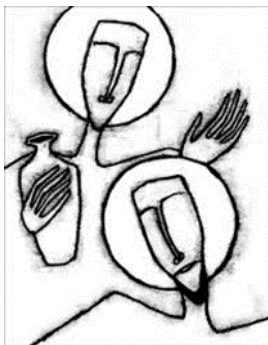


All Saints, Deganwy • St Cystennin's, Mochdre • St David's, Penrhyn Bay  
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St Hilary's, Llanrhos • St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew • St Martin's, Eglwysbach  
St Michael's, Llandudno Junction • St Paul's, Craig-y-Don

## The Hint of new life

*"Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead." John 12: 1*



With the raising of Lazarus from death, the religious authorities find reason to begin the final plot against Jesus. Mary understands that Jesus is to die, and anoints him with costly nard, as if for burial. She wipes his feet with her hair.

Jesus understands her extravagant gesture. It is as if a wordless conversation of breathtaking intimacy has taken place between them. Mary says, "I know." And Jesus acknowledges - "I know that you know." Mary, relieved, sighs, "Now I know that you know that I know."

As you read this we are approaching the end of Lent. And this story, that will be heard on Fifth Sunday in Lent, offers hints of the new life about to unfold.

I was asked to find out the average Sunday attendance figures for our Mission Area Churches in 2018, so they could be compared to figures from 2017. They showed that two churches had grown in numbers, one church had stayed the same and that seven churches had declined in attendance. Overall, church attendance in the Mission Area had declined by about 5%.

This, I think is misleading. Sunday attendance is declining year on year in both Wales and England. However, the experience of many of our churches is that the number of people involved in church activities outside Sundays is growing. The attendance at mid-week services has increased and we are discovering that being a seven day a week church is what it is all about. These are the hints of new life that point to the resurrection of the Church.

I pray for this new life to arise in you and in me and all our churches.

*Rev Noel Carter, Mission Area Leader*



Pictured above:  
Signs of new life - Daffodils at  
St Cystennin's Church in early spring.

**"Gwnewch y pethau bychain - Do the little things"**

## REGULAR SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES - ALL WELCOME

### 1<sup>st</sup> 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, St David's and St Katherine's; **Family Service** St Hilary's  
 11.15 am **Holy Eucharist** St Ffraid's  
 4 pm **Holy Eucharist** St Grwst's  
 6.30 pm **Evening Prayer** St Hilary's

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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; **Building Blocks** St Paul's  
 6.30 pm **Evening Prayer** St Hilary's

### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Easter Sunday 21st April** - All services will be Holy Eucharist. The Family Service at St David's will move to 28th April.

### 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### 5<sup>th</sup> 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

**On the 5th Sunday St Cystennin's and St Katherine's** hold a joint service at 10.30 am, 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** - All Saints, **Thursdays 10.30 am** - St Paul's, **Fridays 10 am** - St David's

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

**Storytime Café** - for pre-school children and their carers, 10.30 am every Wednesday - St Paul's

**Prayer Group** - 10 am every Tuesday - St David's (01492 876451 for details)

**Koinonia Groups (Bible study, prayer & discussion):** **Morning** - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Weds, 10.30 am (01492 876451 for details)

**Evening** - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - St Michael's (except Bank Holidays) Contact 01492 585063 for more information

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

<b>CLERGY:</b>	Rev Noel Carter (Mission Area Leader)	01492 339521	(For other contact details and online addresses - please see inside back cover)
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	Rev Juliet Fraser	01492 596655	
	Rev Sarah Hildreth-Osborn	01492 640032	
<b>OFFICE:</b>	Penrhyn Beach East, Llandudno, LL30 3NT - 01492 541615 - office@aberconwy.church		
	<b>Open 10-12.30 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday</b>		

