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Capt CS Garnet-

**Bottfield
Pte J Jones
Sgt ET Biggs
Pte CEW
Rowlands
Pte JC Edwards
Pte J Davies
Pte TL Jones
Pte H Gittins
Pte R Evans
Pte E Roberts
Cpl A Pearce
MM**



**Pte Probert
Pte J Lloyd
Pte RT Lloyd
Lcpl J Kendrick
Pte W Lewis
Pte RE Ellison
Pte TF Lloyd
Pte AE Higgins
Pte A Jones**

1939-1945

**Sgt AR Bowen
RAF
Pte FC
Kendrick**

November 2021

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Services

7th November Morning Prayer 11am

14th November Remembrance Sunday 10.15

21st November Morning Prayer 11.am

28th November Zoom Service 10.30am (led by Morton contact CW for the link)

Check web page, Church Notice Board for updates

Or Contact Churchwarden

*** Please book for this Service**

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Banns of Marriage

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My dear friends

I always think November is a month of remembering, remembering the saints, the holy ones of God both well-known and less well-known, and of course the great Act of Remembrance in and around Armistice and Remembrance Sunday. Any talk of remembrance has me thinking of the greatest act of remembrance we have as Christians when we gather as one to share bread and wine in remembrance of the sacrifice Christ made one for all, all not some.



But are we all one, equal and loved, welcomed and embraced, forgiven and more at that table or are there barriers or obstacles in the way of some or indeed many.

Just recently I heard from a friend of mine how she and her Guide Dog, who happen to be wheelchair users assaulted in daylight in one of our major cities not too far away, I was upset for her, as a similar thing happened to me and Vanessa, the woman who I worked with who was also a wheelchair user, and in twenty years nothing and changed. Women and girls feel unsafe to walk around for fear of attack, people are abused because of colour, gender, disability, sexuality and more, far from being at one, let alone at one around the table of God. How can we 'be at one' when everywhere you look, turn, hear incidences all around of divisions, people wanting to divide, conquer, people understandable feel fractured not at one, not members of at all. So how can we change that, how can we re-member people, so they feel part of the human family, part of the family of God, that seeks to draw people together not drive great chasms between us as we judge and condemn those who may differ from us, and rather than celebrating diversity, embracing of it and each other we separate as we don't know, don't understand and because we don't we are fearful and fear breeds fighting of fleeing. How, where can we re-member all just as God does?



The course I was on was about dementia and because we don't understand that either let alone those living with it day to day, we dis-member then and people in general in so many ways.

This month is all about remembrance – remembering sacrifice made by people for others, giving to others whomever they were and are, and in their sacrifice, laying aside the differences and focussing on what can and does unite and letting that, drive us onwards and upwards because it is only in focussing on what unites and binds rather than what divides and drives us apart with no bridge. Love is the thing that unites, love is the sacrifice we celebrate at Holy Communion, in sharing bread and wine we partake in the sacrifice of Christ. It is love without judgement or condemnation, love that unites, breaks down barriers, love that bind all in unity and make us all one but only if people are willing, wanting to rid themselves of fear and prejudice, love that seeks understanding and knowledge, offers forgiveness and welcome. Love that will re=member us all, if only we will re-member any and all. November is a good month to start as it is all about remembrance and re-remembrance. Start today, world peace, future happiness, sustainability and more depend on it.



As Jesus said, 'Do this is remembrance/re-membrance of me

Til next time...

Yours in Christ

Kathy

From the Registers

Funeral: *Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord'*

Interment of Ashes in Morton Churchyard Service conducted by Revd Harvey Gibbons on Saturday 16th October:

Margaret (Peggy) Richards

also Saturday 23rd October Service Conducted by Revd Kathy Trimby:

