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Services

1st October Harvest Thanksgiving 7pm *

3rd October Forest Church Llyncllys Farm 12 noon

10th October Holy Communion 11.am

17th October Morning Prayer 11.am

24th October Zoom Service 10.30am (led by Llanyblodwel contact CW for the link)

31st Benefice Service 10.30 am Trefonen

Check web page, Church Notice Board for updates

Or Contact Churchwarden

*** Please book for this Service**

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My dear friends

September and October are months of the year when we stop and say thanks for the harvest, and it is no accident that Creationtide runs for the whole month with its focus on the gifts and the fruits of the earth, and the blessings it gives to us year on year to feed us



for the winter. For Christians, we believe it was God's blessing, His working in partnership with the farmer or the labourer who toils on the land, and many Harvest Thanksgiving services are held during this time, and we in the Benefice are no exception to that (see elsewhere in the magazine for details)

Any thought of Harvest Thanksgivings, and your mind thinks of decorated churches, with flowers and fruits and vegetables, and these days packets of cereal, tins of soup and more for the Foodbank. The smell was like no other time in the church, as nostrils were filled with the heady aromas of apples and wheat amongst others, often repeated when you went along to the Harvest Supper/Lunch, sharing in the blessing together after giving thanks together. – who can ever forget the smell and taste of a warm apple pie and cream, packed full of juicy apples!



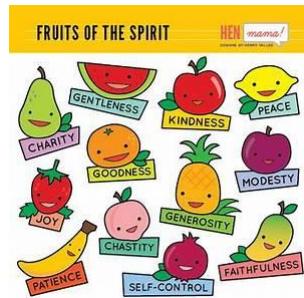
Thoughts of enjoying those fruits have me thinking of fruits of another kind, often depicted for children as a tree with apples and names on them, the fruits of the spirit – love, joy, peace, etc, one of which is kindness, how is our sowing and harvest of those fruits and do we see, smell and taste of them as easily and readily. Are we thankful for them and share in them and of them with our community? If not, why not.

I recently heard of and have taken part in a nationwide survey being conducted by the University of Sussex and in conjunction with Radio 4 – the kindness test which is looking at what kindness is, where, when and with whom it is being seen, shared, practiced and do other factors play a part in that. It is a fascinating study and if you have time, why not google it and take the test, I look forward to its results.



When you think of kindness, do you think it doesn't exist, is overrated or old fashioned both by you personally and by the wider community and why might that be? During the pandemic we have heard about many examples of it, even 'The One Show' on BBC features a 'One Big Thank You' for kindness of one shown to many, in various ways. When was someone kind to you? Who was it – friend or stranger, and did that make a difference to how you felt about it? When was the last time you did or showed kindness to another, who was it and why did you do it?

The truth is kindness does make a difference as it makes the recipient feel better in some way and makes their lives richer in that they feel affirmed, valued, cared for and about and we all need more kindness in the world. As we need more peace, joy, patience, goodness and more. We need to be sowers, growers and harvesters of these fruits, so all may partake, feel thankful and blessed by the almighty.



For this month, think about the harvest of kindness you have received today, this week, this year and more and share and spread a little, so all may be partakers of its fruit.

Til next time...

Yours in Christ

Kathy

Rota For October 2021

October 2021		Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	Sidesmen	Flowers	Cleaning	
Friday 1st October	Harvest Service 7pm	Deuteronomy 26 vv1-12 Roy Mansell	John 4 vv31-38 Lizzie Lawrence		Mr Roy Mansell	Mrs Ann Jones	(Mrs Gill Roberts)	
3 rd October	Noon	Llynclys	Farm	Shop	-----	Mrs Ann Jones	Mrs Gill Roberts	
10 th October		Amos 5: 6 - 7: 10-15 Mrs Pam Craig	Hebrews 4: 12 - end	Mark 10: 17 -31	Mrs Pam Craig	Mrs Ann Jones	Mrs Gill Roberts	
17 th October	Luke the Evangelist	Isaiah 35: 3 - 6 Doug Wood	2 Timothy 4: 5 -17 Doug Wood	Luke 10: 1 - 10	Mr and Mrs Wood	Mrs Pam Craig	Mrs J Richards Mrs A Jones	
24 th October ZOOM	Bible Sunday 10.30 (For Link contact CW or Janet Brown)	Isaiah 55: 1 – 11	2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5	John 5: 36b - end			Mrs J Richards Mrs A Jones	
31 st October	All Saints Day Benefice service 10.30 am	Isaiah 56: 3 - 8	Hebrews 12: 18 - 24	Matthew 5: 1 - 12			Mrs P Craig Mrs J Pritchard	
7 th November	3 rd Sunday before Advent	Jonah 3: 1 – 5	Hebrews 9: 24 - end	Mark 1: 14 - 20	Mr Jeffrey Kendrick		Mrs P Craig Mrs J Pritchard	

