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St Michael's, Llandudno Junction • St Paul's, Craig-y-Don

Leading Our Churches Into Growth

Rev Noel Carter writes..... Towards the end of March, I attended a course at the Hayes Conference Centre in Derbyshire, entitled "Leading your Church into Growth". Fifty-seven people from churches across the diocese spent four days focussing on the issue that affects all our churches. How can our churches grow?

So often we concentrate on maintaining what we have, but don't spend too much time doing things that encourage our churches to grow. In fact, we often seem to be reluctant to take the idea seriously of deliberately going out of our way to increase the numbers in our congregations.

It's all about **DISCIPLESHIP!**

To become and live as a disciple of Jesus is the most wonderful and complete life that any human being can live. As a church, we need to take seriously making new disciples, bringing new people into the fellowship of the church, as well as nurturing the disciples the church already has.

Being a disciple of Jesus is all about living life to the full and joining the greatest adventure that the world has to offer. The abundant life that Jesus promises to his disciples is all about purpose, joy, peace, love, generosity, self-sacrifice and wonder.

Jesus himself led his closest followers into discipleship. It was those disciples who then went out and made more disciples. Our world today needs disciples just as much as the brutal, divided, rich and poor world of Jesus' day.

The Church now is desperately in need of not just those who come to our churches on Sunday, but

for real Disciples. In truth, we need more people in our congregations. We need more resources of prayer and money. We need more clergy and lay leaders. In short, we need active Discipleship.

Let's aim to grow. If all our churches commit themselves to growing by 10% in the next twelve months – for most of our churches this is three or four people – then we become a growing church.

Let us consciously pray for our churches to grow. Prayer as individuals, in groups or in congregations is vital.

Let's take seriously nurturing and encouraging the Disciples we already have, as well as taking the opportunities that we all have to encourage new people to come to Christ.

This is a challenge to action:

"Clear lots of ground for your tents! Make your tents large. Spread out! Think big! Use plenty of rope, drive the tent pegs deep. You're going to need lots of elbow room for your growing family. Don't be afraid - you're not going to be embarrassed. Don't hold back - you're not going to come up short."

Isaiah 54:2-4 - The Message

BELOW: Rev Godfrey leads the congregation of St Cystennin's in a Palm Sunday procession.



Inside: looking forward to Christian Aid Week, and... got any spare Lego?

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

Please note - The 6.30 pm
Cymun Bendigaid at
 St Hilary's will take place on
 the 2nd Sunday (14th) in May

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
 6.30 pm **Holy Eucharist** 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.

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

Messy Church - see calendar for details

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 - 8.00 pm every Monday at St Michael's (except Bank Holidays)

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

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

Clergy:	Rev Noel Carter (Mission Area Leader)	01492 339521 (after 15th May please contact one of the other clergy or the Parish Office)
	Rev Ginny Burton (Sun, Mon, Wed only)	01492 583140
	Rev Dr Godfrey Chigumira	01492 543706
	Rev Sarah Hildreth-Osborn	01492 640032
	Rev Peter Walker	01492 583579

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OPENING HOURS 10 am to 12.30 pm on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays**

