



# **S. PHILIP & S. JAMES CHURCH MORTON**

*Embracing with open minds; worship, faith, hope and prayer'*

## **PARISH MAGAZINE**



**May 2022**

**Price .50**

## Services

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. Morning Prayer  
-11.00am,**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Holy Communion 11.00am,**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Morning Prayer – 11.00am,**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Holy Communion – 11 00am.**

–

**Enquiries for  
Holy Baptisms, Holy Matrimony, Banns of  
Marriage**

**Michelle Scott at the Church office**

**Tel: 01691 590025**

**e:mail [bordergroupadmin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bordergroupadmin@hotmail.co.uk)**

**Funerals, Pastoral or Confidential Matters**

**Contact:**

**The Rector**

**The Reverend Kathryn Trimby**

**Llanymynech Rectory, Rectory Lane, Pant**

**Oswestry SY10 9RA**

**Tel: 01691 590025 Mobile 07944504330**

My dear friends

Just recently I was listening to a 'Pause for Thought' on Radio 2 when the lady leading the 'thought' for that day, was talking about something that began on April 1 and runs for 100 days, it is a hundred days of creativity, when you identify something you want to focus on creatively for those 100 days but it can't be a mixture of things, but say it was writing for 100 days you daily find time to write, if it is painting, 100 days of painting, you get the idea. On the surface for those who are creatively inclined it sounds idyllic, 100 days to do something you have a passion for, for 100 days all at once, not a couple of days here, and a couple of days there. The idea that the practice will improve our competence in it and we become better at it. But even that isn't as straight forward as it sounds, what happens if you lose interest in whatever it is after a week, you still have another 93 days to stick with it, and what that might teach us and what we might learn along the way. And what happens when the diary or the calendar is choc o bloc and we still have to find time to do whatever it is that we have committed to, and by so doing considering priorities and commitments. It is a journey of discovery, and the gift of practice and what that ultimately means and what then comes out of it, and what we learn about not just whatever it is but about ourselves.

Happy  
100  
Days!



JOURNEY  
OF  
FAITH

It reminds me, that things are seldom as easy and lovely as they may seem initially and on the surface, and the same can be said of our faith, it takes dedication, commitment and more besides and brings things we hadn't expected or perhaps even wanted or want at times but the journey of faith is certainly one of discovery and takes a great deal of practice.



This month we are encouraged to participate in the global prayer movement 'Thy Kingdom Come' for 10 days only when we are encouraged to participate daily for those days but I am going to suggest that we do more than that, maybe not 100 days but to pray

daily and I mean set aside to pray daily for God's Kingdom to come but

in a different way to what you have been used to or already are doing or have tried before and see what God may be telling you, what you may discover about yourself and about your relationship with God and what he is showing you.. so as they say

'Try Praying' Go to it

Happy praying

Til next time...

Yours in Christ

Kathy



## **Funeral:**

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

Service at St Philip and St James, Morton Conducted Revd. Kathy Trimby. Followed by interment in the Churchyard

Wednesday 13 April 2022

Janet Lynne McKay.

Burial of ashes in the Churchyard  
on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Norman Williams.

<b>May 2022</b>	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Sidesmen</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> St Philip & St James	Isaiah 22: 15- end Gareth Johnson		John 15: 9- 17	Gareth Johnson
8 <sup>th</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 9: 36-end Trevor White	Rev 7: 9-end Trevor White	John 10: 22-30	Jeffery Kendrick
15 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 11: 1-18 Julie Craig	Julie Craig	John 13: 31-35	Julie Craig
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Rogation Sunday,6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 16: 9-15 Bryan Lawrence	Rev 21: 10, 22-22.5 Bryan Lawrence	John 5: 1-9	Bryan Lawrence
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Ascension Day 7PM	Acts 1:1-11	Ephesians 1: 15-end	Luke 24: 44-end	
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Sunday after Ascension	<b>Benefice Service at 10.30 Morton</b>			
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>7pm Platinum Celebration of Duty, Faith and Service.</b>			
5 <sup>th</sup> June Day of Pentecost	<b>11 am Jubilee Songs of Praise</b>			Roy Mansell



