

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

Green shoots in the church

Our Easter hope and prayer

The Revd Noel Carter writes:

Just before Easter I had a meeting with Bishop Gregory to talk about what the Mission Area had done in the past year. It was good to be able to report on green shoots of growth happening in the churches of the Aberconwy Mission Area Churches. New initiatives such as Story-time Café at St Paul's and Dig-In – a Café Style Church with events to mark St Valentine and Mothering Sunday - have been well received. Regular opportunities to pray, such as monthly open churches to pray for growth or the men's prayer breakfast have been important. The weekly prayer group at St David's is a faithful witness to the power of prayer. The major building project at St Grwst' is getting underway and it will bring real opportunities to the Christian community there. Churches are rising to the financial challenges that face us and St Ffraid's must be especially commended for all their hard work to secure their financial future.

Christ
is
Risen!

Striving to nourish these green shoots is vital. Those who have attended Leading Your Church into Growth courses have learned about the "4P's":-

Prayer - be persistent, consistent and focused

Presence - the outpouring of love and care for local communities

Proclamation - taking every opportunity to share the good news

Persuasion - being bold enough to invite people to follow Jesus

If we can take these seriously we really can nourish the green shoots of the growing church. I pray that the power of Christ's resurrection will invigorate us all.



Above: "All glory, laud and honour"
The congregation at St Hilary's striding out in their Palm Sunday procession round the church.

"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, 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

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; **Building Blocks** 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

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**

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** - 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 - 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

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	(For other contact details and online addresses - please see inside back cover)
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Mis Mai 2019 - CALENDAR - May 2019

		Services	Other events
Wednesday	1	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café 10.30 am St P
Thursday	2	HE 10.30 am St P	Afternoon Tea 2-3.30 pm St D Church Hall
Friday	3	HE 10 am St D	Cancer Support Group 10.30 am AS Arts & Crafts Weekend begins, St P
Saturday	4		Arts & Crafts Weekend continues, St P; Summer Brass Concert 7.30 pm St P
SUNDAY	5	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE Also: Holy Baptism 11.30 am St P and 12.45 pm St H	Arts & Crafts Weekend continues, St P
Monday	6		Dementia Café 10.30-12.30 pm AS
Tuesday	7		Bible Briefs 7.30 pm, 8 Llys Helig; St Ff Mothers' Union 2.30 pm; AS Mothers' Union visiting St Asaph Cathedral; MAGAZINE COPY DATE
Wednesday	8	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café 10.30 am St P
Thursday	9	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	10	HE 10 am St D	
SUNDAY	12	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE Also: Building Blocks 4 pm St P	Christian Aid Week begins - United Service 6 pm Gloddaeth United Church; Christian Aid cake stall at St Hilary's after church
Monday	13		Craft Group 1 pm St P; St Paul's Fellowship, 2.30 pm
Tuesday	14		Cuppa, crafts & chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	15	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café 10.30 am St P
Thursday	16	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	17	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	18		Prayer Breakfast 9 am St P Plant Sale 10-4 pm St C
SUNDAY	19	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE: Also: Holy Baptism 12.45 pm AS and St H	Summer Lunch 12.30 pm Llanrhos Schoolroom
Monday	20		Craft Group 1 pm St P
Tuesday	21		St Hilary's Fellowship 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	22	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café 10.30 am St P
Thursday	23	HE 10.30 am St P; Open Table 7 pm St M	
Friday	24	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	25	Holy Matrimony 1 pm St C	
SUNDAY	26	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE: Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 pm St M and 12.45	'The Feast of Life' 3 pm Holy Trinity Llandudno
Tuesday	28		Cuppa, crafts & chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room St H Church Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday	29	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café 10.30 am St P
ASCENSION DAY	30	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	31	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 happening in the Mission Area?



Bible Briefs

Bible Briefs this month will be on **Tuesday 7th May** at 7.30pm at 8 Llys Helyg, Deganwy, LL31 9BN. This month we will be looking at the Letter to Philemon. One of Paul's shortest and the most explosive letters,

the book of Philemon demonstrates the gospel through action. It is written to Philemon whose slave Onesimus ran away and became a believer under Paul's teaching.

Come and find out more!

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 Zephyr Ainscough, Thomas Bushnell, Emily and Freddie Campbell, Harrison Chapman, Nansi Rue Piper and Winne and Nancy Walters, to be welcomed into the church by baptism during May, and Martin Lawton and Rosemary Batten who are to be married in St Cystennin's Church.

