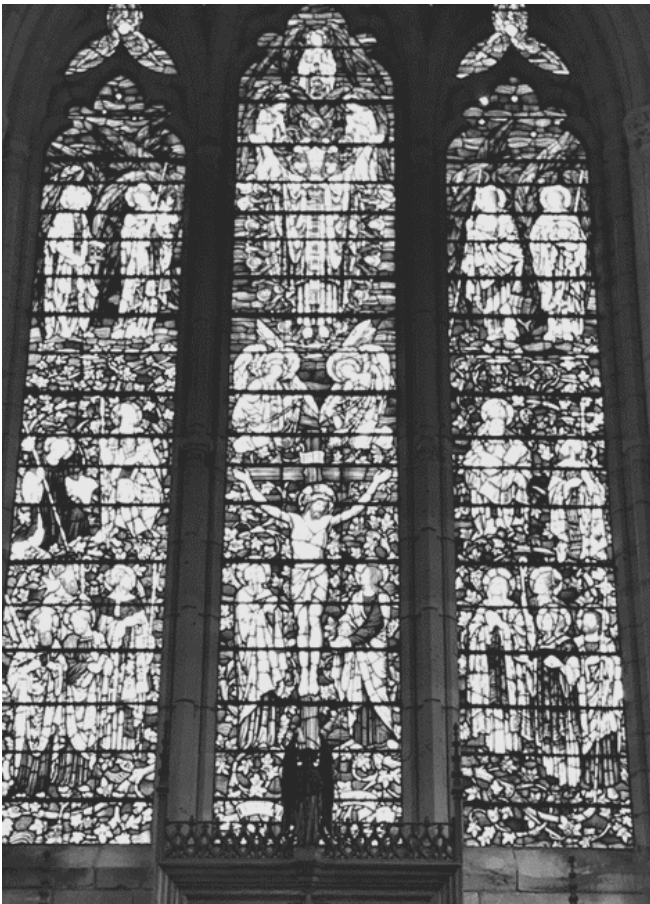


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St Hilary's, Llanrhos • St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew • St Martin's, Eglwysbach
St Michael's, Llandudno Junction • St Paul's, Craig-y-Don

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Faith in Stained Glass



Above: The East window in St Paul's Church, Craig-y-Don cost £512 and was dedicated by the Bishop of St Asaph on Sunday August 10th 1913. It was designed and installed by Messrs James Powell & Sons of London.

The Revd. Noel Carter writes:

Our churches are wonderful places to sit and reflect. I spent some time in St Paul's Church in Craig-y-Don at their recent Art, Craft and Music Fair on the Extravaganza weekend at the start of May. I was struck afresh by the wonderful East Window (pictured above) which strikingly chronicles the early history of the church.

On the centre panel the cross grows out of the 'Tree of Life'. On either side of Christ on the cross stand Mary and John, the Beloved Disciple. Looking on from the left bottom panel are St Peter and St Paul and behind them we see two Bishops - St James the Apostle, the first Bishop of Jerusalem and St David, the first Bishop of Wales. The window has a real mission feel as it moves from the biblical figures central to the Good News of Jesus, to those who brought the Christian Faith to the British Isles. Those great Celtic saints, Columba and Aidan, who journeyed from Iona and Lindisfarne to bring Christianity to the North of these Islands. In the top right we see St Augustine and St Wilfred who brought the Christian Faith to the south of England. The story of the window finishes as you look at the lower right corner and see the martyrs – Stephen, St Alban and nearer to home St Winifred of Holywell. The window is truly inspirational as it chronicles the past, but it also points to the future. The church grew as a result of the efforts and vision of just a small number of people, who were brave enough to tell other about Jesus. Our challenge is to follow in their footsteps.

The Revd Juliet Fraser - Juliet will be licensed as a Curate in the Aberconwy Mission Area at Esgobty in St Asaph on the 8th July and her first Sunday will be on the 15th July. During the Summer there will be opportunities to welcome Juliet to all the churches in our Mission Area. Juliet writes on page 5.

