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

The Day of Pentecost

What's it all about?

The Revd. Noel Carter writes:

The Feast of Pentecost falls on Sunday 20th May.

While not as widely known or celebrated as Christmas and Easter, Pentecost is one of the most significant dates of the Christian calendar. The festival commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples following the death of Jesus.

The Bible describes how the apostles, gathered to celebrate the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot or Harvest, began to talk in foreign tongues, leading the massed onlookers to assume that they were drunk. However, Peter explained that the disciples were inspired by the Holy Spirit and preached the first Christian sermon, prompting the conversion and baptism of 3,000 people. Something I can only dream about! This first Pentecost marked the beginning of the Christian church as an official, meaningful movement, so the celebration is really the birthday of Christianity. The festival's name comes from the Greek word 'Pentekostos', meaning '50'. Celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, marking 50 days since Holy Saturday, it falls on a different date each year.

You might remember the Day of Pentecost being called Whit

Sunday? It is believed that the name comes from Pentecost being a day for baptisms, when participants would dress in white. It could be that 'Whitsun' is also derived from the Anglo-Saxon word 'wit', meaning 'understanding', to celebrate the disciples being filled with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

Between 1871 and 1978 the festival was marked by a UK bank holiday on Whit Monday, the day after Whit Sunday, before it was replaced by the current Spring Bank Holiday on the last Monday of May. In Many places there were "Whit Walks", where Christians marched together in a joyful procession of witness.

Knowing the history of these things is fascinating, but what is important is the implication for today? Where do we see the Holy Spirit at work now? How do we know he's here?

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"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

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

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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	Open 10-12.30 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Mis Mai 2018 - CALENDAR - May 2018

		Services	Other events
Tuesday	1		Spring Cleaning St H 10-4 pm Llandudno Keswick Bible Week 1st-4th May Bible Briefs, 7.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	2	HE 10 am AS	
Thursday	3	HE 10.30 am St P	Community Tea 2-3.30 pm St D Church Hall
Friday	4	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	5		Summer Brass 7 pm St P
SUNDAY	6	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H & St P	
Monday	7		Dementia Café 10.30-12.30 pm AS MAGAZINE COPY DATE
Tuesday	8		AS Mothers' Union .2 30 pm; Cuppa, crafts and chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	9	HE 10 am AS	Fair Trade Exhibition 12-4 pm Gloddaeth United
ASCENSION DAY	10	HE 10.30 am St P Compline 7.30 pm St P	
Friday	11	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	12		
SUNDAY	13	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H; Family Service 4 pm St P CHRISTIAN AID WEEK BEGINS with Service 6 pm at Gloddaeth United Church.	
Monday	14		St P Mothers' Union Dementia Tea 2.30 pm
Tuesday	15	Open Table Service 7 pm St G	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL 29TH MAY
Wednesday	16	HE 10 am AS	Reading Workshop 7.30 pm St Ff
Thursday	17	HE 10.30 am St P	Archdeacon's Visitation, Bodelwyddan
Friday	18	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	19	Holy Matrimony 3 pm St H	
PENTECOST	20	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H & St M	Lunch at St H to celebrate the Royal Wedding
Monday	21	Prayer Focus 2-4 pm St K	St P Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
Tuesday	22		Cuppa, crafts and chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	23	HE 10 am AS	
Thursday	24	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	25	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	26		
SUNDAY	27	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St P	
Monday	28		
Tuesday	29		PARISH OFFICE RE-OPENS
Wednesday	30	HE 10 am AS	
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 ; 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

I always liked this poem by Christina Rossetti.

Who Has Seen the Wind?

Who has seen the wind?
Neither I nor you:
But when the leaves hang
trembling,
The wind is passing through.

Who has seen the wind?
Neither you nor I:
But when the trees bow down their
heads,
The wind is passing by.

When I entered the church to take the service at St Paul's, Craig-y-Don on Easter morning, there were 99 people in church. This was a real answer to prayer. I know some people have been praying for growth for a long time and this was real evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit. However, the thought came to me straight away – "Ninety Nine is great, but now we have to go and find the Lost Sheep!" The Holy Spirit was whispering in my ear. Don't rest on your laurels, but go for growth!

