


How to find a new Mission Area Leader?

The Revd Noel Carter writes:

 The process to find a new member of the Ministry Team for the Aberconwy Mission Area began even before Revd Noel retired. The Mission Area Conference set up a steering group to oversee the production of a Mission Area profile and to organise the interview process. This group is made up of the churchwardens from St Paul's and St Hilary's, along with the Mission Area Wardens, Lay chair, a rep from the Valley Churches and two clergy.

They have already met on a number of occasions and presented their profile to the Mission Area Conference for their approval on 25th February. The post will then be advertised across the Diocese and in the Church Times. The Church Times is the national Anglican church newspaper - this is the place where clergy, looking for a new challenge, go to find possible jobs.

<https://jobs.churchtimes.co.uk>

After the closing date suitable applicants will be shortlisted and called to interview. On the day of the interview candidates will visit the Mission Area and following lunch and an opportunity to meet local people there will be formal interviews at Esgobty in St Asaph. Three people from the Mission Area will be on the interview Panel. Once an appointment is made there will be a period of notice of up to three months before the new person is licensed to their new post.

Please pray for those given the responsibility for making this appointment and for those who consider applying – that's really important! The Holy Spirit will guide us in making the right appointment.

Thank you

I am writing this the week before I take my final services on February 16th. It has been a great privilege to serve in the Aberconwy Mission Area since 2014. Many people have asked if I am looking forward to retirement and I have to say I am not sure! It will be a new experience and I know there are lots of things I want to do. We will see what the Lord has in store. Wendy and I would like to thank you all for your support and friendship during our time here and especially for the many cards and good wishes we have already received.

Please pray for us as we will continue to pray for you and the life of the church in the Aberconwy Mission Area.



Editor's note:

Googling for clip art to do with retirement seemed to bring up lots of images of deckchairs and beaches with palm trees - not quite Noel's scene we think! Whether deckchairs are involved or not, we wish him and Wendy a happy and fulfilling retirement.

REGULAR SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES - ALL WELCOME
GWASANAETHAU RHEOLAIDD YN EIN HEGLWYSI - CROESO I BAWB

1st Sunday of the month

8 am **Holy Eucharist** St David's and St Hilary's
 9.30 am **Holy Eucharist** St Michael's and St Martin's; **Morning Worship** St Cystennin's;
 9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** St Paul's
 11 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints, and St David's; **Family Service** St Hilary's
 11.15 am **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's
 4 pm **Holy Eucharist (Bilingual)** Llanrwst Church House
 6.30 pm **Evening Prayer** St Hilary's

St Grwst's Church, Llanrwst:- The church will be temporarily closed until Easter for reordering work to be undertaken. During the closure, services will continue at Church House, Watling Street, Llanrwst.

2nd Sunday of the month

8 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints and St David's
 9.30 am **Holy Eucharist** St Cystennin's, St Michael's and St Martin's; **Boreol Weddi** Llanrwst Church House
 9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** St Paul's
 11 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints, St David's, Llanrwst Church House and St Hilary's
 11.15 am **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's
 4 pm **Building Blocks** St Paul's
 6.30 pm **Evening Prayer** St Hilary's

3rd Sunday of the month

8 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints and St David's
 9.30 am **Holy Eucharist** St Michael's and St Martin's; **Morning Worship** St Cystennin's
 9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** St Paul's
 11 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints and St Hilary's; **Family Service** St David's
 11.15 am **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's
 4 pm **Holy Eucharist (Bilingual)** Llanrwst Church House
 6.30 pm **Cymun Bendigaid** St Hilary's

4th Sunday of the month

8 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints and St David's
 9.30 am **Holy Eucharist** St Cystennin's and St Martin's; **All-age worship** St Michael's; **Cymun Bendigaid** Llanrwst Church House
 9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** St Paul's
 11 am **Holy Eucharist** St David's, Llanrwst Church House and St Hilary's; **All-age worship** All Saints
 11.15 am **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's
 6.30 pm **Evening Prayer** St Hilary's

5th Sunday of the month

8 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints and St David's
 9.30 am **Holy Eucharist** St Cystennin's, St Michael's
 9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** St Paul's
 11 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints; **Morning Service** St Hilary's
 6.30 pm **Holy Eucharist** St Hilary's

