

**The churches are open the weekend of  
Open Church Day (Saturday 19th September)**

**Llandenny, St John, Apostle and Evangelist** (SO 4151 0393, [NP15 1DL](#))



Possibly Norman in origin, this church was embellished in all the following architectural periods, and the Victorians altered it very little, only adding a vestry and stripping the plaster from the walls. Although the rood screen and loft have

disappeared, the rood stair survives intact. There is a medieval altar slab mounted on a Victorian base, and a font dated 1661.

Open Sat 19th and Sun 20th, 9am-5.30pm

**Goetre, St Peter** (SO 3271 0592, [NP7 9DW](#))



Goetre church is first mentioned in 1348, but the present building dates to 1846 and was designed by Thomas Wyatt. It is a small church in Perpendicular style with a bellcote. An unusual survival is the west gallery. An iron-bound parish

chest, the bowl of the font, and some memorials are all that is left of the earlier church.

Open Sat 19th, 10.00am - 5.00pm

**Llanover, St Bartholomew** (SO 3180 0942, [NP7 9ED](#))



Like most churches in Gwent, Llanover was partly rebuilt at the end of the Middle Ages in the Perpendicular style, but some Decorated architectural features survive. The fine west tower is in squared blocks of sandstone, but

the rest of this church is covered in render and the traditional limewash. An inscription over the door records that the porch was rebuilt in 1750. Unusually, there is a step down into the chancel from the nave.

Open Sat 19th, 10.00am - 5.00pm

**Refreshments will be provided at Llangattock Lingoed, Llanelli, Llanthony and probably Grosmont. There will be flowers and music at Skenfrith, and the registers will be available for consultation at Llanelli. Abergavenny will have children's activities, music and an exhibition of vestments. Grosmont hopes to have a presentation on the church in the afternoon.**

**Abergavenny, St Mary** (Monk Street: SO 3010 1413, [NP7 5ND](#))



A Benedictine priory was founded here before 1100, and the church also served the parish. The present building was constructed mainly between the end of the 13th century and the end of the 14th century, but

was extensively rebuilt by the Victorians. The church contains 15th century choir stalls and the most important collection of medieval sculpture in Monmouthshire, including a rare Jesse tree in wood.

Open Sat 19th, 10.00am-6.00pm

**Llanfair Cilgoed, St Mary** (Cross Ash: SO 391193, [NP7 8NS](#))



This small church was built in 1842-3 to a design by R H Evins, a surveyor from Abergavenny, with modifications by Thomas Wyatt. There is a western bellcote, and the porch is at the west end too. Next door to the

church is the site of a medieval grange chapel that belonged to the Cistercian Abbey Dore in Herefordshire, but nothing now remains.

Open Sat 19th and Sun 20th, all day

**Llangattock Lingoed, St Cadoc** (SO 3616 2007, [NP7 8LW](#))



Many Gwent churches were extensively rebuilt in the Perpendicular style towards the end of the Middle Ages, and Llangattock is a fine example of one of medium size. When the church was restored a few years

ago, the exterior was limewashed, and a medieval painting of St George was uncovered inside. The carved beam across the east end of the nave once supported the rood loft, and there are Jacobean box pews.

Open Sats 5th & 19th and Suns 6th & 20th



**Grosmont, St Nicholas** (ST 4046 2430, [NP7 8LW](#))



This magnificent church is now too big for the population of Grosmont, who use only the chancel and transepts, but once it was the parish church for one of the Three Castles. This accounts for the fine architecture, mainly Early English,

but with a Decorated tower and porch. In the 1860s it was in danger of collapse, but was beautifully restored by J P Seddon.

Open Sat 19th and Sun 20th, all day

**Skenfrith, St Bridget** (SO 4561 2034, [NP7 8UH](#))



The architecture reflects the fact that this was the parish church for another of the Three Castles. The core of the church had been built by the end of the 13th century, but the north aisle was remodelled in the 14th century, and the south one in

the 15th/16th century along with the chancel and chapel. A date of 1661 on the timbers of the south aisle is a record of a later overhaul. Contains Jacobean carved box-pews, and a medieval embroidered cope.

Open Sat 19th and Sun 20th, all day

**Llanthony, St David** (SO 2885 2782, [NP7 7NN](#))



The remains of the priory church at Llanthony can be seen across the road from the parish church, which was probably created out of the priory's infirmary and its chapel after the Dissolution. The Norman

architecture of the original structure still figures largely in St David's. The seven-bay nave roof with windbraces is the only one of its kind in a South Wales church. There is a fine collection of post-medieval memorial tablets.