“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 at 10.30 am 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

CLERGY:	Rev Noel Carter (Mission Area Leader) 01492 339521 Rev Dr Godfrey Chigumira 01492 543706 Rev Sarah Hildreth-Osborn Rev Peter Walker 01492 583579	(For other contact details and online addresses - please see inside back cover)
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		Services	Other events
Feast of the Visitation	1	HE 10 am St D Holy Matrimony 11 am St G	
Saturday	2	Holy Matrimony 1.30 pm St H	Summer Brass 7.30 pm St P
SUNDAY	3	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H & St M Service of Licensing and welcome for Revds Andrew Sully and Mary Stallard 6 pm at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno	
Monday	4		Dementia Café 10.30-12.30 pm AS
Tuesday	5		Gardening evening 6.30 pm St H Bible Briefs 7.30 pm Llanrhos Schoolroom
Wednesday	6	HE 10 am AS	
Thursday	7	HE 10.30 am St P	MAGAZINE COPY DATE
Friday	8	HE 10 am St D	Wine Tasting Evening 7.30 pm Llanrhos Schoolroom
Saturday	9		Theology for Life Course introduction 10.30 am, All Saints, Southsea, Wrexham
SUNDAY	10	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H; Family Service 4 pm St P	
Monday	11		St P Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
Tuesday	12		Cuppa, crafts and chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	13	HE 10 am AS	Festival of well-loved Hymns 7 pm St C
Thursday	14	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	15	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	16	Holy Matrimony 1 pm AS	
PENTECOST	17	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm AS	
Monday	18		
Tuesday	19	Open Table Service 7 pm St G	
Wednesday	20	HE 10 am AS	
Thursday	21	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	22	HE 10 am St D	Cor Meibion Maelgwn Concert 7.30 pm AS
Saturday	23		
SUNDAY	24	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St P Peace Service - Our Lady Star of the Sea RC church	
Monday	25		St P Summer Afternoon Tea 2.30 pm
Tuesday	26		Cuppa, crafts and chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	27	HE 10 am AS	
Thursday	28	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	29	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	30	Holy Matrimony 12.30 pm 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

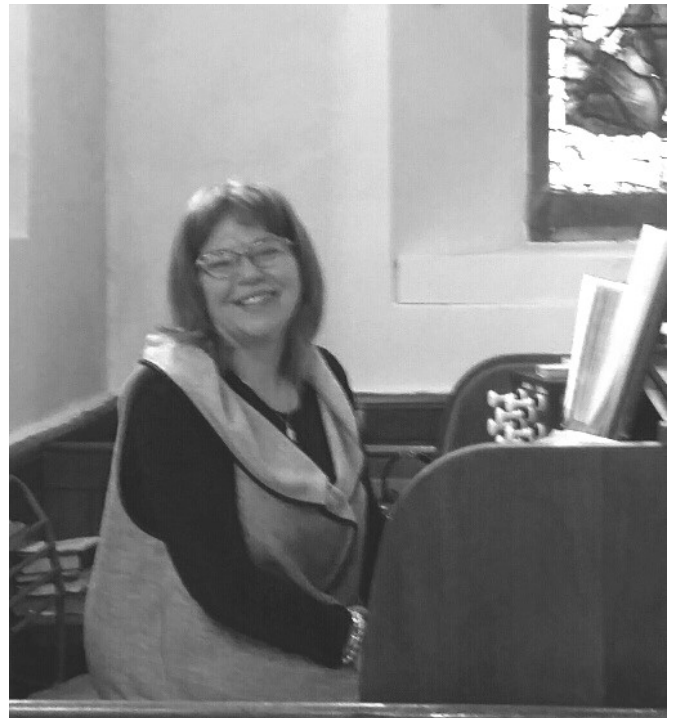
Praying for Growth



We continue to pray for the growth of the church in the Aberconwy Mission Area.

Please pray for our clergy and leaders, and particularly for Juliet Fraser as she prepares to join our clergy team in July.

Also please pray for Alexandra Carter, Erin Tomkinson, Camille Davies, and Ella and Aaron Smith, to be welcomed into the church by baptism during June; and for Tyron Probert and Anna Cawthray, Geraint Meares and Lauren Thomas, Ian Eardley and Lisa Thomas, and Daniel Collett and Fleur Porter who are to be married in our churches during June.



Above: Jelena Stepanova settling into her new role of Organist at St Hilary's.

christian aid **Thank you**

Jeanette Bennett-Williams writes:

Thank you to everyone for your support at the Coffee Morning on 19th April, with special thanks to the St. Paul's ladies. We made £231.25 including £66.55 donations - about £40 more than last year. Christian Aid Week will be over by the time you read this so many thanks also to those who took part - more news on this next month.



