
All Saints, Deganwy ● St Cystennin's, Mochdre ● St David's, Penrhyn Bay
St Doged's, Llanddoged ● 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

Hope in a changing world

2016 is drawing to a close. It has been a year of radical change. There seems to be a general feeling of uncertainty about the future in many ordinary areas of life. Two thousand years ago a helpless baby was born into an equally uncertain world. A stable did not seem to be a good place to begin life, yet almost at once people began to take notice.

Shepherds on a cold hillside were the first to hear. They excitedly journeyed down the hillside to discover the Messiah. For them it was a life changing event. The appearance of the Shepherds must have been a huge surprise to Mary and Joseph. Something amazing was going on. There were others for whom this surprise was most unwelcome. King Herod only saw the baby Jesus as a huge threat. He wasn't interested in the Messiah, only whether he could still be king.

The birth in Bethlehem began to change lives and it has been changing lives ever since. Jesus Christ has been the source of hope in challenging times; the means by which God's love is at work in our world.

We have the choice to welcome him into our lives or to reject him. Whatever the New Year may hold, be assured that God loves you. This Christmas, I hope that you will experience something of the joy that the shepherds discovered at that first Christmas and that you too will be transformed by God's love.

Rev Noel Carter



ABOVE: The Right Revd Gregory Cameron, Bishop of St Asaph, formally commissions the Aberconwy Mission Area at a service in Llanrwst on 17th November. The bishop challenged everyone present to play their part in building God's kingdom in their community.

Blue Christmas

Blue Christmas is a gentle service for anyone who is going to find Christmas difficult this year, for whatever reason. Maybe they have lost a loved one over the course of the year, or at a previous Christmas time. Perhaps they are ill themselves or facing the end of a significant relationship. The service is for anyone who feels little comfort or joy amidst the festivities and yet who wants to remember and acknowledge the gift of the Christchild at this time and to remember the true meaning of Christmas and the Incarnation - that, whatever we may be going through, God is with us.

**Join us at 4 p.m. on Sunday 4th December
at Glan Conwy.**

REGULAR SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES - ALL WELCOME

1st Sunday of the month

- 8 am **Holy Eucharist** St David's & St Hilary's
 9.30 am **Holy Eucharist** St Michael's; **Cymun Bendigaid** St Grwst's; **Morning Prayer** St Doged's
Morning Worship St Cystennin's;
 9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** St Paul's; **Holy Eucharist** St Martin's
 11 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints, St Grwst's & St David's; **Family Service** St Hilary's;
Morning Worship St Katherine's
 11.15 am **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's Church House
 6.30 pm **Evening Prayer** St Hilary's

2nd Sunday of the month

- 8 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints & St David's
 9.30 am **Holy Eucharist** St Cystennin's, St Doged's & St Michael's; **Boreol Weddi** St Grwst's
 9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** St Paul's; **Holy Eucharist** St Martin's
 11 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints, St Grwst's, St David's, St Hilary's & St Katherine's
 11.15 am **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's Church House
 6.30 pm **Evening Prayer** St Hilary's

3rd Sunday of the month

- 8 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints & St David's
 9.30 am **Holy Eucharist** St Doged's & St Michael's; **Cymun Bendigaid** St Grwst's;
Morning Worship St Cystennin's
 9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** St Paul's; **Morning Prayer** St Martin's
 11 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints, St Grwst's & St Hilary's; **Morning Worship** St Katherine's;
Family Service St David's
 11.15 am **Morning Prayer** St Ffraid's Church House
 6.30 pm **Cymun Bendigaid** St Hilary's

**Service times will vary over Christmas and New Year.
 Please see Calendar opposite and full service details
 in centre pages**

4th Sunday of the month

- 8 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints & St David's
 9.30 am **Holy Eucharist** St Cystennin's & St Doged's; **Boreol Weddi** St Grwst's; **All-age worship** St Michael's
 9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** St Paul's; **Holy Eucharist** St Martin's
 11 am **Holy Eucharist** St David's, St Grwst's, St Hilary's & St Katherine's; **All-age worship** All Saints
 11.15 am **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's Church House
 6.30 pm **Evening Prayer** St Hilary's

5th Sunday of the month

- 8 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints & St David's
 9.30 am **Holy Eucharist** St Doged's & St Michael's; **Cymun Bendigaid** St Grwst's
 9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** St Paul's; **Holy Eucharist** St Martin's
 11 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints & St Grwst's; **Morning Prayer** St Hilary's
 11.15 am **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's Church House

