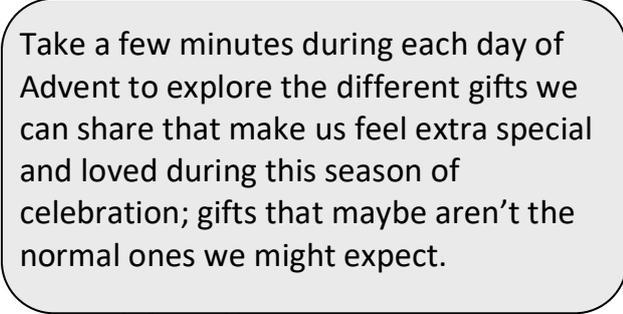


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Advent Adventure

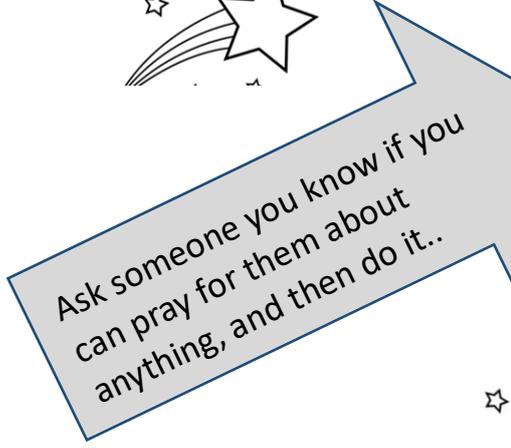
Explore the gifts we can give one another that don't come wrapped in paper.



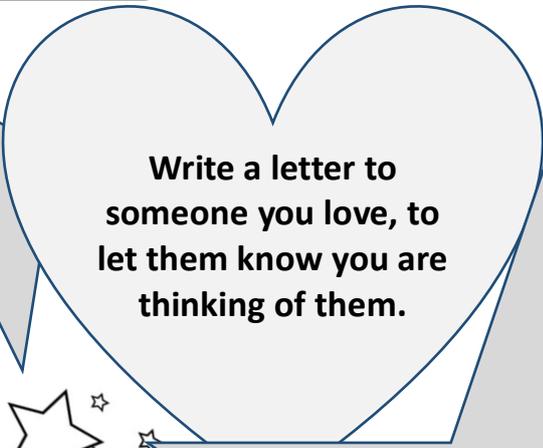
Take a few minutes during each day of Advent to explore the different gifts we can share that make us feel extra special and loved during this season of celebration; gifts that maybe aren't the normal ones we might expect.



Tell someone you know, how much you appreciate them



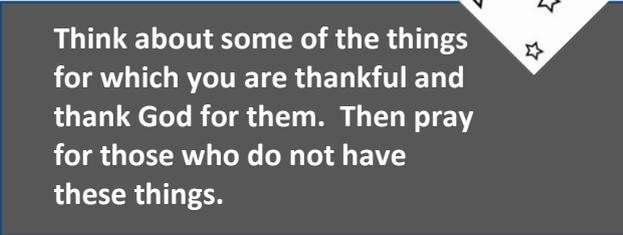
Ask someone you know if you can pray for them about anything, and then do it..



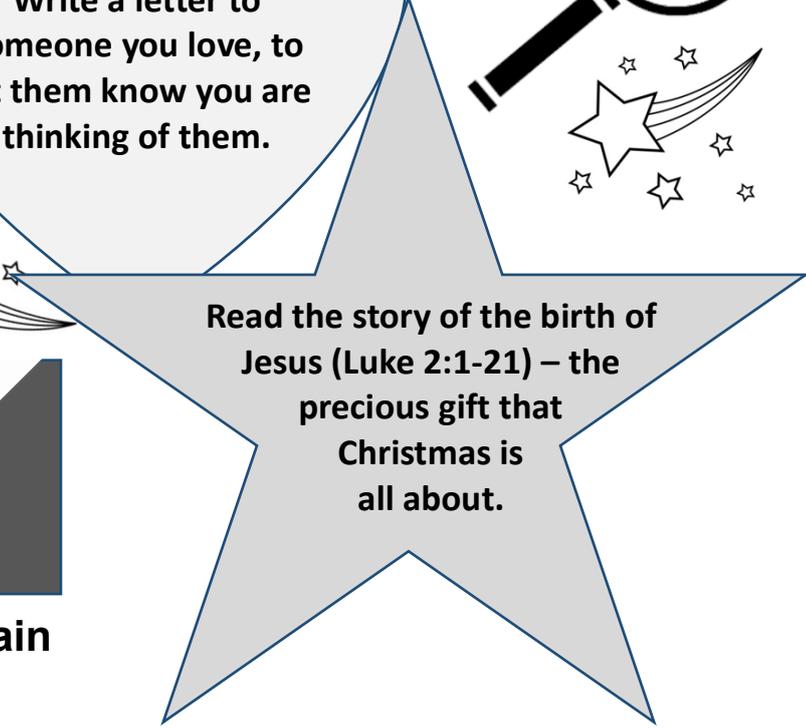
Write a letter to someone you love, to let them know you are thinking of them.



Isaiah
52:7-9



Think about some of the things for which you are thankful and thank God for them. Then pray for those who do not have these things.



Read the story of the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-21) – the precious gift that Christmas is all about.

