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St Hilary's, Llanrhos • St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew • St Martin's, Eglwysbach
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Joy, Hope and Revival in Zimbabwe

Rev Godfrey Chigumira writes with news from his homeland..... Allow me on this cover page to share with you the joy, hope and revival that our Anglican brothers and sisters are experiencing in Zimbabwe.

Recently at a Bernard Mizeki event, celebrated annually early in June, over 20,000 Anglican Zimbabwe pilgrims gathered to also celebrate victory over the five years' persecution recently suffered under the



Eight year old Grace Hillman shows off some paper flowers she decorated at the St Paul's church stand at the recent community fun day in Queens Park, Llandudno. St Paul's has just been awarded a grant of £19,800 to run more children's creative activities over the next three years - full story, page 11

government. A brief recounting of the events might help.

Between 2007 and 2012 Anglican congregations in Zimbabwe suffered serious persecution on the orders of former Anglican bishop of Harare, Nolbert Kunonga. From the time Kunonga was elected bishop in 2001, he attempted to use the pulpit to "decolonise" the Anglican Church from so-called western links and mentality. This alienated many Anglicans. The Anglican bishops tried to relieve him of his duties in 2007, but he instead withdrew himself from the church, taking with him the church's assets, including cars, clergy houses and access to churches – which resulted in his excommunication.

Relations between the government and the Anglican church broke down totally when Kunonga cited the church's acceptance of homosexuality as the reason for his excommunication, something that won him the favour of the president, Robert Mugabe. The regime armed the former bishop's bid to confiscate churches' property with an interim supreme court order. Many more churches were padlocked by police, diocesan bank accounts frozen, clergy stipends stopped, schools, clinics and clergy vehicles seized. In one diocese, sixty-five churches were confiscated and a similar number of priests evicted from their homes.

Police and secret service men used violent tactics to break up and disrupt church services. Worship took place in tents, under trees and in supporters' gardens. But

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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 **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's Church House
 6.30 pm **Cymun Bendigaid** St Hilary's

On **Sunday 27th August** there will be no 8 am service at **St David's**, and at 11 am the service will be an Open Air Service with Brass Band.

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. Please check calendar opposite.

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, 10.30 am Friday at St David's

Several groups may not be meeting as usual during August, please see elsewhere in magazine for details

Clergy:	Rev Noel Carter (Mission Area Leader)	01492 339521 (June-August please contact one of the other clergy or the Parish Office)
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	Rev Dr Godfrey Chigumira	01492 543706
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OPENING HOURS 10 am to 12.30 pm on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays**

Awst 2017 - CALENDAR - August 2017

		Services	Other events
Tuesday	1	Passchendaele Service 7 pm AS	
Wednesday	2	HE 10 am AS & St Ff	
Thursday	3	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	4	HE 10 am St D	
SUNDAY	6	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H and AS	
Monday	7		MAGAZINE COPY DATE
Wednesday	9	HE 10 am AS & St Ff	
Thursday	10	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	11	HE 10 am St D	
SUNDAY	13	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St C	
Wednesday	16	HE 10 am AS & St Ff	
Thursday	17	HE 10.30 am St P	Christian Aid Summer Fayre 10-4 pm St John's Methodist Church Hall
Friday	18	HE 10 am St D	
SUNDAY	20	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H	Family art and craft afternoon, 4 pm St P
Wednesday	23	HE 10 am AS & St Ff	
Thursday	24	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	25	HE 10 am St D	Secret Supper Club, 8 pm St P
SUNDAY	27	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H, St M & St P Open Air Service St D 11 am (No 8 am service at St D)	
Wednesday	30	HE 10 am AS & St Ff	
Thursday	31	HE 10.30 am St P	

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

Please will those responsible check that information about regular services (page 2) and contacts (inside back cover) is kept up to date. It is especially important that the services information is correct as this is now published on the website and it is not a good advertisement if it is out of date. Any change should be notified to Dilys Stone jastone@dunelm.org.uk as soon as possible.

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 August for September 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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nowhere was safe. Worshippers were routinely beaten, seriously injured and detained for several nights. Canisters of tear gas were often fired into the gatherings as they worshipped. Anglican leaders were subjected to death threats, and blocked from burying the dead in Anglican cemeteries.