5th Sunday
 Joint service for the **valley churches** - see calendar opposite.
 Also 11 am service on a 5th Sunday may vary at **St David's** so please check the calendar opposite

HOLY EUCHARIST also on **Wednesdays 10 am** - All Saints, **Thursdays 10.30 am** - St Paul's, **Fridays 10 am** - St David's

Join us for coffee - 10.30 am Coffee and Brunch at All Saints after the 10 am service;

10 am Thursday - St Paul's and St Ffraid's Church House; 10.30 am Friday - St David's

Storytime Café - for pre-school children and their carers, 10.30 am every Wednesday - St Paul's

Prayer: Prayer Group 10 am every Tuesday - St David's (01492 876451 for details); **Prayer Hour** 10-11 am every Thursday at St Michael's; **Praying for Growth** - monthly at a Mission Area church - see calendar for details.

Julian Group - **8.15 pm** every Monday - St Michael's (except Bank Holidays) Contact 01492 585063 for more information

Koinonia Groups (Bible study, prayer & discussion): Morning - 2nd and 4th Weds, 10.30 am (01492 876451 for details)

Evening - 1st and 3rd Thurs, 8 pm (01492 583420 for details)

St Katherine's Bible Study - 7.45 pm every Monday (01492 540542 for details)

CLERGY:	Mission Area Leader	vacant	(For other contact details and online addresses - please see inside back cover)
	Rev Dr Godfrey Chigumira	01492 543706	
	Rev Juliet Fraser	01492 596655	
	Rev Sarah Hildreth-Osborn	01492 640032	
OFFICE:	Penrhyn Beach East, Llandudno, LL30 3NT - 01492 541615 - office@aberconwy.church		
	Open 10-12.30 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday		

Mis Mawrth 2020 - Y CALENDR/CALENDAR - March 2020

		Gwasanaethau/Services	Digwyddiadau eraill/Other events
SUNDAY	1	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Holy Baptism 12.45 pm St H	St David's Day Lunch Llanrhos Schoolroom
Monday	2		Dementia Café 10.30-12.30 pm AS; Craft Group 1 pm St P
Tuesday	3	Holy Matrimony 11.30 am St H	Bible Briefs 7.30 pm 22 Crescent Ct LL30 1AT
Wednesday	4	HE 10 am AS; HE & Reflection 10 am St Ff; Storytime Café 10.30 am St P	Lent Group 7 pm Holy Trinity Rectory, 27 Church Walks LL30 2UL
Thursday	5	HE 10.30 am St P	Christian Aid coffee morning 10 am Welsh Chapel, Gloddaeth Street; Community Afternoon Tea 2-3.30 pm St D Hall; Lent Group 7 pm St M
Friday	6	HE 10 am St D; World Day of Prayer Service 2.30 pm St John's Methodist	
Saturday	7		MAGAZINE COPY DATE
SUNDAY	8	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Holy Baptism 12.45 pm St M; Building Blocks Family Service 4 pm St P	
Monday	9		Craft Group 1 pm St P;
Tuesday	10		Cuppa, crafts & chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room; All Saints Mothers Union 2.30 pm
Wednesday	11	HE 10 am AS; HE & Reflection 10 am St Ff; Storytime Café 10.30 am St P	Lent Group 7 pm Holy Trinity Rectory, 27 Church Walks LL30 2UL
Thursday	12	HE 10.30 am St P; Praying for Growth 10-12 St M	Lent Group 7 pm St M
Friday	13	HE 10 am St D	
SUNDAY	15	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE	
Monday	16		Craft Group 1 pm St P ; St Paul's Fellowship 2.30 pm
Tuesday	17		St Hilary's Fellowship 2.30 pm Llanrhos Schoolroom
Wednesday	18	HE 10 am AS; HE & Reflection 10 am St Ff; Storytime Café 10.30 am St P	Lent Group 7 pm Holy Trinity Rectory, 27 Church Walks LL30 2UL
Thursday	19	HE 10.30 am St P;	Lent Group 7 pm St M
Friday	20	HE 10 am St D	
SUNDAY	22	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE	
Monday	23		Craft Group 1 pm St P;
Tuesday	24		Cuppa, crafts & chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room; All Saints Mothers Union 2.30 pm
Wednesday	25	HE 10 am AS; HE & Reflection 10 am St Ff; Storytime Café 10.30 am St P	Lent Group 7 pm Holy Trinity Rectory, 27 Church Walks LL30 2UL
Thursday	26	HE 10.30 am St P; Open Table 7 pm St M	Lent Group 7 pm St M
Friday	27	HE 10 am St D	
SUNDAY	29	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Joint service for valley churches 10.30 am St Ff; Holy Baptism 12.45 pm St H	
Monday	30		Craft Group 1 pm St P

