



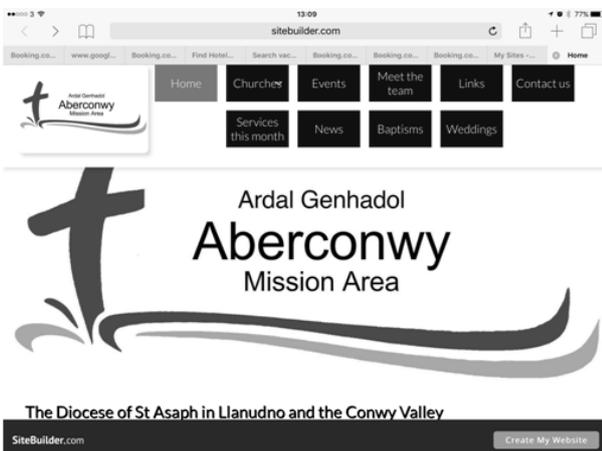
CHURCH NEWS

Chwefror 2017 - February 2017 - 50p

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

Mission Area Website Launches in February

Communication is really important in our Mission Area. If people don't know what is happening, how can they become involved? Today, many people look for information on-line and it is important that the church fully embraces both modern technology and social media. Lots of people came to Christmas services because they had discovered on-line where and when our services were taking place.



That is why we are launching a new Mission Area website in the middle of February. This site will be a good place to find out what is going on in any of the churches in our Mission Area. For this to work it is important that each church sends information to either me as the Mission Area Leader, revnoel.carter@gmail.com or to Jane Hodgson, webmaster@aberconwy.church.

Jane, who attends St Hilary's in Llanrhos has worked really hard in putting the website together and we are very grateful for her time and expertise.



The website has information about each of the eleven churches in the mission area, including how to find the church and the times of services. It also gives information about things that are going on and people to contact.

The site will evolve over time, with more information being added, so please use it and let us know how it can be improved. We are aware that at the moment the site is largely in English, but we are working to overcome the technical problems with making it a bilingual site.

Please support the website by helping us to keep it up to date, as well as letting others know all about it.

Rev Noel Carter

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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

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 11 am service on a 5th
Sunday may vary at St David's.

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

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) Lunches - every 1st Wednesday 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

Clergy:	Rev Noel Carter (Mission Area Leader)	01492 339521
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	Rev Dr Godfrey Chigumira	01492 543706
	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**

Chwefror 2017 - CALENDAR - February 2017

		Services	Other events
Wednesday	1	HE 10 am AS & St Ff	Cameo Lunch 12.15 pm SK
Thursday	2	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	3	HE 10 am St D	
SUNDAY	5	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE	
Monday	6	HE 6 pm St G	
Tuesday	7		Bible Briefs 7.30 pm Llanrhos Schoolroom
Wednesday	8	HE 10 am AS & St Ff	MAGAZINE COPY DATE
Thursday	9	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	10	HE 10 am St D	Gala Dinner 6.30 pm Holy Trinity
SUNDAY	12	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE	
Monday	13	HE 6 pm St G	St P Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
Tuesday	14		AS Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
Wednesday	15	HE 10 am AS & St Ff	
Thursday	16	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	17	HE 10 am St D	
SUNDAY	19	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE	
Monday	20	HE 6 pm St G	
Wednesday	22	HE 10 am AS & St Ff	
Thursday	23	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	24	HE 10 am St D	
SUNDAY	26	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE Also: Baptism 12.30 pm St H	
Monday	27	HE 6 pm St G	2.30 pm Daffodil Tea St P Church Hall
Tuesday SHROVE TUESDAY	28		AS Mothers' Union 2.30 pm Pancake & Quiz Afternoon 2.30 pm Llanrhos Schoolroom
Wednesday 1st ASH WEDNESDAY		HE 10 am at AS & St Ff and 7 pm at SH Other services to be confirmed	Cameo Lunch 12.15 pm SK

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

We welcome news and comment from all the churches in the Mission Area, with photos if possible. Please send items in by Copy Date (8th February for March issue) to jastone@dunelm.org.uk or to the parish office.
(Contributions may be edited to fit available space, and late items may be omitted.)

