

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

The Importance of Crosses!

Whatever your political opinions, the result of the election on the 8th June will affect us all in one way or another. It is important, then, that when we put our cross on the ballot paper we do so in an informed and prayerful manner. In 2015 the Bishops of the Church of England sent a long pastoral letter to parishes, giving advice as to how to decide who to vote for. It met with a mixed reception!

Whilst we might not like to be told how to vote, it is important that we know about the issues that concern us. Recently, Bishop Gregory has been prominent in the media, urging both the church and politicians to work harder to tackle homelessness and poor housing. Surely, this is something that should concern us! What is going to happen over Brexit? There seems so much contradictory information around. How does that influence how we vote? What about our nation's security? Do we think about the issues here? The NHS! Education! Immigration - and so on! The danger of electoral fatigue is very real.

According to The Economist only some 13% of the world's population live in a full democracy, whilst almost 40% of the World's population live under authoritarian rule. It's a sobering thought, that should encourage all of us to put that cross on the ballot paper.

Crosses are important!

In times past, anyone could sign a document with a cross, if writing their name was not possible. The only way that you could show your assent was by making your mark with that cross.



ABOVE: Spring Time at St Hilary's! It's surprising what four ladies can do with long handled feather dusters. Poor Cath worked so hard the shaft of hers snapped in half! Rev Noel Carter is on hand for moral support.

All of us at some time have ended a letter with a number of Crosses **XXXX**, to express our love.

Bishops began the practice of placing a + before their name, as a shorthand for "your sinning servant." They were making the point that they like everyone else is in need of redemption. This of course take us to the foot of the cross, the source of redemption for all of us.

Love and redemption seem to be good things to have in our hearts at this time of General Election. Please do pray for those standing for Parliament, for those who will be elected to office, and especially for wisdom and integrity in those who govern us.

Remember, crosses are important!

Rev Noel Carter

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

No 11 am service at St David's on **4th Sunday in June** as joint service in Penrhyn Bay Presbyterian Church

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 (June-August 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**

Mehefin 2017 - CALENDAR - June 2017

		Services	Other events
Thursday	1	HE 10.30 am St P	St Asaph Flower Festival (until 4th)
Friday	2	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	3		Whit Walk Pensarn to Rhos 10 am - 3 pm
PENTECOST	4	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H	
Tuesday	6		Bible Briefs 7.30 pm Llanrhos Schoolroom
Wednesday	7	HE 10 am AS & St Ff	MAGAZINE COPY DATE
Thursday	8	HE 10.30 am St P	No Coffee in St P Hall (Polling Station)
Friday	9	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	10		Tenovus Choir Concert 7.30 pm St D
SUNDAY	11	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H & St M Messy Church 4 pm Llanrhos Schoolroom	
Monday	12		St P Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
Tuesday	13		
Wednesday	14	HE 10 am AS & St Ff Festival of Hymns 7 pm St C	
Thursday Corpus Christi	15	HE 10.30 am St P	Mission Area Conference 7.30 pm St G
Friday	16	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	17		Bible Society Tea, 50 The Oval
SUNDAY	18	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - also: Service at St D includes Holy Baptism	
Wednesday	21	HE 10 am AS & St Ff	
Thursday	22	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	23	HE 10 am St D	Fundraising Brass Concert, 7.30 pm St P
Saturday	24		Fundraising Opera Concert, 7.30 pm St P
SUNDAY	25	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - also: NO 11 am Service at St D today - joint service in Penrhyn Bay Presbyterian Church; Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St M; Messy Church 4 pm St Ff 5 pm Choral Evensong St P	
Monday	26		Summer Tea 2.30 pm St P Church Hall
Wednesday	28	HE 10 am AS & St Ff Mothers' Union Service 2 pm St Asaph	
Thursday	29	HE 10.30 am St P	Bible Society Coffee morning, Holy Trinity
Friday	30	HE 10 am St D	St Grwst's Festival of Flowers 10-4 pm

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

Leading Your Church Into Growth

If we want our churches to grow, we need to equip the leaders of our churches to be able to lead our congregations into growth.

