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The Chapel at the Heart of Newbridge



**The Newsletter
Of Newbridge-On-Wye,
Baptist Church,
February 2020**

FROM THE MINISTER

My introduction to my letter last month said: *'Recently while tidying up some files (late spring cleaning!) I found the notes of a talk I gave in 1992. It was a talk given to a men's meeting and the subject that I was given to speak on was: 'Why believe in Jesus in 1992'. Having re-read the notes I find that if asked to give the same talk in 2020 I would say the same things and so at the beginning of 2020 I will share with you the talk I gave some 28 years ago.'* There are only six important questions to ask on any subject, these questions are: *How, when, what, where, who and why.* Today I only intend to try and address three of these questions: *Who, what and why.*



- *Who do we mean by Jesus?*
- *What do we mean by believe?*
- *Why believe in Jesus in 1992/2020*

Last month I answered the question: *'Who do we mean by Jesus?'* This month I want to answer the question; *'What do we mean by believe?'*

The Greek word which in the New Testament is translated 'believe' has three nuances of meaning: To sum them up, belief means to:

- *Believe in*
- *Adhere to*
- *Trust in and rely upon*

To start with it means simply to believe something, an intellectual act. As an example, at school I learnt Pythagoras' theorem: "the square on the hypotenuse equals the sum of the square on the other two sides" and after trying it out once or twice I believed it to be true and I still do (even though I have found no use for it since I left school). So, the first part of believing in Jesus is an intellectual one.

I believe; that there lived a man called Jesus in the first century of the Common Era. That he walked the earth as a great teacher, healer and miracle worker.

I believe; that he was the Christ, the Son of the Living God, that he was God incarnate in man. That he was perfect God and perfect man.

I believe; that he suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, dead and buried and that God raised him to life on the third day.

I believe; that after his resurrection he ascended into heaven and there dwells at the right hand of our Father God.

I believe; that through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, my sins are forgiven, that in his resurrection death was defeated and that there is everlasting life for all those who know Jesus as their saviour.

All that was a simple intellectual statement of belief, one part of what it means to believe. The second part is that we must adhere to it. It is no good saying that we believe in the teaching of Jesus unless we attempt in our lives to adhere to the teaching of Jesus. Jesus said: 'Do not build up for your-selves treasures on earth where moth and rust consume and thieves break in and steal but build up for your-selves treasures in heaven.' If we proclaim ourselves as believers in Jesus a question worth asking is: 'Where does our treasure lie?' When I talk to people about Jesus some say the old trite phrase that he was 'a great teacher'. They do not believe that anymore than the definitions that I have given as to who Jesus is. It is clear than they do not believe it, because on closer examination they know little if anything of his teaching and in the main they do not live by what little they know. I would point out though, that it is impossible to adhere to the teaching of Jesus unless you also adhere to Jesus. It is only in the risen power of Jesus that the Christ-like life can be led.

The third point of this belief is: 'Trust in and rely upon'. It is one thing to believe in our heads that Jesus can save us from sin and give us eternal life, but do we also know it in our hearts? Do we really trust Jesus to bring it about?

Over last month and this month, I have tried to answer in a very sketchy fashion the questions: 'Who we mean by Jesus? and What do we mean by believe? You will have to wait until next month for the final instalment 'Why believe in Jesus in 1992/2020.

If you have been – thanks for reading.

Steve

COFFEE MORNING



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

The next Coffee Morning is on Wednesday February 5th
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:
Tools with a Mission
(see December's newsletter for details of their work)



NHS Wales will be providing a Hearing Aid clinic:
Repairs, batteries, and cleaning tubes.
(NHS Hearing Aids only)

NEW VENTURE **PENTREF WOMEN'S DAYS OUT**

*Over the years the chapel has had a Men's Meeting
but never a meeting for women.*

*In 2020 we intend to put that right and organise some trips out for
the women. The first outing will be to see the*