KEY: HE - Holy Eucharist; AS – All Saints; St C – St Cystennin's; St D - St David's; St Do - St Doged's; St Ff - St Ffraid's ; St G - St Grwst's; St H - St Hilary's; St M – St Michael's; St Ma - St Martin's; St P – St Paul's

What is happening in the Mission Area? Be' sy'n digwydd yn yr Ardal Genhadol?

New Curate

Revd Juliet Fraser writes:

We are delighted to celebrate the good news that our Ordinand Ben (Lines) will be joining us as Curate in our Mission Area after his Ordination as Deacon in July. Ben and his family have been a welcome addition to our services at All Saints and St Michaels and All Angels and we are very excited as to what we can achieve working together over the next couple of years.



Please keep Ben, Catrin, Gwilym and Eben (all pictured above) in your prayers as they prepare for their move and next chapter in ministry.

Pictured left - As it was a celebration the children were happy to left off some party poppers to mark this good news!

May the Lord bless and shape our future plans.

Praying for Growth Gweddio dros dwf

Come and join us to pray for growth in our Mission Area. This month we meet again in St Michael and All Angels Church, Llandudno Junction on **Thursday 12th March** from 10-12 noon. Even if you cannot join us then, please continue to pray for growth and development in the life of our churches, and in particular during the vacancy.

Arrangements for **Prayer Breakfasts** have not been confirmed as we go to press, so please look out for news of this in the Pew News.

Please also remember in your prayers Jacob Mia Aindow, Leo James and Wil Gwynne, to be welcomed into the church by baptism, and James Wan and Amanda Thomas who are to be married this month.

Prayer Hour at St Michael's and All Angels, Llandudno Junction
10-11 am every Thursday Morning

Bible Briefs

Tuesday 3rd March, 7.30 pm at 22 Crescent Court, Llandudno LL30 1AT

In February the group had an excellent evening discussing the Parable of the Sower. For the next few meetings we are going to be looking at The 'Lost' Parables starting with Luke 15: 1-32. All welcome, tea biscuits and coffee provided!

COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA



Raising funds for local charities
St David's Church Hall, Penrhyn Bay
Thursday 5th March 2-3.30 pm
£3 per person - pay on the day
Details from Ann Beardmore 07872 933926

DEGANWY DEMENTIA CAFÉ

first Monday of each month
10.30-12.30 pm
in All Saints Church, Deganwy
Open to all and especially those living with Dementia, their carers, loved ones and friends. Free of charge to all.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

1st Friday of every month
10.30 am to 12.30 pm
in All Saints Church, Deganwy
Run with Macmillan Cancer Support, open to everyone, those living with cancer, family and friends and anybody who feels they would benefit from this group.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

in St Michael's Church, Llandudno Junction
Every Monday afternoon 2-4 pm.
Open to all people affected by Parkinson's in any way, with regular dance, singing and exercise activities and plenty of time for a cup of tea and chat.
For more information phone 01492 533 459 or email llandudnopdsq@gmail.com

CHILL CHURCH - AT ST MICHAELS & ALL ANGELS, LLANDUDNO JUNCTION

CELEBRATING THE BEGINNING OF LENT A PANCAKE DAY!



A Shout Out and Welcome to all, especially young pancake eaters!
Interactive stories – songs and pancakes

Saturday 29th February
10 a.m.

at St Michael and All Angels,
Llandudno Junction



For further information please call - Rev. Juliet Fraser 01492 596655

St David's Day Lunch

Sunday 1st March
12.30 pm
Llanrhos Schoolroom



Contact Doreen for tickets (581527)

All Saints Church, Deganwy Wednesday 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Brunch

Join us for our mid-week Eucharist, or if you prefer just join us at 10.30 am for brunch and a chat. We offer a warm welcome, coffee and pastries to all.

