

YOURS FAITHFULLY

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09:30, 11:00 & 6:30pm

Wednesday Schedule
Please see detailed
service schedule

Morning & Evening
Prayer at
8am & 7pm Monday to
Thursday via Zoom

Please see detailed
service schedule for
dates, times and
Churches

Please email, phone or
request Zoom meetings
and chats as you wish,
but please note that my
day off is Friday.

Rev'd Maggie Thorne

Please send any
information for the July
newsletter in to
mapenybontinfo@gmail.com
by 15 June 2023.

Dear friends

There's never really a quiet time for baptisms, but the summer months are very popular for the obvious reasons of ease of travel for relatives and post-service parties. I always enjoy a cwtch with the babies! With the arrival of our granddaughter, the gift of new life has become a major focus and several Bible verses spring to mind, such as, 'Children are a gift from God; they are a reward from him' (Ps 127.3), 'Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you' (Jeremiah 1.5) and 'Children's children are a crown to the aged' (Proverbs 17.6). Most of all though, through the surges of love that I'm experiencing towards our little cherub, and from what my daughter has also expressed even through her tiredness, I'm reminded of the undeserved, unconditional love of the Father and the glimpse that we have of that through having our own children and grandchildren. As our children are adults now, it was a while ago when I last really reflected on that. It may be a while since you welcomed children/grandchildren into your family too, so you may like to join me in these reflective prayers:



Heavenly Father, creator and giver of life, there is much joy in our hearts at the news of a baby's birth, a most special and complete gift of your love, a new being and a wonder of creation. We call to mind the mother and father of the baby/babies we love, asking for your presence in their happiness. Accept their praise and ours as we give thanks to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

(based on a Mothers' Union prayer).

O God, we love you because you first loved us, yet our love for you is so feeble, while your love for us is so strong. Teach us more of your love that we may love you better; and help us to show our love for you by our love for others, even as you love both them and us, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Love and every blessing
Maggie.
(AKA Mam gŷ!)*

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Services Schedule

Date	Time	Church	Service	Vicar
Sunday 4th June (Trinity Sunday)	9:30am	Brackla	Café Church	Huw
		Coity	Eucharist	Maggie
		Merthyr Mawr	Non-Eucharist	Penny
	11:00am	Coychurch	Eucharist	Maggie
		Nolton	Eucharist – combined service with Newcastle	Edward
		Pen-y-fai	Non-Eucharist	Penny
6:30pm	Zoom	Evensong (no sermon)	Maggie/Chris	
Wednesday 7 th June	9:30am	Coity	Eucharist	Maggie
		Laleston	Eucharist	Stephen
	11:00am	Newcastle	Eucharist	Graham
Sunday 11th June (Barnabas, Apostle)	9:30am	Brackla	Eucharist	Maggie
		Coity	Eucharist	Tim
		Laleston	Non-Eucharist	Penny
		Merthyr Mawr	Eucharist	Edward
	11:00am	Coychurch	Eucharist	Maggie
		Newcastle	Non-Eucharist	Penny
		Nolton	Eucharist	Tim
		Pen-y-fai	Eucharist	Edward
6:30pm	Zoom	Taizé Evening Prayer	Maggie/Pete	
Wednesday 14th June	9:30am	Laleston	Eucharist	Graham
		Nolton	Eucharist	Maggie
	11:00am	Newcastle	Eucharist	Graham

Services Schedule cont...