Church Open for Prayer

St Hilary's Llanrhos is open for prayer on **Wednesday 15th May from 2-4 pm**. Come along for as long as you like. Spiritual and light refreshment available.



Equal Opportunities Prayer Breakfast!

The men's prayer breakfast has been taking place at St Paul's Craig y Don on the third Saturday of the month since last July. It has been attended by a small number of people, but has been valued by those who have attended. The breakfast is now open to everyone, so if you would like to join us, come along at 9 am on Saturday 18th May at St Paul's. Vegetarians are catered for.



Jeannette Bennett-Williams writes:

“Christian Aid Week was founded by the Church, for the Church, to fight for justice. Every May for more than 60 years, thousands of Churches across Britain and Ireland have stepped out for the world's most vulnerable. Together, we're united in our belief that the world can and must be changed because we are each called to love our neighbours. This is our mission.”

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK is 12th –18th MAY and this year we are looking at **Sierra Leone, depicted in the article “all mums should live”** (see page 10). Our Churches still try a limited House-to-House collection in the Penrhyn Bay, Deganwy and Llanrhos areas so if you can help with this please let your Church representatives know (Jeanette Davies at St. David's, Sue Oldfield at All Saints and Jeannette Bennett-Williams at St Hilary's) or contact Jeannette Bennett-Williams (01492 582911).

Some local Churches have coffee mornings, frugal lunches, afternoon teas, cake stalls (see details re St Hilary's opposite) or ask members to donate monies in the Week or take envelopes to family and friends. Whatever we do, we will help provide facilities for safer births for mums and their babies.

On Sunday May 12th at 6 pm there will be a united evening Service at **Gloddaeth Church, Llandudno for Christian Aid**, so please make a note in your diaries and you are most welcome to join us if you can. There will be refreshments after the service and time for fellowship.

There will also be a Christian Aid **Coffee Morning** at Gloddaeth Church on Wednesday 15th May and **Afternoon Tea** at Holy Trinity on Thursday 16th. Please come and join us.

COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA

Raising funds for local charities

St David's Church Hall, Penrhyn Bay

Thursday 2nd May, 2-3.30 pm.

£3 per person - pay on the day

Details from Ann Beardmore 07872 933926
(Profits from the May tea will go to Alder Hey Children's Hospital in thanks for the loving care a local baby has received there recently.)

Cake Stall at St Hilary's after Church on Sunday May 12th



Bake and Buy



Our Churches annual coffee morning for Christian Aid in April raised £195 - thanks to all who supported this event and a special thank you to St. Paul's ladies for hosting this again.

We can make a difference, so let's do it again this Christian Aid Week!

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.

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.



Above and left: In April the Penrhyn Bay Community Afternoon Tea took part in the Ty Gobaith Eat Cake Fundraiser, donating £135 from the March and April teas.

SUMMER LUNCH

Sunday 19th May



12.30 pm
Llanrhos
Schoolroom
£7

Contact 01492 876996
for tickets or further
information





THE MOTHERS' UNION

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

All Saints Deganwy Branch

Pat Chapman writes:

In March we had two contrasting talks on Lent by Revd Godfrey Chigumira and Revd Juliet Fraser. We are grateful to them both for their thought provoking talks. On Tuesday 7th May we will visit to St Asaph Cathedral with tea at the Cathedral Café. The Corporate Communion is on 1st May in All Saints at 10 am and all are welcome.

St Ffraid's Mothers' Union Branch

Kath Jones writes:

John Cilsand joined us at our March meeting and after our opening devotions, which he thanked us for and enjoyed being part of, he told us how he began running in his 70s. He had said to his wife's best friend, who is a runner, that he would like to try it. She said "Fine but you'll have to alter your diet and start training" and so it all began. He bought some good trainers and started running!

He lost weight with the new eating regime and gradually increased his distances, from one lamppost to the next to 5k park runs and on to the Great North Run, Cardiff and Manchester - he has the t-shirts and medals to prove it! "If I can do it, anyone can". Spectators give runners encouragement all along the way, and with amusing anecdotes he showed us his impressive collection of medals. He is taking part in the 'Run for life' dressed in pink (but no tu-tu!). He recommends it and says he has never felt better.

Our meeting on 7th May will be a film show.

