

# Parish Magazine

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*Weathering the storms of life.*

*Read Revd. Kathy's thoughts in this month's issue.*

*for the parishes of Trefonen and Llanyblodwel*

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## Worship times - Trefonen

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month	10.45am	Family Service
2 <sup>nd</sup> " " " "	9.30am	Holy Communion
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2 <sup>nd</sup> " " " "	11.00am	Morning Prayer
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My dear friends,

As I sit here writing this, Storm Ciara is raging outside, the rain lashing the saturated earth and the wind battering anything in its wake. You cannot help but be aware of it as it surrounds you and pervades your being.



Even though relatively safe indoors, you can still hear it and see it. Some might say that writing my letter is foolhardy on a day such as this, with the uncertainty of what might happen next and the possible consequences as a result. There might be a lightning strike that will damage my computer, and possibly other circuits, or the power might suddenly go off with the risk of losing everything. All true, but right now I have a choice. The letter needs to be written to meet the deadline. So I could decide not to take the risk, I could become paralysed by all that is happening to me and around me. Or I could press onwards, hoping and trusting that, in a little while, I can look back and reflect that such hope and trust was well founded.



Isn't that like life? All of us have trials, hardships, obstacles to overcome, even great sadness in our lives for all kinds of reasons. We have a choice. Do we become paralysed by it all, so overwhelmed by everything that we cannot see beyond where we are, to when and how things might be different? Do we get stuck, unable to function, set on a downward spiral? Do we adopt a 'why me' attitude? Do we blame

others, or God, and turn our face from them or Him, hardening our hearts and minds, becoming bitter? Or do we decide to take a faltering step forward, no matter how difficult, knowing the journey will neither be easy nor without setbacks or pain? But if we are to come out stronger the other side, then we know it is something we must do, with the help of others and most certainly the help of God. God reassures us that these things will pass, that they don't last forever. Yes, right now Storm Ciara is battering our shores, but the storm will not last forever, the sun will shine again, just trust and hope in that! And you will look back, assess the damage, but repair it and move on and it will become a thing of the past.

Later this month, we have Passion Sunday, when we remember the bruises and battering Jesus took for us in love. But we know that he didn't stay there. There was more, a lot more, beyond with the new life and hope he brought us because of it. The same is true of us wherever we are now, whatever we are going through.



Remember this..

'The strongest tree in the forest is not the one that is protected from the wind and the rain. The strongest trees are the ones that are exposed to the elements. They develop deep roots and stout trunks in order to survive.' In the same way, God gives us the power to overcome the struggles we face and so make us stronger.

Reminding yourself of this fact can help you weather any Storm Ciaras in your life if you choose to, with God's help. Your choice...

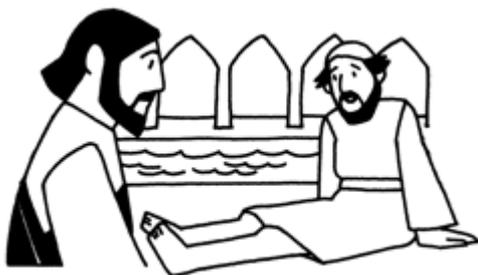


Til next time ... every blessing.

*Kathy*

## World Day of Prayer Service

*Revd. Kathy*



The theme of this year's service is 'Rise, take your mat and walk'. The women of Zimbabwe who have prepared it invite women, men and children to do just that, whilst reflecting on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued that country over many years.

They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future. They encourage us to walk with them as they continue their often turbulent journey towards full reconciliation.

World Day of Prayer is an Ecumenical service that is international and celebrated in over 170 countries. Our local celebration takes place in Llanymynech Church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm when our guest speaker will be Anita Smith, Sheila's daughter-in-law, who will talk of her experiences of Zimbabwe in connection with the theme.

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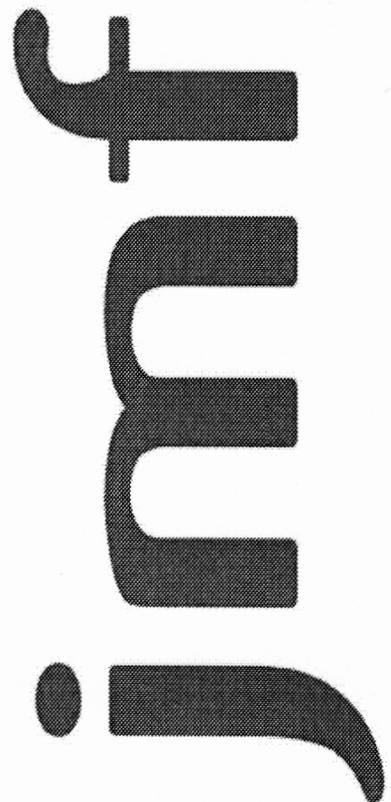
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## Elsewhere in the Benefice

**1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> March:** Fairtrade fortnight with a particular focus on chocolate continues.

**1<sup>st</sup> March:** Muddy Fun Run, 5kms & 10kms in and around Sweeney Mountain starting from 9.30am, more details contact Lizzie Lawrence on 656805.



**9<sup>th</sup> March:** Staff Meeting, 10.30am, in the Upper Room, Trefonen.

**19<sup>th</sup> March:** Spring Clean in Llanymynech Church, Hall and grounds, 9.30am.

**20<sup>th</sup> March:** Whist Drive for all levels plus refreshments from 7.00pm in Llanymynech Church Hall in aid of Morton Church.