Conwy Food Bank

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

Dear Supporters

Once again we would like to express our appreciation to all of you who so kindly make donations to the Food Bank. In April we provided 51 parcels, 12 to families including 25 children, 34 to single people and 5 to couples. Most were issued to people who struggle with

Benefits Issues and financial hardship, and the Referral agencies are always very grateful for the help that we give to their clients as they are often in a desperate situation when they receive the food parcel.

Thank you for your continued support and great kindness.

From Everyone at Conwy Food Bank



Pictured left:

Harpist Helen Wynparri was one of many talented musicians who performed at the Arts and Crafts Weekend at St Paul's at the beginning of May. The weekend was very successful, £950 was made for church funds and lots of people came in to see the exhibitions and the church.

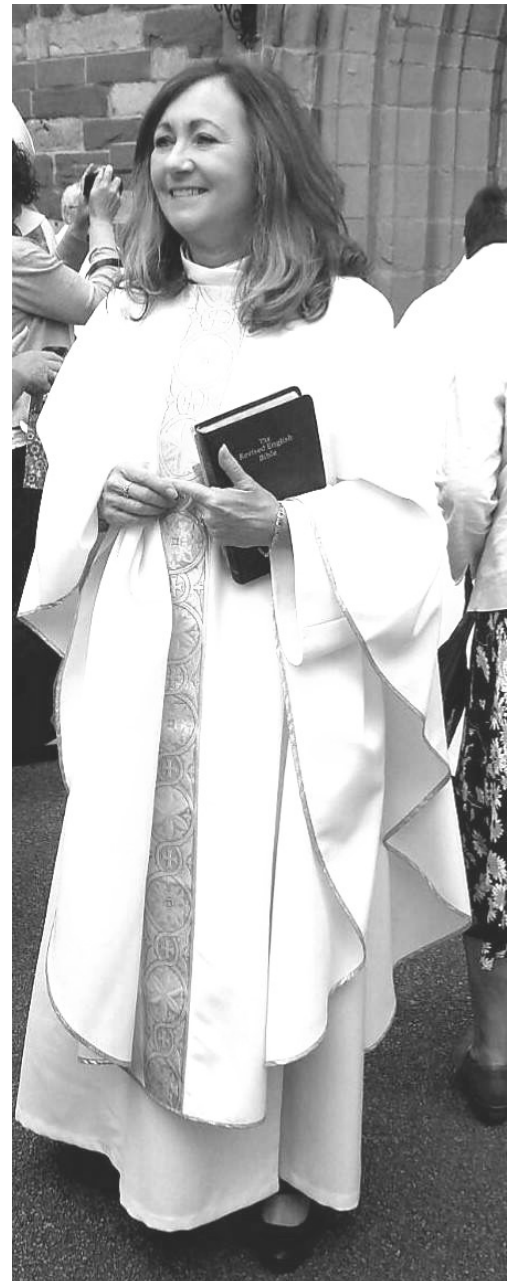
The Revd Juliet Fraser writes:

Well hello Aberconwy Mission Area! Thank you for this opportunity of introducing myself to you, prior to joining you all in July, to complete my Curacy and to join your ministry team. I am, I suppose a 'local' having been brought up in the Conwy area, as is my husband Mark, so we know that we are coming to a lovely part of the Diocese and to people who are well known for their warmth and welcome.

Although I was brought up as a Christian, and had played an active part in church life, my calling to ministry, however, did take me somewhat by surprise. There was no Damascus moment, just that gentle nudge which compels you to follow and tread the path that the Lord lays before your feet. Although I felt called to ordained ministry, I confidently followed the path, knowing that when I came to the place the Lord wanted me to be, I would know the ministry to which God was calling me.

I was ordained Deacon in 2016, (Priested the following year) and began my curacy in Rhyl, where I have had the opportunity as an ordinand and Curate to assist and enable a diversity of worship, prayer, fellowship and study groups, in the church and community.

I feel blessed to have the opportunity of joining you, and working with you to further the mission of the Church in Aberconwy. As we all know, our Diocese is committed to church growth, to spreading the news of the Gospels into our communities, to enable the Holy Spirit to work with us, for us all to be the disciples we are called to be, Christ's body here on earth.