Mai 2017 - CALENDAR - May 2017

		Services	Other events
Monday	1		Art & Craft Fair St P 10-4.30 pm
Tuesday	2		Llandudno Keswick Bible Week begins Bible Briefs 7.30 pm Llanrhos Schoolroom
Wednesday	3	HE 10 am AS & St Ff	
Thursday	4	HE 10.30 am St P	No Coffee in St P Hall (Polling Station)
Friday	5	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	6		Open Garden 11-3 pm 41 Victoria Drive
SUNDAY	7	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - also: Messy Church 4 pm Llanrhos Schoolroom	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK (Magazine items direct to Dilys Stone please)
Monday	8		St P Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
Tuesday	9		St Ff Mothers' Union 2.00 pm AS Mothers' Union Afternoon Tea Cor Maelgwn Concert, 7.30 pm AS
Wednesday	10	HE 10 am AS & St Ff	MAGAZINE COPY DATE
Thursday	11	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	12	HE 10 am St D	
SUNDAY	14	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H; CYTŪN Prayer Service for Christian Aid 6 pm at Gloddaeth United ; Cymun Bendigaid 6.30 pm at St H	CHRISTIAN AID WEEK BEGINS
Tuesday	16		Summer Fashion Show, 2.30 pm, St P
Wednesday	17	HE 10 am AS & St Ff	Christian Aid Coffee Morning 10 am Gloddaeth United Church Adventures in Worship 2.30 pm St D
Thursday	18	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	19	HE 10 am St D	C. Aid Coffee Morning 10 am St John's Murder Mystery 7 pm Glan Conwy
Saturday	20		C. Aid Coffee/Lunch 10 am Holy Trinity Plant Sale 10-2 pm St C
SUNDAY	21	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - also: Service at St D includes Holy Baptism; Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St P; (Note: Cymun Bendigaid St H on 14th May)	
Monday	22		St P Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
Wednesday	24	HE 10 am AS & St Ff	
ASCENSION DAY	25	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	26	HE 10 am St D	
SUNDAY	28	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm AS, St C & St H, 2.30 pm St H	
Wednesday	31	HE 10 am AS & St Ff	

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 (currently meeting in the Church House); 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

Got Any Spare Lego?

Since January, Lego Church has been happening at St Paul's Church in Craig y Don. Working with children from the after-school club at Springfield Nursery Bible stories have been coming to life with music serenading video's made with Lego.

Noah's Ark, Jonah and the whale, and the story of the wise and foolish builders have all been brought to life in videos that you can see on the St Paul's Church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/choirofstpauls>

We would like to build up our stocks of Lego, as up to now we have borrowed the Lego for our activities. Do you have any Lego lurking in cupboards that are no longer played with by children or grandchildren?

If so, could you donate them to St Paul's, so we can start to build up our own stock of Lego? If you have, please contact the Parish Office or Rev Noel Carter.

Calling all Church Wardens!

In 2017 Bishop Gregory is carrying out a visitation to the Mission Area. This means that church wardens will need to be admitted to office on a separate occasion.

This will take place during the service of Evensong at St Hilary's Church, Llanrhos, at 6.30 pm on Sunday 7th May. All wardens are required to be present or to give apologies so that other arrangements can be made.

Rector's Sabbatical

Rev Noel Carter has been granted a sabbatical by Bishop Gregory and will be away from the mission area from 15th May to the 8th of September. During this time, he

will be researching and writing a short book on how the church copes with change. For church matters please contact Revds Peter Walker or Godfrey Chigumira, or Mandy in the Parish Office.



Conwy Food Bank

Feeding local people in crisis

www.conwyfoodbank.co.uk

We would like to thank all our supporters for your regular donations of food which enable us to provide food parcels to the local community. A total of 783 parcels were distributed in the year ending January 2017.

We have had a busy start to this year and have therefore used a high level of stock. As usual, we have a surplus of certain items but are very short of others so we would be grateful if you could consider the following lists when deciding what food to donate.

We have plenty of: tinned soup and baked beans, tinned fish, and toiletries

We need:

Coffee, sugar, biscuits
Tins of chicken in white sauce,
chilli con carne, meat curry
Cheese sauce powder
Snack size instant noodles
Instant mashed potato
Jars of pasta sauce
Tins of fruit and rice pudding
Angel delight or similar
Crisps, snacks, treats, cereal bars
Toilet rolls

Any other food items not mentioned remain at a steady level so although not as urgent, are also still needed.

Thank you for your continued support.

We welcome news and comment from all the churches in the Mission Area, with photos if possible. Please send items in by Copy Date (10th May for June 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.

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Production Assistant – Chris Dearden**



Easter is always a busy time in our churches. LEFT: Pat Hay arranges flowers in time for Easter Sunday at St Paul's. Just bringing the flowers and greenery into the building took several people and several trips! ABOVE: many churches in the mission area now use oil candles instead of wax ones; an oil filled paschal candle came into use at St Paul's this year. Michael Clutton checks everything is ready for it to be lit on Easter Sunday.