St Cystennin's and St Katherine's hold a joint service on 5th Sunday mornings alternating between the two churches, and the service on a 5th Sunday may vary at St David's - see calendar

HOLY EUCHARIST is also celebrated on **Mondays at 6 pm** in St Grwst's, **Wednesdays at 10 am** at All Saints & St Ffraid's Church House, **Thursdays at 10.30 am** at St Paul's and **Fridays at 10 am** at St David's

Prayer Group - 10 am every Tuesday at St David's

Koinonia Groups (Bible study, prayer & discussion): **Morning** - 2nd & 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 - 8.30 pm every Monday at St Michael's

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) Lunches - every 2nd Tuesday at 12.15 pm in St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew

Coffee Mornings - 10 am Thursday at St Paul's, 10 am on 3rd Thursday at St Michael's, 10.30 am Friday at St David's

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For other officers and organisations please see inside back cover

Rhagfyr 2016 - CALENDAR - December 2016

		Services	Other events
Thursday	1	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	2	HE 10 am St D	Ysgol Bodafon Christmas Fair 3.15 pm
Saturday	3	Criw Grwst Advent Afternoon 2-4 pm St G	St P Christmas Fair 10-12.30 pm
SUNDAY <i>SEE OPPOSITE PAGE</i>	4	Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H Scouts Service 1.30 pm St M Mochdre Civic Service 2 pm Blue Christmas service 4 pm St Ff Messy Church Christingle 4 pm Schoolroom	
Monday	5	Ysgol Glanwydden Christmas service St D 6 pm	
Tuesday	6	Ysgol Glanwydden Christmas service St D 1.30 pm	AS MU Advent Social 2.30 pm Bible Briefs lecture 7.30 pm Schoolroom
Wednesday	7	HE 10 am AS Ysgol Bodafon Christmas service 6 pm St P	MAGAZINE COPY DATE
Thursday	8	HE 10.30 am St P Ysgol Deganwy Christmas Service 6 pm AS	
Friday	9	HE 10 am St D	Big Christmas Sing, St F Church House
SUNDAY <i>SEE OPPOSITE PAGE</i>	11	Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St P Welsh Carol Service 3 pm St C Christingle 4 pm St F Deganwy Community Carols 7 pm Capel Bethel	Christmas Lunch Llanrhos Schoolroom 12.30 pm
Monday	12	Carols on the Square Llanrwst 4 pm	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED (for one day only) St P Mothers' Union Christmas Lunch
Tuesday	13	Wynarth Nursery Christmas Service 10 am St M	St H Fellowship Santa Drive with Mince Pies & Carols 2.30 pm
Wednesday	14	HE 10 am AS Ysgol Craig-y-Don Christmas service 6 pm St P Carol Service 7 pm St C	
Thursday	15	HE 10.30 am St P Queen Elizabeth Court Carol Service 12 noon	
Friday	16	HE 10 am St D Town Council Carols, 6 pm, Marl Gardens, Llandudno Junction	St David's College Christmas Concert 12 noon St P
Saturday	17	Deganwy Community Carols 2 pm Tan y Fron Green	
SUNDAY <i>SEE OPPOSITE PAGE</i>	18	Also: Carol Service 11 am AS Worship Group Nativity 11 am St D Carols at St Paul's 3.30 pm St P Live Nativity 4 pm St F Carols & Christingle 6 pm St Do	Christmas Lunch St D after 11 am Service

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		Services	Other events
Monday	19	Bryn Pydew & St K Joint Carol Service 6.30 pm St K	
Tuesday	20	Springfields Nursery Carol Service 10 am St P Carols round the tree 7 pm St D	
Wednesday	21	HE 10 am AS	
Thursday	22	HE 10.30 am St P Carols 7 pm St Ma	12 noon PARISH OFFICE CLOSSES Re-opens TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY
Friday	23	HE 10 am St D	

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

See centre pages for services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Wednesday	28	HE 10 am AS	
Thursday	29	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	30	HE 10 am St D	
SUNDAY	1	11 am Joint Service HE at St D	

KEY: 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; HE - Holy Eucharist

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Posada: Mexico in Llanrhos

Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib.

Modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives each ‘host’ the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community, worshipping and reaching out to others with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives.

St Hilary’s in Llanrhos has chosen to engage with Posada this year. Will you get to be a host to Mary and Joseph for a night?

What is involved?

All you need to do is add your name to the Journey Rota which you will find at the back of St Hilary’s for a night that will suit you to ‘host’ Mary and Joseph. Someone will arrange to bring the figures to you at a time to suit you both.

For the evening you ‘host’ Mary and Joseph you can choose to do what ever you like. Why not invite friends and family to sing carols and to talk about the meaning of Christmas? If you are on your own, place Mary and Joseph in a window and say the special Posada prayer (opposite).

The next day Mary and Joseph need to journey to the next host on the Journey Rota.

It’s as simple as that. On Christmas Eve Mary and Joseph will end their journey when they are placed in the crib at St Hilary’s.

A First In Wales? St Paul's Live Online

St Paul's may have become the first Anglican church in Wales to broadcast its Sunday services live on the internet.

The church now streams its 9.45 am sung communion services on the social media site Facebook, and has managed to attract an audience from around the world, as well as people closer to home.

Deborah Haigh-Roberts, Director of Music at St Paul's, said: "the first time we went live, we thought that no-one would be watching.

"But the broadcast attracted an audience of over 600 people, either live or later on in the day, which is considerably more than were in church!"

"We've had an amazing response, including comments from one person who was on the other side of the world in Burma.

"Others are watching closer to home, and have shared memories of when they or members of their family once sang in a church choir."

Rev Noel Carter added: "the technology has lots of potential. People who can't get to church could watch at home, or catch up later.

"The choir have also joked that I need to spend extra time preparing my sermons, as you never know who might be watching!"

**Watch online at
www.facebook.com/choirofstpauls
at 9.45 am most Sundays**

The Posada Prayer

We pray for families around the world
For Church families
For broken families
For our own families
For those with no family
That Christmas will be a time of
preparation and thought,
That Jesus will be at the centre
of our family,
That we may unite and forgive each other
And look forward with confidence
showing true love for one another. **Amen**



ABOVE: ready to go live. The online broadcasts from St Paul's are done with someone's mobile phone and a bendy tripod which can grip pews!

Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer is a world-wide movement led by Christian Women of many traditions who observe a common day of prayer each year. The worship has a special annual theme through which we come to know how people of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Bible in their context. The service for 2017 has been written by the women of the Philippines, and the date is **Friday 3rd March 2017**, with services in Llandudno at 2 pm and 7.30 pm.



The Llandudno branch committee has representatives from a variety of Christian churches, and we would like to invite churches in the area to send one or two representatives to our committee. We meet four times a year. For 2017 the meetings are as follows:

Planning: 2 pm, Monday 23 January
Rehearsal: 2 pm, Friday 24 February
Service: 2 pm & 7.30 pm Friday 3 March
AGM: 2 pm, Monday 6 March,

If you would like to join us please contact Pat Chapman, email allsaints.deganwy@gmail.com or telephone 01492 583420

News, Notices and Events

Coffee Mornings at St Paul's

Please note that **1st December** Coffee Morning will be held **in church** (as the hall is not available) beginning at about 11 a.m.

There will be Coffee Mornings on Thursdays 8th and 15th December, but then there will be a break until **12th January** when we open for business again.

Koinonia Groups

No morning group meeting in December. The evening group meets on 1st and 15th December and restarts on 5th January.

Julian Group

The Group meets on Monday evenings up to and including 19th December and restarts on 9th January.

Christingle Messy Church Sunday 4th December



7.00 pm
Llanrhos School Room
Fun for all ages

*Jesus is the light
of the world*

Bible Briefs

Faith building monthly lectures

Tuesday 6th December, 7.30 pm
Llanrhos School Room

*The Birth of Jesus
in Luke's Gospel*



Save the date
Tue 6th December 2016, 7.00p.m.
St. Asaph Cathedral

Changing Attitude Trawsnewid Agwedd Cymru
presents our own Iris Film Festival
TELLING OUR STORIES

featuring six short films telling LGBTQIA+ people's stories
from around the world
and launching our own film made on location in Llandrindod Wells
'All One in Christ'

In partnership with Iris Prize Outreach and the Big Lottery Fund Wales
www.facebook.com/IrisOutreach www.facebook.com/ChangingAttitudeCymru
Free admission and refreshments



St Paul's Craig-y-Don

Christmas Fayre

St Paul's Church Hall

Saturday 3rd December

10.00 – 12.30 pm

Cakes, Books, Tombola & Raffles

All the fun of the fair!