# Mis Ebrill 2019 - CALENDAR - April 2019

		Services	Other events
Monday	1	Holy Matrimony 2 pm St H	Dementia Café 10.30-12.30 pm AS;
Tuesday	2		Lent Meeting & Frugal Lunch 11 am St M; Bible Briefs 7.30 pm, 8 Llys Helig
Wednesday	3	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café 10.30 am St P; Lent Course 7 pm Hospice Chapel
Thursday	4	HE 10.30 am St P	Lent film group & lunch, Noon, 27 Church Walks; Afternoon Tea 2-3.30 pm St D Church Hall
Friday	5	HE 10 am St D	Cancer Support Group 10.30 am AS
Saturday	6		Ysgol Bodafon Treasure Hunt, starting/ending at
<b>PASSION SUNDAY</b>	7	<b>SEE OPPOSITE PAGE Also: No morning services at AS or St M; Easter Vestry Meeting at St Ma &amp; St D after morning services; Holy Baptism 12.45 pm St H; Licensing of Revd Juliet Fraser 3 pm AS</b>	
Monday	8		<b>MAGAZINE COPY DATE;</b> St Paul's Fellowship, 2.30 pm
Tuesday	9		Lent Meeting & Frugal Lunch 11 am St M; Spring Cleaning 2 pm St H; Cuppa, crafts & chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room; AS and St Ff Mothers' Unions 2.30 pm;
Wednesday	10	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café 10.30 am St P; Lent Course 7 pm Hospice Chapel
Thursday	11	HE 10.30 am St P	Christian Aid Coffee Morning 10 am St P Hall
Friday	12	HE 10 am St D	
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	14	<b>SEE OPPOSITE PAGE Services as usual, with blessing of palms, in all churches. Also: Building Blocks 4 pm St P; St H Easter Vestry Meeting 5.30 pm</b>	
Monday	15	<b>For details of services for Holy Week and Easter please see page 4</b>  Also: Springfield Day Nurseries Easter Service 9.45 am and Storytime Café Easter Service 10.30 am, both on Wednesday 17th April at St P	
Tuesday	16		St H Fellowship 2.30 pm Llanrhos Schoolroom
Wednesday	17		
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	18		
<b>Good Friday</b>	19		
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	20		Prayer Breakfast 9 am St P; Craft Together for Easter 10 am St P
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	21		<b>Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St M</b>
Wednesday	24		Storytime Café Easter Egg Hunt 10.30 am St P;
Thursday	25	HE 10.30 am St P; Open Table 7 pm St M	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	28	<b>SEE OPPOSITE PAGE Also: Family Service 11 am St D;</b>	
Monday	29		Mission Area Easter Vestry Meeting 7 pm Llanrhos Schoolroom
Tuesday	30		Cytun Council 10 am St John's Methodist
<b>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</b>			

# Lent and Easter



## Lent Bible Briefs

Informal Bible Study  
meeting at 8 Llys Helyg, Deganwy  
LL31 9BN at 7.30 pm

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** - "The journey to Calvary" - we study the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem that leads to his death on the Cross.

## The Lent Groups

at St Michael's and the Hospice Chapel  
continue to meet in the first two weeks of April  
- check the calendar on page 3 for details.

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES FOR THE MISSION AREA

#### **Palm Sunday 14th April**

Morning Services as usual, with blessing of palms, in all churches.

4 pm Building Blocks, St Paul's

#### **Monday 15th April**

7 pm Prayers of Devotion, St David's

7 pm Holy Week Service, St Grwst's

#### **Tuesday 16th April**

7 pm Prayers around the Cross, St David's

7 pm Holy Week Service, St Grwst's

#### **Wednesday 17th April**

10 am Holy Eucharist, All Saints

7 pm Service of Light and Shadows  
(*St Tudno's on the Great Orme*)

7 pm Holy Week Service, St Grwst's

#### **Maundy Thursday 18th April**

10.30 am Holy Eucharist and stripping of the Altar, St Paul's

11 am *Chrism Mass with renewal of vows*  
(*St Asaph Cathedral*)

7 pm Holy Eucharist, St Michael's

7 pm Holy Eucharist, washing of feet and stripping of the altar, St David's

7 pm Foot washing, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Stripping the Altar and Vigil, St Grwst's

7 pm Foot washing, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Stripping the Altar and Vigil, St Ffraid's