Mission Area News

ELECTORAL ROLL - The Mission Area Electoral Roll will be updated in preparation for the Annual Easter Vestry Meeting on 28th April. Copies of the Roll will be available in the churches for you to check whether your name appears, and complete a form if necessary (by 5th April please).

If you are a regular worshipper in any of the Mission Area churches your name should be on the Roll so that you can play a full part as a member of the church.

NEW APPOINTMENTS: We are very pleased that Frank Prescott (All Saints Deganwy) has agreed to take on the new role of Lay Chair of the Mission Area Conference, and also that Nick Davies (St Cystennin's) has been elected to serve as Mission Area Churchwarden with Tesni Hadwin. We are very grateful to both of them for taking on these tasks.



Eglwys Sant Grwst St Grwst Church Llanrwst

Please note our new monthly pattern of Sunday services:

1st Sunday - 4 pm Bilingual Eucharist

2nd Sunday - 9.30 am Boreol Weddi

11 am Holy Eucharist

3rd Sunday - 4 pm bilingual Eucharist

4th Sunday - 9.30 am Cymun Bendigaid

11 am Holy Eucharist

If there is a 5th Sunday in the month a joint service is held with the other valley churches, in March this will be on **Sunday 29th March at 10.30 am at St Ffraid's**, Glan Conwy, followed by tea and coffee in their Church House.

St Grwst services are currently held in Church House, Watling Street, Llanrwst.

Cynhelur y Gwasanaethau yn Neuadd yr Eglwys are hyn o bryd.

See page 9 for news of the Time Capsule placed in the church during the restoration and renewal works.

TREASURER FOR ST GRWST'S

One volunteer role that we urgently need to fill is that of Treasurer Our current Treasurer is standing down after seven years in the role, so we are looking for someone, ideally recently retired, with a banking or financial background who can help - someone who can give one day a week, is computer literate with knowledge of MS Excel and Word and is used to working with figures. This is a great opportunity to join a committed team of volunteers as we embark on exciting times at St Grwst's. If you think you can help, for more information or a chat, please call Church Secretary Olwen John 01492 641728.

MISSION AREA EASTER VESTRY MEETING 2020

Tuesday 28th April

at St Grwst's Church, Llanrwst

7 pm (tea and coffee)

meeting to start at 7.30 pm.

This is an important event in the life of the Mission Area - **book the date now!**

St Ffraid's Church House

Glan Conwy

**Coffee Stop
and Post Office**

Every Thursday 10-11.30 am

LENT 2020

Gweddi Grawys yr Esgobaeth 2020

Dduw tyner, ein gobaith diysgog;
fel hedyn yn syrthio i'r ddaear,
fe ddioddefaist y groes,
i farw er mwyn i ninnau brofi llawnder bywyd.
Cryfhau ein hewyllysiau i ymwrthod
â phethau di-fudd sy'n dwyn ein sylw
neu'n mynd â'n hamser,
ond yn hytrach i hoelio'n sylw arnat ti,
ffynhonnell popeth da.
Ac wrth inni ymwrthod â ni'n hunain,
gwna ni'n genhadon gobaith i'r byd o'n cwmpas,
trwy nerth dy Ysbryd. Amen.

Diocesan Lent Prayer 2020

Loving God, our unshakeable hope;
like a seed falling to the ground,
you endured the cross,
dying that we might live in fullness of life.
Strengthen our wills to resist
that which easily distracts
or we thoughtlessly consume,
and instead, look to you,
the source of all that is good.
And as we deny ourselves,
make us carriers of hope for the world around us,
by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Lent Group with Holy Trinity

This year's Lent group where we join with Holy Trinity will be on the theme of Exploring Ministry. It will be led by the Revd Andrew Sully, Rector of Holy Trinity. The group will run for **five weeks from Wednesday 4th March at 7 pm**. Each session will end with Compline. The Group will meet in Holy Trinity Rectory, 27 Church Walks, Llandudno LL30 2UL, on the corner of Church Walks and Llewellyn Avenue, next to the former St George Church. There is plenty of parking in the evenings on Church Walks.