Pictured left:
Baby Carys with
mum Sam and dad
Steve meet Ken and
Ros Holland at St
David's Church,
Penrhyn Bay, just
before Ken celebrated
his 90th birthday on
28th April.



The Theology for Life Course (formerly Exploring Faith)

Would you like to study theology?

Are you interested in exploring your vocation, training for a ministry or just want to find out more about how the insights of academic theology and lived-out faith might inform each other?

Fancy beginning a certificate, diploma or degree programme, or want to take your existing learning to the next level?

Theology for Life programme might be for you. We are setting up new small study groups and there will be groups you can join spread across the Diocese. Or why not set up your own group together in your church or Mission Area? We have an introductory morning at 10 am-12:30 pm at All Saints Church Southsea, Wrexham, LL11 5PG on Saturday 9th June where you can find out more about the course.

Theology for Life (Previously called Exploring Faith) is a programme of theological study undertaken in small groups meeting eight times a term and in Diocesan seminars twice a term. It is designed both to enable church members to deepen their understanding and discover the insights of academic study for themselves and to be one component of the training for those preparing for Reader, Pastor, Evangelist, Youth and Children's and Ordained ministries. It exists to help the whole church learn collaboratively together, valuing the insights that each person brings. A number of our students have begun the course as disciples, deepening their understanding, and have then gone on to reflect on their vocation and the roles they play in the church. Others have simply found that the course has enabled them to better understand their faith and the witness they have in daily life.

The course material is designed to be relevant to the life and faith of church members and is not 'ivory tower' theology with no connection to the real world. The number of angels on a pin-head is not on the syllabus. The course is also intended to stimulate, challenge and ask questions. It does not seek to give definite answers or enforce a particular dogmatic stance. It is open to, and enriched by, all believers of differing churchmanship and theological opinion.

The course is open to all and offers anyone who wishes the chance to study for a recognised University qualification, or perhaps to attend groups without doing assessed work. There is no minimum academic qualification needed to enrol and no age limit. The course will take approximately 6 hours a week (including group meetings and preparatory reading) for non-assessed students and 12+ hours for assessed students (including further reading and assignment work) and so a degree of commitment and dedication from each group member is required to benefit from taking part. You will need basic IT skills, such as being able to use websites, email and type up an essay.

It is designed for those who want to take part in serious (but also, fun, relevant and rewarding!) study and those who are training for licensed or ordained ministry or who are exploring their calling.

You may like to watch the short videos on the website below to get more of a sense of the course - http://www.stpadarns.ac.uk/?page_id=49, and to find out more contact Rev Dr Richard Hainsworth, St Padarn's Tutor richard.hainsworth@stpadarns.ac.uk or 01352 840842.

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
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 9.15 am
St Hilary's Cemetery Gates bus stop 9.25 am
Bus stop outside closed Library in Deganwy
9.30 am (*Parking outside All Saints Church*)

***We will be back in Llandudno
no later than 6.00 pm***

*Booking forms are available in our churches
and should be returned by 10th June - either to
Church Wardens or to Mandy in the Parish
Office, St David's Church, Penrhyn Beach East,*

Bible Briefs

***First Class Post! The Letter to
the Ephesians***

Tuesday 5th June, 7.30 pm
Llanrhos School Room.

This month we will be looking at The Letter to the Ephesians - a bit of background and looking at a few key passages.

Bring your Bible

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.

Leading Intercessions Workshop
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

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

St Hilary's, Llanrhos

Our **Cuppa Craft and Chat** sessions, at 2.30 pm on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, continue. All welcome, whether you have craft work to bring or not.

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!

Gardening sessions

After spring cleaning the inside, there are sessions scheduled to tidy up the churchyard. Please come along at 6.30 pm and help (bring your own tools) if the weather permits, on Tuesday 5th June, Wednesday 4th July, and Monday 6th August.



Above: Ann and Barbara brandish the dusters at the recent spring cleaning session at St Hilary's.



Pictured left:

Barbara Walker (centre) at the receipt of custom at the Arts and Crafts weekend at St Paul's over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend. The church was busy with visitors to the exhibition and also the brass band concert on the Saturday evening as well as the Sunday services.