Have you been aware of the work of the Spirit in your life or the life of the church recently? If yes – tell people about it and share the Good News!



Praying for Growth

We continue our regular opportunities to pray for the growth of the church in the Aberconwy Mission Area. Come and join us in praying for growth on



Monday 21st May, 2-4 pm, at St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew.

Also please pray for William Marshall Jones, Oliver Simmonds, Jac, Layla and Isla Rule, Piper Day, Sofia Williams and Daniel Stringer, to be welcomed into the church by baptism during May, and for Michael Jones and Andrea Scholes who are to be married on 19th May.

Pictured left:
St Hilary's Church, Llanrhos, in Easter mood with Easter flowers, the Paschal candle, and the banner in the chancel proclaiming "Jesus is Alive!".

B BIBLE SOCIETY

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



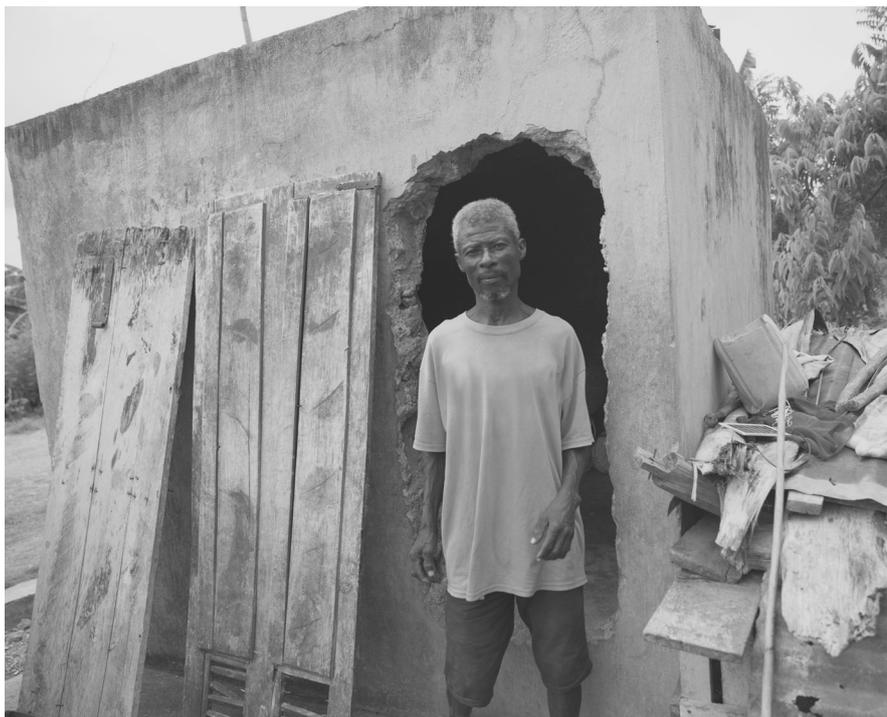
“Christian Aid week was founded by the Church, for the Church, to fight for justice.” Every May for more than

60 years, thousands of Churches across Britain and Ireland have stepped out for the world's most vulnerable. Together, we're united in our belief that the world can and must be changed because we are

each called to love our neighbours. This is our mission.

Christian Aid Week unites thousands of Kingdom builders like us to step out in mission, for our neighbours like Marcelin. Together, we're bringing God's kingdom closer. And together we are stronger than the storms.

Marcelin and his three teenage daughters lost everything when Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti. A year on they are still forced to live in a 2 x 2 m disused concrete shower block. They have endured unimaginable natural disasters, each one has made them poorer and more vulnerable. They are not just survivors, they are fighters; but they are only so strong. They won't survive the next storm without help.



Pictured above: : Marcelin Abellard, and his daughters Ketia, Linda and Keshna, still haven't recovered from Hurricane Matthew. Marcelin doesn't expect them to survive if another hurricane hits.
(Photo : Christian Aid)

£210 would pay to train a local builder in Haiti to build secure, comfortable homes for people like Marcelin. He and his family could have a safe place to weather the next disaster and a fighting chance to build a better life.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK is 13th –19th MAY

Our Churches still try a limited House to House collection in the Penrhyn Bay, Deganwy and Llanrhos areas so if you can help with this then please let your Church representatives know. (Jeanette Davies at St. David's, Sue Oldfield at All Saints and Jeannette Bennett-Williams at St Hilary's) or contact Jeannette Bennett-Williams (number below). Some local Churches have coffee mornings or ask members to donate monies in the Week or take envelopes to family and friends. Whatever we do we will help people like Marcelin and his family.

