The Newsletter
Of Newbridge-On-Wye Baptist Church
OCTOBER 2016
HARVEST
FROM THE MINISTER

As I write this letter I have just taken the first Harvest Thanksgiving service of the season, I am only booked to take three more.

Harvest is a time when we come together and say ‘thank-you’. Firstly in church services we give thanks to God who sends the sunshine and the rain.

As we celebrate the harvest of fruit and vegetables, as we have seen the lambs in the field and the cows go off to milking we give thanks to God the maker and sustainer of all things.

But as I look at the plate of food before me on the table not just at harvest time but all year round I realise that thanks need to be given not just to God but to all those who are responsible for unfailingly bringing food to my table.

A thank-you to the farmers: - those that breed animals that provide the meat and the milk – those who grow crops and provide the fruit and the vegetables.

A thank-you to the fishermen: - who risk their lives reaping the harvest of the seas.

A thank you to the drivers: - who bring the goods from the farm to the shops.

A thank-you to the shopkeepers: - with an ever ready supply.

A thank-you to those who cook: - and set the table before me.

And there are probably countless others who I have not mentioned, (including those who mine for coal, drill for oil and gas that there will be power to cook the food) who we need to say thank-you to.

Many Harvest Services have become a time when we who have much are reminded about those who are in need and we are called upon to give generously as God has given generously to us.

There is nothing wrong with that message and we have all year to proclaim it. But at this season – at this season of harvest I just want to give thanks – thanks to God and to everyone else who is responsible for putting food on my table.

Have a good harvest.

Steve
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
Are they relevant to the way we live today?
A few of us will be getting together on a Tuesday morning to discuss that question.
We will be following a popular course by J John.
We will meet twice a month at the chapel at 10:30am.
In October we will meet on the 11th & 25th.

A few of us go out for lunch in Rhayader after the meeting. You would be more than welcome to join us. (2 courses for only £5.00)
The ladies were invited to a special meeting of the Fellowship to hear Mr Trevor Grant speak about the work of The Leprosy Mission (TLM). We started with a hymn which draws attention to the growth of the church worldwide, in spite of how it may seem here in Wales, “The Light of the morning is breaking,” sung to the well loved Welsh tune, Crugybar.

Trevor drew attention to the account in Matthew’s Gospel of the cleansing of the man suffering with Leprosy, in which Jesus actually reached out to touch him; a remarkable thing to do bearing in mind the culture at the time according to which great care was taken to avoid touching a leper in case the infection was caught by so doing. Sadly the same attitude persists in many parts of the world and TLM tries to overcome the stigma which is still found regarding those suffering from the disease. In fact, leprosy is only mildly infectious and is not transmitted by touch.

Trevor reminded us of the devastating earthquake in Nepal, after which TLM hospital, itself damaged, gave help to the injured, whether suffering from leprosy or not. TLM assisted in rebuilding homes; Khrishna actually witnessed his wife’s death as she was trying to escape from their falling house. She was the bread-winner, as leprosy prevented him from working. TLM have built a simple, earthquake resistant home, for Khrishna and his sons.

Leprosy can be cured by antibiotics, supplied freely by a drugs company. Many do not seek treatment early enough to avoid nerve damage; insensitive feet lead to injuries and in turn to infections. Hands become clawed; eyelids lose their movement and blindness can result. TLM can carry out surgery to help with these conditions. Physio is provided; artificial limbs and special footwear is supplied.

Vocational training is available to enable leprosy affected folks to obtain a living, overcoming stigma as well as lack of skills. TLM seeks to take a holistic approach to the problems of leprosy, Providing bodily healing, practical assistance and spiritual guidance. In many ways, the love of Jesus is conveyed to the sufferers, and some become followers of Jesus.

Thanks were expressed to Trevor by Bob Atkins and an opportunity to give towards the work of TLM was taken.

Don’t forget clocks go back on the weekend of the 29th/30th October
This newsletter is aimed to let the whole village know what is happening at the Baptist Church.

We intend to continue putting this newsletter out monthly to every home in the village.

We would like the newsletter to be a service to the village and will happily publicise events organised by other groups. If you have an event you would like included in future issues please contact either Steve or Elsa.

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www.newbridgebaptistchurch.co.uk
or on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/Pentref-Baptist-Chapel

Cover Photographs
If you have a photo of Newbridge and a story to go with it please let Steve know and we will use the picture on the front cover and print the story inside a future issue.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Through the year Pentref Chapel has been collecting used postage stamps which are sold to help support the work of the Leprosy Mission. A number of carrier bags full of stamps were given to Trevor to take back to their head office. Last year the sale of used stamps and other collectables raised over £136,000 to support the work of The Leprosy Mission.

If you have any used stamps or other collectables (see list below) that you would like to donate, please drop them into the chapel or give them to someone you know who goes to the chapel.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

- Stamps of all descriptions, GB and foreign (even the very common ones) (please leave approx 5mm of the envelope around the stamp)
- Postcards (GB and foreign, posted or unused)
- Coins and bank notes
- Cigarette cards
- Old matchboxes
- Medals

The Men’s Fellowship

The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 18th.
At 10:30am
The speaker will be Rev Steve Wallis
Who will be talking about his time working for a Christian Charity that works with people coming out of prison.
On the first Sunday of the month Rev Steve continued his morning sermons with studies in the book of James “Draw Near to God, and He will Draw Near to You”. Whilst the evening service continued with studies in the life of Abraham: “Testing”. On the second Sunday morning the James book studies concentrated on “Who are you to Judge your Neighbour?” The evening saw studies in the life of Abraham, “The Death of Sarah”. The third Sunday morning studies in the book of James—“Who knows what tomorrow will bring”. The evening service was led by Rev Andrew Wyton, and included the monthly evening communion. Whilst on the final Sunday of September, Rev Paul Tarling of Llandrindod Wells spoke both in the morning and evening.