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Sunday 18th June (2 nd Sunday after Trinity)	9:30am	Brackla	Café Church	Pete
		Coity	Eucharist	Edward
		Laleston	Eucharist	Tim
		Merthyr Mawr	Eucharist	Maggie
	11:00am	Coychurch	Family Service	Pete
		Newcastle	Eucharist	Edward
		Nolton	Eucharist	Maggie
		Pen-y-fai	Eucharist	Tim
6:30pm	Zoom	Evensong (no sermon)	Maggie	
Wednesday 21 st June	9:30am	Laleston	Eucharist	Maggie
		Coity	Eucharist	Graham
	11:00am	Newcastle	Eucharist	Maggie
Sunday 25th June (3 rd Sunday after Trinity)	9:30am	Brackla	Eucharist	Edward
		Coity	Eucharist	Maggie
		Laleston	Non-Eucharist	Val
		Merthyr Mawr	Non-Eucharist	Penny
	11:00am	Coychurch	Eucharist	Edward
		Newcastle	Non-Eucharist	Val
		Nolton	Non-Eucharist	Penny
		Pen-y-fai	Eucharist	Maggie
6:30pm	Zoom	Evensong	Maggie/Pete	
Wednesday 28 th June	9:30am	Laleston	Eucharist	Graham
		Nolton	Eucharist	Maggie
	11:00am	Newcastle	Eucharist	Maggie

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		Laleston	Eucharist	Stephen
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Morning and Evening Prayer at 8am and 7pm, Monday to Thursday via Zoom
Please contact Rev'd Maggie Thorne for the Zoom links you need.

Sunday clubs run at Brackla, Coity and Pen-y-fai.
Please contact Rev'd Maggie Thorne for details.

Please note that the rota reflects both the shortage of staff and the rising cost of heating the churches.

Unfortunately, we have to be very mindful of our spending as congregational giving has reduced substantially over the years, especially since Covid. It should also be noted that when it comes to legacies left to our churches and because of the terms and conditions attached to them, approximately 98-99% of the legacy capital money cannot be spent. The capital is invested to generate an income which can then be used for charitable purposes for the designated church/old parish as per the donor's wishes.

If you have any questions concerning this, please contact the MA Treasurer, Sandra Arnott sandra.arnott49@gmail.com

Collects and the Sunday readings for the month

Date	Collects	Readings	
Sunday 4th June (Trinity Sunday)	Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen	Isaiah 40. 12-17, 27-31 Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13. 11-13 Matthew 28. 16-20	
Sunday 11th June (Barnabas, Apostle)	Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas: help us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements, and unselfish in our service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.	<i>Either:</i> Job 29. 11-16 Psalm 112 Acts 11. 19-30 John 15. 12-17	<i>or:</i> Acts 11. 19-30 Psalm 112 Galatians 2. 1-10 John 15. 12-17
Sunday 18th June (2 nd Sunday after Trinity)	Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.	<i>Continuous:</i> Genesis 18. 1- 15; [21. 1-7] Psalm 116. 1-2, 12-19 or 116. 11-18 Romans 5. 1-8 Matthew 9.35 – 10.8, [9-23]	<i>or Related:</i> Exodus 19. 2-8a Psalm 100 Romans 5. 1-8 Matthew 9.35 – 10.8, [9-23]
Sunday 25th June (3 rd Sunday after Trinity)	Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.	<i>Continuous:</i> Genesis 21. 8- 21 Psalm 86. 1-10, [16, 17] Romans 6. 1b- 11 Matthew 10. 24-39	<i>or Related:</i> Jeremiah 20. 7- 13 Psalm 69. 7-10, [11- 15,] 16-18 or 69. 13-18 Romans 6. 1b- 11 Matthew 10. 24-39

Collects and the Sunday readings for the month cont...

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Sunday 2nd July (4 th Sunday after Trinity)	<p>O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</p> <p>Amen.</p>	<i>Continuous:</i> Genesis 22. 1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6. 12-23 Matthew 10. 40-42	<i>or Related:</i> Jeremiah 28. 5-9 Psalm 89. 1-4, 15-18 or 89. 8-18 Romans 6. 12-23 Matthew 10. 40-42

For your Prayers

Please pray for:

Don Keir

and all those who are sick whether in body, mind or spirit.

Baptisms

Please pray for those who are preparing for baptism, including:

Rheya Mills and Atlas Mills
Joshua Davies
Liliana Trojan
Lily-Ann and Charlie Laidler



Weddings

There are no weddings in June.



