

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

“Gwnewch y pethau bychain - Do the little things”

One hundred years on

A century is a long time! Many would argue that the last one hundred years has seen more varied and rapid change than any time in human history. It all started with the Great War. The generation who fought in it hoped that it would be the “War to end all wars”. They were to be sadly disappointed.

The war began in a flurry of patriotic optimism, it ended with sorrow for every community in the country. So many names inscribed on war memorials bearing witness to a lost generation. Many who survived had lives marred by physical or mental injury. In 1914 the average life expectancy of a man was 47 years and a woman 54 years. Today men can expect to live until they are 79 and women to the age of 82. The

average life expectancy for soldiers in the trenches during World War One was about 6 weeks!

As we come to observe the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice on the 11th of November it is almost impossible to imagine what that generation went through.

However, in some of our churches there will be a very visible sign of that lost

generation. Sitting in some of our church pews will be transparent perspex silhouettes of men - they will be “There, but not there”.

There are over forty graves in St Hilary's churchyard of those who perished as a result of their part in World War One. On **Saturday 3rd November** the church will be open all day, so that you can find out more about the people buried there - concluding with a special memorial service at 3 pm.

The memorial for Llanrhos and Deganwy is in All Saints Church in Deganwy. There will be a special service there to observe the Centenary on **Wednesday 7th November** at 7 pm. All our churches will hold acts of remembrance on **Remembrance Sunday 11th November**.

On the Sunday following 11th November 1918 the following prayer was said in all churches.

“Let us praise God for the great and glorious victory which he has been pleased to grant to us and to our Allies, and for the good hope of peace now shining through the clouds of war. Let us praise him for the faithfulness, bravery, and self-sacrifice of all who have fought and laboured for our deliverance, and, above all, for the memory and high example of the men who have died that we may live.

Let us remember before God the solemn responsibility now resting upon the statesmen of the world, and pray that he may guide them by his spirit of counsel and of strength, and that by their endeavours, peace and justice, freedom and order, may be established among all nations. **Amen**

THERE BUT NOT THERE

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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 (**Services at 10.55 am in November**)
 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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Mis Tachwedd 2018 - CALENDAR - November 2018

		Services	Other events
Thursday ALL SAINTS	1	HE 10.30 am St P	Afternoon Tea 2-3.30 pm St D
Friday ALL SOULS	2	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	3	Remembrance Service 3 pm St H	Craft workshop 2 pm St P WWI Centenary, Church Open 10-3 pm St H
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	4	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Holy Baptism 1 pm St P	
Monday	5		Dementia Café, 10.30-12.30 pm AS
Tuesday	6		AS Mothers' Union 2.30 pm Bible Briefs 7.30 pm 8 Llys Helig
Wednesday	7	HE 10 am AS Remembrance Service 7 pm AS	Storytime Café - 10.30 am St P MAGAZINE COPY DATE
Thursday	8	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	9	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	10		Autumn Fayre AS
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	11	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - 11 am services will begin at 10.55 am; Also: Llandudno Junction Remembrance Service 3 pm Memorial Hall; Family Service 4 pm at St P	
Monday	12		St P Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
Tuesday	13		Cuppa, crafts & chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room S Ff Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
Wednesday	14	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café - 10.30 am St P
Thursday	15	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	16	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	17		Men's Prayer Breakfast 9.00 am St P Stillness & Prayer 10-12 noon St P
SUNDAY	18	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE Also: Stewardship Sunday at St H; Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St H	
Tuesday	20	Open Table Service 7 pm St G	Cytûn Council 10.30 am St John's Methodist St Hilary's Fellowship 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room AS Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
Wednesday	21	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café - 10.30 am St P Mission Area Conference 7 pm St H
Thursday	22	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	23	HE 10 am St D	
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY	25	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Darkness to Light Service 4.30 pm St P	
Monday	26		St P Mothers' Union 2.30 pm
Tuesday	27		QUIET DAY 10-4 pm Noddfa, Penmaenmawr Cuppa, crafts & chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	28	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café - 10.30 am St P
Thursday	29	HE 10.30 am St P	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED until 11th December
Friday	30	HE 10 am St D	

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?

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 at St Hilary’s Llanrhos on **Saturday 3rd November** at 3 pm and at All Saints Deganwy on **Wednesday 7th November** at 7 pm. (There is also a service at Our Lady Star of the Sea on Friday 2nd November at 6.30 pm).

