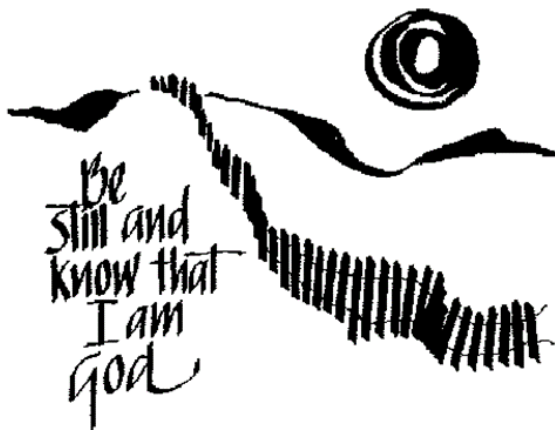


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St Michael's, Llandudno Junction • St Paul's, Craig-y-Don

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The sound of silence



The Revd. Noel Carter writes:

I've been encouraged by the response to a couple of services at St Hilary's recently. The service on the last Sunday in July was entitled, "An Ordinary Day" and it was appreciated, not so much for its content, but because it contained a good deal of silence.

Our services are often quite noisy affairs. Words are spoken, sung, whispered, prayed, even shouted. Music raises the spirits and the sound levels. During rare moments of silent prayer you can hear stifled coughing, the rustling of Pew News sheets or an occasional thud as a stray hymn book hits the floor. Rarely is a moment of pure silence encountered.

Silence is essential for the spiritual life and it has been good to realise that silence is valued in our services. It is that silence that can be the space that allows God into our lives. There is a story about the Desert Father, Abbot Arsenius, who prayed to the Lord "Lead me to salvation." A voice answered him, saying, "Be silent!". Moses met God in the silence on Mt. Sinai, and Elijah discovered that God was not found in noise and

activity, but in "a still small voice of calm". Jesus, too, knew the power God found in the silence. He prepared for his ministry in the quiet of the desert and regularly found sustenance in quiet places.

There is a richness to be experienced in the depths of silence that we so often miss. Silence is not an easy thing; it is not part of everyday life. We live in a noisy world and it is often difficult to hear what God is saying to us. Is it often difficult to hear God's Word to us amidst the noise of our lives?

Silence cannot be hurried or forced, but like any new skill, it can be practiced. The author Morton Kelsey writes, silence is "like eating an artichoke. It must be done one leaf at a time, down to the heart. If you try to take it in a single bite, all you get is a mouthful of thistles."

There seems to be a hunger for more than fleeting silence in our worship. I hope that all our congregations will feel able to explore the riches that silence can bring in to our worship and riches that this will bring to our lives.



Above: Baby Angela Chigumira is welcomed into the church family by baptism at St David's church in July, as proud parents Melissa and Godfrey look on..

"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

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**—see calendar opposite

HOLY EUCHARIST also on **Wednesdays 10 am** at All Saints, **Thursdays 10.30 am** at St Paul's, **Fridays 10 am** at St David's

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

Storytime Café - for pre-school children and their carers, 10.30 am every Wednesday at St Paul'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) Contact 01492 585063 for more information

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) Lunches - every 1st Wednesday at 12.15 pm in St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew

