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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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 HAPPY  
New Year

I would like to wish you every blessing for Two Thousand and Seventeen. *Hoffwn ddymino pob bendith i chi ar gyfer y flwyddyn sydd i ddod.*

During December the congregation at St Hilary's Llanrhos participated in Posada. Mary, Joseph and the Donkey from the church crib journeyed around the area, moving from house to house to spend a different night in the homes of members of the St Hilary's congregation.

It was a great way of people getting to know each other. When Mary and Joseph arrived at a new house conversations were started, the kettle was put on and Mary and Joseph settled in for the night with this prayer.

*We pray for families around the world;  
for the family of our parish community.;  
for our own families; for families who  
are separated at this time of year; for  
those with no family - that Christmas  
may be a time of preparation and  
thought; that Jesus will be at the centre  
of our lives; that we may unite and  
forgive each other; that we may look  
forward with confidence, showing true  
love for one another. Amen.*

Posada reminded us of the Journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, but it also reminded us that we, as a Church and as individual Christians are on a journey of faith.

*Rev Noel Carter*



Shirley Lucas received Mary and Joseph into her home on their Posada Journey

## REGULAR SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES - ALL WELCOME

### 1<sup>st</sup> 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

Please note that on Sunday  
 1st January there are only  
 services at St David's and  
 St Grwst's at 11 am

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
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 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

### 4<sup>th</sup> 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

St Cystennin's and St Katherine's  
 hold a joint service on 5th  
 Sunday mornings alternating  
 between the two churches, and  
 the 11 am service on a 5th  
 Sunday may vary at St David's -  
 see calendar

### 5<sup>th</sup> 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

**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 (01492 876451 for details)

**Koinonia Groups (Bible study, prayer & discussion):** **Morning** - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Weds, 10.30 am (01492 876451 for details)  
**Evening** - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs, 8 pm (01492 583420 for details)

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

**Julian Group** - 8.15 pm every Monday at St Michael's - **Note change of time for January and February**

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

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	Rev Sarah Hildreth-Osborn	01492 640032
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**NEW OPENING HOURS** - From 3 January -the office will only be open for phone calls and visitors  
**from 10 am to 12.30 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays**

# Ionawr 2017 - CALENDAR - January 2017

		Services	Other events
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>JOINT EUCHARISTS 11 am St D and St G</b>	
Tuesday	3		PARISH OFFICE RE-OPENS
Wednesday	4	HE 10 am AS	
Thursday	5	HE 10.30 am St P	(No coffee morning at St Paul's)
Friday	6	HE 10 am St D	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>SEE OPPOSITE PAGE</b>	
Monday	9		St P Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
Tuesday	10		<b>MAGAZINE COPY DATE</b> Bible Briefs 7.30 pm Schoolroom
Wednesday	11	HE 10 am AS	Passion Play meeting 7.30 pm St David's Methodist, Craig-y-Don
Thursday	12	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	13	HE 10 am St D	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>SEE OPPOSITE PAGE</b>	
Monday	16	Open Table Eucharist, 7 pm St G	
Tuesday	17		AS Mothers' Union 2.30pm
Wednesday	18	HE 10 am AS Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins (see page 7 for details) 10.30 am Coptic Church	
Thursday	19	HE 10.30 am St P W-of-P Service 10.30 am Gloddaeth (West Shore)	
Friday	20	HE 10 am St D W-of-P Service 10.30 am Capel Seilo	
Saturday	21	W-of-P Service 10.30 am HE St Paul's, Craig-y-Don	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also:</b> Meal after the 11 am Family Service at St D; Cytun President's Service 6 pm St David's Penrhyn Bay	AS Congregational Meeting after 11 am service
Monday	23	W-of-P Service 10.30 am St John's Methodist	St P Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
Tuesday	24	W-of-P Service 7.30 pm West Shore Baptist	
Wednesday	25	HE 10 am AS W-of-P Service 10.30 am Our Lady Star of the Sea	Mission Area Conference HE 7 pm & Meeting 7.45 pm Glan Conwy
Thursday	26	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	27	HE 10 am St D	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also:</b> Joint SK and St C Service 10.30 am at St K with Bring & Share lunch; HE 11 am St D; Messy Church 4 pm Llanrhos Schoolroom	
Monday	30		St H Congregational meeting 7 pm
Tuesday	31		AS Mothers' Union 2.30pm

**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

# Looking forward with the Mission Area

2017 is an important year for the church in the Aberconwy Mission Area, as we begin a Journey that we pray will lead to growth and new life in Jesus Christ. I was very struck by Justin Welby's words in a recent lecture on "Revolutionary Love".