Please note 24th October is a Zoom service.

If you cannot do your duty, please phone Mrs Ann Jones on 01691 671797.

From the Registers

Baptism:

“God has received you by Baptism into his Church; we therefore welcome you into the Lord’s family”

Service at S Philip & S James conducted by Rev Kathy Trimby
On Sunday 26th September 2021 Isobelle Nesta Morris.

Sofa Club and Dementia Activities



We all became potters for the day, for one of our recent meetings, making pots out of self-drying clay, followed by a nature heritage trail in Morton Churchyard to coincide with Shropshire Historical Churches Ride and Stride event, that promotes taking

the opportunity of visiting local churches in the area, perhaps that you haven’t been before or perhaps would like to revisit. It is also an opportunity to raise some money in the form of either riding, on a bike, in a car, on a horse or walking, running etc. We spent a happy time looking at the wildlife gardens and the heritage of the churchyard and evoking happy memories for us all!

Coming up are our activities over the next few months

21 October - ‘Lunacy, all is lunacy!’ activity based on the Full Moon in Trefonen Churchyard if possible

4 November – ‘And they called it poppy love’ – a celebration of the Poppy. In Llanymynech Church Hall all being well at 2.30pm



But we don't stop at just our meetings together, recently Lizzie Lawrence and Revd Kathy undertook a sponsored walk in aid of the Alzheimers Society,



walking around a lake in the Denbigh Area, wearing our Memory Walk t shirts to highlight dementia and those working with and providing support to any living with it and for carers as well. The sponsored event plus the raffle we organised, raised approx.

£100. Many thanks to those who supported. Winners were drawn at Sofa Club and were 1st Barbara Ellis,

2nd Clive Southerton, 3rd Eirlys Williams, 4th Roger Taylor, 5th Abie Tudor and 6th Lizzie Lawrence and prizes included, t shirts, tote bag, keyring and more



Also Lizzie and Kathy recently attended the on line training course and you will hear more of that in future magazines. This means, we have already achieved two of our three aims for the coming year and have been awarded our signed certificates by Bishop Michael, please look out for them in your local church. With just the 'living memory service and planting to take place in 2022 when the timing is right to enable the seeds to grow. So plenty going on. If you would like further information on any of the above please contact Revd Kathy 07944 504330

Alzheimers Awareness Chain Link Project – help and volunteers needed please!!!

We are hoping to knit/crochet enough links to go around Llanymynech Church and when complete send the details of that to join the national effort which is to go from Land's End to John O'Groats.

What is this about and why links? – chains are a symbol of the restriction of the Alzheimers sufferer locked in a world of confusion but also a symbol of family and health carers linking together to help support loved ones.

So what do we need?

We need volunteers to knit or crochet the strips. We ask you to use any



shade of purple wool, double knit to a set pattern which we can let you have, not complicated or difficult approx. 30 stitches x 12 rows using 4 mm needles (or the old 8) or crochet 4mm hooks.

The second thing we need is any odd balls or parts of balls of purple, any shade, which is the colour of Alzheimers Awareness.

If you have any and/or would be willing to help with the knitting/crocheting, please contact Revd Kathy 07944504330

Our efforts we hope will become part of a Guinness World Record for the longest mixed chain of knitting and crochet. We have a time frame, and are aiming to send in our distance by the end of November beginning of December. If you are a knitter/crocheter it will only take a very short while to do one and every one can make a huge difference. Let me have any balls, parts of balls of wool as soon as you can. Many thanks in advance.

