

Petertide Ordination

The Revd Noel Carter writes:

The New Testament is full of examples of people being called by Jesus for a particular purpose. Often it seems that the people called are surprised. Jesus calls the first disciples, *Matthew 4:18-22*, and what an unpromising bunch they seemed to be!

Mary Magdalene was charged by the risen Christ to be the first to tell others of the resurrection. "Don't cling on to me", Jesus says. "Go and share your story!". Peter, living with the shame of denying Jesus, is told by our Lord to "feed my sheep". St Paul responds to Christ's surprising call on the road to Damascus.

All Christians are called to discipleship, but there are some who feel a particular call to ordination. Since the early days the church has valued the three-fold orders of ministry and has discerned that some people are called to be Deacons, Priest or Bishops. This is a demanding call and all those who have responded to that vocation have a different story to tell. We have been fortunate in recent months to have two ordinands on placement with us in the Aberconwy Mission Area. Eryl Parry will be ordained Deacon in Bangor Cathedral and Sue Storey will be ordained Deacon in St Asaph Cathedral. Both will be ordained on Saturday the 29th June, when the church marks the feast day of St Peter and St Paul.

Eryl will be a Pioneer minister working in the Bro Celynnin Ministry Area in Bangor Diocese, as well as spending some of her time with us

here in the Aberconwy Mission Area. This is good news for us as she will be able to develop new ways of ministry in our Mission Area. Sue, who has been on placement at St Paul's, will be going to serve in the Aled Mission Area as non-stipendiary curate in Rhos on Sea. We wish them every blessing on their future ministry. So, please pray for them and the places where they will be serving, and also that God will continue to call men and women to serve in the ordained ministry.

*Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,
give Eryl and Sue, grace and power to fulfil
their ministry.*

*Make them faithful to serve and constant in
advancing your gospel in the world.*

*May they follow the example of Jesus Christ
your Son, who washed the feet of his disciples,
and set the needs of others before his own.*

*May their life be disciplined and holy,
their words declare your love
and their actions reveal your glory,
that your people may walk with them in the
way of truth and be made ready for the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom, with
you and your Holy Spirit, belong glory and
honour, worship and praise, now and for ever.*

Amen



Pictured left:
The Lego Cross
- almost a
permanent
fixture at the
back of St
Paul's. (See
more about
the Lego
activities on
page 4).

All Saints, Deganwy • St Cystennin's, Mochdre • St David's, Penrhyn Bay
St Doged's, Llanddaged • St Ffraid's, Glan Conwy • St Grwst's, Llanrwst
St Hilary's, Llanrhos • St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew • St Martin's, Eglwysbach
St Michael's, Llandudno Junction • St Paul's, Craig-y-Don

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REGULAR SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES - ALL WELCOME
GWASANAETHAU RHEOLAIDD YN EIN HEGLYSI - 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, St David's and St Katherine's; **Family Service** St Hilary's
 11.15 am **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's
 4 pm **Holy Eucharist** St Grwst's Church House
 6.30 pm **Evening Prayer** St Hilary's

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** St Grwst's Church House
 9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** St Paul's
 11 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints, St David's, St Hilary's and St Katherine's
 11.15 am **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's
 4 pm **Holy Eucharist** St Grwst's Church House; **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; **Morning Worship** St Katherine's; **Family Service** St David's
 11.15 am **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's
 4 pm **Holy Eucharist** St Grwst's 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; **Boreol Weddi** St Grwst's Church House
 9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** St Paul's
 11 am **Holy Eucharist** St David's, St Hilary's and St Katherine's; **All-age worship** All Saints
 11.15 am **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's
 4 pm **Holy Eucharist** St Grwst's Church House
 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 Michael's and St Martin's
 9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** St Paul's
 11 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints; **Morning Prayer** St Hilary's
 11.15 am **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's
 4 pm **Holy Eucharist** St Grwst's Church House
 6.30 pm **Holy Eucharist** St Hilary's