Stephen Henry Lawrence

Rota for November 2021 -Services 11 .00 unless otherwise stated

November 2021	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	Sidesman	Flowers	Cleaning
7th 3 rd Sunday before Advent	Jonah 3: 1 – 5, E Lawrence	Hebrews 9: 24 - end	Mark 1: 14 –20 P Craig	Mrs A Jones	Mrs A Jones	Mrs P. Craig Mrs J. Pritchard
14th 2 nd Sunday before Advent Remembrance 10.15	Special Service And Readings For Remembrance	Please book with Janet			Mrs S Johnson	Mrs P. Craig Mrs J Pritchard
21st Christ the King	Daniel 7: 9 – 10, 13 – 14 Mr R Mansell	Rev 1:4 – 8 13 - 14	John 18: 33 - 37	Mr Roy Mansell	Mrs S Johnson	Mrs G Roberts
28th 1 st Sunday of Advent 10.30	Zoom Service Hosted by Morton				No Flowers For Advent	Mrs G Roberts
5 th December 2 nd Sunday of Advent	Malachi 3: 4 Mr G Johnson	Philipp 1: 3 - 11	Luke 3: 1 - 6	Mr G Johnson		Mrs A Jones Mrs J Richards

Bouquet of Thanks to..

All those who have given gifts at harvest for our local Foodbank, you have been very generous and they are greatly appreciative of them all, as are the families and individuals who have benefitted from them. Thank you to all those who took part in the harvest services and activities, those who decorated our churches and those who came along to them too.



From Seed to Fruit – seed to soup



On a breezy Sunday lunchtime in early October friends young and young at heart gathered at Llyncllys Farm for a 'hands on' experience of Harvest at our latest Forest church. Using the parable of the sower as our guide, we followed in the footsteps of Richard from planting the seed to harvesting by listening to him tell of that journey and the hardships and difficulties along the way from choosing where to plant, preparing the soil and nurturing the plants until they are ready to harvest. Along the way, we made a visual depiction of that journey in cake form which transformed from plain cake to a visual showstopper that even Prue Leith would have been proud of and they were scrumptious to boot!



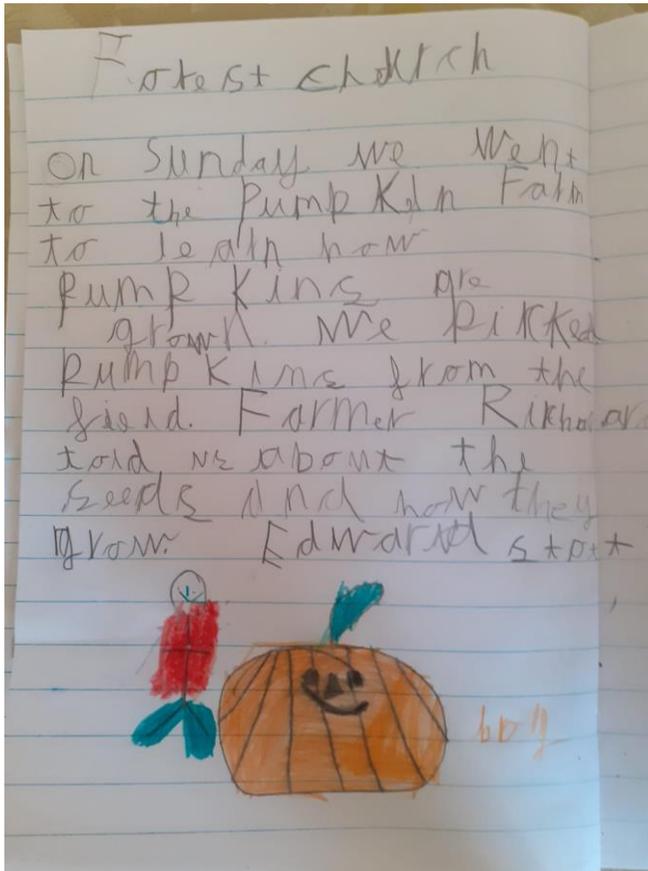
We examined different soils, harvested our own pumpkins, sampled some good soup and created our own 'seeds of light' to take away. A harvest we participated in and are very thankful for, as well as for those who bring us so many 'harvests' every day. We are planning to hold another forest type church at Christmas, look out for details in the December magazines, on

Facebook and on our website. Thanks to Richard and Linda Jones for kindly hosting

us.



Two Items from our younger attendees



Edward Stott

Drew and Dottie Edwards

On Sunday we walked down to Llyncllys Farm for Forest Church. On the way we stopped off to pick conkers. At the farm we learnt all about the preparation ready for the pumpkins from farmer Richard then we went into the field to see where they were growing. Then we took them back to the farm to carve.