Gwnewch y pethau bychain
Do the little things

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 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
 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 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
 4pm **Family Service** St Paul's
 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 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
 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; **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
 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 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
 6.30 pm **Holy Eucharist** St Hilary's

**SERVICES AND GROUPS IN
 DECEMBER MAY VARY
 FROM THIS PATTERN -
 PLEASE CHECK THE
 CALENDAR OPPOSITE AND
 THE LIST OF CHRISTMAS
 SERVICES ON CENTRE
 PAGES**

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, on **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 **(No coffee in Christmas Week)**

Clergy:	Rev Noel Carter (Mission Area Leader)	01492 339521
	Rev Dr Godfrey Chigumira	01492 543706
	Rev Sarah Hildreth-Osborn	01492 640032
	Rev Peter Walker	01492 583579
Office: Penrhyn Beach East, Penrhyn Bay, LL30 3NT - 01492 541615 - office@aberconwy.church		
OPENING HOURS 10 am to 12.30 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays		

Mis Rhagfyr 2017 - CALENDAR - December 2017

		Services	Other events
Friday	1	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	2		Christmas Fayre 10 am St P
SUNDAY	3	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H	
Tuesday	5		AS Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
Wednesday	6	HE 10 am AS & St Ff	
Thursday	7	HE 10.30 am St P	MAGAZINE COPY DATE
Friday	8	HE 10 am St D St David's College Christmas Service 12 noon St P	
Saturday	9		Christmas Tree Festival begins St G
SUNDAY	10	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - also: 2 pm Scouts Commissioning Service St M; Civic Service 2 pm Mochdre Village Hall; Family Service 4 pm St P; Deganwy Community Carol Service 7 pm Capel Peniel	
Monday	11		St P Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
Tuesday	12		Santa Drive, carols and mince pies 2.30 pm Llanrhos Schoolroom
Wednesday	13	HE 10 am AS & St Ff Ysgol Craig-y-Don Christmas Services St P (ticket only)	Christmas Celebration 7 pm St C
Thursday	14	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	15	HE 10 am St D	
SUNDAY	17	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - also: All Age Carol Services 9.30 and 11 am St M and AS (instead of HE); Carols at St Paul's 3.30 pm St P	
Monday	18	Carol Service 6.30 pm St K Open Table Service 7 pm St G	Ysgol Glanwydden Christmas concerts 1.45 & 6 pm St D
Tuesday	19	Carols round the Tree 7 pm St D	
Wednesday	20	HE 10 am AS & St Ff Ysgol Bodafon Christmas Service 6 pm St P	
Thursday	21	HE 10.30 am St P	(No Coffee at St P)
Friday	22	HE 10 am St D	
CHRISTMAS EVE	24	Sunday Morning Services as usual (SEE OPPOSITE PAGE) <u>except</u> No morning services at St M or AS and Family Nativity Service 11 am St D.	
CHRISTMAS DAY	25	For CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY Services please see Centre pages	
St Stephen	26		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK
St John	27		(No Coffee at AS, St P or St D)
Thursday Holy Innocents	28	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	29		
SUNDAY	31	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Morning Services as usual (Carol Service 11 am St H) <u>except</u> joint HE service 11 am at <u>St D</u> for St D, St C and St K. <u>No</u> evening service at St H.	

KEY: HE - Holy Eucharist; AS – All Saints; St C – St Cystennin's; St D - St David's; St Do - St Doged's;
St Ff - St Ffraid's; St G - St Grwst's; St H - St Hilary's;
St K – St Katherine's; St M – St Michael's; St Ma - St Martin's; St P – St Paul's



Be a Santa to a
SENIOR[®]
HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE[®]

DROP OFF POINT:
10am-12.30, Tuesday to Thursday
St Davids Church- Parish Office,
Penrhyn Bay, LL30 3NT

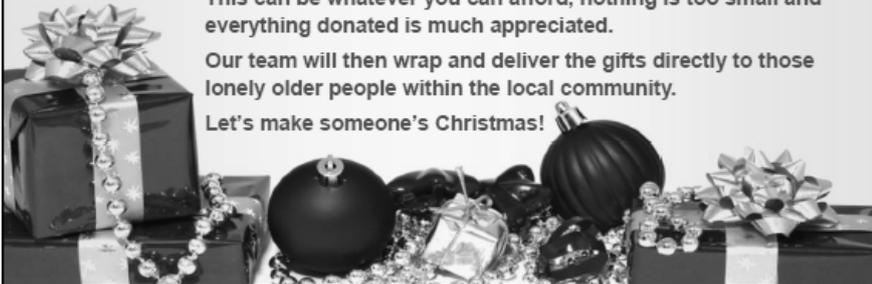


Home Instead Senior Care have joined forces with the Red Cross, Contact the Elderly and Age Connect to help get gifts to local older people who may not have otherwise received one this Christmas.

The idea is simple. Whilst out doing your Christmas shopping, we ask that you consider buying a little something extra to donate. This can be whatever you can afford, nothing is too small and everything donated is much appreciated.

Our team will then wrap and deliver the gifts directly to those lonely older people within the local community.

Let's make someone's Christmas!



Conwy Food Bank

Feeding local people in crisis

www.conwyfoodbank.co.uk

01492 535626

conwyfoodbank@gmail.com

Please don't forget the Food Bank while you are doing your Christmas shopping! Most of the food is donated but they also buy food when in short supply. They often get asked for toiletries and include a toilet roll with each food parcel so these are also welcome donations. Donations are made into parcels to suit single people, couples or families and contain enough nutritious food to last around a week.