On the 5th Sunday St Cystennin's and St Katherine's hold a joint service at 10.30 am, alternating between the two churches, and the 11 am service on a 5th Sunday may vary at **St David's**

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 am Thursday - St Paul's and St Ffraid's; 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 Group - 10 am every Tuesday - St David's (01492 876451 for details)

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)

Julian Group - 8.00 pm every Monday - St Michael's (except Bank Holidays) Contact 01492 585063 for more information

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) Lunches - every 1st Wednesday - 12.15 pm in St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew

CLERGY:	Rev Noel Carter (Mission Area Leader) 01492 339521	(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	

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		Services	Other events
Monday	1		Dementia Café 10.30-12.30 pm AS; Craft Group 1 pm St P;
Tuesday	2		Bible Briefs 7.30 pm, 8 Llys Helig
Wednesday	3	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café 10.30 am St P
Thursday	4	HE 10.30 am St P	Mothers' Union Festival Service 2 pm St Ff; Afternoon Tea 2-3.30 pm St D Church Hall
Friday	5	HE 10 am St D	Cancer Support Group 10.30 am AS
Saturday	6		Summer Brass Concert 7.30 pm St P
SUNDAY	7	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE Also: Holy Baptism 12.45 pm St H; Choral Evensong 4 pm St P	
Monday	8		MAGAZINE COPY DATE Craft Group 1 pm St P; St Paul's Fellowship, 2.30 pm
Tuesday	9		Cytun Council 10 am St John's Methodist; Cuppa, crafts & chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	10	HE 10 am AS;	Storytime Café 10.30 am St P; Mission Area Conference 7/7.30 pm St D
Thursday	11	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	12	HE 10 am St D	'Summer Garden Party' Concert 7 pm St H
Saturday	13		Church cleaning 10 am St H
SUNDAY	14	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE Also: Building Blocks 4 pm St P	
Monday	15		Craft Group 1 pm St P
Tuesday	16		Strawberry Tea 2.30 pm Llanrhos Schoolroom
Wednesday	17	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café 10.30 am St P
Thursday	18	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	19	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	20		Prayer Breakfast 9 am St P; Christian Aid Street Collection
SUNDAY	21	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St M	
Monday	22		Craft Group 1 pm St P; St Paul's Fellowship, 2.30 pm
Tuesday	23		Cuppa, crafts & chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	24	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café 10.30 am St P; Gardening session 6.30 pm St H
Thursday	25	HE 10.30 am St P;	
Friday	26	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	27		Summer Fete St P Julian Group Quiet Day at Pennant Melangell
SUNDAY	28	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE Also: Holy Baptism 12.45 pm St H	
Monday	29		
Tuesday	30		
Wednesday	31	HE 10 am AS	

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 K – St Katherine'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?

Bible Briefs



This month Bible briefs will meet at 8 Llys Helyg, Deganwy at 7 pm on **Tuesday 2nd July.**

“Be still and know that I am God” - the search for inner peace in the Bible.

All welcome - bring a bible



The July Prayer Breakfast will take place at St Paul's, Craig-y-Don on **Saturday 20th July**, between 9 and 10 am. Come and pray!



Pictured above: A problem with the projector at St Paul's recently meant people gathering round the laptop to see the words for a song at the Building Blocks family event. But it created a really joyous atmosphere sharing music together.

The colourful Lego Cross pictured on the front cover is a reminder of the various Lego-themed activities that go on at St Paul's church in Craig-y-Don, from Lego club on Mondays after school to the monthly family event Building Blocks on the second Sunday of the month at 4 pm.

Praying for Growth Gweddïo dros dwf

Please continue your prayers for growth in our Mission Area. In the time from Ascension Day to Pentecost we were particularly concentrating our prayers as part of “Thy Kingdom Come” but it mustn't stop there. This word cloud is based on the prayer leaflet used during those eleven days. God is right at the centre!