Legal battles in the courts between Kunonga and the Anglican church over property took place throughout the persecution, and only came to an end in November 2012, when the courts finally decided Anglicans had the right to their property. That marked the beginning of the Anglicans' victory celebrations, though the church is still in the process of rehabilitating some of its properties it found abused upon repossession.

To mark the first major celebration of victory, in June 2013, more than 30,000 Anglican pilgrims gathered at the shrine of Bernard Mizeki, the first time since 2008, having previously been denied access by State police. The gatherings have since continued annually. About two months ago, more than 20,000 attendees enjoyed a three-day series of services, preaching, healing, teaching, singing, dancing. Some shed tears as they recounted their persecution. Mizeki himself was the first Anglican martyr in Zimbabwe.



ABOVE: first martyr - Bernard Mizeki, 1861-1896
BELOW: the Bernard Mizeki festival.



Attendees described it as three-day revival, which bore witness that the blood of martyrs is indeed the seed of the church. After the main service, bishops planted Kenyan croton trees as a sign of the gospel seed that the martyr planted and flourished in Zimbabwe.



Above: A recent baptism. Rev Peter Walker baptises Alfie, watched by proud parents James and Cassie

Welcome to the Church Family

The baptism of its new members is an occasion of great joy for the church. By water and the Spirit, we are reborn as God's children, and are made followers of Christ, members of his body, the church, and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven.

Please pray for those to be welcomed into the church this month:

- 6th August - Jack Barkla (St Hilary's)
- Eloise May Owen (All Saints)
- 13th August - Emilia Williams (St Cystennin's)
- 20th August - Joshua Holdam (St Hilary's)
- 27th August - Scarlett Rose Owen (St Hilary's)
- Rae Neal (St Paul's)
- Lucy Olivia Kelly (St Michael's)

Dear Supporters



Conwy Food Bank

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

Once again we would like to thank everyone who is so generous in making donations to the Food Bank. We could not continue the work to provide people in crisis with essential food parcels without your kindness. In June we issued a total of 55 parcels, 16 families including 37 children, 3 couples and 36 single people. Currently over 30% of all referrals are as a result of continuing problems surrounding the Benefits Issue.

We are grateful for all your help, however small. Sometimes those who have the least give the most, the 'widow's mite' is precious, thank you, and best wishes from all at Conwy Food Bank

Blodau yn yr Eglwys - Church Flowers

Sylvia Pickup writes..... August is a curious month - sometimes it feels like a hiatus between lengthening days of early summer and shortening days of early autumn - the season of high summer, of heat, thunderstorms, and a stifling, sultry atmosphere inviting lethargy, laziness even, and holiday. It makes looking after flowers in church difficult. Flowers like it to be cool and fresh; they flag in the heat and need plenty of water. Replacement of wilted blooms is called for and, if possible, frequent spraying of leaves and flowers.



ABOVE LEFT: "Enchantment" lily RIGHT: *Nerine bowdenii* - a beautiful pink colour in real life.

There is plenty of choice of flower at the florist or supermarket and in the garden. Lilies are everywhere, in variety; the hybrid lily 'Enchantment' grows well in the garden, coming up year after year, a good bold apricot colour for church. In the heat they come into flower very quickly and you can often find some lily bargains at the supermarket in August.

The first of the spring flowering bulbs begin

to arrive at the garden centres this month. Daffodils are best planted by the end of the month and some varieties of lily bulb are around and appreciate early planting.

Nerine bowdenii is available for planting too, providing bright pink flowers for church in autumn. In the lethargy invoking days of August all this work is not welcome – more a test of character which I usually fail.

Grateful thanks to members of St Paul's congregation who have funded our flowers in church this month, to Patrick and Barbara Rohde, Alice Wild, and to Helen Jones, Sandra Abel and Pat Hay who arranged flowers and plants most beautifully for the Fashion Show, the musical events to celebrate St Paul's day, the afternoon tea and all the Sundays.

We send good wishes to all the churches in the mission area and hope you have a lovely, lazy high summer.



ABOVE: St Paul's organist Keith Lacey at the piano keyboard, but not in the way you'd expect! In this slightly unusual shot, one of the hammers which strike the strings was being removed for repair.



Jeanette Bennett-Williams writes:

We now have the Llandudno district Christian Aid Week total available and I'm pleased to say we have raised a good amount again this year - £6612.78, which includes our Churches, so many thanks to all our supporters and helpers. The house to house and donations raised £5472.44 and the coffee mornings in the Week by various Llandudno Churches and Chapels raised £958.64. We could only do a limited house to house collection in our area but Church members responded generously to the appeal and we raised £2828.64. A big Thank You to all concerned.