### **Bouquet of Thanks...**

To all those who decorated our churches so beautifully for the Easter celebrations, it is so nice to have our festivals starting to resemble something like normality again; to all those who participated and supported all our Lenten activities (the Lent lunches worked for the most part and the speakers were fascinating, challenging, and informative, and it was nice to get together in person once more) and our Easter ones, the various Easter egg hunts went down a treat, so thank you to all those involved and to those who provided refreshments too; those involved in the Take a Moment for Ukraine, and the Forest Church complete with Martha the very well behaved donkey! And to all those involved in and attended the Easter services too. Many thanks to you all.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meetings**

The equivalent of our Church AGM's have happened for another year, and at them we gave thanks to those present for all those who have and still are doing many, many things in and on behalf of the church, this magazine following it gives an opportunity to do so to a wider circulation, so thank you to all those who have held office in the last year, those who have agreed to either continue in their role, or are just taking on a new one for the coming year; those involved in the wider circle, both inside the church and outside of it; those involved in and with worship; those involved in and with our wider communities and the communication of our church to the wider population and this magazine gives an ideal opportunity to thank our magazine editors, contributors, distributors and subscribers, as well as those who look after Facebook and the website. Our churches could not and would not run without a whole host of people, to all of you we say a great BIG THANK YOU!



### **Sofa Club and Dementia Activities**

What a few weeks it has been, we were very fortunate to be able to have a number of bereaved people who attended the planting of our Memory Garden in Morton, the weather was kind and symbolically we prayed for and named the loved ones who have died during the pandemic and planted seeds to remind us of the life, colour and vitality their lives brought and still bring to ours. Thank to Doug Wood, who has breathed new life into a wooden bench, it is now a place of peace and solitude, away from the road and life, to just sit and 'be' and remember loved ones if wished, and



the flowers will hopefully begin to show their heads soon. Tea and cake were then enjoyed with a taking away of some seeds to plant a Memory Garden at home too.

During Holy Week, we met to share Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, and reflect on Jesus taking the form of a servant and washing our feet, and towards the end of the month we celebrated St George and the legend of him slaying the dragon.

April 17, also saw the culmination of supporting Alzheimers in the having a go at guessing the amount of links making up the 140m we sent from the Benefice towards the record, with the correct number announced and those nearest to it in each of the churches being awarded their prizes, many thanks to all those who supported. Look out in pew sheets for winners and correct numbers.

So what have we got coming up in May...

**May 12 – Activity based on Christian Aid in Llanymynech Church Hall at 2.30pm**

**May 26 – Short Service for Ascension Day at 2.30pm in Llanymynech Church Hall**



### 'We are One in the Spirit'



Our next Benefice Service falls on 29 May, the Sunday after Ascension Day and will be held in Morton at 10.30am, and will use resources that are part of the Thy Kingdom Come Initiative which runs between Ascension Day (26 May and 5 June) which is Pentecost Sunday, and the Theme is 'We are One in the Spirit', with active participation from the churches across the Benefice and followed by refreshments.

For more information on this, please contact Revd Kathy (07944504330)

### Thy Kingdom Come 2022 – 26 May – 5 June

Every year, between Ascension Day (26 May) and Pentecost (5 June) we are encouraged to take part in the Ecumenical Prayer Movement, that endeavours and commits to praying earnestly for God's Kingdom to Come and to equip us for the task of bringing the Kingdom in. This year it takes on additional poignancy as the



culmination and climax of the ten days coincides with the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, Christ coming to reign in hearts, homes and lives as well as our earthly Queen, who serves Christ the King in one massive celebration. So this year, our prayer focus will be on service, the gifts given to use to praise, to equip for mission and more – giving thanks, and committing to service of and in God's Kingdom. Running in parallel with praying individually for the 5 friends we want to identify that we want to know Jesus for themselves, know him better, or re know him as they maybe have drifted away, and will involve ideas for how we might do that as individuals at home, in our churches, and in our communities. In coming weeks there will be prayer journals available, details of daily reflections on an app, or can drop into your inbox, prayer stations available in and around our churches and more. Look out for more details on pew sheet, on Facebook and website as we draw ever closer. It will be launched at the Ascension Day Service in Morton on 26 May at 7pm and conclude with the celebratory services to mark the Queen's Jubilee sometime over the Bank Holiday Weekend.

### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Hard to believe that just next month our much loved Queen joins the country, and others to mark this auspicious and never before celebrated, a Platinum Jubilee, 70 years as monarch and across the length and breadth of the British Isles, celebrations, festivities, parties and much, much more are planned and we hope will be enjoyed, from the official events to the local, every town, village, community and hamlet will be joining in somehow and we in the Benefice are no exception to that either.

We will be joining in with village and community events organised by local communities and councils in **Llanyblodwel**, hosting beacons, fetes, duck races, lunches to name but a few things and the church will host its own concert on Saturday evening with the Penybontfawr choir, tickets £8, which will be preceded by tours up the tower and bell ringing on the Saturday afternoon, a participation in the national ringing of bells on the Friday and a

special service at 11am on the Sunday featuring some of the Queen's favourite hymns.

**Llanymynech** will be joining in with many of the community events including a great big lunch on the playing field on Sunday, and a special church service at 9am on the Sunday morning. People are encouraged to bring along to church on the Friday or before, any significant things eg photographs, memorabilia of events in the church or village over the last 70 years, such as baptism gowns, wedding, even photos of the Queen and more and the church will remain open all of Saturday and Sunday so people can pop in and see them if they would like to.

### **Morton**

**Lots going on Full details else where in this Magazine.**



**Trefonen** have linked it with the annual Hill Walk weekend and there will be many and various activities going on see elsewhere in the magazine for more details. The church are once more hosting the service on the Sunday morning at 9.30am. And people are invited to mount their own memories in written form, photos and memorabilia and place them into church on Saturday for more details of this and timings contact Nyria Gadbury...

Now red, white and blue flags, bunting and more at the ready, the Jubilee is only a few short weeks away and let's get ready to make it the celebration it undoubtedly is.





# Morton Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Over the whole weekend there will be exhibitions of photographs of celebrations of any kind that have happened in the church, School, community and the Parish plus any memorabilia of those events, even souvenirs of past Jubilees if people have any and special floral arrangements, as well as some photos of the Queen's reign. The exhibition, we hope will be a celebration of the last 70 years for us as well as for the Queen but it will only be as good as the exhibits. If you have had a wedding, baptism, confirmation, attended the past school or present, have pictures of Tuesday Club, Flower and Produce even of past Jubilee celebrations, can you help, do you have anything that we can and will display. Anything dated between 1952 -2022. Weddings Christening, Confirmation and celebrations please let us have them, we will return them safely to you. If you have anything, you are asked to carefully write your names on the back or mark in some way you recognise. If you feel you are able to help, please contact any member of the PCC or bring along to the church on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2 and 5pm when they will be carefully logged and items will be returned on Monday 6 June

So what is planned over the Jubilee weekend in Morton? .

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June evening at 7 pm.**  
**A Celebration of Duty, Faith and Service,**  
**with the Choir singing Hymns from the coronation service and anthem written especially composed for the Jubilee.**  
**With special presentations, complete with celebration cake. Any and all are welcome and we hope this will truly begin our celebrations**



**Celebration of 70 Years Exhibition open;**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2 - 4pm.**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 11- 1pm, 2 – 5pm.**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 3-6pm.**

**Refreshments will be available throughout the weekend.**



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 11 am**  
**Song of praise service, With the Queen's favourite hymns and music.**  
**Followed by refreshments**

We are going to have a very busy time; with hope it will be a joyful celebration for all to be a part of and remember for a long-time to come.

Please come along and support your Parish Church.