St Hilary’s will be open from 10.30 am on the 3rd. There are 44 residents of the parish who died as a result of serving their country and are buried or remembered within the church yard. The stories of each will be presented in the church and you will be able to see where they are buried and commemorated in the churchyard. Everybody is welcome to come and pay your own respects to those who gave their lives for our freedom.

On **Sunday 11th November** the main Sunday services will include the Act of Remembrance (11 am services will begin at 10.55 am).

Many children and young people will be learning about the ‘Great War’ and what it meant to people born a century or so before they were. Hopefully families will talk about it at home too. Parents may feel that they would like to attend some sort of commemorative service with their children but, unless they or their children are members of one of the uniformed associations, they may be unsure about a traditional Remembrance Sunday service.

The **Family Service in St Paul’s** Craig-y-Don on **11th November** at 4 pm will offer a space to reflect, with music and the chance to think about the sacrifice made by so many and what

peace meant 100 years ago and might look like now. We hope it will be an accessible service for all ages and will offer something a little different from the traditional Act of Remembrance service. Everyone is welcome.

Battalion Colours

(Passchendaele 2017)

if that far field were not grown gold with wheat
we would see rags of grey and khaki cloth
caught on pins of rusted iron

if that far slope were not green with grass
we would see scarlet trails
imagine ashen faces lit by cordite flares

if this good earth were not ploughed, rich
& brown
we might till the twisted, blunted steel of shell
& harrow the muddied copper of a
cartridge case

if all this place were not chalked with line
on line of stone
we might pass the poppies by, red as veins
& wonder how we ever learned to sing of
peace
in robes of white

& lay the colours down like men in silent
prayer

This poem was written by Peter Walker as part of the Passchendaele commemoration at All Saints on 1st August and is included in his new collection “The House of Being



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.

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

Coming Soon:

Cancer Support Group 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 on **Friday December 7th**.

St Paul's is on the Radio!

Last month BBC Radio Wales recorded two services at St Paul's to be broadcast on the Celebration program which goes out at 7.30 am on Sunday mornings. The first service will be broadcast on **Sunday 4th November** and will celebrate All Saints. The second service will be on **Sunday 13th January** and will focus on the story of Zacchaeus.

Bible Briefs

Bible Briefs continues its study of Paul's letter to the Romans. We meet this month at 8 Llys Helyg, Deganwy at 7.30 pm on **Tuesday 6th November**. Everyone welcome.



Prayer Breakfast

9.00 am in St Paul's Church, Craig-y-Don
Saturday 17th November
Breakfast, fellowship and prayer time
Bacon sandwiches and vegetarian menu

Praying for Growth

Please continue to pray for the growth of the church in the Aberconwy Mission Area, for our clergy, leaders, and all our congregations, that they may be strengthened and encouraged.



Also please pray for Harry and Jack Robinson, and Jonah Lloyd Davies, to be welcomed into the church by baptism during November.

Stillness and Prayer: Saturday 17th November, 10 am-12 noon

St Paul's will be open for quiet reflection for two hours on the third Saturday of the month. The Rector will also be in the church and available to chat to anyone on any pastoral matter.

Why not begin your Advent preparation for Christmas by joining us on our

ABERCONWY MISSION AREA QUIET DAY



to be held at
Noddfa, Conway Old Road,
Penmaenmawr LL34 6YF

TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost of the day is £13.00
Hot drinks on arrival and lunch will be provided

Booking Form on Page 13 and also available in the churches
Please complete and return to the Parish Office by Monday 18th November



THE MOTHERS' UNION

Wave of Prayer 19th - 21st November

Mothers' Union members around the world will pray especially for Beryl Griffith and St Asaph Diocese and also the linked dioceses of Muyinga in Burundi, Lake Lukwa in Tanzania, Okrika in Nigeria, Bendigo in Australia and Gujarat in India

Autumn Council will be at 10 am on Thursday 15th November at St Margaret's Church Hall Wrexham. All members are invited. The speaker will be the Diocesan Dementia Support Officer Bob Friedrich.

All Saints Branch, Deganwy

Daphne Laight writes:

Our new session started with Holy Eucharist in church. It was a pleasure to welcome members and friends and a special welcome to our two new members Anne and Maureen (in her absence as she was on holiday). Sincere thanks to Revd Peter Walker for leading the service, Mrs Betty Rigby for reading, Mrs Mary Meldrum for taking the collection, and also to Mrs Sue Oldham for doing the tea. A happy afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Our meetings this month will be on 6th November when our speaker will be telling us about the work carried out by those helping people involved in domestic abuse, and on the 20th of November we will be reading and talking about our favourite poems

As usual all are welcome to join us at our meetings, held at Bethel Chapel school room at 2.30 pm. Do come along and bring a friend.

