
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

Why do you seek the living among the dead?



The Revd Noel Carter writes:

The women bring myrrh and other spices to anoint the body of Jesus after his death, fulfilling the prophecy of the magi's symbolic gift at his birth. But an angel points away from the tomb. "He is not here."

In the more intimate account in John's Gospel, Mary Magdalene comes alone to the tomb early in the morning. It is still dark. She is not carrying myrrh. She is not expecting anything. It is here she encounters the risen Jesus. It is not anything that she had previously experienced or understood.

"Do not cling to me," says Jesus to Mary. Do not cling to the holy as you once knew the holy. You must learn to see and hear and perceive anew. Open your consciousness to awake to the dawn of something entirely transformed and transforming.

Orthodox Christians in their Easter services are told, "Let us purify our senses, and in the unapproachable light of the Resurrection we shall see Christ shining forth, and we shall clearly hear him saying, 'Rejoice!'" If you should be on holiday in Greece or Crete this Easter you are likely to be greeted on Easter morning by anyone one you meet with the joyful statement, "Christ is risen!" and the only response is, "He is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

What is your reaction to that amazing statement? I hope that it is like Mary Magdalene's response. Tears of joy? – perhaps; a desire to tell others? - I hope so! A realisation that our lives are transformed by the reality of Christ rising from the dead? Surely, that has to be at the heart of what we believe.

I pray that this Easter, the blessing of Jesus, Risen and Glorified, will transform our Church, by bringing new life to each and every one of us!



Easter Garden - St David's Church,
Penrhyn Bay

"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 and St Hilary's
9.30 am **Holy Eucharist** St Michael's and St Martin's; **Morning Worship** St Cystennin's;
9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** St Paul's
11 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints, and St David's; **Family Service** St Hilary's; **Morning Worship** St Katherine's
11.15 am **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's
4 pm **Holy Eucharist** St Grwst's
6.30 pm **Evening Prayer** St Hilary's

Services at St Ffraid's and St Martin's will vary until further notice, though will be at the usual times. Please check locally to see whether it is Eucharist.

2nd Sunday of the month

8 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints and St David's
9.30 am **Holy Eucharist** St Cystennin's, St Michael's and St Martin's; **Boreol Weddi** St Grwst's
9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** St Paul's
11 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints, St David's, St Hilary's and St Katherine's
11.15 am **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's
4 pm **Holy Eucharist** St Grwst's; **Family Service** St Paul's
6.30 pm **Evening Prayer** St Hilary's

3rd Sunday of the month

8 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints and St David's
9.30 am **Holy Eucharist** St Michael's and St Martin's; **Morning Worship** St Cystennin's
9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** St Paul's
11 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints and St Hilary's; **Morning Worship** St Katherine's; **Family Service** St David's
11.15 am **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's
4 pm **Holy Eucharist** St Grwst's
6.30 pm **Cymun Bendigaid** St Hilary's* **changed to 4th Sunday for April only**

4th Sunday of the month

8 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints and St David's
9.30 am **Holy Eucharist** St Cystennin's and St Martin's; **All-age worship** St Michael's; **Boreol Weddi** St Grwst's
9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** St Paul's
11 am **Holy Eucharist** St David's, St Hilary's and St Katherine's; **All-age worship** All Saints
11.15 am **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's
4 pm **Holy Eucharist** St Grwst's
6.30 pm **Evening Prayer** St Hilary's* **changed to 3rd Sunday for April only**

5th Sunday of the month

8 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints and St David's
9.30 am **Holy Eucharist** St Michael's and St Martin's
9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** St Paul's
11 am **Holy Eucharist** All Saints; **Morning Prayer** St Hilary's
11.15 am **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's
4 pm **Holy Eucharist** St Grwst's
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, **Thursdays at 10.30 am** at St Paul's, and **Fridays at 10 am** at St David's

Prayer Group - 10 am every Tuesday at St David's (01492 876451 for details)

Koinonia Groups (Bible study, prayer & discussion): **Morning** - 2nd and 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

Join us for coffee - 10 am Thursday at St Paul's and St Ffraid's, 10.30 am Friday at St David's