**23<sup>rd</sup> March:** Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for Llanymynech at 7.00pm, elections, reports & plans in the church hall.

**24<sup>th</sup> March:** 4 C's (Coffee, cake and conversation club) in Morton Church from 11.00am.



**29<sup>th</sup> March:** APCM for Morton Church at 12 noon to include soup.

*See the diary on page 26 for a list of events in Llanyblodwel and Trefonen. Ed.*

## Souper Power!

*Revd. Kathy*

Who knew that a simple bowl of soup could make such a difference? The donations given at our Lent lunches help families to have precious time together through the work of Little Acorns Children's Hospice in Birmingham. They also support families in our link Diocese in South Africa. A simple lunch prompts us to consider our Christian responsibilities to the planet and strengthens relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ across the Benefice.

Souper powered soup indeed! If you've never been before, why not pop along and see for yourself. If nothing else, the soup is delicious, so you won't be disappointed! Dates, times and venues in the diary on page 26. Note that we usual meet at 12 noon but that the Trefonen lunch on the 25<sup>th</sup> begins at 12.30.



Getting older isn't all it's cracked up to be - thinning hair and skin, failing eyesight.. not to mention middle aged spread! But you get to take life slower, or so they say, make time for the things you enjoy and the people you want to enjoy them with but for some age brings diminishing memory and greater isolation because of it. That's when local clubs and organisations such as the Sofa Club can and does make such a difference, not just to those who are living with dementia and their carers but others too. Here is a small intimate, friendly group who understand, accept and welcome, without judgment or condescension. It meets twice a month for all kinds of activities together, enjoying a cuppa and a cake before heading home. Here friendships are forged, genuine caring is displayed, a mutual support offered, a place to just be 'you' whoever 'you' may be.



Activities coming up in the next month or so include...

March 12<sup>th</sup> Short Lenten Service on theme 'Burnt Offerings and Sacrifice'

March 26<sup>th</sup> 'When you're smiling, the whole world smiles with you'

April 9<sup>th</sup> Short Agape service for Maundy Thursday

All in Llanymynech Church Hall, 2.00 - 3.30pm



## Mad Hatter's Tea Party!

Revd. Kathy



There was a time when families met for tea on a Sunday afternoon for a 'catch up', played board games or cards or had an occasional sing-song around the piano. But these days, when so much keeping in touch is via social media, this seems to have become a thing of the past. March is a month renowned for doing mad things, so ... here's a mad idea:

We are going to have a Sunday Afternoon Tea, with games and maybe a singsong, and we are calling it a Mad Hatters Tea Party because it might just be fun for a change! On Sunday afternoon, 15th March, 3.00-5.00pm in Llanymynech Church Hall, you're invited to bring a friend - maybe someone who lives on their own (but it doesn't have to be) - from whichever village or parish in the Benefice you are from. Bring some board games if you wish, or what about 'human chess', cards, etc? You can join in other's games, including a Mad Hatters photo booth, hopefully enjoy a sing-song and tea - with jam tarts! Dressing as one of the characters is optional but most definitely **not** a requirement and there will be prizes for the best ones for any who do. This isn't a fund raising activity, it is just a get together to have some fun together and for no other reason than that. Now there's a mad idea! We do hope you can join us.



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## Lent Lunch

Will be held in Cafe Blodwel on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 12.00 to 12.30 lunch, reflection at 12.00. It will be in Cafe Blodwel this year.



## Quiz Night

Will be held at Llanyblodwel Memorial Institute on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

Teams of no more than 6 people, £6.00 per head, to include supper. There will be a bar and raffle.

## Big Breakfast

Will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at the Llanyblodwel Institute, more information in next months magazine.



## Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Revd. Kathy



On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, Passiontide begins and to mark this important date, at our Benefice Service in Llanyblodwel at 10.30am, our service will be based around the extended Passion narratives, other reflective materials and the Passiontide hymns. These will set the appropriate tone as we enter this most solemn and holy of seasons and prepare ourselves for the journey to Calvary and beyond. If anyone would like to be involved in the

Passion narratives, then please do speak to Revd Kathy (01691 590025). The service will be followed by light refreshments.

## Visit of Gabriel to Mary

Revd. Kathy

Lady Day celebrates the visit of Gabriel to Mary to tell her that she was to give birth to God's Son, Jesus, and that it would be enabled by the Holy Spirit. Lady Day is exactly 9 months before Christmas Day, the time of an earthly pregnancy.

Her 'yes' was an inspiration to us all and saw the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. How appropriate then that our service in Llanyblodwel on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm for Lady Day will be the closing chapter of the local branch of Mothers Union. The service will be followed with refreshments.



As we go to press, there's no confirmed date for the open meeting to discuss the above. Planning is underway, including the identification of a neutral chairperson.

In the meantime, someone lent me some photographs taken in 2005 and I include two of them here. They date from 2005 and show the rear of the nave before building of the upper room started and work on that scheme in progress.

Does anyone have any other photographs which show the varied history of the interior? I'd be pleased to see them with a view to publication in these pages.



