

INFORMATION

Village Activities

(All held in the chapel)

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2.00pm: Sally Brocklehurst 864717

Coffee Stop: 1st Friday in the month, 10.00—11.30am; except Jan
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Lunch Club: one Wednesday each month, dates vary. Contact Betty 863902 / Bridget 862662

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Message From...

Looking back and looking forward! It seems that that is what we do at this time of year! November the month of All Saints and Remembrance. We have remembered all those saints who have gone before us, often some time ago, but what about the other saints, those still with us, do we ever really think about them? Saints on earth and saints above, what an influence some of them have had on us, it's good to remember and give thanks to God.

We have remembered those who have given their lives in two World Wars, and sadly, numerous conflicts since. And we remember those who are serving now, all the more poignant if we know a serviceman or woman serving in Afghanistan at this moment.

We look back, yes with much to thank God for; and we look forward to Advent and our preparation for celebrating Christmas. Initially, as we think of the practical side, a moment of activity takes us to the lists! Many of our readers will have started in October, probably, with the cooking of cakes and puddings. And as Advent gets ever closer, so the lists get longer, and then into Advent, well, it doesn't bear thinking about! But isn't this what happened last year, and the year before, and the year before, and so on? Of course it is, we never learn. Perhaps we do too much looking back and insufficient looking forward, because if we got it right, we would be well prepared to celebrate Advent for what it is, and Christmas for what it is.

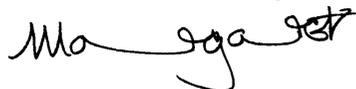
On Remembrance Sunday at the chapel, there was great excitement, because we looked back, but we looked forward first. Three youngsters had made the

decision that they wished to be baptised, and one of those with two others were confirmed and received into the membership of the Methodist Church (page 7). What a thrill it has been working alongside them, as they explored their journeys, as they made the decision, as they made their promises, as they celebrated the power of the Holy Spirit. They were excited, we shared their enthusiasm. Such was the excitement of them, and their friends, that one would have thought it was Christmas! They had a reason for living, as the power of the Holy Spirit flowed into young lives that are committed to serving a Saviour, their Saviour. A Saviour who was born on Christmas Day, for us all.

Perhaps one of the reasons why Christmas becomes frantic and too rushed is that we focus too much on a baby in a manger and don't let him grow up and go to Calvary. Perhaps we can't accept it. But, friends, it is true. Jesus was born in Bethlehem and laid in a manger AND he grew up, he went about teaching and healing and loving. And because he loves us so much, he went to Calvary and was crucified for us on Good Friday, and, yes there is more, he was raised to life for us and lives for ever more. That is really good news. The good news, this Christmas, is Jesus Christ.

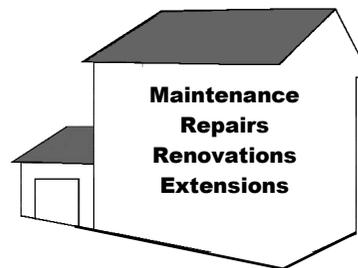
May Jesus be your reason for the season. May yours be a special time as you share in celebrating Christ at Christmas, and all year through. Happy Christmas and every blessing for 2011. Why don't you come and share with us, it would be lovely to see you.

With love and blessings



Reverend Margaret Barnes

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Shop and Sing

This event may not have swum across your horizon before (previously it has been a joint venture between Feock and Carnon Downs) but now it is to be thrown open to all. Carols will be sung at Playing Place Post Office at 10.45 am on Saturday 18th December and at 11.30am at Carnon Downs shop. 100 cards will be handed out at these two venues detailing church services for the Christmas period. Hymns will be taken from the Bethlehem song sheet, so if you have your own please take it along. There will be no collection and every singer of any age and ability will be welcome.

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WHAT'S ON AT PENPOLL METHODIST CHURCH

December

Thu 16th 7:30pm Charity Concert with Sydney Mitchell and friends followed by supper

Sun 19th Carol Service - 10:30am

Sun 19th Nativity - 6:00pm Behind the Scenes followed by mince pies

Fri 24th 11:30pm Midnight Communion led by Revd Margaret Barnes followed by mince pies and mulled cup

Sat 25th 10:00am Christmas morning family service at Carnon Downs Methodist Church conducted by Revd Margaret Barnes

Sun 26th 11.00am morning worship at Twelveheads Methodist Church conducted by Revd Margaret Barnes

January

Fri 7th NO Coffee Stop

Wed 12th Lunch Club - 12 noon

Sun 30th 10.30am Chapel Anniversary service conducted by Steve Nicholson, followed by lunch (bookings: Pat 862297)

February

Fri 4th Coffee Stop 10.00 – 11.30am

Tue 8th Messy Church: Holy Moses!

Wed 9th Lunch Club - 12 noon

Wed 16th 7.00pm Church Council

March

Fri 4th Coffee Stop 10.00 – 11.30am

Wed 16th Lunch Club - 12 noon



Behind the Scenes
a nativity play
Sunday 19 December
6.00pm Penpoll
Methodist Church

Penpoll Chapel History

In a little over a year's time Penpoll's Methodist chapel will be 150 years old. Preparations to celebrate this significant milestone in January 2012 are underway with special services already planned.

On Good Friday, 29th March 1861, a fund raising event took place that marked the start of the process to replace the existing chapel with a larger building. The foundation stone was laid in June 1861 and the opening services were held on 30th January 1862.