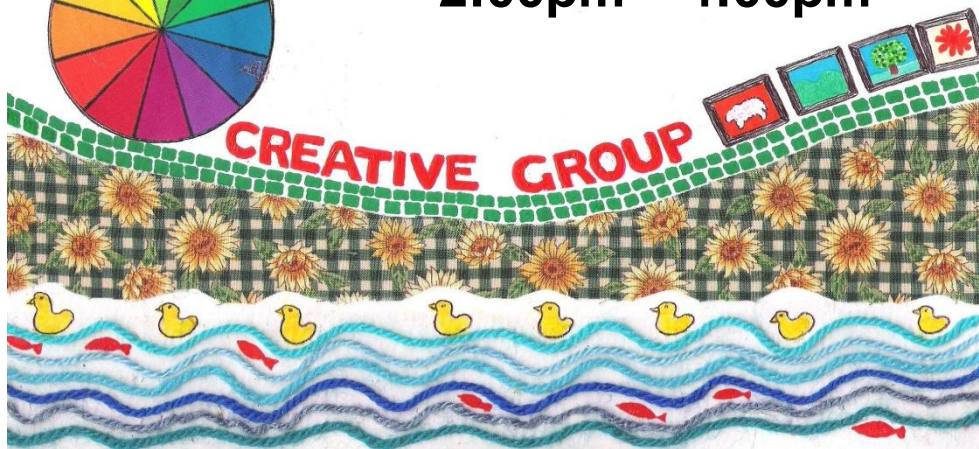
'World Costume Dolls'

*This will be on Wednesday February 12th,
and will be followed by lunch.*

*For further info and to book a place ring
Vanessa on 01597 860 185*

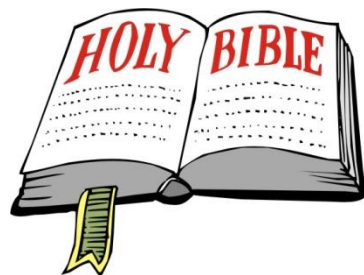


**Thursday Afternoons
2:00pm – 4:00pm**



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

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 starting a new series when we will be looking at the three letters written by John
If you would like to come along we will be meeting on Tuesday 11th & 25th 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)

SERVICES AT PENTREF



Sunday 2 nd February	10:30am	Mrs Heather Jones
	5:00pm	Mr Tom Harflett
Sunday 9 th February	10:30 am	Rev Steve Wallis (Communion)
	5:00pm	Rev Steve Wallis
Sunday 16 th February	10:30am	Rev Steve Wallis
	5:00pm	Rev Steve Wallis
Sunday 23 rd February	10:30am	Rev Steve Wallis
	5:00pm	Rev Steve Wallis (Communion)

**The deadline for the March edition is:
Monday 17th February
Please send to steveoncomputer@aol.com**

**Cover picture 'Daffodils' by Vanessa Wallis
– a member of the Newbridge Creative group**

NEWBRIDGE-ON-WYE NEWS FEBRUARY 2020 – Clive Barrett.

PRESENTATION TO HOSPITAL AND THE STROKE ASSOCIATION FOLLOWING MUM NICKI'S STROKE AND VERY SUCCESSFUL COFFEE MORNING

Zara Davies of Newbridge on Wye organised a very successful Coffee Morning at the local Community Centre last November in aid of the Epynt Ward in Brecon Hospital and The Stroke Association. An amazing total of £860.37 was raised. Recently the Davies family presented £440, just over half of the total raised to the Epynt Ward, where Mum Nicki Davies spent recovery time after her stroke last February. The remaining funds raised will be sent to The Stroke Association to assist with all of their fantastic skills and resources. Zara and the rest of her family hope these funds will go towards helping another stroke survivor just like Mum Nicki, in making a near full or full recovery. Zara believes every penny helps. Furthermore, Zara and her family would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to everyone who came and supported their Coffee Morning, to those who baked some beautiful cakes, to those who donated raffle prizes, and those who couldn't make the morning but still donated, it does mean so much and they are truly grateful. Zara also wishes to express a massive thank you to everyone who supported the family when Mum Nicki had her stroke, including the kind messages, the phone calls, the cards and gifts. There were so many it is hard to name each and everyone individually but THANK YOU, it got the family through the toughest of times.