Bible Sunday

It was a privilege for St Paul's to host the Bible Society evening service on Bible Sunday. We were grateful for Noel's address and his telling us how the work of a Telegu Bible translator was rewarded by her nomination as one of the 100 most influential women in India. We need to value our Bible similarly. It meant much to meet so many from the other Christian communities in Llandudno. Afterwards the new kitchen facilities were much appreciated.

Patrick Rohde

Mark Triggs

In January, it will be 25 years since Mark was included on the prayer list, after being severely injured in a road accident, while visiting France.

Mark had grown up attending All Saints, firstly at Sunday school and later receiving his confirmation there. At the time of the accident he was 20 and studying humanities in London.

Although Mark has never recovered and needs full time care, we count our blessings. We have been privileged to care for him, ourselves, at home and enjoy taking him out in his wheelchair. We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful area.

We are very grateful that Mark has remained on the prayer list, all this time. Thank you all for your continued prayer. It is a great comfort us.

May we wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful new year.

Gail Triggs and family

St Hilary's Fellowship

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

In The Schoolroom

Sunday 11th December

12.30 pm

Turkey or veggie option with trimmings

Details from Doreen 585127

Tickets £12

must be purchased in advance

(Sorry - non-refundable)



Santa Drive

In The Schoolroom

Tuesday 13th December

2.30 pm

Mince Pies - Carols - Raffle

Tea & Coffee

£3.00



Conwy Food Bank

Feeding local people in crisis

www.conwyfoodbank.co.uk

All of us at Conwy Food Bank are grateful once more for your generous support over the last month, especially with all the Harvest Offerings replenishing our store.. During October we issued parcels to 21 families with children, 5 couples and 41 singles - bringing the total to 636 parcels so far this year. It is very encouraging to know that people care and will do what they can to help, so once again thank you from everyone at Conwy Food Bank

Editor's note: While you are shopping for all the Christmas goodies, please don't forget to put those extra items in your basket for those who are not otherwise able to provide for their families, and drop them into the box in church.

Thought for the Month: Death By Quotation

This month's item by Rev Peter Walker could also be called "Hermeneutics for Beginners".

I usually like to begin a new Bible Study class by saying "Did you know that the Bible tells us, not once but twice, that there is no God?" After the general sense of astonishment and disbelief, I point everyone to Psalm 14:1 and Psalm 53:1 where we read 'The fool says in his heart "There is no God".'

Then someone has a light-bulb moment and exclaims "Ah, so it all depends on the context!" Exactly so. When we read the Bible we need to ask certain questions such as: how does this fit into the text around it? Who is being addressed? Is this addressing a specific problem or question? Why is it expressed this way? What can we learn of the author's intention? What is the cultural background that we need to understand? Is there a political or particular social agenda? Is there evidence that it has been rewritten or edited? Is it still relevant today? How does it speak to me personally?

I'm always fascinated by churches where the Ten Commandments are prominently displayed by the altar (such as St Hilary's and All Saints), and wonder if the dear old Victorians who placed them there actually read the beginning of Exodus 20 where they can be found. That chapter begins 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.' And in Commandment 10 we read 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house... (his) wife, his manservant or maidservant.'

In other words, the Ten Commandments are actually addressed to slave-owning, property-owning, married Jewish men who were part of the exodus from Egypt and seek to tell them how their lives should be lived in the light of God's saving grace – the context does not tell us that they are 'God's rules for humanity!' That is not to say we should ignore them, but we need to adopt them for ourselves, adapting the 'ownership' commands for slaves and wives and recognising that these 'rules' are quite good guidelines for all of us – male and female, young and old, Jew and Gentile.

And our model for 'interpreting' scripture is, of course, non-other than Jesus Christ himself. Whenever Jesus quotes from the Hebrew scriptures, he always follows this by saying 'Do you understand what this means? And then he either teaches (as in Matthew 15:7-11, Mark 7:5-14, Luke 24:44-48) or tells a story (check this out in the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:27-37).

Of course, Jesus doesn't get involved with some specific issues, such as same-sex relationships. We

should be wary of drawing conclusions from advice and instructions given to particular moral and social contexts from the Old Testament scriptures or Paul, but that argument is not going to be aired here!