CLERGY:	Rev Noel Carter (Mission Area Leader) 01492 339521 Rev Dr Godfrey Chigumira 01492 543706 Rev Juliet Fraser 01492 596655 Rev Sarah Hildreth-Osborn 01492 640032 Rev Peter Walker 01492 583579	(For other contact details and online addresses - please see inside back cover)
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		Services	Other events
Saturday	1		Summer Brass 7.30 pm St P
SUNDAY	2	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE	
Monday	3		Dementia Café, 10.30-12.30 pm AS
Tuesday	4		
Wednesday	5	HE 10 am AS	
Thursday	6	HE 10.30 am St P	Afternoon Tea 2-3.30 pm St D
Friday	7	HE 10 am St D	MAGAZINE COPY DATE
Saturday	8		Open Church St H 10.30-3.30 pm
SUNDAY	9	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H; Family Service 4 pm St P	
Monday	10	Holy Matrimony 11.30 am St M	St P St Mothers' Union, 2.30 pm
Tuesday	11		Cuppa, crafts and chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room Bible Briefs 7.30 pm at The Rectory
Wednesday	12	HE 10 am AS Storytime Café - 10.30 am St Paul's	
Thursday	13	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	14	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	15		Men's Prayer Breakfast 9.00 am St P Open Church AS 10.30-3.30 pm and St C 10-4 pm
SUNDAY	16	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - HARVEST FESTIVAL at St D & St K; Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H	
Monday	17		
Tuesday	18	Open Table Service 7 pm St G	St Hilary's Fellowship 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	19	HE 10 am AS Storytime Café - 10.30 am St Paul's Prayer Focus 2-4 pm St G	Leading Intercessions Workshop 7.30 pm St H
Thursday	20	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	21	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	22		
SUNDAY	23	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - HARVEST FESTIVAL at AS & St M; Pet Service <u>10.30 am</u> St C (no 9.30 service); Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H & St M	
Monday	24		St P St Mothers' Union, 2.30 pm
Tuesday	25		Cuppa, crafts and chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	26	HE 10 am AS Storytime Café - 10.30 am St Paul's	Mission Area Conference 7.30 pm AS
Thursday	27	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	28	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	29		
SUNDAY	30	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE—HARVEST FESTIVAL at St Ma, St Ff & St G; HE with Ministry of Healing St M & AS; Morning Worship 11 am at St D; Joint Service for St C & St K 10.30 at St K	

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

What is going on in the Mission Area?

The Revd Juliet Fraser writes:

Hello to all in the Aber Conwy Mission Area! I must begin by expressing my thanks to you all for the warm welcome that has been extended to me as I begin my ministry with you. As you know I have been trying to get around to meeting as many of you as possible and discovering what is going on in the Mission Area, which is a rich diversity of worship and fellowship. I look forward to really getting to know you all in the coming months and being a part of the life and service of our churches, which in many individual ways are living out the gospel message, with each other and in our wider communities.

It is a pleasure to be submitting my first article to the parish magazine which is, in some ways I guess, a window of the church, a means of looking in and seeing what we are all about. I hope then anyone reading it should be encouraged by the continuing commitment to be the body of Christ in our churches and beyond. I would also like to share the following short reflection with you:

Two young girls were lined up in the cafeteria of their junior school at break time waiting to help themselves to whatever drink and snack was on offer that morning - the first plate contained apples with a note next to it saying 'take only one - God is watching you'; the second plate contained cookies - but there was no note. Consequently, one of the little girls said to the other - 'I think we can have as many of these as we want - after all God is busy watching the apples'!

Of course we know that is, thankfully, not true for God is everywhere, all the time, he is a constant presence. It is a mysterious, glorious presence on which we can always depend, even in this ever-changing world we can be assured that God does not change - why should he? - he is perfect after all, which is more than can be said for our much troubled world. His is a presence that watches, listens, heals, sits with us, walks with us, a presence that shares our

laughter and our tears. It refreshes us like nothing else possibly can, with living water, and nourishes us like nothing else can (and yes, that does include cookies!). This is such a great comfort, and such a great message - one that is simply too good to keep to ourselves.

And that is where we all come in, for walking in the presence of God we can achieve more than we could ever do alone. Accepting God's ever-present grace and love we can reflect this as we go about our day to day lives, as we endeavour to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Let us pray that the worship and work that is being undertaken in our churches will reflect the aims of our ministry and discipleship, and that others may be moved and want to learn more about how they too can be in relationship with Christ. May we be encouraged by the gifts, skills and blessing we receive through our Lord, and use them generously in service. Amen



The Revd Juliet Fraser at St Cystennin's for the July joint service with St Katherine's. (Juliet and her husband Mark were married at St Cystennin's a few years ago.)

Bible Briefs

Bible Briefs in September will take place on **Tuesday 11th September** at 7.30 pm at The Rectory, 8 Llys Helyg, Deganwy, LL31 9BN. During the Autumn we will be looking at another of Paul's letters – the letter to the Romans.



The Epistle to the Romans is the longest of Paul's letters and is regarded by many people as his greatest. The letter contains his

most complete explanation of the doctrine of justification by faith in Jesus Christ. Come and find out more.