#### **Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

10 am Stations of the Cross, St Paul's

10 am Good Friday Reflections, St Martin's

10.30 am Stations of the Cross, St Cystennin's

12 noon Act of Witness, Holy Trinity  
Church Llandudno

12 noon Silent Witness, Co-op Penrhyn Bay

12 noon Good Friday Reflections, St Ffraid's

2 pm 'At the foot of the Cross', St Hilary's

2 pm Stations of the Cross, All Saints

2 pm Stations of the Cross, St David's

2 pm Last Hour of the Cross, St Grwst's

7.30 pm Stations of the Cross, St Katherine's

#### **Holy Saturday 20th April**

7 pm Easter Vigil - Lighting the new fire

Vigil Readings, Renewal of Baptismal

Promises, First Mass of Easter, St Ffraid's

8.30 pm Easter Vigil, St David's

#### **Easter Day 21st April**

##### **Services of Holy Eucharist:**

8 am All Saints, St David's, St Hilary's

9.30 am St Cystennin's, St Michael's,  
St Martin's

9.45 am St Paul's

11 am St Hilary's, St David's, All Saints,  
St Katherine's

11.15 am St Ffraid's

4 pm St Grwst's

6.30 pm St Hilary's (Cymun Bendigaid)

# What is happening in the Mission Area?

## Praying for Growth

Please continue to pray for the growth of the church in the Aberconwy Mission Area, for our leaders and our congregations, and for all the activities that take place in our churches and church halls.. Also please pray for Hugo Kennedy and Rosie Tidswell, to be welcomed into the church by baptism during April, and Bryan Mantle and Janine Gough who are to be married in St Hilary's Church.

### Prayer for Growth

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our actions, and Power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PRAYER BREAKFAST

The April Prayer Breakfast will take place at St Paul's Church, Craig y Don on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 9-10am.**  
*Food, Fellowship and Prayer*

## Mission Area Easter Vestry Meeting

This year's Easter Vestry meeting will take place on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April** in the Llanrhos School Room at 7 pm.

This is an important meeting, please come along and support it. It is the meeting where Mission Area Officers are elected, accounts approved and reports from the churches received

## The Licensing of The Revd Juliet Fraser

Bishop Gregory will be licensing Juliet as a Vicar in the Mission Area on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April** at 3 pm in All Saints, Deganwy. Please come and support Juliet at this special service to begin her new role in the Mission Area.

## Diocesan Lent Prayer 2019

Compassionate God,  
As you enfold us in your hands,  
give us your compassion for people in  
need of your grace, mercy and love.  
Help us to follow you  
into places of despair and darkness  
carrying your light and hope.  
Touch our lips with wisdom and  
empower us with your Holy Spirit to  
bring your life and healing.  
Teach us good Lord  
to see you in the lives of others.  
Amen



*Jeannette Bennett-Williams writes:*

Our first event this year will be a **Coffee Morning at St. Paul's Church Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April.** St. Paul's ladies are kindly hosting this again for our Mission Area and would welcome support and donations of cakes and books for the stalls from **all** our Churches. Do come along and enjoy fellowship and make this a good start for Christian Aid.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK is 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> May** - this year looking at Sierra Leone, one of the most dangerous places in the world to become a mum. Christian Aid says "This Week we need you to help us make sure that every baby is delivered safely. Jesus came to give life in all its fullness. We believe every mum's and baby's life is worth fighting for."

Christian Aid Week started with people knocking on doors in their locality to raise money. Society has changed much over the last 60 years and it is now the only national organisation with a significant annual house to house collection. Christian Aid is still committed to this remarkable Week where thousands of churches and individuals stand in solidarity with the world's poorest and most in need. In 2018, 12,000 Churches, 57,000 volunteers raised £8.5 million of vital funds. */Continued overleaf*



We have to consider each year if the house to house collection during the Week is possible to cover as our collectors are getting older and fewer. We are very grateful to those who have done this in all weathers for many years and appreciate that it gets harder. Some may consider a coffee morning, frugal lunch, a big brekkie, a sponsored something or giving our Church members a Christian Aid envelope to return at the end of the week, maybe we could take some for our neighbours. Hopefully, some of our Church members can keep the house to house going so if you can help with this please let your Church representative or myself know.