The **Summer Fayre** will be again be held at St. John's Methodist Church Hall, on **Thursday, 17th August** from 10 am –4 pm. There will be the usual stalls; cake (cakes, especially sponge cakes which can be cut into slices, scones etc), jams, books and bric-a-brac will be gratefully received. Also we will need volunteers to help over the lunchtime hours from our Churches and in the morning to help with making sandwiches as we did last year. It is a good day, so do pop in for coffee, light lunch or tea and enjoy the fellowship.

We do need volunteers to be committee representatives from any of our Churches. There are only four meetings a year, usually on a Monday morning. We only have two representatives so do consider this and give me a ring (01492 582911) if you are interested or would like more information. Thank you.

Notices and Events

Please note changes for August:

The Julian Group will not meet in August, meetings recommence on Monday 4th September (8 p.m. at St Michael's).

The Koinonia Groups will not meet in August, recommencing their normal pattern of meetings in September.

Thursday Coffee at St Paul's - during August there will not be a Coffee Morning in the Hall, but coffee will be available in church at 11 am after the 10.30 am service - all welcome. The Coffee Mornings resume in the hall on Thursday 14th September.

Bible Briefs - no meeting in August but the series resumes on Tuesday 5th September at 7.30 pm in the Llanrhos Schoolroom, with a look "Paul, the Misunderstood Apostle" (1 Timothy)

Secret Supper Club
Friday 25th August

a new 'pop up' themed monthly supper club with a secret speaker (expert, artist, writer or musician) at each event - August will be a very interesting speaker connected to the Beatles !

Tickets for the 3 course meal are £35.00.
more details from Emily-Jane Hillman
ej.hillman@stripytiger.net

This is part of a community events business which will initially being paying a fee to use the premises, but will eventually donate a percentage of the profits to the church fund and other charities.

Family art and craft afternoon at St Paul's
Sunday 20th August, 4 pm
See the artwork done by children recently and help us to add more to the display!

Leading Your Church Into Growth Groups
Don't forget about these, which start towards the end of September. Details of the meetings in Llanrhos and Llanrwst were in the July Magazine, and are in the churches.
Registration forms should be returned to the Parish Office by 10th September please



This poem was written by Peter Walker as part of the commemoration :

Battalion Colours

(Passchendaele 2017)

if that far field were not grown gold with wheat
we would see rags of grey and khaki cloth
caught on pins of rusted iron

if that far slope were not green with grass
we would see scarlet trails
imagine ashen faces lit by cordite flares

if this good earth were not ploughed, rich & brown
we might till the twisted, blunted steel of shell
& harrow the muddied copper of a cartridge case

if all this place were not chalked with line on line of stone
we might pass the poppies by, red as veins
& wonder how we ever learned to sing of peace in robes of white
& lay the colours down like men in silent prayer

‘I died in hell – They called it Passchendaele’:

A service to commemorate the centenary of the start of the Battle of Passchendaele will take place in **All Saints Church, Deganwy on Tuesday 1st August at 7 pm.** Through a series of prose and poetry and silences we will remember those men from the local area who gave their lives during the battle.

Around the Churches

Mothers' UNION Gofal Cristnogol i Deuluoedd

On a wet and chilly afternoon, St Asaph Cathedral was filled with members of the Mothers' Union for a special service to mark 125 years since the first Mothers' Union branch opened in the St Asaph Diocese at St Oswald's Oswestry.

Bishop Gregory Patron of Mothers' Union in the Diocese of St Asaph led this special quasiquincentennial anniversary service. Our President Mrs Beryl Griffiths welcomed special guests Rev Kay Warrington Provincial President; Mrs Ann Jones and Mrs Beryl Riley representing our neighbouring Diocese of

Bangor; Mrs Pam Musson for St Oswald Oswestry; Past Presidents, Vice Presidents and officers.

On **Wednesday 9th August** - Mary Sumner Day -- a **Songs of Praise** will take place at the Parish Church of Saint Aelhaiarn, Guilsfield (Welshpool) at 2 pm.

All Saints Branch

Daphne Laight writes:

Our new programme is being planned so if anyone has any ideas they would like included please pass them onto Mrs. Pat Chapman, Mrs Myra Chapman, or to me as soon as possible. The Corporate Communion will be on 2nd August at 10 am.