Don't forget Summer Brass continues - next concert Saturday 2nd June at 7.30 pm

All Saints, Deganwy

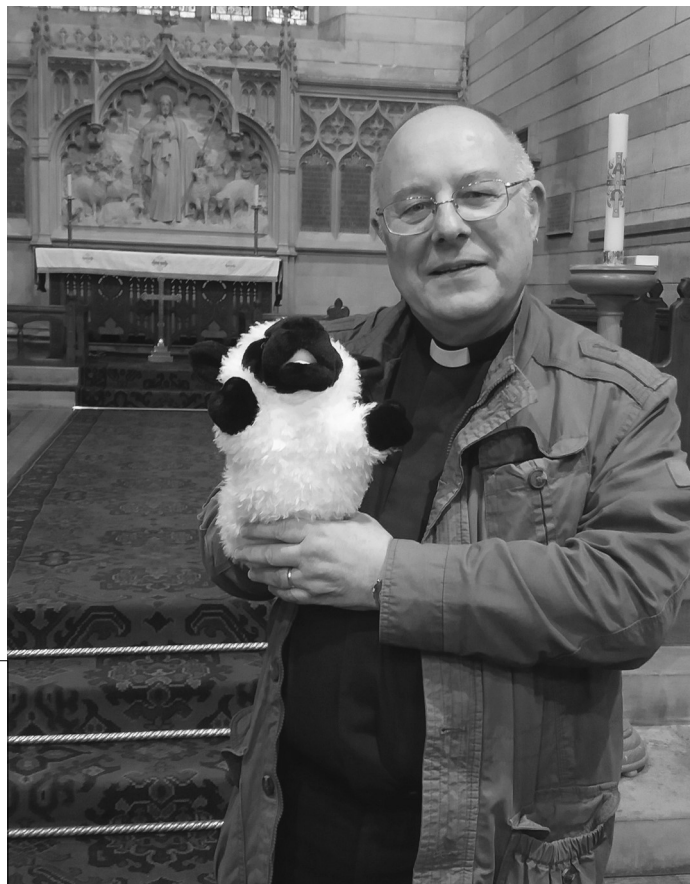
Maelgwn Choir Concert

This concert with soloists will take place in All Saints Church at 7.30 pm on Friday 22 June. The concert will raise funds for the Llanrwst Eisteddfod in 2019. Tickets cost £7 and are available from Bill Chapman 01492 583420.

Bydd **Côr Meibion Maelgwn** ac unawdwyr yn canu yn Eglwys yr Holl Saint am 7.30 yh ar Nos Wener 22 Mehefin i codi arian at yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yn Llanrwst yn 2019. Tocynnau £7 ar gael gan Bill Chapman 01492 583420

Pictured right:

On **Good Shepherd Sunday** the Revd Peter Walker welcomed Baa-rbara to All Saints to help explain the Gospel that day.



St David's, Penrhyn Bay

Fancy an afternoon tea and a friendly chat? Join us in St David's Church Hall on **Thursday 7th June** (and every first Thursday in the month) from 2 to 3.30 pm

£3 per person – pay on the door



If you 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

The May Afternoon Tea was very well supported and we have been able to donate £100 today to the special baby unit in Ysbyty Gwynedd - many thanks to all.

St David's Ladies Fellowship

Anne Rowland writes: At our meeting on 25th April we heard of the sudden death of founder member Jean Marriott - she will be sadly missed. Prayers were said for those suffering as a result of war all over the world, and we also remembered Thelma, in hospital after a fall. This year we are supporting Tear Fund's project to provide toilets in the third world. New Data Protection rules mean that members are asked to sign consent forms to give permission to keep their details on file.

Our speaker was Mrs Marion Rock, who moved here from Bristol last year. Entitled "A Tale of Bookmarks", she talked about and showed us a small part of her collection which she has collected from holidays etc. Originally made of leather, other materials such as silk, linen and card were later introduced. Some are very pretty, some have religious verses. She gave one to each of the audience - we were allowed to choose, which was a difficult task! Our next social event will be a cold buffet lunch at the Cricket Club in Rhos-on-Sea on 27th June.

New mural for St David's

Pictured left: The Revd Godfrey Chigamura dedicates the new mural above the kitchen area at St David's Church, Penrhyn Bay.

See below for the full story.



A new kitchen facility was installed in the recent past at the rear of the church at St David's and has been a great addition to the facilities available for functions and the serving of refreshments after the services on Fridays and Sundays.

