

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

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Harvest?!

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:35-38).

The Revd Noel Carter writes:

I had intended to write another harvest reflection for the Church News this year. There is something about this season that calls for my gratitude and thanksgiving. However, it is easy to be lulled by the enigmatic smell of furniture polish and harvest produce that gives the unique aroma of the Harvest Festival.

Jesus doesn't tell us anything about harvest festivals, but he does tell us about a different sort of plentiful harvest, a harvest of people, not produce. Jesus went in search of the men and women of his time. He engaged them in open and truthful conversation. He came close to people to heal them of their sins and of the wounds which life inflicts. Christ needs labourers ready to work in his vineyard of our own day, to share the Good News of the Gospel. However much we might wish to ignore the challenge, we are the labourers and the crop is plentiful!

During 2018 thirty people have taken part in a "Leading Your Church into Growth Course".

Already good things have come from this. There is another opportunity for anyone who would like to go on a day course to discover new ways of being labourers in the vineyard. The course is on Saturday 3rd November at the Llangollen Pavilion. Transport can be provided. If you would like to go or to find out more, please contact me (revnoel.carter@gmail.com).



Of course a good harvest only results from careful planting and diligent nurturing and that has to be where we concentrate our energy at this significant point in the life of our churches.

This is exciting and I hope and pray that we can be drawn into God's vision for us - that we can become excited about building the Kingdom of God in the Aberconwy Mission Area.



Pictured above: The Revd Ginny Burton is left in fits of laughter as Storytime Cafe in St Paul's Church becomes a fashion parade. One year old Evie Bond decides that books can also be worn as headgear.....

"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

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Mis Hydref 2018 - CALENDAR - October 2018

		Services	Other events
Monday	1		Dementia Café, 10.30-12.30 pm AS
Tuesday	2		
Wednesday	3	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café - 10.30 am St P
Thursday	4	HE 10.30 am St P	Afternoon Tea 2-3.30 pm St D
Friday	5	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	6		Brass Band Concert 7.30 pm St P
SUNDAY	7	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - HARVEST FESTIVAL at St H with Harvest Lunch at 12.30 pm; MAGAZINE COPY DATE Cathedral Service for the new Archdeacons 3.30 pm St Asaph	
Monday	8		St P St Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
Tuesday	9		Cuppa, crafts and chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room AS and St Ff Mothers' Unions 2.30 pm START Course begins 7.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	10	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café - 10.30 am St P
Thursday	11	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	12	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	13		
SUNDAY	14	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - HARVEST FESTIVAL at St P Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H	
Monday	15		
Tuesday	16	Open Table Service 7 pm St G	St Hilary's Fellowship 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	17	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café - 10.30 am St P
Thursday	18	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	19	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	20		Men's Prayer Breakfast 9.00 am St P
SUNDAY	21	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - HARVEST FESTIVAL at St C Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H; Bible Society Bible Sunday Service 6 pm Emmanuel Christian Centre	
Monday	22		St P Autumn Afternoon Tea 2.30 pm
Tuesday	23	Holy Matrimony 2 pm St H	Cuppa, crafts and chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room AS Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
Wednesday	24	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café - 10.30 am St P
Thursday	25	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	26	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	27		
SUNDAY	28	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H	
Monday	29		
Tuesday	30		
Wednesday	31	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café - 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

What is going on in the Mission Area?

Please join us so that we get to know each other, strengthen the church family and work together to show forth the love of God and the good news of Jesus Christ.

Bible Briefs

Bible Briefs in September will take place on **Tuesday 2nd October** at 7.30 pm at Llanrhos Schoolroom.



During the Autumn we are looking at another of Paul's letters – the letter to the Romans. This is the longest of Paul's letters

and is regarded by many people as his greatest., containing 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 20th October

Breakfast, fellowship and prayer time
Bacon sandwiches and vegetarian menu

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, or can be a refresher for anyone in our congregations.