Please continue to pray for Ukraine

God of all people and author of peace, we pray for all who are involved in the current confrontation in and surrounding Ukraine. May the nations of the world, their governments and leaders base their decisions upon your wisdom in all that makes for peace. Loving God, we recognise that conflict brings tragic loss for all involved, and so we pray that eyes and hearts may be opened to those things that unite us in our common humanity.

At this time of fear and tension, we pray for your beloved children; that they may know a de-escalation of fear and threat, which would enable them to live in peace and dignity. We pray for a longed-for restoration of tranquillity in Ukraine.

Lord, we recognise that prayer is a privilege and the responsibility of each one of us; and so we hold in our hearts this situation, its context, and the future, secure in the love shown for all people through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Ministry Area Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the opportunity to work together as a Ministry Area. May we engage with each other with faith and encouragement and manage each situation with wisdom and mutual respect. May we serve with integrity, creativity and purpose and speak with openness and gentleness. May we offer our gifts, time and finances with generosity and face each challenge with courage and the desire to grow through it. May we all be drawn deeper into our relationship with you and be known as your disciples. Help us to tell our joyful stories, increase our capacity for good and extend your kingdom in this place. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

RIP:

Gill Boyce

Les Dodd

John Evans

Mary Foreman

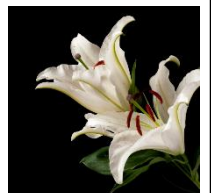
Joan ('Sis') Hawkins

Patricia Jones

Tracy Mason

Joan Smith

Julie Willis



May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Amen.

Eco Church & Forest Church news

Helping the Church reach Net Zero (from A Rocha)

In 2020, the Church of England committed to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2030. The Church in Wales, the Methodist Church, and others, have made similar commitments.

What does Net Zero mean?

We know we need to reduce carbon emissions as far and as fast as possible across every sector of the economy and society to slow climate change and limit its impacts. While the government has the greatest power to drive change, every organisation is responsible for doing what it can and the Church has much to contribute to this task, from demonstrating change in the community to the number of members speaking up for change. At least in the short term though, as the Church of England acknowledges, getting to Net Zero is not simple and could be prohibitively costly for many local churches – for example draughty old churches with small congregations.

If churches, and indeed the country, are to achieve Net Zero, it's important to understand what exactly it means. The Church of England defines Net Zero Carbon as 'the reduction as far as possible of all in-scope carbon emissions (from the oil, gas and electricity we use in our buildings and petrol and diesel transport) and the removal of an equivalent amount of carbon from the atmosphere for the remaining in-scope emissions by use of accredited offsetting schemes.' So far, the Church of England has excluded its land from scope, though this is to be reviewed by 2026. Even so, it's a massive and ambitious aim, even if they are left with up to 10% of emissions to offset. And offsetting itself is increasingly controversial because of questions about the effectiveness and credibility of some offsetting projects and methods.

What does Net Zero have to do with the Church as the body of Christ?

The Church of England and others have committed to a net zero target in an accelerating climate emergency, which impacts the whole of creation and is especially unjust to the poor and future generations. This is the context in which we live and preach the gospel, and there is a clear link to Christian mission and the Church's future growth. How can we love our neighbour, care for the poor and encourage new believers if we do not also protect and restore the environment upon which we all ultimately depend?

Since 2016, A Rocha UK's Eco Church scheme has made significant progress in encouraging local churches to care for creation as a core tenet of faith and to integrate this across every aspect of church life. It has played a significant role in enabling congregations across all denominations to embrace the responsibility of creation care and to see it as an expression of love for God and others, including the natural world.

In Laudato Si, Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, he invited readers to commit to an 'ecological conversion', a transformation of hearts and minds, no less. Eco Church helps churches to enable that transformation and deliver measurable change in a way that is theologically rich and driven from the grassroots. Our 'hearts and minds' approach makes the sometimes challenging steps towards Net Zero more likely to progress faster, and be sustained, from people's convictions of what is theologically and morally right and, put simply, from their love of God, each other and creation.