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		Services	Other events
EASTER SUNDAY	1	SEE Page 4 for full list of services	
Monday	2		Dementia Café 10.30-12.30 pm AS
Wednesday	4	HE 10 am AS	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK
Thursday	5	HE 10.30 am St P	Community Tea 2-3.30 pm St D Church Hall
Friday	6	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	7		MAGAZINE COPY DATE Holywell Brass Band concert 7 pm St P
SUNDAY	8	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Family Service 4 pm St P	
Monday	9		St P Mothers' Union 2.30 pm St H Church AGM 7 pm Llanrhos Schoolroom
Tuesday	10		St Ff Mothers' Union 2 pm; AS Mothers' Union .2 30 pm; Cuppa, crafts and chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room Bible Briefs, 7.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	11	HE 10 am AS	
Thursday	12	HE 10.30 am St P	Bible Society AGM 2.30 pm Seilo Chapel
Friday	13	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	14	Holy Matrimony 1 pm St H	
SUNDAY	15	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H; Please Note - Cymun Bendigaid at St H moved to 22nd April	
Tuesday	17	Open Table Service 7 pm St G	
Wednesday	18	HE 10 am AS	Annual Mission Area Easter Vestry Meeting, 7.30 pm, Llanrhos S/room
Thursday	19	HE 10.30 am St P	Christian Aid Coffee Morning 10-12 noon St Paul's Church hall
Friday	20	HE 10 am St D Holy Matrimony 3 pm St C	
Saturday	21		St Hilary's SPRING FAIR 10.30-12 Llanrhos S/room Recital and Choral Evensong with St Asaph Cathedral Choir 4 pm St G
SUNDAY	22	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H and St C; Cymun Bendigaid 6.30 pm at St H	
Monday	23		St P Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
Tuesday	24		Cytûn Meeting, 10.30 am, St John's Methodist Cuppa, crafts and chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room Publicity Workshop, 7.30 pm. Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	25	HE 10 am AS	
Thursday	26	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	27	HE 10 am St D	
SUNDAY	29	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm Fifth Sunday of the month - Joint Service for St K & St C - please check for details	

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES FOR THE MISSION AREA

Palm Sunday 25th March

Services as usual, with blessing of palms, in all churches except:

- 11 am Combined All Age service at All Saints for St Michael's and All Saints
- 3.30 pm "The Way of the Cross" St Paul's - A choral meditation on the passion
- 6.30 pm Cymun Bendigaid St Hilary's

Monday 26th March

- 7 pm Prayers of Devotion St David's

Tuesday 27th March

- 7 pm Prayers around the Cross St David's

Wednesday 28th March

- 10 am Holy Eucharist at All Saints
- 7 pm Service of Light and Shadows
(St Tudno's on the Great Orme)

Maundy Thursday 29th March

- 10.30 am Holy Eucharist and stripping of the Altar at St Paul's
- 11 am *Chrism Mass with renewal of vows*
(St Asaph Cathedral)
- 7 pm Holy Eucharist and anointing at St Michael's (combined service for St Michael's and All Saints)
- 7 pm Holy Eucharist, washing of feet and stripping of the altar St David's
- 7 pm Washing of Feet, Mass of the Lord's Supper and Vigil, St Grwst's

Good Friday 30th March

- 10 am Stations of the Cross at St Paul's
- 10 am Good Friday Reflections St Martin's
- 10.30 am Stations of the Cross St Cystennin's
- 12 noon Act of Witness, at Holy Trinity Church Llandudno
- 12 noon Silent Witness, Co-op Penrhyn Bay
- 12 noon Stations of the Cross St Ffraid's
- 2 pm 'At the foot of the Cross' St. Hilary's
- 2 pm Stations of the Cross All Saints
- 2 pm Stations of the Cross St David's
- 2 pm Last Hour of the Cross St Grwst's
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross St Katherine's

Holy Saturday 31st March

- 8.30 pm Easter Vigil St David's
- Easter Vigil St Grwst's (*please check the time*)

Easter Day 1st April

Services of Holy Eucharist:

- 8 am St David's & St Hilary's
 - 9.30 am St Cystennin's & St Michael's
(incl renewal of Baptismal Vows)
 - 9.45 am St Paul's & St Martin's
 - 11 am St Hilary's, St David's, All Saints,
St Katherine's
 - 11.15 am St Ffraid's
 - 4 pm St Grwst's
- Also: 6.30 pm Evensong at St Hilary's

Praying for Growth

Pray for our Mission Area, and for spiritual and numerical growth. The next prayer focus day is Monday 21st May, 2-4 pm, at St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew.



