longer – in my case this is not that important as I have no immediate plans to retire.

The other significant thing is I was told that I had developed Asthma, (this diagnosis is being questioned). For 65 years I have been quite good at breathing, in fact over most of that time I have done it without really giving it any thought. Now all of a sudden I find that, that which I took for granted has become a bit of a problem and I have to give breathing a little bit more care and attention than I have needed to before.

All this has set me thinking about breathing. The Biblical account of creation (whether or not you take it as literal truth or a picture of God's activity at the start of all things) tells us that after God created people he breathed into them the breath of life. We all know that part of human life is breathing; in fact one of the marks of the end of life is that you stop breathing. The biblical picture is that God breathed life into the people he created.

Jesus taught that he had come to give people newness of life – fullness of life. There is the picture of the Holy Spirit breathing this newness of life into people.

There is a hymn that prays:  
*'O breath of life come sweeping through us.....  
O breath of life come, cleanse, renew us...'*

The breathlessness I experienced through most of September made me take much more care over the physical act of breathing – but it also set me thinking about the spiritual life and challenged me to take a bit more care of the *'spiritual breathing'*.

Breathing is something that we take for granted until something happens to make us think about it a bit more. Sometimes I think we need a similar wake-up call about our relationship with God - that we should take a little bit more care of our *'spiritual breathing'*.

Steve

# ***COFFEE MORNING***



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

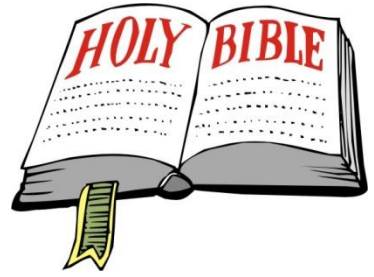
**The next Coffee Morning is on Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
We will supply the coffee and tea – the cakes and biscuits  
and you can come along to supply the good-humoured company.**

**No charge but donations gratefully received in aid of:  
Builth Wells Community Support**



**Anne Leeton receiving a cheque for the local  
Parkinson's group at the September Coffee Morning**

# 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.

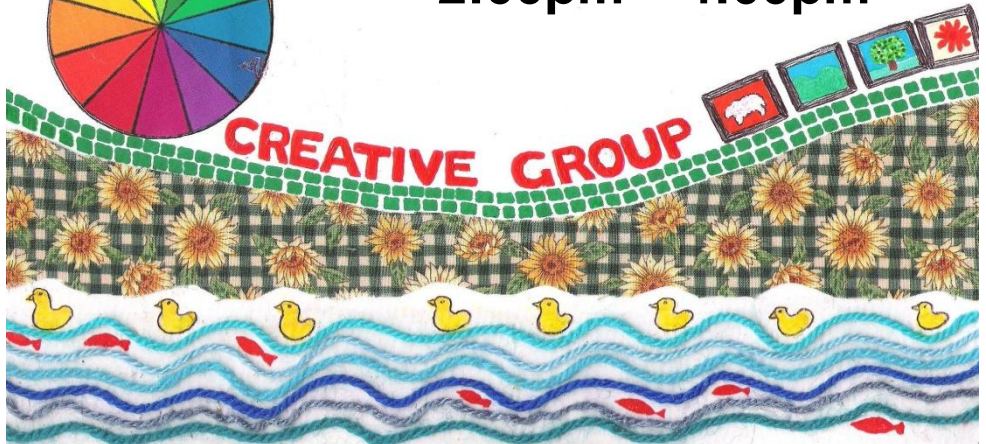
We are not a bunch of academics debating the finer points of a text, but a group of people who want to hear what God has got to say to us through His word.

In October we will continuing our series on the Lord's Prayer. If you would like to come along we will be meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 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)



## 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

# The Men's Fellowship

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30am

There will be a speaker from the  
Birmingham City Mission

YOU CAN SUPPORT THE BIRMINGHAM CITY MISSION  
BY:

- Food (packets or tins)
- Clean items of bedding
- Clean items of clothing

If you are able to donate any of the  
above –

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.

***Ladies are invited***



Thank you  
to all those  
who  
entered the  
competition

in the July newsletter. All the entries  
were correct. The first one pulled out  
of the hat was Poppy Cullum age 6,  
pictured receiving her prize. The  
correct answer was: The Field  
opposite the Crown.



# SERVICES AT PENTREF



- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am Rev Steve Wallis (Communion)  
5:00pm Rev Steve Wallis  
(Studies in Paul's letter to the Corinthians)
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am Rev Steve Wallis  
5:00pm Rev Steve Wallis (Communion)  
(Studies in Paul's letter to the Corinthians)
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am Rev Steve Wallis (Harvest)  
5:00pm Rev Steve Wallis (Harvest)  
Joint Service at Pentref with Howey  
& Franksbridge Baptist Chapels
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am Rev Paul Tarling  
5:00pm Mr William Powell

**The deadline for the November edition is:  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Please send to [steveoncomputer@aol.com](mailto:steveoncomputer@aol.com)**