We believe this is a much more effective way to generate enthusiasm and ensure continued progress, and we hope that, as well as delivering carbon reduction, it will contribute to a Church that is more environmentally literate and aware. The Eco Church ethos is to embed creation care, of which carbon reduction is a key but not the only part, into everyday church life. This is what young people, who are the Church's future, expect.

How can this be achieved in practice?

Caring for creation and reaching Net Zero are something for all of us to play a part in, not as a project to be implemented but as an attitude to life, as part of obedience to and worship of our creator God, including service to others. Though this may take time, it also leads to a deeper focus on our beliefs and values, which is a benefit to the wider mission of the Church.

Eco Church provides a comprehensive framework for facilitating local church congregations to do this together. For example:

- Eco Church starts, through worship and teaching, with a recognition of whose world it is and our place in it; and encourages a response embracing joy and lament
- The programme encourages easy wins on carbon reduction: switching to green energy tariffs, upgrading to LED lighting, and using the Eco Church survey as a planning tool for example.

Green News cont...

Helping the Church reach Net Zero (from A Rocha) cont...

- Eco Church also encourages engagement with other churches of all denominations, our wider communities and political structures.
- The programme encompasses sources of greenhouse gas emissions currently not included in denominations' own plans (often limited in scope to one or two sources of direct energy usage), preparing the way for additional progress in, for example, personal lifestyle and land management.
- Eco Church is becoming a 'movement' of people wanting to effect change, exchanging learning as they go, supporting each other in challenges and celebrating breakthroughs, including reaching the next award level (bronze, silver and gold)

A Rocha UK's approach to Eco Church is one of facilitating the movement, encouraging a learning community, and ensuring that the programme behind it is dynamic, continuously developing to keep up with the science and options for action. Later this year, for example, we will review the survey to ensure that churches are encouraged to take the most effective carbon-reducing actions now available, and are rewarded for doing so.

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WILD CHRISTIAN
connecting faith, nature and climate

A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips

May

Say no to the mow. Mowing your lawn less, and letting parts of it grow long, saves you time and helps give nature a home. If you want to make an even bigger impact for wildlife, don't mow your lawn or a section of it all until August to help even more animals

June

Taste the benefits of seasonal and local food. Make plans to source locally grown foods that you can add to your diet / shopping list throughout the seasons.

Produce grown locally is picked at the peak of its ripeness and will be full of flavour, tasting better than the produce that has been imported and travelled thousands of miles.

For more practical ways to enjoy, nurture and defend nature, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email at: arochoa.org.uk/wild-christian

Forest Church
Includes a small walk on part of
the Nant Bryn Glas Circular walk
MidSummer Theme
@ Coity Church
Saturday 24th June, 3.30pm

Bring along 50p and a mug to take part in a '*SOUPER' fundraiser for Christian Aid

*Pea and mint soup—vegan and gluten free

Ingredients—Peas, Mint, Stock

Call Rev Maggie –01656 652247 or
Philippa—07553 928088 for details

I'm taking part in the Big Pea Challenge

christian aid

During Christian Aid Week we were asked to celebrate how CA partners in Malawi are helping farmers transform their livelihoods using the humble but mighty pigeon pea:

a drought-resistant, soil-revitalising, high-protein, low-cost, delicious crop.

Inspired by the transformational pigeon pea, we planted peas at our

May Forest Church where we celebrated Rogationtide.



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Green News cont...

Eco Church & Forest Church news

Green Quiz – Part 2

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are running the A Rocha green quiz. There are a total of 5 rounds with Round 3 this month. Answers to Rounds 1 & 2 can be found on the next page, with the answers to this month's round published in next month's newsletter. Good luck – no prizes on offer but we hope this tests your knowledge of all God's creatures great and small.

Round 3



1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9.

Green News cont...

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Answers to last months A Rocha quiz

Round 1

1. What bird is mentioned 47 times in the Bible?

Answer: The Dove

2. What is the title of the 1998 American animation film featuring an insect called 'Z' who longs for freedom and individuality?