The diocese is encouraging us to get church growth principles and practice into the bloodstream of our church communities. During the autumn, we will be running the "Leading your Church into Growth" course. This will take place at different times and locations in the mission area. The course is designed for use in small groups and the DVD-based interactive sessions will stimulate, teach, equip and motivate church members to play their part in leading their church into growth.

In this course we will:

- Learn key biblical teachings on growth
- Discuss, question and apply these teachings to our situations
- Become inspired and motivated
- Make decisions, implement plans and develop new ways of working
- Resolve to stick with these plans, reviewing and adapting them as they go along.

The course will run as follows, and booking forms will be available in all our churches:

- Six weekly sessions beginning Monday 25th September, 2 pm in the Llanrhos School Room.
- Six weekly sessions beginning Tuesday 26th September, 7.30 pm in the Llanrhos School Room.
- Six weekly sessions in Llanrwst - details to follow

Mission Area Vestry Meeting

The first mission area Easter vestry meeting was held on Thursday 27th April. As well as the annual reports on finance and election of officers, those present heard about St Grwst's hopes for developing their building and St Ffraid's problems with walls and damp. Rev Noel Carter also tasked everyone in the mission area to think about prayer and priorities.

Mission Area Conference

The next Mission Area Conference meeting will be at St Grwst's Church Llanrwst at 7.30 pm on 15th June. This will be a chance for conference members to hear at first hand the plans to remodel the church, to provide much needed facilities for the ministry of the church.

Llandudno and Aberconwy Joint Lent Compline & Study Group at St David's Hospice

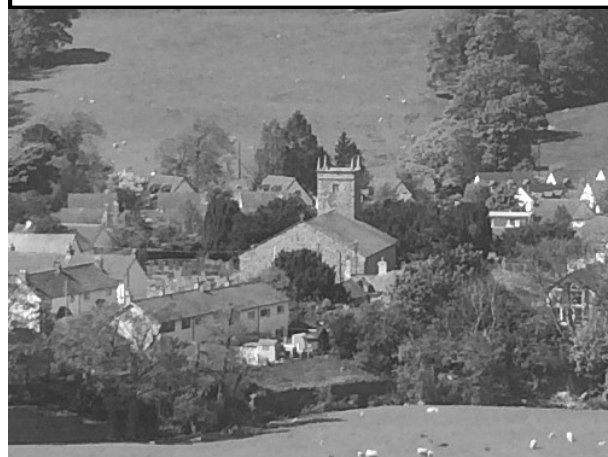
Rev Jane Allen, Hospice Chaplain, writes..... It was a great pleasure to host this again this year – the hospice is always pleased to welcome local communities, and attendances were good averaging 23 per Wednesday.

May I thank all those who contributed so generously to the collection on the final Wednesday which raised the magnificent sum of £170. As agreed, this year the money has gone into hospice funds and the donation is very much appreciated. I am also grateful to the two volunteers who opened up reception and greeted people as they arrived.

Personally, I found both the Complines and study group meetings helpful and meaningful, so thanks to the clergy for leading us. It was good to be with friends from both parishes.



Our churches in the spring sunshine! ABOVE: St Grwst's in Llanrwst, where plans are being drawn up for refurbishment. BELOW: St Martin's in the village of Eglwysbach





Conwy Food Bank

Feeding local people in crisis
www.conwyfoodbank.co.uk

The following letter has been received by the churches of the mission area, concerning Conwy Foodbank.

Conwy Foodbank (CFB) is one of several projects hosted by ARC Communities Ltd, a not-for-profit organisation serving disadvantaged people and communities in a number of ways across Conwy and Denbighshire. As a group/organisation that regularly donates food into Conwy Foodbank's donation buckets, you may have met our friendly Foodbank Coordinator, Tony who, for the past 2-years, has managed the project and its volunteers, picked up donations and delivered parcels from your various bases, and has been the face behind the many calls and queries into CFB.