DIGITAL SOUP.

The Friends of Newbridge on Wye Primary School are organising a Digital Soup day at Newbridge Community Centre on Saturday February 8 between 10am and 2 pm. The idea is to learn, eat, share and laugh, with all ages welcome and invited to bring along your tablet/ device/ smart phone for advice and links, to engage and include your friends and grand children, to share your favourite creative/ brain games/ film/ coding and Welsh games. So, if you want a healthier digital connection as a family, want to share your excellent soup recipes with those present and how to grow better vegetables, or want to share a bowl of soup with a friend, then Newbridge Community Hall is the place to be on February 8th.

The event which aims to enrich our wellbeing and healthy living, includes creative drawing, reading, games and a booklet on digital fun for 2020, is free and includes a free bowl of soup.

The day is supported by Powys Regional Partnership Board, Health & Social Care, Powys County Council, and the Welsh Government.

A NIGHT AT THE RACES.

The Newbridge Carnival organisers are presenting “A Night at the Races”, with 8 runners and 8 races. The evening will take place on Saturday February 8 at 7:30pm, at the New Inn. Horses and Jockeys can be purchased from Newbridge Post Office or The New Inn. All proceeds towards Newbridge on Wye Carnival funds.

ALEX ALPRESS' POTTERY SCHOOL.

Local Newbridge residents and therefore readers of this “Newsletter” may be unaware that they have a successful pottery business in their midst. Alex Allpress and Blue MacAskill are confidently looking forward to 2020, having now developed the Alex Allpress Pottery School at Lion House (next to the Golden Lion). They have noticed that people buy the experience for special individual occasions, families, multi-generational and team building corporate groups, and they are shown how to be creative on the potter's wheel. The couples' pottery studio adjoins a three bed-roomed cottage which can be let with or without a pottery course. The pottery school celebrates its 10th birthday in 2020 by welcoming people to special weekend creative family pottery stays, when they can stay, make and glaze.

When Alex and Blue arrived in Mid Wales they started from scratch, building a reputation for high quality handmade stoneware. By also offering free workshops for several organisations, Alex discovered a gift for teaching children from all sorts of backgrounds, including those with disabilities or learning difficulties. He described watching the effects of his teaching as “joyous and special”. The couple soon realised that running a pottery school and making something that is unique to Wales and the UK, was the way forward. They are passionate about what they do, and stand up for the experience they think people want and deserve.

After various attempts at advertising, Alex and Blue started reaching their correct audience by becoming a member of MWT Cymru, an independent tourism company representing more than 600 businesses across Mid Wales, promoting their business on social media, their website and in local specialist booklets. The only way people were going to buy into what the couple were selling was for them to come and be part of it. When people come to Alex's Studio, they are made to feel special when they have a lesson, and then make what they want. A lesson can be flexible, from two hours to half day or a full day. Throwing a pot is like magic, watching that ball of mud clay turn into something special and wonderful that you have created with your own hands. For an appointment or to obtain further information on anything mentioned above contact Alex on 07443875016 or e-mail alexallpressceramics@gmail.com

NEWBRIDGE-ON-WYE
CARNIVAL PRESENT

A NIGHT AT THE RACES!



8 RUNNERS **8 RACES**

SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY @ 7.30PM
THE NEW INN, NEWBRIDGE

Horses and Jockeys
can be purchased from
Newbridge Post Office or The New Inn

All Proceeds towards
Newbridge-On-Wye Carnival

Friends of Newbridge on Wye School



Do you want a healthier digital connection as a family?

Digital Soup



Do you want to share a bowl of soup with a friend

Do you want to share your excellent soup recipes with us and how to grow better vegetables?

