

*PENTREF  
BAPTIST  
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The Chapel at the Heart of Newbridge

World Day of Prayer

A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT

6th March 2020



Ithon Road Presbyterian Church  
Llandrindod Wells  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2:30pm



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

## FROM THE MINISTER

My introduction to my letter last month and the month before 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: *'What do we mean by believe?'*

In January I answered the question: *'Who do we mean by Jesus?'*

Now that we have defined what we mean by believe and who we mean by Jesus, all that is left for me is to answer the question that I am meant to be answering: *'Why believe in Jesus in 1992/2020?'*

I said earlier that if asked to give the same talk today, I would say the same things. There are four paragraphs that I would not say today as we have seen the rise of 'Evangelical Atheism' and 'Scientism' which makes what I said then irrelevant to 2020. If I had more room, I would address these issues but due to the limited space I will go on to the three reasons I expounded in 1992, which I think were as relevant then as they were in the year 92, 1092, and will be in 2022.

*1). God created man. Part of the design was that man/woman should have a relationship with their creator. Woman/man is incomplete where that relationship does not exist. Jesus said: 'I have come to give life and life in all its fullness.'* The first reason to



*believe in Jesus is, because only through Jesus can we know God and life is incomplete outside of that relationship with God. You may say that you are quite happy with your life as it is and do not believe that there is anything missing. Well I won't say that you will be happier with Jesus, but I will say that you will find fullness of life in him, if you believe in, adhere to, trust in and rely upon Jesus (see last month's message).*

*2). Because we are all people who get things wrong and we need forgiveness. Well, you may say that you have never done anything that bad. It makes no difference, God has set his standard which is perfection, and we have fallen short of that standard. The only way to find forgiveness is through trust in Jesus, believing that he paid the price of our wrong-doing by his death on the cross.*

*3). Because there is a heaven to be saved to. If for no other reason, than that we cannot be sure what happens after death, that uncertainty should give us a prompt to examine the claims of Jesus seriously.*

I made these three points in 1992. If I were speaking today, I would add a fourth point and that would be the personal testimony of those who have accepted the challenge of trusting in Jesus. I, like many others, will gladly testify to the truth of Jesus' words that he came to bring life in all its fullness. Why believe in Jesus in 2020? For me the answer is easy. It is because life is so much better with him than without him.

I concluded the men's meeting in 1992 with the challenge: *will you on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 1992: believe in, adhere to, trust in and reply upon Jesus, to forgive you all your wrong-doing, and bring you fullness of life both here and in the hereafter?*

I think the same challenge is just as relevant in March 2020.

If you have been – thanks for reading.

Steve

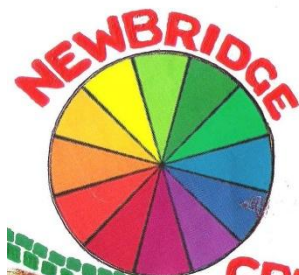
# *COFFEE MORNING*



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

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



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



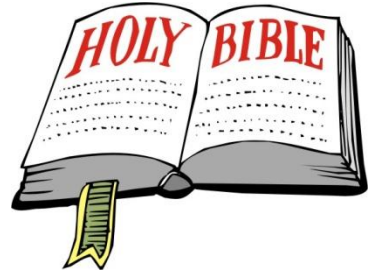
Do you, paint, draw, sculpt, knit, crochet, do macramé, or anything else creative?  
If you do, you would be more than welcome to come along and join the group.  
Come along to share your skills in a group where we learn from each other.

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 March 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 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</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)

## Quote of the month

GOING TO CHURCH  
DOESN'T MAKE YOU A  
CHRISTIAN ANY MORE  
THAN STANDING IN A  
GARAGE MAKES YOU A CAR.

Billy Sunday



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## NEWBRIDGE NEWS – Clive Barrett CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS.

At the monthly Pentref Charity Coffee Morning held on the first Wednesday of February, the Chairperson of Builth Wells Community Support, Pam Hibbert was presented with a cheque for £100, the proceeds of donations received from recent coffee mornings. Pam also gave a short talk about the work of Builth Wells Community Support, which covers the area around the town including Newbridge on Wye. The group's aim is to help people live healthy, independent lives within their community. She stated that among other services, the support group provides volunteer driven community transport for health care appointments, runs a twice monthly lunch club, provides a befriending service such as dog walking and the collection of prescriptions, or further responses following requests for a particular need. The Charity Shop they run provides B.W.C.S. with an essential form of income, otherwise the group rely on grants and donations. Further during the morning NHS Wales provided a voluntary Hearing Aid Clinic, with advice on repairs, batteries, and cleaning tubes, for NHS Hearing Aids. As a matter of interest, credit should go to Newbridge Baptist Church and village residents because since the Pentref Coffee Mornings initiative began on the first Wednesday of February 2016, £1,400 has been raised for 14 local good causes.