- Wednesday 4th March -
Introduction to Ministry
- Wednesday 11th March –
Bereavement support
- Wednesday 18th March –
Ministry to the sick
- Wednesday 25th March –
Baptism
- Wednesday 1st April –
Doing something different

Lent at St Ffraid's

The Ash Wednesday service in St Ffraid's Glan Conwy on 26th February at 10 am will be followed **every Wednesday** by a Eucharist and Lenten Reflection at 10 am in St Ffraid's from 4th March until 8th April

Lent Group at St Michael & All Angels, Llandudno Junction

A 5-week Lent Course **beginning Thursday 5th March at 7 p.m.** in the "Upper Room" at St. Michael's, which will be watching the film 'Risen' and sharing our thoughts and reflections as we journey through Lent to the Passion of our Lord and his Resurrection.



Each week we will reflect on a different theme:
Rooted, Washed, Enlightened,
Tended and Welcomed

Lent is not for the faint-hearted...

Lent is a journey.
So at the end of Lent
We should expect to find
ourselves somewhere different
from where we started...

Extracts from "Not for the Faint-Hearted" by Kate McIlhagga, Wild Goose Publications

Mothers' UNION

Gofal Cristnogol i Deuluoedd

Diocese of St. Asaph

*Theme for 2020:
Building hope and confidence*

All Saints Deganwy Branch

Pat Chapman writes:

Mothers' Union: 2020 and it's all change at All Saints Mothers' Union!

After being a member since about 1968 and leader since 1977 Daphne Laight has retired. The new branch leader is Mrs Pat Chapman and the branch secretary is Mrs Anne Lockwood. Daphne has done a remarkable job keeping the branch going for all those years and we are all grateful to her for her hard work. Thank you as well to Mrs Myra Chapman who was secretary for many years.

Our opening service was held in Bethel Chapel on 14th January led by Revd Juliet Fraser. On 28th January Revd Juliet again joined us and held a Eucharist before the AGM. Looking back over 2019 we realised it had been a busy year with some varied and interesting meetings.

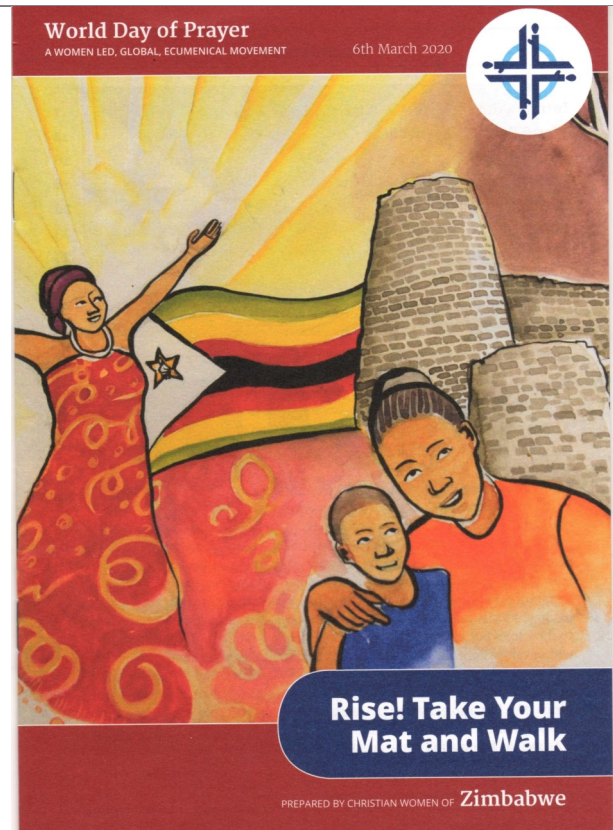
On 11th March Ben Lines will be coming to speak to us about his trip to Uganda and on 24th March we look forward to hearing from Mrs Dilys Stone about life as a vicar's wife.

Meetings are held at Bethel Chapel in Deganwy at 2.30 pm. Corporate Communion will be at 10 am on Wednesday, 4th March in All Saints. All welcome. If you would like more information please contact Pat on 01492 583420 or email allsaints.deganwy@gmail.com



Open Table will meet on **Thursday 26th March** at 7 pm at St Michael's church, Llandudno Junction. All welcome.

More information from the Revd Sarah Hildreth-Osborn (see inside front cover)



The World Day of Prayer Service for 2020 'Rise, Take your mat and walk', has been written by the women of Zimbabwe. The service will take place in St John's Methodist Church, Llandudno on **Friday 6th March 2020** at 2.30 pm.

Open Church

At the recent church meeting St Hilary's decided to open the church on a regular basis. It was felt that it was important for the church to be seen to be open, available to the community and those passing by as a place offering welcome, peace and the opportunity to step aside for a brief while from the everyday hustle and bustle.