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

Mo Taylor



Patrick Rohde writes:

Mo Taylor's funeral was held in Solihull, but a second most memorable service was held on 11th January in St Paul's Craig-y-Don to celebrate her life. We owe her so much for her devoted work over the years. It was great to welcome a group from Marks and Spencer's who had worked with her, and others from the Women's Institute. As Noel read the eulogy from her funeral earlier in the week we all learnt new things about Mo. She was a great net contributor. Her brother Rob and other family members were with us and were most appreciative, giving a very generous cheque towards church flowers in her memory to be placed in St Paul's during the year. The ladies put on a wonderful spread as we celebrated Mo's life together. We shall miss her.

Rob and Sue Taylor have been able to send a cheque for £1000 to Cancer Research UK from the donations received at the two services - thank you to all who contributed.

The Eulogy from Mo's Funeral, which took place in Solihull on the 5th January

Maureen, known to many of you as Mo, was born in Grappenhall near Warrington in September 1949, a very welcome second child for Irene and Jim Taylor. She loved reminiscing

about her happy childhood in Grappenhall and then Birmingham from the age of 3 and looked forward to the regular trips back to visit the extended family in the Warrington area. Full of laughter she would tell you about childhood incidents like a wobbly kayaking experience in Ward End Park when she and brother Rob both ended up in the water. (Rob's version is that he was a hero, rescuing her!) Mo worked hard at school and became Head Girl at Bordesley Green Girls' School. Her friend Margaret describes her as so grown up and such a good role model for the younger girls.

In 1962, Mo and Rob had to grow up very quickly following the tragic early death of their father - a devastating and very difficult time for the family. Both Mo and Rob continued to work hard to build their careers as their parents had hoped. After a two year secretarial course Mo pursued a career in admin and marketing for over thirty years, working for several companies. Mo always enjoyed the social side of working life - friends from Transco say the banter between her and her colleagues made the office a lively place. She was good at cheering people up when they were low, in a stressful era of re-organisation. Her colleagues held her in high regard.

In her early 50s Mo decided she'd earned a break and a fresh start in Llandudno. After some travelling she looked for part-time work. Having been a keen shopper at Marks and Spencer, she now became an employee, and made many new friends among colleagues and customers, continuing working there right into this last difficult year when illness and loss began to take its toll. Her M&S colleagues have many happy memories of fun times with Mo and enlivened her time in hospital and Nursing Home with many visits as well as giving practical support.

Family remained one of the keystones of Mo's life. She never married and continued to live in the family home - Rob has always been very grateful that she provided such loving

companionship for their Mum. Irene's death in 1989 was another difficult time for Mo and the family. The extended family was so important to Mo – she was the glue that bound many family members together, always keen to keep in touch with aunts, uncles and cousins, and to hear about new arrivals, to cuddle the babies. She was thrilled when Lindsey and James were born to Rob and Sue and became their very special only auntie. She loved being god parent to Vicky, Rebecca, Christopher and Brandon.

Mo was a good friend to many and loved hearing about their lives, their children and grandchildren, always remembering birthdays with lovely gifts. She loved travelling and enjoyed many holidays with friends, whether modest camping holidays through Church or exotic trips to other continents. She could also be a very independent lady and from time to time went travelling on her own. These travels provided more material for amusing stories from being shunted into the air by a cow on a local St. Patrick's trip to an erratic attempt at cycling alongside the Swan River in Perth, Western Australia.

Mo's Christian faith was another keystone of her life. After her father's death she started attending Carrs Lane URC in Birmingham where she contributed much to church life and made life-long friends. She is remembered for her amateur dramatic performances in Carrs Lane Players and as a lively Sunday School teacher. When she moved to Cheswick Green, St. Patrick's became an important part of her life. Mo undertook several roles – PCC secretary, magazine editor, and she felt particularly honoured to be a Server. More lasting friendships were made and we have to thank these kind friends for the refreshments today.

Moving to Llandudno, St Paul's Craig Y Don became her new focus. Again Mo undertook several roles. She was Secretary to the local Benefice and as Pastoral Assistant took Communion to many homes across the parish. She was passionate about the need to build up the church community. She would prepare things for baptism services and be there as a friendly face to welcome sometimes hesitant baptism families as they stepped over the

threshold. She worked hard supporting Mothers' Union and even in her last week was planning the 2017 programme. Rob and Sue are very grateful for the support of good friends in recent months, for cheerful visits and dealing with the practicalities of hospital life.