Rejoice in God's Saints...

The next Benefice Service is on 31 October at 10.30am in Trefonen – theme 'All Hallows Eve Service of Praise and Thanksgiving' when we remember and give thanks for any and all those well-known and lesser known, who have fought the fight, kept the faith and now won the prize, for the lives they led, the difference and the impact they made on many and few locally and further afield and during the service we will hear and share their stories and celebrate their witness in word and song. **NB** This service will not replace the quiet meditative service to remember our loved ones, that will be held on 2 November at 7pm in Llanyblodwel. More information of how and when to write the names of those to be remembered will be forthcoming in church notices.



Witness we are all called to as well, they were fishers of people for God, sowers of his word and more, as are we, as Revd Kathy reminded us at the last Benefice Service, at 'The Fish Pool' on Treflach Farm, when we went fishing, ground flour, made bread,



gave thanks to God for many things we have and do share and ate together. See photos of the day. A great Forest Church, thanks to The Steele Family for their kind permission, to all who came and shared the service and the BBQ and lunch, it was great fun. We look forward to our next forest church to celebrate the 'Pumpkin Harvest' at Richard and

Linda Jones in Llyncllys, parishioners in Morton (who harvest and sell pumpkins at Llyncllys Farm Shop). For those interested it will be on 3 October at noon

Small Steps and Huge Gallops!

On 2nd Saturday/Sunday in September, we marked the Ride and Stride event for Shropshire Churches to encourage people to visit or revisit churches in the area, and find out more about what is done on the doorstep. Many visit by car, some do a sponsored walk or cycle, and combine it with raising some money at the same time. Many of the churches in the Benefice open their churches to visitors and provided refreshments, some have taken part in sponsored events, this year, some were open as usual but Morton went a stage further, in order to visit neighbouring churches and Krystie the Fell pony clip clopped from Morton back to Morton again, calling at many of the churches in the Kinnerley Group of Parishes. In addition, we organised a nature heritage trail, as part of our ongoing Eco commitment



and to shine a light in a fun way on some of its history. Time to put your thinking caps on and think of what might be done next year!

(Lizzie would like to thank all those who supported Krystie in her efforts. £300 was raised for the Historic Churches. £150 of this will be returned to Morton).

From Small Acorns do Large Oaks grow...



Our Feeding of the 5000 service was a toe in the water for trying Forest Church, which is a different way of being and doing church, a way of exploring our faith by connecting and utilising God’s creation and created order to do that. It isn’t a church service but outside. Instead it encourages using what is around us in nature, to discover, think, explore a faith theme using a range of activities, reflection, hymns and prayers and more. We are holding another one on 3 October, to explore harvest, more specifically, pumpkins, where we will explore what that means, how we and how God work in partnership, and be part of that harvest before sharing some pumpkin soup.

Trying new kinds of services that hopefully will appeal to some others or connect with people in new ways is one of the ways we hope will form part of Christian Mission going forward but it isn’t the only thing, there are many other thoughts too and each of the PCC’s in the Benefice discussed some others at their meetings in September, which hopefully will unfold in the weeks and months to come in each of the parishes, considering questions such as ‘how do move from declining or stagnant attendance into growth?’, ‘where and how can we better serve our communities?’, and ‘Is it a legitimate response to ‘do nothing’ and leave God to look after the flourishing/dying of faith expressions without our active intervention?’.



In addition there is the Deanery dimension too, which is slowly unfolding and you will hear more of in due course. If you feel you have anything to add to these discussions and haven't yet done so, please contact Linda Gladman, Caroline Stewart or Revd Kathy, they would love to hear from you.

Come you Thankful Come...



Each day, God gives to us many gifts and blessings, some of which we don't really think about too much, just expect them as they have always been there, as more and more news of food shortages appear on our TV screens or more and more shelves are empty at our supermarkets, it helps focus the mind on how

fortunate we are compared to some, and we shouldn't really take anything for granted! So in that spirit, why not come along and give thanks for the food we eat and much, much more. See below for more information...