Church Flowers Blodau yn yr Egwyls

Sylvia Pickup writes..... May is a welcome month in the calendar, signalling the close of winter and the first real glimpses of the summer to come. Garden shrubs and the wild hedgerow put out new leaves - though they are not strong enough yet to use in church arrangements, apart from the pinky-bronze sycamore, as tough as old boots.

The fresh green foliage of hawthorn is particularly pleasing. As children we used to call the leaves "bread-and-cheese" and chew them on our way to school. Legend has it that Christ's crown was of hawthorn. A field's hedge of hawthorn in bloom is a beautiful sight.

The first peonies, *P.officinalis*, appear in May. and they are invaluable for Church arrangements, three blooms making a strong centrepiece for a large design, or one bloom nestling among foliage for a smaller one. Cut them when just showing colour in the bud, give them a good initial drink and keep them well watered.

Recollections of the beautiful Easter flowers continue to delight the memory. My grateful thanks go to all the members of our congregation at St Paul's who gave so generously to ensure a lovely Easter and remembrance of families and friends in whose memories the donations were made.

Our flowers during May have been provided by Helen Barritt, Ethel Lamb and Alice Wild. Our arrangers include Sandra Abel, Darleen Blanchard, Pat Hay, Helen Jones and Margaret Jones. We are looking forward to the Art and Craft Fair and Exhibition in church, with music to listen to which will make a great beginning to the month of May.



ABOVE: Easter also means the decorative banners in our churches have to be changed!

Christian Aid Week 2017



Christian Aid was founded 70 years ago and the "Week" began 60 years

ago to assist people in Europe displaced by the Second World war.

A Christian Aid supporter Theodor Davidovic, orphaned at 8 years old, now aged 91, fought as a teenager in the resistance movement in Serbia but had to flee in the ensuing chaos. He lived in refugee camps for two and a half years and says he owes his life to the support of organisations like Christian Aid. He built a new life for himself in Scotland but doesn't forget the help he received.

Today, tens of millions of people across the globe are fleeing their homes because of war, conflict and disaster, making dangerous journeys in search of safety, in the biggest movement of people since that time. The vast majority of refugees seek sanctuary in poor countries, but more than a million refugees have crossed into Europe.

Many have endured years of conflict. With borders across Europe currently closed, thousands of refugees are now stranded in camps in Greece urgently needing help. Christian Aid, working with our Greek partners, are there to give security, comfort and basic necessities.

Llandudno - a Christian Aid pioneer!

Our support is more vital than ever. Did you know that the first ever house to house collection was in the Llandudno area, 60 years ago? Llandudno was one of seven towns in North Wales to participate. Sadly it is very limited now, but our churches and chapels do host events in Christian Aid week.

If you are in town do pop into one, details are on church notice boards (and in the page 3 calendar). If there is no house to house collection in your road and you would like to give to the Week, please take an envelope

from the back of church and return it the following Sunday.

Christian Aid is also a member of the Disaster Emergency Committee which is appealing for funds to help starving families in East Africa.

Looking Back on Last year's "Week"

The 2016 Week focused on changing the lives of families in Bangladesh whose homes were submerged by river water. Many now have a safe home and livestock because of Christian Aid working through their partner GUK. Christian Aid changes lives and we have been a part of that, thank you.

Overall in 2016 the Llandudno area Churches and Chapels raised £7341.60 for the Week and an annual total of around £9800.00. House to house collections raised more than half of Christian Aid week's UK total of £10.2 million, of which £500,000 came from Wales.

What's happening in 2017?

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2017 is 14th–20th May and we are asked to walk alongside today's refugees. Can we help?

On **Sunday, May 14th** at 6.00 pm there will be an evening Service at the newly refurbished Gloddaeth United Church Llandudno for Christian Aid - please make a note in your diaries and join us if you can especially organisers and collectors.