*The original photographs are in colour. You'll get a much better view of these if you're able to access the online version of the magazine. Go to <http://www.trefonen.org/all-saints-church.html> and click on the link.*

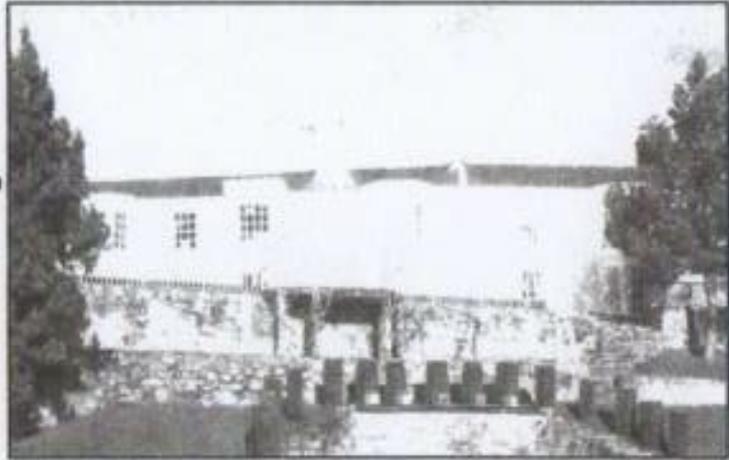
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<b>Tues</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>8.30 - 10.00</b>	<b>10.00 - 11.30</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Cakes</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Peter	Chris, Malcolm	Helen, Jenny, Dorothy	Jill	Chris
10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Peter	Rita, Carol	Diane, John, Marilyn	John	Diane
17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Jill	Pat, Jill	Joan, Anne, Andrew	Joan	Pat, Anne
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Peter	Marilyn, Rita	Nyria, Jeremy, Izzy	Jeremy	Izzy
31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Jayne	Chris, Malcolm	Kath, Joyce, Andrew	Jill	Michelle, Chris
7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Jill	[School holiday]	Diane, John, Marilyn	John	Diane

*N.B. The Café opens at 10.00 during school holidays - please be there at 9.30 to set up.*

*If any of the above are inconvenient, please feel free to arrange your own swaps and also let Jill know (T: 656456; e: jillandjoan@btinternet.com.)*

*Thank you, everybody, for all you do.*



## CAFE BLODWEL

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
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## Annual Parish Church Meetings (APCM)

Revd. Kathy

These meetings for the two churches will be held on:

Llanyblodwel: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm

Trefonen: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 7.00pm



They are open to everyone, when you can hear reports on the activities of the past year and of plans for the year ahead. There will be opportunities to ask questions and make comments. It's your opportunity to have your say!

We will thank those who have served in the past year and elect officers for the year ahead. These will be for the positions of churchwardens and their deputies, safeguarding officers and PCC members (secretaries and treasurers are appointed by the new PCCs). Note that only those people who are on the electoral roll for their church can vote in these elections. Names and contact details of the Electoral Roll Officers are listed at the back of the magazine.



Statements of Accounts and Trustees Annual Reports will be posted on church notice boards ahead of (usually for two weeks) the meetings.

Nominations for the above elected posts can be submitted now - see Revd Kathy for the necessary forms and return them to her at least a week before the meetings. Speak to Revd. Kathy (contact details on page 2) if you're interested in serving in any of these capacities and would like more information.

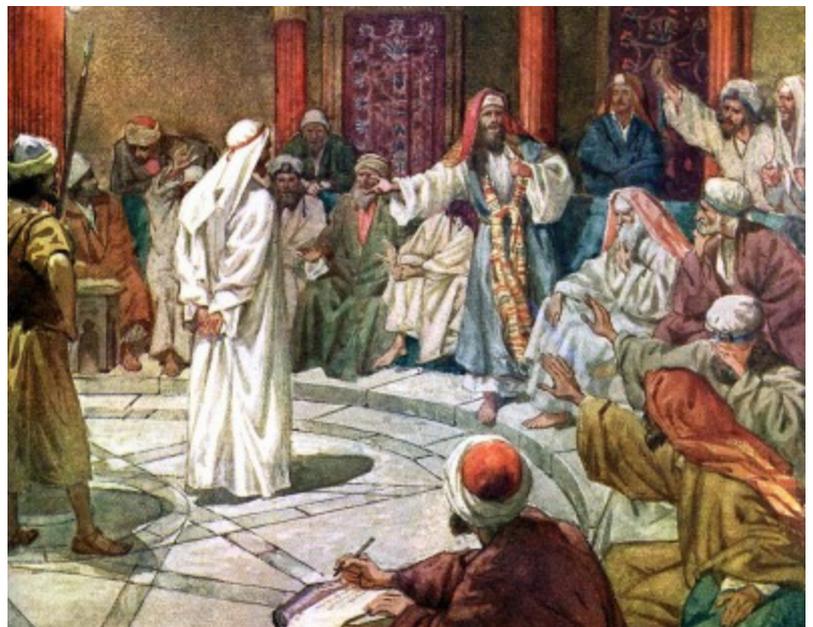
## The Pre-Trial of Jesus

Andrew Rice-Oxley

Advance notice of this year's Palm Sunday Evening Drama.

A courtroom drama in which the High Priest Caiaphas interrogates certain people who have encountered Jesus, with a view to gaining incriminating evidence against him.

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## Quiz

General knowledge again, with the subtitle: 'some things you didn't know you needed to know about the month of March'.