On Sunday, May 13th at 6 pm there will be a united evening Service at **Gloddaeth Church, Llandudno for Christian Aid**, so please make a note in your dairies and join us if you can, especially any organisers and collectors. There will be time for fellowship over refreshments after the service.

Our churches annual coffee morning for Christian Aid was in April and a special thank you to St. Paul's ladies for hosting this again.

We can make a difference, so let's do it again this Christian Aid Week!

Together we are stronger than the storms.

*Jeannette Bennett-Williams
Tel: 01492 582911*



Conwy Fair Trade Coalition is organising an event highlighting the availability of Fair Trade Gold on **Wednesday 9th May**, from 12-4 pm in Gloddaeth United Church.

There will be Fair Trade Foundation exhibition boards and refreshments as well as products to buy (not gold sadly!) and an opportunity to sign a card for Prince Harry and Meghan. Fairtrade gold certification enables artisanal and small-scale miners to improve their livelihoods, and assures retailers and customers that they are getting a fair deal for their work. More information about the event from conwyfairtrade@gmail.com or 01492 471020.



The start of Beach Missions in Llandudno 150 years ago will be celebrated with an event on Saturday 5th May, when Paul Jones (Manfred Mann) and his wife will tell their story and share their faith. It starts at 7.30 pm at Gloddaeth United church.



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.



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 available in the churches of the Mission Area and on page 13



Future Events for 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 (May and September)

Reading in Church - Wednesday 16th May at 7.30 pm in St Ffraid's Church
Leading Intercessions - September 15th

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

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 have invited people to exhibit their art work and craft projects for the three days of the bank holiday weekend. Many of the exhibits will be for sale.



Musicians will perform at intervals during the three day event, and light refreshments will be on sale in church. Do come along and enjoy the exhibition in the surroundings of this lovely church - it was much enjoyed by all who visited last year's event. More information from **Barbara or Sandra** on 01492 525814 or email: barbarawalker@sandraabel.plus.com



Pictured left:

Scenes from the most recent "Crafts At St Paul's" session, which involved making Easter eggs out of wool and the Easter bunny out of old socks. There'll be another session during the May Bank Holiday weekend as part of the Arts and Crafts event at St Paul's (see above).

URGENT NOTICE!

The new Mission Area Electoral Roll is far from complete - if you have not yet signed up, please ask for a form at church and fill it in as soon as possible. It is important that all members of our churches complete one of these forms, so that we have an indication of who are members of our churches and also additional consent which we need under new data protection regulations.

READING IN CHURCH

Do you read lessons in church?
Could you read lessons in church?

Come and explore the possibilities at a Workshop at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 16th May** at St Ffraid's Church, Glan Conwy for hints, tips and encouragement!

Ascension Day

Thursday 10th May

Holy Eucharist 10.30 am at St Paul's Church, Craig-y-Don

also

Sung Compline 7.30 pm at St Paul's Church, Craig-y-Don

Compline, or Night Prayer, is the final service of the day in the church's traditional daily prayer cycle, and is a service which focuses on spiritual peace. The music will be plainchant. (This will be Jamie's final service directing the choir before he moves to London.)

All Saints, Deganwy

A date for your diary: Maelgwn Male Voice Choir and soloists will be singing at All Saints Church on **Friday 22nd June** to raise funds for the 2019 National Eisteddfod in Llanrwst.

Dyddiad i'ch dyddiadur: Bydd Côr Meibion Maelgwn ac unawdwyr yn canu yn Eglwys yt Holl Saint ar **Nos Wener 22 Mehefin** i codi arian at yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yn Llanrwst yn 2019. More details in the next magazine.