St Ffraid's Church House

Glan Conwy

Coffee Stop

Every Thursday 10-11.30 am

Plant Sale and stalls St Cystennin's Church

Saturday 18th May
10 – 4 pm

Donations of plants, seedlings and gardening books, magazines, tools, seeds, pots etc. needed. If you are growing plants from seeds, please will you consider growing extra to donate?

Please get in touch or bring items along on the Friday morning when we will be setting up. Previous sales have been highly successful with high quality, cheap plants and seedlings – and lovely coffee and cakes too! £1.50 entrance fee will include a drink.



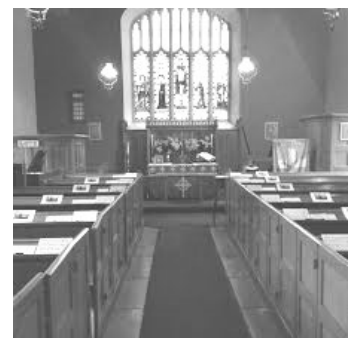
Coming soon to St Cystennin's:

Festival of Well Loved Hymns

Wednesday June 12th 7 p.m. Join us for an enjoyable evening singing well loved hymns, conducted by Mr Dilwyn Price. Please let us know by the end of May if you have a favourite hymn you would like to sing - we will be compiling a list in church.

Music for a Summer Evening

**Wednesday July 3rd
7 p.m.** Concert with Cantamus Chamber Choir - Strawberries and bubbles, raffle.



Saturday 14th September – Church Open Day

Sunday September 22nd – Pet Service

St Cystennin's is open most Saturday mornings 10.30ish – 12.30ish. Call by to look round the church, spring flowers in the churchyard, watch the birds, time for prayer, coffee and a chat.



Arts and Crafts Exhibition with Musical Interludes



May 4th, 5th & 6th

Paintings, photographs, craft work and music. Refreshments.

All proceeds to St Paul's Church Funds

Further details from Barbara or Sandra on 01492 525814

Or email:- barbarawalker@sandraabel.plus.com

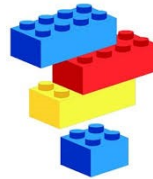
Storytime Café

For pre-school children and their carers.

A warm welcome at St Paul's at 10.30 am every
Wednesday.

Good coffee and tea, good stories and good
company!

Building Blocks



Join us at St Paul's on Sunday
12th May
at 4 pm

*Fun Faith and Food for the
family*

News from the Mission Area

Welcome Juliet - again!

On the afternoon of Sunday 7th April church members from across the Mission Area gathered in All Saints Church in Deganwy for the Licensing by Bishop Gregory of the Revd Juliet Fraser in her new role as a Vicar in the Mission Area with pastoral responsibility for All Saints and St Michael's.

It was a very happy occasion and the congregation joined with Juliet in praying for the Church in the Mission Area and for the part that we all have to play:

“Hear our prayer for all your servants, especially for your Church in this place; that each of us in our vocations and ministry may serve you in holiness and truth, to the glory of your name and the good of your Church.”

“Gwrando ein gweddi dros dy holl weision, yn enwdig dros dy Eglwys yn y lle hwn; fel bod pob un ohonon yn ein galwedigaeth a'n gweinidogaeth yn dy wasanaethu mews sancteiddrwydd a gwirionedd, er gogoniant dy enw a lles dy Eglwys.”



Above: The Revd Juliet Fraser multi-tasking at her Licensing service - one of her other roles is as grandmother to baby Theo.



Above: The Revd Peter Walker presented a cheque for £381 to Lynn Williams of Aberconwy Domestic Abuse Service. The money was raised from donations at a farewell meal in All Saints and the collection at Peter's final service. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.

St Grwst's Church



A project to restore and enhance the historic church of St Grwst's in Llanrwst has been awarded a £12,000 grant by Conwy Council Borough Council. The plan to restore the fifteenth century Gwydir Chapel, which is built onto the side of the ancient church and houses the coffin of Llywelyn the Great, will see a community and tourist hub created with the grant awarded from the Community Project Match Fund contributing to new kitchen and toilet facilities.

The project will also provide new disabled access and vital repairs and upgrading work and will help open the church to new audiences - activities such as musical performances, exhibitions, workshops, and cinema screenings will be possible.

Olwen John, one of the project team and a server at St Grwst's, said: "This grant is a fantastic boost to our funding and will help provide this ambitious project of conservation and redevelopment. The church has been an important centre of Christian faith and worship

in Llanrwst and we're delighted this will continue alongside new community and tourist activities. It is very exciting and a great boost for the local community, and we hope St Grwst will play a central role in local life once again."