1. For which of the Roman Gods is March named?
2. Which of these occurs in March: a Solstice or an Equinox?
3. Complete this saying: "Mad as a March ...."
4. There are several other sayings about March, perhaps the best known being: "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a ...."
5. Julius Caesar was warned: "Beware the Ides of March". On what date are the Ides?
6. Which of these special days in the Jewish calendar usually occurs in March?  
(a) Purim, (b) Shavuot, (c) Chanukah, (d) Yom Kippur.
7. Which global pandemic reached the USA in March 1918?
8. Which Scottish King became King of England in March 1603?
9. Construction of the Sagrada Familia cathedral began in which European city in March 1882?
10. Which sporting trophy was stolen in March 1966?
11. Which iconic military aeroplane made its maiden flight in March 1936?
12. If your birthday falls on 5<sup>th</sup> March, what is your Zodiac sign?
13. Which of these Saint's Days is not in March?  
(a) St David, (b) St Joseph, (c) St George, (d) St Patrick
14. Composer Frederic Chopin was born on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1810 - in which country?
15. What did the Royal Navy abolish in March 1990?
16. What expression did Winston Churchill coin in March 1946 in describing the border between the capitalist west and the communist east of Europe?
17. Scotland's defeat of England at Edinburgh in March 1871 was the first ever international match in which sport?  
  
The answer to each of the following begins with the letters 'mar...'
18. Small glass ball used in a children's game.
19. Indian hemp.
20. A harbour for sailing boats and yachts.

*Answers on page 42*

*CEO of Open Doors Henrietta Blyth wrote the following in a recent edition:*

I was at lunch with friends the other day, telling them some of the stories of people I have met this year, and one said: "But I don't understand. If they are facing that sort of difficulty and opposition, why don't they just give up being Christians?"

It really is the million-dollar question isn't it? Around the world, life is getting harder, not easier, for Christians.

In India, we see rising levels of violence against believers - especially pastors' wives and daughters. The Chinese government has been clamping down hard too. In North Korea, there is still a total lack of freedom for Christians, and yet the world and the church remain largely ignorant of the scale and severity of persecution.

Galatians 5:1 says: "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." The God we worship gives us the freedom to choose and we should defend this freedom vigorously, wherever and whenever we can. The Open Doors World Watch List is vital because it shows where those freedoms are being denied and the ferocity of the battle we're in.

For millions of men and women, each year, the choice to follow Him is a matter of life and death. So why don't they just give up? It's because they know that Jesus is worth any amount of opposition. He, too, was unfairly tried, convicted of blasphemy, violently beaten and sentenced to death. But, more than that, they have had an encounter with Him that has literally changed their lives - and they are not going to give him up.

The faith of these brothers and sisters inspires me and grows my own faith. It is a privilege to bring Christians like North Korean Kim Sang-Hwa to Standing Strong and it was very humbling to receive thanks from a supporter who said: "Please keep going, this matters so much."

Last year saw the UK government calling for an independent review of UK support for persecuted Christians. This new year gives us a chance to increase that momentum further following the parliamentary launch of the Open Doors World Watch List on 15<sup>th</sup> January. Your choice can make all the difference - and keep faith and hope alive for our persecuted family.





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## LLANYBLODWEL SERVICES - MARCH

**1<sup>st</sup> Mar 11.00am Family Communion**  
 SACRISTAN Eirlys Williams  
 SIDESMAN Edward Williams  
 READER Mary Walpole  
 CHURCHWARDEN Roger Taylor

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
 Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7  
 Romans 5: 12-19  
 Matthew 4: 1-11

**8<sup>th</sup> Mar 11.00am Morning Prayer**  
 SIDESMAN David Wigley  
 READER Ted Harrison  
 CHURCHWARDEN Roger Taylor

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
 Genesis 12: 1-4a  
 Romans 4: 1-5 & 13-17  
 John 3: 1-17

**15<sup>th</sup> Mar 9.00am Holy Communion BCP**  
 READER Keith Hindley  
 CHURCHWARDEN Roger Taylor

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
 Exodus 17: 1-7  
 Romans 5: 1-11  
 John 4: 5-42

**22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 11.00am Morning Prayer**  
 SIDESMAN Ron Tudor  
 READER Wendy Taylor  
 CHURCHWARDEN Roger Taylor

**Mothering Sunday**  
 Exodus 2: 1-10  
 Colossians 3: 12-17  
 Luke 2: 33-35

**29<sup>th</sup> Mar 10.30am Benefice Service at Llanyblodwel**

**Passion Sunday**  
 Ezekiel 37: 1-14  
 Romans 8: 6-11  
 John 11: 1-45

### From the Registers

*Michelle Scott*

#### Llanyblodwel

Funerals:	13 <sup>th</sup> January	Winifred Owen
	12 <sup>th</sup> February	Constance Margaret Roberts

#### Trefonen

Funerals:	18 <sup>th</sup> December	Brenda German
	17 <sup>th</sup> January	John Jenson Knight
	22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Margret Eileen Jones