Sadly, the funding needed to employ Tony comes to an end in July 2017, and unless we can generate some additional income, the paid coordinator's post will be lost to us completely. We are therefore in the process of looking for continuation funding streams for this project, no easy feat given the current economic climate. So, we are looking outside the box and are hoping to generate income through a sponsorship scheme whereby we are seeking individuals and organisations to commit to sponsoring Tony on a monthly basis.

The amount you sponsor is entirely up to you. We need to generate approximately £1,200 per month to cover salaries and project costs, so anything you are able to commit to will be gratefully received. If you are interested in supporting our coordinator scheme, please contact ARC Communities Limited on 01492 535626 to request a form to fill in with details of your donation.

And can we take the opportunity to say a wholehearted thank you on behalf of Conwy Foodbank for your continued commitment to provide those in crisis in the County of Conwy with this valuable service. We couldn't undertake the work we do without your assistance.

COULD YOU HELP? The amount required could be achieved if 2 donations of £100, 10 of £50, 25 of £10 and 50 of £5 per month were promised. Any help that you can give as an individual or as an organisation will be most gratefully received. Please think carefully - we all have a tendency to take our good fortune for granted, and with comparatively little effort can show we have not forgotten those who are not so lucky.



Scenes from the recent Arts and Crafts Weekend at St Paul's. LEFT: organiser Sandra Abel with some of the artwork. BELOW LEFT: Alan and Phyllis Oliver on stewarding duties in Victorian costume. BELOW: pictures on display in the magnificent surroundings of St Paul's Church.



Church Flowers Blodau yn yr Egwyls

June is a much loved month in the British year. The days are at their longest, often calm, still and warm. Gardens begin to show their best with pots, beds and borders coming into colour with faithful perennials and hardy annuals starting to bloom. It is at last safe to plant out the half hardy summer bedding and visits to the garden centres become a bit of a treat when we can buy instead of just looking. The hum of bees becomes more noticeable; we see butterflies flitting round flowers and shrubs and in the evenings gnats gather in little clouds. All these activities pose some problems for the human inhabitants of the outdoors but as they all signify `summer` and are part of it we welcome them.

Midsummer Day is June 24th and seasonal pursuits start to feature in our leisure time - garden parties, weddings, brass band concerts, tennis, cricket, flower shows, school sports, regattas and the beginning of the great holiday season. I remember reading, a long time ago, that the writer Henry James once said that the two most beautiful words in the English language were "summer afternoon" and perhaps he was right. June is a happy month for the church flower arranger too. The profusion of flowers and foliage makes the task simpler and less expensive.

The flowers for June at St Paul's have been provided by Helen Barritt, Anne Clutton, Megan Jones, Dorothy Roberts and Alice Wild. We once more give grateful thanks to them and to all the members of the congregation who have so kindly supported the flower during this half year and especially for Easter. We are ever in their debt.

Christian Aid Update

Jeannette Bennett-Williams writes..... Many thanks to all who took part and supported Christian Aid week this year. We will let you know how the collections etc went in the July magazine, and really appreciate your efforts.



ABOVE: Wendy Jones from St Paul's recently completed a day's training on how to better use social media to promote our churches; seen here with expert trainer Theresa Carnall.

The General Election

Please note that as St Paul's Church Hall is used as Polling Station, there will be no coffee morning in the hall on Thursday 8th June, but people are very welcome to join us for the service in church at 10.30 am, or come in to church at 11 o'clock for coffee and a chat.

A Prayer for the General Election

For those who are campaigning for political office, that in serving our communities and national life truth, justice, peace and wellbeing might become priorities for all.

For those for whom the results could mean significant change - that they might find grace and wisdom for the way ahead.

That those with leadership and influence will act wisely and in the interests of all people - seeking stability and justice for our world.

That as Christian citizens in society, regardless of whether we currently face the prospect with relish or trepidation, we will have wisdom and courage to seek God's Kingdom and pursue his purpose in the emerging political landscape.