Answer: Antz

3. In 1958 Bobby Day had a hit single with a song about a well known garden bird. What was the name of the song? (hint: this song has been covered by a few artists including the Jackson Five).

Answer: Rockin' Robin

4. Name two bands (past or present) with insects in their band name.

Answer: You may like to consider... Buddy Holly & The Crickets, Adam Ant, Scorpions to name a few, (you can accept The Beatles, but be sure to add an extra point on for those who note that the Beatles is not spelled the same as the insect!)

5. On what day does the Very Hungry Caterpillar from the children's book of the same name by Eric Carle, eat plums?

Answer: Wednesday (he eats three plums on Wednesday)

6. In Victorian Britain some common birds were considered a delicacy to eat. A dozen of these particular birds sold for one shilling and sixpence and Mrs Beeton had recipes for them! What was the species of the bird in Mrs Beeton's recipe that was destined for the pot?

Answer: Skylark

7. In which year did the comic book character, Batman make his debut appearance?

Answer: 1939 Batman debuted in 1939 in the Detective Comics number 27

8. What is the name of the yellow bird featured in the American children's programme Sesame Street?

Answer: Big Bird

Round 2 – Habitat and Flowers

1. Hedges are important for wildlife and the climate. Our word for hedge comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "haeg" - what does 'haeg' mean?

Answer: It means 'enclosure' (Hedgerows are important as they support 30% of UK butterfly species and 50% of our mammals).

2. Trees release chemicals called phytoncides that can boost what?

Answer: a) Happiness (phytoncides can boost our mood and scientists believe they can also boost our immune system, as well as having other health benefits too)

3. What percentage of freshwater habitats in the UK (including rivers, streams and lakes) are in good ecological condition?

Answer: c) 14%

4. The pedunculate oak is one of the most common tree species in Britain. How tall can it grow?

Answer: Up to 30 meters

5. What is the most reliable carbon-sink on land in the UK? (A carbon sink is a forest, ocean, or other natural environment viewed in terms of its ability to absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere)

Answer: Grassland (grassland is not only the UK's largest carbon sink in terms of area, but sequesters (removes) carbon more rapidly than trees, and does so much more securely.

6. The dandelion, a common lawn 'weed', gets its name from the French name dent-de-lion. What is the meaning of dent-de-lion?

Answer: Lion's tooth

7. What percentage of the UK's wildflower meadows have been lost since the 1930s?

Answer: c) 97% of the UK's wildflower meadows have been lost since the 1930s (largely through changes in farming practices, land development as well as changes to gardening practices)

8. The UK coastlines host many different animal and plant species. How many?

Answer: b) 1200

Ministry Area news

A little unexpected news for you. I can confirm that Chris Judd has decided to retire from Lay activity in the Ministry Area. Chris has worshipped, worked and supported St Mary's Nolton and the area for many years and in many ways and will be sorely missed. I'm sure Chris is not going anywhere, and we will still see her around town in the months to come. I believe health issues prompted this move and I'm sure all our thanks, prayers and good wishes go with her.

Also, I have to confirm that Peter Craven has decided to take time out from some of his activities too. Peter has made valuable contributions in all that he has undertaken. I believe he will continue to play an active part as a Lay Reader but has decided to take time out from Ministry Area Council activities. All our thanks, best wishes and prayers go with him.

At the same time, Ian Hibble has also decided to step back from Ministry Area activities but will continue to serve on the diocesan conference I believe. Our thanks, prayers and good wishes go with Ian too.

Council replacements will be announced when appointments have been made.

On a different note, the coronation celebrations across the Ministry Area went really well. The weather was kind, the activities varied and, all in all, a good time was had in celebrating the coronation of the King.

Well done and thank you to everyone involved. Some worshipers were present in St. Mary's Nolton on Coronation Sunday to witness councillor Tim Wood, Mayor of Bridgend Town Council, plant a flowering Japanese Cherry tree to commemorate the Coronation. This also coincides with the conclusion of Councillor Wood's term as town Mayor. It is great to report that our links with the town council were strengthened during his year in office. Thank you, Councillor Wood.