Also please pray for Catrin Boyle, Theo Morgan, Lily Grace Evans, and Robbie Lee Owen, to be welcomed into the church by baptism during April, and for John Dovey and Cheryl Jones who are to be married on April 20th.

*May the outrageous welcome of the
Father accept us for who we
are;
may the incarnation of the Word touch
and hold us close;
may the wandering of the Spirit
help us to risk ourselves for
love;
and the blessing of God Creator,
Redeemer and Sustainer
be upon us this day and for evermore.*

The Easter Vigil



On Holy Saturday 31st March, there will be Easter Vigil services at St David's Penrhyn Bay and St Grwst's in Llanrwst.

The Easter vigil service is the first Easter service and it takes place on the night of Holy Saturday. The idea behind the service is for faithful Christians to wait and watch, hopeful and confident that Christ is risen from the dead.

The service begins with readings and prayers, telling the story of salvation history described in the books of the Old Testament. Clergy and people then gather round the Easter Fire outside the church and the Easter candle is lit while a prayer like the one below is said.

"The light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds."

The lit candle is now a symbol of the Risen Christ and is carried into the church, where most of the worshippers are waiting in darkness, which symbolises the darkness of Christ's tomb.

After more prayers and readings, including the reading of the Resurrection Gospel, the candles held by the congregation are lit from the Paschal candle and Easter is proclaimed.

Alleluia Christ is risen! And everyone replies, **"He is risen"**

The congregation then renew their baptism vows, before going joyfully on their way.

Bible Briefs

The Resurrection in John's Gospel

Bible Briefs this month will move from its usual slot on the first Tuesday of the month for April only.

We will meet on **Tuesday 10th April** at 7.30 pm at **The Rectory, 8 Llys Helyg, Deganwy, LL31 9BN.**

BRING YOUR BIBLE



Annual Easter Vestry Meeting

The Easter Vestry Meeting for the Mission Area will take place on **Wednesday 18th April at 7.30 pm** in the Llanrhos Schoolroom. This is an important meeting, so please give it a high priority.

The Electoral Roll for the Mission Area has been completely renewed this year, so everyone should have filled in a form. If you haven't yet done so, please get a form from your church and complete it as soon as possible.



Mission Area Trip to Port Sunlight

Join us to visit the historic village of Port Sunlight on Saturday 7th July. We leave Llandudno at 9.30 am and will return home by 6 pm. Visit the Lady Lever Art Gallery and the Soap Museum as well as looking around the village and enjoying lunch.

Tickets are £14, which covers coach travel and admission to the Soap Museum. Bookings can be made now by phoning Mandy in the parish office. Booking Forms are now available in the churches of the Mission Area. Please return forms to the Parish Office by the end of May.



CHRISTIAN AID

Jeannette Bennett-Williams writes:

Our first event for 2018 will be a **Coffee morning at St. Paul's Church Hall on Thursday 19th April.** St. Paul's ladies are kindly hosting this event again for our Mission Area and would welcome support and donations of cakes and books for the stalls from **all our Churches.** Do come along and enjoy fellowship and make this a good start for Christian Aid.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13th-19th May

This year we are looking at Haiti, one of the poorest communities in the world. There are relentless earthquakes, storms and hurricanes. Haitians are resilient, but they have been hit by disaster so many times and each time makes them weaker. Seven years on from the devastating earthquake, an estimated 38,000 people are still displaced.

Today, more than 40 million people globally are internally displaced, this means they have had to flee their homes, but have remained within their own countries. Just as Christian Aid was there for displaced people in the 1940's, they are there now: a voice and support for those who lack safety, stability, and access to their basic needs.