All Saints welcomed Brenda Fogg from Hope Restored to their AGM, who told how she was homeless when she came to Llandudno. Whilst working as caretaker at Gloddaeth Church she began to help out some of the homeless in the town, providing them with a hot meal. Now based in the church at West Shore, Llandudno Hope Restored has facilities for men to shower and wash and dry their clothes, and continue to provide meals and run a food bank. Brenda was presented with a cheque for £300 by Betty Raggett (pictured above). Over the last year money from the coffee and cakes after the All Age Worship Service has been collected for the charity. For the next year the money will be for Aberconwy Domestic Abuse service.

The Pebble Pool Prayer

Loving Father, in whose hands we place ourselves day by day; we bring to you all those whom these pebbles represent, their needs or their remembrance, committing all things to your love. We know that we are all important to you, and so we pray also for your grace and blessing on those who used these pebbles in love and concern for others. We ask this in the name of your dear Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity, be honour and glory now and forever.

St David's, Penrhyn Bay

Holy Week and Easter - Thank you to Godfrey and Alan for preparing the meditation services that were held during Holy Week leading us into a joyful Easter Sunday morning celebration.

Greetings Cards - There is a selection of greetings cards for sale at St David's. The proceeds will be used to replenish and increase the stock. Please feel free to donate any cards that you have at home and no longer need. Thank you!

Baby Angela - It was with great joy that we welcomed into the world baby Angela safely delivered daughter of Godfrey and Melissa on Sunday 4th March.

Thank you Lord, for this new life. We praise and thank You for Your good and perfect creation. Place a shield of protection around her little body and guard her as she grows. Help this little one to know she is deeply and forever loved – first by You, and then by so many of us. Bless baby Angela, Lord, and bless her parents. Help them adjust as they welcome a whole new person into their lives, hearts and home. Give them even one whole night of sleep, and give them strength and energy when the nights are short. Blanket their home in peace, grace, and love. Amen

The Prayer Area - The candle stand and prayer area in the church is for peace and quietness. To assist you in finding the words to say, we have placed a book of prayers to help and guide you.

The Pebble Pool - there is a pebble pool in St David's and several other of the churches in the Mission Area. Drop a pebble in and pause to remember the person it represents. We hold them up for prayer from time to time, with the prayer opposite.

The Pebble Pool prayer is on the left. Why not have your own pebble pool at home to help you remember those who are in need of prayer?

St David's are also great supporters of church member Shelia Bown and her work with Guide Dogs. *Sheila writes:*

The Guide Dogs Annual Spring Fayre held at St David's in March raised a magnificent £694 - our thanks to everyone who supported it.

There are more events in May:

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th May - Fairhaven Christian Hotel (3 Craig-y-Don Parade) are opening as a tea room from 11 am to 5 pm each day, serving light lunches and snacks, cakes etc. All proceeds towards naming a Guide Dog Puppy. For more information phone Paula on 01492 878447.

Monday 14th May - Quiz Night 7.30 pm at Afon Conwy (Brewers Fayre). £2.50 entrance - cash prize for the winning team!

Tuesday 29th May - Coffee Morning at St John's Methodist Church, Mostyn Street, from 10 to 12 noon. All proceeds to the local branch of Guide Dog Cymru.

More information from Sheila 01492 875098



Fancy an afternoon tea and a friendly chat?

Join us in St David's Church Hall on
Thursday 3rd May
(and every first Thursday in the month)
from 2-to 3.30 pm

£3 per person – pay on the door

Know of someone who would like to come and needs picking up? Lifts can be arranged. If you know someone who is housebound, a plate can be delivered to them at home.

More details from Ann Beardmore
Tel: 07872 933 926



Pictured above: Carters yn y cegin.....
Noel and Wendy take their turn at staffing the Thursday coffee morning at St Paul's.

St David's Ladies Fellowship

Did Rev Robin Green hear a voice calling his name, which changed his life forever? That was one of the things that the St David's Ladies Fellowship heard at a recent meeting.

Robin is well known to St David's as a regular in the congregation, and where he sometimes celebrates services. His talk, entitled "The Road FROM Wigan Pier", reflected his origins in Lancashire. He explained that when he was about 14 or 15, still attending school, he was asked to join a Bible study class. One evening at the class he heard a voice call his name, even though no-one had actually called him.

It was a calling that he felt again that summer, and joined an organisation called The Church Army, where he met his wife Joy. (They were not permitted to get married for three years.)