**The Christian Aid Week service** is on **Sunday, May 12th** - venue and time to be confirmed. Please put this in your diaries and try and support the service and enjoy fellowship with members of other Churches. There are only four committee meetings a year and new ideas are always welcome if anyone is interested. Please contact me if you are able to help or need more information.

## 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. (See also details of Dementia Film Screenings at Theatr Colwyn - see page 14)

## Cancer Support Group

This meets in **All Saints, Deganwy**, on the 1st Friday of every month 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. Run with the support of Macmillan Cancer Support it is open to everyone, those living with cancer, family and friends and anybody who feels they would benefit from this group.

## COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA

*Raising money for local charities*

**St David's Church Hall, Penrhyn Bay**

Thursday 4th April, 2-3.30 pm.

£3 per person - pay on the day

Details from Ann Beardmore 07872 933926



## THE MOTHERS' UNION

**'Listen, observe, act - in step with God'**

**The Mothers Union Spring Council** meets on **Thursday 2nd May** at St Margaret's Church Hall Wrexham at 10 am. The speaker will be Sarah Wheat, Diocesan Engagement Officer.

### All Saints Deganwy Branch

*Pat Chapman writes:*

We had two very different and interesting meetings in February. First we talked about "Our own special collections". Members brought in some of their special collections and talked about how they began collecting and what special memories were associated with the items. The collections included: paper weights, Beatrix Potter items, book marks, brooches, teapots, teddy bears and guide books to places visited.



Pictured:  
Some of the  
'collector's  
items' from  
All Saints  
Mothers'  
Union.....



.....Teddies, Beatrix  
Potter items, and  
teapots.

### All Saints Branch (continued)

On 26th February the Revd Jane Allen led a quiet afternoon on the theme of "The Ministry of Angels". With music and readings Revd Jane guided us through four meditations with time for reflection after each one – Angels in desert places, Unexpected angels, Unlikely angels and Called to be angels?

**At our April meeting** on April 9th we will be telling a Bible story in the style of a journalist. (No meeting on 23rd April). A warm welcome is extended to everyone. We meet in Bethel Chapel at 2.30 pm. The Corporate Communion in on 3rd April in All Saints at 10 am and all are welcome.

### St Paul's Craig-y-Don Branch

*Pat Hay writes:*

We said a sad goodbye to St Paul's Mothers Union at the service on 7th March - a very moving service especially for our two long-standing members, Anne Clutton and Alice Wild (pictured below).



The new Fellowship Group is up and running - our first afternoon tea on the 4th March was most enjoyable and very well attended. No doubt that it was a daffodil tea, as you can see from the photo.



On **8th April** Mrs Ros Harrison will tell us about her Christian work in Tanganyika, and on **Thursday 11th April** from 10 am we will be supporting the Christian Aid Coffee morning in St Paul's Church Hall. All contributions of cakes home made produce and help gratefully received - please contact Dorothy Roberts if you have any queries.

All welcome to our meetings (2.30 pm).



Above: About forty people enjoyed the sumptuous Daffodil Tea at St Paul's in early March - a veritable feast just before Lent arrived!



## St Ffraid's Mothers' Union Branch

*Kath Jones writes:*

At our April meeting (9th) Revd Sarah will speak about Lent, in May we have a Quiz, and our annual outing will be in June.



## OPEN TABLE

Until further notice Open Table services will be held on **4th Thursdays at St Michael's Church, Llandudno Junction.**

The next service will be on Thursday 25th April at 7 pm.

Open Table seeks to provide a safe, sacred space for LGBT+ people and friends to share in worship and fellowship. It is a place where together we encounter Jesus and encourage one another on our journeys of faith.

## Storytime Café

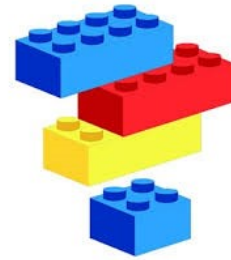
For pre-school children and their carers. If you would like to join us, you will receive a very warm welcome at St Paul's at 10.30 am every Wednesday.