It is hoped to open the church on a ~Saturday once a month in the first instance, starting after Easter. Volunteers will be needed to be present during opening hours, so please look out for more details. We are collecting information about the church and churchyard for display, together with aids for prayer and meditation.

'Let there always be quiet, dark places in which people can take refuge. Places where they can kneel in silence. Houses of God filled with his silent presence. There, even when they do not know how to pray, at least they can be still and breathe easily.....' (Thomas Merton)

News from the Mission Area

Newyddion o'r Ardal Genhadol

Eglwys Sant Grwst St Grwst Church, Llanrwst

As you probably know, St Grwst's (built in 1470 and Grade I listed) is currently undergoing restoration and re-ordering to create an open, flexible space that may be used by the whole community. Funded by a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant, the total project cost is in the region of £1.2m, and the church is due to reopen at Easter 2020.

On Tuesday 28th January, a further milestone in the restoration was reached when a Time Capsule in the form of four boxes was placed into an old wall safe at the back of the church. Various organisations have helped members of St Grwst's Church by sourcing both current and historic items to be included.



Pictured above: Olwen John, Pat Rowley, Revd Sarah Hildreth-Osborn and Janet Pierce place their time capsule boxes at St Grwst Church.

One of the boxes has been put together by pupils from Ysgol Bro Gwydir and included letters to their future selves, school photos, a school jumper and baseball cap, and a USB stick with a film about involvement with the recent Eisteddfod Genedlaethol, held in Llanrwst in August 2019.

Members of Crwst Camera Club have been out and about in Llanrwst town centre, contributing nearly 100 photographs of current businesses and their owners. Conwy Valley Rotary Club has also contributed historical records of the club, dating back to its formation in the 1940s.

Mrs Pat Rowley of Llanrwst Historical Society has kindly donated a set of the seven books detailing the street history of Llanrwst, and other contributions have been made by Llanrwst Guides, Merched y Wawr, Llanddoged WI, Capel Seion, as well as St Grwst's.

On 28th January Mr Aron Jones, deputy head teacher at Ysgol Bro Gwydir, visited St Grwst Church, along with seven members of the school council, to place their box in the safe. They were also given the job of closing the safe door, sealing it up for fifty years until it



Pictured right: Mr Aron Jones, deputy head teacher at Ysgol Bro Gwydir, with members of the school council, placing their time capsule box at St Grwst Church.

is due to be opened in 2070, when most of them will have reached the age of 60!

Jon Richmond, Business Development Officer at St Grwst Church said "It has been a wonderful privilege to see the contributions from the organisations involved. Our particular thanks must go to the business community in Llanrwst for allowing members of Crwst Camera Club to photograph their businesses and themselves.

St Paul's Fellowship

Dorothy Roberts writes:

On 26th January we held our belated Christmas dinner at the North Wales Golf Club - a most enjoyable time was had by all with an excellent meal, first class service and good company

Our next get together was on Monday 10th February when an afternoon tea was laid on for Noel and Wendy to celebrate their retirement. Despite atrocious weather forty six people braved the elements and came along!

Noel opened the meeting with prayers followed by some amusing stories which had us all in stitches. We then sat down to a delicious spread which was much appreciated by all - very little food was left but a few were able to take home a goody bag they could enjoy later in the evening whilst watching the tv. Noel and Wendy were presented with pressies from the Fellowship, in appreciation of their service and ministry in St Pauls and their support for the Fellowship. We wish them a long and happy retirement. Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the occasion

The afternoon tea scheduled for 30th March has had to be put on hold as we are unable to have use of the Church on that date.

Following the church hall fire the last six months have been challenging for the group and the juggling of the arrangements for our meetings has been quite difficult at times. Despite the setbacks the group has continued to flourish due to the commitment of members who come along regularly to our meetings

Thank you all for your support - it is much appreciated.

The school council at Ysgol Bro Gwydir have also been fantastic, and written some wonderful letters to their future selves, with their hopes and aspirations for their lives ahead. And as they will be 60 years of age when the time capsule is due to be reopened, we are relying on them to remind the town and members of St Grwst Church to do it in 2070!"