St. Ffraid's Glan Conwy Branch

Our annual trip this year was on 13th June to Conwy Water Gardens and Pancake House where we had pancake/omelette lunch of various fillings and sizes, and some of us indulged in a pudding. It was a lovely day and after lunch some toured the gardens, whilst the less mobile sat and chatted in the sun.

Six of our members attended the service in St Asaph Cathedral celebrating 125 years of Mothers Union in the diocese and agreed it was a lovely service and enjoyed it very much.

We do not meet in July or August, but members are still kept busy with other events taking place in the village and Church House. This year 'Water Aid' was our nominated charity and our treasurer was able to send £100 collected by our members saving their loose change in jam jars. Meetings resume on 12th September by which time we hope the church will have re-opened and we will be able to have a service of Holy Communion in church with Rev Sarah.

St Paul's Branch

In June Sylvia Pickup spoke to us about plants and flowers, bringing cuttings to show us the things that had meant much to her over the years for a variety of reasons. This made her talk really interesting and personal and made many of us think about the things that trigger memory and feelings.

Also in June we had our Summer Afternoon Tea which was a very happy occasion enjoyed by all. In July an informal meeting which began with an extended service on the theme "Great is thy faithfulness". We had received an interesting letter from our Link branch in



Pictured at the Anniversary Service at St Asaph: Mrs Elizabeth Sheriff Vice President Montgomery Archdeaconry; Rev Kay Warrington Provincial President; Mrs Beryl Griffith President St Asaph; Mrs Janet Rees Vice President St Asaph Archdeaconry.

Australia. They are a small branch of mostly elderly members - similar to ours - and their cathedral is 150 miles away, but they continue to meet and uphold the work of the Mothers' Union.



ABOVE: Sylvia Pickup with cuttings and memories which she shared with St Paul's Mothers' Union.

All Saints, Deganwy

Open Doors

All Saints will once again take part in Open doors on Saturday, 9th September from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm.

Concert

A concert with choirs from Ysgol Gerdd Canwy will take place in All Saints on Friday, 29th September to raise money for All Saints and the Mayor of Conwy's charity, CAB Conwy. More details in the September magazine.



Bill Chapman (from All Saints) is enjoying this mayoral thing! The picture shows him duetting to "I could have danced all night!" during a visit to a local care home.

Future Events at St Cystennin's

Pet Service - 24th September

Welsh Services - Discussions are being held about planning further bi-monthly joint Welsh services with St Ffraid's Glan Conwy - more details in the September magazine.

We still need a **Secretary** to take minutes of our Church meetings. Could you help? Also we need a second **Warden** and further **musicians** to be on the rota to play hymns. Please contact Peter Jones, warden if you can help.

Thanks to Edward for painting the church gates and lamp post in St Cystennin's churchyard.

St Cystennin's, Mochdre



Church Open Day

Put the date - **Saturday 16th September** - in your diaries now!

Copies of church records dating from 1600's will be on display for searching, and also the St Cystennin Medieval stained glass panels. Information about the glass will be on display in church following a grant from the Heritage Lottery funding for their restoration. We are very excited about their return to the church site where they belong. There will be refreshments, produce - dogs welcome too. The church is on walking and cycling routes.

Festival of Hymns

We had an enjoyable evening of praise and thanksgiving at St Cystennin's, and many thanks to Dilwyn Price for leading us, to John Liddon-Few for playing the organ and to everyone for their joyful singing! Also to Michael for his plant stall in the churchyard.

St David's, Penrhyn Bay

Summer Concert

On 10th June St David's welcomed the Tenovus Cancer Care's Llandudno Sing with Us choir with soloist Natalie Little and the Rydal Community Choir for a summer concert with an extensive repertoire of songs.

Present was Cllr Francis Davies, Mayor of Llandudno, accompanied by the Mayoress Mrs Sonia Davies, also Janet Finch Saunders AM for Aberconwy. Many thanks to Gill Tyrer for making all the arrangements and Penrhyn Bay Townswomen Guild for refreshments. The amount raised was over £800.

Services at St David's on Sunday 27th August

The 11 am service will be the annual Open Air Service with Beulah Brass - all welcome.

(There will not be an 8 am service that day).

