

Llanddew Village Community and St David's Church Newsletter 2026



News from Eglwys Dewi Sant

Sundays 9.30am: Sunday services take place at 9.30am each Sunday. Please join us – everyone is welcome!



Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus
"Be joyful, and keep your faith and your creed.
Do the little things that you have seen me do
and heard about. I will walk the path that our
fathers have trod before us."
- *St David's last sermon*



Tuesday 17 Feb 10.30 Shrove Tuesday: Come and join us for pancakes! The coffee morning will enjoy freshly-made pancakes, to mark Shrove Tuesday. Everyone welcome!

Mothering Sunday 15 Mar 9.30am: There will be a special family service in Llanddew.



Good Friday 3 April at 12 noon St David's Church Llanddew:
A quiet service of music, meditation and prayer will be held in the Church. The service will be followed by Hot Cross Buns.

Decorating the church for Easter: Following the service on Good Friday, the church will be decorated with daffodils ready for Easter morning. If anyone would like to contribute a vase of daffodils for one of the church windowsills, please bring your flowers to the church from 10am on Good Friday, and leave them in the Giraldus Room.

Easter Sunday 5 April at 9.30am:

This will be a family service during which Gill will tell the children the story of Easter. The service will be followed by refreshments and Easter eggs.



Mary Morgan's embroidered tablecloth is now in use in the Giraldus Room!

Very many thanks to the Sewing Group for completing the tablecloth in Mary's honour.



ST DAVID'S CHURCH, LLANDDEW



Come and join us for a Bird Box Workshop in the Village Hall on Saturday, 18th April - timing to be advised



The Workshop will be led by the Welsh Wildlife Trust and all materials will be supplied; volunteers from the village to help the children would be appreciated. If you are interested, please give your name to Ann Kinsey 01874 624672 Refreshments - Bacon Baps or Hot Dogs

Fellowship: The Fellowship group dates for 2026 will be circulated soon.

Prayer Group: The Prayer Group is not meeting at the moment. We shall inform you as soon as we have further information.

Cyhelir Gwasanaeth y Cymun yn Gymraeg yn Eglwys Dewi Sant Llanddew
am 12.00 o'r gloch dydd Llun cyntaf yn y mis.

Croeso cynnes i bawb. Dewch yn llw!

A Eucharistic service in Welsh in Saint David's Church Llanddew will be held at 12 noon on first Monday of the month. A warm welcome to everyone.

Church open daily: The church will be open daily from 1 April until the end of October, for visitors and villagers alike.

Our thanks to Bev, Kath and Lloyd, and Rowena for opening and closing the church daily.

Artist in residence @Christianstamas



Coffee morning in the Church every Tues 10.30 – 12 noon: Everyone is welcome to come to this popular weekly get-together in the Giraldu Room. £1 – proceeds to Church funds.

Community News and Diary Dates

Book group Village Hall 7.30pm: Please join us, even if you haven't read the book. New members welcome. £2 per meeting.

11 Feb: The Bookseller of Kabul by Asne Seierstad 2002

11 Mar: The Plant Hunter by T L Mogford 2022

8 Apr: Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus 2022

Save the date!

Quiz night: The ever popular quiz night with Collette will take place on **Friday, 13 March 2026**. There will be a 100 club draw on the night.

Llanddew Society 100 club: Get in touch with Jane Wood (624342) if you would like to join the 100 club, it's only £5 each year. Monetary prizes can be won at the two draws each year and additional money raised is used to pay for village social events and the subsidised annual seniors' lunch, pantomime tickets for village children, lighting up Llanddew.

Thank you to everyone involved with the following Christmas 2025 events:

Decorations 2025: Many of us enjoyed the 'Lighting up Llanddew' event, with carols around the Christmas tree, and refreshments afterwards in the Village Hall. Thanks to Bev and Gemma for organising this popular event.

Thank you to all who decorated the entrance to Maes Maldwyn and the village green, making it a warm welcome to the village. Thanks to those who decorated their windows during Advent; also to everyone who decorated and cleaned the church for Christmas.

Wreath-making workshop: Many thanks to Ann and Bev for organising the Christmas wreath-making workshop, which was much enjoyed by a small group.

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols: The church was full again this year! Mince pies and other refreshments were enjoyed afterwards. Thank you to the Gill for leading the service, to Mari for playing the organ, to the nine readers, and to those who provided and served refreshments.

Christingle Service: The church was filled with children, parents and grandparents. Our grateful thanks to Canon Rev Dr Gill Todd who told the Christmas story. The service was followed by a bring-&-share tea – then Santa came with gifts for the children. Grateful thanks to Jane Wood for arranging this, to Santa, and to Mari for playing the organ and also playing the guitar for the singalong!

Memory Tree: Thank you, Elaine, for organising this again this year.

Christmas Midnight Mass: Thank you Rev Dr Jane de Gay for leading us in a beautiful service. We also thank Alun Protheroe for organising the carols for us: he recorded Mari playing the organ, and set up a sound system, to enable us to sing the carols as though Mari was playing in person!

Community Council

For community related issues, please contact the Clerk to the Council – Mrs Keren Bender:

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The community council website is:

<https://www.llanddewcommunitycouncil.co.uk/m.index.html>

Llanddew Community Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1AGSSe2dce/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Llanddew Village Hall: For general information contact either Mr Ian Kinsey (Chair) 624672 (email: iankinsey394@outlook.com) or Rowena Akinyemi (Secretary) 409054 (email: rowena.akinyemi@gmail.com)

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