St Michael and All Angels Ladies Fellowship

The Revd. Juliet Fraser writes:

On 23rd January the Ladies Fellowship held its A.G.M. which began with a service of Holy Eucharist. The next meeting was for a meal at the Empire Llandudno on Thursday 20th February. Please contact me (Juliet) if you would like further information about the planned future events. This is a warm and sociable fellowship with a varied programme of meetings throughout the year. New members welcome – you do not have to be a member of the congregation – all are welcome.

One Shared Hope



This was the theme of the 2019 Diocesan Conference. The keynote speaker Revd Simon Ponsonby expounded on the theme of Hope by asking us as a diocesan family to consider six key areas:

- to prioritise Jesus, keeping Him at the centre of all things
- the need to pray
- to preach the Gospel;
- to be present to the world around us - the Church needs to be with those who need it the most
- to invest in young people by putting our trust and hope in them, equipping and supporting them and also learning from them, to make God relevant to them
- to pursue the presence of God - as we put our hope in God, He puts His hope in us also

Pray that God will lead us into new exciting adventures and bless the work we do together.

Local Matters - Petha' Lleol

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT

24 February - 4 March

**DON'T FEED EXPLOITATION.
CHOOSE FAIRTRADE.**



FAIRTRADE

Fair Trade Fortnight is again focusing on the people – particularly the women – who grow the cocoa in our chocolate. £1.86 a day is how much a West African cocoa farmer needs to achieve a living income. Almost all cocoa farmers there live in poverty on around 74p a day.

This is why Fair Trade, including Fair Trade Wales, are campaigning for a living income for cocoa farmers in West Africa. If we can work together with governments, chocolate companies and retailers to make the commitments and policies necessary, then we can make it happen. (Just to be clear, Fair Trade is the concept, Fairtrade is the guarantee mark on products.)

And you can help by attending, and telling your friends and neighbours about, one of these local events organised by CONWY FAIR TRADE COALITION.....

Thursday 27 February 10.30-12 noon Fairtrade Coffee Morning at Orme View Restaurant, Coleg Llandrillo, Llandudno Road, Rhos on Sea, LL28 4HZ. There is limited parking on site but bus numbers 12, X12 and 15 stop right outside. The Coleg will be providing a choice of Fairtrade banana cake, Almond and dark chocolate Fairtrade cookies, Fairtrade chocolate mocha brownies and Fairtrade coffee cake plus tea or coffee for £2.75. This is not a fund raising event but an opportunity to raise awareness of Fair Trade within the Coleg and with members of the public who attend. We will be showing a film about chocolate called 'Unwrapping the Bar'.

Friday 28 February 10 am-1 pm Fairtrade coffee morning at Ian and Heather Thompson's house, 2 Tan Benarth, Gyffin, Conwy, LL32 8NW.

Saturday 29 February 11-1pm Karin, Heather and Kay will be **telling the stories** of Edith, Therese and Lucia in Conwy Culture Centre with free samples of Fairtrade chocolate and information about where to buy products.

Saturday 29 February all day - Kingdom Krafts, 30 Madoc Street, Llandudno, LL30 2TL are planning **"an extra day to make a difference"** with a Fairtrade chocolate tasting table in the shop.

Tuesday 3 March 4 pm - Fairtrade football launch at The Barn, Parc Eirias, Eirias Road, Colwyn Bay LL29 7SP to be attended by the Leader, Cllr Sam Rowlands and Cllr Louise Emery, Champion of Ethical Procurement. All welcome to watch or join in with a kickabout of Fairtrade footballs.

Wednesday 4 March "Kingdom Krafts comes of age - 18". Come and **celebrate Fair Trade Fortnight** with us on our special day. At 2 pm we will share Birthday Cake and a visit from pupils from Ysgol Tudno who will remind us why Fair Trade is so important.

Marks and Spencer and Starbucks will also be highlighting their Fairtrade goods during Fair Trade fortnight. Please make enquiries in store to help them realise how important Fair Trade is to the public.

Kingdom Krafts, 30 Madoc Street, Llandudno, LL30 2TL is our local outlet for all kinds of Fairtrade goods, although more limited ranges are available in other local stores, the more we ask, the more demand is created! Contact conwyfairtrade@gmail.com or Kay on 07918 663640 for more information.



2020 is the tenth anniversary of The Real Easter Egg. Out of 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has an Easter story book in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable projects.