St David's Ladies Fellowship

On 28th June 26 members and friends went by coach to Maenan Abbey for lunch, and then on to Surf Snowdonia to watch some brave people surfing. Despite wet weather we had an enjoyable day with good fellowship.

St Grwst's, Llanrwst

National Lottery support for St Grwst's Church and historic Gwydir Chapel

An £800,000 project to conserve the heritage of this ancient chapel and church has passed the first round of National Lottery funding, and over £80,000 has been received to develop plans and get initial work underway.



ABOVE: St Grwst's Church - the Gwydir Chapel is on the side of the building nearest the camera

The project to uncover the heritage of Gwydir Chapel and St Grwst's Church, both of which date back to the 15th century, will provide new interpretation displays and activities to appeal to a wide range of local people and visitors. In addition, the award will preserve, protect and refurbish the buildings, undertaking vital repairs to keep them in good order.

Rev Sarah Hildreth-Osborn, Rector of Llanrwst and Project Leader, said, "I am delighted to have passed the first round of National Lottery funding and we look forward to further developing our vision for these ancient treasures. By breathing new life into these historic buildings, we will attract more visitors to Llanrwst, raise awareness of the history,

grow our congregation and thereby create a sustainable future for the church and chapel".

The project vision is to enable the Church to become sustainable for future generations, both for a variety of worship and community use, by putting it at the centre of community life providing a gathering place at the heart of the town, a safe, light, welcoming, warm and multi-functional building for the community. Urgent fabric repairs and conservation work will be carried out on the church and chapel as well as the monuments within. The church will be opened up to provide a more flexible and welcoming space for both the congregation and the community for events such as concerts, exhibitions and community functions. A brass rubbing centre is planned, using facsimile brass engravings of the nationally significant brass in the Chapel.

The project presents exciting opportunities for local people to harness heritage skills in developing building conservation, archiving, heritage learning and interpretation. There will also be new volunteering opportunities for tour guides, archivists, historians, gardeners and hospitality teams.

Richard Bellamy, Head of the Heritage Lottery Fund in Wales, added: "Wales's historic places of worship are at the heart of our communities. St Grwst's Church and Gwydir Chapel will benefit from vital structural repairs, but also from work to improve them as an important facility for local people."

All Saints Facebook page:

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

St Cystennin's Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/StCystenninsChurch

St David's Facebook page

www.facebook.com/St-Davids-Church-Penrhyn-Bay-1425862127480834/

St Katherine's website:

www.stkatherinesbp.com

St Paul's website:

www.stpaulsllandudno.co.uk

St Paul's Facebook page

www.facebook.com/choirofstpauls

St Michael's, Llandudno Junction

Hall Use

The hall continues to be used regularly although things quieten down over the summer. CANIAD now use it for meetings and seminars offering advice to carers and care providers. A recent meeting was featured on BBC Wales and S4C. A singing group will also be using the space for rehearsals once a month.

Baptisms

For the first time, the hall was recently booked for a baptism party, and it proved to be perfect! Everyone was able to move seamlessly from the church to the hall for Alfie's party. The hall was decorated by professional room dressers. Hopefully, this may prove to be something that more baptism families may choose to do!



ABOVE: The hall at St Michael's, looking superb for a baptism party. A picture of little Alfie being baptised is on page 4 of this issue.

St Paul's, Craig y Don

£19,800 For Children's Work

St Paul's has been awarded a grant of £6,600 per year for the next three years to expand its work with children and families.

The money will allow the church to continue the afternoon activities bringing together Lego, music and stories from the bible in sessions called "The Lego Choir". It will also enable St Paul's to start new activities such as storytime for nursery school children, holiday drama clubs and - most importantly - a new Sunday afternoon family service.

St Paul's will be working in partnership with Springfield Day Nurseries, whose Llandudno nursery is opposite the church.

The grant will enable the church to employ a part-time family and community officer who will co-ordinate the project and also work to recruit new volunteers to carry things on into the longer term future.



ABOVE: A scene reminiscent of Isaiah 6:4 "and the house was filled with smoke". Sadly, no-one was seeing the Lord..... just some repair work to the tiled floors at St Paul's. Removing stubborn masonry required machine tools and created a large cloud of dust!

Rev Noel Carter, Rector of St Paul's and Mission Area Leader, said: "we hope this project will enrich the lives of children in our community, as well as giving St Paul's chance to look outwards and welcome new people into the church family."