In tough times, it has been Mo's faith that has helped her to pull through. She could be outspoken, determined to stand up for what was right, but knew how to temper this to help others. Someone she supported said 'She had a kind openness in discussing spiritual matters – never forcing a particular view upon you.' Family, friends, faith were important to Mo, but so was fun and laughter. She loved going to family and friends' celebrations. And some of you will remember the wonderful celebrations she organised for her 50th and 60th. birthdays.

Mo's last year was very difficult, her health was not good and she lost some very dear friends. The strokes robbed her of her mobility but not her speech, and she could still enjoy chatting to people and really appreciated all the visits from Church and M&S friends. She moved into the Convent of Mercy Nursing Home in November and enjoyed engaging with the staff and residents, and made clear her gratitude for all the care she received. When Rob and Sue called into the Convent after she died, one of the carers came to say 'Oh I am so sorry. What a lovely lady! We had some laughs together.'

When Rob and Sue were with Mo in A&E the night before she died, she was determined to say how she was looking forward to moving to Wiltshire to be near them, so they could just pop in for a cup of tea. But that was not to be.

Mo kept cards sent to her for her new start in her fifties. In one was written 'In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps' (Proverbs 16:9).

The Irish blessing, from Mo's funeral:
May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

News, Notices and Events

New Office Opening Hours

Please note that since January the Parish Office is only open for phone calls and visitors from 10 am to 12.30 pm on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays**

Julian Group

The Group will continue meeting (on Mondays at St Michael's, Llandudno Junction) at **8.15 pm** during February. The door will be locked at 8.15 pm sharp so please try to arrive by ten past! All welcome.

Bible Briefs

Faith building monthly lectures

**Tuesday 7th February
7.30 pm Llanrhos School Room**



Unfortunately, January's Bible Briefs was cancelled as the Rector was away at a funeral in Yorkshire, so this is another opportunity to 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)



DAFFODIL TEA

Monday 27th
February
2.30 pm

ST PAUL'S CHURCH HALL,
CRAIG-Y-DON

£3.50

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US &
ENJOY A LOVELY AFTERNOON

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes and Quiz afternoon



2.30 pm on 28th February
in the Llanrhos Schoolroom

Tickets £3

(01492 585127 or just come along)



You are invited to a

FIVE COURSE GALA DINNER

*In support of our Link Diocese South West
Tanganyika*



*Friday 10th February at 6.30 p.m.
Holy Trinity Church Hall, Llandudno LL30 2NL*

Guests of Honour: Bishop Matthew Mhagama and Mrs Skola Mhagama

*We hope you will bring others with you
We encourage donations over £25 per head
which may be gift-aided on the night*

*RSVP asap but no later than 3rd February
With numbers and any special dietary requirements to
mikeonorme@gmail.com or 01492 870701 or 07910 141410*

Early Music at St Grwst's

On Saturday 18th February at 3.00 pm, Ensemble 1677 will present a concert in St. Grwst's Church, Llanwrst.

The group's name is inspired by the Italian composer and soprano, Barbara Strozzi. Strozzi died in 1677, and led a remarkable life. She had more music published in her lifetime than any other composer in that period; quite an achievement, especially for a woman at that time!

The concert in Llanwrst will feature compositions from the 13th to 17th centuries. It was common at the time to arrange music for instrumental forces available, so continuing this tradition, much of the music performed is newly arranged by John Hosking. A highlight of the concert will be the use of both galleries in the church to perform some antiphonal music, as would have been heard in Italy during the 17th century.

Joining Olivia Hunt (Artistic Director & Soprano) and John Hosking (Organ & Harpsichord) will be Bethan Royles (Violin), Sarah Williams (Recorder), Grace Dixon (Oboe) and Richard Griffiths (Countertenor).

Admission is £3 with programmes on sale for 50p. Refreshments will be served during the interval. For further information on the ensemble, please visit www.ensemble1677.weebly.com.

CAMEO LUNCH

St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew
Wednesday 1st February - 12.15 pm

(Please note change of date to the 1st
Wednesday in the month)

Confirmation Classes

In the 'old days' (i.e. last year) Confirmation was traditionally seen as the route to receiving Holy Communion.