The corporate communion is on 7th November at 10 a.m. in Church.

St Ffraid's Branch, Glan Conwy

The November meeting will be on Tuesday 13th, when one of the congregation will be talking about his time in the police force.

St Paul's Branch, Craig-y-Don

Pat Hay writes:

The Revd Juliet Fraser led the service at our opening meeting in September. Her address was the story of Moses in the bulrushes and the dedication and courage of his Mother - very meaningful for the Mothers' Union. She also brought along her stole, which was really beautiful and had been made for her by members of the Mothers Union in Baghdad, very thought provoking. The presentation of long service certificates to three of our members, concluded a very memorable afternoon.

Our other September meeting was a memory afternoon, with items which had special memories for members to recall - an interesting afternoon when we were also pleased to welcome the Diocesan Secretary Karen Springer.



St Paul's Church Hall gets a small makeover with new blinds and removal of some damp wallpaper. The work was done by volunteers in between bookings!

In November we at St Paul's Mothers Union will have our 90 year anniversary, with a table in the Church with lots of memorabilia. Come and take a look through the memory book - you may find someone you know or knew. On 12th November we have a talk by the St Johns Ambulance and the Christmas Fair is on the 1st December. How quickly the year seems to fly by so it's good to have some time for reflection which we will have with Dilys Stone on the 10th December entitled Reflection for Advent.

Also, don't forget our Corporate Communion service at 10.30 am on the first Thursday of every month in St Paul's church.



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Saturday 17th November 2018

Ysgol Bodafon PTA

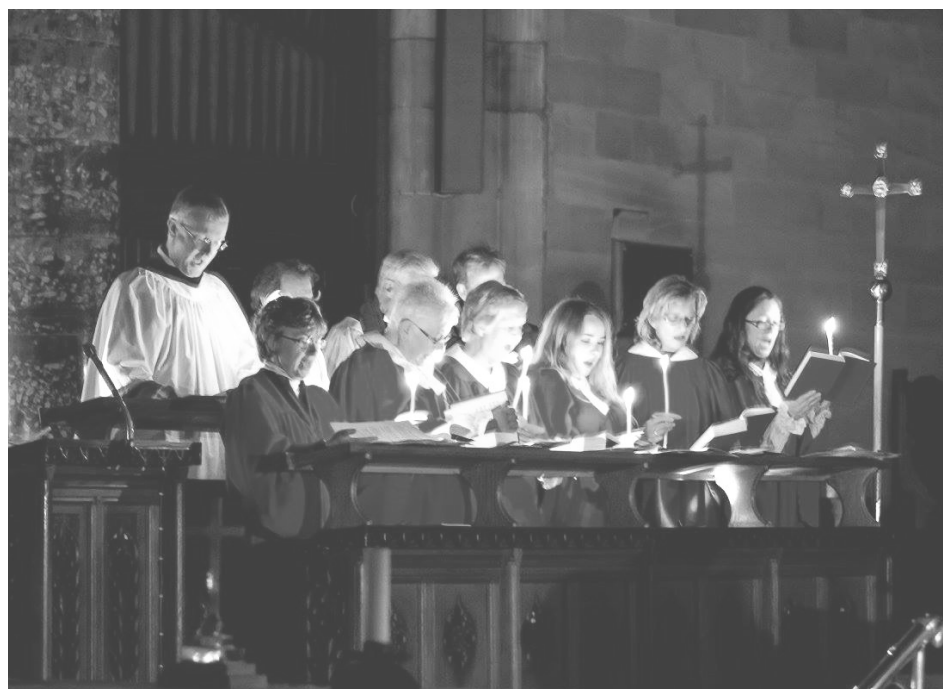
Llandudno Bay Hotel, East Parade, Promenade, Llandudno, Conwy LL30 1BE

Doors open 7.00pm, show starts 7.30pm

Tickets (to be purchased in advance) £5 *includes a glass of wine/orange juice*

Charity raffle - Fabulous prizes!

