



St Mary's Church Llanvair Discoed

HARVEST SERVICE & SUPPER THURSDAY OCTOBER 11TH

This will be held on Thursday October 11th with the service at 7pm followed by a two-course supper at The Woodlands Tavern at 8.15pm. Tickets are £15 per person and will be available after Sept. 5th from Sue Miller, Geoff Brogan, Sally Morgan and Pat Daniel. There will be a raffle on the night so if you would like to donate a prize please let Sue Miller know, thanks.

FOR HARVEST THIS YEAR WE ARE LOOKING TO SUPPORT MARY'S MEALS BACKPACK PROJECT <http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/what-you-can-do/backpack-project>

THESE ARE THE ITEMS THAT WE ARE LOOKING TO COLLECT AT HARVEST



Wanted Items

Backpack/School Bag
Exercise Book/Notepad
Pencils
Pens
Crayons
Eraser
Ruler
Sharpener
Pencil Case
Towel
shorts / skirt & t-shirt, or dress
Flip Flops/Sandals
Small Ball eg Tennis Ball
Soap
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Spoon

MARY'S MEALS IS A GLOBAL MOVEMENT THAT SETS UP SCHOOL FEEDING PROJECTS IN SOME OF THE WORLDS POOREST COMMUNITIES AND THESE BACKPACKS WILL GO TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE THE MEALS. BY PROVIDING SOME OF THE BASICS, THAT WE TAKE FOR GRANTED, IT WILL ENABLE THE CHILDREN TO GO TO SCHOOL. STUDIES SHOW THAT AN EDUCATION IS THE BEST WAY A CHRONICALLY POOR CHILD CAN ESCAPE POVERTY IN LATER LIFE...SO, PLEASE BE GENEROUS.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

- 2nd December Family Service 10am
9th December Holy Eucharist 10 am
16th December Carol Service 6pm (followed by mulled wine & mince pies yum!!)
21st Christingle Service 4pm
CHRISTMAS DAY Holy Eucharist 10am
30th December Group Service at Caerwent
6th January Family Service 10am

ALL WELCOME





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Fundraising...and what do we do with the money?

To everyone involved in the monthly Bonus Ball draw thank you for your support and thanks to everyone involved in our various Jubilee Celebrations back in June. The Jubilee Raffle raised £2035, which was fantastic and the café, including plant sales, donations from our card & art sellers, raised £330.

As treasurer of the PCC I thought that I would take this opportunity to explain what we do with the money that we raise through our various events during the year. One of the biggest expenses we have had in the last five years was the rebuilding of two of the churchyard walls and replacing the church gate. All of these were done for Health & Safety reasons as well as aesthetics, the total cost was £14,200. In order to do these in a timely manner, to avoid injuries, we had to dip very deeply into our reserves, which as you can understand then puts us on a financial 'sticky wicket' as we still have to pay our daily bills. So we are fundraising to get our reserves back to a fit state and stay viable as a place of worship.

As part of our Outreach we also give to a number of charities on an annual basis, these are Christian Aid, The Mission to Seafarers, The Rainbow Trust, Anglicans in World Mission, The Churches Counselling Service of Wales and the Bishops Lent appeal. This amounts to around £600/£700 per year.

The church costs around £8000 a year, just to open the doors and keep the lights on and we are indebted to a number of people who give generously of their time and/or money...if you would like to join this group please contact me, Sue Miller, on 400124 or email me at su@rbusassociates.co.uk

Thanks to Roger James of Gwent Wildlife who led a walk for us at Kenfig Dunes which was enjoyed by a small, but select group & thanks to Helen John for arranging.

Also thanks to one of our village artists, Debs Hudson whose painting of the village raised £50 for the church and many of us are enjoying the art in our houses.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



HARVEST SERVICE & SUPPER	October 11 th 7pm
BURNS SUPPER	Jan 19 or 26 th TBC at The Woodlands Tavern
PET SERVICE/SONGS OF PRAISE	TBC
OPEN GARDENS EVENT (FRI/SAT/SUN)	2014 Exact dates to be confirmed. As this is such a major event we will be looking for lots of help & support. More details to follow.

If you would like to host a fundraising event or have ideas for a fundraising event please contact Sue Miller on 400124.
Thank you for your continued support

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