The Mission Area March coffee morning in St Paul's Church Hall raised £190.91. Thank you to those who helped and brought the lovely cakes and those who came along to support and enjoyed fellowship. A special thank you to St. Paul's ladies for hosting the event.

The Male Voice Choir evening at Peniel Chapel in Deganwy specifically to help the Philippines raised £373.00.

We can make a difference, so let's do it again this Christian Aid Week. Thank you in advance for all your support.

Jeannette B-Williams. Tel: 582911

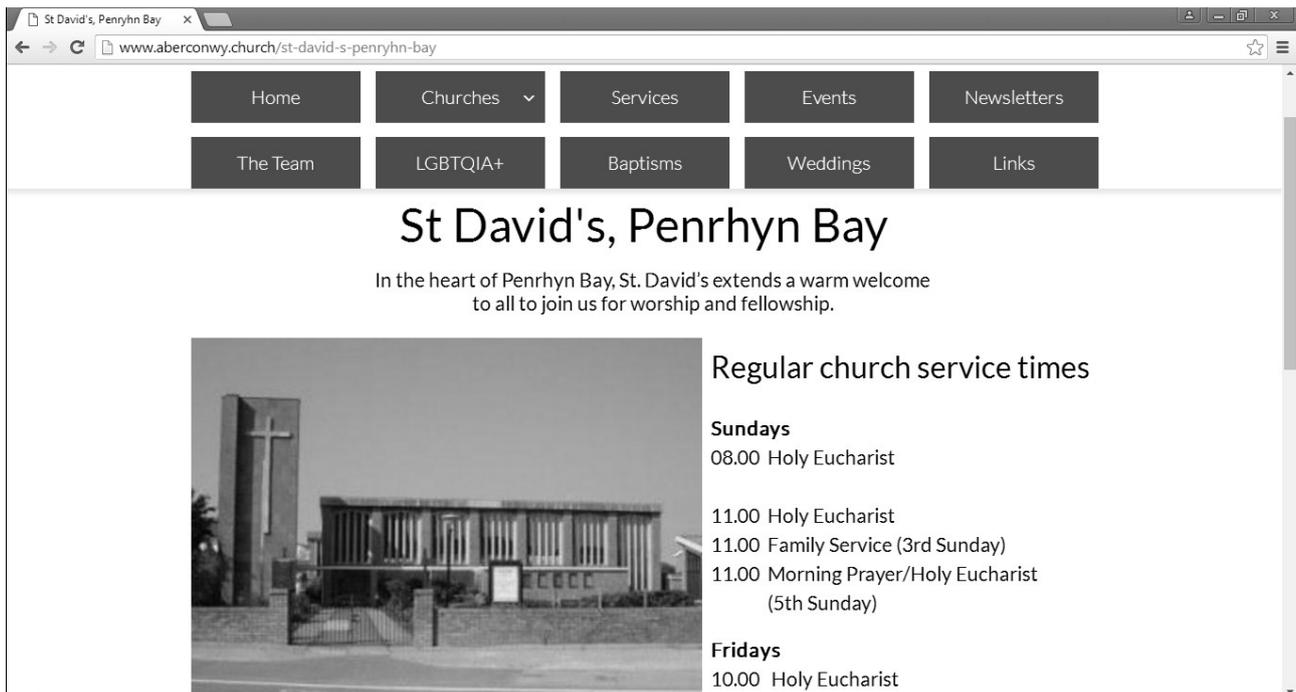
Mission Area Website

Have you had a look? The website is developing well but we need your photographs so that we have pictures of all the churches in the mission area - some have none at all.

Ideally we need at least one exterior view, one interior and preferably some with people in! Please get those cameras working and send photos to the parish office email.

The website is updated regularly, and even includes an electronic version of this magazine as well as a calendar of what's happening in the eleven churches.

You can visit it at www.aberconwy.church. Please pass this link on to anyone you know who may be interested in finding out more about our churches. Any information for the website, or updates can be sent to the webmaster, Jane Hodgson, via the parish office.