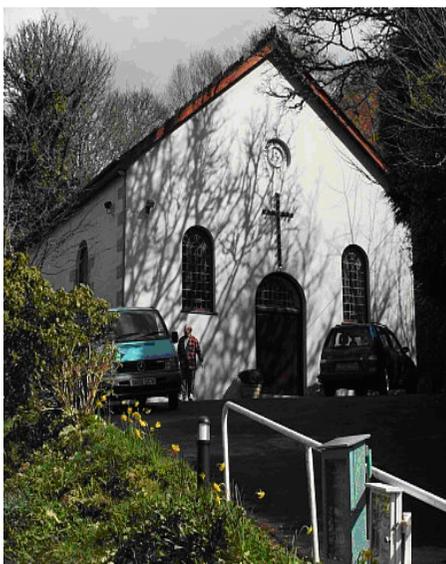


The story of the chapel's life and work is being written and the book will be available from the middle of next year. Many important and fascinating historical records have survived. Present members have provided additional material, some relating to several generations of their own ancestors who have worshipped continuously at Penpoll since the middle of the 19th century. The research has thrown up interesting aspects of the chapel's life, some of

them previously unknown. Several local residents have kindly given me permission to include photographs of their homes that have close associations with past members.

The chapel has always been the centre of Penpoll and Point village life. Many local organisations use the premises now, and this has been the case throughout its history. Feock parish councillors met in the school room for many years from 1894. The chapel has been used as a polling station, party political rallies have taken place here and in 1911 a coroner's inquest was held on the premises.

Finally, a question for readers; (a) in which year was electricity first installed in the chapel and (b) how much did it cost?! The correct answers will be provided in the next edition of "Village View". Suggestions to John Lander: Telephone: 862297 email: jandplander@btinternet.com



Harvest At Penpoll

This year it was decided that the thrust of our weekend should be aimed at "harvesting" money for the ShelterBox charity. To give more impetus to this idea we invited a member of the ShelterBox team to come on Harvest Festival Sunday and talk to us about the operations of the charity.

Our young people also wished to have a significant role in the weekend and they volunteered to run a table-top event on the Saturday afternoon. On the

Sunday morning, David Crook of ShelterBox arrived and set up in the Chapel the contents of one of the boxes. He explained in detail what these were and why they had been selected and also how they had evolved from experience. With the help of the youngsters he demonstrated how the various items were used and dealt patiently with the many questions that were fired at him. He also explained how the ShelterBox teams worked once an emergency had been flagged up. It was a most enlightening morning. The proceeds of the weekend amounted to £856 of which £166 came from the Saturday table-top sale.



Lunch Club

There are two vacancies for membership of the Lunch Club. The qualifications are:

1. Not to be greatly younger than the organisers.

2. To be glad of companionship and conversation over a good meal.

Will interested parties please apply to Betty (863902) or Bridget (862662).

Please note, the next Lunch Club is Wednesday 12th January 2011, 12 noon.

Christmas In Crantock

One of the joys of living in a small village is the feeling of 'community spirit' and the desire of most folk to contribute to the well being of their place of residence. Crantock is just such a place and the fact that it nestles in a hollow with the Gannel river to the North; sand dunes to the West; 'Polly Joke' beach to the South and open countryside to the East ensures that it has an intimate rural atmosphere. Add in thatched cottages, two pubs, a post office, an ancient church and a chapel and you have an almost perfect community.

The name comes from the 6th century Saint – Carantoc – who built a small oratory behind the sand dunes and which became a renowned College of Priests. It was a major centre of religious administration and learning, until it suffered under the Dissolution of the Monasteries by Henry VIII. In the centre of the village is the National Trust 'Round Garden', once an orchard and ancient cattle pound and possibly the site of the original Celtic oratory. Close by is the Norman church boasting some exceptionally fine wooden carving, including figures from Oberammergau.

Historically the living of the parish priest was endowed by an Anglo Catholic society and so the services reflect that tradition. At the top of the hill stands the Methodist Church – built in 1872 – where a 'lower' style of worship holds sway. One might expect that 'never the twain would meet'. Not a bit

of it for we all know each other socially and we all attend each other's coffee mornings, garden parties and more especially we share services and ecclesiastical celebrations throughout the year – none more so than at Christmas.

So, we all happily participate in a joint Christmas Lunch at a local hotel in mid-December and that same evening we have a candlelight Christmas Concert based at the Methodist Church (always referred to as 'The Chapel' in Crantock). This is notable for a backdrop of beautifully made silhouette figures of the nativity scene made by a local retired doctor. We all join in going round the village carol singing and join again at the delightful Crib Service on Christmas Eve when the Parish church is filled with families. The Anglicans follow this with a midnight Watch service, while the Methodists prefer to celebrate the birth of Christ at a more civilised time the following morning!

However, the highlight of the celebrations is 'Christmas in Crantock' – an evening of carols, words and music given by a wide variety of members of the community, especially by the children from the local school. It is a truly 'village' occasion, cherished by those who do not normally attend church just as much as by those who do.

Christmas is, of course, a wonderful time in which to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is also a time not only for families to come together, but also whole communities to do likewise and renew the ties that bind us in friendship and mutual respect.

David Eyles

Baptism and Confirmation

L to R: Niamh McClymont, Kizzy Fox, Mo Fox, Hester Claridge, and Hannah Fox enjoy celebratory cake with Chapel friends and family.



Sydney Mitchell
& Friends
CHARITY CONCERT
Thursday 16 December
7.30pm followed by supper
Penpoll Methodist Church