Good coffee and tea, good stories and good company!

Wednesday 17th April - Easter Service

Wednesday 24th April - Easter Egg Hunt

## Building Blocks



Join us at St Paul's on Palm Sunday afternoon at 4 pm

***Fun Faith and Food for the family***



Pictured left:

Light streams through the nativity window at St Paul's.

This is one of three stained glass windows in the building, and was fitted in 1965 in memory of a church

Black and white printing does not do it justice as the colours of red, purple and blue glowed brightly in the spring sunshine.

## Koinonia

*Pat Chapman writes:* The evening Koinonia group is taking a break through Lent to allow members to attend other Lent groups. We will begin again on Thursday, May 2nd. We meet from 7.30 pm to 9 pm on the first and third Thursday of the month. All are welcome. If you would like more information please contact 01492 583420 or [llysmeirion@gmail.com](mailto:llysmeirion@gmail.com)

(The morning group will not be meeting in April either).



## Spring Cleaning!

All hands on deck are needed for Spring Cleaning at St Hilary's Church in Llanrhos on **Tuesday 9th April at 2 pm**. The regular cleaning rota has dwindled and so it is proposed that in future there are occasional 'spring cleaning' sessions to ensure that the church is clean and welcoming. Please consider coming along for an hour or so to help share the load and prepare the church for Easter.

By way of experiment, the St Hilary's Annual Easter Vestry Meeting will be held at **5 for 5.30 pm on Sunday 14th April**. There will be tea and cake and it is hoped a good number of church members will be able to attend, and those who wish can stay on for Evensong. These meetings are important as we hear about what has been going on during the year, receive a report on the finances and elect representatives for the coming year.

## Summer Brass 2019

Holywell Brass Band (pictured below) return to St Paul's Church, Craig-y-Don for a Brass Band Concert on **Saturday 4th May** at 7.30 pm (during the Arts and Crafts Festival - see opposite). It will be a classic brass band night with popular favourites from Abba and the musicals to James Bond themes and the Floral Dance.



Admission free with a collection to support the work of St Paul's Church and Holywell Band in teaching the next generation of young musicians.



Fellowship is important at St Hilary's, as can be seen from these photographs of the St David's Day lunch held in March. The programme of Tuesday events is being organised - next meeting on **Tuesday 16th April** at 2.30 pm in the Schoolroom, and it is hoped to have a trip to Liverpool Anglican Cathedral at the beginning of June - if you are interested in that please contact Doreen Owen on 01492 585127.



## Craft Together for Easter

**10 am  
Saturday 20th April**

**St Paul's, Craig-y-Don**

Help us decorate the church with wood eggs, colourful crosses and maybe the odd Easter bunny (£5 to cover materials)





After the success of previous years' events St Paul's Church Craig-y-Don are holding another



## Arts and Crafts Exhibition with Musical Interludes

**on the Weekend of May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 (Bank Holiday Weekend)**

We are looking for people prepared to display their work, with works being for sale, over the three days. Framed paintings to be hung on screens and craft work to be displayed on tables. A hanging fee will be charged and a fee per table. A percentage of sale price will be given to the church fund.

All proceeds from the event will go to St Paul's Church Funds

Forms to enter work are available along with further details.

If you'd like to know more contact Barbara or Sandra on 01492 525814

Or email:- [barbarawalker@sandraabel.plus.com](mailto:barbarawalker@sandraabel.plus.com)



## ELECTORAL ROLL

The Mission Area Electoral Roll is being revised in preparation for the Annual Meeting on 29th April. Copies of the Roll and forms are available in the churches for you to check whether your name appears, and complete a form if necessary before the Roll closes on 9th April. If you are a regular worshipper in any of the Mission Area churches your name should be on the Roll so that you can play a full part as a member of the church.

