

*PENTREF  
BAPTIST  
CHAPEL*



The Chapel at the Heart of Newbridge



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

## FROM THE MINISTER



“O come, O come, Emmanuel” is a well known Christmas carol.



Although (before anyone else points it out) I know that it is not really a carol but an Advent song.

The season of Advent is a season of waiting – a time when Christians stop and think about the coming of Christ

into the world. Hence the use of advent calendars (with or without chocolate treats). The calendars give the idea of a countdown to something that is important and the thing that is important is the coming of Jesus into the world. Advent candles if used correctly give us all a chance to turn aside from the busyness of the world and spend a few minutes in contemplation of the coming of Jesus.

Why is it that Christians find the season of Christmas so important to them?

It is because they believe that in the coming of Jesus, born into the stable of Bethlehem, God came into the world in a new way. The technical word for this is *‘incarnation’*. God himself in the person of Jesus has come into the world.

One of the prophets of the Old Testament gives the name Emmanuel to the baby laid in the manger.

Emmanuel means *‘God is with us’* and that is one of the glorious truths of Christmas. We do not really need to sing *‘O come. O come, Emmanuel’* because, Emmanuel has already come and the truth that lies behind the name is that God is with us. Not God was with us, or God will be with us, but that in Jesus, God is always with us. Jesus promised that he would never leave us, never forsake us. That takes us to the second of the great Christian festivals: Easter – a time when we celebrate resurrection. Part of the point of the resurrection is that Jesus is alive, and that by the power of his Holy Spirit he dwells with us – it is the truth of Emmanuel – God with us.

As you prepare for Christmas and the New year and all the challenges that it will bring, there is a promise from God that whatever you have to face you do not have to face it alone because God is with you.

Steve

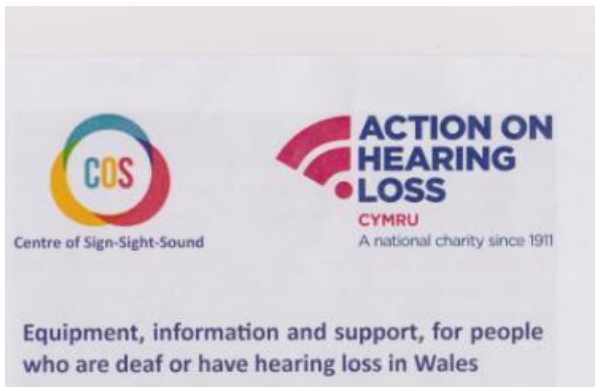
# *COFFEE MORNING*



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

**The next Coffee Morning is on Wednesday December 4<sup>th</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**



**At the December  
Coffee Morning.  
Action on Hearing  
Loss will have a  
table.**

It is an opportunity for people with hearing loss to see what aids and helps are available.

There will be someone available to provide information and an opportunity to TRY before you BUY.

Action on Hearing Loss do not sell the aids but can advise where they can be purchased.

# **The Men's Fellowship**

**There will be no meeting of the Men's Fellowship  
in December.**

## **Report on the November meeting of the Men's Fellowship -Steve Wallis**

The speaker at the Meeting in November was Jerry Garry from 'Tools with a Mission'. In a very interesting talk Jerry told us a little about the history of the organisation and gave us a presentation on the work that they are doing today. Tools with a mission have collectors all over the country. The collectors gather together donated tools that are no longer in use. The tools are then sent to centres where volunteers refurbish them and sort them into different types of tool kits (kits for plumbers, carpenters, etc). These kits are then shipped out to countries where they are needed (mainly in Africa – but not exclusively).

The tool kits are distributed by other organisations working on the ground in the countries to which they are sent. The idea is that people can be trained in a trade and given a toolkit (a small charge is generally made for each kit to ensure that they will be used properly) in order for them to be able to earn their own living. As one person said: "It is a hand up rather than a handout".

You can help by donating any tools that you no longer need; Steve Wallis has agreed to act as a collection point in Newbridge. If you have any old tools that you no longer need and would like to donate, please drop them in to Steve at Cartref. A list of the tools needed can be seen on the next page.





## Yes please...

We couldn't list everything or expect you to know how to identify tools, but hopefully the list below will give you an idea.