Financial donations are very welcome. Running costs are very low – insurance and one-off purchases such as shelving and trolleys, and occasional volunteer expenses. They also have a paid co-ordinator, Tony. The rest of the money donated is for buying food and baby goods as needed including fridge items which cannot be donated. Could you give £1 a week? See <http://hopegiver.org.uk/product/hopegiver-conwy-food-bank-432/>

Cheques payable to Conwy Food Bank can be sent to Eglwys Dewi Sant, Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay, Conwy. LL29 7TE. Your support is very much appreciated - there are boxes in all our churches for food donations.

Special Services in December

(See centre pages for services on
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)

Friday 8th December

12 Noon - St David's College
Carol Service at St Paul's

Sunday 10th December

2 pm Scout Commissioning
service in St Michaels's
2 pm Mochdre Civic service
at Mochdre Village Hall
4 pm St Pauls Family Service
7 pm Deganwy Community Carol
Service at Capel Peniel

Wednesday 13th December

Ysgol Craig y Don concerts
In St Paul's
7 pm St Cystennin's Christmas
Celebration

Sunday 17th December

9.30 am All Age Carol Service
at St Michael's
11 am All- Age Carol Service
at All Saints
3.30 pm Nine Lessons & Carols at
St Paul's

Monday 18th December

6.30 pm Carol Service at
St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew

Tuesday 19th December

7 pm Carols around the tree at
St David's

Wednesday 20th December

6 pm Ysgol Bodafon Christmas
Service at St Paul's

Sunday 31st December

11 am Carol Service at
St Hilary's

Welcome to the Church Family

The baptism of 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 **George Roobottom**, to be welcomed into the church by baptism on 3rd December at St Hilary's.

Coffee Mornings

Please note that there will not be a coffee morning at St Paul's on 21st or 28th December or on 4th January. The coffee mornings re-start on 11th January; thanks to all who have supported these in 2017. Thursday morning communion services will continue at St Paul's over the Christmas period.



ABOVE: Acts of remembrance took place in many of our churches during November. At All Saints in Deganwy, Councillor Bill Chapman, Mayor of Conwy, laid a wreath on the war memorial, and is pictured here afterwards with the Revd Peter Walker.

Rhyl Music Club

Young Musicians Concert

An all star North Wales cast of young musical talent:

Fu Doble soprano
Mariel Havard Griffiths harp
Louie McIver violin
Lewis Morron piano
Ynyr Pritchard viola
Gwydion Rees cello
Callum Thomas cello
Accompanist: Ellis Thomas

7.30pm **Wednesday 29 November**
Supported by RWE/Rhyl Community Partnership

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

Details on rhylmusic.com



Welsh Chamber Orchestra



Artistic Director: Anthony Hose

Piano: Ellis Thomas

Baritone: Jeremy Huw Williams

J.S.Bach Piano Concerto in D Minor

7.30pm **Wednesday 13 December**
Sponsored by Pendine Park



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Around the Churches

Remember that all are welcome to any of the events and services across the Mission Area. Come along and meet old friends and make new ones!

St Hilary's, Llanrhos

The plans for an Autumn Fair and Christmas Lunch had to be put on hold for the time being, but look out for details of events in the New Year. In the meantime, come along to the

Santa Drive
Tuesday 12th December
2.30 pm
Llanrhos Schoolroom
Carols, mince pies, raffle

St Grwst's, Llanrwst

Christmas Tree Festival



This will launch on **Saturday 9th December** with Criw Grwst Advent event (art, craft storytelling and worship for children of all ages) and a soup lunch. .

For further information please contact Janet Pierce on 01492 640443 or e-mail janandbarry62@yahoo.com

St Ffraid's Church House
Glan Conwy
Coffee Stop

St David's, Penrhyn Bay

St David's Ladies Fellowship

Ann Rowland writes:

In October we remembered in our prayers the hungry and homeless people in the world. Our speaker was Mr Brinley Jones who spoke about the history of the family-run Linney Cooper company, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2014.. Originally run from the basement of the home of Mr Robert Henry Hughes (current Chairman) the first shop was in Colwyn Bay. Brinley Jones, his sons Gareth and Alan, and now his grandson Richard have all worked for the company. With showrooms in Chester and Llandudno as well as a London warehouse and showroom in Fulham, they have secured many projects and prestigious awards, culminating in a Royal Warrant from HM the Queen and HRH the Prince of Wales, and worked in the UK and abroad including Moscow and New Zealand. They were also commissioned to replace carpets at Windsor Castle after the fire, and at Clarence House. An interesting and informative talk.

After our Christmas Lunch in November we will not meet again until 28th February.

Carols round the Tree

At St David's Penrhyn Bay
Come and sing your favourite
Tuesday 19th December
7 pm

Followed by mince pies and mulled wine

All Saints, Deganwy

Congratulations to Mary Meldrum!

At a special Town Council meeting Mary Meldrum was installed as an Honorary Baillie of Conwy Town.

In the 1950's Mary came to live in Deganwy. She became a member of All Saints Church, Deganwy, and has been active since then as a PCC member and involved in fundraising and care of the Church. For 14 years she has acted as the Assistant Honorary Treasurer, seeing to the day-to-day running of the finances.