St David's, Penrhyn Bay

In the heart of Penrhyn Bay, St. David's extends a warm welcome to all to join us for worship and fellowship.

Regular church service times

Sundays
08.00 Holy Eucharist
11.00 Holy Eucharist
11.00 Family Service (3rd Sunday)
11.00 Morning Prayer/Holy Eucharist (5th Sunday)

Fridays
10.00 Holy Eucharist

Remembering St Mary's, Mochdre

Peter Marshall writes..... Some readers will remember St Mary's Mochdre, which sadly closed around 2004, even though there were architect's plans in hand for a replacement church for the people of Mochdre.

The Lloyd family were stalwarts there, and their three daughters were in the Sunday School run by Jenny Lloyd. The oldest, Becky, won the young Welsh learner prize at the Eisteddfod in 1998. Becky graduated from Bangor University in 2000. Ordained in 2014, and currently serving in the Southwark Diocese, Becky is moving to Lichfield (with her dog) on May 21st to become chaplain to the Bishop of Lichfield. How exciting!

Becky's parents live in Penmaenmawr. Martin is very busy with the Easy Bible international project and at 76, still travels the world for this. The Lloyds have four grandchildren from their other daughters.



News, Notices and Events

Bible Briefs

Bible briefs this month will look at the account of the Road to Emmaus



Luke 24:13 – end

Come and explore this intriguing bible story

Tuesday 2nd May

7.30 pm - Llanrhos School Room

Llandudno Keswick Bible Week May 2nd to May 5th 2017

Speaker: Tim Chester, pastor at Grace Church, Boroughbridge

At The Lighthouse Community Church, Great Orme's Road (formerly the Baptist Church)

Morning Sessions: 10:30 am for 11

Making Sense of the Cross - John's Gospel

Evening Sessions: 7.30 pm

How to Live in a Hostile Culture - Revelation)

WELSH SESSION – Friday Evening, 7.30 pm

Speaker: Ben Thomas

ALL WELCOME No Charge Freewill Offerings

Help with stewarding, music, refreshments

required. Contact Kay Morris for more details:

01492875008 E: kmorris2011@btinternet.com

On first Wednesday of every month at 50, The Oval, prayers for the persecuted church are offered. Contact Kay Morris (875008) for information kmorris2011@btinternet.com

Messy Church in May

The Incredible Catch of Fish



Sunday 7th May

4 pm in the Llanrhos School Room

Fun, food and worship for all ages

St Ffraid's Church House Glan Conwy

Coffee Stop

every Thursday 10-11.30 am

Murder Mystery

Friday 19th May 7 pm

Tickets £10

Coach Trip to St Asaph Cathedral

Flower Festival

To celebrate City Status granted by HM Queen Elizabeth II in 2000



Thursday 1st June -1 pm

Ticket Price Includes Entry into Cathedral

Details from Doreen 585127

Proceeds from the Flower Festival to St Kentigern's Hospice and St Asaph Cathedral



St Paul's Church, Craig Y Don



Art and Craft Fair and Exhibition

With musical interludes

Saturday April 29th – Monday May 1st 2017

Saturday and Monday 10.00 am until 4.30 pm

Sunday 12 noon until 4.30 pm



A fund raising event for St Paul's Church with people exhibiting art work and craft projects for the three days of the bank holiday weekend, some of which will be for sale.

Light refreshments on sale in church.



Another fundraising event for St Paul's, to which all are invited:

A SUMMER FASHION SHOW

with Bon Marché, Llandudno

ST PAUL'S CRAIG-Y-DON

Tuesday 16th May

Reception at 2.30 p.m.

Come and enjoy the special atmosphere of St. Paul's historic church and the Summer Collection from Bon Marché, Mostyn Street, Llandudno

Something for everyone, every size

Get your tickets now for this special event, £4 including a glass of wine/soft drink and a Bon Marché voucher, available from 07944 851425, 01492 874081 or church members.