Built originally in 1170, St Grwst's is reported to be the only church dedicated to the saint. After being partially destroyed during Owain Glyndwr's uprising in the 1400s it was fully demolished during the War of the Roses in 1468. The building that stands today was constructed in 1470, with further alterations and additions made over the following centuries.

St Cystennin's, Mochdre

Margaret Hodgkiss writes:

St Cystennin's - the church of Mochdre and the surrounding area, is a Grade II Listed building. There has been a place of worship on this site since 338 AD.

In recent years repairs have been done to the roof, the gable ends, the guttering, the windows and the boundary wall, and an accessible entrance made and toilet installed. However major roofing and other repairs are now needed urgently. Further fund raising is vital in order to continue worshipping in this magnificent building and to preserve its heritage for future generations. (The roof and other repair plans are available in the Church)

The Church Treasurer, Margaret Hodgkiss, has been leading the fundraising and much time and energy has gone into this from church members, and friends, the local community and the general public including the Pioneer Newspaper, for which we are extremely grateful. Now application is being made to the Heritage Lottery Funding for a grant and funds that have been raised over the last 4 years and ongoing, will be put towards whatever money may be granted.

Any further donations will be much appreciated and should be sent to St Cystennin's Church Treasurer c/o The Parish Office (Cheques made payable to St Cystennin's Church please).

Cyclone Idai



Our problems are put into perspective by this news from Norman and Mary Zigomo in Harare. (They worshipped with us at St Paul's for many years.)

They have written to us twice in the wake of the massive disaster caused in March by Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi in Eastern Africa. Firstly they told of the devastation and of a death toll that would reach thousands as bodies were buried in mudslides or swept away by swelling rivers. Those remaining had lost everything and were being rescued from treetops and mountaintops.



Above: Some of the devastation, damage and widespread flooding caused by Cyclone Idai. The story has dropped out of the news but the need for prayers and support will continue for years.

The poorly resourced local services were unprepared for a disaster of this magnitude and the government appealed to the international community for help. However, civil society, corporates and other organizations (including Norman and Mary's church) have all been involved in offering relief and support to the victims, collecting clothes, blankets and food.

More recently they wrote how thankful they are to all those overseas who contributed so much in cash and kind including clothes, blankets, tents, medicines etc, which are helping displaced people who lost everything. The recovery, rehousing and rehabilitation will take a long time, but such help goes a long way to repairing lives and livelihoods. They write that they were very humbled by the overwhelming response received from the international community - much appreciating that they even received expressions of sympathies from the Queen and members of her royal family.

Norman and Mary's relatives were surprisingly not affected by this devastation except for a couple who live in Beira, Mozambique, whose house was swept away by the floods, but they ask for our prayers for the countries affected to find healing, peace and hope during this time of mourning and hopelessness, as well as sending their best wishes and greetings to all of their friends here and especially at St. Paul's.



St Cystennin's participated in the RSPB Garden Bird Watch in January – regular visitors include great tit, blue tit, nuthatch, greater spotted woodpecker, dunnock, robin, blackbird, chaffinch. Please continue to donate bird food for the churchyard bird feeding and please return empty jam jars if you buy Betty's jams and chutneys as jars are recycled.

Digin for Mothering Sunday

The hall at St David's Penrhyn Bay was the setting for the latest "Digin". Once again there was lots of cake! Those present spent time thinking about the people who were most important to them - not necessarily just mothers - and also thought about the nurturing and caring nature of God. With music (including actions!), prayer and craft activities a good time was had by all, and we look forward to the next Digin. (See pictures overleaf).



Christian Aid Week 'All mums should live'

Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day 10 women die from giving birth. In Sawula district, the community struggle with a clinic which has no electricity and only two delivery beds.

Jebbeh is heavily pregnant but as her baby grows, it's not joy that fills her heart, but fear. When Jebbeh's sister Fatmata went in to labour, there were so few ambulances that Fatmata had no choice but to walk for three hours under the baking sun, to the nearest hospital. The journey was long and with every step Fatmata struggled to keep walking.

Jebbeh told us: 'My sister was crying out with hunger. She died on the side of the road. She never gave birth.'

This Christian Aid Week, together, we can make childbirth safe for mums and babies. Through our gifts and prayers, we can help give the world's poorest mums a chance to live.