Tickets and more information from Ysgol Bodafon 01492 547996
or Place2Print 01492 876783



“Darkness to Light”

One of the most atmospheric services of the year - Darkness to Light - takes place at St Paul's on **Sunday 25th November** at 4.30 pm. An hour of peace, stillness and reflection, the church is lit only by candles and lanterns. All welcome.

This year, you can have a go at making a lantern for the service at a special craft workshop on **Saturday 3rd November** at 2 pm

Coffee Stop

St Ffraid's Church House, Glan Conwy

Every Thursday 10-11.30 am

All welcome

There are also Coffee times at **St Paul's** on a Thursday and **St David's** on a Friday - please see inside the front cover for details of these and other regular events such as prayer times and bible study as well as all the regular services.

The calendar on page 3 is useful reference for the events that are happening in November. **Do join us at one or more of the events publicised in this magazine so that we can 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.**



St Grwst's Church Llanrwst

Christmas Tree Festival

St Grwst's Church will hold its second Christmas Tree Festival, from **Friday 7th December to January 6th**. Businesses, community organisations and individuals are welcome to exhibit a Christmas tree. No charge, but donations to the restoration of Gwydir Chapel and reordering of St Grwst's Church will be gratefully received. **It will include Criw Grwst Advent event (art, craft storytelling and worship for children of all ages) on the Saturday.**

For further information and to book a place please contact Janet Pierce on 01492 640443 or e-mail janandbarry62@yahoo.com



PARISH OFFICE

The Office will close at 12 noon on **Wednesday 28th November** and will re-open on **Tuesday 11th December**.



Pictured left: One of the weekly tasks of the sacristan at St Paul's is stocking the hymn board with numbers. The board has been in use almost since the church was opened - it appears in an early picture. The card numbers have had a hard life and feel like they are also 100+ years old!

CRAFT AFTERNOONS

A new innovation at St Paul's is a weekly "**crafternoon**" on **Mondays** at 1 pm (pictured above), where people can get together to do hand craft projects while enjoying some good company. There's also cake. People at the crafternoon are currently decorating lanterns for the Darkness to Light candlelit service at St Paul's at 4.30 pm on Sunday 25th November. There will also be a special **Crafternoon** on **Saturday 3rd November** at 2 pm to continue preparations for the Darkness to Light service.

Don't forget **Cuppa and Crafts** at Llanrhos Schoolroom at 2.30 pm on the 2nd and 4th **Tuesdays** of the month - bring any craft project (or none!) and join us for a chat and a cuppa.

Local Matters



Conwy Food Bank

Feeding local people in crisis

www.conwyfoodbank.co.uk

The Food Bank thanks you for your recent donations which help people who are struggling to feed themselves and their families. It's been a particularly busy time for the Food Bank, thanks to the support of many churches, school,



nurseries and other groups who make a special effort during harvest time to collect food donations. They are very grateful to everyone who takes part at this time of the year, and, of course, at other times. They couldn't do what they do without you.

In September 73 parcels were issued, 18 to families involving 39 children; 50 to single people and 5 to couples. The average monthly total continues to rise. 32% of parcels issued so far this year continue to be due to problems with the Benefits Issue. All at Conwy Food Bank thank you for your support and your help; and for supporting and helping families throughout our community.

St David's Methodist Church

Craig y Don are advertising for a
Community Link Worker

This will be a practising Christian who will develop and use opportunities to point people towards a living relationship with God within a caring church community. The post is 20 hours per week including some evening and weekend work. The salary will be £8.75 per hour and it will initially be a 3-year post.

Application forms and further information from:

Paula Hammond - 01492-878447,
hammondpaula1965@gmail.com

Closing date: Noon Friday 16th November 2018



CONWY FAIRTRADE COALITION

Conwy Fairtrade Coalition recently held its AGM and with several County Councillors present there was an interesting discussion about Fair Trade status, which was hard won but has to be renewed at fairly frequent intervals, and we all need to play our part by asking for Fair Trade products. It isn't just about coffee and bananas! Go to <http://fairtradewales.com/about/what-is-fair-trade/fairtrade-products> to find out where you can buy locally and also on-line.



TRAI DCRAFT

Fighting poverty through trade

Traidcraft plc has been at the forefront of the Fair Trade movement with its mission to put the principles of Fair Trade into commercial practice, and this is not in any sense fulfilled, but recent trading has been poor. You may have heard that it is likely that its trading operations will cease at the end of the year. It will continue to trade as usual until then, so please continue to look at the catalogues and place your orders with Dilys Stone (01492 879997) to help make this their best season ever. Once again we have Real Advent Calendars available in our churches, price £4. As well as the calendar and Fairly Traded chocolate, there is a 24 page Christmas story activity book.