# NEWBRIDGE-ON-WYE BAPTIST CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL



**SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**6pm HARVEST SUPPER**

**(Ploughman's style)**

**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**10:30 & 5:00pm**

**HARVEST SERVICES**

**Speaker Rev Steve Wallis**

**Come and Celebrate with us**  
**All are Welcome**

To help with the catering if you are coming to the supper  
could you please let one of us know:

Steve: 01597 860185 [Steveoncomputer@aol.com](mailto:Steveoncomputer@aol.com)

Or Elsa: 01597 860894 [Elsa.harlett@hotmail.com](mailto:Elsa.harlett@hotmail.com)

**RADNORSHIRE & MONTGOMERYSHIRE**  
**BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**HALF YEARLY MEETING 2019**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

**Sarn Baptist Church**

**Programme**

- 2:00pm**                    **Opening Worship**
- 2:15pm**                    **Short Business Meeting**
- 2:30pm**                    **Being an Environmentally**  
**Friendly Church**
- 3:30pm**                    **Presentation by the**  
**Baptist Union of Wales**
- 4:30pm**                    **Tea**
- 5:30pm**                    **Evening Worship**  
**Preacher: Rev Judith Morris or**  
**Rev Simeon Baker**

***More Info from Rev Maggie Rich***  
***01686 670947***  
***maggierichsarn@gmail.com***



# FRIENDS OF NEWBRIDGE SCHOOL ARE HELPING TO COLLECT THE STICKERS FROM ALDI

If you are shopping in Aldi please collect the stickers for us - drop at school or give to any local children to help us to win £20,000.

Thank you in advance of your help



# SANTA RUN NEWBRIDGE IS BACK!!!

## SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER



Sponsorship to  
Wales Air  
Ambulance &  
charity of your  
choice

1.30pm  
Zumba  
Warm up  
@ New Inn

2.00pm  
Santa  
Run

Finish @  
The Lion  
for  
Mince Pies

**WALK**  
**RUN OR JOG**

£10 adults  
£7 children

SIGN UP @ THE LION, THE NEW INN  
OR CALL JAN/JIM JONES  
01597 860333

OR VIA EVENTBRITE JUST SEARCH  
'SANTA RUN NEWBRIDGE'

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**Golden Lion  
Country Inn**



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*Under New Ownership  
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SPECIAL**  
BOOKINGS ONLY



**CHOICE OF MEATS AND VEGETABLES -  
ALL LOCALLY SOURCED**

**1 COURSE £8.00**

**2 COURSES £11.00**

SERVED 12.30PM - 2.30PM



**BASKET  
MEALS  
AVAILABLE**

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
6PM - 8.30PM**

**TEL: 01597 860392**

**AMPLE PARKING**

LLANDRINDOD WELLS FAIRTRADE TOWN GROUP



**JOIN THE  
PARTY!**



**25**  
FAIRTRADE  
YEARS  
CELEBRATING

INVITE YOU TO

OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup> 7-9 pm  
HERB GARDEN COMMUNITY CAFE

It is 25 years since the Fairtrade Mark was launched in the UK. Although there's still plenty to do to make trade fair, we are taking a break to party and celebrate the huge amount that has been achieved so far, and we hope you will come too! It is free (donations to Fairtrade Foundation) and there will be plenty to see and do, including food/drinks tastings, refreshments, quiz...the list goes on!

Open Doors Prayer Afternoon  
Tuesday October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
2.30-4 pm  
St Francis Centre  
Light Refreshments

All are very welcome to come along to the October Prayer afternoon, where we'll be seeing some short films about Christians in countries where life is difficult due to persecution of many different kinds. We will concentrate on Nigeria, Laos and Guinea, and there will be opportunity and help with praying for our brothers and sisters. There is NO obligation to pray out loud.

Laos boys, Debora from Nigeria and Guinea families enjoying a new well.





## Live Well with Hearing Loss Drop-in

Equipment, information and support for people who are deaf or have hearing loss in Wales

Do you have a hearing loss? Do you need help with assistive equipment?

We can help you access advice, support and information, to get the most out of equipment services and items such as:

- Listening devices
- Door bells
- Loop systems
- Telephones
- Alarm bells
- Tinnitus relaxers

We also offer Veteran-specific support and advice about hearing loss. Come visit our drop-in for an informal chat - no appointment is necessary:

### When

Thursday,  
17th October

### Location

Royal British Legion Club,  
Tremont Road, Llandrindod  
Wells, LD1 5EB

### Time

10:00—13:00

For more information please contact us by:

- Telephone: 02920 333 034
- Textphone: 02920 033 036
- Email: [livewell.cymru@hearingloss.org.uk](mailto:livewell.cymru@hearingloss.org.uk)

## **CONCERT**

**In aid of Wakiso Children's School of Hope  
Bulabakulu**

featuring

# **THE GWALIA SINGERS (Swansea) MALE VOICE CHOIR**



**Holy Trinity Church  
Spa Road, Llandrindod  
Wells**

**Saturday 12th October  
7pm**

**Tickets: £10**

**Available from Vic Everill  
01597 258534**



**Africa Greater Life Mission  
UK Registered Charity  
Number 1115786**



**For more information about AGLM(UK)  
Tel: 01597 851817**



# 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](mailto: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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