Cor Meibion Maelgwn

Ymunwch a ni am noson o musig gan un o'r gorau yn y gogledd

Eglwys yr Holl Saint, Deganwy

Nos Iau, 11fed Mai am 7.30 yh

Tocynnau £8 ar gael o Pat Chapman
01492 583420

Cor Meibion Maelgwn

Join us for a musical evening by one of North Wales' best choirs

All Saints Church, Deganwy

Thursday, 11th May at 7.30 pm

Tickets £8 available from Pat Chapman
01492 583420



Daffodils in St. Cystennin's churchyard

PLANT SALE

St Cystennin's Church
Saturday 20th May
10 am - 2 pm

Plants and seedlings for sale

Gardening items stall
Seed planting

Refreshments, cakes and produce

Admission: £1 for adults
(includes a drink)

Donations needed: Gardening items to sell, gardening journals, books, seeds, pots, tools etc. Cakes and produce. Seedlings and plants – indoor and outdoor (labelled please)

Please come and join us!

Around the Churches

Mothers' UNION

Gofal Cristnogol i Deuluoedd

All Saints Branch

To help us guide our thoughts in Lent, Joy Green spoke to us about preparing for a day out walking, telling us to travel light and only take the bare necessities. These included map, water, compass and being prepared for unexpected events.

These same rules apply to our Lenten journey. We need our bible to guide us, and to leave behind any bad feelings in order to clear our thoughts for the journey we are making. Many thanks to Joy for giving it certainly gave us all much to think about.

At the next meeting we talked about our favourite and special bible passages. Many chose psalms, including 113, 121 and 150 - psalms of praise and thanks to God which had been of great help at special times. Other passages were John 6 and Matthew 5 - lots of discussion about these and other passages.

We close the season with Afternoon Tea on 9th May at the Tea Station café - friends welcome to join us but names to Daphne asap. May Corporate Communion is on the 3rd at 10 am in All Saints church. Please remember sick and housebound members in your prayers, and we wish you all a happy summer break.

Daphne Laight

St Paul's Craig-y-Don Branch

In March we had a delightful meeting when Wendy Carter gave us a most interesting and informative talk on the structure and wearing of the traditional Indian dress Saris and Salwar kameez suit. We heard about the shopping experience, the different ways of wearing the dress, the styles - and that local



ABOVE: Mothers' Union Spring Council was held on Thursday 23rd March in Wrexham. The guest speaker was Rev Kathy Trimby, accompanied by Muriel the emu! There are more photographs on the Facebook page for Mothers Union St Asaph Diocese.

people appreciated the fact that Wendy was wearing their local dress, even if they could not resist adjusting the folds to get them just right!

Wendy brought along examples of her saris, beautiful silks and cottons, and members had a chance to try them on.



ABOVE: Wendy Carter demonstrates the art of putting on a sari - the secret is in the pleats!



ABOVE: Wendy Carter and Dorothy Roberts modelling beautiful Indian saris at St Paul's Mothers' Union (report on previous page)

St David's, Penrhyn Bay

The notice board facing Glan y Mor Road has been replaced with a new one which will be used to advertise services and church activities. As usual there were several people involved in the process and we would like to thank them for their time and effort. The scruffy vestry door is due to be replaced so we will be very smart.

Friday Coffee 10.30 am until 12 noon

Do join us on Friday morning for a cup of coffee and a chat.

Congregation Meeting

Ann Rowland has stood down as Secretary after 9 years and we would like to thank Ann for her conscientious attention to her duties during this time. The officers for this year are:

- Phil Williams - Peoples Warden
- Karen Stringer - Vicar's Warden
- Gordon Kirkpatrick - Treasurer
- Janet Mellor - Secretary

St Cystennin's, Mochdre

Belated thanks to Cantamus Chamber Choir and all who supported the Christmas evening in December where £570 was raised for the roof fund. Cantamus will be back with us for a summer evening concert, date tbc.

We are very grateful to Michael who has been working hard in the churchyard. The colourful spring show of flowers is splendid and the new bark path at the rear of the church is a great improvement. Michael grows plants and they will be for sale at the plant sale on 20th May. Some are now for sale in church. The church is usually open Saturdays 10 am - 12.30 pm (ish!) Do call by for a cuppa and a chat if you are passing.