**Agricultural tools:** Fork, spade, hoe, garden rake, hand fork and trowel, lopper, secateurs and hand shears

**Builders' tools:** Spade, shovel, 3ft spirit level, Axe, crowbar, fork, sledge hammer, bow saw, bolsters, chisels, all types of hammers and trowels, pin and lines, tape measures hacksaws and blades etc

**Carpenters' tools:** Bevel, braces, clamps, hand drills and bits, all types of files and hammers, Stanley knife, all types of planes and saws, pliers, rules, all types of saws and screwdrivers, squares etc

**Electricians' tools:** Allen keys, hand drills and bits, all types of pliers and hacksaws, screwdrivers, spanners, soldering iron, voltmeter etc

**Motor mechanics' tools:** Allen keys, cold chisels, breast drill and bits, all types of hammers and pliers, punches, metric socket set and spanners, adjustable spanners, cantilever toolbox, tyre pressure gauge etc

**Plumbers' tools:** Basin or tap wrench, wire brush, breast drill and bits, various grips and saws, screwdriver, oil can etc

**Garage workshop:** Hydraulic jack, axle stands, battery charger, ramps and large engineers vice etc

**Power tools:** Hand and bench drill, sander, planer, jigsaw, circular, band and chop saw, lathe, cultivator, rotavator etc

## Children's scholar packs and educational books

**Sewing machines:** manual, electric and treadle

**Knitting machines:** machine wool and needles

**Haberdashery:** needles, cottons, large material pieces/rolls, buttons, zips etc

**Fully working IT equipment:** Desktop computers and laptops running a minimum of Windows Vista, tablets, networking switch routers and cables



**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 Group will only meet on the first two Thursdays in December**



## **CAROL SINGING**

**On Thursday  
19<sup>th</sup> December  
at 2:00 pm  
a group of us from the  
Chapel will be going to  
the Wylesfield**

**Residential Home in Llandrindod to sing a few  
carols and perform a few Christmas readings. If  
you are in good voice and would like to join us  
you would be more than welcome. Come along on  
the day or contact Steve on 01597 860185 for  
more details.**

# SERVICES AT PENTREF



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 10:30am**      **Rev Ian Sim (Communion)**  
**5:00pm**      **Rev Steve Wallis**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 10:30 am**      **Rev Steve Wallis**  
**5:00pm**      **Rev Steve Wallis**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 10:30am**      **Rev Steve Wallis**  
**5:00pm**      **Carols by Candlelight**  
**Rev Steve Wallis**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 10:30am**      **Rev Steve Wallis**  
**5:00pm**      **Rev Steve Wallis (Communion)**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10:30am**      **A short Communion Service led by**  
**Rev Steve Wallis**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 10:30am**      **Mr William Powell**  
**5:00pm**      **Rev Philip Lewis**

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.

As usual Newbridge's Remembrance Sunday took the form of a joint service involving Pentref Baptist Chapel and All Saints Church, this year taking place at the Chapel in Beulah Road. The morning service was led by Pentref's Minister Rev Steve Wallis, and there was a good attendance of members from both churches and local residents. During the service wreathes were laid by representatives of local organisations namely, Mark Davies on behalf of Llanyre Community Council, Sylvia Stirland for Newbrdge W.I, Austin Price for All Saints, and Clive Barrett for Pentref and friends. Clive also read out the names of the fallen on the memorial from the two World Wars, and the sound relay of the Last Post and The Reveille was organised by Raymond Hope. During the service a collection was taken for the work of the Royal British Legion. Following the service the congregation enjoyed light refreshments in the Hall.

## Grateful Thanks

May I take this opportunity to thank Clive for the news items that he so diligently writes for this Newsletter.

May I also thank Elsa & Vanessa who regularly do the proof-reading so that not too many mistakes get into the final copy.