For some, this magazine will be out in time for the harvest services in

Trefonen Harvest Service is on Sunday 3 October at 9.30am followed by light refreshments hopefully. Please contact Jean Reeves re when the church will be decorated.

Morton Harvest Services on Friday 1 October at 7pm in church followed by light refreshments hopefully again according to current Covid protocols and **Sunday 3 October at 12 noon in Llyncllys Farm Shop** The Church will be open for decorating on Thursday and Friday prior to this from 2pm

All are subject to our current PCC thinking of Covid restrictions so the details are a little hazy at present but look out for more, on websites, Facebook pages and more)



At each of the service we will receive gifts for the local Foodbank, amongst others, for those in need, more details will be forthcoming.

October Services

The PCC's who advise Revd Kathy, have recently met and reviewed Covid protocols we took into account where we are and what we feel about things at the moment and whether or not we want to maintain current ones or relax them a little more.



We meet again in November when we will review them and hope we can ease even more.

Covid Protocols Morton Church.

As life very slowly returns to some sort of normality the PCC met and updated the Covid protocols for Morton Church. From 1st October we will be following those laid out below for the next few weeks.

There is no need to book Sunday by Sunday but festivals and special occasions booking will be required (**Harvest and Remembrance**), sanitiser will be available, masks to be worn on entry and exit and when moving around the church, once seated masks **may** be removed. Masks will be worn during the singing of Hymns and during the administration of Holy Communion. The Choir will wear masks during the singing of hymns but may remove them for anthems this is a personal choice.

There will still be social distancing, the congregation may sit in family groups or with people they are in regular bubbles with. We would ask that everyone respects each other and adheres to the protocols, which have been agreed by the PCC. Please be mindful, we still have members of our church family who feel unsafe, but wish to attend church in an environment which is as safe as we can make it. The PCC have tried very hard to take care of all. Outdoor

services there are no requirements for masks but if you feel more comfortable then do. The congregation are asked to respect others and think about social distancing and remember others and not to invade their personal space.

Bryn Offa CE Primary School

Schools are unlike most organisations, in that we have a start and end to our year. It feels great to start afresh every September, and this year it is especially nice to start the year with some degree of normality. Pretty much all the Covid restrictions have now ended for schools, with them only needing to return in the event of a local outbreak. We all hope that this will not happen at Bryn Offa. For a number of years now we have started in September with the Year 6 children going on their residential visit to Arthog. Many of the readers of this magazine will have fond memories of their childhood visits to the Arthog Outdoor Education Centre, and I can reassure you it has just got better and better over the years. Starting the year this way ensures the Year 6 have an exciting start to the year and it really helps them to bond together as a year group in what will be their toughest year in primary school. They left on Monday morning and will return on Friday afternoon, looking exhausted but having had an amazing adventure. We were not able to run this visit last year so great to get back to it again.



It was also lovely to be able to welcome Reverend Trimby back into school for her weekly assembly. Over the restrictions, the children have been delighted to receive the assemblies via video, but face to face is much better. We have also been able to start planning our church visits as well so it really feels like we are returning to normality. At time of going to press we are planning our Harvest Service, weather and Covid restrictions and rates permitting we hope at least some of the school will be able to attend Llanymynech Church which we are able to walk to, and the cost of



transport doesn't prohibit us! We have also had a rethink about our school values, things which cover all aspects of school life from the classroom to the playground, dinner queue to the start and end of school. For September we focussed on Friendship, with the emphasis this month on either Justice or Thankfulness, ask any children you may see, which one it is, hopefully they will know!

We started this year quite oversubscribed in the Reception class but were delighted to be able to offer places to all the children in catchment. We did have some out of catchment applications that were not able to be accommodated, but this was inevitable as we continue to be a popular school in the area.

By the time I write next month I hope that we will have been able to get back to complete normality and will have started the extra-curricular clubs. Mr Paul Thompson



Morton 150 Club.