Please also remember in your prayers Maximillian Threadgold, Ronnie Rose Harold, and Emmett Jones, to be welcomed into the church by baptism during July,



**DEGANWY
DEMENTIA CAFÉ**
All Saints Church, Deganywy

10.30-12.30 pm

on the first Monday of each month

Open to all and especially those who are living with Dementia, their carers, loved ones and friends. Free of charge to all.

Cancer Support Group

This meets in **All Saints, Deganywy**, on the **1st Friday of every month** 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Run with the support of Macmillan Cancer Support it is open to everyone, those living with cancer, family and friends and anybody who feels they would benefit from this group.

AFTERNOON TEA

**St Michael's Church
Llandudno Junction**

Saturday 3rd August – 3 pm

Whether you come along with your friends or by yourself, you can be assured of a warm welcome and chat.

*GOOD COMPANY, GOOD CAKES
ALL WELCOME*

Tickets (£3) available after our 9.30 a.m. Sunday service, and you are invited to join us then too for a cuppa and chat., or pay on the day.

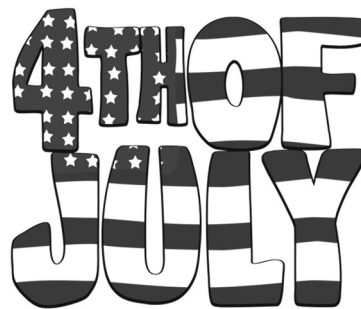
PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Every Monday afternoon in St Michael's Church, Llandudno Junction, 2-4 pm.

Open to all people affected by Parkinson's in any way, we offer regular dance, singing and exercise activities with plenty of time for a cup of tea and chat.

Contact Alison or John Underwood for more information on 01492 533 459 or email

llandudnopsdg@gmail.com



COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA

Raising funds for local charities

**St David's Church Hall, Penrhyn Bay
Thursday 4th July, 2-3.30 pm.**

This month with an American theme!
£3 per person - pay on the day

Details from Ann Beardmore 07872 933926

Music for a Summer Evening



by Cantamus Chamber Choir
Director: Mr Norman Rimmer
B.E.M.

in the peaceful setting of
St. Cystennin's Church, Llangystennin
near Mochdre



**Wednesday July 3rd
at 7 p.m.**

Strawberries and bubbly
Summer Raffle



Admission: Please give generously to this fundraising event for St. Cystennin's Church

MUSIC AT ST PAUL'S CRAIG-Y-DON Summer Brass

is here again with Holywell Brass Band. Come along to St Paul's at **7.30 pm on the first Saturday of the month** (6th July, 4th August, 1st September). The concerts raise money to support young musicians at St Paul's and the up and coming young talent in Holywell Band.

Choral Evensong

at 4 pm on **Sunday 7th July**, in aid of Llandudno Lifeboat.



Cuppa Craft and Chat sessions in the Llanrhos Schoolroom continue at 2.30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, continue. Anyone is welcome, whether you have craft work to bring or not.

Also there is the **Craft Group** which meets in St Paul's Church every Monday at 1 p.m.

EVENING CONCERT "Summer Garden Party"

St Hilary's Church, Llanrhos

Friday 12th July 7 pm

With strawberries and bubbles

Tickets £5 from Doreen 01492 585127

(Tickets are going fast so please get yours soon!)



St Hilary's Strawberry Tea

Tuesday July 16th

2.30 pm at Llanrhos Schoolroom

Please join us for strawberry
scones
a Quiz and a Raffle

£3

*All welcome - come on your
own or bring a friend*



Gardening sessions are planned at

St Hilary's for 6.30 pm Wednesday

24th July and Thursday 5th

September (weather permitting!)

Also - a **Church Cleaning session** on

Saturday 13th July at 10 a.m. Many hands make
light work - we hope!



Joseph in a Week!