*"Firstly, the church exists to worship God in Jesus Christ. Secondly, the church exists to make new disciples of Jesus Christ. Everything else is decoration, some of it may be necessary, useful, wonderful decoration, but it is decoration.....The best decision anyone can ever make at any point in their life, in any circumstances, whoever they are, whatever they are, is to become a disciple of Jesus Christ. There is no better decision for a human being in this life."*

We might feel more comfortable with the worship part of our calling, but I suspect that we will all be challenged to move out of comfortable ruts to explore new and exhilarating ways of embracing the living God in acts of worship; worship that will draw new people into the fellowship of Christ's Church.

The biggest challenge is how we make disciples. How do we build up the disciples we have and win new disciples for Christ?

2017 will see churches in the Mission Area getting to know each other and starting to work more closely together. We need to encourage each other, pray for each other and share our vision of the church with each other. It is only by doing this that the church will live and grow.

I hope that the year ahead will clearly demonstrate that the church is alive. This will not all be toil. I am sure that we will enjoy many of the things we do. Being on a journey can be tiring and exhausting, but it is also

enjoyable, fulfilling and satisfying. There will be times when we will rest to regain our breath, but these will be temporary oases of refreshment.

C.S. Lewis reminds us that *"Our Heavenly Father has provided many delightful inns for us along the journey, but he takes great care to see that we do not mistake any of them for home."*

We are a pilgrim people and we step out in faith, progressing towards Christ's Kingdom.

*Rev Noel Carter, Mission Area Leader*

## Mission Area Conference

The Next meeting of the Conference will be on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January** at Church House, Glan Conwy.

The Conference will begin with a Eucharist to celebrate the Conversion of St Paul at 7.00 pm, with the business meeting at 7.45 pm.

## Mo Taylor

One of St Paul's most enthusiastic and energetic members, Mo Taylor died at Glan Clwyd hospital on 16th December 2016.

Mo had been secretary to the Rhos Cystennin benefice and a Pastoral Assistant as well as being in charge of the altar servers rota at St Paul's. She was a good and supportive friend to many.

A woman who spoke her mind, she was passionate about the need to build up the church community at St Paul's and the wider area, and demonstrated this in practice by helping to organise baptisms at the church among many other duties.

May she rest in peace.

Articles and photographs for Church News are welcome; please send to [jastone@dunelm.org.uk](mailto:jastone@dunelm.org.uk)  
Contributions may be edited to fit available space. **Copy Date 10th January**

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# Church Flowers in January

*Sylvia Pickup writes.....* January comes as a quiet time after the excitement of Christmas and for the Church flower arranger it brings difficulties. Several weeks of wintry weather lie ahead and the flower arranger must brave the cold to go out and cut foliage for Church; there are few garden flowers to gather and they are small – snowdrops, winter pansies, winter jasmine, viburnum – too small to use in large arrangements and being designed to bloom in winter don't take kindly to life in a warmer, drier atmosphere. Florist flowers are expensive because of the heat needed to grow them, and must be used sparingly. So, more use must be made of foliage; evergreen leaves in a variety of shape and colour can make a good background for a few shop flowers and will last for weeks with the flowers being replaced when they wither.



ABOVE: a dog in church! Vivienne Eastwood from the choir at St Paul's brought Pebbles the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel in after the morning service recently..... to receive lots of fuss and attention!

Having said that, there is much to admire in the winter landscape. The shape of leafless trees against a winter sky, the special clarity of light on a bright winter's day and the fat swelling of buds on tree and shrub with their promise of the Spring to come.

The 1st of January brings special celebration in churches for New Year and for the circumcision of Jesus – the octagon shape of some church fonts symbolises the eight days between Jesus' birth and his circumcision. Some churches put a simple posy near the font for this day. The 6th of January begins the season of Epiphany – "Epiphany means showing, Lent means growing" – is a tag we learned at Sunday School. Some of the Christmas foliage will, with luck, still be good enough to use during this season helping out the few flowers we have.