Carrying on with the Harvest theme from Noel's article on the front page, there will be services of **Harvest Thanksgiving** at St Hilary's Llanrhos at 11 am on Sunday 7th October, St Paul's Craig-y-Don at 9.45 am and 4 pm on Sunday 14th October, and at St Cystennin's Mochdre at 9.30 am on Sunday 21st October.

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

HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 7th October

12.30 pm - Llanrhos Schoolroom

2-course meal and a drink - £6

Contact Doreen Owen 01492 585127

DEGANWY DEMENTIA CAFÉ

All Saints Church, Deganwy, 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. Entry and refreshments are free of charge to all. Also - see opposite for details of the Dementia-Friendly film screenings in Colwyn Bay →

AFTERNOON TEA

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

ERYL PARRY

We are very fortunate to have Eryl Parry spending some time with us in the Aberconwy Mission Area. Eryl is in training for ordination as a Pioneer Priest in the Diocese of Bangor and is going to be with us until June next year. She will be spending some time with Rev Sarah to explore the nature of priestly ministry and will also spend time with Juliet looking at ways of reaching people who currently do not come to church. We look forward to welcoming Eryl to our churches.



As can be seen from the photograph above, the summer series of brass band concerts at St Paul's have proved very popular and has now raised over £1,000 to support the young singers at the church. Holywell Band are pictured right in fine form at their latest concert. The final concert of the season is on **Saturday 6th October at 7.30 pm**

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY FILM SCREENINGS AT THEATR COLWYN (all at 2 pm)

Jailhouse Rock (Elvis Presley)
Thursday 11th October 1hr 55m

The Young Ones (Cliff Richard)
Thursday 15th November 2hr 6m

White Christmas Thur 6th December 2hr 5m

For people with dementia or memory loss accompanied by family, friends or carers and also open to the general public. The screenings have a relaxed atmosphere so that people can move around, come and go as they please. Each screening includes an interval with live entertainment. More information from 01492 577888 or email theatrcolwyn@conwy.gov.uk



Coffee Stop

St Ffraid's Church House, Glan Conwy

Every Thursday 10-11.30 am

All welcome

Coming Soon:

A Cancer Support Group, run by Julie Fallon, which will meet in All Saints on the 1st Friday of every month from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. Run with the support of Macmillan Cancer Support it is open to everyone, from those who are living with cancer, to family and friends and anybody who feels they would benefit from this group. The first group will be a Christmas themed mince pie and cuppa session on **Friday December 7th**.



Remembrance 1918-2018

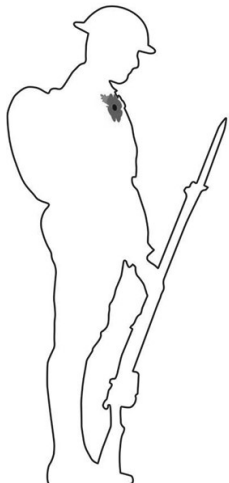
The Armistice Centenary

*“They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

There will be special services of readings and reflection to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice which ended the First World War and to remember those local men who died in the war in at least two of our churches.

On **Saturday 3rd November** St Hilary’s will have an Open Day with displays and opportunity to find the war graves in the churchyard and discover more about the lives of those buried there. There will be a Service at 3 pm as part of the Day. All Saints Church, Deganwy will hold a service on **Wednesday 7th November** at 7 pm, which will include the naming of all those who died and remembering all those who returned, with wreath laying by the Mayor of Conwy.

The churches will also host ‘Tommy’ silhouettes from **There But Not There**, a centenary commemoration of the end of the 1914-1918 war. The silhouettes are part of a project that aims to **Commemorate, Educate and Heal:**



Commemorate those who died in the First World War through installations of silhouettes wherever there is a Roll of Honour.

Educate all generations, particularly today’s younger generation, born nearly 100 years after the outbreak of WW1, to understand what led to the deaths of 888,246 British and Commonwealth service personnel.

Heal today’s veterans who are suffering from the mental and physical wounds of their service by raising substantial funds.

There will of course also be the usual Remembrance Sunday services on Sunday 11th November.