Strangely, the one specific injunction from Jesus regarding marriage is, in fact, one that is now ignored by both the Anglican and reformed churches! We permit the remarriage in church of divorcees even though the Lectionary still enjoins us (and, indeed, the Marriage Service, too!) every third year, to read those words (Mark 10:9) 'Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate', and (Mark 10:11-12, Luke 16:18) that to remarry after divorce is to commit adultery. There can be few second-time around couples who have not heard those words and wondered whether Jesus really meant exactly what he said.

So how, then, do we read those words now? We can see them as: (a) God's law but interpreted with compassion and love because of our flawed human nature (b) addressed to a society where divorce was easy for a man and therefore stressing that it should not be treated lightly (c) it is actually God's law and we are being false to it (d) strengthening the bond of marriage because in that society a divorced woman would be without a home or financial support (e) stressing the equality of men and women in a cultural context where women were not treated as equal (f) stressing the ideal but knowing that we will fall short (g) Mark and Luke being over-harsh since Matthew (19:9) allows for remarriage after adultery (h) Matthew and Mark both taking a different view of what Jesus actually said, or might have said, or been reported as saying (i) addressing a particular concern for the followers of Mark and Matthew since there is no such saying in John (j) Jesus' actual words are unknown and irrelevant – it is about stressing the importance of the bond between man and woman (k) Jesus exaggerating and laying it on thick, as he sometimes did, to stress the importance of his message (l) like all Jesus' teaching, something we have to make relevant to our time and context and (m) what else?

So the next time the dinner party conversation turns to Brexit, Trotskyism, same-sex relationships, reality TV, party politics, feminism, Instagram, house prices, the state of the nation, or the church, or someone's health, the weather, nuclear disarmament, or whatever happened to loon pants, and somebody chips in with "it says in the Bible..." Before you reach for the stun-gun, you know what to answer...

"Well, it all depends." And that's hermeneutics.

Around the Churches

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

A very warm welcome is extended to all to join us at our meetings. St Paul's meet in their church hall, and All Saints in Bethel Chapel Hall.

All Saints

Recently Mrs Betty Raggett gave us a talk focused on Martha and Mary, illustrated with pictures of present day situations across the world, also some of Bible times, which gave us much to think and talk about. Thanks to Betty and to all the members for their views. Another enjoyable afternoon was spent listening to a wide range of music chosen by members, beginning with 'Little lamb, who made thee?' followed by 'Charmaine', 'The first time ever I saw your face', '9 million bicycles' and ending with 'Silent night'. Then

there was much discussion of the joys and sorrows music can bring to our lives.

Our Advent social will be on 6th December in Bethel Chapel Hall, and Corporate Communion will be on 7th December in All Saints Church.

St Paul's

In October we had another 'Trip down Memory Lane' with Mr Mike Clutton, which was enjoyed by all with much fun and laughter. The Autumn Leaves afternoon tea was a great success with 56 members and friends sitting down to a delicious tea - many thanks to all who supported us. In November we had a practical session, ably guided by Mrs Sylvia Pickup, to produce Advent decorations (see photo below), and at the time of writing look forward to the Rector leading us in 'Autumn Reflections'.

We hope to see you all at St Paul's Christmas Fayre on December 3rd 10-12.30 p.m., and our Christmas Lunch is on 12th December (a buffet lunch in the hall - just bring yourselves).

We wish all members, friends, clergy and families a blessed and peaceful Christmas and we pray for all who are sick or housebound, especially Mo Taylor and Ros Holland from St. Paul's, and give thanks for Dorothy Pritchard's continuing recovery.



LEFT: Members of St Paul's Mothers' Union with their Advent decorations

Mission Area News

St Michael's hall in Llandudno Junction was the venue for the very first Aberconwy Mission Area Conference on 3rd November.

Representatives from all eleven churches were present at this first meeting which, as well as conducting important business, was also a chance to meet friends new and old.

A few weeks later, the mission area launch service took place in Llanrwst. In his sermon, the Bishop of St Asaph stressed the importance of every person, priests and people, in building the church in our area.



All Saints, Deganwy

A short service, led by Rev Peter Walker, was held at All Saints Church on 9th November to remember those killed in both World Wars. Councillor Pat Hart, Mayor of Conwy (below) laid a wreath on the War Memorial.