## Bryn Offa CE Primary School

When I wrote for this newsletter last month, I was able to paint a picture of a school returning to normality. Assemblies were returning to normal and we were able to start reintroducing school visits and even residential outdoor and adventurous education. After such a long time when we had restrictions placed on us, it seems strange to be taking the children out so frequently. We were delighted to join in the planting of a tree for the Queen's Green Canopy, as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and when we planted the school one, under the watchful eye of Mr Bevan and Mr Jones, the sun shone beautifully, but when we planted the one in the churchyard, it poured with rain, never mind it will help them grow. Revd Trimby presented the children with their special certificates and a packet of Rountree's Fruit Pastilles in an assembly in school. Even before Covid, taking the whole school on a visit has always been a challenge due to the high level of adults to children we need to have. It takes a lot of work to organise, but when we were able to take the children to the theatre it is definitely worth it. The performance of Gangster Granny was fantastic and I'm sure the play for the younger children this Friday will be just as good. The whole school visit to the theatre was made affordable because the Bryn Offa Parent Teacher Association raised money to pay for the transport. My thanks to BOPTA and all they do for Bryn Offa.



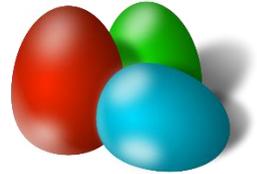
In addition to the visits and visitors, we have also been able to restart Rotakids. We use this as an alternative to school council as we have found it so much better. When we set this up in the first place, we were supported by Mr and Mrs Sopher from the local Rotary group and have been delighted to welcome them back for the re-launch. This Wednesday Rotakids will be running their first fund raising event at school, which is a book sale to raise money for the school we link to in Ethiopia. As we will only have one term of Rotakids this academic year, they won't be able to run all of the usual fund raising events, but the book sale for Ethiopia is a great one to end the year on before we start again in September.



Along with our assemblies returning to normal, we have also been able to return to having an Easter Service this year. Unfortunately, it was a little too wet and slippery to walk down to the church this time but Rev Trimby kindly agreed to do our Easter Service in school this time and the children took an

active part with readings, drama, prayers, not to mention the actions to the hymns, especially Mr Jones being a mother hen with her chicks! Not to mention participating in Revd Trimby's talk as well and as usual we were delighted to see Revd Kathy had brought us all, including us teachers, some chocolate Easter eggs, a reminder of new life, and the resurrection of Jesus, as he burst out of the tomb! We hope that you like the decorated eggs on our tree and our bunting and other signs of new life we used as part of the decorations in Llanymynech over Easter, thanks to the children and staff involved for that. When we are into the Summer Term I'm sure the weather will be good enough for us to get back to visiting the church.

Mr Thompson  
Headteacher



Mr Thompson  
Headteacher

#### **April 4Cs**

The sun shone on all those who were able to join in the coffee and cake morning today. As usual there was a lot of chat and sharing of recent Easter holidays. It was a welcome sight to see the return of friends who have not been well recently but who are now enjoying their return to better health and looking forward to the summer.

There was a conversation of the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations and so May 31st 4cs will be a pre-Jubilee event. Also there were lots of ideas for a coach trip in late June or early July so Watch this space! A big thank you to the team of cooks who always come up with super cakes and biscuits . Your fine food makes the morning really worthwhile and an accompaniment to the chatting.

## Forest Church -Palm Sunday

### What is Forest Church?

Forest Church is a contemporary movement, its roots are in the long Christian tradition of engagement in and with nature, such as the Celtic and Franciscan traditions. It is a way to meet with God in and through connection with the natural world. We hope that Forest Churches will become a spiritual home for those who relate better to outdoor worship rather than gatherings in a church building. This is our third attempt at Forest Church and very slowly we are gathering a few people who prefer a slightly less rigid approach church and the way we pray and hear God's message.

Palm Sunday was a lovely sunny afternoon, The donkey, and we were fortunate to be able to 'borrow a donkey to truly walk in the footsteps of the first disciples as they followed Jesus shouting 'Hosana to the King of kings!'