A summer holiday musical workshop for 7-12 year olds is taking place this August at St Paul's Church in Craig y Don, Llandudno.

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd August, 9 am until 3 pm each day

We'll be putting together a performance of "Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on the **Friday afternoon at 4 pm.**

As well as singing, acting and dancing, there'll be chance to make the scenery and costumes. Come and join the fun!

Booking is essential.

Places are FREE if you book before 1st July,
or £10 per child for the whole week after that date.

Please spread the word to friends and family with junior school age children!

To book a place:

Email family@stpaulsllandudno.co.uk

Call Revd Ginny Burton 01492 642778 or Chris Dearden 07941 946525

Go to www.stpaulsllandudno.co.uk/family and download a form, then send it to the parish office

Go to www.facebook.com/choirofstpauls and send us a message

News from Ysgol Bodafon



The end of term is fast approaching , and another school year will be over – and whilst it is a fun term with sports day, school fairs, cake sales and such like, it is also a busy time particularly as teachers wrap up the academic side of things, doing assessments where needed, and help with the older children who will be leaving as they go on to Ysgol John Bright or another similar school. It is a time of fun and excitement, but can be mixed with feelings of apprehension as the step into the unknown is taken.

There are also plans for integrating the new curriculum even more into school life in the next year, which is very exciting, but a huge amount of work for all staff as they adjust. And whilst we are thinking about all the changes ahead, a course called Seasons for Growth has been piloted in the school with children that have been affected by some sort of loss in their life. Delivered by one of our Teaching Assistants, it has been found to be a real support to children, helping them to process loss, their feelings, and how to move on.

Creating a space to process and work through difficult emotions is vital to our health and wellbeing, and it is great that Ysgol Bodafon is at the forefront; focussing not just on the education through the curriculum, but also on the wellbeing of our children – it helps to build resilient children, who will grow into resilient adults, learning how to cope with emotions, instead of keeping them buried deep down.

And then there are the summer holidays – a wonderful prospect for the children, but

Newyddion o'r Ysgol Bodafon

sometimes a period that can be stressful for parents as they plan endless activities and juggle work whilst ensuring our children don't get square eyes from excessive screen time (or is that just me?!).

St Pauls to the rescue! For children aged between 7 – 12 there is a week long holiday club, putting together the production of "Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat" – there will be singing, dancing, putting together the scenery, creating costumes – it is guaranteed to be lots of fun! The club will be running 19th–23rd August. Details opposite.

All of this needs your prayers – prayers for the transition of our pupils as they go off to high school, prayers for teachers adjusting to the school changes, prayers for families through the summer holidays, and prayers for every child that is experiencing a change in their home life which they need to work through.

The Bible tells us that God is the anchor of our soul, a strong and steadfast anchor (Hebrews 6:19). Let's all remember that whatever change we may be facing, that God's love never lets us go. – as its says in this blessing from Numbers 6:24-26 :

*May The LORD bless you and keep you;
May the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
May the LORD turn his face toward
you and give you peace."*

And so, from all of us in Ysgol Bodafon – happy Summer Holidays everyone – see you in the September article after our summer break!

St Ffraid's Church House

Glan Conwy

Coffee Stop

Every Thursday 10-11.30 am

It is really good to see all the different ways in which our churches are being used and are engaging with the community, as is demonstrated by these pages with information about all that is going on.

Don't forget to let the Editor know if your group will not be meeting in August (jastone@dunelm.org.uk).



THE MOTHERS' UNION Undeb y Mamau

"Listen, observe, act - in step with God"

The Mothers' Union Joint service for Aberconwy and Aled Mission Areas is on Thursday 4th July at 2 pm at Glan Conwy.

With the Diocesan change from Deaneries to Mission Areas and after a consultation with branch leaders, it was agreed that Mothers' Union Deanery groups would be renamed Family Groups and Aberconwy Mission Area has joined with Aled Mission Area. This year is the first time that the Aberconwy Aled Family Group Festival service has been arranged and a warm welcome awaits anyone who is able to attend.