9.00 am in St Paul's Church, Craig Y Don

Saturday 15th September

Breakfast, fellowship and prayer time

Bacon sandwiches and vegetarian menu

Harvest Festival

This year, as we join together for our Harvest Thanksgiving services, we are asked to remember the profound effect the weather has been having on UK agriculture. The 'Beast from the East' brought snow when many farmers were in the middle of lambing. There was a shortage of grazing and hundreds of sheep and cattle were killed by the snow. Many crops were sown late or had growth affected by the cold temperatures. The prolonged dry period has led to a lack of grass so farmers are feeding livestock at a time when they would normally be grazing, and also struggled to water them. Many have been unable to make the normal quantity of silage for next winter and bedding straw is also likely to be in short supply. Prices of these will rise, increasing the financial pressure on farmers. In the arable sector crop

yields are variable and whilst quality may be good, yields are often disappointing.

Please pray for the farming community.

Loving God, we give thanks for our farmers and the food that they grow.

We remember those who are concerned about crop yields and prices, livestock and feed.

Give them a sense of your peace.

Help us always to value the food we eat and not take it for granted.

In Jesus Name, Amen.



Above: Emergency water supplies are brought in for the cows in the fields.

Below: Harvesting in dry and dusty conditions.



Harvest will be celebrated at our churches as follows:

- All Saints** - Sunday 23rd September 11 am
- St Cystennin** - Sunday 21st October 9.30 am
- St David** - Sunday 16th September 11 am
- St Ffraid** - Sunday 30th September 11.15 am
- St Grwst** - Sunday 30th September 4 pm
- St Hilary** - Sunday 7th October 11 am
- St Katherine** - Sunday 16th September 11 am
- St Martin** - Sunday 30th September 9.30 am
- St Michael** - Sunday 23rd September 9.30 am
- St Paul** - Sunday 14th October 9.45 am & 4 pm

We welcome gifts of tinned and non perishable food items for Conwy Food Bank; baby nappies, toiletries and clothes for Aberconwy Domestic Abuse Service ; cash donations on the plate to each Church's nominated charity

The START! Course

The START! Course - for those new to the Christian faith - begins on **Tuesday 9th October at 7.30 pm in Llanrhos School Room.**

The START! Course introduces Christianity through six DVD based interactive sessions. The START! Course makes no assumptions about people's background or experience or knowledge of Christianity or the church. It really does start from scratch.

Each session lasts about 90 minutes and is based around short, lively DVD programmes - two per session. Down-to-earth interviews and settings including Blackpool beach, a fun fair, shopping centre and a junk yard prompt lively discussion. There's time to chat, things to do and space for reflection - all in a style that aims to be honest and enjoyable.

As well as those who want to know more about Christianity, START! is for baptism families, people preparing for marriage, bereaved families, parents of children and teenagers and those who are new to the church. It can just be a refresher course for anyone in our congregations.

INTERCESSION

Leading Intercessions

Workshop

Wednesday 19th September at 7.30 pm
in St Hilary's Church, Llanrhos

This a a workshop for anyone who leads or would like to lead intercessions in church services in our Mission Area. It will give practical guidance on how to prepare intercessions as well as looking at how the Church's year is reflected in our prayers in church.

Mission Area Conference

Next meeting - **Wednesday 26th September at 7.30 pm** in All Saints Church, Deganwy.

Praying for Growth

We continue to pray for the growth of the church in the Aberconwy Mission Area - and there are encouraging signs in some of our churches.

This month **St Grwst's Llanrwst will be open** for prayer for the growth of the church in our Mission Area on **Wednesday 19th September between 2 and 4 pm.**

Pop in for ten minutes or two hours and join in with this important ministry of prayer.



Please pray also for our clergy and leaders, and for all our congregations, that they may be strengthened and encouraged.

Also please pray for Beau Hill Roberts, Ralphy Thomas, Finlay James Eastwood and Gracie Lloyd Gallina, to be welcomed into the church by baptism during September; for Angela Chigamura who was baptised in July; and for Alex De Jonghe and Carys Jones who are to be married during September.



Above: A peaceful Angela Chigamura, welcomed into the church family by baptism at St David's.

Right:

A special christening cake for Angela.



Remember that all are welcome to events in the Mission Area. It is important that we get to know each other so that we can strengthen the church family and work together to show forth the love of God and the good news of Jesus Christ.