These are a few of the groups that Mary has been involved with in Deganwy: she joined the Conwy Yacht Club; she became a founder member of the Conwy Civic Society, eventually a committee member, chairman and President; she was a member of the Conwy Advisory Committee holding a watching brief over activities in the harbour and its environs.

Since the 1990's Mary has been a Council Member of the Macmillan Cancer Support and County Chairman of Volunteers in North Wales. She has been active in fundraising events to raise money which can support cancer patients and their families in the region.



Mary Meldrum receiving a copy of the Charter of 1282 from the Mayor of Conwy, Bill Chapman.

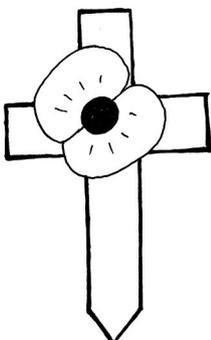
Photo by Rhodri Clark

Mary joined the History of Deganwy Group as its Treasurer and she is also Treasurer of All Saint's Mothers' Union.

Mary's comment, when asked her if she would like to be an Honorary Bailie, was to say that 'living and working in Deganwy has been a great blessing in my life and being recognised by the Town Council is a great honour'.

Mary follows in the footsteps of another All Saints member, Myra Chapman, who became an Honorary Baillie in 2015.

Service of Remembrance



A short service, led by the Rev Peter Walker, was held at All Saints Church on 8th November to remember those killed in both World Wars and named on the War Memorial in All Saints.

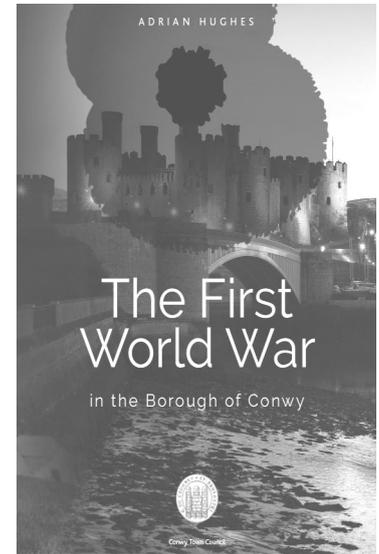
After the reading of 'In Flanders Fields' by Councillor Vicky Macdonald, 'A Soldier's Song' by Pat Chapman and 'Battalion Colours' by the Revd Peter Walker, Councillor Bill Chapman Mayor of Conwy laid a wreath on the War Memorial. The service ended with a prayer for peace.

The First World War in the Borough of Conwy

A Deganwy man has just written a book on the effect of the First World War on Conwy, Llandudno Junction and Deganwy. Adrian Hughes, an amateur historian, has undertaken years of research to produce an illustrated booklet called 'The First World War in the Borough of Conwy'. It has been published by Conwy Town Council and costs £4. Money raised by the book will be shared between the British Legion and Citizen's Advice Conwy.

The 40 page illustrated book uses letters and newspaper accounts from the time to build up a fascinating picture of how Conwy, Llandudno Junction and Deganwy experienced the war.

Copies are available from Pat and Bill Chapman, 01492 583420 or allsaints.deganwy@gmail.com



St Cystennin's, Mochdre



St Cystennin's Medieval Panels
Re dedication Service 5th November 2017

On Sunday 5th November, there was a special service at St Cystennin's to re-dedicate the five Medieval Stained Glass Panels that have been restored following a Heritage Lottery Grant. They were returned to church to be on display following many years of storage in Llandudno Museum. Many thanks to the curators there for looking after them for us!



It was a wonderful occasion with the Rt Revd Gregory Cameron, Bishop of St Asaph, leading a service of Holy Eucharist with our Team Vicar Godfrey. It was good to see the church full, with around 170 people. We give thanks for the young people who participated and helped make it such a special service – Ellis Thomas playing hymns and his brother Callum reading

the lessons, and Lillie taking the collection. Also, a group of Mochdre schoolchildren who sang so beautifully "Be Still for the Presence of the Lord" during Communion and "Shine Jesus Shine" at the end. We must not forget to thank teachers who attended and parents too for their support. Thanks to everyone who helped make this service happen, all those who attended and thanks for the good wishes and prayers we received from friends on our e-mail and postal newsletter circulation. All who attended were given a booklet about the stained glass and a set of bookmarks to take away. These are available now in church.

Bishop Gregory talked about how the colours of the medieval glass would have shone out brightly in the darkness of the previous medieval church building, and encouraged us to let our faith shine out within our lives, our church and local communities.

St Cystennin's Church is usually open Saturday mornings 10ish – 12ish. If you have not yet seen the glass panels, do call by for a coffee or join us for a Sunday morning service 9.30 a.m. or for coffee after at 10.30 am.

See more photos on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/St.Cystennin> Please Like our Facebook page and share! Thanks to Andrew who is updating it regularly.



Pictured left: The Bishop of St Asaph blesses the mediaeval glass panels at St Cystennin's.

Below: The children from Mochdre singing during the service.

Below left: The Bishop greets members of the congregation after the service.,



**BIRD FOOD
NEEDED**

Please donate to help us build up stocks to feed the birds in St Cystennin churchyard over winter. Thanks to Michael for his continued work on the churchyard and to contractors for recent strimming.



**A Celebration of Christmas
at St. Cystennin's Church**

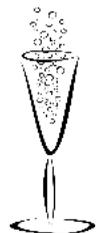


Wednesday 13th December at 7 p.m.