Since taking over the running of the Morton Church 150 Club on the 1st July we have been looking at the paperwork and bank statements, as all the signatures on the accounts have to be changed, and due to Covid19 restrictions it is taking longer than expected, and we are not yet able to sign cheques although we can pay in. We are very grateful to everyone who has paid their money for their No's and to everyone who collected from family and neighbours. There are 29 free No's if anyone wishes to increase their chance of winning or you are not yet a member of Morton Church 150 Club.

Since July we have not been able to meet socially so the winning No's have been drawn by members of Morton Church when we could meet in small groups.

The No's drawn for each month are. JULY 28. 6. 123.

AUGUST 115. 77. 153.

SEPTEMBER. 147. 64. 77

We will see all winners and issue the cheques as soon as the bank says the changes have been made, in the mean time we thank you for your support and patience.

JANE and DOUGLAS WOOD

Promoters for MORTON CHURCH 150 CLUB

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Tuesday September 28th 11.30am was another milestone re-connection for Morton after a long absence of our coffee and cake mornings. There was plenty of 'catch-up' and conversation and it was a pleasure to welcome our friends.

The team ensured that those who attended felt comfortable and relaxed in a slightly changed environment. Those who came were pleased to return as there has not been too many opportunities to meet up socially. There was the usual array of goodies and beverages to keep us refreshed.

After some deliberation and discussion those present preferred that we should, for the present time, continue to meet at Morton Church on the last Tuesday of each month at 10.30a.m.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday October 26th 10.30am. Perhaps you would like to bring a friend .

See you again soon.

Answers for September Questions:

1. The moon
2. Steve Jobs (Steve Wozaniak & David Wayne)
3. Pennsylvania USA
4. Fire.
5. Payload
6. Polio
7. Denmark
8. Dead Sea Scrolls
9. Democrat
10. Black.

Questions for October:

1. What is always in front of you but can never be seen?
2. I have branches but no fruit or leaves!
3. What has one eye but cannot see?
4. I have lakes with no water, mountains with no stones and cities with no buildings. What am I ?
5. What has many eyes but cannot open a single lock?
6. A man road into town on Sunday he stayed a whole night in a hotel and rode back to town the next day on Sunday. How is this possible?
7. What has six faces and 21 eyes?
8. I am full of holes but can still hold water, what am I?
9. I can be cracked, I can be made, I can be told, I can be played. What am I?
10. The more of this there is the less you can see. What is it?

NEWS FROM PANT MEMORIAL HALL

The hall is back doing what a village hall should do – providing a comfortable, accessible and affordable venue for all kinds of community and commercial activities. Along with the long-awaited return of Pant WI and our Scottish dancing group, we now have regular Pilates, tango and mindfulness sessions. We're also hosting training courses, band rehearsals, art classes, children's parties and family gatherings. It is wonderful to see the building back in use – but we know covid19 hasn't gone away and continue to provide all that hirers need for fresh air, social distancing and top up cleaning.

We are now able to announce some very big news. We have been awarded two grants which will be used to install a solar energy system. As well as

roof-mounted panels and batteries (so that evening events can also use solar power) we are going to modernise the heating and add more insulation. All this will greatly reduce our carbon footprint and energy use from the grid, as well as our running costs, and that's good news for all our futures. The funding awards are from the Postcode Lottery Trust and the National Lottery Community fund, and we are very grateful to both organisations and all who support them.

This is a big project for the committee, but we have experience and the right professionals, and planning is already well in hand. We'll work round the bookings wherever possible, minimise disturbance for our neighbours and cover all the big and small details to make sure that the project runs smoothly. At the end we will have a more efficient, even more comfortable and smarter hall, a perfect way to mark our 2022 centenary. Watch this space plus our website and social media for updates. Anyone wanting to join us to get involved will as always be warmly received.

New hall hirers and users are always very welcome. There's lots of information on our website and all contact details are below. Here's to better times for everyone.

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you can also follow us on facebook @pantmemorialhall, on twitter @pantmemhall, or even leave us a note in the postbox.

The hall is run entirely by volunteers - we will get back to you as soon as we can.

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