Open Sat 19th and Sun 20th, all day

**Llanelli, St Elli**, Church Road, Gilwern (SO 3987 2573 [NP7 OHG](#))



The north aisle of this ancient church, with its medieval roof, is so big that it is effectively a second nave. Most of the architectural detail comes from the restorations of 1867-8 and 1910-1. The massive tower had a spire added in

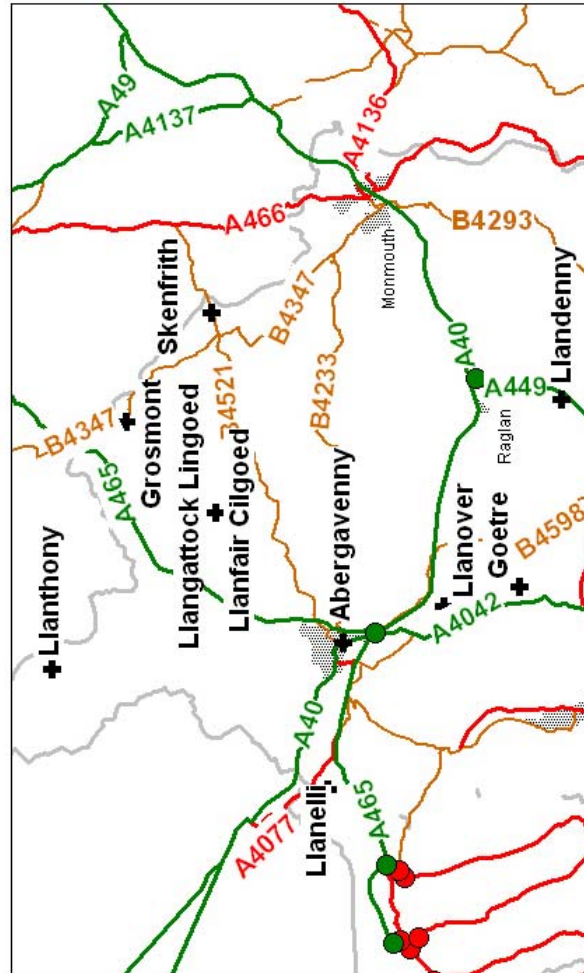
1897. This parish was originally part of Breconshire, so is in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon.

Open 10.30am - 4.00 pm

Outside the Open Church weekend, **Grosmont, Llanfair Cilgoed, Llangattock Lingoed, Llanthony** and **Skenfrith** are all open all day, every day. **Llandenny** is open 9.00am-5.30 pm every day. Abergavenny is open Mon to Sat 11am to 3pm; Sun 2pm to 4pm.

Why not also visit these churches in southern Gwent?

**Bedwas, St Barrwg**, (Church St: ST 1710 8920 [cf83 8hf](#)). Open Sat 19th, 10.00am - 4.00pm  
**Henllys, St Peter**, (Henllys Lane, Cwmbran ST 2676 9104, [NP44 7AS](#)). Open Sat 19th, 10.00am - 4.00pm  
**Llanbadoc, St Madoc** (SO 3760 0007, [NP15 1TG](#)). Open Sat 19th and Sun 20th, 11.00am - 4.00 pm  
**Llanfihangel Pontymoill, St Michael** (Usk Road, Pontypool: SO 3013 0110, [NP4 8AD](#)). Open by arrangement. Contact Marjorie Hayward 01495 755174 [marjehayward@btinternet.com](mailto:marjehayward@btinternet.com)  
**Llanfrechfa, All Saints** (ST 3204 9363, [NP44 8DQ](#)). Open Sat 19th, 2.00 - 5.00pm  
**Llangwm Uchaf, St Jerome** (SO 4329 0055, [NP15 1HA](#)). Open all day, every day.  
**Llantarnam, St Michael and All Angels** (ST 3070 9315, [NP44 3BL](#)). Open Sat 19th, 2.00 - 4.00pm  
**Newport, St Woolos Cathedral** (ST 3090 8761, [NP20 4EA](#)). Open 9.00am - 4.00pm  
**Panteg St Mary** (Church Lane, New Inn: ST 3107 9902, [NP4 0TS](#)). Open Sat 19th, 11.00am - 3.00pm  
**St Julians, SS Julian and Aaron** (St Julian's Ave/Heather Rd, Newport: ST 3229 8948 [NP19 7JT](#)). Open Sat 19th 10.15 am - 2.30pm  
**Tintern Parva, St Michael** (ST 5314 0075). Open 10.00am - 4.30pm



Diocese of Monmouth

## Churches to visit Northern Gwent



*Medieval effigies in St Mary's Priory Church, Abergavenny*

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