Events resuming in September after the summer break include: (times etc. on inside front cover)

Julian Group - Monday 3rd
CAMEO lunch at St Katherine's -
Wednesday 5th
Evening Koinonia - Thursday 6th
Family Service at St Paul's - Sunday 9th
St Katherine's Bible Study - Monday 10th
Morning Koinonia - Wednesday 12th
Coffee mornings at St Paul's - Thursday 13th
Cuppa & Crafts at St Hilary's - Tuesday 11th



OPEN DAYS

Saturday 8th September

- St Hilary's Church, Llanrhos

A "Heritage Open Day" when everyone is invited to visit the church and its peaceful surroundings and learn about its rich history. Anyone interested and possibly researching their family tree will be able to view the church records. Church open 10.30 am to 3.30 pm.

We have been researching those people of Llanrhos Parish who gave their lives for their country and are buried or remembered in our churchyard. Some of their stories will be available for people to read and we would appreciate any additional information, family, friends etc and where they resided to complete our research.

We will be holding a special Remembrance day on the 3rd November where a complete list of the war heroes will be read out. Any information would be greatly appreciated and sent to: don@snowdon.plus.com

Saturday 15th September

- St Cystennin's Church, Mochdre

The Church will be open from 10 am to 4 pm, celebrating the history of this Grade 2 listed building and ancient Christian site, and ongoing worship in this peaceful setting.

Come and see the Medieval stained glass panels (restored by a Heritage Lottery Fund grant), booklets and a gift to take away. See the churchyard gardens that Michael has been working hard on and search for family graves. Copies of church records (baptisms, weddings, burials) dating from 1600's will be on display for searching. As usual during open day there will be lovely refreshments, produce, Betty's excellent jams and chutneys. Dogs most welcome too. The church is on walking and cycling routes and has a toilet. There are benches in the churchyard to sit for quiet time and prayer.



Funding raised by
The National Lottery
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**Cyllid a godwyd gan
Y Loteri Genedlaethol**
ac a ddyfarnwyd gan Gronfa Dreftadaeth y Loteri

Saturday 15th September

- All Saints Church, Deganwye

The Church will be open from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm, Copies of church records - baptisms, weddings, burials - will be on display. (The church has a toilet and a kitchen for refreshments.) Come and visit this lovely church, once a local landmark but now almost hidden by recent building developments.



Above: The tower of All Saints Church, Deganwye, showing the cockerel weathervane before its recent descent - see story on page 11.



St Cystennin's Church, Mochdre PET SERVICE

Sunday 23rd
September
10.30 a.m.

A lovely service for all ages of thanksgiving for our pets

All Welcome

Please bring pets in a cage or on a lead.

(There is no 9.30 service on this Sunday)

ST MICHAEL'S, LLANDUDNO JUNCTION, AND ALL SAINTS DEGANWY

On Sunday 23rd September St Michael's and All Saints will both be holding All-Age Harvest Festival services at the usual times.

Sunday 30th September is a 'Fifth Sunday' and both St Michael's and All Saints will be holding a **HOLY EUCHARIST WITH MINISTRY OF HEALING** - this will include anointing with Holy Oil for those who wish receive this. The services will be at the usual Sunday times.

ST PAUL'S, CRAIG-Y-DON

"It's September – Here We Go Again!"

The Revd Ginny Burton, Family and Community Officer, writes:

Not another Abba songs movie, but the theme for the first of our new Family Services in St Paul's Church! September is part of the yearly cycle, but very much a time of new beginnings. For many children it means a new school or class, for some adults a new course or job, for all of us new faces, new friends and perhaps more than a little anxiety?

Our **Family Services**, to be held on the second Sunday in every month at 4 pm, will aim to connect with families in our community and provide a sacred space where their concerns are taken seriously, where they are listened to, and where there is the real possibility of encounter with the God who loves them and cares for them at every point in their lives.

On 9th September we shall gather to give thanks to God for all that is good, to bring to God the things we are worried about - and find a secret that will help us to embrace the changes we face.