Celebrating St Paul

There's been a series of charity fundraising concerts at St Paul's in June for the last few years. But this year, we decided to do things a bit differently. The concerts were reorganised to take place over just one weekend as a mini-festival to celebrate the feast of St Paul (29th June). The weekend was in support of RNLI Llandudno lifeboat, who are about to become our neighbours with a new boathouse on the seafront in Craig y Don.

The three events began with a packed church for a brass band night, and continued with an operatic performance of Henry Purcell's "King Arthur". On Sunday afternoon, the choir sang choral evensong for the feast of St Paul, including an address from Rev Peter Russell Jones on St Paul and his life. The weekend generated much positive publicity for St Paul's and raised £845 for Llandudno lifeboat.

Deborah Haigh Roberts



ABOVE: Holywell Brass in full flow for a very successful Friday evening concert during the June charity weekend. The band have offered to work with St Paul's again in the future on other fundraising projects.



St Paul's In The Park

St Paul's Church recently took part in the annual "Party In The Park" at Queens Park, Craig y Don. It was also an opportunity to try out some of the art and craft activities we hope to be doing with children in the next few months (see previous page).

ABOVE LEFT: a busy scene in front of the St Paul's Church camper van. ABOVE RIGHT: one of the children shows off the paper boat he has made and decorated. LEFT: children and adults were also taught to crochet flowers in keeping with the park theme!

St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew

Rev Peter and Janet Marshall, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 17th June. On the Saturday Glanwydden village gave Peter and Janet a wedding picnic during a village afternoon under the Bubbles appeal relating to Jo Cox, organised by Martin and Leah Lewis and other members of the village.

They arranged for a cake and also an open top vintage bus ride to Llandudno, Penrhyn Bay, Rhos and Mochdre. It was a good day, and on the Sunday we shared communion with them in St Katherine's. (Peter came to church in his original wedding suit but unfortunately Janet didn't still have her wedding dress!) Samuel Sebastian Wesley's anthem "Lead me Lord", sung at their wedding by the school choir where Janet taught, was sung as a solo by Arthur Jackson, from St Andrew's Cheadle Hulme, where Peter and Janet worshipped when they were first married.

Peter and Janet reflected on the Bible text they were given at their Wedding, *'the Lord shall be the bond between me and you for ever'*, 1 Samuel 2.24. The preacher, Rev John Eddison, who helped Peter find his personal faith when he was 14, illustrated his talk by saying that as jam between two slices of bread brings sweetness and flavour, and as cement binds two bricks together for a builder, so the Lord brings flavour and firmness to a marriage of two people united by their faith in Christ. After the service we went to their house in Glanwydden for afternoon tea. It was a very good weekend.

The Screen at St Katherine's

For the last two years, St Katherine's has enjoyed audio visual facilities with the permanent installation of a 50" TV screen. This means worshippers can sing from the screen, and, as everyone is looking up, the singing sounds better. We can include video clips for illustration, link live with the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday, use videos supplied by Mission to Seafarers,

RIGHT: Rev Peter and Janet Marshall in St Katherine's in June as they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary

BELOW: The open top bus ride - note the "destination" and number display.



Mission Aviation Fellowship, or other societies. We can also sing along to music worship videos from Sing Worship and other sources.

We now have over 130 hymns on Powerpoint on the church laptop, and on occasions we have used sermons from the website www.thesermon.co.uk where Prebendary Richard Bewes has compiled 15 minute sermons especially recorded for this purpose, from gifted preachers.

Any technical issues at the start are now a distant memory, and using the screen is now a normal part of our enhanced worship.



We are fortunate that we do not have to live beside or drive past the haunting skeleton of Grenfell Tower, but its shadow will fall over us all for a long time to come. As the complex causes of the tragedy are gradually unravelled there is a sense in which we are all to some extent responsible for the attitudes and practices that led to this appalling event. One of our number has written this poem:

THE BALLOT OF GRENFELL TOWER

The great torch stands extinguished,
But the black cloud still hangs
above the city.
Who took the decisions
to go for the cheapest solution,
without pity?
What price has the life of a stranger?
They are used to danger,
so they will be fine on the twenty-third floor.
But myriad small decisions ignored the danger,
then the flames came,
the black smoke and the roar.
Someone appointed someone who set the price for less,
not more.
Could it have been me?

*Seumus Stewart. June 2017.
On the burning of Grenfell Tower.*



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