For those whose Christian identity has inspired them to serve in public life - that they might act as faithful followers of Jesus in every circumstance they face.

Adapted from election prayers from the Joint Public Issues Team - www.jointpublicissues.org.uk

News, Notices and Events

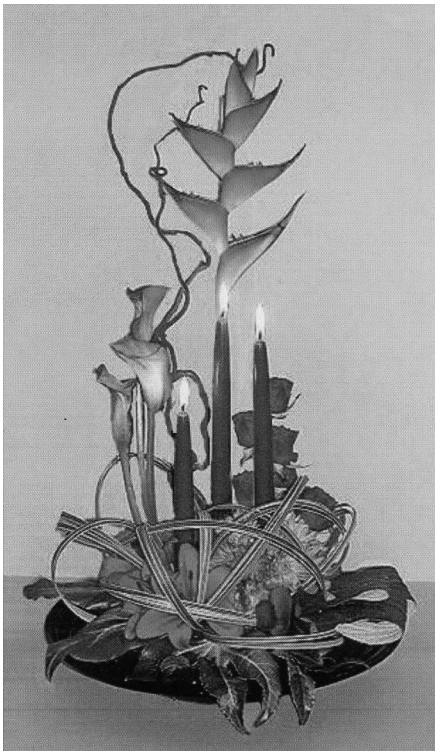


News from the Women's World Day of Prayer

The day service this year was held in Our Lady Star of the Sea where around 50 people attended and used a thoughtful and moving liturgy from the Philippines.

The evening service in St John's was in the hall and around 24 people attended.

Photos were shared with friends in Tanganyika who were delighted to know that people here were also taking part. A collection of £235.85 was sent to headquarters. A Welsh service was held in Seilo. It has been agreed to have just one service in the morning and possibly to invite schoolchildren. In 2018 the service will be on March 2nd at 10.30 am in Gloddaeth Church.



Flower Festival

June 1st - 4th

St Asaph Cathedral

A celebration of the 5th Anniversary of City Status - Displays by Flower Groups from all over North Wales

Entrance £5 - Refreshments

Proceeds to St Kentigern Hospice and St Asaph Cathedral

*Coach Trip to the Flower Festival
Thursday 1st June - 1 pm*



Bible Briefs

Pentecost

Tuesday 6th June at 7.30 pm
Llanrhos School Room



Tenovus Choir Concert

St David's Church

Saturday 10th June

7.30 pm

Tenovus and Rydal Community
Choirs sing in aid of Tenovus
Cancer Care

Whit Walk

Rekindling the Flame

**We are re-starting
the tradition of the
Whit Walk
and would like
you to join us!**

Saturday 3rd June

**Pensarn (beach opposite
railway station)**

**to Rhos (St Trillo's Chapel
on the prom)**

**Ardal
Cenhadaeth**
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Mission Area

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THE CHURCH
IN WALES

An invitation from Aled Mission Area to join them on their Whit Walk:

Please join us anywhere along the route. (The no. 12 bus runs regularly along the sea front all day.) Rough joining times are:

10 am - Start opposite Abergele
Pensarn railway station

11 am - Pirate's Locker

12 noon - Picnic on the seafront at
Llanddulas

1.30 pm - End of prom, Old Colwyn

2 pm - Toad Hall Inn, Colwyn Bay

2.30 pm - Tourist Office, Rhos on Sea

3 pm - Service outside St Trillo's
Chapel

For more information please email
aledma1@outlook.com or ring 01492
540002 or 07514 879854

Messy Church in June

**Sunday 11th June at 4 pm in
Llanrhos School Room**

**Sunday 25th June at 4 pm in
St Ffraid's Church House,
Glan Conwy**

***Worship, fun, food and creative
activities for all ages.***



Festival of Hymns Returns

We have enjoyed this so much that it has become an annual event! Come and sing favourite hymns in the peaceful setting of St Cystennin's Church on Wednesday 14th June 7 pm. The event will be led by Dilwyn Price with John Liddon-Few on the organ. Please let warden Peter Jones know your favourite hymns to sing – telephone 01492 209382 or e-mail cllr.pjones@gmail.com

**B BIBLE
SOCIETY**

Saturday 17th June

Afternoon Tea - £3 a
head - at 50, The Oval

Thursday 29th June

Coffee morning at Holy Trinity

Every first Wednesday of month at 50, The Oval, prayers are offered for the persecuted church.