Praying for Growth



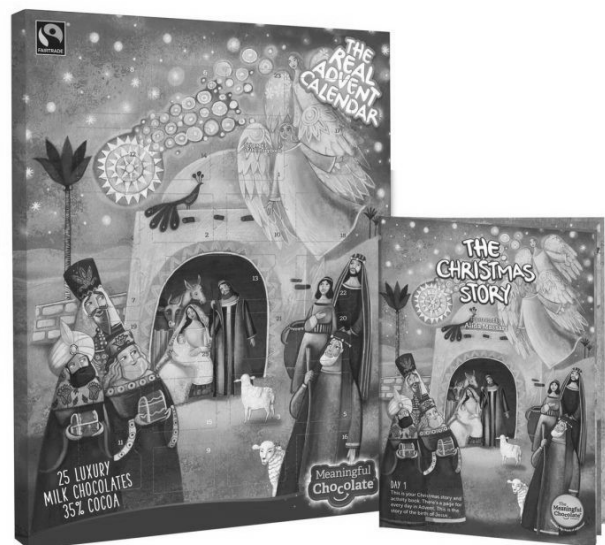
We continue to pray for the growth of the church in the Aberconwy Mission

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

Also please pray for Jack Evans, Emily Grace Wright and Iwan Rhys Buxton, to be welcomed into the church by baptism during October; and for Andrew Leath and Nicola Wheelhouse who are to be married during October.

Collect a Collect

Do you take your copy of Pew News home with you? Apart from the notices and information it is worth it to have another look at the Collect for the day, and also the Post Communion prayer. Some of our churches use the latter after communion, but sometimes we can miss it altogether, and they are often prayers that are worth returning to during the week, as indeed are the collects. A recent collect prayed that “your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel..... steadfast in faith and active in service” - surely a great aspiration for the Mission Area!



It may not feel like it yet, but Christmas is coming! Once again we will have Real Advent Calendars available in our churches, price £4. As well as containing Fairly Traded chocolate, the calendar has a free 24 page Christmas story-activity book.



Conwy Food Bank

Feeding local people in crisis
conwyfoodbank@gmail.com

Once again the Food Bank have written to express thanks to you for supporting their work in providing food for those living in crisis in our community.

“The August total of parcels issued is the highest recorded so far and the average is still rising: 72 parcels in total, 19 to families including 43 children, 44 to single people and 9 to couples. Most referrals continue to be made as a consequence of the Benefits issue, and financial hardship. Your generosity and kindness is much appreciated
Thank you, from All at Conwy Food Bank”

Remember the Food Bank boxes in all our churches. At present most needed are: Meat pies, tinned fish, flavoured noodles, jam, marmalade, long-life milk, Cup a Soups, small jars of coffee, treats/chocolate/biscuits



THE MOTHERS' UNION

St Asaph Archdeaconry
Thanksgiving Service
Wednesday 17th October
2 pm

St Margaret's Church, Bodelwyddan

All Saints Branch, Deganwy

Daphne Laight writes:

We were very pleased to welcome Anne and Maureen as new members, admitted during the service on 19th August. They have been coming to our meetings for sometime, and we wish them many happy years in the Mothers' Union. In October we meet on the 9th, when Tim

Moxley will talk about “Rhinos in Peril” and on the 26th when Sharon Williams will help us try sign language. As always our meetings are open to all - come along to Bethel Chapel Deganwy at 2.30 p.m. and join in fellowship with us. To all who are housebound, and to all who care for them, we send our love and prayers.