## TREFONEN SERVICES - MARCH

<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Mar 10.45am Family Service</b>  <b>WELCOMERS</b> John &amp; Diane W  <b>LEADER</b> Betty S &amp; Worship Leader  <b>FLOWERS</b> Lent  <b>CLEANING</b> KK &amp; Anne F</p>	<p><b>First Sunday of Lent</b>            Genesis 2: 15-17 &amp; 3: 1-7            Romans 5: 12-19            Matthew 4: 1-11</p>
<p><b>8<sup>th</sup> Mar 9.30am Holy Communion</b>  <b>WELCOMERS</b> Graham L &amp; Helen P  <b>LEADER</b> Andrew R-O  <b>READER OT</b> Shirley J  <b>READER NT</b> Jeremy G  <b>PRAYERS</b> Susan R-O</p>	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>             Genesis 12: 1-4a            Romans 4: 1-5 &amp; 13-17            John 3: 1-17</p>
<p><b>15<sup>th</sup> Mar 10.45am Family Service</b>  <b>WELCOMERS</b> Helen F &amp; Anne F  <b>LEADER</b> Chris K  <b>FLOWERS</b> Lent  <b>CLEANING</b> Jill F &amp; Judy F</p>	<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>            Exodus 17: 1-7            Romans 5: 1-11            John 4: 5-42</p>
<p><b>22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 9.30am Holy Communion</b>  <b>WELCOMERS</b> Malcolm K &amp; Jeanne B  <b>LEADER</b> Peter W  <b>READER OT</b> Malcolm K  <b>READER NT</b> Helen P  <b>PRAYERS</b> Peter W</p>	<p><b>Mothering Sunday</b>             Exodus 2: 1-10            Colossians 3: 12-17            Luke 2: 33-35</p>
<p><i>FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup>, 10.00am      SPRING CLEAN      ALL HANDS PLEASE</i></p>	
<p><b>29<sup>th</sup> Mar 10.30am Benefice Service at Llanyblodwel</b>  <b>WELCOMERS</b>  <b>LEADER</b>  <b>FLOWERS</b> Lent</p>	<p><b>Passion Sunday</b>            Ezekiel 37: 1-14            Romans 8: 6-11            John 11: 1-45</p>
<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Apr 10.45am Family Service</b>  <b>WELCOMERS</b> Graham &amp; Pat D  <b>LEADER</b> Betty S</p>	<p><b>Palm Sunday</b>            Isaiah 50: 4-9a            Philippians 2: 5-11            Matthew 21: 1-11</p>
<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Apr 6.00pm Drama - The Pre-Trial of Jesus</b></p>	

# Diary

## March

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Monday	7.00pm	Prayer meeting for the future of the church, All Saints
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday	9.00 - 11.30am	Community Café with Foot Health Clinic
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	10.00am - 12.00	Café Blodwel
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	10.30am	Midweek Holy Communion, Llanymynech
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	12 noon	Lent Lunch, Llanymynech
6 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	2.30pm	World Day of Prayer Service, Llanymynech Church (see p.5)
10 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	9.00 - 11.30am	Community Café
11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	12 noon	Lent Lunch, Morton
12 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	2.00 - 3.30pm	Sofa Club, Llanymynech Church Hall (see p.9)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	7.30pm	Piano Recital by Trefor Smith, Oswestry School (see p.41)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks (see p.40)
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	3.00 - 5.00pm	Mad Hatter's Tea Party, Llanymynech Church Hall (see p.9)
17 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	9.00 - 11.30am	Community Café
18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	10.30am	Midweek Holy Communion, Llanymynech
18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	12 noon	Lent Lunch, Llanyblodwel
19 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	7.30pm	Trefonen Garden Club meeting (see p.36)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	9.00 - 11.30am	Community Café
25 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	12.30pm	Lent Lunch, Trefonen
25 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	2.00pm	Closing Service of the local Mothers Union Branch & Lady Day Service, Llanyblodwel Church (see p.12)
26 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	2.00 - 3.30pm	Sofa Club, Llanymynech Church Hall (see p.9)
27 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	7.30pm	Quiz Night, Llanyblodwel Church (see p.12)
28 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	4.00 - 6.00pm	Messy Church, Trefonen
30 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	7.00pm	APCM, Llanyblodwel Church (see p.17)
31 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday	9.00 - 11.30am	Community Café with Knit & Knatter

## April

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday	10.30am	Midweek Holy Communion, Llanymynech
1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday	12 noon	Lent Lunch, Llanymynech
1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday	7.00pm	APCM, Trefonen Church (see p.17)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	10.00am onwards	Offa's Dyke Collaboratory event, Trefonen Village Hall (see p.43)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

School Easter Holiday

## Smile!



Philip was spending the weekend with his grandmother who decided to take him to the park on Saturday morning. It had been snowing and everything was beautiful.

She said, "Did you know that God painted this just for you?"

"Yes" replied Philip, "and he did it left handed."

This confused his grandmother so she asked: "What makes you say God did this with his left hand?"

"Well" said Philip, "we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

## Can you help?

Trefonen WI have had an excellent response to their *Trees for Trefonen* project, in terms of the number of people wanting to sponsor or donate a tree. We did, in November and just before Christmas, get permission from the councils to plant on our public open spaces, but there is insufficient room there to find a good home for all the trees we need to locate. Do you have space in your garden or do you know of a patch of land where we could plant? Please let me know. It would be wonderful if Trefonen could create a small copse.



## Events:

### *Flicks & Trefonen Entertains:*

14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm in the Hall: Red Joan

25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm in the Hall: Golden Age of the Silver Screen - music and songs by the Andy Lawrenson Trio. Tickets from Val Smout £10 to include supper.

### *Offa's Dyke Collaboratory*

4<sup>th</sup> April in the Hall, 10 am to 3.30 pm. This is a ticket only event when researchers and groups from along the Dyke will talk about their work. There will be some input about the preservation of our heritage in Trefonen. Information will be available for visitors. If you wish to advertise or sell your wares and promote your services to walkers, would you please contact me? Tickets have been available on line through:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/special-offa-communities-offas-dyke-tickets-91131136683>.