Contact Kay Morris (875008) for
information kmorris2011@btinternet.com

Summer Afternoon Tea

St Paul's Church Hall
Monday 26th June



2.30 pm

£3.50

"Festival of Flowers" at St Grwst's

This will take place on **30th June, 1st and 2nd July**, open from 10 am to 4 pm each day. The theme for this event will be "**The Year of Legends**". Admission will be free, though donations will be much appreciated.

You are welcome to join this event exhibiting a display either as an organisation or as an individual in memory of a loved one. There is no charge for exhibiting but again donations to St Grwst's Church will be gratefully received. For further information and to book a place please contact Janet Pierce on 01492 640443 or e-mail janandbarry62@yahoo.com

A Weekend Of Events To Celebrate St Paul's Day At St Paul's Church, Craig y Don Raising Money For Llandudno Lifeboat

Friday 23rd June, 7.30 pm

Brass Band Concert

With Holywell Brass Band

Saturday 24th June, 7.30 pm

A Night At The Opera

With the Amici Del Canto Choir (below)

Sunday 25th June, 5 pm

Choral Evensong

Address by Rev Peter Jones
"Who Was St Paul?"

All events free
with retiring
collection

Refreshments
served
afterwards



We welcome news and comment from all the churches in the Mission Area, with photos if possible. Please send items in by Copy Date (7th June for July 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

Around the Churches

Mothers' UNION Gofal Cristnogol i Deuluoedd

MOTHERS' UNION is celebrating 125 years since the opening of the first branch in St Asaph Diocese with a service at the Cathedral on Wednesday 28th June at 2 pm. If you are not familiar with MU do come along and share in this special event.

All Saints Branch

Daphne Laight writes:

We enjoyed a very interesting time when members brought treasures or favourite items to show and explain their significance. We saw items from various parts of the world including a vase from Switzerland, a personalised painting on papyrus from Egypt, a video of a Buckingham Palace garden party, an egg cup from Bethlehem and various handkerchiefs brought back from Egypt during World War II. One member said that her favourite object was her biscuit tin! It turned out that two of our members had been to a Buckingham Palace garden party at different times. We also talked about lots of other treasures that had been left at home.

Our Afternoon Tea at the Tea Station Café in Deganwy was enjoyed by members and friends, and was the last meeting until the Autumn. Dates will be announced later.

7th June will be our Corporate Communion at 10 o'clock - all are welcome. The 'Songs of Praise' will be held on 29th June - more details later.

St Paul's Craig-y-Don Branch

We will be holding our usual Summer Afternoon Tea on 26th June at 2.30 pm in St Paul's Church Hall. All members and friends are welcome to join us. Tickets £3.50 from MU Committee members or at the door.

All Saints, Deganwy

Flowers in All Saints

There are still vacant dates to put flowers on the altar or give donations, so if anyone would be interested please see Daphne Laight.



ABOVE: Members of All Saints delivered 500 leaflets to advertise the Maelgwn Choir Concert. Luckily it was a dry and sunny day! BELOW: Rev Godfrey Chigumira recently welcomed his new wife Melissa to Wales following their recent marriage. She joined the congregation at St Cystennin's for their Sunday service.



St Ffraid's Church House Glan Conwy

Coffee Stop

Every Thursday 10-11.30 am

St Cystennin's, Mochdre

Worship News

We enjoyed the joint service with St Katherine's on the last Sunday in April – it was a lovely time of fellowship.