Bring your tablet to share your favourite creative / brain games film / coding / welsh games

.....then come along to Digital Soup and have some fun, being creative having a laugh and learning together!

Sharing Digital Games / Creative Applications

Enrich our wellbeing and Healthy Living: Eat, Talk + Share

Be Creative Drawing / Reading / Games

Have a Free Bowl of Soup and a Booklet on Digital Fun for 2020

All Ages Welcome! 4yrs to 104 yrs

Bring your tablet / device / smart phone for advice and links to engage and include your friends and grandchildren.

Saturday 8th February 2020

10am - 2pm

Newbridge on Wye Community Centre

This Event is FREE

Bwrdd Partneriaeth
Ranbarthol Powys
Iechyd a Gofal
Cymdeithasol



Powys Regional
Partnership Board
Health and
Social Care




Powys



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Welsh Government



**Valentines disco
Friday 14th Feb
Newbridge Hall,
infants up to & inc
age 6 6-7pm, juniors
7-8-30pm
£2 entry includes
hotdog and drink.**



Newbridge on Wye WI

meet at the Community Centre on the third Thursday of the month @ 7pm.

Newbridge WI is a small group of ladies who enjoy listening to interesting speakers and taking part in county WI activities such as Quizzes, Bowling, Murder Mystery, Poetry and Prose, Darts and Dominoes.

In 2019. the WI highlighted the need for planting and preserving our trees. Our WI purchased and planted trees in Newbridge school and Bracken Trust, Llandrindod.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 20th February 2020 @ 7pm.

We will be trying out the craft of Paper Iris Folding with Marilyn Thomas.

Find out more about the WI on the website:

<https://www.thewi.org.uk/>

or contact Lyn on 07393 602896

New Speed Watch Volunteers Needed!

Newbridges local Community Speed Watch (CSW) group is looking for new volunteers! Could you spare a few hours a month to help out?

About the CSW

We are a local group who have been up and running for a few years now. The CSW was originally set up following a road traffic accident in Newbridge which prompted residents to want some way of keeping our residents, pedestrians and road users safer.

Speeding through our village is a known problem, but with the support and training from Dyfed Powys Police, our CSW volunteers are out each week trying to help slow traffic down and raise awareness of drivers' speeds. New volunteers would receive the appropriate training from the Police and once vetted, could join the other members on the roadside monitoring. Local residents may have seen the new 'Blue Police Check' signs when entering Newbridge on all roads. This has come about following the continued efforts of the CSW and helps inform road users of the speed restrictions and the CSW and Police presence.

Hand held equipment is used to measure the speed of the vehicles and if they are exceeding the speed limit of 36mph or more, the CSW record the vehicles number plate, car make and model and the speed and time of which this took place.

That information is then passed onto the Local Police and offending drivers will initially receive a letter advising them that they were monitored speeding through our village. If a driver is recorded 3 times by any CSW or Police Speed van then they will be visited in person by a Police Officer to discuss road safety.

This information and the statistics are used by the Police and the more evidence we can supply to them to highlight the problem of speeding in our village, the more hopefully they can do to help (more signs, more speed van presence).

There are 6 different locations that the CSW use for their monitoring throughout the village, and the CSW go out on different times and days – usually for an hour or so each time. We need at least 3 volunteers on each session and we are therefore asking for any new helpers to please get in touch.

If you would like to get involved or just have a talk about what we do then please do not hesitate to contact us on email:

newbridgespeedwatch@gmail.com or ring for an informal chat: 01597 860320.

Your village needs you!!!!



Golden Lion under new Management



Local couple Lee & Sarah Houston have lived in the village for 6 years.

From the end of January they will take over as Landlord & Landlady of the Golden Lion. Although it is a new

challenge for Lee, Sarah has many years experience of the pub trade from back home in Llanelli.

"We are looking forward to taking over the reins from Ian & Joan, and won't be making any big changes to the running of the pub. We will be keeping the Dominoes, Quoits and Darts teams as well as the bingo on Wednesday & Sunday nights. When we get settled we are looking at putting on a bar menu, in the meantime Sunday Carvery will be starting back up on 9th February so book now".