(See also p.43 - Ed)

The Church Parish Magazine is now published - in full colour - on the Trefonen web-site as well as being available, free, in the Church, Shop, Pub and Hall

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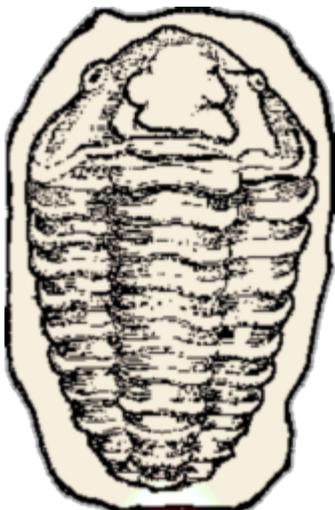
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It was way back in the September newsletter when I wrote about our plans to have a Rotakids group at Bryn Offa instead of a school council. This programme has gone from strength to strength, with us completing our first fund raising event which has allowed us to be twinned with a school in Ethiopia which will allow the children to find out what school life is like in another country compared to our own.

Due to the cold weather and dark nights, there is always a little less sport at this time of year than any other. One of the major sporting competitions we participate in at this time of year is the indoor athletics competition, which we compete in against all the other primary schools in the area. We are still much smaller than most of the other schools, but I am delighted that we have taken first place in this competition for the third year running. Credit for this must go to Mr Jones, whose sport coaching is exemplary.



Some of the readers of this magazine may well have come across groups of our children working over in the Heritage Area, as we try to use the advantages of our location as much as possible. In the last couple of weeks our Class 2 children have walked up to the viewpoint in their work on seasonal changes and geography. Then our Class 1 children went to Llanymynech Rock to look for fossils as part of their work on dinosaurs. Both of these visits are detailed in the blog on the school web site if anyone would like to see them.

Next week our Year 5 children will be continuing their John Muir Award, which is an environmental programme over ten+ sessions. These sessions give the children a wide range of experiences of the type of work done by Shropshire Wildlife and other environmental groups. All of which fit in with our value of the month which is perseverance, 'if at first, you don't succeed...' Til next month..

With the lighter nights and the buds appearing, Trefonen School's value for March, is Hope.

Pupils in class will be looking at how they can improve things around them and looking at what hope can do to benefit people's lives.

Talking of benefitting people, the Friends of Trefonen School (FoTS), after more successful fundraising have been able to pay for 'Jake The Storyteller' to come in to school for the day to work with all the pupils on writing and telling good stories.

FoTS are also organising a Book Swap for pupils on the Friday following World Book Day.

Everyone will then be gearing up for Sport Relief Week, full of sports and activities, and Science week, where the theme is 'Our diverse planet', culminating in the Science Fair on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> with pupils engaged in lots of experiments, there will be a lot of fun and learning to be had and lots of tidying up too.

## March dates

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Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jake The Storyteller – working with all classes
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Trefonen Toddlers – 9.15 to 10.30am in the school hall, £2 per session inc. snack. Mums and toddlers welcome!
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	FoTS Book Swap
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Sport Relief Week and Science Week
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Trefonen Toddlers – 9-15 to 10.30am
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Science Fair
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Patrick's Day
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Trefonen Toddlers – 9.15 to 10.30am
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Trefonen Toddlers – 9.15 to 10.30am

## Friends of Trefonen School (FoTS)

If you would like to get involved please contact the school on 01691 652960 or email [friendsoftrefonenschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftrefonenschool@gmail.com).

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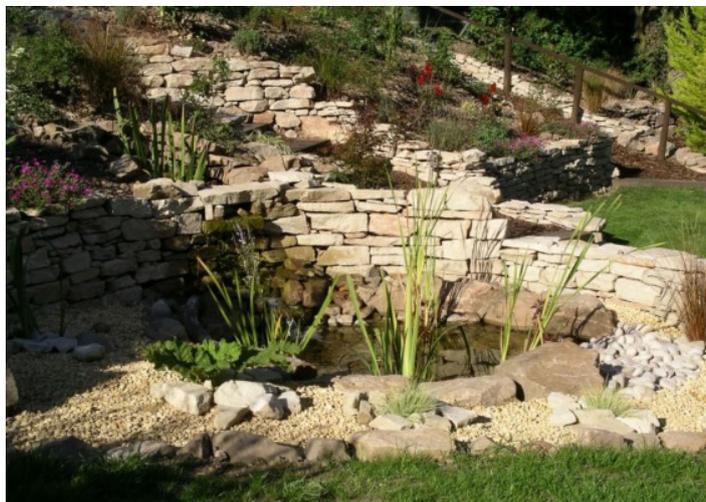
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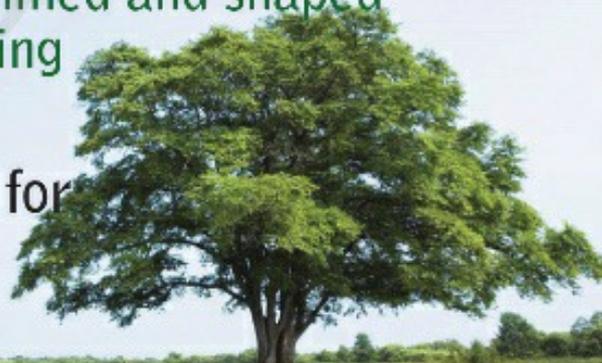
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## **Trefonen Garden Club Advertisement**

Trefonen Garden Club meets on the third Thursday of each month, except for August and December, 7.30 p.m. at Trefonen Village Hall.