**with Cantamus Chamber Choir and Strynx Recorder Consort
Conductor: Norman Rimmer B.E.M.**



**Produce stall, Christmas raffle, Christmas Carols,
Seasonal readings and music
Mince Pies and Bubbles**



Donations of prizes for the Christmas raffle are needed – please see Margaret if you are able to donate.

St Michael's, Llandudno Junction

Quinquennial: We were very pleased with the positive comments in our latest Quinquennial report (all churches have an architect's inspection every five years). The gutters have been cleaned, loose slates put back in place after 'Storm Doris', and all the electrics have been checked. We were especially pleased to read that the grounds were well kept - well done Jamie!

Welsh Classes: Coleg Llandrillo, under the auspices of Prifysgol Bangor, have started Welsh classes on Tuesday afternoons. If you would like to join, please contact Sioned Jones at Coleg Llandrillo.

Scouts: The now annual Scout Commissioning Service is to take place again in St Michael's on 10th December. It is good to see the young people receive their certificates as we welcome local, district and national scout leaders to be part of the service.

Although the Monday meetings now take place at the Memorial Hall, the leader encourages scouts to attend church when possible.

Bible Society: St Michael's hosted the annual Junction Bible Society service this year and around 40 members of Capel Coffa, Preswylfa and the English and Welsh Presbyterian churches joined us for prayers, readings, reflections and some wonderful singing.

Christmas: This year, St Michael's reverts to its traditional format as there will be a Midnight Mass beginning at 11:30 p.m. Having spoken to the minister at the English Presbyterian Church in Junction, we hope to be joined by members of that church in a combined Eucharist.

The usual Crib Service for the very young will also be held on Christmas Eve, and this begins at 4:30 p.m., which still leaves plenty of time to see Santa arrive in Conwy!

Mothers' UNION

Gofal Cristnogol i Deuluoedd

All Saints Branch, Deganwy

Daphne Laight writes..... All Saints Mothers' Union recently celebrated its 90th birthday. Begun in 1927 it has seen many changes during these 90 years.

We welcomed Mothers Union members from St Ffraid's, Glan Conwy and St Paul's, Craig-y-Don. After listening to people's memories of Mothers' Union over the decades a special 90th birthday cake (below) made by Betty Raggett, was cut by Nigel Raggett, one of the male members of All Saints MU.



Other recent meetings included interesting and serious insights into the way the Rev Robin Green had been led from Wigan Pier to retirement in Craig y Don, and about the work of a JP from Mr Bill Chapman. He gave us a few examples of some cases he worked on and answered many of the varied questions which followed - a big thank you to them both.

Our December meeting will be an Advent afternoon on Tuesday 5th in Bethel schoolroom at 2.30 pm. All are welcome to come and join us. Our corporate Communion will be on the 6th in All Saints.

A blessed and happy Christmas to clergy, members, friends and families and remembering all our housebound members.

St Paul's Branch, Craig-y-Don

Once again we were treated to a splendid Autumn Afternoon Tea by the ladies of St Paul's branch, which was enjoyed by all (as can be seen in the pictures).

The December meeting on 13th will be a time of Christmas reminiscences, with mince pies.

St Ffraid's Branch, Glan Conwy

In October Mrs. S. Doleman gave us a very informative talk on 'Ty Gobaith'. She works on the fundraising team and told us how their income is made up – voluntary except for a discretionary grant from the Council/ Government, and assured us that of every £1 raised 89p goes directly to the hospice. It is a respite centre, covering - together with Hope House at Oswestry - North Wales and Cheshire, giving families a break from full time caring and the 'visitors' a chance to benefit from the facilities there – sensory room, and physio treatment etc.

The hospice accepts patients from a few months to 25 years old, suffering a wide range of illnesses. We learned also of the 'Snowflake Room' where parents and siblings can spend time with their loved ones in a special temperature controlled room to say their goodbyes. The hospice is a happy place despite the serious nature of the illnesses and there is a lot of laughter and excellent care for the patients and families in a peaceful setting.



We will be holding a Coffee Morning at Glan Conwy in the New Year to support the work at the Hospice and would be delighted to welcome anyone able to come along.

At our November meeting we had a talk on 'Modern Slavery', and in December we will be having our Christmas Meal at Tal-Goed Garden Centre.

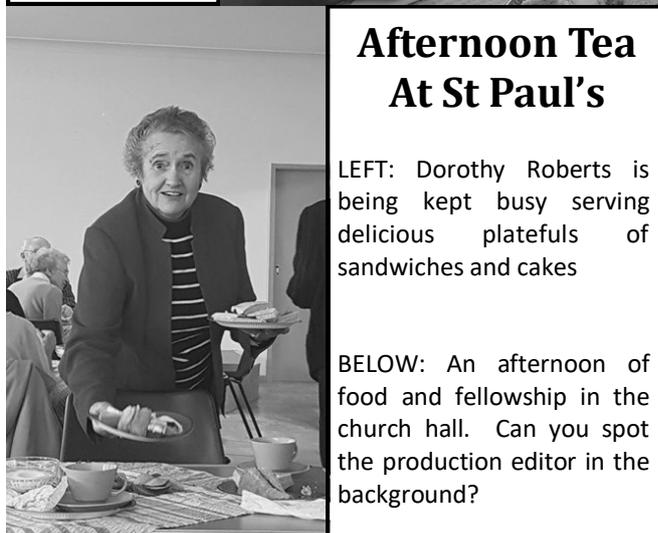
In January, Christine Daniels from the Bible Society will tell us about 'Mary Jones World' centre at Bala.