St Paul's Branch, Craig-y-Don

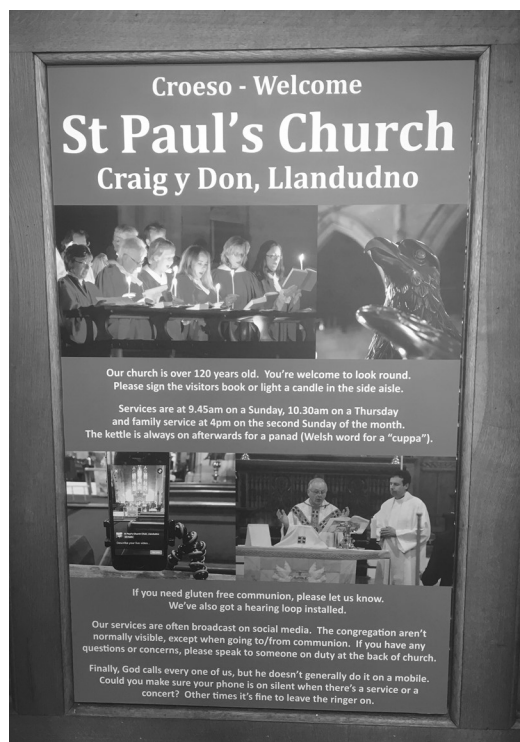
Pat Hay writes:

The September talk on Handbags had to be postponed but we hope to reschedule it for later in the year. 8th of October will see a Musical Afternoon with Phyl, and the **Autumn Leaves Afternoon Tea is on the 22nd October**. Thursday Coffee Mornings have started again and we will be having a good as new stall and a monthly cake stall alongside the coffee morning. Look out for our notices with details.

St Ffraid's Branch, Glan Conwy

Kath Jones writes:

We were pleased to welcome the Revd Sarah Hildreth to lead our opening meeting in September. On October 9th we will have a talk about adoption and future meetings include one of our congregation on his time in the police force and our Christmas party.



Pictured above: A new notice board has appeared in the porch at St Paul's to tell visitors about the place and in an attempt to make the church more welcoming.

News from the Mission Area

St Hilary's, Llanrhos



On a sunny Tuesday afternoon in August twenty five members of St Hilary's Fellowship (see pictures above and below), ages ranging from two to eighty two, were taken on a very interesting visit around the new Lifeboat Station, with close encounters with the new Shannon class lifeboat 'William F Yates' and its monster tractor.

We were made very welcome, and after tea and chocolate biscuits in the mess room Noel presented our guides with a cheque for £200, their share of the proceeds of our "Bless this House" concert held at St Hilary's on August 3rd.



St Paul's, Craig-y-Don

Chris Dearden and Philip Evans write:

One of the more unusual jobs of the last month has been a church trip to IKEA. We had a quite a shopping list as well.....

Firstly, votive candles, (known to everyone outside the church as tealights) because IKEA is the cheapest place to get them. We also have tried to colour co-ordinate our votive candles with the season, so we burn lots of green ones in ordinary time, purple ones in Lent. IKEA has lots of different colours!

Secondly, more tables for the back of church because the café area is getting used for more and more things and we need more space. Sadly at least one of the church wardens is picky enough to want any new furniture to match what's already there.



Pictured above: Work in progress - the new storage being assembled. See opposite for the finished article!

Thirdly, we needed storage for children's corner. We've been doing quite a few activities with children involving the Bible and Lego recently, and the amount of Lego in church has overflowed the limited cupboard space for it.

Fourthly, we're trying to build a cupboard around the electric distribution board at the

back of church, and were looking for a flatpack one to modify, rather than starting from scratch. The trip was only partly successful. It's September, and that means that all the tables had been snapped up by students heading to university and in need of a desk. But we did find ourselves loading up a van with bags of votive candles which you can light over the coming months (only 20p on the stand in the side aisle), and storage units.



Pictured above: The finished new storage unit for the "children's corner" at St Paul's, with extra space for the Lego that seems to be multiplying by the week

It also meant that the south-ish aisle of St Paul's was filled with cardboard, bits of oak-coloured wood and tools while we tried to put the storage unit together. Predictably enough, there were more small wooden dowels than we needed, and even a screw to spare – just enough to leave that moment of self doubt that we'd read the instructions properly.

One of the activities that needs extra tables is a weekly **Crafternoon** at St Paul's. This now takes place on Monday afternoons from 1pm, and is an informal get-together for anyone who likes knitting, sewing, crocheting, cross stitch, paper crafts or anything similar. Cost is £2 per session, mainly to cover the tea, coffee and cake which are provided in profusion.