Now that the Church in Wales has agreed that anyone baptised may receive the bread and wine, Confirmation is the way in which each one of us can 'confirm' his or her commitment to being a disciple of Christ.

If you, or someone you know, would like to take this step and be confirmed (which is always in a special Eucharist by the bishop), please let a member of the clergy know as soon as possible and we can begin classes.

Anyone may be confirmed, from around 10 years old to 110 (or even older!).

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 29th/30th and May 1st (Bank Holiday Weekend)

We are looking for people prepared to display their work, some 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 shortly along with further details. In the meantime if you'd like to know more please contact Barbara or Sandra on 525814.

Looking back..... Christmas in our churches

The Posada figures (see last month's magazine) arrived to join the celebrations of Christmas at St. Hilary's amidst the stunning floral displays. Having travelled the long journey through the highways and byways of Llanrhos, assisted by the many members of the congregation, they took pride of place beneath the pulpit and the Christmas story unfolded during the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. At St Paul's, the traditional carol service attracted a record number of people and raised a record amount of money for Blind Veterans UK.



Thought for the Month

Every month, people from around the mission area give us their thoughts on faith, spirituality, or life in general. This month, Mike Clutton, Lay Reader and member of St Paul's Craig-y-Don, has his own take on Christmas, titled "Little Things Mean A Lot"

By the time that you read this Christmas will be a rapidly fading memory and the various gifts that you received will be a part of your life – or consigned to a drawer where they will lie in wait for that time when they might be remembered and a use found for them. In this day, and age, however, gifts seem to have become more extravagant (and more expensive) but not always given for the right reasons. I am sure that most of us remember a time when any gift received was treasured, not for its intrinsic value, but for the thought and love that went into its choosing and giving. Nowadays the donor seems to take a greater satisfaction in the knowledge that their gift was the biggest and most expensive!!

This all came to mind when a small gift was placed in my hands a couple of weeks before Christmas. Perplexed, I thanked the donor, (Phyllis Oliver) but couldn't think why she would give me such a gift. She reminded me that during one of my nostalgic utterances to the Mothers' Union at St Paul's I had been talking about Christmas and, almost as an aside, I had mentioned that you never seem to see mistletoe for sale in the shops nowadays, whereas when we were young there was a proliferation of sprigs of it alongside the holly and other festive greenery - illustrating just one of the many examples of how Christmas has changed over the years. She knew that there would be mistletoe in a shop she visits in the Wirral – so when she was visiting she bought my "Christmas Present".

I was naturally delighted with my gift, not so much for the monetary value of it but the fact that someone had thought about me, and surely the fact that someone has thought about you is probably the best part of any gift. Llandudno Rotary Club each year distributes just a few Hyacinths in pots to people who, we know, live alone. Sadly, we couldn't possibly provide one for every lonely person in Llandudno but those to whom we give the gift are genuinely delighted to receive this small token. So many tell us that as they sit there alone they look at the plant and think – at least someone cares!

And we all have the ability and wherewithal to give to so many people, rich or poor, a very special gift! A gift that costs nothing but is worth a fortune! It is readily available and is called – a smile! A gift that when given is easily, and readily, returned in kind. So next time you meet someone in the street, give them a smile, whether you know them or not. The probability is that

they will give one back to you, and it's a gift that you both will cherish – and it brightens up many a dreary day because, like God's love, it comes with genuine warmth direct from the heart.



LEFT: The west rose window at St Paul's church was blown in and badly damaged by high winds in November 2015. Seen here in the glazier's workshop, it has been painstakingly repaired and is due to be refitted shortly.

Around the Churches



All Saints

On February 14th we are having a Valentine Social and look forward to seeing members and friends in Bethel Chapel Hall at 2.30 pm. On 28th February members and friends will be telling us about some of their experiences of life from school days to the present day. The Corporate Communion will be 1st February at 10 am - please try to be there.

Early in December we heard that Mrs. Margaret Hicks had died. She had been a member of our committee for some years and took care of our Overseas boxes. She was a very loyal and faithful member until ill health caused her to move to a home in Rhos-on-Sea. We send our sympathy to her family and friends and may she now Rest in Peace.

St Paul's, Craig-y-Don

We hold our AGM on 13th February, and 27th February is the **Daffodil Tea** to which all are welcome. We were so pleased to have the opportunity to remember Mo Taylor at the service in St Paul's in January - we will miss her dearly.