Worldwide President Sheran Harper will be a key speaker at the Lambeth Conference 17-21 July. Please pray for her.



All Saints Mothers Branch

Pat Chapman writes:

Our trip to St Asaph has been postponed owing to unforeseen circumstances. As soon as a new date can be arranged details will be announced. At the beginning of June two of our members, Mrs Myra Chapman and Mrs Joyce Peace, and our treasurer Mrs Mary Meldrum, all celebrated their 90th birthday and we sent them our good wishes.

Our Corporate Communion will be at 10 am on Wednesday, 3rd July in All Saints and all are very welcome to join us in fellowship followed by light refreshments.



Pictured above: MU banners in Coventry Cathedral for the "Thy Kingdom Come" Mothers' Union Service on 31st May, attended by Sheran Harper, Worldwide President, and MU members from around the UK.

News from the Mission Area Newyddion o'r Ardal Genhadol

St Cystennin's, Mochdre

The church Plant Sale was an enjoyable day, the weather stayed dry and it was very well attended. Around £650 was raised for church funds. Everyone worked really hard, thank you, and it was good to see old friends and new people who had never visited St Cystennin's before. There are too many people to thank individually, but special thanks to Betty "Jam" for her wonderful jams, chutneys and cakes, Batty's Nurseries, Pottle's Premier Plants, Nick

and colleagues for donation of plants and Michael for his high quality plant stall. Michael looks after the church yard and there were many comments on the day on the lovely spring flowers. Also a special thank you to Chris and his daughter Emma who live in Mochdre, for their much welcomed help during the morning on the gate and taking money for plant sales when it was especially busy. We are grateful to Mike Hogan Skips for donation of a skip for the churchyard and those who worked hard to fill it, and also to Ian (Boo) for his signwriting skills on the plant sale banner.

St Grwst's

Services Continue - Cynnal Gwasanaethu

A reminder that the church will be temporarily closed for almost a year for refurbishment work. During the closure, services will continue at Church House, Watling Street: Every Sunday Bilingual Holy Eucharist at 4 pm, and on the 2nd and 4th Sunday Morning Prayer in Welsh at 9.30 am. Funerals will take place at either Capel Seion Llanrwst or St Mary's Church Betws y Coed according to family preference.

Visit the Facebook page for updates on progress: @stgrwstchurch

All Saints, Deganwy

Mary Meldrum writes:

Saturday, 1st June was Deganwy Prom Day, the big day in the summer for the village. Many charities and small businesses had stalls on the big area at the far end, and on the promenade itself. There were bouncy castles, fun dog show and competitions for children, as well as plenty of provision of food and drinks.

All Saints' had a stall selling homemade fairy cakes, parkin, Welsh cakes, biscuits, and pasties for lunchtime (see picture below) Most had been made by Betty Raggett and Ann Longworth, who manned the stall for the whole day. During the day Anne Lockwood and Mary Meldrum helped for shorter times. Andrew James did all the heavy lifting and transported the tables and all the goods and we could not have set up without his efforts!



Pictured above: A bit cold and damp, but the All Saints' helpers at Deganwy Prom Day persevered and managed to sell nearly all their goodies.

All purchases were put into small paper carrier bags with an All Saints' sticker and containing a flyer giving details of our church services. On the back was an invitation to give an e-mail address, which was entry into a free raffle. These addresses can now be added to our mailing list for forthcoming church functions.

The morning was wet and dull and business was slow, and it was hard for Betty and Ann to set up and protect their goods. However, by lunchtime the rain had stopped and at the end there were only a few small cakes left and these were soon eaten after Sunday's morning service.

The church's name was prominently displayed and we had opportunity to talk to many of the visitors to the stall, including some of our church members. We hope that our presence will have reminded people that Deganwy has a lovely church and is welcoming to all.