Our other Creative Church activities continue to develop. September also sees the first of our **"Storytime Café"** sessions for pre-school children and their carers. If you know of anyone caring for a young child or children and whom you think would like to join us, please tell them that they will receive a very warm welcome at St Paul's at 10.30 am every Wednesday from 12th September. Good coffee and tea, good stories and good company! We might even find some cake too, if we have volunteers to help with this aspect of the enterprise! If you would like to get involved in this new venture and/or with serving refreshments during the Family Service, please have a word with Noel, Chris Dearden or Ginny Burton. It's such an important part of our mission – and such fun!



Above: The Revd Juliet Fraser prepares for nursery storytime at St Paul's, surrounded by books, and soon to be surrounded by 3 and 4 year olds. The nave altar gets moved to create an area for the children to sit on cushions.

St Ffraid's Church House

Glan Conwy

Coffee Stop

Every Thursday

10-11.30 am

All welcome



THE MOTHERS' UNION

All Saints Branch, Deganwy

Daphne Laight writes:

Our new session starts on September 25th at 2.30 pm in All Saints Church with Holy Eucharist led by the Revd Noel Carter. Friends and non-members are very welcome to join us - tea, biscuits and chat afterwards. New programme available soon. Corporate Communion will be on 5th September at 10 a.m.

We hope everyone has had a good summer and look forward to seeing you all again. We are looking for items to sell on our '50p or £1' Autumn Fair stall please. We sent birthday wishes to Vera Gordon on her 99th birthday in August. She has not been well enough to get to our meetings for a time, but has been a loyal member for well over 15 years and takes a keen interest in all that we are doing.

If you would like to put flowers in church, or give donations towards them, please me for details.

St Ffraid's Branch, Glan Conwy resumes meeting on 11th September at 2 pm, and **St Paul's Branch, Craig-y-Don** opens on 10th September with a meeting led by the Revd. Juliet Fraser, followed by a meeting about "Handbags" on 24th September.



Above: Holywell Band's summer season at St Paul's continues. The monthly brass concerts have now raised over £1,000 to support the young choral scholars in the church choir, and to pay for lessons for young players in the band. Next concert **1st September**.



Conwy Food Bank

Feeding local people in crisis

01492 535626 conwyfoodbank@gmail.com

Owing to high demand recently there are shortages of most items, but especially the following: tinned meat/meat dishes, sugar, jam/marmalade. Any donations will be gratefully received

In July they issued 81 parcels, the highest July total ever, the highest 6-month total and the highest average monthly total. This may explain why stocks are running so low. 17 parcels went to families, involving 38 children, 55 went to single people and 9 to couples.

Please remember the Food Bank when you are doing your weekly shop - there are boxes for donations in all our churches.



Above: Members of the 26th Liverpool Girls Brigade returned to St Paul's in August for their annual summer camp, and joined the congregation for the 9.45 am Sunday service, doing the readings and having a tour of the church afterwards.

Other regular events continue:

AFTERNOON TEA

St David's Church Hall, Penrhyn Bay, on the First Thursday of the month, 2-3.30 pm. £3 per person - pay on the day. *Details from Ann Beardmore 07872 933926*

DEGANWY DEMENTIA CAFÉ

All Saints Church Deganwy from 10.30 - 12.30 pm on the first Monday of each month. **Open to all** and especially those who are living with Dementia, their carers, loved ones and friends.

News from the Mission Area

St Cystennin's, Mochdre

We enjoyed our recent 'fifth Sunday' joint service with St. Katherine's congregation from Bryn Pydew and welcomed the Revd Juliet Fraser, new curate with the Mission Area, to St Cystennin's.

In her sermon about the Feeding of the Five Thousand we were reminded how often, with so little, God can do so much. She encouraged us to offer the individual gifts we have been given, to God, no matter how small. In our small church we all do "muck in" and all have a role to play...but are we using all the gifts we have been given? Please pray that we all use our gifts no matter how small or inadequate they feel.



Above: Coffee and chat at St Cystennin's after the joint service with St Katherine's on 29th July. The next joint service is on Sunday 30th September at 10.30 am at St Katherine's/

Right: The Revd Godfrey Chigumira with daughter Angela, who was also there to meet the congregations.



On the topic of talents and gifts, we still need additional people to be on the rota to play hymns once a month at the Sunday morning service. Contact Lynne. Welcome to Gillian, aged 16 who has starting playing hymns in church recently.