We are still experimenting with ways to include prayer sessions in our programme, and will be having extended prayers at the beginning of the meetings on 13th February and 27th March, starting at the usual time of 2.30 pm. Prayer and worship is central to all that we do as Mothers' Union members, practical action is motivated by our faith and sustained by prayers, and members pray for each other daily through the Wave of Prayer.

RIGHT: The new kitchen area at the back of St. David's church is now up and running and is proving to be an excellent addition to the refreshment facilities after the Sunday Service. No more carrying buckets of water to fill up the urn!

St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew

We welcome Revd. Godfrey as our new vicar, and thank Revd Noel for looking after us previously. Revd Godfrey has Tuesday as his day off so we are changing our CAMEO lunch to the 1st Wednesday of the month at 12.15. Come and join us enjoy fellowship and Mary Pritchard's wonderful soup. Next lunch on the 1st February.

St David's, Penrhyn Bay

Last year a group of ladies from Monmouth made and donated a beautiful hand made quilt for us to raise funds with for our Guide Dogs.

The best way to do it was with a raffle. This we did and we ran it from September to early December. I know many of you bought tickets. We did the draw after service at St. David's and the winner was a lady in Rhos-on-Sea. She is delighted with her new quilt.

Thanks to everyone who bought tickets and helped us raise the great sum of £664.

From Sheila and the team at Conwy & District Branch, Guide Dogs Cymru





ABOVE: To date Sheila and Peter have raised a total of £700 for the local branch of Guide Dogs, with a bit more still to come. Well done to them both!

Sheila Bown writes:

Just to prove that Peter and I are 'barking mad' where our Guide Dogs are concerned, this picture should prove it beyond all doubt! Whilst talking to a friend at one of our Guide Dogs functions we casually said that we might be interested in doing the Boxing Day Dip to raise funds for Guide Dogs. Before the end of the day somehow we were all signed up and it was a done deal. We set out to raise sponsorship, and Guide Dogs set up a Just Giving page for us. - we were up and running (well at least walking quickly). As always we received wonderful support from our Church family at St. David's, and friends and family all rallied round. Guide Dogs provided two full size dog suits for us to wear. The big day came, and as this was a first for us, we were not quite sure what to expect. We went to St. George's Hotel to register on the day, and they were wonderful, both before and after the event. The biggest surprise to us was that we really enjoyed the experience, to such an extent that health permitting we plan to do it again next Boxing Day. So watch this space.....

Our thanks to everyone who sponsored us, and to those who came to support us on the day. We would also like to thank Llandudno Lions for organising this event for us to take part in. We are very grateful to you all.

St Michael's, Llandudno Junction

CUBS/SCOUTS

Sunday December 4th saw the new Junction troop of cubs and scouts hold their very first Commissioning Service. Councillor Pat Hart, Mayor of Conwy Town Council, was in attendance and took a reading. There were scout representatives from as far afield as Burnley and Wigan, and the parade was led to church by a piper who had travelled from Liverpool. Over forty parents were able to join in a service of readings, hymns and carols. The cubs and scouts who were commissioned were presented with certificates by the mayor, and the service was followed by refreshments in the hall.

PDSG:

The Parkinson's Disease Support Group continues to meet on Mondays and their activities include simple dancing/movement and singing. The singing skills were on display at the group's Christmas party (see picture overleaf), and everyone joined in enthusiastically! During the party, there was a quiz (won by Revd Peter!), puzzles and a great game of 'pass the parcel' which included some excellent corny jokes (e.g. What do you find hiding in the kitchen at Christmas? Answer: Mince spies!) If you or someone you know is suffering with Parkinson's, please get in touch - the group offers useful advice on social care and financial support as well as social and therapeutic activities.

FELLOWSHIP

The December 15th was a fascinating talk by North Wales Parrot Rescue. Not only was there much to learn about this service which looks after abandoned pets, but much was gleaned about parrots themselves. Goldie proved to be the star attraction (see picture!) and perched on all those who were brave enough to let her!

WIGGLE AND GIGGLE

Ellen O'Driscoll who runs these classes is now on maternity leave as she is expecting her second child. We wish her and the family all the best at this very special time. Classes are, of course, suspended for the time being, but Ellen is looking forward to starting them up again in the spring. Watch this space for up-to-date details!