From St Paul's may I extend many thanks to Anne Clutton, Margaret Mee and Dorothy Roberts, (who have special days to remember in January) for their generous donations, and to all those who gave gifts for Christmas flowers and kindly support the flower fund through the year – Helen Barritt, Darleen Blanchard,



Barbara Conlen, Hilary Haines, Pat Hay, Ros Holland, Bobbie Jarvis, Ethel Lamb, Beth Mclelland, Audrey Monks, Dorothy Pritchard, Patrick and Barbara Rohde, Joan Savage and Alice Wilde. Many thanks too to the Arrangers who create so much for us to enjoy. Our Churches look lovely at Christmastime and in January are specially prized for their winter welcome.

LEFT: Pat Hay decorates the windows of St Paul's with holly in time for Christmas, showing the effects that can be created with foliage alone (see text above)

# News, Notices and Events

## New Office Opening Hours

Please note that from 3rd January the Parish Office will only be open for phone calls and visitors from 10 am to 12.30 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

### Coffee Mornings at St Paul's

Coffee Mornings at St Paul's begin again after the Christmas break on Thursday 12th January when we open for business again at 10 am.

Why not pop in before or after the 10.30 am service?

### Julian Group

The Group restarts on Monday 9th January at **8.15 pm**. Please note the change of time which will apply during January and February. The door will be locked at 8.15 pm sharp so please try to arrive by ten past!

## Bible Briefs

Faith building monthly lectures



**Tuesday 10th January  
7.30 pm Llanrhos School Room**

*We explore the beauty of Psalm 139. Who wrote it and why? Why has it inspired so many people?  
Can it inspire you?*

*"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." (Verse 14)*



**OPEN TABLE**  
Come as you are

## Eucharist and Refreshments

**Monday 16th January  
7 pm**

**Come and join us at St. Grwsts's, Llanwrst**

OPEN TABLE provides a safe, sacred space for our LGBTQIA friends to share their stories, explore their faith and enjoy time together with no fear of judgement.

For further information regarding OPEN TABLE or THE LGBTQIA Chaplaincy please contact:

Rev'd Sarah Hildreth-Osborn  
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# CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK 2017

Come and support the services in Llandudno for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

## Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January

10.30 am Egyptian Coptic Church, Trinity Avenue, Llandudno

## Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January

10.30 am Gloddaeth United Church, (Meeting this year at the Baptist Church, Great Ormes Road, West Shore)

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

10.30 am Seilo Welsh Chapels, Arfon Avenue, Llandudno

## Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January

10.30 am Holy Communion at St. Paul's, Mostyn Avenue, Craig-y-Don

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

6.00 pm President's Service at St. David's, Llandudno Rd, Penrhyn Bay

## Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

10.30 am St. John's Methodist Church, Mostyn Street, Llandudno

## Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January

7.30 pm Llandudno Baptist Church, Great Ormes Road, West Shore

## Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January

10.30 am Our Lady Star of the Sea, St Mary's Avenue, Llandudno

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new.

The material for 2017 was prepared for worldwide use by the churches in Germany based around the verses 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. There are fifty million Christians in Germany who, traditionally, have mostly belonged to the Roman Catholic Church or one of the Protestant State Churches. Recent developments, particularly the reception of refugees and asylum seekers, have begun to change this balance and other Christian traditions are finding expression. Whilst that which unites the churches is stronger than that which divides, there are still areas of difference in which the churches remain self-absorbed or construct new walls.

The text from 2 Corinthians announces that God has, in Christ, reconciled the world to himself. The love of Christ compels us to be ambassadors of this reconciliation, which is enacted by dismantling the walls. With the fall of the Berlin Wall, Germany experienced how a seemingly insurmountable wall could be brought down. The fall of this wall is a symbol of hope that, with the love of God, nothing is impossible.

Mission Area churches will be holding **Congregational meetings** in the New Year, so please look out for the dates. Already arranged are **All Saints at 12 noon on Sunday 22nd January**, and **St Hilary's at 7 p.m. on Monday 30th January**. Please try to be present as these are important opportunities to discuss the life, vision and mission of our churches.

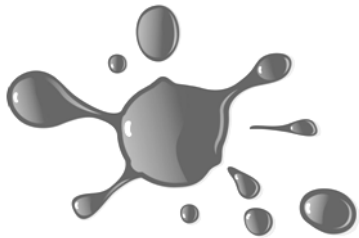
# Easter Passion Play

There will be an open meeting for **anyone** interested in taking part in an Easter Passion Play on Good Friday, 14th April 2017. The meeting will be at St David's Methodist Church, Craig-y-Don on **Wednesday 11th January at 7.30 pm**. It is hoped that the play will increase the impact of our open air witness.