The other activity that's also started up in the last few weeks is **Storytime Café** for under fives and their parents/carers/guardians on Wednesday mornings from 10.30 am. It's early days with this new venture, but we're hoping that it will allow us to connect with new people.

It may all mean that another trip to IKEA will be scheduled soon: more votives anyone?!

A Member of St Paul's has contributed this poem, which should encourage us in our day to day living out of the Gospel:

The Demonstration Way

I'd rather see a lesson than hear one any day.

I'd rather you would walk with me than merely point the way.

The eye's a better teacher and more willing than the ear

And counsel is confusing, but example's always clear.

I can soon learn to do it, if you let me see it done.

I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run

And the counsel you are giving may be fine and true,

But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.

Kumalau Tawali,

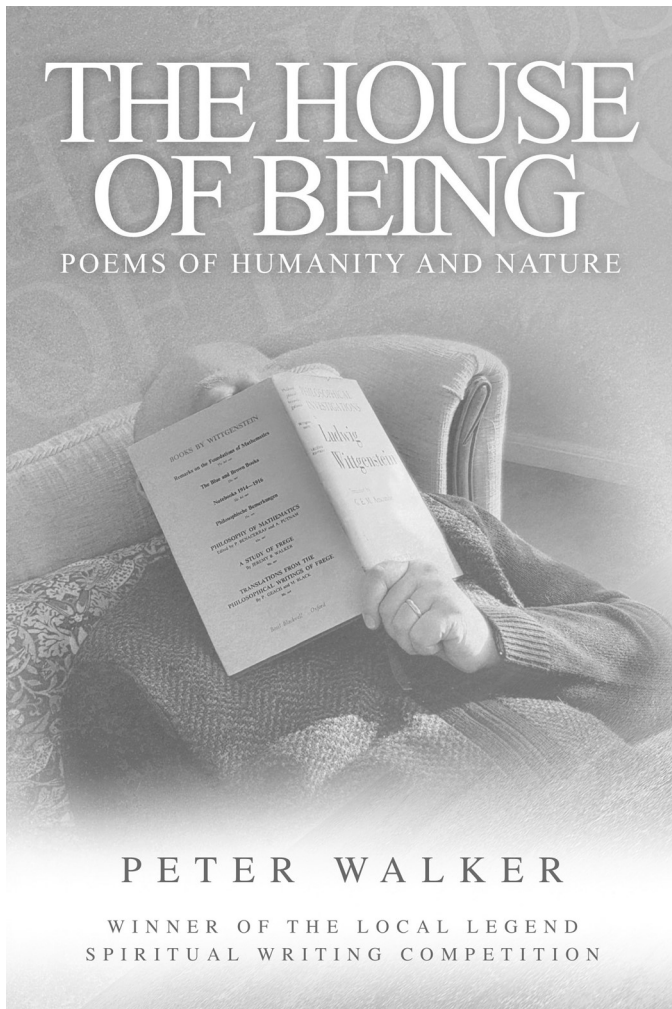
from Manus Island, Papua New Guinea

Autumn Leaves Afternoon Tea

St Paul's Church Hall
Monday 22nd October
2.30 pm £3.50
All welcome



Pictured above: One year old Evie Bond enjoys the first Storytime Cafe at St Paul's. Storytime Cafe is a new idea for children aged under five, and their parents/carers, and takes place every Wednesday morning 10:30-noon.



The House of Being

The latest collection of poems by **Peter Walker**
*(winner of the 'Local Legend' spiritual writing
 competition 2018)*

ISBN: 978-1-910027-26-4

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*spiritual – secular – religious – profane – theological –
 offensive – philosophical – intuitive – contemplative –
 declamatory – prayerful – wistful – angry – world-weary –
 Christian – zen – tinged with doubt – full of faith*

This is Peter Walker's fifth collection of poetry, mature and deeply perceptive of the nature of being human in this wonderful natural world. As a teacher and priest, Walker is acutely aware of both the triumphs and the weaknesses of our spirituality. He expresses the full range of the spirit with sensitivity and often with searing, self-deprecating wit. This is a collection that the reader will want to return to again and again, each time perceiving something new in a certain pause or the choice of a precise word.