May I also thank all the people who trudge the streets to deliver the newsletter around the village. Steve (Editor)

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS  
MORNING SERVICE  
9:30am**





# 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**

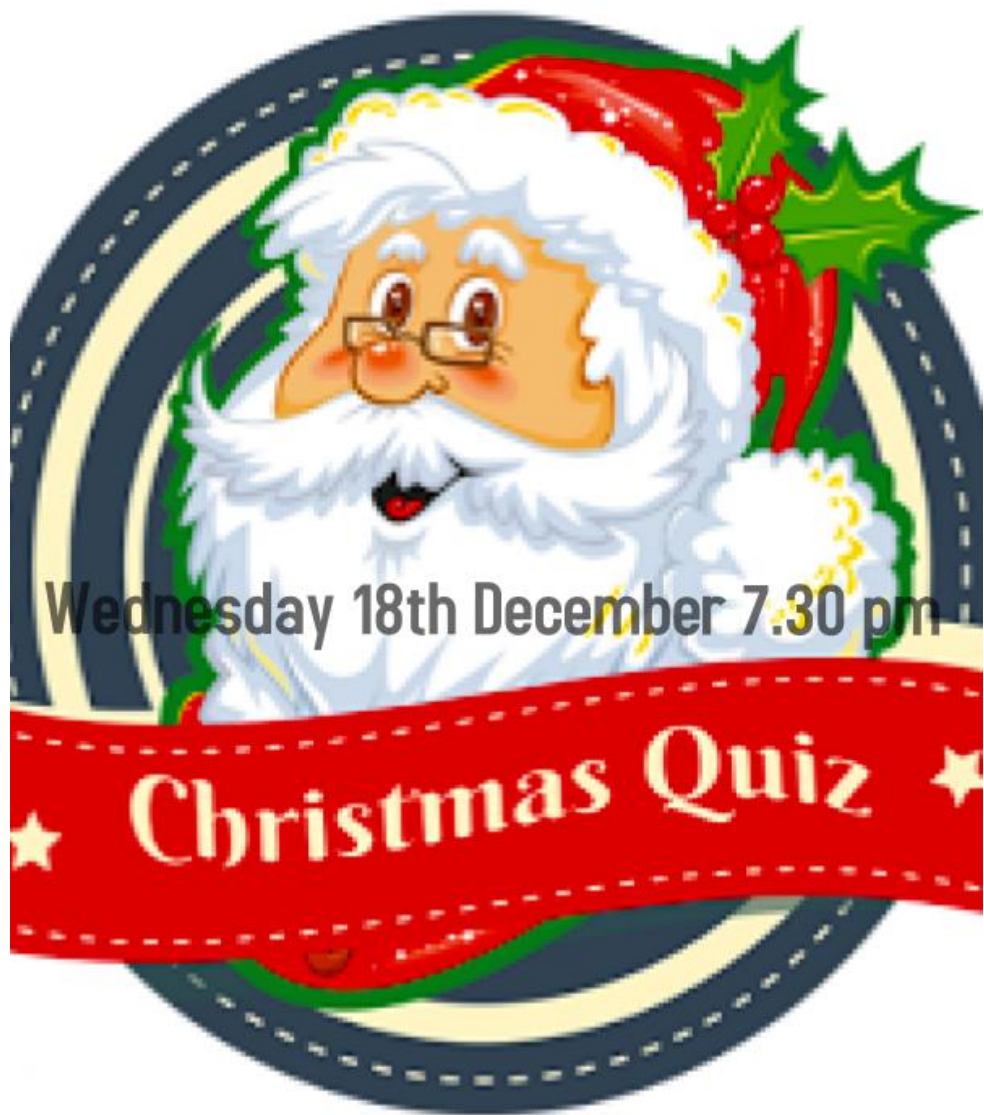
£10 adults  
£7 children

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

OR VIA EVENTBRITE JUST SEARCH  
'SANTA RUN NEWBRIDGE'

**FREE SANTA OUTFIT WITH EVERY ENTRY**

**THE NEW INN.NEWBRIDGE-ON-WYE.**



**Wednesday 18th December 7.30 pm**

**Christmas Quiz**

**£2 ENTRY. CASH PRIZES.**

# **NEWBRIDGE CARNIVAL**

## **CHRISTMAS**



# **BINGO**

**FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER**  
**NEWBRIDGE COMMUNITY HALL**

**6.00PM OPEN**  
**6.30PM START**

**CASH FLYER**  
**CHILDREN'S PRIZES**  
**RAFFLE & REFRESHMENTS**  
**GREAT FUN FOR ALL AGES**

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](http://www.newbridgebaptistchurch.co.uk)

or on Facebook at:

[www.facebook.com/Pentref-Baptist-Chapel](http://www.facebook.com/Pentref-Baptist-Chapel)

**The deadline for the January edition is:  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
Please send to [steveoncomputer@aol.com](mailto:steveoncomputer@aol.com)**

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