The products bought from Traidcraft have been changing lives for nearly 40 years. Traidcraft Exchange is the sister charity of Traidcraft plc, and will continue to operate and need our support, as will its producer partners. It is hoped that much of their business can be transferred to other organisations. Look out for further news in the next few months.

Cytûn - Churches Together in Llandudno

The Cytûn Council will meet at 10.30 am on Tuesday 20th November at St John's Methodist Church. (Please note change of date). Please make sure every church is represented.

All are invited to join Our Lady Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church, Lloyd Street, in its 125th Anniversary celebrations at 4.30 pm on Saturday 17th November.



What is Cytûn?

The Welsh word *cytûn* means of one accord and signifies togetherness.

Llandudno CYTUN is on Facebook. You are invited to join the closed group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1715520535137352/> or search for Llandudno Churches Together/ CYTUN



Sian Jenkinson writes:

The Autumn school term is well underway for Ysgol Bodafon, the Church in Wales school in our Mission

Area. Following a busy Summer term with both an Estyn inspection and a Church in Wales school inspection, Bodafon was delighted that it was found to be a good school which embraces Christian Values, to help our children thrive not just academically, but as whole young people.

Mr Trystan Lloyd Owen, the Head Teacher is very proud of the school: "We have a wonderful community atmosphere in our school with good relationships with parents and children, and have excellent staff who enjoy teaching and helping our children."

With a capacity of 120 pupils, Bodafon takes children from 3 years of age up to 11 years, ahead of them leaving for high school. Extracurricular activities include climbing, football, a fabulous wraparound club with Breakfast from 8 am before the school day starts, and afterschool childcare until 6 pm for those who need it.

As a Church school collective worship and prayer is part and parcel of the curriculum for children and parents. One of the most powerful things we can do as Christians is to pray! We would ask you to keep Ysgol Bodafon in your prayers; here are a few prayer points for you to consider:

Pray for every person who supports the school – from the teachers and teaching assistants, to the cleaners and people who serve meals and provide activities in many ways - give them all wisdom, energy and joy in their roles – they are all amazing and help form our children into well-rounded individuals.

Pray for Mr Lloyd Owen as he juggles his role of Head Teacher with his own teaching role as well as the many meetings he needs to attend – refresh him spiritually and physically and may he know God's presence every day.

Pray for the governors and PTA members, who oversee and invest in the children in all areas and do a great job organising events to raise funds to bless the school activities.

AND - finally – pray for the children and parents – may God bless every single one of them, in all areas of their family life.

Let's remember this amazing fact from Matthew 10:30 "The very hairs of your head are all numbered"!!!! – God knows everything about every single one of us and smiles upon us with His Love. He knows you by name and knows Ysgol Bodafon by name – may His covering and blessing be on the school and work through the school. Amen!



News from the Mission Area

St Cystennin's, Mochdre



Above: Visitor Casey trying out the church organ at St Cystennin's Open Day

OPEN DAY

Our September Open Day was a wonderful day - lovely to see old friends visiting and new people too. They enjoyed searching the records for family baptisms, marriages and deaths, viewing the medieval glass panels and sharing stories. As usual Betty provided us with a supply of her delicious home made

cakes, serving hot drinks with Margaret, and once again her homemade jams and chutneys were a huge success. You are a star Betty! Thanks to Michael for his plant stall, to Nick for his produce, Gillian, Lynne and Daphne for music and special thanks to Margaret and all who helped to make it a lovely time of fellowship. The weather was kind to us too! Around £500 was raised for the church funds.

PET SERVICE

Thanks to Alan Price for leading our enjoyable Pet Service. We had eight dogs, a cat and gerbils in attendance, with thanksgiving and a blessing for all our pets and prayer for vets and all who work with animals.



BIRD FOOD DONATIONS STILL NEEDED for our churchyard birds – sunflower seeds, fat balls, seed mix, peanuts etc. You can drop off at church – usually open Saturdays 10ish -12 (stay for a coffee) or at the parish office. If you prefer, you can make a donation and we'll shop for you.

Penblwydd Hapus Robin!

