



**The Parishes of Llandinam,
Penstrowed and Trefeglwys**



NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2012

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE PARISHES

Date	Llandinam	Trefeglwys	Penstrowed
1 st January	8.00 am HC 6.00 pm PS	11.00 am All Age Communion	9.30 am HC
6 th January Feast of Epiphany	6.00 pm HC		
8 th January	11.00 am HC	9.30 am HC 4.00 pm Family Service 6.00 pm PS	No Service
15 th January	8.00 am HC 11.00 am MP	9.30 am MP 6.00 pm HC	11.15 am HC
22 nd January	11.00 am All Age Communion	9.30 am HC	No Service
29 th January	11.00 am HC 6.00 pm Healing Service	9.30 am United in Church	No Service
Key: HC – Holy Communion; MP – Morning Prayer; PS – Praise Service; FS – Family Service			

To arrange Baptisms, Weddings or for any other pastoral matters please contact the Vicar:-

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Welcome to our January Newsletter

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that a special blessing of peace touched your lives somewhere amongst all the celebrations. Often Christmas is such a busy time that we're glad to pack away the decorations, and see the end of the Christmas season. As we put away new presents into cupboards, sadly we often pack away God's gift to us; the baby stays in the manger and our lives never really benefit from a daily awareness of the gift of God's Son.

I wonder what impact it would have on us, if every day we remembered that 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life'? If every day we awoke and reminded ourselves that God really loves us, and our lives are a thanks offering for that? I wonder if we would be transformed by love? If we would know that joy and inner peace that our hearts long for?

On Sunday people throughout the country will make New Year's resolutions. We will resolve to eat less, exercise more, spend time with family and friends, and watch less TV. In a month's time most of those resolutions will have faded into insignificance. To truly change and improve our lives we need to be accountable to someone other than ourselves and motivated not by a whim but by vision. Life is a great gift from God, he has given us hope, promise and the ability to fulfil dreams. As we walk with him, possibilities present themselves, for with God nothing is impossible. Let's think big this year, to allow ourselves to grow beyond our circumstances, to challenge our understanding, and to live a year in quiet joy trusting in the daily presence of God with us.

Inspirational wise words for a New year.....

*'Write it on your heart that every day
Is the best day in the year.'*

Ralph Waldo Emerson.

*'You cannot dream yourself into a character.
You must hammer and forge yourself Into one.'*
Henry D. Thoreau.

*'Every dream begins with a dreamer
Always remember you have within you
The strength, patience and passion
To reach for the stars, to change the world.'*

Harriet Tubman



With every blessing for the year ahead. ~ Revd. Lynda



Come and join us
for a

Guided Quiet Day
'A path of peace'

on

Saturday February 4th

10.00 am- 4.00 pm

at

Mount Severn, Old Hall Road, Llanidloes.

Enjoy space to take time and be still with God.

**A day of peace, prayer and guided reflection
Based on the teachings of St. Benedict.**

Led by Revd. Lynda Cowan

Cost £10 including lunch and refreshments.

To book a place please contact Revd. Lynda Cowan,
The Coach House, Old Hall Road, Llanidloes,
Powys. SY18 6PQ
Tel: 01686 413099



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even amusing!*

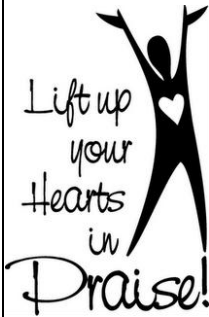
A new Alpha course starts on
Thursday 12th January
in the Library in Llandinam
from 7.00-9.00 pm



If you have never done an Alpha course please do come and join us!
The first session is an Introductory 'Taster Session'

It is a DVD based course, with plenty of opportunity for discussion and a chance to ask questions about Christianity.

Please do contact me if you would like any further information.
Rev. Lynda Tel. 413099



Trefeglwys Praise Service
starts again
on
Sunday January 8th at 6.00 pm
in a new format!

Do please come and join us!

The mid week Communion Service resumes In Trefeglwys at 9.15 am on the second and fourth Wednesday, 11th and 25th January.

EVENING SERVICES

- 1st January at 6.00 pm there will be a Songs of Praise in Llandinam
- 8th January at 6.00 pm there will be Evening Praise in Trefeglwys.
- 15th January at 6.00 pm there will be a reflective communion service in Trefeglwys

THANK YOU!

Llandinam Sherry and mince pies raised £545!
Penstrowed Carol service raised £84 for Action for Children

Discussion and Bible study

on
Tuesday

'LOOKING TOGETHER AT THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK'

restarts on 10th January

- ❖ Llandinam on Tuesday mornings, 10.00-12.00 in the Library
- ❖ Trefeglwys on Tuesday in Church meeting room, 7.00-9.00 pm.

If you would like to know any more information
please ring Colin Heap on 430311

TREFEGLWYS **Review and Vision** **9th January at 7.00 pm**

We are having a special evening in the church to review the worship,
mission and vision of the church.

Please do come and enjoy a glass of wine with and join in the discussion!



How can we most significantly use our resources
to continue to do the work of the church?

What role can you take in this work?

Everybody very welcome to join us!

Trefeglwys

We are starting a new envelope system in Trefeglwys church
to help you in your regular giving.

If you would like to have a weekly envelope please let our treasurer,
Jackie Magginis know and she will explain the system to you.

Tel. 430643.

A woman went to the Post Office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards.

"What denomination?" asked the clerk.

"Oh, good heavens! Have we come to this?" said the woman. "Well, give me 50 Catholic and 50 Baptist ones."

Families and Children's activities

Trefeglwys-

Special Service for young families

on

Sunday 8th January

in Trefeglwys at 4.00 pm

Do come and join us!

Children's groups -

Back again on 10th January

Trefeglwys church Children's group every Tuesday

An after school Children's group meets every Tuesday

in St, Michael's Church room from 3.30 -5.00 pm

If you love games, playing with paint, making things, stories,
drama, song and dance

Come along and join us and let's have fun learning about God
together

Hope you can join us!

Monday Club

Starts back on Monday 16th January

In Llandinam after school at 3.30 – 5.00 pm

in the school canteen.

Come and join us for games, craft, songs and
stories

And have fun learning about God together.

Everyone very welcome.

A prayer group operates in the Parish, which offers confidential prayer for specific issues. If you feel overburdened and would like someone to pray for you or a particular situation, please contact:

Rev. L Cowan on 413099

LLANDINAM PRESCRIPTION SERVICE

Would you like help to collect your prescriptions.

If so, please ring Sheila on
688503



The Upper Severn Branch will meet on Thursday, 5th January at 1.30 pm in the Chapel Room, Llandinam.

We would be pleased to welcome visitors.

PCC MEETINGS

Llandinam – 16th January at 7.00 pm in the Girl's Parlour.

Penstrowed – 5th March at 7.00 pm in the Old Vicarage.

Trefeglwys – 12th March in the Church meeting room at 7 pm

DEANERY CONFERENCE

23rd January at 7.30 pm
In Trefeglwys Meeting Room

If you would like to receive our Parish Newsletter by email please do contact our editor at:

linda_ann_hipp@yahoo.co.uk

Please continue to save your Plastic Milk Bottle Tops!
Penstrowed Church are helping to save for a new wheelchair and every plastic milk bottle top we can collect will donate 10p towards the chair she needs.
Please put the clean tops in the jar in church.

Thank you to everybody who decorated the churches, made mince pies and cakes, and to all who contributed to our Christmas worship and activities!

We had a wonderful season of celebration.

Also a big thank you to the Quindici choir for a wonderful advent service .