Next we tried spicy pumpkin soup and got to try our cakes from Rev Kathy. Even Coco enjoyed some too!

Sofa Club and Dementia Activities

We were fortunate to have such fabulous weather when we had one of our recent meetings and channelled our inner Gospel writers

and participated in a highly decorated Bible verse page. Coming up are our activities over the next few months



18 November – ‘The King of Hearts’ a short service for Christ the King at 2.30pm in Llanymynech Church Hall all being well.

9 December – ‘Carols, Crackers and Christmas Cake’ at 2.30pm in Llanymynech Church Hall and measuring our ‘purple links’



But we don't stop at just our meetings together, we are in the process of knitting our links to raise awareness of dementia, as purple is the colour (different shades of it) representing how those living with dementia are locked in at all times and especially during the pandemic and how vital the support of others has been or is to those living with dementia. We intend to wrap our links around Llanymynech Church if we can on 9 December, and add the distance to the national figure to add into their distance and then use the links to help decorate for Christmas. If you like to knit anyone can help, easy pattern, contact Revd Kathy, Pat (Community Café)

or Jane Wood (Sofa Club) for details and for wool. Even if you can only do two, it all adds distance. If you can't knit but have some purple wool around, or want to contribute a ball, again let us know. Many thanks. Revd Kathy and Lizzie also recently attended a Dementia and Spirituality course and some of what was learnt will materialise in coming weeks especially during Advent. So plenty going on. If you would like further information on any of the above please contact Revd Kathy 07944 504330

Church Covid Protocols

These are frequently being reviewed and updated and each church in the Benefice is slightly different so you are asked to contact the respective Churchwarden/PCC Secretary or Revd Kathy for up to date information

November Services

With numbers of cases especially in the locality going up and down and not really knowing how winter illnesses etc will effect things, we are still moving forwards but tentatively and with caution, so the hope is we will be able to have the following but they may be subject to change or some restrictions, it is unknown at this stage.



November 7

9am & 11am Holy Communion in Llanymynech & Llanyblodwel respectively

9.30am & 11am Morning Worship in Trefonen & Morton respectively

November 14 Remembrance Services



9am Morning Worship at Llanymynech with a remembrance theme

8am Holy Communion in Trefonen. 9.30am Morning Service in Trefonen followed by Act of Remembrance & Service for

Remembrance Sunday including Act of Remembrance in Morton at 10.15am followed by Holy Communion at 11.45am.

2.30pm Remembrance Service in Llanymynech

At each of the services we will be doing something to commemorate the 100th Anniversary this year of the Royal British Legion, look out for more information in pew sheets, website and Facebook pages.

November 21 – Christ the King

9am & 11am Holy Communion at Llanymynech & Llanyblodwel respectively

9.30am & 11am Morning Worship in Trefonen and Morton respectively

November 28 – Advent Sunday

Benefice zoom service at 10.30am hopefully led for us by members of Morton & Advent Compline at 9pm on Zoom. Please speak to Churchward or member of the PCC for the Link.

December 5 – Toy Service across the Benefice- when we will receive new toys and other items at all our services for local families in need, look out for more information in December magazines, Facebook, website and pew sheets for more information.

Christmas. I know, already thinking about it - too early! Although it is not, too early as we will be having our Toy Service in Trefonen Church on 3rd December, with the other churches in The Benefice collecting them at their morning services as well. Hope House were so grateful for all the toys we

took there last year and the photograph is of one of the staff who received the toys. John and Diane Wakefield and Betty Steele delivered them from all four parishes in our Benefice and, as John remarked, it was quite an emotional experience as well as being a real privilege for us. So Hope House have again expressed their grateful thanks in advance, for the promise of more gifts this Christmas. We cannot let them down!

Please bring clean, new or nearly new toys to any of the four churches on Sunday 3rd December when they will be collected and delivered to Trefonen for onward transmission to Hope House on Monday 4th. Jesus said "let the little children come to me". This is our way of saying to these sick children and their siblings that Jesus loves them, whatever they are going through, and He will never let them down.