So at 3pm, Martha had arrived and was ready for her starring role and people gathered at the Church whilst others started from Morton Farm and each party set off at exactly 3pm and where they met the service began with the handing out of Palms and truly 'Singing Hosana' as we waved our palms, as we processed our way back to the church, Martha ably being led by the safe hands of Edward Stott.



to



Rev'd Kathy began with the story as told by two swallows (Long Tail and Short Tail) who had witnessed Jesus' riding on a donkey into Jerusalem and hailed as a king. As the story unfolded we heard how Long and Short Tail were building their nests in a garden near Jerusalem and as they collected their twigs, other birds join in and tell of the life and ministry of Jesus. By this stage we had arrived back at the Church and everyone was given a garden with a make your own Holy/Easter kit containing all the components flowers, gravel for the path, small plants and the tomb, which we would need as we told each part of the story

and created the garden to reflect those parts! Beginning with Jesus on the donkey, further along the path and the next part of the story, the Last Supper, and a cup /loaf of bread before moving on to Jesus' praying in the garden, his arrest and trial. And the garden is being added to with a cross reminding us of that death but it didn't end there! The swallows continue their story through their great sorrow and then....Then, On Easter Sunday the stone rolled away and Jesus has disappeared and an angel telling them "Jesus Lives" and the final pieces of the garden, then tomb with its stone rolled away and the 'living plants, reminding us of the New Life of Jesus won for us. With the garden built knitted cross prizes were awarded to the best ones and the story of Holy week told in way that is understood and remembered by all who came. We had hot cross buns, chocolate eggs and tea. Martha who was perfectly behaved was loaded in the lorry with carrots as a reward and returned home to Ellerdine, Nr Telford. Martha will be visiting again, why don't you pay our next Forest Church a visit too, you may just enjoy it! We'd love to see you, look out in future magazines when our next one will be...



The statement below is from a member of the clergy:

*"Increasingly I find that I pray better outdoors, that being in the natural world is what best helps me to slow down from the busyness of daily life in order to reconnect with God and to earth myself in what is truly important."*

I wonder what you might say about it? Why not come along and tell us, you'd be very welcome!

## **Morton Church 150 Club**

Morton 150 Club

Congratulations to Mrs J Morrison, Mrs Hoare and Mrs J Carkeet James winners of the April Draw. As we come to the Final draw (June) in this financial year we would like to thank everyone for their continued support and hope you will continue in the next year, subscriptions are due on the first of July, we still have some numbers not taken, if you feel you can increase your stake, or have family and friends that might consider investing in a number, please contact me, the prizes are £30 £20 and £10 drawn every month. Plus we are having an extra draw in June to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. To purchase a number or pay the £12 next year's subscription please contact Mrs Jane Wood, 01691 839564.

### **WI**

Meetings of PANT WI at Pant Memorial Hall at 7.15 pm

Next Meeting May 5<sup>th</sup> Outing

### **Morton Monthly Quiz**

April Answers:

- |                          |                 |                        |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1. Judy Garland          | 6. Bread        | 7. English Rugby Union |
| 2. Chile.                |                 | 8. Maundy Money        |
| 3. Palm Sunday.          |                 |                        |
| 4. J.S. Fry.             |                 |                        |
| 9. Golgotha - Calvary    |                 |                        |
| 5. William Butler Yeats. | 10. Simnel cake |                        |

## **May Questions:**

Celebrities who changed their names:

1. Stefani Germanott
2. Demetria Guynes
3. Albert Brooks
4. Allen Konigsberg
5. Krishna Pandit Bhanji
6. Alphonso d'Abruzzo
7. Maurice Micklewhite
8. Georgios Panayiotou
9. Caryn Johnson
10. Frances Gumm



## **Christian Aid Week for 2022**

Hello everyone

Just a little note to say that Christian Aid week starts on Sunday 15th May and finishes on Saturday 21st May.

