

**These churches are taking part in
Open Church Day on Saturday 17th September 2011**

Llanedeyrn, St Edeyrn (ST 2205 8199 [CF3 6YA](#))



St Edeyrn's church was built with the nave and chancel in one, but they were separated in the 13th or 14th century by the insertion of a chancel arch. Some of the windows are medieval, but most of them date to the Victorian

restoration. The tower is 16th century; the date carved on the west door is damaged but may be 1579.

Open Sat 17th September 10am - 4pm

Llanfrechfa, All Saints (ST 3204 9363, [NP44 8DQ](#))



The late-medieval tower is all that survives from the Middle Ages, as the rest was rebuilt in 1873-4 to a design by Charles Buckridge. He added the north aisle to the plan to cater for a larger congregation, and a very large vestry. He also

included an immersion baptistery in the aisle, an unusual feature probably designed with conversions from the Baptist cause in mind.

Open Sat 17th September 2 - 5pm

Basseleg, St Basil (ST 2774 8712; [NP10 8ND](#))

The church at Basseleg was an important pre-Norman foundation, probably older than St Woolos' cathedral. Battered walls to the nave, aisle and chancel suggest that at least parts of the present building may be Norman. Most of the architectural details however are Victorian, although the Perpendicular tower retains its medieval form. Some early glass, possibly 17th century Flemish work, survives in the chancel windows.

Open Sat 17th September, morning only

Trevethin, Pontypool, St Cadoc (SO 2838 0202 [NP4 8JF](#))



The only part left of the medieval church is the 16th century tower. The rest was rebuilt in 1845 (architect Thomas Wyatt), to provide an unusual plan with north and south transepts but only one aisle, and galleries in the nave and

aisle.

Open Sat 17th September 10.00am - 4pm

Llangwm Uchaf, St Jerome (SO 4329 0055, [NP15 1HA](#))



In the 15th century, the main entrance of this church would have been from the west, providing a stunning view of the rood screen and loft. After years of neglect, they were lovingly restored 1863-9 by J P Seddon, who used

Partrishow church in Powys as a model for missing details. He also added more windows in the north wall, and built the south porch. There is a Green Man on either side of the chancel arch.

Open Sat 17th, all day

Llanfair Discoed, St Mary (ST 4463 9242, [NP16 6LY](#))



The medieval church may just have consisted of what is now the chancel, but it has been rebuilt on numerous occasions, the most recent being 1882-3 (architect Ewan Christian). There used to be an inscription in the porch saying

'This church was bilt in ye yr 1746', but this has now disappeared. The one that is displayed here now, disapproving of games in the churchyard, used to be on a stile in the wall.

Open Sat 17th, 10.00am - 5.00pm

Tintern Parva, St Michael (ST 5314 0075) [NP16 6SJ](#)



Only the porch of this church survives intact from the Middle Ages. It is an unusually fine one for a church this small, with a stone vaulted roof. The font is also medieval. The present appearance of rest of the church is probably the

result of a restoration in 1889 by J Coates Carter.

Open Sat 17th, 10.30am - 4.00pm

St Michael and All Angels, Llanfihangel Rogiet

(ST 4511 8786, [NP26 3UR](#))



Although this church first appears in documents in c 970 and the main door is Norman, much of the surviving medieval fabric is in the Decorated style, with contemporary effigies. The north aisle was rebuilt in 1904. This church now belongs

to the Friends of Friendless Churches.

Open Sat 17th & Sun 18 Sep 11am - 5pm (restricted access 2.30-3.30, 18 Sep – chargeable event). Park in lay-bys on the B4245 - access on foot through farmyard

Undy, St Mary the Virgin (ST 4399 8693 [NP26 3EN](#))



This church has undergone a great deal of alteration. Originally it had a south aisle, and until the middle of the 19th century, there was a central tower, now replaced by a bellcote. Unusually, the west door is not in the middle, but at the south

side so as not to detract from the west window. The porch is dated 1796.

Open 10.30am - 3.00pm every day

Magor, St Mary (ST 4253 8692 [NP263HJ](#))



The magnificent church at Magor is mainly Perpendicular in style. The plan is unusual, with a central tower and two 'transepts' that are actually continuous with the aisle. The two-storey porch has a vaulted ceiling to the ground floor; more

vaults seem to have been intended in the south aisle and transepts, but they were never built.

Open 10.30am - 3.00pm every day

Redwick, St Thomas (ST 4121 8413 [NP263DE](#))



Redwick church was first mentioned in 1270, but most of the surviving architectural details are Perpendicular although there is a Decorated east window with reticulated tracery. Like Magor, it

has a large elaborate porch. Although there are no transepts, there is a central tower, a feature that this church shares with Caldicot and Shirenewton.