Our Churches have to consider each year if the house to house collection during the Week is possible for them to cover as our collectors are getting older and fewer. We are very grateful to our collectors who have done this in all weathers for many years and appreciate it gets harder. Some may consider a coffee morning or frugal lunch, a sponsored something or giving our Church members a Christian Aid envelope to return at the end of the week, maybe we could take some for our neighbours. Hopefully, some of our Church members can keep the house to house going so if you can help with this please let your Church representative or myself know.

The Christian Aid Week Service

will be at **Gloddaeth United Church on Sunday, May 13th at 6 pm,** Please try and support the service and enjoy fellowship with members of other Churches.

There are only four committee meetings a year and new ideas are always welcome if anyone is interested. Please contact me if you are able to help or need more information. (01492 582911)

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Rev Godfrey and Melissa Chigumira on the birth of their daughter, Angela. Angela was born at just after 7.00 am on Sunday 4th March. Mother and baby are doing well. The Chigumira family are pictured below, together with a picture of Angela.



Future Events in the Mission Area

Look out for further details about events coming up during the year (or contact Rev Noel Carter)

Worship Leader Training

For those who will assist with worship. Please talk to your vicar to see if this is right for you.

Workshops (April, May and September)
On Posters & Flyers, Reading in Church and Leading Intercessions

START Course (October)

An introductory course for new Christians, but also of interest to anyone who want to know more about the Christian faith.

Advent Quiet Day

27th November, Loretto Centre, Llandudno

From Pots of Paint to iPads

A Church Publicity Workshop



Hints and tips and inspiration for creating effective church posters and flyers.

Please bring your iPad, tablet or laptop. Paint provided!



Tuesday
24th April at 7.30 pm
in Llanrhos School Room



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Local Mayors and Councillors joined over 30 people to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight in style at RSBP Conwy on Wednesday 28 February.

The icing on the cake was Cllr Louise Emery announcing that on Monday 26 Conwy Council had renewed and extended its support for its Fairtrade Status. Guests toasted the good news in Fairtrade tea and coffee, with delicious cakes baked with Fairtrade ingredients by Food for Thought, Llandudno, who supply the RSPB café. They were also able to purchase Fairtrade products from Kingdom Krafts in Llandudno, helping overseas farmers get a better deal and be able to lead the dignified life everyone deserves. The event was organised by Conwy Fairtrade Coalition, which anyone can join by contacting the secretary, kaypitt40@gmail.com.



Pictured above: Food for Thought staff with their delicious cakes.

Conwy Council has had Fairtrade Status since May 2004. They hope to appoint a Councillor to become a Champion to promote Fairtrade across the County. On 6 June 2008 Wales made history by becoming the first ever Fairtrade Nation.



Pictured left at the Fairtrade Tea:

Mayor Bill Chapman (Conwy), Mayor Jeff Pearson (Colwyn Bay), Debbie Hogg and Julian Hughes (RSPB), Nia Higginbotham, Chair of Conwy FT Coalition, Mayor and Mayoress Francis and Sonia Davies (Llandudno)

Below: The Fairtrade Stall, with Pam Kirkham from Kingdom Krafts of Llandudno.



A Fairtrade Date for your Diary:

Wednesday 9th May - an event to highlight Fairtrade Gold, with a speaker from Fairtrade Wales - details to follow.



LLANDUDNO - KESWICK BIBLE WEEK

MAY 1st - 4th

at THE LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY, GREAT ORMES RD,

SPEAKER: JOHN RISBRIDGER on "OVERFLOWING GRACE"

Tues/Wed /Thurs at 7.30 pm, Wed/Thurs/Fri - 10.30 for 11 am

No charge Freewill offerings

If you can help STEWARD, help SERVE TEA/COFFEE or play at a session please give your name to Kay Morris. Further information also from kmorris2011@btinternet.com

Around the Mission Area

Remember that all are welcome to the events mentioned here
Often there are good opportunities to meet old friends and make new ones across the
Mission Area.



St Paul's Church, Craig Y Don Art and Craft Fair and Exhibition With musical interludes.