Later, with two children, they left the Church Army and moved to Warrington where Robin spent evenings and weekends assisting in the church there, before moving to St Albans where their third child was born, and where Robin was a Reader for 20 years.

They decided that they did not want to retire down south, and came to North Wales where he became ordained, and he and Joy are active members of the church family in our Mission Area.

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



Pictured above: Spring daffodils in the churchyard at St Cystennin's.

St Paul's, Craig-y-Don

Chris Dearden and Philip Evans write:

Did you plan to come to St Paul's on Easter Sunday morning, but didn't make it? You could have been the person who took us into triple figures. There were 99 people in church for the Easter communion service, so we've been joking with a few people who were away that they could have been the hundredth.

But more important was the atmosphere in church. Someone commented afterwards: "it was a wonderful service, such a warm atmosphere, found it so uplifting." It's very difficult to know what creates a pleasant atmosphere, but perhaps it came at least in part from the hard work that many people had put in to making the church look so fine for the occasion. Brass had been polished, flowers filled the window sills and the pedestals, altar linen starched for ironed, music rehearsed and special cakes prepared for the tea and coffee afterwards. With so much energy and enthusiasm going into the day, the positivity must surely have also come across in the way people chatted and wished each other happy Easter. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a special occasion.

The busy period hasn't stopped with Easter, however. Nick Davies from St Cystennin's - who's also a stone mason - has been on site repointing the window sills. It's a first step to try and reduce the draughts getting into the church, keep the heating bills down and keep the fabric of the

building in good order for the future. Our next job will be to follow up on the AGM vote - at the Easter vestry we gave the congregation chance to choose what our next building project should be. The result was actually a tie between improving the sound system and improving the car park, so we'll be making our best efforts to try and do both.

We've also managed to host an entire bench of bishops! The Governing Body of the Church in Wales held its conference in Llandudno in early April, and the Archbishop of Wales celebrated a communion service in St Paul's with the Bishop of Bangor giving the sermon.

St Paul's has also seen a few comings and goings over the last few weeks. We've said farewell to Emily Hillman, who's done some sterling work as our family officer since autumn last year, and is now moving on to new challenges. May will also see us saying goodbye to Jamie Naylor, deputy director of music, who's achieved some amazing results in raising standards in the choir in the last few months. Both posts will be advertised and filled in the near future.

St Hilary's, Llanrhos

Our **Cuppa Craft and Chat** sessions, at 2.30 pm on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the Llanrhos Schoolroom are going well and we have welcomed some new faces. All welcome, whether you have craft work to bring or not.



St Hilary's Church, Llanrhos
invites you to join them
to celebrate the Royal Wedding
with

LUNCH

Sunday 20th May
12.30 pm Llanrhos Old Schoolroom
Tickets £5 from Doreen 585127



WINE TASTING EVENING

Friday June 8th

with Marcus Wyn Robinson



7.30 pm in Llanrhos Old Schoolroom

Tickets £12 from Doreen Owen 01492 585127

Bring your friends and neighbours for what should be a fun evening, whether you are a connoisseur of fine wine or not!

St Ffraid's Church House

Glan Conwy

Coffee Stop

Every Thursday

10-11.30 am

All welcome



Pictured above: St Paul's doesn't have many secret passages or hidden staircases for a church of its size. But an interesting discovery was made at the start of spring: Victorian ventilation shafts in each window sill. These wooden boxes could be opened and shut to allow air in and out of the church. They haven't been used for decades, and the mortar had crumbled around them, leaving **draughts** coming in. A stone mason has now repointed the window sills and put airtight covers on the ventilation boxes to better control the draughts.

St Michael & All Angels, Llandudno Junction

Fellowship: The Ladies Fellowship met on 15th February to discuss the future of the group and for different members to take charge of organising the various months' programmes. The March meeting was a trip to the cinema, and the next few months will see a VERY FUNNY talk by Ian Turner (collection in support of cancer charities) in April, and May will see Steven Moore from the local St John Ambulance give a talk and demonstration on First Aid (collection for St John Ambulance). The final meeting before the summer break will be a trip to Conwy and a meal.

Singing for Breathing: March saw a new innovation from Conwy Council Well-Being initiative. On Tuesday mornings a group met for 'Singing for Breathing' – relaxed friendly sessions especially suitable for people living with respiratory conditions – singing ability not necessary! Another example of St Michael's making itself a venue to serve the community.