Best wishes.

Andrew Dix Lay Chair

St Mary's Church, Brackla

All Age Community Experience Pentecost

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th May
2pm-4pm

Archdeacon John Lewis CiW Primary School

**Free Entry & Refreshments
All Welcome**

A Thank You - From Chris Judd

Thank you to all my friends in the MA for sending me such vibrant and beautiful flowers. They will indeed give me much pleasure.

I also want to thank you for your most generous gift (from Amazon) which will add to my book collection. I really love books and already have my eye on 'The Definitive Illustrated Story of Opera'. Thank you for your friendship and love shown to me over the many years I have known you...and, please don't forget I'm only just a stone's throw away from you all.

With many blessings and much love
Chris

Coronation Poems

These poems were written by members of St Illtyd's in celebration of the Coronation.



May the 6th is a day of celebration
to see Charlie the 3rd on his Coronation.
He has been Prince of Wales for a long time
and now he is king, he should be fine.
The King enjoys the outdoors, plants,
flowers and trees
and when he is painting, he is at ease.
The procession will make its way down
to Westminster Abbey where we will see the
crown,
and during the service the congregation will
sing
'God save our gracious King, long live our
noble King.'
King Charles is wished a happy and healthy life
with Queen Camilla, his loyal wife.

(Linda Jenkins)

The Coronation has come and gone
our King has now been crowned.
He's been the heir for 70 years,
his time has come around.

He has a lot to live up to,
donning a heavy mantle;
can no longer be outspoken
but can lead us by example.

Over the years he's done many things,
has numerous strings to his bow.
He paints, likes music, supports the arts
and loves to see things grow.

From an early age he's shown that love
for nature and the Earth,
he's championed young people all over
the world
and encouraged us to see their worth.

At the Coronation
in finery all arrayed,
he took an oath to serve us all
with no exceptions made.

He'll keep that oath I'm sure,
from his duty he will not hide.
His role of King made easier
with his Queen now by his side.

What sort of King will he make?
We'll have to wait and see.
There will be calls for changes,
for a modern monarchy.

But now we enter a new era,
Charles is the name that he took.
We hope he'll reign with distinction.
Another chapter in the history book

(Meryl White)

Pilgrim Course:

The Pilgrim Course will run on
the following dates:

11th, 18th, 25th June at 5pm to 6:15pm



The course gives an opportunity to explore the Christian faith
with a little bit of Bible study thrown in and gems to reflect on
from the saints of the past and the present.

If you'd like to join the group and would like more information,
please contact Maggie.

New members are Welcome.

Laleston Fair – 24th June 2023

The fair is on the 24th June, between 12pm and 4pm,
to be held in the grounds of the Blandy Hall.
There will be a variety of activities for all the family,
and stalls and food and beverages etc.

The Church will be open for people to visit and various
artefacts available to view with a guide for
information and explanations.

Giving:

For details on how to give, please contact Sandra Arnott
(Treasurer to the Ministry Area) sandra.arnott49@gmail.com or 862211.

Also, here is the link to our easy-to-use online Campaign Page:

[MA Penybont ar Ogwr Donation Page](#) or scan the QR code with your smart phone or tablet.

For your interest, there's also a card reader in church, allowing you to donate via debit/credit cards.

Those in CNB who are used to giving through the envelope system will find envelopes in Coity Church.

Please contact Karen Phillips on 651338 or 07944 627519 if you'd like to be included in this scheme.

Please be as generous as you possibly can in your giving as we are very worried that with escalating fuel costs, the Church might be affected detrimentally yet again.



DAY VISIT

to

Chavenage House, Tetbury, Gloucestershire

Thursday July 6th 2023

Chavenage House in Tetbury, Gloucester, is a very beautiful manor house with a history dating back to medieval times. It has been the location for many films and television productions.