FROM THE EDITORS GAN Y GOLYGYDDION

We welcome news and comment from across the Mission Area, with photos if possible. We are particularly trying to include more of the Welsh language, so any articles (bilingual or with a brief summary in the other language) would be welcome.

Please send items in by **copy date (7th of the month)** to jastone@dunelm.org.uk or to the Parish Office. (Items may have to be edited to fit available space, and late items may have to be omitted.)

Editor Rev Noel Carter; **Production Editor** Dilys Stone; **Production Assistant** Chris Dearden

St Hilary's, Llanrhos

The Summer Lunch in May was a great success, with cold meats from The Ham Bone and new potatoes, salads and desserts provided by members of the congregation. Everyone joined in to help serve and a good time was had by all.



Above: Jelena, Jean, Ann and Rosalie prepare to serve the delicious desserts.

Below: Phyl and Shirley selling raffle tickets - there are always lots of prizes!



Above: The Revd John Stone demonstrates his skills as a wine waiter.

Below: Wendy and Andy in animated conversation at the beginning of lunch.



These occasions are always enjoyable, and a good opportunity to build up the fellowship of the church as we get to know each other better and invite those we do not know so well to join us. Thank you to all who made it possible, and we look forward to the next one!



St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew

The Revd Peter Marshall writes:

Recently Janet Marshall accompanied her grandson Charlie to Buckingham Palace for the presentation of his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. There were 1,500 young people in the morning, and another 1,500 in the afternoon. Each could bring one supporter. This was the second of a similar event the previous week.

If you think of it, 6,000 young people, all of whom will have done six months Community Service as part of the Award. That has to be good.

There were 27 from Welsh Schools with Charlie, so they had bi-lingual certificates. HRH Sophie, Countess of Wessex, made the presentation of his group. Prince Edward and Princess Eugenie were also working hard.

The certificates just had their name, and the royal signature, Philip. This was a contrast to when I received my Queen's Scout Certificate in 1953 which said, 'You have prepared yourself for service to God and your country....I wish you Godspeed on your journey through life. Elizabeth R.' No mention of God today, a sign of the times perhaps, alas.

In June 1953, I was in the first batch ever of Queen's Scouts. We stood in privileged position on the pavement outside Buckingham Palace on Coronation Day. That was quite something.

Pictured right:
Janet and Charlie in the gardens of Buckingham Palace.



Local Matters - Petha' Lleol

TWAM - Tools With A Mission

Victoria Whiteman writes:

TWAM is a Christian charity sending tools across the world, enabling people to earn a living and support themselves and their families. In many countries people have few skills, little education and no means of earning a living. A switch from aid dependency to self-sufficiency is impossible without help.

TWAM started 30 years ago and has since provided this help by collecting and refurbishing tools and equipment no longer required in the UK. and sending it overseas. Through collectors and centres across the UK, a team of dedicated volunteers and supporters help transform lives.

I was privileged to attend a presentation by **TWAM** at a local church and was astounded at the way lives are changed, and inspired to propose a collection in the area.

I live in the Parish at: 36 Maes y Castell, Llanrhos, LL30 1NG and my phone number is 01492 584848. Storage will be in my garage only AND ALL CONTACT ON THE ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBER PLEASE. Please deliver to the above address if you can, but a local representative of TWAM or myself could collect, if absolutely necessary.

Thank you in anticipation.

TWAM contacts:

Telephone: 01473 210220

Email: lindag@twam.uk

Post: Tools With A Mission, 2 Bailey Close, Ipswich IP2 0UD

Website: <https://www.twam.uk/>

Items to donate:

Tools of all kinds, agricultural, building, plumbing, motor mechanics, power tools, knitting and sewing machines (as well as general haberdashery items). Please see the website for the full details, where there is also a viewable 'infomercial' about TWAM.

TWAM's motivation

We believe that God's heart reaches out to the poor and that He calls us to follow His example.