People are needed for all sorts of roles and tasks, not just acting, so if you are at all interested please come along, or if you cannot be there on the 11th tell your Cytun representative. This is a serious attempt to renew our Good Friday witness to the residents and visitors in our town.



## Messy Church



Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January  
at 4.00 pm

Llanrhos School Room

## CAMEO LUNCH

St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew  
Tuesday 10th January - 12.15 pm

## Advance Notice!

St Paul's Church, Craig y Don will be holding an

## Arts and Crafts Exhibition with Musical Interludes

on the Weekend of April 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>  
(Bank Holiday Weekend)

We will be looking for people prepared to display their work, some works being for sale, over the 3 days.

All proceeds from the event will go to St Paul's Church Funds

Forms to enter work will be available in the new year along with further details. In the meantime if you'd like to know more please contact Barbara or Sandra on 525814.



## Conwy Food Bank

*Feeding local people in crisis*

[www.conwyfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.conwyfoodbank.co.uk)

Once again we have received thanks from the Conwy Food Bank for our contributions during the past year. During the last month before Christmas they issued 82 parcels, 34 of which were for families involving 90 children. (the highest November total since the beginning and the second highest of all time). The total for 2016 so far is 719. Due to this busy month they are running very short of tinned meat-base meals, and would appreciate donation of the following (all in tins):

Chicken in white sauce  
Stewed steak in gravy  
Minced beef in gravy  
Tins of stew  
Meat curries

Meat chillies  
Meat balls in sauce  
Tinned meat pies  
Tinned hot dog sausages



# Around the Churches



## All Saints, Deganwy

For the MU 140th anniversary we held an exhibition of MU events, memories and photos and various items of interest on show in church. Members told of past memories and how their mothers, grandmothers and family members had joined the Mothers' Union many years ago. We also had afternoon tea for our 89th birthday in the Tea Station Cafe in Deganwy when friends also joined us. Vicky MacDonald gave us a most interesting and historical talk about King Maelgwn including some entertaining myths which were enjoyed by all.

Our session closed with an Advent Social. We had a quiz, with members remembering early childhood Christmases when they travelled to grandparents, and the simple items in their stockings, including painting books, painted tins, paints, pencil tins, an apple, a penny - to mention just a few. A fun 'Beetle Drive' style Advent drive was followed by a rendering of 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer', finishing off with 'A night before Christmas' read by Daphne. Thank you to all who helped make the afternoon a happy one.

All good wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to everyone. We begin the New Year on 17th January at 2.30 pm in Bethel Chapel Hall; 31st January will be our AGM. Our corporate communion will be on Wednesday 4th January at 10 am in All Saints. *Daphne Laight*

## St Paul's, Craig-y-Don

After a busy time at the beginning of the month, including the St Paul's Christmas Fayre, later in December we enjoyed a splendid buffet lunch provided by the committee, with a gentle quiz on Christmas carols and songs. We next meet on 9th January for our opening service with the Rector.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Mo Taylor. She was a good friend to Mothers' Union at St Paul's - very generous and caring. Although unable to participate very much since last Christmas, she helped with the afternoon tea in June. She had been secretary for the last few years, and even in her last week she told Dorothy she was still the secretary and had done the programme for the next six months. She also organised many Christmas lunches for us, and other events. We will all miss her.



Both branches ask for prayers for those members who are unable to join us due to illness or infirmity.



ABOVE: Rev Noel Carter becomes the first Anglican priest in some time to feature on page three..... of the Daily Post. The article reports on St Paul's live streaming of services on the internet (see last edition of Church News)

## All Saints, Deganwy

### Deganwy Community Carol service

Eighty people gathered in Bethel Chapel for the annual inter-denominational community Carol service. Through carols and readings - in both English and Welsh - the Christmas story was told afresh.

There were also instrumental contributions from young children. The service was led by Deacon Jon Miller, the prayers were led by Rev Peter Walker and the blessing was given by Rev Dylan Rhys Jones of Peniel.

The service was followed by refreshments and fellowship in the schoolroom. £217 was raised for Wales Air Ambulance.

**Congregation Meeting** There will be a meeting of the whole congregation at 12 noon after the All Age Service on Sunday 22nd January; please join us and have your say.