ABOVE: The PDSG choir at the group's Christmas Party at St. Michael's.



WYNGARTH NURSERY NATIVITY

The Wyngarth Nursery Nativity concert was held on Tuesday 13th December. About fifty parents and carers were welcomed with coffee and biscuits before the 'grand event'! All the children looked brilliant in their costumes (see picture above). They sang 'Away in a Manger' and listened to a poem about the first Christmas, and then Santa arrived with a present for everyone!

All Saints, Deganwy - There are still some vacant dates for Altar Flowers - anyone who would like to give a donation or put flowers on the altar, please see Mrs. Daphne Laight.

St Paul's, Craig-y-Don

The Christmas period has passed with much activity and we are very grateful to Noel and the clergy team, our wardens, Deborah, the choir and the organists for leading us through it. Four schools including the Springfield nurseries used St Paul's for their Christmas celebrations. Our own St Paul's service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 18th December was a special occasion with a very large congregation from the community around; £452 was raised for Blind Veterans.

Patrick Rohde

Choir report

As we settle into a short burst of ordinary time before Lent starts in March, things remain busy in the choir stalls. Congratulations to Antonia Williams in the alto section, who gave birth to her third son, Henry Ifor, on 14th January. The next morning, we coincidentally sang an anthem based on Psalm 119 "you gave me life within my mother's womb". Congratulations also to

Rhianydd Hallas who's been appointed as organ scholar at St Paul's, and to Keith Lacey, one of the organists who received a round of applause for his voluntary "The Power of Life" by Mons Leidvin Tackle. Keith researched and transcribed the work of this almost unknown composer before playing it after the morning service. It's a high energy piece which certainly turned heads!

Deborah Haigh-Roberts



Scenes from St Pauls..... ABOVE: David Hay removes the old, and very tatty, noticeboard still proclaiming that the Rector is Rev Bob Griffiths. An updated version is now in production. LEFT: St Paul's on TV! Reporter Rob Shelley interviews Deborah Haigh Roberts for a news item on our services being broadcast on social media

Easter 'Passion Play'

A meeting was held in January to consider incorporating some drama into the Cytun Good Friday Procession of Witness in Llandudno. Some initial decisions and contacts have to be made to see if it is feasible for this year, so please look out for further news and pray for renewed Good Friday witness to the residents and visitors in our town.



And Finally.....A Treasurer's musings

2016 was interesting, occasionally stressful, and finally positive. As usual I had declined to produce a budget - too many unknowns. However, we knew that we had plans for a kitchen area at the back of Church, and plans and a faculty in progress. In January we received a generous and unexpected £5000 'donation in memory', with a request that it be spent on 'Projects' not running costs. Later our annual St. David's Day 'Gift Day' raised £2450. Meanwhile the 'Friends of St David's' coffee and tea sellers were busy with their buckets, urn, cups and spoons; a good deal of chatting, smiling, fellowship and mutual support also went on after our 11 o'clock services. Another looming cost was replacement of all external notice boards and refurbishing a foundation stone plaque. This cost eventually came in at almost £1100.

The distorted focus of a Treasurer means I make regular progress checks with my now antique Sharp electronic calculator. For a while our cash collections, envelope and standing order free will offerings were covering 82% of the 'Quota' for the Diocese and Benefice; looking pretty good! Our usual Summer and Autumn Fairs together brought in a not particularly high £1535. In mid-year it was decided that our aged sound system must be improved and another generous donation covered the cost of over £1500. Over the year Winter Warmer lunches provided more fellowship and another several hundred pounds profit. What a lot of work goes into them! We obtained a £250 grant towards the kitchen via Conwy Borough Council.

Yes, the kitchen faculty was approved, despite having to 'park' the issue of exactly what sort of drain we would have. As bills rolled in it became clear that the estimate of £5000 would be exceeded, which caused some nervousness. The 'Friends' cheque for £2500, raised over three years, was followed by £1350 from St David's Bonus Ball Club. December collections, including a funeral and visiting school, were good and St David's had paid its bills and ended with a surplus of about £1770. A pity we still have to pay for a drain! A lot of hard work and generosity delivered a good result. *Gordon Kirkpatrick, St David's, Penrhyn Bay.*



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