The Real Easter Egg campaign has been running since 2010 and involves thousands of churches, schools and groups. It crosses all denominations and offers individuals a simple way to share the Easter Story while supporting Fairtrade and charitable projects.

It all began in 2008 when David Marshall was given a chocolate Easter Egg. He explains "On the side of the box it read: 'Easter is the festival of chocolate and loveliness'. I began to wonder – was it right for the manufacturer of an Easter egg to change the meaning of a religious festival in this way? I searched for an Easter egg which mentioned the Christian story of Easter. It became clear that out of the 80 million eggs on sale there was not a single manufacturer who was willing to mention the religious aspects of the festival. So I started The Meaningful Chocolate Company to manufacture the UK's first 'Real Easter Egg' - to reflect the Easter themes of hope and new life and to do three things – have a copy of the Easter story in the box, be made from Fairtrade chocolate and support charitable causes."

The Real Easter Egg was launched in 2010. It was a real struggle as all the supermarkets turned down the idea of an Easter egg connected to faith. It was left to churches, schools and groups

to place orders and fund the making of The Real Easter Egg. Ten years on, more than a million eggs have been sold with over 750,000 sent through the post directly to customers. The rest have been sold through retailers and supermarkets. Nearly £275,000 has been donated to charitable projects with Fairtrade Premium fees paid to farmers allowing them to buy everything from school books and solar panels to providing fresh water.

For Easter 2020, there are five types of Real Easter Eggs available all with new content. Each egg has an edition of the Easter story included. There is a new 24 page version in the Original and Dark eggs with activities, biblical text and a prize competition worth £200. There is a poster activity version of the Easter story in the Sharing Box and Fun Pack and a simple guide version in the Special Edition. Both the Original and Dark 2020 eggs are plastic free and all our chocolate is Palm Oil free.

You can buy Real Easter Eggs from Traidcraft (contact Dilys Stone 01492 879997), or from larger Tesco, Morrisons, Waitrose and Asda stores.



The new Traidcraft catalogue is now available in our churches, with a wide variety of Fair Trade Easter eggs, and Easter cards, as well as a wide selection of fairly traded foods and crafts, and new ranges of household, fashion and beauty items.

Contact Dilys Stone (01492 879997) for further information. Remember that you can order through her - orders are postage free, small quantities can be supplied, and 10% of the value of your order will be donated to your church.

Night Shelter Project

The night shelter has started and will run to the end of March. This is in conjunction with Llandudno and Rhos & Colwyn Bay CYTUNs and Conwy County Borough Council with advice from Housing Justice. The Council have allocated £10,000 and donations have increased this to around £12,000. People have been very generous donating food and clothing as well.

170 volunteers have trained to do the work with the homeless, providing a warm welcome, a hot meal and a safe bed for the night. Five men and one lady so far are being looked after for these 2 months with a chance to engage with services and the possibility of finding a home at the end rather than sofa surfing or being on the streets. Five venues are being used in Llandudno and Colwyn Bay - a mini bus moves beds and equipment between them.

Prayer has been an important part of making this happen in such a short timescale and all our prayers for this work would be greatly valued.

Hope Restored, run by Mrs Brenda Fogg, continues to supply help for the homeless here in Llandudno and is highly regarded and churches and individuals also support this work.

Contact Mike Harrison if you would like to know more - 01492 870701, Mob. 07910 141410
Email: mikeonorme@gmail.com



Jeanette Bennett-Williams writes:

Monies sent to headquarters since April 2019 is £7,400. Our first **coffee morning** of the year will be at the Welsh Chapel in Gloddaeth Street on **Thursday, March 5th at 10 am.**

Christian Aid Week Sunday 10th-Saturday 16th May will be focusing on helping communities in Kenya adapt to the effects of climate change.

FROM THE EDITORS
GAN Y GOLYGYDDION

News and comment welcome from across the Mission Area, with photos if possible. **Welsh language items welcome** - either bilingual or with a brief summary in the other language.

Copy Day is the 7th of the month, PLEASE submit items by then so that we don't have to spend time chasing you. Please send items to jastone@dunelm.org.uk or to the Parish Office. (Items may have to be edited to fit the available space, and late items may be omitted.)

Diolch yn fawr - thank you very much.

Production Editor Dilys Stone; **Production Assistant** Chris Dearden



“Gwnewch y pethau bychain - Do the little things”

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