The monthly Charity Coffee Morning was held on Wednesday 7th September, with donations going to Hope House Children’s Hospice. Pentref members would be very pleased to welcome more residents and visitors to the next Coffee Morning on Wednesday 5th October between 10:30 am and 12 ish, with donations again going to the above cause.

On Tuesday 13th of the month the Bible Study group commenced a new course entitled “Just 10” based on the Ten Commandments by J. John. The course starts with Commandment 10 and journeys back each week to the first of God’s instructions. The first session was called: “Find True Contentment” and the second on the 27th “Hold to the Truth”, the latter relating to Commandment 9, “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour”. This study time complete with a short video is led by Rev Steve. Before the first meeting of the month Clive Barrett on behalf of the group presented Henry Cave with a book token and thank you card, in appreciation of his leadership of the Bible Study group over several years. If anyone is interested in joining the study they would be very welcome, to the next sessions on Tuesday 11th October and the 25th.

The Welsh for Beginners recommenced for the Autumn Term on Monday 12th September, with good attendances, some revision and some Welsh conversation, question and answer sessions, and some homework!!! The course is led by Nelda Foster.

The Newbridge Creative Group continues to meet on a Thursday afternoon, under the leadership of Vanessa. The “Sing Along” group met on Tuesday 13th September to sing some of the old favourite hymns, and to learn some of the newer ones as practice for songs which may be used at Pentref during October.

The minister of the chapel is available not just for those who come to chapel but to anyone in the village who needs help and support:

- If you want someone to talk to who will listen get in touch and he will arrange a visit.
- If you would like someone to pray with you please get in touch and he will arrange a visit.
- If you are going into hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please let the minister know and if possible he will visit.

The minister of the chapel is here as chaplain to the village. If he can be of help in any way please get in touch.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Sunday  2\(^{\text{nd}}\) October  5:00pm
Harvest Thanksgiving
followed by Refreshments, Pentref

### Tuesday  4\(^{\text{th}}\) October  5:00pm
Llandrindod Wells Cytun AGM
followed at approx 6pm
by a talk by Peredur Owen Griffiths,
from Christian Aid.
Holy Trinity, Llandrindod Wells

### Thursday  6\(^{\text{th}}\) October  2:00pm
Sarn Baptist Church
Radnorshire and Montgomeryshire
Baptist Association
Half Yearly Meeting
Speakers
  - Rev Andrew Wyton
  - Rev Judith Morris

### Friday  14\(^{\text{th}}\) October  7:00pm
Harvest Thanksgiving
Gravel Baptist Chapel
Speaker Rev Steve Wallis

### Saturday  15\(^{\text{th}}\) October  2:30pm
Induction Service
Rev Kevin Dare
Norton Street Baptist Church, Knighton

### Sunday  16\(^{\text{th}}\) October  6:30pm
Sankey Praise
Maesyrhelem Baptist Chapel

### Friday  21\(^{\text{st}}\) October  7:00pm
Harvest Thanksgiving
Newchapel Baptist Chapel
Speaker Rev Steve Wallis

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### Newbridge Creative Group

Do you, paint, draw, sculpt, knit, crochet, do macramé, or anything else creative? If you do, you would be more than welcome to come along to the group.

Come along to share your skills in a group where we learn from each other.

We meet on
**Thursday afternoon**
2pm – 4pm
In the hall of the Baptist Chapel

Refreshments provided
More info: Vanessa 01597 860185
Fancy a sing along to some of the old favourite hymns and the opportunity to learn some of the newer Christian songs then come along to Cartref on Tuesday 11th October at 7:30pm where some of us from the chapel will be gathering to practice some of the songs we will be using in services in October.

Tea, Coffee and biscuits maybe even a cake will be supplied.

Newbridge on Wye WI usually meet at the Community Centre on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Our Programme for the next few months:

Thursday 20th October - Our visiting speaker, Mrs Mandy Davies will be demonstrating Decorating cupcakes.

Anyone interested in joining us for these activities, please ring Sylvia on 860 583 or message Lyn on 07393 602896
All Saints Church
Afterwards at The New Inn
for refreshments
All welcome
If possible let Julie know if you intend to attend on 860760

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SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

Sunday 2nd October 3:00pm Harvest Service (Llanafan)

Sunday 9th October 6:00pm Evensong

Sunday 16th October 11:00am Morning Worship

Sunday 23rd October 11:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 30th October 11:00am Benefice Service (Llanlleonfel)

Midweek Eucharist every Wednesday at 10:00am.

NEWBRIDGE-ON-WYE

Strollers and Walkers

Come and join us as we explore the hills and valleys of the local area.

Strollers meet fortnightly on a Tuesday.

Walkers meet fortnightly on a Thursday.

We always meet in the car park by the Village Green at 10am – we aim to be back between 12:30 & 1:30.

Strollers is quite gentle – Walkers is a bit more strenuous.

Further info from:
Phil or Val 01597 860569 – Joyce 01597 860429
John or Jane 01597 860553

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Kate Gatens

Saturday 1st October 12:30pm

Christmas Sale of Work

Saturday 19th November 2.00pm.