Many thanks to Cantamus Chamber Choir, conducted by Norman Rimmer, for their wonderful music in our Summer Concert, and to Charles Jones for leading the evening. Around £500 and additional gift aid monies were raised for the roof fund. Also thanks to Dilwyn Price and Raymond Styth-Jones for leading our wonderful Hymns evening which raised an additional £150, and to Maurice and Alison for the beautiful framed bookmarks of the Medieval Glass, which were presented to us that night – he came all the way from Manchester to attend. It is displayed in the church porch.

Bird Food donations are needed urgently - sunflower seeds, fat balls, seed mix, peanuts etc. You can drop off at church - open Saturdays 10 -12 (stay for a coffee too) or at the parish office, or bring to Open Day. If you prefer, you can make a donation and we will shop for you.

If you would like to fund flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special event or anniversary please contact Margaret on 01492 533120 to arrange.



<https://www.facebook.com/St.Cystennin/>

St Hilary's, Llanrhos

"Bless this House" Concert

A big thank you to Jelena our organist for all her hard work compiling the programme and the many rehearsal hours she put in with her pupils whose ages ranged from six to sixty six. She even knocked some of the "oldies" from the congregation into shape! Everyone who attended enjoyed the strawberries and bubbly, and a healthy amount was shared between St Hilary's & Llandudno RNLI. **Look out for our next candle-lit concert at Christmas!**

Irene Webster writes:

An event took place in St Hilary's Church on Friday 3rd August, the like of which I have never seen before in my 21 years of attendance there. Our organist, who also teaches music, had arranged a concert by some of her pupils.

We began the evening with strawberries and bubbly - anything Wimbledon can do we can do! Then we had the pleasure of listening to pianists from a very young age up to a very talented teenager, and other instrumentalists included a



Above left: Jelena Stepanova who organised and taught the performers at the concert at St Hilary's Church.

Left and above right: Two of the talented soloists.

violinist, flautist, cornet and trumpet players. After that we heard the beautiful voice of Sarah Bowdley, and then a small choir from St Hilary's led the audience in "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God", followed by their rendition of "One more step along the world I go". To conclude David Kent on trumpet and the choir performed "Bless this House".

The Concert followed on from the very successful Strawberry Tea in July. There were over thirty there, who had to tackle a mind-bendingly devious quiz before they could sample the delights of beautifully presented scones, strawberries and cream. Together with the raffle £150 was raised for church funds, and a good time was had by all.

Thanks to all who took part and who helped to make these events so successful and enjoyable. We look forward to more in the future.

All Saints, Deganwy

Frank Prescott writes:

The Descent of the Cockerel Weathervane

Alas, after one hundred and twenty years at the top of All Saints Church clock tower the cockerel weathervane, which also doubled up as a lightning conductor, has flown so to speak. Following a terrible storm in October last year and another in February this year, it was severely weakened and began to tilt precariously over the church roof. Scaffolding was erected to investigate the cause but on

inspection it had rusted to the core; worse, the metal pin inside the church apex that held it in place had turned into a brown dusty powder. The cockerel, which was mounted on a cross, was big and heavy and was unsupported! We were told that it could come crashing down onto the church roof at any moment.

The cockerel apparently was unique. Repair would be slow and costly, and we would have to pay large hire charges to keep the scaffolding in place - none of this covered by insurance. It was therefore reluctantly decided to have it taken down for safety reasons and also to protect church funds. The lightning conductor system has since been repaired and upgraded and the cockerel was left 'resting' in the choir vestry. All is not lost though! The congregation has decided to have it partially renovated and mounted onto a plinth and hopefully it will be on display inside the church in the near future.



Above: The cockerel made a safe if slightly undignified descent from the tower of All Saints.

St Paul's, Craig-y-Don

Chris Dearden and Philip Evans write:

There's a children's rhyme which includes the line:

*The next verse the same as the first
A little bit louder and a little bit worse*

It's a sentiment which sometimes seems to apply to St Paul's. Each month seems to start with a brass band concert, then there's something else that's thrown in. Then there's a busy day, then a day which seems to involve lots of meetings, then something breaks in the church. Somewhere in the middle of all that, an article has to be written for Church News.

In this month's version of the standard recipe for a summer month in Craig y Don, the busy day involved something called a **Crafternoon** – an afternoon of people doing craft work to raise money for the mental health charity, Mind.