A Bit of St Michael's History: One of the houses in Glyn y Marl Road has been up for sale, and the estate agent brought along some old documents relating to St Michael's that he had found. There was a souvenir programme of the consecration on 11th April 1929 featuring splendid photographs of the Archbishop of Wales and the then Rector Rev J.L. Williams. The deanery magazine for April 1932 shows that St Michael's had just been licensed for the solemnisation of marriages, and wondered who would be the first couple to get married there! Interestingly, there seems to have been a great deal of co-operation between St Michael's and All Saints, Deganwy – plus ça change! Similarly, there was much anguish about the lack of giving, especially from Sunday School members. The February 1932 magazine says 'Fully 40% who attend give nothing the year round. We wonder if parents know that! Yet all are welcomed to the enjoyment of the treats that are provided. To say the least, this is surely not quite "playing the game". We find it distasteful to have to mention these things ...' So talk about 'giving' is not a modern phenomenon, it seems!

Fifth Sunday: April 29th was another '5th Sunday'. It has become the custom to offer a different Eucharistic service on these 5th Sundays at both St Michael's and All Saints. In the past the service has been based on one from the Iona Community and has been well received. In April there was a change, and the service was 'The Book of Common Prayer' service (the '1662' service) – for some, it will have brought back memories of the service they would have known in their youth, for others it will have opened their eyes to the heritage of the Anglican church, and for others they may have thanked God that things have changed over the last thirty years or so! Maybe some feedback on experiences next time ...!

Bible Briefs

The Ten Plagues of Egypt

Tuesday 1st May, 7.30 pm, Llanrhos School Room.

The account from the Book of Exodus

THE MOTHERS' UNION

All Saints Branch

Daphne Laight writes:

We had a variety of 'Children in the Bible' when members spoke about their choice, including David, Samuel, Little Captive maid, Elisha, Jesus, and Moses, and ending with a short quiz. Spare 'World Day of Prayer' service leaflets were brought for those who had not been at the service, reminding us "All God's Creation is Very Good" and we must take care of and look after it. Our closing social will be 8th May - details later. Corporate communion is 2nd May at 10 am. We wish all members, friends and families a warm enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you in the autumn. Please remember our housebound members in your prayers - perhaps with a note or phone call.

St Paul's Craig-y-Don Branch



Pictured left:
Joan and
Michael
Winwood
of the Prison
Fellowship

COULD YOU BE A CHRISTMAS ANGEL?

COULD YOU WRITE A LETTER?

In April we heard from Joan and Michael Winwood of the Prison Fellowship about their work in HMP Berwyn, the new 'super' prison near Wrexham. Working with the prison philosophy of rehabilitation and valuing the individual, the PF supports the prison chaplaincy and has three programmes that help prisoners in various ways. Ones that we can help with are Angel Tree, that sends Christmas presents to prisoners' children, and Letter Link where volunteers write letters that provide hope and care for isolated prisoners. We hope to encourage church members to join us in supporting and participating in these schemes - full training and support is given. Contact Ann Clutton or the Winwoods (01978 861640) if you would like to know more.



Trip to Port Sunlight Saturday 7th July

Cost £14 including entrance to Soap Museum

The bus will leave from the following places on the Saturday morning
(Car parking is available at all locations):

St Paul’s Church, Craig y Don at 9.15 am

St Hilary’s Cemetery Gates bus stop at 9.25 am

Bus stop outside closed Library in Deganwy at 9.30 am

(Car parking outside All Saints Church)

We will be back in Llandudno no later than 6.00 pm

Please return this booking slip by 30th May at the latest either to Church Wardens in your church or to Mandy in the Parish Office, St David’s Church, Penrhyn Beach East, Penrhyn Bay, Llandudno, LL30 3NT.

If paying by cash, please put it in envelope with your booking form and give to churchwardens. Cheques should be made payable to “Aberconwy Mission Area”.

Name:.....

Phone No:..... **Email:**.....

Pick up point: **St Paul’s Craig y Don**
 St Hilary’s, Llanrhos
 Library in Deganwy

A REQUEST FROM THE EDITORS:

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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