Above: Mothering Sunday Digin - singing about the size of God's love for us, and a veritable fleet of prayer boats carrying prayers of those present.



Above: "Behind the Scenes"! Pat Chapman, Church Warden at All Saints, preparing the Bishop's chair for the Service of Licensing of the Revd Juliet Fraser which took place at All Saints Church in Deganwy on the 7th April.



Stand with mums

See pages 4 and 5 for details of events this **Christian Aid Week, 12-18 May**. Every £300 raised could help provide a new delivery bed so more mums like Jebbeh (pictured above) can deliver their babies safely and can celebrate more happy birth days.

News from



Ysgol Bodafon

The weather is beautiful as this article is being written – as it was for the Ysgol Bodafon Walking Treasure Hunt on Saturday April 6th, which saw 17 families start and finish a hunt around Craig-y-Don for clues and letters! (See picture on page 13)

We had a number of questions in St Pauls which provided a great opportunity for people to walk around and really study the beautiful building, and learn things like the pulpit has been there since 1895. What a change ministers who have preached must have seen over those years – in church numbers, in the range and ages of people coming to church – and it still stands there today, a place for sharing the gospel to those in the pews around.

A few of the comments from the experience of being in church for the treasure hunt were that it enabled people have a chance to sit and be quiet, and light a candle before they left – “Be still and know that I am God” is quite a well known verse from the Bible – but it is far easier said than done between school, work, clubs, family, shopping and all the other daily things we do, having time to sit and just be is a rare gift. It was great that people could avail of that extra bonus in the midst of family fun and chocolate coins!

Talking of family fun – “Building Blocks – lego, faith and food” continues to run on a monthly basis with a great mix of fun activities for all ages (parents enjoy it too!) as well as an injection of Bible based teaching – food for thought on a lot of levels for all the family to chew on. If you haven’t had a chance to come along, its well worth the effort for some quality family time.

Already thoughts are turning towards the Summer and the final school term of the academic year – time certainly flies. St Paul’s will look forward to receiving its first lot of intercessions from the school prayer boxes – already the idea of thinking of others and praying is becoming part and parcel of everyday language for some of the children as we saw at a

recent parents evening – prayers written by the children adorned the classroom wall for all to see and share, a lovely Christian ethos for our school.

So to end this article, just an extended invitation – to remember in the midst of all these activities and fun things to do, either with school or in church – the most important thing to remember is that occasionally, we just need to Be Still, Know who God is, and rest in the certain knowledge that He does hear your prayers and He delights in your presence...

Father God, we thank you for family and for school,

We thank you for our Church and all the opportunities we have to connect with you.

Help us to remember that Being a Child of God is the most important thing.

And whilst we can get busy doing lots of things – nothing really beats quality time with You, or with our family or friends.

So thank you, that you tell us to Be Still – so its okay to do nothing sometimes!

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen

And on that note – go and be still and enjoy some sun! Mwynhewch yr haul!

Oddi Wrth / From Ysgol Bodafon

Results for the Treasure Hunt:

Winners! Awesome foursome 97.5

Joint second – Rugby and French Flash 96.5

Dwi’m yn gwybod 95.5

Crazy Castro’s 95

The Magpies and

Bushnells 94.5

Groves and friends 93.5

Lego family fun and

Chloe’s Avengers 92.5

Eggheads 89

Fantastic five and pickle pals 87

Whose who 86.25

G man gledies 77

A and O (had to go early and only did a bit - thanks for coming!) 30



Local Matters

Llandudno - Keswick

Bible Week

7-10 May - Gloddaeth Church

With James Robson, Ministry Director for Keswick Ministries.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 7.30 pm

"Encounters with Jesus" based on Luke's Gospel

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10.30 am

"First Things First" Nehemiah

Friday 7.30 pm - Welsh Session - Rev Dafydd Job

No charge - Freewill offering

Opportunities to get involved - volunteers needed for stewarding, serving teas/coffees, drivers for the Park 'n' Ride (available from West Shore), musicians and for the prayer team. For more information e-mail

bible-week@gloddaeth.com.