Above: St Paul's Church full of busy people - over a hundred came to the Crafternoon, which raised a total of £317.74 for the mental health charity Mind.



Above and right: Phyl Oliver gives instruction to a table full of people at the Crafternoon on the art of making a fabric dog.

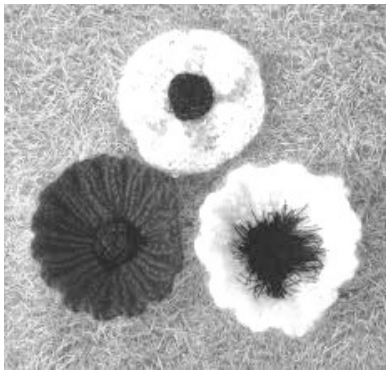


We weren't sure if anyone was going to turn up, but they did! We had over a hundred people aged 9 to 93 in the church trying their hands at French knitting, crochet, making fabric dogs and working vintage sewing machines from the Llandudno Sewing Machine Museum.

One of the nicest moments of the Saturday Crafternoon event at St Paul's was seeing church member Joyce Hind again. Joyce (centre in the picture opposite) had recently celebrated her 93rd birthday! She and her husband Ken, a former church warden, have been long standing supporters of St Paul's over a long period.

Then in the evening, there was the monthly brass band concert. The gap between the two events involved the church kitchen being used to heat up lots of pizzas and garlic bread to make sure that no-one flagged before we finally closed the church doors at 10 pm, twelve hours after they'd first been opened.

The most recent "busy day" also saw us with every part of the church buildings in use at one point – the church hall had a blood donation clinic taking place, followed by the 26th Liverpool Girls Brigade setting up for their annual summer camp. Our challenge for next month is to make the month's busy day even busier again.....



POPPIES FOR LLANDUDNO

Following on from the “crafty” theme from St. Paul’s, those who knit and crochet may like to join in with the Cytun scheme

to knit or crochet poppies for Remembrance Sunday this year - 100 years since the end of the First World War - placing them around town as were the angels last Christmas. Here is a possible pattern to use, though there are plenty more on the web. www.sigbi.org/grange-over-sands/programmes-action-2/knitting. Details on how to label and distribute the poppies nearer the time.



Above: Joyce Hind (centre) at the Crafternoon. Also in the picture is one of the very fine vintage sewing machines from the Llandudno Sewing Machine Museum.

Afterthought

On the front page of this magazine the Revd. Noel Carter talks about the importance of silence - *“that silence that can be the space that allows God into our lives”*. Perhaps you have been on holiday and found some of that precious silence in the countryside, beside the sea, or in buildings that you have visited. Why not tell us about those places?

We are lucky that there are many beautiful and tranquil places within easy reach. The sea, the mountains and the countryside are there waiting for us (especially outside the tourist season). There are churches such as those at Llandanwg, Llanfihangel and Llandecwyn, near Harlech; St Mihangel’s at Penrhosllugwy on Anglesey; the churches on the Pilgrim’s Way along the Llyn Peninsula, ending up at St Hywyn’s in Aberdaron. Some of these are members of the Small Pilgrim Places Network (www.smallpilgrimplaces.org) which links together places across the UK which have something of that ‘liminal’ quality of the thin place where the spiritual is very close.



“...those places that you found were special because they somehow felt special; places where you sensed the presence of those who had gone before; some hill with granite rock smoothed by countless rainy season; some place of trees and shade where cattle liked to cluster; some place where there was human silence and you imagined, for some odd reason, that you could actually hear the air.”

(A quote from the perhaps unlikely context of “The Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon”, one of Alexander McCall Smith’s No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency books.)

Left: St Tanwyg’s, “the church in the sand”, nestles in the sand dunes, where the mountains meet the sea at Llandanwg. One of the oldest places of continuous Christian worship in the UK, soaked in the prayers of 2000 years, it is widely acknowledged to be ‘thin’, rooted in the earth but within easy reach of heaven. It is a refuge of solace, simplicity and peace.

FROM THE EDITORS

We try to include as much information as possible about regular services, events, groups and contact details, on page 2 and inside the back cover. Please will those responsible check that the information is kept up to date. If there are any other groups, meetings etc. that should be included please do let us know.

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