ABOVE: Both the teapots and also the servers were kept busy at the St Paul's 2017 Autumn Afternoon Tea



RIGHT: Scones, cakes and lots of sandwiches. Plenty to eat!



Afternoon Tea At St Paul's

LEFT: Dorothy Roberts is being kept busy serving delicious platefuls of sandwiches and cakes

BELOW: An afternoon of food and fellowship in the church hall. Can you spot the production editor in the background?





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Christmas

Christmas Eve Morning Services

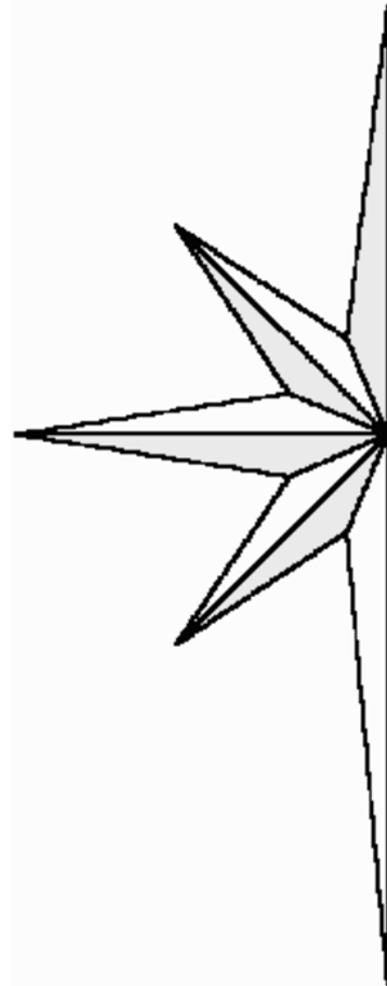
- 8.00 am Holy Eucharist at St David's, Penrhyn Bay
- 9.30 am Holy Eucharist at St Cystennin's, Mochdre
- 9.45 am Holy Eucharist at St Paul's, Craig Y Don
- 11.00 am Nativity Family Service at St David's, Penrhyn Bay
- 11.00 am Holy Eucharist at St Hilary's, Llanrhos
- 11.00 am Holy Eucharist at St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew

Christmas Eve Crib Services

- 3.00 pm All Saints, Deganwy
- 4.00 pm St Ffraid's, Glan Conwy
- 4.30 pm St Michael's, Llandudno Junction
- 5.00 pm St Hilary's, Llanrhos

Christmas Eve Eucharists

- 8.30 pm First Mass of Christmas, followed by Prosecco and Mince Pies at St Grwst's, Llanrwst
- 10.30 pm St Ffraid's, Glan Conwy
- 11.30 pm St David's, Penrhyn Bay
- 11.30 pm St Hilary's, Llanrhos
- 11.30 pm St Michael's, Llandudno Junction



Christmas Services

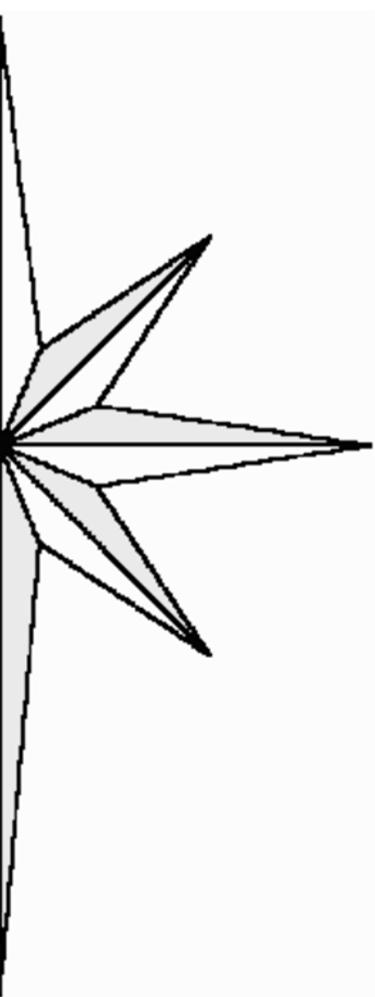
Christmas Day

Holy Eucharists

- 8.00 am at St Hilary's, Llanrhos
- 9.45 am at St Paul's, Craig Y Don
- 10.00 am at All Saints, Deganwy
- 10.00 am at St Cystennin's, Mochdre
- 10.00 am St Martin's, Eglwysbach
- 11.00 am at St Hilary's, Llanrhos
- 11.00 am St David's, Penrhyn Bay
- 11.00 am at St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew

New Year's Eve (Sunday 31st)

- 8.00 am Holy Eucharist at St David's, Penrhyn Bay
- 8.00 am Holy Eucharist at All Saints, Deganwy
- 9.30 am Holy Eucharist at St Michael's, Llandudno Junction
- 9.45 am Holy Eucharist at St Paul's, Craig Y Don
- 11.00 am Holy Eucharist at St Grwst's, Llanrwst
- 11.00 am Carol Service at St Hilary's, Llanrhos
- 11.00 am Holy Eucharist at St David's, Penrhyn Bay
- 11.00 am Holy Eucharist at All Saints, Deganwy
- 11.00 am Holy Eucharist at St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew



St Paul's, Craig y Don

Interesting things continue to happen when you open the church doors. A new experiment recently has been to hold a Saturday morning craft session, starting with making Christmas decorations. Despite worrying that no-one would turn up, we had a full table of people cutting, sticking and glittering..... and a resounding request to do it again.