Trefonen Garden Club's 2020 programme:

*Thursday 19 March:* following on from increasing concern about the environment, a talk by Shropshire Wildlife's Peter Lambert on River Life in Shropshire;

*Thursday 16 April:* Garden Designer, RHS Gold Medal Winner and Local Radio Broadcaster Darren Rudge on Patio Pots and Hanging Baskets.

Bring along your friends and neighbours, everybody is welcome to Trefonen Garden Club Meetings!

See [www.trefonengardenclub.org.uk](http://www.trefonengardenclub.org.uk) for more information

or email [trefonengardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:trefonengardenclub@gmail.com) and see

[www.trefonengardenclub.org.uk/calendars/programme-2020/](http://www.trefonengardenclub.org.uk/calendars/programme-2020/) for the full 2020 programme.



The January meeting was an extremely interesting talk on the life of Charles Darwin by Dorothy Nichole. Her talk was very informative and entertaining and included his life from his birth in Shrewsbury, his education at Shrewsbury School, his interest in plants, bridges and canals.



Ruth Williams won the mystery prize. The competition to make as many words as possible from EVOLUTION was won by Mary Walpole. Wendy Taylor won the flower competition.

The February meeting on the Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> is a talk by Claire Backshall on Attracting Birds to the Garden; the meeting on Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> is Printing on Silk with Sarah Evans. We always welcome new members and visitors.

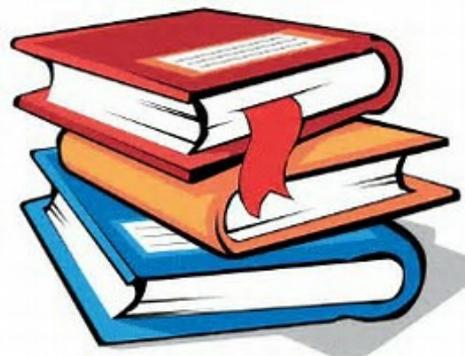
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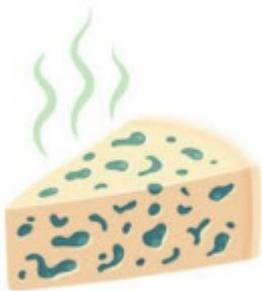
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What makes the holes in Emmental?

You'd have learned the answer to that and many other cheese based conundrums if you'd joined us for our February meeting in the village hall when we enjoyed a Cheese Quiz very ably organised by Pam.



We started with 8 cheeses and the remarkably difficult challenge of identifying the name, country of origin and animal producing the milk. This led to some intense discussions about Wensleydale versus Lancashire, Stilton versus Roquefort and what produces the milk for Feta as we nibbled samples with bread, olives and grapes and enjoyed a glass of wine.



Twenty five further cheese based questions had us wracking our brains about what makes the holes in Emmental, what Stinking Bishop is washed in and where we would know Peter the Goatherd from before we finally named dishes from lists of their ingredients.

Gill thanked Pam for organising such an enjoyable and tasty event and a good chance to get to know each other better.

We made plans for a further quiz at Maesbury, social events, theatre groups, craft shows and charity fundraising. It's going to be another busy year!

If you think you'd like to find out more, please join us for Nearly Wild Weaving, making tapestry with natural materials on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in Trefonen village hall. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For further details please contact Victoria 07773364982 or check out our burgeoning website on [www.trefonen.org/wi](http://www.trefonen.org/wi).



*Is it just me, or are WI meetings becoming synonymous with wine tasting sessions?! Ed.*

We hope that many of the readers of the Parish Magazine will have enjoyed the Annual Quiz Night on 20<sup>th</sup> February. Many thanks to you all and to the hard working and entertaining team of Question Setters and masters of ceremonies.

The March meeting is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30p.m. at Trefonen Village Hall. Following on from last year's much appreciated talk with an environmental theme (Gardening for Wildlife) March's talk will feature Shropshire Wildlife's River Project's Manager Peter Lambert with his talk River Wildlife in Shropshire.



With some of the wettest winter months for many years in recent memory and maybe more to come, floods have been all too frequent and what happens to wildlife is in danger of being forgotten in the tragedies that affect an increasing number in the rural and urban communities. Of general and specific interest to many this promises to be an interesting and informative evening.

New members and visitors are always welcome to Trefonen Garden Club meetings, always at the Village Hall and on the third Thursday of the month, except in August and December.

Details on the website [www.trefonengardenclub.org.uk](http://www.trefonengardenclub.org.uk) or email [trefonengardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:trefonengardenclub@gmail.com) to get on the mailing list or call Barbara Court on 01691 657 026.



We take a brief look at the footballing history of Trefonen, the name goes back further than you may expect!

## An Early History...

Early records indicate a Football Club in Trefonen from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, few records survive from this period, however information can be found for Trefonen entering a side into the 1883/84 Welsh Cup. It is believed the team played home games in the Woodhill Area. A first round 5-2 victory against Black Park FC saw Trefonen hosting Oswestry White Stars FC in the second round, unfortunately losing 4-0. White Stars eventually went on to win the competition, defeating Druids FC in the final.