Saturday May 5th, 6th & Monday 7th {Victorian weekend}
Saturday and Monday 10 am until 4.30 pm
Sunday 1.30 pm until 4.30 pm

This is a fund raising event for St Paul's Church and we are inviting people to exhibit their art work and craft projects for the three days of the bank holiday weekend. We hope that many of the exhibits will be for sale, but you are invited to exhibit work you do not wish to sell as well, making it clear the item is 'Not for Sale'. All pictures must have cord tied tightly across the back ready to hang.

There will be a charge of £1.50 per picture to be hung and the church would take 15% of any sales. For craft work the charge would be £3.00 for a table top approximately 3' x 2' and again the church would take 15% of sales.

Musicians will perform at intervals during the three day event, and light refreshments will be on sale in church.

Entry forms, with further information, will be available from **St Paul's Church**; from **The Parish Office**, St David's Church, Penrhyn Bay or from the back of **your church**; or by contacting **Barbara or Sandra** on 01492 525814 or email: barbarawalker@sandraabel.plus.com

St Paul's, Craig-y-Don

Chris Dearden and Philip Evans write:

We're now well into 2018, and doing our best to try and move on with a few projects. Though spring is now here, heating is still occupying lots of our attention. It's our biggest single expense after the parish share, mainly because St Paul's is a large building, and you have to heat the forty feet of space above people's heads before the benefit is felt at ground level down below!

But heating St Paul's is made even harder because of the draughts. The windows in the church are set in sandstone, which has been crumbling away almost since the church was built in the 1890s. Now we've reached the 21st century, there are large holes in some places where you can see daylight between the stained glass and the stonework.

It's not just daylight that gets in: cold air does too. On one particularly cold weekend this

winter, the heating went on at 06:00 on SATURDAY morning so that the church could be warm for a service on Sunday. This all costs money, so an important job is to try and reduce the amount of draughts. Phase one of "Operation Dames" ("dames" is French for the game of draughts) involves re-pointing the window sills to reduce the amount of cold air that is working its way through the stone walls.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, the stone mason should be on site with a bucket of hydraulic lime to begin work. While he's here, he will also start putting together a specification and a price for phase two, which is to look at what needs to be done to the side windows. Then at some stage, we'll need to look at phase three, the west-ish window looking out onto Mostyn Broadway.

Away from heating and money, this month is going to be a busy one. We're hoping to start opening the church to the public each Saturday morning from 10 am. April also sees the start of a summer series of brass band concerts by



Pictured above: A churchwarden's lot is not always a happy one! Multi-tasking is very much the order of the day. Here Pat Chapman rakes leaves from the cellar steps at All Saints, Deganwy.

Holywell Brass. At 7 pm on the first Saturday evening of each month until the autumn, these will raise money to support young people's music lessons, both young brass players with the band and young singers at St Paul's.

Summer Brass



An evening of classic brass band music and popular favourites with Holywell Brass

St Paul's Church, Craig y Don

Saturday 7th April, 7 pm
And on the first Saturday evening of the month through the summer

Light refreshments served

Raising money to support young musicians



Pictured above: Carolyn Sherlock on brass cleaning duty at St Paul's, giving the eagle lectern (sometimes called "Fred") a polish.

St Grwst's, Llanrwst

The St Asaph Cathedral Choir will visit St Grwst's Church on **Saturday 21st April**.

The Cathedral Choir will present a half hour recital from **4 pm** which will be followed by Choral Evensong.

There is no admission charge but donations will be gratefully received and will be shared between the Choir and St Grwst's Church Reordering Fund.

All Saints, Deganwy

Frank Prescott writes:

The Changing times at All Saints

All Saints was consecrated by the Bishop of St Asaph on All Saints' Day 1st November 1899. It was built by The Rt Hon Lady Henrietta Augusta Mostyn of Gloddaeth in memory of her father and mother the Earl and Countess of Abergavenny. I often amuse myself by commenting to visitors that she must have had very strong arms!