Mr Robin Lewis has just celebrated his 85th Birthday! Robin was organist at St Cystennin's Church for many years, holds a wealth of knowledge on the church's history and is very supportive of all that goes on at St. Cystennin's. Diolch yn fawr.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: We are pleased to say that **Cantamus Chamber Choir** will once again be leading our Christmas Celebration evening with carols, seasonal music, readings, refreshments and raffle on **Wednesday 12th December at 7 pm.**

St David's, Penrhyn Bay

Harvest festival - Thank You

In addition to food for Conwy food bank and items for Llandudno Women's Refuge, the amount of cash given this year has enabled us to purchase, through *The Leprosy Mission*, a cow and calf (picture below), four donkeys and six goats.



As well as providing healthcare, TLM offers rehabilitation, education, vocational training, small business loans, housing and fresh water supplies and sanitation to tens of thousands of people each year. It provides a springboard to restored health, self-sufficiency and renewed hope, and services are provided regardless of religion or ethnicity, promoting equality and social justice.



Many congratulations to Malcom and Rosaline Millar of St David's, who celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary on 20th September with a cake, of course.

The cake and a special card are pictured left.

If that isn't enough, we'll also be spending time down in the boiler room, trying our best to make sure that the church stays warm above. The boilers have already gone out once this autumn/winter, and will usually go off at random once a month. There are three of them, and we can lose one, but if two go down then the radiators start to go lukewarm.

The battle isn't just confined to the boiler room below the church. The control timer also needs adjusting each week to take account of how cold it is (heating needs to come on earlier if it's freezing outside) and which activities are taking place. We were clearing out a filing cabinet the other week and found an old verger's contract; duties included calling into church to turn the heating on..... those were indeed the days.

St Paul's, Craig-y-Don

Chris Dearden and Philip Evans write:

The nights are drawing in, so that means two things:

- We start planning Advent and Christmas
- We start doing battle with the heating

Things kick off at 2 pm on Saturday 3rd November at 2 pm when you can join us to have a go at lantern-making. We'll be making lanterns out of glass jars to be used to light the church at the Darkness to Light service on Sunday 25th November at 4 pm. This is one of the highlights of the year – the church is lit only by candles advent music and reflections.

The weekend after that, it's the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 1st December at 10 am, then the weekend after there's a Christmas brass band concert on Saturday 8th December at 7.30 pm. In the middle weeks during December, we are singing carols in Asda Llandudno and shaking buckets to raise money for St Paul's, and hosting three local schools for their Christmas concerts

The month comes to a thrilling climax on Sunday 23rd December at 3.30 pm for Carols at St Paul's, when the choir lead an afternoon of festive favourites and seasonal surprises, along with chances to sing along. As is traditional with this event, it will also be raising money for Llandudno RNLI.



Above: Two year old Tom Bryson gets to grips with the altar rail as he explores St Paul's during a recent Storytime Cafe, a new activity for under fives in the church. Letting the children wander and discover the church for themselves has been an important and enlightening part of opening the building to this new activity, every Wednesday at 10:30 am.

St Hilary's, Llanrhos

A very enjoyable Harvest Thanksgiving Lunch was shared by over forty members of St Hilary's on Sunday 7th October in the Schoolroom.

Doreen with her band of helpers organised, prepared and served a meal of cold meats, salad and hot potatoes. Extra portions of potatoes (organic Pembroke Jazzy) were dispensed by Mr Potato Man aka the Rector!



Left: The Rector about to start dispensing potatoes at St Hilary's Harvest Lunch

With a glass of wine or something non-alcoholic, the meal was completed by delicious trifles, tea or coffee and a chocolate mint. A raffle concluded another good time of fellowship.

Thanks go to all who contributed to making it such a success.

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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ADVENT QUIET DAY BOOKING FORM

Noddfa, Penmaenmawr
Tuesday 27th November 10 am - 4 pm

The cost of the day is £13.00
Hot Drinks on arrival and lunch will be provided

Please complete and return this Booking Form by Monday 18th November with your payment in full – cheques payable to 'AMA Admin Account'.

Please return to: The Parish Office, Beach Road East, Penrhyn Bay, Llandudno LL30 3NT

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone _____

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Rhyl Music Club

Rhiannon Mathias flute

Elinor Bennett harp



John Lenehan piano

Music for the Silent Cinema



7.30pm **Wednesday 14 November**

7.30pm **Wednesday 28 November**

Rhyl Town Hall. Tickets on-line or at the door £12, accompanied under 16s free

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