Deserved winner of the Local Legend national Spiritual Writing Competition (from the Publisher)

Here is just one of the poems from the Revd Peter Walker's latest collection. "Burying Shoes", written as conducting yet another funeral leads to the usual contemplation of mortality.

Burying Shoes

today
 I put on my burying shoes
 again
 & walked the sodden sod in slow, slow time
 to the bricked grave
 slipped & slithered in the sticky sludge
 & stood on the chiselled edge of infinity
 with its soft pillow of leaves
 that would soften the launch of the sad
 barque
 on its last voyage

I played my part in the ambivalent ritual
 & wondered if, by constant repetition,
 the words would take meaning & make sense
 or if they would remain as hollow and empty
 as the cold, damp air

at home, I scraped off the caked mud
 that fell like ash, dry & dusty
 & polished away the smell of earth
 knowing that I would have to walk
 that same slow walk
 another day & another
 until someone walks it then for me

GUIDE DOGS ANNUAL AUTUMN FAYRE

Saturday 27th October
St. David's Church Hall, Penrhyn Bay
2 - 4 pm

Stalls will include Christmas Cards - Guide Dogs merchandise - Raffle - Cakes and Produce - Bottle Tombola - and more.

Admission £ 1.50 p to include Coffee and Cake
 No charge for children under 12 years.

Please come and support this very worthy cause.
EVERYONE WELCOME.

Offers of cakes for the stall would be very much appreciated. Contact Sheila 01492 875098

Afterthought

Phyl Oliver responded to the challenge in last month's magazine to tell us about special quiet spaces that she has encountered on her travels:

It could be that special quiet time in the morning when you sit down to your first cuppa, before the rest of the house wakes up. For me it has been as close as sunrise the morning after chemotherapy when you know your God is with you.

Silence is a double edged sword. It can be peace or it can be depression and loneliness with your thoughts banging away in your head. The TV or radio goes on just to keep you from your thoughts or from missing the one person you really want to be with - the noise you really want to hear. As a child I was raised knowing I was not alone, nor ever would be. My God is always at hand everywhere I go and this has never failed me.

We were thinking about all the wonderful places in this world that have reassured and reaffirmed the feeling that God was on our shoulders. How privileged we have been to find 'quiet places' in this world where different religions have worshipped God for centuries leaving the warmth of their faith. It could be as close as St. Michael's Old Church in Betws-y-Coed, or La Rotonda in the Old Cathedral in Brescia Italy where there is no silence but the recording playing of soft choral music or plainchant. For silence the little fisherman's



Brescia Old Cathedral

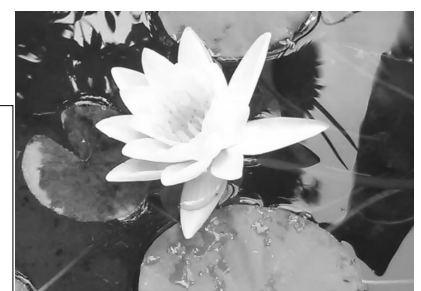
church on the cliff edge above the Mellieha Bay Hotel in Malta or the Grand Mosque in Istanbul or the little synagogue in Ciutadella Minorca, where you know without a doubt that God is walking with you. On visiting the synagogue in St. Petersburg you could feel the breath of many who suffered the Russian Pogroms or went there for their last prayers before leaving their homeland forever sailing to England and the New World. There is a tiny Moorish hidden tropical garden in the old town of Palma Majorca where the world stops.

We have sat in some lovely spots and listened to nature feeling the weight of ages on the land or sea along with the footsteps of our own spirits - then a party of tourists come dashing around the corner and all is lost !!!

I could go on for hours and could give you a very special list as long as my arm. Places we have been fortunate to land upon and some we have sought out. Places that have been remarkably devoid of tourists and places where writers and painters have been inspired. Not all religious places or buildings have that feeling but certain ones have warranted a mention as being spiritual.