The history of the current club can be traced back to the late 1970's when friendly matches were played under the name of The Efel Inn FC, with home matches being played on the local Trefonen Playing Fields using a black and white kit bought from Morda FC.

In 1981, the club decided to enter the Wem & District Sunday League (Division Two), under a new name of Trefonen Football Club. The club's new green and yellow striped kit being sponsored by Martins Cash & Carry of Trefonen. The first season saw Trefonen finishing bottom of the division and only one place better off in the following season. A more successful period was to follow, as Trefonen finished as runners-up to gain promotion to Division One.



1985/86 was the club's first season in the Wem & District Sunday League Division One, which saw the team finishing in an excellent 2<sup>nd</sup> place, as well as winning the club's first silverware, in the form of the Consolation Cup.

Over the next decade, the club was successful on many fronts, winning the Sunday League Division One and finishing runners-up on numerous occasions, the First Division Cup in 1989/90 and the Graham Edwards Memorial Trophy on no fewer than 3 occasions (1989/90, 1990/91, 1991/92).

In May 1996 the Club reluctantly made the decision to "mothball" when vital roles within the club's committee could not be filled due to changing times and family commitments.

The history of the modern club will be featured in a future edition.

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**Red Joan (15) 2hrs      Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm - Trefonen Village Hall**

English born Joan Stanley, a Soviet and communist party sympathizer, becomes employed as a British government civil servant, and gets recruited by the KGB in the mid 1930s. She successfully transfers nuclear bomb secrets to the Soviet Union (Russia), which enables them to keep up with the west in the development of atomic weapons, and remains undetected as a spy for over a half a century.

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## Oswestry School Recital Series - 30th Anniversary Year

Please can I bring your attention to this very special set of concerts in our 30th, and sadly, our final year. Oswestry Recital Series has attracted world class performers such as John Lill, Emma Johnson and Tenebrae to name but a few. This season we have already been treated to the wonderful jazz singing of Claire Martin, the sophisticated continental programme of The Gala String Trio and the technical brilliance of the pianist Michael Dussek.

The final three concerts promise to be just as thrilling. We have the hugely entertaining pianist Trefor Smith on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at the Peter Humphreys Centre, Oswestry School; the wonderful Katona Twins returning by popular demand to play guitar duets at St. Oswald's Church on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>, and rounding up the series, the talented students of The Royal Northern College of Music's lively Ark Ensemble, also at St. Oswald's, on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>. All concerts start at 7.30pm.

Tickets for adults are £20, children free, and are available from:-

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*Helen Strawbridge*



Disability Oswestry (now known as DO) supports everybody with any kind of disability everywhere in Northwest Shropshire.



They have regular monthly meetings, with a speaker, a chance to network - and coffee and home-made cake!

Everybody is really welcome to come along. They also publish and regularly update their 'DO Directory' giving details of, at the moment, 64 local groups who support people with disabilities. These include physical disabilities (both seen and unseen), learning disabilities, dementia and people referred by mental health services. There is also support for the elderly and socially isolated. Copies of the directory can be obtained as an A5 booklet from local libraries or electronically by emailing Penny Rice (contact details below).

In June, 2019, working with Oswestry Library, DO organised an information day. This was so popular that it will be repeated as 'DO 2020@' on June 20th this year.

DO are also asked to give advice on anything which might affect the disabled - (such as disabled toilets), and are happy to help when ever needed. DO also support fund-raising events for disability groups (eg. Dementia).

For more information, or to receive their monthly newsletter or directory, please contact Penny Rice on 01691 680382, or e-mail: [disabilityoswestry161@gmail.com](mailto:disabilityoswestry161@gmail.com).

## Answers to the Quiz

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|--------------------------|---|
| 11. Supermarine Spitfire | 1. Mars, the God of War                                       |
| 12. Pisces               | 2. Equinox - when the sun is directly overhead at the Equator |
| 13. St George            | 3. Hare   |
| 14. Poland               | 4. Lamb   |
| 15. Rum rations          | 5. 15th   |
| 16. Iron Curtain         | 6. Purim  |
| 17. Rugby Union          | 7. Spanish flu  |
| 18. Marble               | 8. James VI of Scotland, James I of England                   |
| 19. Marjyana             | 9. Barcelona  |
| 20. Marina               | 10. Jules Rimet (Football World Cup).                         |

*Advance Notice of an early-April event:*

Learn about the latest discoveries and research on Offa's Dyke, Wat's Dyke and the Anglo-Welsh borderlands!

Find out how you can get involved in your local history, heritage and archaeology!

The Offa's Dyke Collaboratory - a research network exploring the archaeology, history and heritage of Britain's greatest linear earthwork and its landscape context - is organising a free public event on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020 in Trefonen Village Hall.



Register from 10am for talks from 10.15am - 1pm. The morning will comprise a series of talks by researchers and community groups exploring Offa's Dyke and its environs from Prestatyn to Chepstow.

There will also be stalls selling relevant books and with information about the landscapes of the Anglo-Welsh borderlands past and present.

A buffet lunch will be available free of charge. Alternatively, delegates can find their own food, for instance at the adjacent Barley Mow Pub with the Offa's Dyke Brewery attached.

After lunch, at 2pm, expert guides will lead a walk along Offa's Dyke near Trefonen.

Hosted by the Trefonen Rural Protection Group (TRPG).





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9.05 - 9.40am: 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March

**Trefonen Church Library:** Open whenever the church is open (most days)



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