## An Anniversary Celebration

*Lynne Davis writes:*

At St Cystennin's Church we had a request from Mr Robin Lewis for commemoration of his parents' wedding which took place at St. Cystennin's Church, Llangystennin 100 years ago. His father, Thomas Lewis married his mother Mary Jones on April 26<sup>th</sup> 1919 and they were married by the Rector Rev. J Davies. They were from the village of Bryn Pydew, numbers 2 and 3 School Cottages and both 22 when they married. Robin had two brothers, Richard and John, both now deceased, and he spent all his life living in Bryn Pydew until his move to Rhos on Sea a few years ago.

He was church organist at St Cystennin's for many years, is an expert in knowledge on history of the church and a committed supporter of St Cystennin's and church events.

On **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>** April we will commemorate the marriage during our 9.30 a.m. service and look forward to welcoming Robin to the service.



Pictured right:

Mr Robin Lewis at a St Cystennin's Church Harvest Service when he was Organist



# Peter Walker

On Sunday March 3rd members of All Saints Church had a lunch to say farewell to the Revd Peter Walker and to wish him well in his retirement in Liverpool - see the picture below. Peter was thanked for his work in All Saints and presented with a card and book token. Susie Walker was presented with an orchid. We wish Peter a very long and happy retirement. Donations at the lunch of £137 will go to Aberconwy Domestic Abuse service.



On Sunday 10th March a congregation drawn from across the Mission Area gathered in All Saints for a thanksgiving Eucharist. Peter celebrated and Mission Area Leader Noel Carter preached, and also presented Peter and Susie with tokens of appreciation from the Mission Area for their work and ministry over the past 9 years. The collection from the service will also go to the Aberconwy Domestic Abuse service. Over delicious refreshments we were able to chat and wish Peter and Susie well in their retirement.

Peter is well known for his poetry, and recently published his fifth collection *The House of Being* which won the Local Legend spiritual writing competition in 2018. He read one of his poems as the final item at his farewell service, and has sent another as a valedictory for us to include here:

## Once

*(for Dilwyn, brother priest)*

once have I met God  
like Isaiah  
not behind the dark stained oak  
or beneath a table caparisoned in green or  
white  
but as I rose high on Mynydd Llandygai  
with a lake of pale white mist at my feet  
that stretched  
to Llanberis & beyond  
while birds played fanfares to the dawn  
crisp & blue & full of hope

twice have I met God  
not in rage & rant & pettiness, not in  
purple  
but in broken bodies in wards of pain  
with the slow breath of their diminishing  
& the way that Glory showed in their  
passion  
then I saw the truth of wafer & of wine:  
that our deep frailty is a glimpse of the  
divine

three times have I met God  
not in triumph or in pleasure or in words  
of faith  
but in my own thin flesh  
that grows transparent with the rub of life  
& lets me read eternity on the braille of my  
skin  
& like Isaiah  
feel the brush of a passing cloak

# News from the Mission Area

## St Ffraid's, Glan Conwy

St Ffraid's Church Committee recently held a very successful Gift Day. A letter and Gift Aid envelope was hand delivered by members of the Fundraising Team to every household in the village. A "drop-off" point for donations was set up in the village shop and the team also held an Open Morning serving complimentary refreshments in St Ffraid's Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> February which attracted sixty parishioners into the church during the morning. We have had a social media campaign keeping the appeal fresh and enabling us to update parishioners on progress. To date £5212 has been received in individual donations and a further £5000 has been donated by Glan Conwy Community Council. Further events are planned by the Golf Society, the Guides and Brownies and local Filmmakers which will add to the final total raised.

As another result of the letter, a number of new people have been welcomed to the Sunday service for the first time.

The Fundraising Team will continue with their successful monthly Bingo sessions held on the

first Thursday of each month in Church House throughout 2019. The evening has a healthy attendance of around 40 players who enjoy this social evening. Complimentary refreshments are served and players entertained by the caller Ian Morris. £290 was raised at the February session.

Llansanffraid Glan Conwy Pantomime Group once again had a good response to their annual pantomime in January. This year the group presented "Jack and the Beanstalk" for four sell out performances in Church House. The pantomime is written by James Berry a member of St Ffraid's and performed by a cast aged from four years upwards. £2500 was raised for St Ffraid's Church from the pantomime by the group.