However it was always felt that the surrounding area was a little bare as the expanse of wall around the kitchen was plain painted walls. Everyone felt that something was needed to break up the bland area of wall but no one could be certain of what was needed or how to resolve the problem. Coincidentally and at almost the same time, we came across an image which we felt was perfect for a mural - a country scene with the words of Psalm 23 entwined around the mountain, river and fields scenery - and we also became aware of a wall artist who could create the picture we had found on the wall.

We therefore commissioned Jonathon Lloyd from Kinmel Bay to paint the mural and he spent a week on a scaffold tower recreating the image which he has surrounded in a painted window frame in the same shape as that of the existing windows in the Church to give the feel of a view though a window. The end result is a stunning image which is eye catching from every part of the Church and has brightened up the rear of the building to achieve exactly what was required to complete the kitchen project.

We are so grateful to have funded the project with donations/legacy in memory of Ron Jones, Dorothy Evans and Bessie Royal and their names have been discretely included within the mural. We are also very grateful to Jonathon for his talented work. The mural was dedicated as part of the service on Easter Sunday which was a fitting conclusion to the kitchen project which has taken some time to come to fruition.

St Michael & All Angels, Llandudno Junction

Fellowship:

The Ladies Fellowship met in April for a very funny talk by Ian Turner (collection in support of cancer charities). May was led by Steven Moore from the local St John Ambulance Brigade (report next time). The final meeting this month before the summer break will be a trip (by foot or car!) to Conwy and a meal.

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 ('1662'). The

feelings were very positive! For many, it was simply the service with which they had grown up, and everyone had to concentrate rather than work on 'auto-pilot', so it made people think about what they were saying. 'We'd be happy to do it again!' was the overwhelming response!

Car Park:

At long last, the potholes in the car park have been filled, and cars can enter without fear of damaging their tyres or suspension! Our thanks to Darren May for his work – Darren also worked on checking and clearing the roof of St Michael's after the last Quinquennial inspection, and has also undertaken sterling work at All Saints!

THE MOTHERS' UNION



All Saints Branch

Daphne Laight writes:

Mrs Karen Stringer gave us a very interesting and enlightening talk about her life, how she came to be in Penrhyn Bay and about her work in the Mothers' Union as the Diocesan Secretary. Karen also told us why the changes to some new ideas were necessary and questions and discussion followed. A sincere thank you to Karen for giving us her time and for the work she has taken on in the diocese. As the new programme will be discussed in the next few weeks ideas will be welcome also ideas for a stall for the Autumn Fair. The corporate Communion will be at 10 am as usual on 6 June.

St Paul's Craig-y-Don Branch

Pat Hay writes:

It seems to have been a month of cakes! There was the Christian Aid cake stall and coffee on

the 19th April, Coffee morning and cake stall in the Church Hall on the 3rd May, and more cakes for the Craft and Music weekend at the time of the Extravaganza. More lovely food awaited us with the afternoon tea on 14th May, when some of the residents of the EMI nursing home in Craig y Don came to join us for a sing-song (ably led by Phyl and her assistants with Terry Hemuss on the piano). (We'll have to watch our waistlines after all that indulgence. In June we look forward to welcoming a member of the new Lifeboat station to talk to us, so if you want to know how that magnificent new Lifeboat station operates join us at 2 pm on Monday the 11th June. On the 25th of June there will be a Summer Afternoon Tea. - tickets on sale from the beginning of the month at St Paul's. The next big event is the Summer Fair on Saturday 28th July - make a note in your diary, time flies!

St Paul's, Craig-y-Don

Philip Evans & Chris Dearden write:

It's a church warden's job to process statistics, particularly at this time of year when we are busy sending off our annual returns to the Church in Wales central office.

But in among the data from the last year, one set of statistics in particular does stand out – the bank holiday weekend at the start of May. Here are a few of the numbers:

- £1822 raised for church funds and other good causes
- Church open to the public for 25 hours over three days
- Estimated 500 people through the doors

It was a busy weekend with an art and craft exhibition, a brass band concert, a baptism and even a Sunday morning service in there somewhere. What the statistics can't record is the value to St Paul's of simply opening the doors and having people see that the place is open for business.