"You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat."

Isaiah 25:4 (NIV)

Our motivation is to be a refuge for the poor, a safe place to find support, hope and dignity through the provision of tools and equipment.



Conwy Food Bank

Feeding local people in crisis

www.conwyfoodbank.co.uk

Dear Supporters

Everyone at Conwy Food Bank would again like to show appreciation for the support of so many churches, organisations, community groups and individuals in providing help for people in crisis.

The total for May is 107 and the moving average is now approaching 100. Will it ever slow down? It looks like the total will top 1000 this year for the first time.

44 parcels went to families, involving 86 children; 55 single parcels and 8 couples. We are so very grateful for what you do, thank you,

Best Wishes from all at Conwy Food Bank

Food Bank SOS!

When Patrick Rohde delivered St Paul's contributions to the Food Bank store recently, he found the usual welcome from the volunteers on duty. However, when he asked how everything was going, they said that **all stocks were low** except for tinned soups and baked beans. Further gifts would be much appreciated. **Please remember the Food Bank when doing your weekly shop.**



Dementia Friendly screenings at Theatr Colwyn

Thursday 18th July - 2 pm
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Theatr Colwyn film screenings every Tuesday are subtitled for the hard of hearing

Do you enjoy classical music – have you seen the programme for the **Conwy Classical Music Festival** to be held in **St. Mary's Church, Conwy July 20th – 28th**? No ticket or set admission charge for the concerts - there is a collection plate at the end of every concert. **Christina Mason-Scheuermann** and Ellis Thomas are giving piano recitals at the festival.



Jeanette Bennett-Williams writes:

Thank you for your generous giving during Christian Aid Week in May which will help provide improved maternity care in remote areas of Sierra Leone through Christian Aid partners. A special thank you to our collectors who visited many houses during the Week, to representatives in our Churches who organise the collection and counting of monies, and a special thanks to Mandy, our Mission Area Secretary, for her help and support.

Overall our collections are very slightly down on last year as we do not have enough collectors to cover our area, however it is still a really good amount. A limited house to house in Penrhyn Bay, Llanrhos, Deganwy and Glanwydden, a bake and buy in St. Hilary's and Church donations make up our totals. We would always like to hear from you if any alternative events would be possible and supported.

The totals are:

St. Paul's	£67.00
St. David's	£1102.50
St. Hilary's	£622.71
All Saints	£193.00
St. Katherine's	£61.00
St. Ffraid's	£200.00
St. Michael's	£21.00
TOTAL	<u>£2267.21</u>

Our next big event will be the Summer Fayre at St. John's Methodist Church Hall on **Thursday, August 22nd**. Help will be needed please, probably over lunchtime, and items for the stalls, e.g. cakes, jams, bric a brac and books. Do pop in over the day and enjoy a chat and delicious home made refreshments.

The Llandudno Street collection will be on **Saturday July 20th** and collectors are needed please for one hour only at a time. Please contact me (tel: 01492 582911) if you are available

Thank you for your support for Christian Aid



Recently some of our churches contributed to the Barnabas Fund to help Christians who are suffering for their faith, and we have received a letter of thanks from them, an extract of which is below.

“Dear Friends,

Greetings in the Name of Jesus.

We do appreciate the most generous gift of £397.80 from Aberconwy Mission Area, and as requested we have designated your donation to the Disaster Relief Fund. We are so glad that you share our concern for these needy brothers and sisters.

Please pray for Christians in Sri Lanka after the wave of bombings on Easter Sunday morning that targeted Easter worship services and Easter breakfast buffets at hotels for Christians who had completed all-night

vigils. About 250 people were killed and over 500 injured. Please pray that God’s mighty power will protect His people in Sri Lanka and around the world in the coming days. Pray for all the injured and bereaved, especially our Christian brothers and sisters, that they will hold firm to the living hope that we have. Ask that extremists planning to hurt and harm them will turn away from violence and turn to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely in His service,

Paul Mulholland,
Chief Operating Officer”

This is a timely reminder to us to remember those Christians overseas who live with the reality of persecution and danger, and also to carry on remembering all those whose suffering continues long after the events concerned have dropped out of the headlines. Please continue to include them in your prayers.