*Sharon Doleman, Secretary St Ffraid's Church Committee & Fund Raising Team*

**St Ffraid's Church House**  
**Glan Conwy**  
**Coffee Stop**  
Every Thursday 10-11.30 am



Above: Helen Roberts arranges flowers for St David's Day at St Paul's Church. 1st March wasn't in Lent this year, which gave chance to bring a generous amount of yellow floral displays to the building.



Above:  
How many banners? A busy weekend at St Paul's meant extra space had to be temporarily added to the publicity poles outside.  
The Brass Band banner will be out again for 4th May (during the Arts and Crafts Festival - perhaps the temporary poles will be out again!) See details of these events on pages 9 and 10.



## News from

*Sian Jenkinson writes:*

Spring has arrived and everyone has a fresh spring in their step! A couple of months ago I wrote about the vision for prayer boxes to be created in Ysgol Bodafon and the school created their own versions the first week back after the half term break. It has been a great time to launch the idea, as there are plenty of opportunities for prayer (aren't there always!) - for example Mothering Sunday falling at the end of March, and thoughts turning to Easter for the children in school.

A novel idea called the TeaSPoon Formula has been introduced to the children, helping them to develop their prayer life around saying Thanks, Sorry or Please...it is a great tool for helping to channel their thoughts. We all want our children to know God for themselves and pray for their own lives – but I am pretty sure the Lord loves it when we turn the affection of our hearts outwards and upwards, celebrating God for who he is, and thinking of others.

With this in mind, the children have been hatching a special plan of how to wish everyone at St Pauls church a happy and blessed Easter – but the only way to find that what they have done will mean coming along on Easter Sunday to share our celebrations – we hope you are intrigued enough to come and find out!

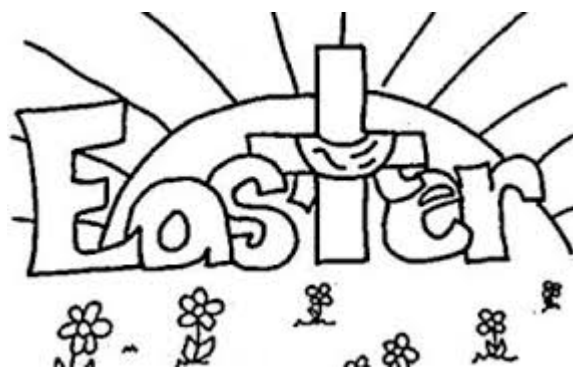
We are not short of activities in April – the school PTA is organising its first ever Walking Treasure Hunt which will start and finish at St Pauls Church on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>; registration is between 10 and 11 am at the church and the event will take a couple of hours. It is funny how we can live in a place and pass familiar buildings every day, and yet the small details that make wonderful treasure to collect are often overlooked through the hustle and bustle of life. This event will be a great opportunity to slow down, have a walk, have some fun, maybe learn a few facts, and there will be the offer of a tasty snack lunch and a drink at the end.



## Ysgol Bodafon

It's not just about the local area either – there will be clues relating to the wonderful church building, as well as some excellent local projects including St Johns Ambulance and learning about the amazing work they do, and the "Soup & Sox" van which serves food and drinks in the community every week. Plenty for keeping the whole family entertained! All for a good cause, the event is open to anyone so come along for some fun!

So to close this month – please pray that our children and school are blessed in their adventure with prayer – and may it serve to draw our children, families and all the staff to a deeper connection with our Lord – the one who died for us - the one who rose again – and the one who loves us and hears our prayer. And, as the prayer that Jesus taught us to say, lets ponder the Lord's Prayer afresh this Easter-Tide:



May His Kingdom come and His Will be done  
- on earth – in our diocese, in our schools, in our homes, in all our lives – as it is in Heaven.