A report of the opening service and the titled people in attendance reads like a scene from "*Downton Abbey*". It records that "the interior of the church was crowded and overflowing with a fashionable and representative congregation" and "adorned with greenhouse ferns, palms and flowery plants very tastefully disposed"! I wouldn't dare deny that Betty's flower displays match anything then, but times have certainly changed.

All Saints Church was once the only building on the hill. It could be seen for miles around. But although the commemoration stone is still visible up close, the church is now surrounded by "luxury apartments" and a Sea Cadet building that looks more like a 1960s office store. The church is all but invisible from the main road. "We didn't realise there was a church there", a group of walkers said to me as our paths crossed on the Vardre.

Commensurate with other church buildings of a similar age we have in the last two or three years had our share of repairs. The front wall and gates had to be rebuilt and restored after a car crashed into them; repairs were needed to the roof over the organ loft to prevent it raining in; and now storm damage to the church tower and the falling over of the cockerel weather vane (which complicates matters by being part of our lightning conductor system)! Our electrics have to be upgraded following the Quinquennial inspection and, to boot, we also have a problem with water drainage from the cellar!

Nevertheless we have had some positives. We have had a kitchenette and toilet installed and new chairs and tables in the north aisle of the church - what is now in effect a functioning café! It is intended that much use is made of this space by those from within and outside the church. As well as serving tea, coffee and biscuits after services we have held special events such as the recent "Soup Sunday", a frugal meal to mark the start of Lent. We also hope to encourage groups outside of the church to make use of our facilities the first of which is the monthly Deganwy Dementia Café which started in March of this year.



Pictured above:
The north aisle in All Saints Deganwy, set up ready to serve refreshments.

As with most churches we are patently aware of our demographics. We have managed though to attract new members and have maintained our numbers in recent years. We are trying ways to publicise events and services through social media, local advertising, leafleting and using notice boards. We can but try!

Deganwy Dementia Café

All Saints Church Deganwy

First Monday of each month

10.30-12.30 pm

Entry and refreshments free of charge to all

Open to all and especially those who are living with Dementia, their carers, loved ones and friends.

Support available for those who would like any further information regarding Dementia

**Help us to Create a
Dementia Friendly Deganwy**

For more details contact Cllr Julie Fallon on
01492 592478/07860 232641 or
cllr.julie.fallon@conwy.gov.uk

The Seder Plate

Mission Area Leader, the Revd Noel Carter, recently led a session on the Passover Seder meal with children from Ysgol Bodafon. He found that the children were really interested and contributed many thoughts and opinions.

The symbolic items on the plate represent the slavery the Hebrews endured in Egypt, together with the Passover lamb and the tears, hope and renewal of the events that followed, traditions that are kept up to the present day.



Above left: The Seder plate ingredients
Above right, left and below: The Revd Noel Carter and the children of Ysgol Bodafon with their Seder plates
Bottom right: Dipping in salt water to represent the tears and pain of the Hebrew people in Egypt



St Hilary's, Llanrhos

Don't forget our **Cuppa Craft and Chat** sessions, 2.30 pm on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the Llanrhos Schoolroom. All welcome, whether you have craft work to bring or not.

WINE TASTING EVENING

Friday June 8th

Book the date now, more details next month. This should be a fun evening, whether you are a connoisseur of fine wine or not, and we welcome friends from other churches.

St Hilary's is creating a Space for Nature in the churchyard, with bird boxes and feeders, and we hope to liaise with local schools to encourage children to come and participate in drawing pictures of the wildlife they see and also to teach them all about wildlife and flora and fauna. Many thanks to Ann Milne (the bird lady of St Hilary's!) for organising this and keeping the feeders stocked up.



St Hilary's Church AGM - 7 pm Monday 9th April, Llanrhos Schoolroom. Please make every effort to attend.



To celebrate St David's Day St Hilary's held a Bring and Share Lunch, and as can be seen from the photo above there was a wonderful array of food. It seemed to work well, and was much enjoyed by all with good food and fellowship. We look forward to the next lunch event on **20th May** - look out for details.

St Ffraid's Church House
Glan Conwy

Coffee Stop

Every Thursday
10-11.30 am

All welcome

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 jastone@dunelm.org.uk or the parish office. Contributions may be edited to fit available space, and late items may be omitted.