The weekend also saw the latest in the summer series of brass band concerts featuring Holywell Band raising money for their youth training programme and the St Paul's choral scholar fund. Takings and audience numbers were up on the first concert in April, though there's still work to do to try and develop these concerts and tell more people that they're happening. They take place on the first Saturday of the month at 7.30 pm, and admission is free with retiring collection.

Away from the statistics, we've welcomed Rev Ginny Burton as our new family and community officer. Rev Ginny is well known to people in the Mission Area as she was previously the priest at Glan Conwy until the end of last year.



She's already got stuck in to her new role by kicking off a new project at our church school, Ysgol Bodafon, where the children have begun learning about the stories from the bible through Lego and technology. We have been doing something similar with children from the after-school club at Springfield Day Nurseries across the road for the last year, but working with Ysgol Bodafon also allows us to connect with an older age group.



Pictured on this page:
The new project with our church school, Ysgol Bodafon, to introduce them to bible stories through Lego and technology. In the first session, the children made videos about the wise and foolish builders using Lego and frame-by-frame animation.

Dementia-friendly screenings at Theatr Colwyn

These screenings for people with dementia or memory loss accompanied by family, friends or carers (and also open to the general public) have a relaxed atmosphere so people are welcome to move around, come and go as they please. For more information email theatrcolwyn@conwy.gov.uk or call 01492 577888

June 21st 2 pm **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**
2hrs 46 mins (including interval)

July 12th 2 pm **Cabaret** with Liza Minnelli
2hrs 23 mins (including interval)

St David's Church Hall



**For all Bookings & Enquiries
Ring Jim Lowe 549294**

Mission Area Annual Easter Vestry Meeting

Chris Dearden reports:

Around 30 people were present at the Easter Vestry meeting, which Mission Area Leader the Revd. Noel Carter opened with prayer, asking everyone to think of what they can do to grow their bit of the church.

Ann Harty, Mission Area Treasurer, presented a cashflow summary of the central bank account, explaining that it hadn't been possible to get full sets of church accounts because of problems introducing new accounting software - a steep learning curve for everyone. expenses). Clergy expenses are now being paid by the Diocese, so will be added to the parish share from 2019. Noel Carter said that there would be

tough financial times ahead, as the Diocese has been running a deficit budget in recent years and has wiped out its reserves. This means that from 2019, there could be a large increase in the parish share or cutting the number of priests by 15. He stressed that the Diocese doesn't want to take either option, so is looking at other ways to balance the books.

Dilys Stone gave the Electoral Roll report. The roll has been completely re-done to reflect the fact that Aberconwy Mission Area is a new entity, and the forms also had a consent section to comply with new data protection laws. There were 317 on the roll at time of reporting, which is significantly down from previously, mainly because not everyone had yet returned forms.

All officers of the Mission Area were re-elected; Barry Ainge and Tesni Hadwin as Wardens, Ann

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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Harty as Treasurer, Mary Pritchard and Ann Milne as Secretaries. The Finance and Buildings committees will be meeting shortly and are due to meet around three times in the year.

Noel Carter reported on the challenges ahead; he said that the transition from parishes and benefices to mission areas had meant tough times for people across the Diocese. People were beginning to understand that a mission area was not just a simple administrative equivalent of a deanery, but was intended to help and promote growth in the church. He said that one of the challenges ahead was money - it currently costs £12/week for someone just to sit in our pews. In addition, some churches had struggled to use the new data development system for their financial reports.

But he said the greatest challenge was growth. Numbers were continuing to fall in some churches, though there are signs that growth is starting to happen around the Mission Area. Many people have been taking the "Leading Your Church Into Growth" course, and ideas were starting to flow from this. The

bishop has challenged all churches in the Diocese to grow by 10% in 2018 (though it was unclear how we quantify this). Noel Carter said that all churches are capable of growth, but we have to work for it.

He continued by saying that the Revd Ginny Burton had retired in 2017 and that had meant changes to service patterns in the Conwy Valley; the Revd Sarah Hildreth-Osborn was now due to be remaining on sick leave until July, and there would be continuing discussions with those churches affected to look at how we cover her absence.

Noel Carter concluded by saying that it was easy to get despondent, but there are huge grounds for confidence, and it was now up to us to move things forward. His three themes going ahead - communications are important, and publicity is important..... but prayer is also essential.

He thanked everyone who has helped keep the Aberconwy Mission Area functioning during the year, from church and mission area officials to lay readers and retired clergy.



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