But even just leaving the doors open on that Saturday morning attracted people to come in and have a look around. One man visited for the first time, despite having lived in Craig y Don for more than a few years. We were also visited by a couple on holiday who returned for the service next morning.

The Sunday services have also been busy. At the start of November, we re-dedicated the book of remembrance with some new names while celebrating All Saints' Day. After the service, there were soul cakes, traditional spicy biscuits eaten at the start of November. This is something we revived a few years ago and which is becoming a tradition again at St Paul's. Our Remembrance Sunday service was also well attended, with a larger congregation than normal as Warden Emeritus Ken Hind laid the poppy wreath on the war memorial.

Behind the scenes, repairs, tidying up and maintenance continue. By the time you read this, the church will be under scaffolding again for the second time this year, this time to fix a hole in the roof underneath the mini spire. The hole is



ABOVE: Organist Keith Lacey is up in the gloom on top of the bellows at St Paul's, working to repair the leatherwork. BELOW: ten people and a baby attended the first Saturday craft session at St Paul's, with even more calling in because the church was open at the time.



significant enough to have let in a substantial amount of water during the recent Hiraeth Arts Festival which was held in St Paul's - it was literally raining from the arches in the nave.

The organ has also been having work done on leaks, this time of air rather than water. The large bellows have been patched up again, so there is considerably less of a rush of escaping air to be heard when the instrument is working.

We're still trying our best to build up the family services at St Paul's. They now take place on the second Sunday of the month at 4 pm. Attendances have been encouraging, with around four families in the church.

Chris Dearden & Philip Evans



LEFT: Colonel Phyllis Oliver was on duty at a recent Mothers' Union meeting at St Paul's with her talk about the history of musicals - illustrated with plenty of songs and an array of costumes, of course!

Thoughts and Comments

The discussion continues.....

The front page article in the October magazine from Rev Peter Walker prompted a response last month from Mission Area Warden, Barry Ainge. Further contributions have now been sent in by other church members. If you want to remind yourself of this thread of discussion, remember that past issues of Church News are available on the mission area website.

From Linda Mary Edwards..... In response to Peter and Barry: both make valid points. There certainly is a search for spirituality among people who find they cannot relate to the church - often experienced as dull, lacklustre and irrelevant, more concerned with fundraising and self-maintenance than

offering anything vibrant, alive and meaningful.

Even if people are looking in the wrong place, at least they are looking, so are aware of a lack.

I also agree with Barry that our faith is based on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, but it is about more than facts. A world of facts without any felt experience would be a very bleak world indeed. I might tell my husband it's a fact that I love him, but unless he experiences it as real, it won't be enough.

The practice of contemplative prayer is what makes the facts live, because when we still ourselves in silence in the presence of God, in time we become aware, in a felt way, not only that we are loved unconditionally whatever darkness and emptiness we fear, but that God

lives in our very depths. God has already found us, holds us and waits for us. Nothing can separate us from that love.

Now that's what I call spirituality.

From Frank Prescott, All Saints.....

Do the 'facts' of the bible speak for themselves?

In a previous article someone was described as a "godly Bible teacher". I pondered - what does that mean? I have no problem with "Bible teacher" but what about "godly"? I Googled it to see what would come up. The consensus was that "godly" is an adjective and describes someone who is religious, devout, pious, reverent, God-fearing, saintly and holy. Phew! What a Bible teacher that person must be! But what would be the opposite? Someone who is "ungodly"? What would an "ungodly Bible teacher" be like? Would I get the same message? Do the words of the Bible change depending on the teacher? Armchair philosophers will tell you that one way to find out is to test the matter using a "thought experiment". First I needed something to test, so I opened my Bible and found



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Traditional carols & seasonal surprises

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John 14.6: *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".* John 18.37: *Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."* John 18.38: *Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"*

Next I needed to ask my imagined "experimental subjects" ("godly" and "ungodly") to read the text and to write their "results" down. I compared the results and conclusion - they gave me the same interpretation and there was no difference between them! But what do these words of the Bible actually mean to each participant? Is it not the case that much of scripture has more than one meaning and hence the continuing arguments? Furthermore did not Paul himself warn us against false prophets? Well yes he did, but whether your teacher is Richard Dawkins or Billy Graham himself, is it not incumbent on each of us to satisfy ourselves as to the meaning of scripture and in so doing should we be afraid of examining different viewpoints? To paraphrase the philosopher John Stuart Mill, a person who knows only their own side of an argument knows little of that! In other words, to be firm in our conviction, we must have considered alternative interpretations and contrasting views: scepticism as well as certainty can drive us to faith.

The Bible itself stated at 2 Timothy 3:16: *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness".* This is so whether our human teacher is godly or not! Surely it is only by examining the Bible's teaching for ourselves that we can answer the question, "What is Truth?". Now over to you!

From Howard Edwards.....

Annwyl Bawb,
Fy ymateb i'r erthygl 'Zenaidd'!