Our trip is planned as follows:

- Leave Bridgend (location to be confirmed) by Pencoed Travel coach at 9am on July 6th 2023.
- Arrive at Tetbury before 11am for coffee and a little wander around.
- Arrive at Chavenage House for a 12.30pm lunch.
- Embark upon a 2pm afternoon tour of Chavenage House.
- Tea or coffee will be served prior to a 4pm departure.
- Arrive at Bridgend by 5.30pm.

*** All times are approximate.***

Lunch choices:

- Thai poached salmon with ginger, lime and coriander.
- Chicken breasts wrapped in bacon, stuffed with cream cheese and served with watercress sauce.

All served with bread, potatoes, seasonal vegetables or salad.

Plus – a choice of desserts, at an extra cost of £6, if desired.

Costs:

- **Coach - £15**
- **Driver tip - £1**
- **Tour of Chavenage House - £10**
- **Lunch - £12**
- **Tea or coffee - £2**
- **Total cost- £40**

All are welcome. To book a place, please ring Jenny on 07595762885 or email her at jennifermorgan@live.co.uk

Bridgend County Borough Council News

Demolition of former police station nearing completion

Plans to relocate Bridgend College to the heart of the town centre have made significant progress with the demolition of the old police station now being close to completion. The demolition contractors are now entering the final stages of the works, which are due to be completed in the coming weeks.

The site at Cheapside, forms a key part of the council's regeneration plans for the town centre and represents an investment of around £60 million into the skills and training of both young people and members of the community who need opportunities to retrain and gain valuable employability skills.

The college plan to create a net-zero carbon building, with 21st century learning and teaching facilities for post-16 further and higher education in Bridgend, with community benefits including a 200-seat theatre space, a coffee shop and flexible meeting spaces.

The investment, which is part funded by Welsh Government's Sustainable Communities for Learning programme, will see the site leased to Bridgend College, enabling its relocation from the existing Cowbridge Road site.

Cllr Rhys Goode, Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning and Regeneration said: "The demolition of the old police station represents a key milestone in our town centre masterplan and it's really pleasing to see the continued progression of the plans for the relocation of the college. The new campus will play a key role in increasing town centre footfall as many students will visit the town centre during their lunch breaks or before and after they arrive for their studies. This will provide a new and varied market for many of our town centre businesses to tap into. "The new building will also be environmentally friendly and will include various state of the art facilities which will bring benefits to the county borough as whole."



Bridgend County Borough Council News

Leader, Mayor and Cabinet are confirmed for the year ahead

The annual meeting of Bridgend County Borough Council held on Wednesday 17 May has confirmed who will undertake the authority's Leader, Mayor and Cabinet roles for 2023-2024.

At the meeting, Cllr Huw David was elected unopposed as Leader of the authority, and the Cabinet portfolio positions were announced as follows:

- Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Health – Cllr Jane Gebbie
- Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources – Cllr Hywel Williams
- Cabinet Member for Education – Cllr Jon-Paul Blundell
- Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment – Cllr John Spanswick
- Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Wellbeing – Cllr Neelo Farr
- Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning and Regeneration – Cllr Rhys Goode

Cllr William Kendall will succeed Cllr Martyn Jones as Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, while Cllr Heather Griffiths will serve as Deputy Mayor. The new Youth Mayor of Bridgend County Borough will be Ellie O'Connell, and Daisy Davies has been elected the Deputy Youth Mayor.

Political groups and group leaders were confirmed as follows:

- Labour - 26 (led by Cllr Huw David)
- Bridgend County Independents – 13 (led by Cllr Amanda Williams)
- Democratic Alliance – 8 (led by Cllr Ross Penhale-Thomas)
- Conservative – 1 (Cllr Jonathan Pratt)

Three independent councillors – Cllr Jeff Tildesley, Cllr Sean Aspey and Cllr Rob Smith – are not members of any of the groups.



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Dog control public spaces protection orders consultation

A public consultation has begun on plans to tackle dog fouling issues and irresponsible dog ownership in the county borough, with the closing date of 18 July 2023.