Open 10.30am - 5.00pm every day

Portskewett, St Mary (ST 4989 8810; [NP26 5SG](#))



The earliest parts of this church are the Norman chancel arch, the doors to the nave and a window in the north wall of the chancel. The door in the north wall is blocked, but it has a carved cross over the lintel. Later builders contributed

windows in the Decorated and Perpendicular styles. According to the churchwardens' accounts, the gallery was put up in 1818. It escaped being pulled down by the Victorians, and has since been restored.

Open Sat 17th September, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Open other weekends in September

Newport, St Woolos Cathedral (ST 3090 8761, [NP20 4EA](#))



Before the Diocese of Monmouth was formed in the 20th century, this was just the parish church of Newport. The chancel was designed by A D R Caroe to suit its new status. The largely 13th century chapel at the west end, with the fine archway opening to the Norman nave, may have been a mortuary chapel for the pre-Norman St Gwynllwy. The nave arcade is also Norman, the tower and aisles are 15th century. Open Sat 3rd September, 2.00 - 4.00pm

Henllys, St Peter, (Henllys Lane, Cwmbran ST 2676 9104, [NP44 7AS](#))



The partial batter on the nave walls suggests that this church is earlier than its first record of 1230-40, and that the nave has been lengthened. None of the windows and doors, however, are earlier than the 15th or 16th century. The nave north-east and south-west windows are in 17th century style. All the church apart from the tower has recently been limewashed in the traditional fashion.

Open Sunday 4th September, 2.00 - 5.00pm (talk at 3.30)

Open by prior arrangement

Llanfihangel Pontymoill, St Michael (Usk Road, Pontypool: SO 3013 0110, [NP4 8AD](#))

Open by arrangement. Contact Marjorie Hayward 01495 755174 marjehayward@btinternet.com

Llantarnam, St Michael and All Angels (ST 3070 9315, [NP44 3BL](#))

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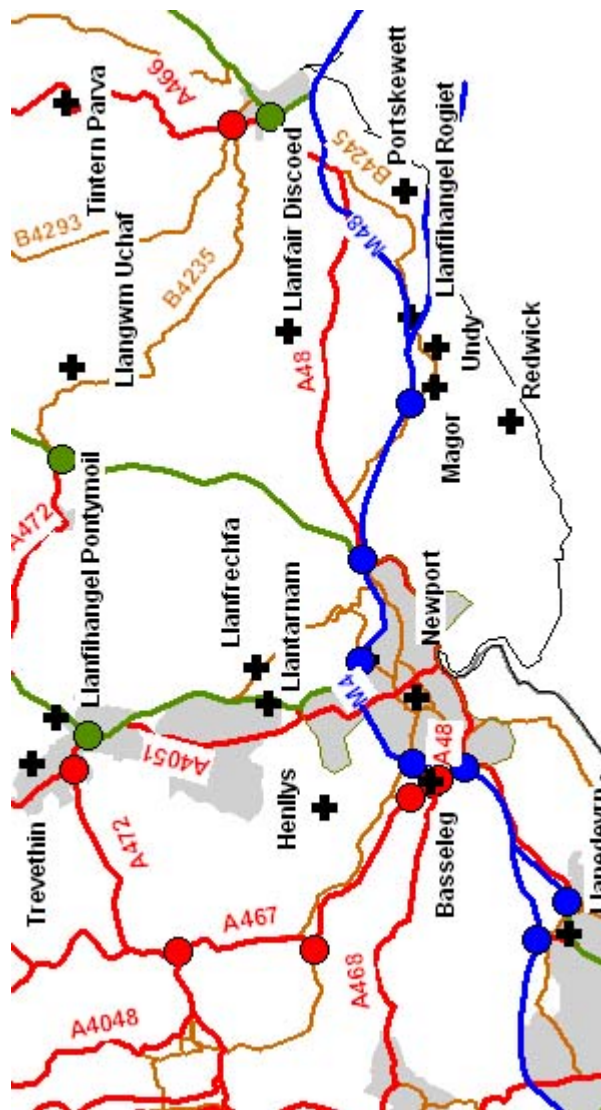
St Julians, SS Julian and Aaron (St Julian's Ave/Heather Rd Newport ST [NP19 7JT](#))

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Outside the Open Church weekend, **Llanfihangel Rogiet** and **Llangwm Uchaf** are open all day, every day.

Redwick is open 10.30am-5pm (or dusk in winter), **Magor** and **Undy** are open 10.00am-3.30pm, **St Woolos Cathedral** is open 9am-4pm, and **Tintern Parva** 10.30 - 4.30 every day.

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St Mary, Portskewett

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