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Mothers' Union St Asaph

Website: stasaph.churchinwales.org.uk (search 'Mothers Union') and www.themothersunion.org

From the Mothers' Union Liturgy for Mothering Sunday - "Called to Mother in a Broken World":

Heavenly Father, we rejoice with thanks for all those who have mothered us in our lives.

In a world that is broken and in need of your motherly love, please use us to aid others as you do us in providing comfort, nurture, protection and support.

We ask that you grow us as carers to those who need us, so that we might celebrate your goodness together even through our own brokenness.

Amen

Elections are due to take place this summer for St Asaph Diocesan Trustees and Mothers Union Group Leaders (formerly Deanery Leader).

All branches have received The Archbishop of Wales letter of personal support for Mothers Union in the province.

St Paul's Branch, Craig-y-Don

Pat Hay writes..... Well so much for spring! We had sunshine and snow, not forgetting the freezing temperatures, I hope everyone kept warm. We had our AGM in February, and also the Daffodil Tea with about forty folks having a jolly good feed and a very sociable afternoon. The tables looked lovely thanks to Sylvia Pickup and a fantastic variety of cakes and sandwiches

thanks to the MU ladies. We have another cake occasion on **Thursday 19th April** - a coffee morning and cake stall for **Christian Aid**.

In March we had new members to enrol at the Mothering Sunday service, and the Revd Peter Marshall to give us an update on the mission to South Sudan. With a Reflection for Holy Week and Lady Day (transferred to 9th April), so our year moves on. On **9th April** we have a talk on the MU work at Berwyn Prison in Wrexham, that's something completely different and on the **23rd April** we have the Community Police Officer coming to talk to us.



Pictured above: The Mothers' Union banner in St Paul's Church, Craig-y-Don, where new members were enrolled on Mothering Sunday

A note from the St Paul's ladies group - our regular Thursday coffee mornings in the church Hall will have a **cake stall** once every four or five weeks. The first on will be **10th May**.

All Saints Branch, Deganwy

Daphne Laight writes:

It was a pleasure to welcome Cllr Bill Chapman, Mayor of Conwy, to our 'Music in our lives' meeting. He spoke about what music had meant in his life and played CDs of 'La Mer' 'Hymn to Love', 'Hawl i Fwy' and a choral version of 'Deep Harmony'. Bill talked about

each one and why he had chosen them. Thanks to Bill for a very interesting and enjoyable afternoon. Afterwards our members played one of their favourite pieces with a few words about their choices. A big 'thank you' to all who took part and shared their feelings with us, and to Mrs Pat Chapman for bringing her CD player and being DJ for us.

Unfortunately our next meeting was postponed because of the weather, so will now take place on 10th of April when we will discuss 'Bible children'. Mrs Karen Stringer will be speaking to us on 24th of April about Mothers' Union. To all our sick members we hope you are making good progress. Corporate Communion is on 4th April at 10 am.

We send our congratulations to Godfrey and his family on the birth of his baby daughter, and our sincere sympathy goes to Peter and his family on the death of his mother. To both families we send our love and prayers.

St Ffraid's Branch, Glan Conwy

January's speaker had to cancel due to illness. At our February meeting Mrs. Chris Evans brought various examples of her 'Crafting' to show us. She produces a wide range of items

and her skill was appreciated by all. Our Leader, Mrs. Marjorie Jones gave a talk about our founder, Mary Sumner, at the March meeting, followed by "Kim's Game", which proved that our memories are still operating satisfactorily! At the next meeting on 10th April one of our new members, Olivia, will talk about and show us part of her collection of post cards. May's meeting is still to be arranged and in June we are to have an outing.

Sadly on February 16th Doreen Brewin died suddenly at home. Doreen was a much valued Mothers Union member and a friend of us all. She had been our treasurer for many years and had only recently handed over this position to one of our newer members. She will be greatly missed.

St David's, Penrhyn Bay

Every Friday after the 10 am Holy Communion St David's is open until mid day. This is an ideal time to pop in and linger longer over a cup of tea or coffee. We have our regulars who are a mixed group of church members and non church members.