We are still feeding the birds in the churchyard and always grateful for any donations of bird food. You are very welcome to visit the churchyard to bird watch or feed the birds yourself. It is a peaceful spot to relax and watch the birds and other wildlife.

Date for your diary: 14th June - Festival of Well Loved Hymns

Tenovus Concert

Make a note in your diary of the date - Saturday 10th June at 7.30 pm, when the Tenovus and Rydal Community Choirs will be singing in St. David's in aid of the Tenovus charity.

Karen Stringer & Phil Williams

St David's Ladies' Fellowship

At our March Meeting Mrs Marian Whittaker spoke on Lent and what importance we ourselves give to Lent. Most people give up simple pleasures by denying themselves chocolate, biscuits, television etc.

Marian put an entirely different aspect on Lent. It is about re-assessing our relationship with God. If our faith is waning, renew it. Make it a time to get go of grievances, to get rid of anger within - whether it be of long ago quarrels, family disputes, or even the loss of a love one if this anger is still with us - as otherwise how can we have a true relationship with God?

If we make Lent a time to cleanse ourselves within, to get rid of the debris cluttering our

lives, and most of all prepare for that wonderful Easter Sunday, then we are restored and invigorated, knowing that we are now able to go forward with hope and a renewed faith. We hope you have all had a happy Easter.

St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew

Esau Peni (pictured below), a refugee from South Sudan, is enjoying his new Dell laptop, as he studies community development at university in Uganda. He is sponsored by local friends. Donations towards the £380 the laptop cost may be given to Rev Peter Marshall, payable to The Buckingham Trust.



St Michael & All Angels, Llandudno Junction

Fellowship

The March meeting was a change to the programme! Unfortunately, Renee was ill and so her evening of making greeting cards has been postponed until May.

Luckily, Rev Peter was able to step into the breach with a talk on pop history. Using a programme that he had recorded and

presented on Beacon Radio in the West Midlands, he looked at the history of Sun Records in Memphis.

There were plenty of chances to hear the music of Elvis, along with Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins, alongside some lesser-known 'gems' from Harmonica Frank, Big Mama Thornton and John Lee Hooker – hand-jiving obligatory!

The April meeting (report in the next issue) was a talk by the Mayoress of Llandudno.

Congregation Meeting

The Extraordinary Congregation Meeting held after the March all-age service approved the accounts for 2016 with thanks to Mike Wise for his hard work in this area, and also thanks to Ian Huckle who was able to put them into the 'approved' format for the diocese.

The financial situation is healthier than it has been for a number of years – the 2016 Parish Share has been paid in full, along with the first three months of 2017 – the March payment actually being in advance!

Many thanks to everyone who has made this possible by their continued support, and, of course, to the many groups who not only keep us afloat but also mean that St Michael's is well used and has a much higher profile in the town. By the time you read this, the TRAKZ event will have taken place, as will the Open Gardens event.

OPEN GARDEN - as part of the Open Gardens event, by kind permission of Allan Evans, the garden at 41 Victoria Drive in Llandudno Junction will be open on **SATURDAY 6th MAY** 11 am to 3 pm.

Tickets £2 to include refreshments. Raffle available! This is a fundraising event for St Michael's - tickets from Mike Wise (581545) or just come along on the day!

St Paul's, Craig y Don

Next year, we are going to fit Michael Clutton with a pedometer! As well as being one of the mission area's lay readers, Michael also acts as sacristan in St Paul's, and had the job of stripping the church for Good Friday, and then putting everything back in time for Easter Sunday. By the time Easter Day itself arrived, we estimated that he had walked around four or five miles just inside the building - not difficult when you consider the size of the church itself.