We will be doing our best to spread our little red envelopes around the villages.

Christian Aid is a charity which helps people in desperate need around the world. As you have probably seen on your TV Christian Aid is one of the charities supplying food and medical

help to those in desperate need in Ukraine. Please support them this year.

We have some lovely people dropping off and later collecting envelopes and we are hoping to find some more helpers especially around Pant as we have sadly lost some of our wonderful collectors.

If you could spare an hour or two to drop off envelopes in your road and then collect them in a couple of days later we would be most grateful.

If so please would you contact me, Anne Roberts on 01691 830666 or on [anneroberts.llan@btinternet.com](mailto:anneroberts.llan@btinternet.com)

Thank you for reading this  
Anne

## **NEWS FROM PANT MEMORIAL HALL**

We are now officially in our second century!! Our 100<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting was held on Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>. The officers presented brief reports summarising last year's activities, our financial situation and the plans for the coming year. We are delighted to welcome a new trustee as a result of the meeting. The hall doesn't run itself, so if you want our community facility to continue please follow this example and get involved.

As promised last time, things are happening as part of the centenary project. At time of writing (early April) we have removed the old bar area wall in preparation for the new equipment. The uneven pavement by the phone box has been levelled and the play area gate repaired and refitted – the latter is just awaiting warmer weather for a smart coat of paint. We also now have two cycle racks at the back of the hall, positioned under one of the lights for use at any time. We are waiting on dates to begin the main install of the solar panels, batteries and new heating plus

completing the internal works. We will work round the hirers as much as possible.

**SAVE THE DATE:** we want to hold an event to mark the centenary and show off the hall to everyone. We are currently making plans, so please note the weekend of **25/26 June** in your diaries. More information next time as well as on our online feeds.

We all know that covid-19 is very much still with us, and we continue to provide the facilities for hirers to keep as safe as possible. We have lots of windows to open, plenty of space inside plus hand sanitiser, wipes and good old soap and water provided. We do as much as possible 'remotely', including key collection and return via our keysafe. Please do not enter the hall if you are unwell or recently exposed to a covid-19 case.. If you need to cancel an event, just let us know any time up to the scheduled start; we'll refund all payments without question.

Have a look on our online calendar to see what is happening each day, and to see if there is a suitable timeslot for your event. All the information you need is on our website – please look there first as it saves a lot of time for everyone. We are volunteer-run by people giving up their spare time, so we appreciate your help and patience.

---

---

**To contact us:**

Bookings: email [bookings@pantmemorialhall.org.uk](mailto:bookings@pantmemorialhall.org.uk) or call 07913 565708. Please look on the website first (if you have internet access) to check timeslots and information.

All other enquiries (including prospective committee members): [secretary@pantmemorialhall.org.uk](mailto: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.

Churchwarden  
(Key holder)  
Mrs E J Lawrence BEM  
St Mary's, Sweeney Mountain,  
Oswestry SY10 9EX Tel: 07713 083002

Treasurer to the PCC  
Mrs J Insall-Jones  
01691 239026

Secretary to the PCC  
Mrs J Wood  
High Pastures,  
Sweeney Mountain,  
Oswestry SY10 9EY

Gift Aid Secretary

E J Lawrence

Electoral Roll Officer

Julie Craig

Organist: Mrs J. Brown. Woodcote, Knockin, Oswestry.  
Tel. 01691 682270

Bryn Offa C of E Primary School: Bryn Offa School, Rockwell  
Lane, Pant, Oswestry SY10 9QR Tel: 01691 830621

Key holders: Mrs G. Roberts, Tel. 01691 839590  
Mr Roy Mansell Tel: 01691 831006

*Please forward all items for inclusion in the magazine to:  
Elizabeth Lawrence St. Mary's, Sweeney Mountain, Oswestry  
SY10 9EX or Tel: 07713 083002.*

*In preference, electronically to [ejl873@aol.com](mailto:ejl873@aol.com) By 15<sup>th</sup> of the  
previous mont*