# St Cystennin's, Mochdre

## Church Roof Update

An application is being made for Heritage Lottery funding. Our initial bid has been submitted now but it will be a year before we know if it is successful. Thanks for continuing support and prayers. An urgent repair to part of the roof that is letting in water is being carried out during December.

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January

This is a fifth Sunday of the month, so we have a joint service of worship at St Katherine's Church, Bryn Pydw.

Please note the altered time of **10.30 a.m.** to allow us to have a bring and share lunch after the service – please bring an offering of food to share for a finger buffet

# St Doged's, Llanddoged

St Doged's have come up with an unusual way of fundraising - turn money into money! The Bishop of St Asaph is well known as a coin enthusiast, and recently won commissions from the Royal Mint to design two coins, the last round pound coin, and the UK's first official Christmas coin, a silver coin worth £20, depicting the nativity.

Julie Bassett at St Doged's arranged for the bishop to sign commemorative packs of the £20 coin, and has been selling both to raise money for the church. At time of writing, the amount raised has topped three figures!

*Rev Sarah Hildreth-Osborn*



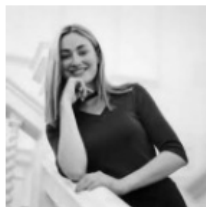
ABOVE: Designed in St Asaph, minted in South Wales and sold in aid of St Doged's! The two coins designed by the bishop have attracted attention from collectors and are selling well.

## Rhyl Music Club

**FENELLA HUMPHREYS**

violin

**NICOLA EIMER** piano



Play Prokofiev, Bach, Brahms, Gershwin/Heifetz and Ravel

7.30pm **Wednesday 11 January**

**Rhyl Town Hall.** Tickets at the door £12, students £5, accompanied under 16s free

Details on [rhylmusic.com](http://rhylmusic.com)



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**KANNEH-MASON**

TRIO



The BBC Young Musician 2016 with his equally outstanding brother and sister

7.30pm **Wednesday 25 January**

## St Grwst's, Llanrwst

The church has echoed to the sounds of children's voices in more ways than one recent weeks.

Pupils from the town's two schools sang in the church as part of the official switch on of the Christmas lights. This was the first time we had formally arranged to do this, following 2015's "emergency plan B" when the weather for the light switch on was so bad that the musical items were moved into church to avoid everyone getting soaked!

The new partnership between church and town council was well received, and also saw two live donkeys brought into the church. We are pleased to report that neither rector nor churchwardens had to clear up any droppings afterwards!

We've also hosted the return of "Criw Grwst", a series of children's activities that started last year, and have been taking place around the time of major festivals in the church year.

The latest one saw 20 young people in the church doing Advent and Christmas crafts and making Christingles, which they then used to take part in a Christingle service. The whole event was extremely positive and well received by children and parents alike.

*Rev Sarah Hildreth-Osborn*



ABOVE AND BELOW: proof that St Hilary's is a high-flying church? Church regular Don Milne takes to the skies - see details at the bottom of the page!

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## St Hilary's, Llanrhos



ABOVE: Don Milne from St Hilary's recently had a big adventure in Oxfordshire. He writes: A childhood dream came true when I had the opportunity of flying a glider, and what was amazing was the absolute silence and time seemed to stand still. It is true that on a clear day you can see for ever!



# St Paul's, Craig y Don

*Patrick Rohde writes:*

On the Sunday of Christ the King, Noel shared with us some of his inner conflicts during his time of theological training and how these were resolved by the verse from the day's Psalm 46 – "Be still and know that I am God". I know that this meant much to many and perhaps prepared us for the busy days ahead.

So much hard work went into the Darkness to Light service on Advent Sunday, from the choir, those who distributed publicity, those responsible for the refreshments and many others besides. It was a service for the whole Mission Area and it was the largest congregation we have had for that service. A number of people said they had not been in a church for some time, one lady for 20 years. Our challenge is to continue to reach out to the community.

The following Saturday we had crowds of perhaps a different kind, but equally appreciative, at our Christmas Fayre. Many hours had been spent preparing so many good things for the various stalls. As I looked around beforehand at all the goodies and the multitude of jams and chutneys, I thought surely these cannot all go. But go they did. More important than the £1258 made for church funds was the spirit of good will and appreciation by those who came.