Clive Barrett,  
of Pentref Baptist  
Chapel  
presenting the  
cheque for £100 on  
behalf of the  
Coffee Morning  
to Pam Hibbert  
Chair of Builth Wells  
Community Support



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 11<sup>th</sup> March at 10:30am

Trevor's presentation will be followed by a  
bring and share lunch  
You would all be welcome to join us.

You can help to support the Leprosy mission by donating any of the following:

- Stamps of all descriptions, GB and foreign (even the very common ones) (please leave approx 5mm of the envelope around the stamp)
- Postcards (GB and foreign, posted or unused)
- Coins and bank notes
- Cigarette cards
- Old matchboxes
- Medals

# SERVICES AT PENTREF



Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	10:30am	Rev Paul Tarling
	5:00pm	Mr William Powell
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	10:30 am	Rev Steve Wallis (Communion) (Take up the Shield of Faith)
	5:00pm	Rev Steve Wallis
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	10:30am	Rev Steve Wallis (Put on the Helmet of Salvation)
	5:00pm	Rev Steve Wallis
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	10:30am	Rev Steve Wallis (Take up the Sword of the Spirit)
	5:00pm	Rev Steve Wallis (Communion)
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	10:30am	Rev Paul Tarling
	5:00pm	Mrs Gina Ayling

**The deadline for the April edition is:  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March  
Please send to [steveoncomputer@aol.com](mailto:steveoncomputer@aol.com)**





## 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.

Why not come and join us on  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
and meet Ray Toms  
who will be bringing his pottery wheel and  
giving a demonstration.  
There will be refreshments to follow

Find out more about the WI on the website:

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

or contact Lyn on 07393 602896

Open Doors Prayer Afternoon  
Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2.30-4pm  
St Francis Centre, Holy Trinity Church  
Light refreshments available

All are most welcome at this our March meeting, when we'll be watching some short films to help us understand, pray for and identify with Christians who are persecuted for their faith in many parts of our world.

There is NO obligation to pray out loud. Please join us if you can; it is always an eye-opener and can, amazingly, be encouraging for one's own faith.



Let me know if you would like a free copy of the 'World Watch List 2020', which is Open Doors' annual ranking of the 50 countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution. This provides such a helpful guide for our prayers.

Louise Tarling 822615

## FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2020

FEB 24TH-MAR 8TH

The theme for this year is CHOCOLATE! The situation for cocoa farmers in West Africa is being highlighted for a second year running, as

'Chocolate is a treat for us.

A living income is a human right for farmers'.

(Fairtrade Foundation)

Please come along if you can, to the  
FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING  
on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 10:am – 12 noon  
in St Francis Centre, Holy Trinity Church

There will be Fairtrade drinks and delicious foods to eat, a stall of Fairtrade items to buy and plenty of information.

AN ENJOYABLE WAY TO CELEBRATE ALL THINGS  
FAIRTRADE AND TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHILE  
DOING IT!

Free event, but donations to Fairtrade Foudation gratefully  
received



# **BUILT WELLS CYTUN CHURCHES TOGETHER**

**Builth Wells Cytun invite you  
to the following services in Lent**

**Each service starts at 2pm (unless otherwise stated)  
and lasts approx 30 minutes**

- **Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>** Christ the King  
Catholic Church  
REV FR JEROME ITUAH OCD
- **Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>** Alpha Chapel  
PASTOR ANTHONY ARCHIBALD
- **Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> (7PM)** St Mary's Church  
REV CAROLYN HALL
- **Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>** Wesley Chapel  
REV NEIL RICHARDSON
- **Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> (7PM)** Wesley Chapel  
REV KIM STILLWELL

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**Builth Road Community Group**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO**



**COMMUNITY  
HERB PLANTING  
PARTY**

Join us to fill our planters with herbs

~ bring and share food and drink ~

~ fire pit ~ bring a game ~

**MARCH 15TH | 2PM**

**BUILTH ROAD PLAYING FIELD**



[www.builthroad.interests.me](http://www.builthroad.interests.me)





Radnorshire Baptist Association Singing Festival Committee

Welcome to a

# Sankey Evening

to be held on

*Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.2020*

at 7.00 p.m

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

Guest Artist

Miss Holly Richards, Llandegley  
Leader

Mr David Morris, Beguildy

A warm welcome extended to all.



# 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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You can also find us on the internet at:

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or on Facebook at:

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



**Don't forget  
Clocks go forward  
On the weekend of the  
28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March**