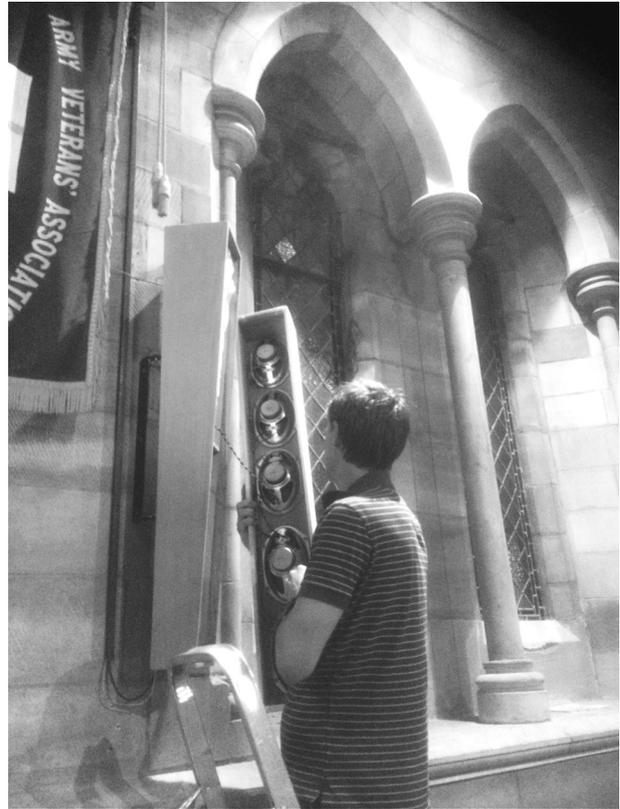
But Michael isn't the only one to whom thanks are due for making sure we had a very successful Easter. The church saw a regular flow of people cleaning, polishing brass, arranging flowers, rehearsing music and preparing refreshments. Thank you to everyone for your hard work.

But it was worth it! On Easter Sunday we welcomed almost a hundred people to St Paul's, up from last year, and the church looked and sounded stunning. There were equally respectable numbers for Palm Sunday morning and afternoon services as well.

Things are going to stay busy as we have more events on the way. The May Bank Holiday weekend sees an Arts and Crafts Exhibition in the church. This is a new event for us, but has already attracted much interest from exhibitors. There'll also be live music performances over the weekend and refreshments available, so we hope that the cool calm atmosphere inside St Paul's will provide an antidote to the bustle of Llandudno town centre during the Extravaganza Weekend - there's also plenty of parking at the church!

Shortly after the Arts and Crafts weekend, there's a Fashion Show in the church, showcasing the latest range from Bon Marché. Tickets are £4, including a glass of wine/soft drink and Bon Marché voucher, available by contacting 07944 851425.

Chris Dearden & Philip Evans



ABOVE: Simon Hillman repairs one of the speakers at St Paul's. The sound system has been causing problems for a few months, and it's hoped that recent attention will improve things. BELOW: a large array of votive lights lit for Easter. BOTTOM: Easter Sunday saw a double figure number of young children in St Paul's, something of a first for a while. This in turn meant that some of the hymn books were eaten by dinosaurs.....



Choir report

Easter is always a busy time when it feels like we are going flat out; as soon as one service is complete, then there is more music to get ready for the next one. Easter this year saw us using a communion setting that hasn't been performed for some time at St Paul's - the challenging "Missa Alme Pater" by Andrew Millington. Despite a few sleepless nights, it came out beautifully, with favourable comments from the congregation.

Over the next few weeks, we will start to turn our attention to the fundraising June concert series, which this year will be taking place over the weekend 23rd-25th of June, just before the feast of St Paul. It's likely to involve a Sunday afternoon service from the choir - details next month.

Behind the scenes, we have plenty of paperwork to get on with as we need to do another grant application for money to continue developing the children's "Lego Choir" activities.

Deborah Haigh Roberts



ABOVE: the Lego choir (our Thursday activity session for children) doesn't just involve Lego! This piano mat is the latest piece of technology to arrive at St Paul's to teach children musical skills. BELOW: The church building at St Paul's is also used by members of the Syriac Indian church, seen here set out for their service on the second Saturday of the month.



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