Thanks to Katherine Roberts, Reader from St. Hilary's Church for stepping in to lead the Welsh service on Easter Day. The Welsh hymn books and service books are now in use and will be blessed at a future service.

Thanks to all for Easter wishes and donations, and to John Liddon-Few for sourcing and setting up a replacement organ for the church when ours failed on Palm Sunday. Also to Nick and his workers for the transportation.

A warm welcome to Melissa, Godfrey's wife – an answer to prayer that she is now in Wales (see picture on previous page).

Heritage Lottery Grant Application

The medieval stained glass panels are now at the restorers in Chester. We are excited to think that they will be restored and on display in church soon, we hope for our open day in September.



St Cystennin's Newsletter now has an e mail circulation list of nearly 100 - to many parts of the UK - and as far away as Africa and USA! We also have a circulation of around 50 by post or hand delivered.

Future Events

- 14th June, 7 pm - Festival of Hymns
- 5th July, 7 pm - Summer Concert Cantamus Choir with strawberries and bubbles.
- 16th September - Church Open Day
- 24th September - Pet Service

St David's, Penrhyn Bay

Holy Week and Easter

We were blessed with a sunny morning to have our walk of witness on Palm Sunday, walking from the church hall into church. Holy Week followed a pattern of prayer and meditation leading up to Easter.

Thank you to all those who diligently prepared and led the services. Thank you too to the ladies who decorated the church and those who contributed towards the cost.

Dates to Note

There is no 11 am service at St David's on Sunday 25th June. We are joining with Penrhyn Bay Presbyterian Church for a morning service with musicians from the All Souls Orchestra.

Tenovus Concert - Saturday 10th June, 7pm
Summer Fete - Saturday 15th July, 12-2 pm

St David's Ladies' Fellowship

Ann Rowland writes..... At our April meeting we remembered those members who were not able to be present. Our speaker for the afternoon was John Pass, whose talk had the intriguing title "Pieces of Me".

He had a photo album of some of his family taken in 1915, and explained how important it is to keep memories as part of our lives. The next item was a small wooden box that he had made as a teenager. It took a lot of skill to make and contained pieces of his mother's jewellery. Next were two little books - an old Methodist Hymn book and The New Testament - both still very special to him as a Christian.

Growing up on a smallholding, John has a love of animals and gardening. To keep fit he plays badminton and golf and of course his family is very important to him.

St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew

We had a very good joint service with St. Cystennin's on 30th April, and we were delighted to learn at the beginning of the service that Rev Godfrey's wife would be arriving on the 5th May to join him in our area. We are so delighted for them and wish them well for their future happiness and welcome Melissa to North Wales.

Our next joint service will be at St Katherine's on 29th October, note revised time of 11 am.

St Hilary's, Llanrhos

It was a lively Palm Sunday morning service at St Hilary's. After having our Palm Crosses blessed by the rector we all (bar three ladies with painful knees or backs!) processed around the church on our new paths singing "All Glory Laud & Honour". We must have quickened our steps as we walked and sang, as we returned to our seats to find we had beaten John the organist to the last verse!

Messy Church was held in church in the afternoon. After hearing the story of Palm Sunday, the children had great fun decorating their large palm leaves with coloured ribbons



ABOVE: Lots and lots of fish! The collage made at Messy Church at St Hilary's in May. BELOW: Palm Sunday Messy Church at St Hilary's - bubbles galore!



balloons and the word Hosanna! They then marched around the church singing the hymn "We are marching". When they arrived back at the church door Noel gave them each a large bubble making wand, before we all enjoyed afternoon tea on the chancel steps. A good time was had by all.

At Messy Church on 5th May Rev Noel told the children the story of when the Apostles met Jesus by the Sea of Galilee, it was the third time they had seen him since the Resurrection. They hadn't caught any fish all day and Jesus told them to cast their nets on the right hand side of the boat, which they did and caught 153 fish. After the story the children made a large collage of a boat, with the Apostles aboard, a fire and Jesus on the sea shore, and they made lots of brightly coloured fish, but not quite 153 because they ran out of time as it was time for tea!