Pictured above:
The beautiful banner for Dewi Sant which can be seen at St David's Church, Penrhyn Bay

Koinonia

The Koinonia Groups resume meeting after Lent, the evening group beginning on 19th April and the morning group on the 25th.

All welcome to these informal meetings for bible study, prayer and fellowship. (Details inside front cover.)



St Asaph Diocese is twinned with the Diocese of South West Tanganyika, one of 28 dioceses in Tanzania.

Calling all Churches!

The library of the clergy and readers' training centre in our twin diocese of SW Tanganyika has 50 students but no books.

Bishop Gregory has issued a **Lent Appeal** for each church to pay for one book (£20). **Will your church help?**

It would be good to think that every church community in the diocese, along with individuals if they wish, can support our brothers and sisters in South West Tanganyika in their vocational formation and theological learning.

Donations will be most gratefully received by the Diocesan Office, with cheques made payable to 'St. Asaph-DBF – SWTA' please.

Thoughts and comments

The Church and Young people (aged 11-18, 'Generation Z')

Recently there was a professional survey of over a thousand representative young people from all over the British Isles. The wide variety of young people were told it was a 'lifestyle' survey lasting ten minutes. They were not told on whose behalf the survey was being conducted.

Culture – 94% use Social media daily, 72% go on the Internet daily.

Favourite Free time – only 2% said Youth Clubs; outside or at home with friends 31%; on the internet 24%; 69% never attend a youth club of any sort.

Most enjoyable – spending time with friends from school – 63%.

Top 3 Positive influences that make you feel good about yourself: Friends 93%; Family 92%; Music 26%.

Negative influences: Social media 67%; Youtubers 40%; Friends 41%.

Most important: Making my family proud of me 82%; Feeling I have achieved something 76%; Becoming a better person 65%.

Biggest worries: School and exams 54%; What people think of me 30%; Appearance 33%.

World concerns: War and Terrorism 51%; poverty 38%; racism 24%.

Asked what one thing could improve their lives, 25% said 'knowing what to do with lives'.

Religion and Faith: Belief in a God – 32%
Belief in ghosts and spirits – 22%
Don't believe in either – 47%

Of those who said they believed in God (32%); 59% considered themselves followers of Jesus and the Christian religion. 41% said they pray. (Of others, 18% said they would be interested in finding out more about God.) 73% said Family was the main faith and religious influence on them, Friends – 36%, Celebrities 9%.

Others: 61% said they knew someone who was a Christian and said; 'they are normal like everyone else. Their faith does not change them'. However they said that '18% were kind, thoughtful, considerate, nice and loving.'

The full report, '**Gen Z – rethinking culture**' is available from, Youth for Christ for £7.50 (or you could borrow mine!!)

Tough questions are posed for the Church, and rethinking of how young people can be reached with the Good News of Jesus, which clearly they urgently need.

Peter Marshall

Church Growth part 2

God's Church is growing!

Peter Marshall writes:

After the gloomy statistics of last month, here is some better news. Get out your atlas!! The Church is growing faster than other religions in the following countries, among others: Botswana, Burkina Faso, Eritrea, The Gambia, Guinea, Libya, Senegal, South Sudan, Tanzania, Nicaragua, Bhutan, Cambodia, China PRC, Indonesia; most Indian states (which are larger than most countries of the world) overall the fastest growing religion is Christian, with 71m Christians out of 1.2bn, Kuwait, Laos, Mongolia, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Thailand, Vietnam.

It should be noted that in countries where Islam is listed as the fastest growing religion, this is mainly in line with population growth, as people are born Muslims, rather than being a religion of choice.

Overall, 'non religious' comes up again and again in previously Christian countries. All food for thought and prayer. Jesus said: 'I will build my Church' and the gate of hell will not prevail against it.'

Editors' Note - Thank You

It's been a hectic few weeks for our Mission Area in the run up to Easter.

There have been times when we've been down to two priests covering the work of four. Our thanks go to the Revd Noel Carter and everyone who's helped keep things running smoothly, whether by moving round the rota, by taking on extra duties, or simply by being patient as things get sorted out.

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