May we Thank Him for all the provision -  
from the food we eat, to the clothes we wear and the homes we live in

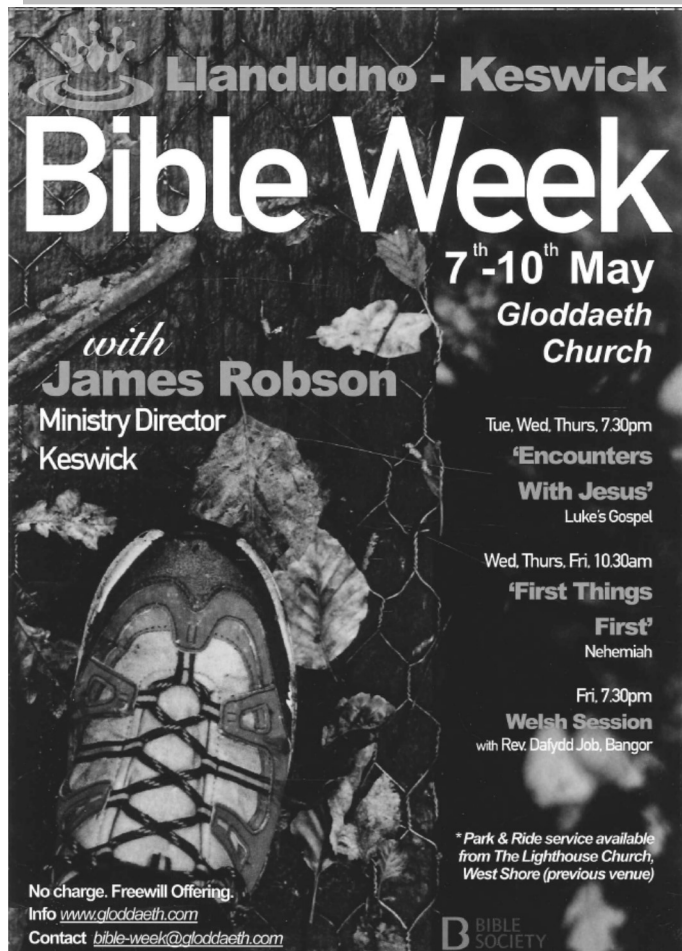
May we turn to Him to help us make good choices and keep us safe in all ways

And may He Help us be quick to forgive others as God Himself forgives us.

Be blessed with His Joy this Easter – Pasg Hapus  
Pawb!

From Ysgol Bodafon

# Local Matters



**Llandudno - Keswick**  
**Bible Week**  
 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> May  
 Gloddaeth Church  
 with **James Robson**  
 Ministry Director  
 Keswick

Tue, Wed, Thurs, 7.30pm  
**'Encounters With Jesus'**  
 Luke's Gospel

Wed, Thurs, Fri, 10.30am  
**'First Things First'**  
 Nehemiah

Fri, 7.30pm  
**Welsh Session**  
 with Rev. Dafydd Job, Bangor

\* Park & Ride service available from The Lighthouse Church, West Shore (previous venue)

No charge. Freewill Offering.  
 Info [www.gloddaeth.com](http://www.gloddaeth.com)  
 Contact [bible-week@gloddaeth.com](mailto:bible-week@gloddaeth.com)

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## Dementia Friendly screenings at Theatr Colwyn

17th April - 2 pm

Easter Parade

2hr (including interval)

Theatr Colwyn film screenings every Tuesday are subtitled for the hard of

## FROM THE EDITORS

We welcome news and comment from across the Mission Area, with photos if possible. Please send items in by **copy date (7th of the month)** to [jastone@dunelm.org.uk](mailto:jastone@dunelm.org.uk) or to the Parish Office. (Items may have to be edited to fit available space, and late items may have to be omitted.)

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## Guide Dogs Annual Spring Fayre. Saturday 13th April

St. David's Church Hall, Penrhyn Bay

1.30 pm - 3.30 pm.

Admission £1.50 to include tea/coffee and a hot cross bun. Children Free.

*Stalls include:- Easter Egg Tombola  
 Guide Dogs merchandise - Raffle- Cakes -  
 Greetings Cards – Good quality bric a brac and much more.*

Come along and have an enjoyable afternoon, whilst helping others.

We will have Guide Dogs in attendance.

*All proceeds to the LOCAL branch of Guide Dogs Cymru.*

Any offers of cake would be very much appreciated.

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