We hope we have the continued support of all the Locals and look forward to seeing you all.



Alex
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School

school visits
group bookings
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Throwing - Hand Building - Plab Work
Courses - Workshops - Tuition

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Newbridge on Wye Mid Wales

Open Doors Prayer Afternoon
Tuesday February 25th
St Frances Centre, Holy Trinity Church 2.30pm



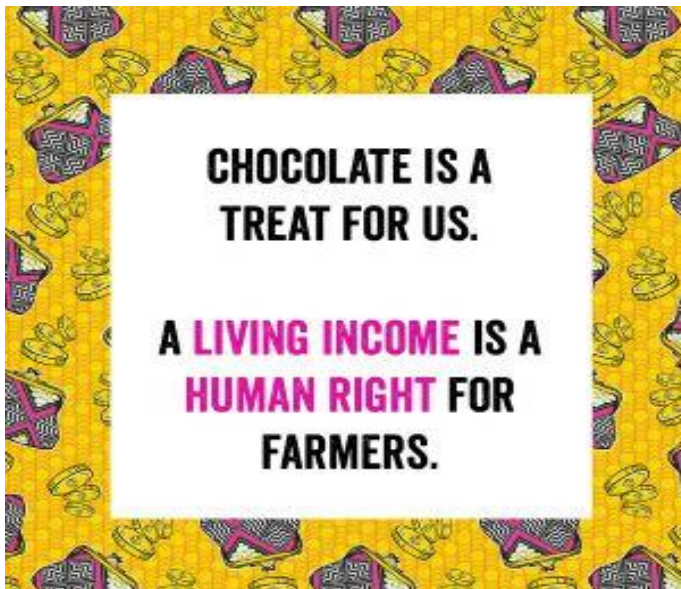
Please come along and join us for this 90 minutes of interesting film clips, chat, prayer and, if we have time, making and writing cards to encourage a brother or sister who lives under persecution. There is no obligation to pray out loud.

The 2020 World Watch List will be available as we meet to pray for Christians in those countries where it is most dangerous to be a Christian. Again, North Korea is Number 1 on the list. Others in the 'Top 10', in order of severity, are Afghanistan, Somalia, Libya, Pakistan, Eritrea, Sudan, Yemen, Iran and India.

'Don't pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it. A man is powerful on his knees.' Corrie Ten Boom

Louise Tarling (822615)

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2020 **FEBRUARY 24TH TO MARCH 8TH**



'Calling all chocolate fans and fighters for fairness! In 2020 we will continue our mission to ensure that all farmers are paid fairly for their work and are able to earn a living income, starting with cocoa farmers in West Africa.'

Fairtrade Foundation.

Be on the lookout for posters around town about local events celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight 2020, and please come along and support if you are able.

Louise Tarling
on behalf of Llandrindod Fairtrade Town Steering Group

The Chapels of Beulah, Bwlchysarnau,
Nantgwyn and Sychnant, now known as

Christians Together



are holding a service at Pantydwr Hall
On Sunday 2nd February starting at 4:30pm
Speaker: Heather Jones

All are welcome

The meeting will be followed by light refreshments

Quote for the Month



“It is better to sit in a
boat thinking about God,
than to sit in a church
thinking about fishing”



The Leprosy
Mission



Please join us
for a 'Lunch
for Leprosy'

Helping people
affected by leprosy to
have a healthier future

Trevor Grant from the Leprosy Mission
Will be coming to speak to a
joint meeting of the
Pentref Men's and Women's Groups
On Wednesday 11th March at 10:30am

Trevor's presentation will be followed by a
bring and share lunch

You would all be welcome to join us

'The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.' Psalm 67:6 (NIV)

People affected by leprosy are even more likely
to suffer the effects of poverty – poor nutrition,
poor sanitation and stigma



The Leprosy Mission England and Wales



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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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