St Michael & All Angels, Llandudno Junction

Fellowship

The April meeting saw a really interesting talk from the Mayor of Llandudno, Carol Marubbi. She filled everyone in on her life before becoming mayor and had a wealth of fascinating stories to share. Join us in May for a quiz evening!

TRAKZ again took place throughout the Junction on Saturday 22nd April. Events continued throughout the whole of the day from the Station to the Maelgwyn car park and beyond – there were buskers and bands, magicians and street artistes, craft events and activities of all sorts in a real celebration of community. Once again, St Michael's was host to a craft fair, and this year there were also outdoor displays by the RSPB and local bee-keepers, a paper modeller and a potter making pottery trains, both housed in a large gazebo. Thanks to Ann Huckle who excelled herself by making a mountain of scones for sale, and also the team who worked hard in the kitchen selling the said scones and supplying teas and coffees. The whole event was blessed by fine weather, too!



LEFT: Children enjoy activities in the activity tent set up at St Michael's for the TRAKZ festival in April. Craft shop owner Eva Roberts is in charge of the glue stick! ABOVE: The TRAKZ event craft stalls being set up inside the church.

Open Garden

It was with great pleasure that we accepted Allan Evans' kind offer of opening his garden as part of the 'Open Gardens' event this year to support St Michael's. It was a rather grey, but fine day, and there was a steady crowd throughout the day to see the garden, sample the coffee and cakes and take part in a raffle.

St Paul's, Craig y Don

Former members of St Paul's, Norman and Mary Zigomo returned to their native Zimbabwe last year, and have sent this update:

"The heavy rains are gone, and gardens and countryside are looking beautiful with everything green. The farmers are expecting a bumper harvest and plenty of food stuff for their livestock. Mary's plants are flourishing and my garden has lovely young veggies, some of which are already being served at the table.

Our Church activities are doing fine. I have also joined the Men's Guild and the local bible study fellowship which meets every Tuesday

evening. I am really enjoying the weekly Bible lessons assigned to us.

The kids are doing well. Rose still does consultancy work for the Government of Somaliland, which helps a lot by increasing her cash flow in her law practice since the work she does in this country is slow in payments. Lydia is still waiting for her Work Permit to come from Kenya and is presently working from home (Ilford) and the Oxfam offices in London.

Mary is asking about Deborah and all her members of the choir. She is enjoying her singing with the local choir. How are Ken and Joyce getting on as well as David and Pat?

Kindly extend our most sincere regards to Noel and all our friends at St Paul's and tell them that we are in excellent health.

**St Paul's Church- Spring Clean
Saturday 3rd June
From 10 am**

Arts & Crafts Weekend

Even if you didn't have a great interest in art or craft, you couldn't have failed to have been impressed by the work on display at St Paul's, Craig y Don over the bank holiday weekend.

Artists and crafters of varying ability entered their work into the Exhibition and it gave enjoyment to the many people who came and admired and bought during the weekend. A total of £955.00 was raised for St Paul's, but the number of people who came into church and were so warmly welcomed by our band of stewards was the real triumph of the weekend.

Thanks are due to Pat, Dorothy and Anne who provided refreshments and were kept very busy each day and Phyllis and Alan Oliver did a wonderful job almost dragging people in off the street - and there were lots of people about! Talented people from St Paul's provided musical entertainment throughout the weekend which added so much to each day. Special thanks are due to Martyn and Sian Haley who allowed us free loan of the screens for the event. The artists

who exhibited their work, whether they sold or not, were very keen to know if this was to be a yearly event!

One artist who displayed work and came along during the event arrived at the following Sunday Eucharist saying because of the lovely welcome received during the weekend they were going to make St Paul's their church. What more could we ask for!

Grateful thanks to everyone involved, to the artists who displayed, those who worked so hard and to all who supported the event.

Barbara Walker and Sandra Abel

BELOW: Artwork on display in the evening light at St Paul's. More pictures from the art weekend on p4.



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