Thank you in advance. Betty Steel



The Remembrance Service and act of Remembrance for the Parish of Morton, (which covers the area Llyncllys East of A483, South end of Pant. The hamlets of Morton, Crickheath and Sweeney). The service will take place at 10.15 in the Old Churchyard around the Parish War Memorial. Chairs will be provided please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Booking with Janet Brown 01691 682270 is required for this service.

Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room...



It is now only a few short weeks until Christmas is upon us in the usual frenzied manner, so it is important we prepare our hearts and minds properly for what or who, in essence is at the heart of Christmas, that of Christ. It shouldn't be a surprise then, that the Church



of England has decided to use 'The Heart of Christmas' as its focus this year and we will be using it as ours too as we prepare to enter Advent at the end of this month, 28 November, beginning 4 weeks of preparing our hearts once again to welcome the Christ Child. Linda and Betty are preparing us some Advent reflections that will fit in with this theme, each Sunday the focus of the services and the sermons will be on different types of heart – 'Cold' on Advent Sunday, 'Warm' on Advent 2, 'Beating' on Advent 3 and 'Open' on Advent 4, ideally suited for our Carol Services. In addition we will hold a discussion group on Wednesday's 8 & 15 December at the Rectory from 12-1.30pm bring your own lunch! (Let Revd Kathy know if you are interested in attending), and there will be Zoom Compline at 9pm each Sunday.

Bryn Offa School

We started back this year with the most wonderful glimpse of what Bryn Offa was like before Covid. We returned as a staff on the 1st September, with the children starting the next day on Thursday 2nd September 2021.

Those first two days were wonderful. Of course, we had multiple safety restrictions in place, but these were so much less intrusive than the previous restrictions that school actually felt back to normal, and normal at Bryn Offa is a very special place to be. But as I say, it was just a glimpse.

By Monday 4th September we had our first case of Covid linked to the school, and within a couple of days had to reintroduce many of the restrictions we had lifted under government guidance. It may seem strange that we had an outbreak here in the first few weeks, when we managed to go for the whole of the previous 18 months with just two cases linked to the school. The answer lies in the changes to the isolation policy of the government that was introduced on 16th August.

The change meant that all children were effectively exempt from isolating if they had come into contact with a positive Covid case. This meant that even if they had someone at home with Covid, they still came into school. The emphasis moved from isolation to testing. At first this seemed like an illogical move, until you consider the alternative. For there really is no alternative.

We did our best with the remote learning when it was necessary, but to work effectively children do need to be in school. I hope throughout the course of this year I will be able to give you a flavour of Bryn Offa CE Primary school returning to normal.

Mr Thompson

Headteacher

4Cs October 26th

We welcomed a goodly group at our October meeting and because it was half term we were delighted to see Edward and Anwyn with Margaret and Helen. On arrival everyone was ready for tea and coffee, much conversation and 'catch-up'. A choice of soups and fresh bread followed by scones and jam to accompany more 'chat'.

It is such a joy to meet and greet so many of our local friends and offer the opportunity for them to get together once a month.

Our next meeting on the last Tuesday of the month will be November 30th 10.30am onwards. As this will be the day of celebration of St. Andrew there will be a Scottish theme on offer and some surprises added.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as can join us. If anyone would like to attend but for whom transport is an issue please contact Janet on 01691 682270 for assistance.

MORTON CHURCH 150 CLUB

After many visits to the bank with the paperwork that they requested to change signatures on the account we are now all completed, we have signed and give out the cheques to the winners of all the draws July to October, the winning numbers for November were drawn at the meeting of the sofa club in Llanymynech, the numbers drawn were 57, 93, 52, the cheques will be made out and delivered or sent to the winners first week in November, thank you again for your continued support. Jane E Wood. Promoter

Quiz for November

Questions What do you call a collection or group of?

1. Owls

7. Alligators

2. Moles

8. Cheetahs

3. Jellyfish

4. Crocodiles

5. Canals

6. Caterpillars

13. Kangaroos

9. Dolphins

10. Eagles

11. Flamingos

12. Giraffes

14. Ravens 15. Zebras

Answers October questions:

1. Future

2. A bank

3. A needle

4. A map

5. Piano.

6. His horse is called Sunday

7. A dice

8. A sponge

9. A joke

10 Smoke



Support for the Armed Forces

Before the war soldiers received little support from the state apart from a small war pension. When the size of the Armed Forces grew through civilian volunteers and later conscription during the First World War the huge increase in military personnel and sheer number of casualties resulting from the war made it clear this was insufficient, and more support was needed.