Eglwys Sant Mihangel, Betws-y-Coed



Pictured right:
A water lily in the
old Moorish
garden in Palma,
Majorca

Across Borders



Fair Trade

I buy Fair Trade goods from supermarkets, surely I am 'doing my bit'? Better than nothing, of course, but big companies will always be putting profits and shareholders' interests first.

By contrast, Traidcraft is the UK's leading fair trade organisation and is dedicated to fighting poverty through trade. It sources products from farmers and artisans across the world and develops relationships with trading partners, helping them to develop skills and build sustainable livelihoods through trade, focusing on the most marginalised groups in developing countries and often working with suppliers that mainstream businesses would choose not to work with. The charitable arm, Traidcraft Exchange, is the only international development charity in the UK to focus on trade. It delivers projects across the developing world, helping people to build skills, knowledge and confidence to work their way out of poverty. The policy and campaigns team works to change unfair trade rules and company practices that affect people in developing countries, as well as raise awareness of injustices and build public support.



Left: Fairly traded coffee beans from Rwanda may end up in your coffee mug at home or at church.



Traidcraft catalogues will be in all our churches in October -

please take one (or contact Dilys Stone 01492 879997 for a copy) and think seriously about buying from them, either one-off purchases for Christmas cards and presents, or regularly for supplies of tea and coffee and other foods and household goods. **Remember that if you buy through the churches 10% of your order value will be donated back to your church**, and you can be sure that the producers will obtain

maximum value and support from your purchase.



Above: Small scale tea growers get a fairer share.

The current campaign is **Who picked my tea?** In the UK, we drink 165 million cups of tea per day, but we know little of the people behind our tea. Unsafe work conditions, poverty wages and appalling living conditions. That's the reality for tea workers in Assam, India, who pick the tea that goes into some of the most popular British blends. The big tea brands know about this but aren't doing enough about it. It's time for change and it starts with a simple question: **Who picked my tea?**



Above: Showing co-operative group records

Traidcraft works with producers across the world, from the Philippines to Mexico, from Palestine to Nicaragua. Why not 'do your bit' to help work towards justice and fair trade? More information on www.traidcraft.co.uk and also the online shop www.traidcraftshop.co.uk

October is a month that challenges us to be part of the world community, especially with two designated Weeks:



The Week of Prayer for World Peace is from the second to the third Sunday in October.

It was a Christian initiative that led to the founding of the Week of Prayer for World Peace in 1974. It soon became an interfaith activity, and now welcomes everyone, of all faith traditions or none, to take part. The first Chair, the late Dr. Edward Carpenter, former Dean of Westminster Abbey, established the guiding principle of the Week in the words "The peace of the world must be prayed for by the faiths of the world", and this continues to be the basis of the work today.

For those inspired with the idea of praying with people of all beliefs, three thoughts may be helpful:

First, the different words we say are said by neighbours in the same town and the same street every week;

Secondly, there is only one humanity praying to one supreme consciousness, with whatever different opinions we may have on what that may be;

Thirdly, interfaith partnership does not itself imply agreement.

Every year more people are joining in worldwide, including communities and schools in New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Germany, Canary Islands, Australia, Italy and many more.

More information on www.weekofprayerforworldpeace.com

Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.

Martin Luther King Jnr



One World Week is from 21st - 28th October (the Week always includes United Nations Day 24th October) and is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year.

In 2018, the theme is: "The World is Changing – How about us?" exploring what changes we can make to move towards a world in which we can all thrive within the life-supporting systems of our common home.

There may not be any events in our local area, but we can put aside time to think particularly about this during the Week. More information on www.oneworldweek.org

We bear witness to our faith,
knowing that we are called to lives of courage,
love and reconciliation
in the ordinary and extraordinary moments
of each day.

May we be courageous today.

May we learn today.

May we love today.

Prayer of Courage read at the Corymeela Reconciliation Community

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.

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 to the Parish Office, Penrhyn Beach East, Llandudno, LL30 3NT - office@aberconwy.church. (Contributions may have to be edited to fit available space, and late items may have to be omitted.)

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