A previous dog control Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), which contained the same conditions, started in 2018 and ran through to last year. By law, the council must carry out a public consultation before it can make, extend or vary a PSPO.

Under the proposed renewal of the dog control PSPO, dog walkers could be fined £100 if they fail to pick up after their pets in public areas or walk their dog without carrying a supply of dog waste bags.

While the order does not restrict dogs from being off the lead in specific areas, it would require dog walkers to place their dog on a lead if requested to do so by an officer, making it an offence if they do not, which could also result in a £100 fine.

[To take part in the consultation please visit the council website.](#)

Bridgend County Borough Council News

Join the Citizen's Panel

People of all ages, races and genders are invited to join the council's Citizen's Panel and the local authority are particularly interested in hearing from younger people aged 16 to 30 years old.

The Citizens' Panel is made up of a group of people who live in Bridgend County Borough and are regularly consulted on services run by the council.

Some recent consultations include Public Spaces Protection Orders, annual council budget consultation, Net Zero Carbon consultation, town centre masterplan and more.

Members of the panel can receive up to three surveys per year on a range of topics, services, and issues, as well as receiving regular newsletters to keep them updated.

By becoming a member of the panel, you will have the opportunity to share your thoughts on matters surrounding Bridgend County Borough and help to make a difference in our community.

[Find out more and join the Citizen's Panel on the council website.](#)

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Council shows support for Dementia Action Week

The council were proud to support the Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Action Week - a nationwide event dedicated to raising awareness of dementia and promoting an understanding of its symptoms.

On Monday (15 May), the main council office building in Angel Street was lit up light blue to mark the start of the week.

Also, Coychurch Crematorium Joint Committee recently nominated Alzheimer's Society Cymru as its chosen charity. A donation of £12,000 has now been confirmed.

Other support available includes a new pop-hub dementia hub which is due to open at Ty Llynfi in Maesteg. Starting from 23 May, the service will be available every other Tuesday from 11 am to 1pm.

Locally, Awen Libraries have a range of books 'Reading Well' that have resources on dementia. [Please visit Awen's website for more information.](#)

Halo Leisure are also running the 'Feel Good for Life' programme, designed to give people living with dementia and their carers an opportunity to socialise and be active. [Further information is available on Halo's website.](#)

European football is coming to Bridgend County Borough

Congratulations to Penybont FC for reaching the qualifying stages of the UEFA Europa Conference League.

The draw takes place on 20 June and further details relating to this historic fixture will be confirmed in due course.

Bridgend County Borough Council News

Have your say: Annual Director of Social Services Report

To help the Council evaluate social care services, it has created four short questionnaires and are asking residents to complete the one which is most relevant to them.

Every year the Corporate Director of Social Services and Wellbeing must complete and publish their Annual Report which evaluates the performance of the local authority in relation to the delivery of its social services functions over the past year.

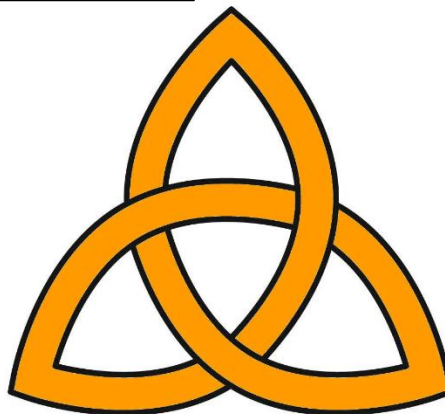
It is important the council receives regular feedback to help it improve the services and support it is able to provide.

The questionnaires include the following:

- Adult Social Care - for those aged 18+ that have experience of adult social care in Bridgend.
- Children and Young People - for those children and young people aged 8 to 17 that have experience of children's social care in Bridgend.
- Carers - for the unpaid carers of adults, children or young people that have experience of adult or children's social care services in Bridgend.
- Parents - for the parents of children and young people who have experience of children's social care in Bridgend.

The consultation is due to close on 9 June 2023.

[Please visit the council website for more information and to share your thoughts.](#)



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