The terms 'spiritual' and 'spirituality' used without a specific anchor can and do cover a multitude of unrelated and sometimes wishy-washy philosophies. There are, of course, philosophies and religions that have stood the test of time in as much as they may extend back hundreds or even thousands of years. A large number of these 'substantial' religio-philosophies were in existence before the arrival

of Jesus as a human being on this planet. There are many things that we recite in the Christian creeds that are laid down in our prayer and service books, but Jesus' sheer humanity and godliness are big factors of many that set him totally apart from all the other religions and philosophies. The sheer power of the Sermon on the Mount as depicted in Matthew chapters five, six and seven alone sets Jesus apart, not to mention the historically factual truths of his life. He is someone who can miraculously turn fanatical and violent people into people of great love, forgiveness, understanding and wisdom, and he can do that in a 'twinkling of an eye' - think of the Damascus Road experience, of which Saul (then Paul) is the most well-known example (literal, in his case, of course!), even to some non-Christians.

I believe that it is vitally important that our Christian faith and spirituality stands on its own two feet. If we bring terminology in from other religions or philosophies, there is a great danger that we inadvertently dilute our faith - not that we explicitly weaken its truths, but that we possibly cause confusion, especially in those who are seeking the truth and are not committed to the Christian faith. Often we need 'shock and awe' to cause people to sit up and listen, but if Christianity is bobbing up and down on the foamy waters alongside other philosophies and religions, (and I include humanism and secularism here), then will it not be very difficult for those who are seeking the truth to distinguish between the aluminium can that floats on the surface and the golden chalice which is hidden from view? Yes, there may be factors that are common to all religions and philosophies, but when other philosophies or religions and their terminologies appear to be used almost as 'yardsticks', as it were, in order to attempt to convey the truths of our Christian faith, then I believe that alarm bells should sound and red lights should flash.

CHURCH NEWS

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News from Peter and Janet Marshall

We are safely home, fit and well after our very busy time in Uganda, where 'health and safety' has still to arrive, and older people are few. We truly thank God for your prayers and support. Visits included A Rocha Uganda Christian conservation organisation; Scripture Union Uganda, very lively and growing apace; and Mission Aviation Fellowship Uganda, where we visited their new offices, and also saw the new flight training simulator, a gift from a good friend of ours, Eric Payne. It will save so much money that it will quickly pay for itself (pilot training on a plane costs £800 an hour, the Simulator £25). MAF planes are a life line for mission and relief work in South Sudan, Eastern Congo, and remote parts of Northern Uganda. We also visited John Njendahayo's new vocation college, where all his new eco building ideas will be taught and practised. In a remote place there is good water from large scale rainwater harvesting, electricity from solar panels, and biogas from cow manure. Strong interlocking bricks are made without burning any wood.



ABOVE: Rev Peter Marshall sharing a meal with Daniel, son of Bishop Samuel of South Sudan.

We were thrilled to see our refugee friends from South Sudan, including Esau Peni, (doing a Community Development degree) and Charles Juma (training to be a dentist supported by I61 Church Llandudno). We paid for Bishop Samuel to fly down from South Sudan to see us. Four of his children are at school near Kampala, Daniel, Richard, Joseph (in a wheel chair with spina bifida) and little sister Joy. The older sisters are in Kampala, Victoria finishing A levels, and Natalia training to be a mid-wife. Ika is doing O levels at the Secondary School in Juba (built and supported by the Salisbury Diocese) - the school still functioning in the midst of war. They are staying on the compound at Maya, the St. David's College Llandudno Link International Centre, which provides maternity and dental facilities for the area. We were able to buy dental equipment for the Nzara Clinic, and also help with P.A. equipment for the 1930s brick built Cathedral and freight costs to get it all there, with a suitcase, suit and pair of shoes for Bishop Samuel. He reports that things in South Sudan remain dire, with no end to the troubles in sight.

It was a great joy to have Daniel, (who fell in the cooking pot aged 14 months in 2005), with us for an afternoon, to chat him and explain the games we had brought - like 3D Snakes and Ladders and Twister.

Please will those responsible check that information about regular services (page 2) and contacts (inside back cover) is kept up to date. 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 of the month)** to Dilys Stone at jastone@dunelm.org.uk or to the parish office. Contributions may be edited to fit available space, and late items may be omitted.

He whispered that he would love a bicycle, so the wherewithal for a second hand bike was provided! We enjoyed worshipping at the Anglican church - over 1000 at the second service of the morning, and problems fitting 350+ children into the Sunday School rooms. The preacher slipped in a Gospel invitation - seven people publically committed their lives to Jesus Christ. This was the norm, not something special.

Our slides and video will be on YouTube, and we will gladly come and share our experiences at any home group, fellowship meeting, church service - for a handful of people or larger group. There are photos already on my Peter Marshall FaceBook page.

THE REPLY

The bell calls out over the roofs and over the trees
To remind would be worshippers, or not
That the Sunday service beckons.
The church is a silent witness
To the past congregation that came
And was steadfast and loyal
More or less.
It contributed to the health of many souls.
It fed curious minds
And created hope and solace
When tides seemed to be relentless and overwhelming.
Now the church is not appreciated so much
Although the music can be heard.
It is time to wonder how long
Will the bell be rung?
Will the sound echo through the village
With no reply?
Will the word no longer be uttered
Within those old walls?
Will people walk past and ignore
The chance of finding hope?
Will truth wither on the vine?
Please do not pass on the other side.
Enter in faith and joy.

Barry Broadmeadow

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