Afterthoughts - Ôl-Dai



7 things people get wrong about Fairtrade

A lot contradictory information circulates about Fairtrade, and falling consumer trust in brands and advertising means it can be difficult to discern fact from fiction. Fairtrade has been doing some myth-busting!

Myth 1: "Fairtrade products are more expensive"

Are they though? The range is now huge, with over 5,000 Fairtrade certified products for sale in the UK and with more mainstream brands than ever selling Fairtrade.

Myth 2: "Anyone can stick the Fairtrade badge on their product and claim it’s ethical"

Not true. The Mark is a registered certification

label for products sourced from producers in developing countries, which must meet Fairtrade Standards. Anyone putting the badge on their product without meeting the standards will be investigated and possibly prosecuted.

Myth 3: "Only a small amount of the price you pay for a Fairtrade product goes to the farmer"

Not true. This is based on the misunderstanding that Fairtrade farmers are paid a percentage of the retail price you pay for a product in a shop – this is not the case. The retail price is determined entirely by the retailer. The producer organisation receives the Fairtrade price at the point where they sell to the next person in the supply chain, which ensures they can cover their costs no matter how low the world price for their commodity falls.

Myth 4: "Fairtrade locks farmers into a fixed price"

Not true. The 'Fairtrade Minimum Price' is a safety net, calculated to cover costs of production, and only applies to a worst case scenario. If the market price falls below the Fairtrade Minimum Price the producer receives the guaranteed Minimum. If the market price is above the Minimum Price, then the buyer must pay the higher price, and higher prices can be negotiated on the basis of quality etc.

Fairtrade producers also receive a bonus-type Fairtrade Premium payment, an extra sum that they decide democratically how best to spend. Some might spend it on improved training and farming techniques, others on building schools and medical clinics.

Myth 5: "Our company ALWAYS pays farmers more than Fairtrade"

A company may claim this, but what price are they talking about? We as consumers are essentially having to take them at their word. The Fairtrade Mark on a product means that the Fairtrade ingredients in that product have been independently verified. If an audit shows that Fairtrade Standards are not being complied with they can and do suspend or, in some cases, even decertify the Fairtrade producer. So when it comes to Fairtrade products, when we say that buying is supporting farmers to get a better deal, you don't just have to take our word for it.

Myth 6: "Fairtrade doesn't encourage farmers to improve quality"

This myth argues that the safety net of the Fairtrade Minimum Price means there is no incentive for farmers to improve the quality of their crop. But producer groups are not tied in to receiving the Minimum Price – higher quality produce can and does attract higher prices – so there is a genuine incentive for Fairtrade farmers to innovate and improve.

Myth 7: "The job's done"

Fairtrade Standards have helped workers and communities across the world, with considerable success in improving access to education, healthcare and opportunities for women, but the battle is far from won. Only a

small proportion of global commodities are sold on Fairtrade terms, and challenges like climate change, market volatility and armed conflict pose an urgent threat to livelihoods. Fairtrade alone cannot solve deep-rooted supply chain problems that exploit the poorest. Even with Fairtrade certification, working on a plantation or a farm is hard.

Of course, every brand likes to label themselves 'ethical', offering a quick-fire solution to complex problems, but while it's easy to make bold claims and hope consumers don't notice the lack of independent third party verification, Fairtrade is making real progress on the ground.

Looking ahead, Fairtrade will continue to develop new ways of working with businesses to bring positive change to farming communities. Fairtrade might no longer be the new kid on the block, but the battle for trade justice has never been more relevant.

Please continue to use Fair Trade products whenever possible, both at home and in your church and other community groups.