ABOVE: A moment of prayer at the Flame International meeting with Brigadier Val Bachelor (see St Katherine's news below)

St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew

We enjoyed the joint service with St Cystennin's on 30th October and are looking forward to the next one on 30th January 2017.

Several of our members of attended a meeting of **Flame International** in Rhos on Sea. Brigadier Val Bachelor shared news of Flame team visits to war torn areas like South Sudan, where Peter Marshall first met her, and especially Democratic Republic of Congo. Val has established trauma counselling teams for women who have been raped. Rape is endemic there. As a former soldier, Val has a particular concern for sharing the love of Jesus with soldiers who have often committed terrible atrocities. Those at the meeting were invited to gather round a table and pray over maps of Congo and South Sudan.

We hold our **Christmas Carol service on December 19th** at 6.30 pm followed by mince pies and mulled wine provided by the Bryn Pydew Village Hall committee in the Village Hall.

Happy Christmas to all our fellow churches from St Katherine's and a healthy and happy new year.



LEFT: Come And Meet Each Other, or "Cameo" lunches take place at St Katherine's every second Tuesday. Mary's wonderful leek and potato soup was on the menu in October

St David's, Penrhyn Bay

St David's Ladies Fellowship

Ann Rowland writes..... At our 26th October meeting Jeanette led us in prayer, remembering all members who were unwell and also Revd. Godfrey on his visit to Zimbabwe, and his wife Melissa. After some discussion various members offered to take on the jobs of Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary, ensuring the continuation of the Fellowship.

Our speaker was Ann Huckle from St Michael's. Her illustrated talk was about the 'Land of Cranes and Flowers - Alsace'. The cranes build their nests on the apex of church roofs, and the villagers get together to plant flowers in virtually every available space. Alsace is also famous for the quality of the wine they produce. Many thanks to Ann for such an interesting talk.



ABOVE: The Wyngarth Nursery at St Michael and All Angels', Llandudno Junction, celebrating their Harvest Festival.

St Michael and All Angels, Llandudno Junction

Fellowship: The opening celebration of Holy Communion in October was followed by a talk from Peter Walker entitled 'Only on a Sunday' which looked at the many varied commitments of a local vicar ... and also the work of St John Ambulance as Peter is chaplain to the Llandudno Division. On December 15th there will be a talk on 'Joan's North Wales Parrot Rescue' – complete with parrots!

Wyngarth Nursery: About twenty tots came into church in October from the two local Wyngarth nurseries (in Junction and at Colwyn Bay).

They listened brilliantly to a harvest story, and then we joined together in prayers saying thank you to God for corn and wheat, baked beans and chips, mummies and daddies and sweets.

Our fourth Christmas Carols and Crib Service will be on the morning of Tuesday 13th December. This is always a great event with the children dressed up as they tell the Christmas story, parents snap away taking photos of their child's very first 'public' performance, and of course, Santa turns up with a present for everyone!

More Church Information Online

All Saints Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/All-Saints-Church-Deganwy-943977308961577/

St Cystennin's Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/StCystenninsChurch

St Katherine's website:

www.stkatherinesbp.com

St Paul's website:

www.stpaulsllandudno.co.uk

St Paul's Facebook page

www.facebook.com/choirofstpauls

St Paul's, Craig y Don

A busy few weeks at St Paul's began with a tribute to a sidesman who died in the church a hundred years ago. Archibald Duncan Watson was helping with repairs to a leaky roof in 1916 when the ladder he was standing on collapsed. A century later, flowers were laid at the memorial plaque erected in his memory.

The harvest festival season drew to a close with a service for the children of Springfield Day Nurseries in Craig-y-Don, whose building is opposite the church. Some of the staff at Springfield are good singers, and between them, members of the choir and Rev Noel Carter, we got most of the parents singing along.

Remembrance Sunday saw a good attendance, with extra choir anthems, and Emeritus Church Warden Ken Hind laying the poppy wreath on the church memorial.

The focus now turns to Christmas, and two of our biggest events of the year: the Christmas Fayre on 4th December, then Carols at St Paul's on 18th.

Chris Dearden



Scenes at St Pauls - ABOVE: Hannah Allenby and Alison Smith from the choir with John Hillman after a service. BELOW: poppy memorial to Llywelyn "Welly" Evans from Llandudno, killed in the 2003 Gulf War.



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