The aftermath of the First World War it became apparent there was a need for an organisation to support and represent all members of the Armed Forces, to hold the Government to account and ensure all those who served and sacrificed were given the support they needed and deserved.

and led to the formation of a body called the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers in January 1917. The Federation was based in the South-East of England and had links to the Liberal Party. In the same year, The National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers was formed in Blackburn which had strong links to the Labour Party and campaigned for better pensions.

The Comrades of the Great War was also formed in 1917 and was established to fight for the rights of the ex-serviceman and woman.

Earl Haig

During the war the three organisations campaigned for better support for the Armed Forces, but their work really began in 1919 due to the huge challenge of bringing home millions of soldiers who were scattered across Europe.

Field Marshal Douglas Haig, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, had concerns for the future welfare of the men who had served abroad long before the war ended. He proposed demobilisation based on age and length of service as early as 1917.

But his proposals were dismissed, and it was decided that 'key workers' were to be brought back first as it was seen as crucial to get industry back up and running again.

A united front

It was becoming clear to Haig that there was a need for one large organisation to support all the Armed Forces, including Officers, that would hold the Government to account on behalf of the men and women it represented.

The British Legion

On Sunday 15 May 1921, a small group of ex-Servicemen and representatives from the organisations, The National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers, The British National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers, The Comrades of The Great War and The Officers' Association walked to the Cenotaph, in London's Whitehall. As Big Ben struck nine, the four men representing the organisations laid a wreath with the badges of the four organisations that would officially unite to form the British Legion.

A life dedicated to the Armed Forces

In the early years of the newly formed British Legion, founder and President Earl Haig worked tirelessly championing the needs of the Armed Forces, launching the Poppy Day Appeal in 1921 and helping to shape modern Remembrance. He also worked hard at grass-roots level, touring the



THE LATE EARL HAIG AT BRITISH LEGION POPPY FACTORY. 26173.

country with Lady Haig, making speeches, visiting branches, opening bowling greens and hospital wards.

On 27 January 1928 Haig visited the Poppy Factory in Richmond and greeted a group of scouts. Sadly, the next day at the age of 66 he died suddenly. It was a devastating loss to the British Legion but his commitment to always put duty before self had earned him the undying devotion from its members and leaves a legacy that is still felt within RBL today.

100 years on we continue Earl Haig's legacy ensuring all

members of the Armed Forces can live dignified and fulfilled lives through our ongoing welfare and campaigning work, whilst remembering those who have given their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today.

NEWS FROM PANT MEMORIAL HALL

Another busy month for the hall (especially for the booking secretary), with everything from rock band rehearsals to an art course. We're also pleased to see the return of the Pant Women's Institute (in their 90th year), the Scottish Dancing group and the parish council. Our spacious and airy hall is a great

place for family gatherings, and there are three children's parties booked for November alone.

It's great that the hall is so busy – please help us to help you (like most hall committees, we are all unpaid volunteers) If you have internet access, you'll find all the information about facilities, prices, booking arrangements and availability on our website. Please look there first before you contact the booking secretary, as you may find a lot of your questions already answered.

The hall is the war memorial for Pant, and houses two more inside; the WW2 commemorative plaque that was previously in one of the chapels, and a facsimile of the Morton parish WW1 roll of honour. (The original is on long term loan to Oswestry museum due to its age and fragility). We will hold our annual **Act of Remembrance on Saturday 13th November at 7pm** – the event will be adapted to allow social distancing. Please look out for posters and information on our website/facebook page for more details.

The committee continues work on the solar panel project, and we'll keep you informed as we make progress.

New hall hirers and users are always very welcome. We also welcome new committee members, it's a great way to meet new people, join in village life and give something back. There's lots of information on our website and all contact details are below.

To contact us:bookings: email bookings@pantmemorialhall.org.uk or call 07913 565708all other enquiries: (including prospective committee members) secretary@pantmemorialhall.org.uk

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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