As I write we are into the season of school carol services and their rehearsals beforehand. We are so grateful that St Paul's can be used in this way – 12 sessions in all with the visit of our Syriac Church friends from India in between! Many thanks to St David's College for the gift of another magnificent Christmas tree, 17 feet tall, and for their expertise in setting it up for us.

Audrey Monks rang recently thanking for the Church News and saying she is settling in happily at the home in Penarth near her niece. She asks to be remembered to all at St Paul's.



LEFT: New robes! The choir at St Paul's has expanded in the last few months, so the supply of choir robes was starting to run short.

This autumn, five of the women in St Paul's choir received new robes, made by a seamstress from Llandudno.

The quality of the work is exquisite, including some sections being hand stitched.

St Paul's is one of the few remaining four-part Anglican choirs in North Wales, and continues to look for new members - contact info for the Director of Music is on the back cover.

## Choir report

It's a busy time of year with preparations for Advent and Christmas services taking up plenty of singing hours. Behind the scenes, getting ready for Carols at St Paul's becomes an almost full-time job for a few days, organising music, extra singers and even supplies of mulled wine for the event.

The end of the year and the start of 2017 is also time to look back at what we've achieved over the last few months. As is customary, here's some of the vital statistics for the last year:

- 60** = the number of people who've sung at St Paul's in 2016, either as regulars or helping us out. This includes **6** young people under 18.
- 59** = the number of services we've sung at, including **52** Sunday services and **7** special services (and our first wedding in years)
- 3** = the amount of times that we've had fewer than ten people in the choir

A tremendous effort all round, and thanks everyone who's worked hard to make it happen. But it doesn't stop there. In early January, we're due to make our first steps towards establishing a junior choir at St Paul's. More to come in the next few months!

*Deborah Haigh-Roberts*



ABOVE: the gloom at St Paul's is deliberate! Lit only by candles, the choir sing an item at the recent Mission Area service for Advent

## More Church Information Online

All Saints Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/All-Saints-Church-Deganwy-943977308961577/](https://www.facebook.com/All-Saints-Church-Deganwy-943977308961577/)

St Cystennin's Facebook page:  
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St Katherine's website:  
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St Paul's website:  
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Remember that we welcome news from all the churches in the Mission Area, with photos whenever possible. Please send items in by the **Copy Date (10th January** for the February edition). Late items cause a problem and may be omitted.

Send copy to the parish office or direct to [jastone@dunelm.org.uk](mailto:jastone@dunelm.org.uk).

## SVP Community Store

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society, which has a long history of supporting people in need, is opening a new community store near Pebbles Fish and Chip Shop in Mostyn Street, Llandudno.

The official Opening is on the evening of Thursday 5th January (5-7 pm), and it is hoped that church representatives from the Cytun churches will attend.



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## Thought for the Month

*Dilys Stone muses:*

Jesus said: Come unto me.....

“Inclusion” is a current buzz word. Sometimes we may feel it is taken to extremes as we perform verbal somersaults to avoid excluding anyone or unwittingly causing offence. It is an important concept though, and one we as the church should take seriously. If we truly believe that Jesus has a welcome for all, how committed are we as his body here on earth to ensuring that welcome is put into practice?

We may initially welcome the lonely or hesitant newcomer, but how do we develop that into ongoing friendship and acceptance? We may have wheelchair ramps, and loop systems for the hard of hearing, but how often do we check them or ask the users if they are working properly? I hope we have large-print copies of the service and hymn books. It is relatively easy to cater for those with obvious disabilities or difficulties, but what about the invisible issues? Are we really welcoming to those who do not fit into our assumed norms of behaviour or gender identity? How do we cope if our

comfortable Sunday morning is disturbed by those with mental health issues? For those with physical health problems do we have seat cushions available, stair rails, or a toilet? Is there a proper space for wheelchair users, rather than bundling them off to the back or side aisles? How much Welsh are we using in our services? Lack of these things can be a big barrier for some people. We bemoan the absence of young families in our congregations, but if they do turn up with young children is there an ‘atmosphere’ if those children express their feelings out loud? (The rest of the congregation seem to be forever standing up and sitting down and talking and singing - see it from the child’s point of view.) Parents can get really anxious about this no matter how much we reassure them. There are so many subtle ways in which we can demonstrate our awareness and acceptance or otherwise.

To borrow a phrase from the LGBT+ chaplaincy, the church should be about creating a safe, sacred space and extending the hand of friendship to all of God’s children. We are not always very good at it - let us resolve, with God’s help, to do better.

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