The Revd Andrew Sully writes:

'The Feast of Life' was written in 2000 by American composer Marty Haugen and reminds us of the fourteen banquets mentioned in Luke's Gospel. I'm very taken by the central image in Luke's Gospel of the Kingdom of God as being like a banqueting table, to which both the first and the least are equally invited. Paul Bayes, Bishop of Liverpool, has just written a book, called 'The Table: Knowing Jesus: Prayer, Friendship, Justice.' It offers a radical vision of the Church as a table, built by Jesus the carpenter and stretching down every street and into every home. At this table, everyone sits, eats, worships, agrees and disagrees together, as equals. The Anglican Church, Bishop Bayes suggests, used to be 'a spiritually dangerous place: cushioned by privilege, in the middle of our society, and at the top.' Today, however, it is more often 'on the edge and underneath: marginalised, not always taken seriously and sometimes mocked.' But that, he argues, is the

Good News, because on the edge and underneath is where the people are. Equality and also justice are at the heart of his book - justice that does not come without struggle, patience and quiet perseverance. A Church that knows justice and Jesus is a Church that can best accommodate our rich and diverse communities and embody hopes for the future.

Recently I played to Llandudno Mothers' Union composer Lori True's hymn (words written by the New Zealand writer, Shirley Erena Murray). I first heard it on Iona some 20 years ago and find its vision of the Kingdom both a challenge and an inspiration:

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

*And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair.

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.

For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live.

For gay and for straight, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of grace and gender and colour,
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace.

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.

'The Feast of Life' will be presented on Sunday 26th May at 3 pm in Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno. There will be a retiring collection at the door.



Above: Spotted at St Paul's..... But don't worry, everyone is fine! The Llandudno branch of St John Ambulance is now based in St Paul's church hall and meets there for training each Monday. It means the group's ambulance is also a feature parked in the churchyard.

Work like you don't need the money
 Love like you've never been hurt
 Dance like nobody's looking
 Sing like nobody's listening
 Live like it's heaven on earth

Author unknown
 but recently published by
 the Eden Project, St Austell,
 Cornwall, whose strapline is

Transformation: it's in our nature - not a bad motto for a Christian either.

OPEN TABLE



Open Table services are now being held on **4th Thursdays at St Michael's Church, Llandudno Junction** - next service will be on Thursday 23rd May 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.

EASTER

Many thanks to all those who prepared our services through Holy Week and Easter, and to those who decorated the churches for Easter Sunday. Did you spot an Easter Garden anywhere?



Above: Sixteen teams took part in the Ysgol Bodafon treasure hunt around Craig y Don, and enjoyed suitable refreshment after walking around the area in search of clues.

FROM THE EDITORS

We welcome news and comment from across the Mission Area, with photos if possible. We are particularly trying to include more of the Welsh language, so any articles (bilingual or with a brief summary in the other language) would be welcome.

Please send items in by **copy date (7th of the month)** to 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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Afterthoughts

The Good News and the Bad News

We Christians are fond of quoting John 3:16: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (and usually in the King James’s version!). It has been called the “Gospel in a nutshell” as it encapsulates the central themes of Christianity.

What is often not emphasised though is what follows shortly afterwards: “But whoever does not believe is already condemned!”. It is a reminder that although God’s love is freely given we are required to demonstrate acceptance by believing in Jesus. It is as if someone has fallen into a lake, Jesus is the raft and unless we jump on board we are going to drown and are therefore already lost.

“Jesus Saves” is the message but what are we saved from? Dare I say it but what is often forgotten is what may be to come! It has become very unfashionable to talk of Hell or even think about it these days as we are

supposed to be focusing on “Church Growth” and not putting people off. But what is church growth for? To enjoy the services? Admire the church building? Experience love and fellowship? Doing more work in the community? Eating nice cakes and having coffee after the service and a good chat? Of course it is all of these and more. However in the process we often fail to mention – sometimes deliberately so – what the message means and why we want to get people into church and what it is that Jesus saves us from.

Good news is only good in contrast with something that is bad, otherwise it is merely news. It will come as a surprise to most I am sure, but of the 26 times Hell is mentioned in the New Testament, Jesus is the one that brings it up 23 times! If Hell is so important for Jesus to warn us against, should we continue to foster an atmosphere of denial?

Frank Prescott, All Saints



Along with its commercial re-structuring, Traidcraft is emphasising its commitment to justice:

Environmental Justice - There is increasing concern and worry about the effects that climate change is having on their partners and they will bring attention to the crisis which will result if we overstep the UN’s ambition to keeping global warming to less than 1.5° above pre-industrial levels.

Social Justice - Equality of gender, sex, religion, opportunity, regardless of background, heritage, experience or inheritance.

Trade Justice - There are incredible power imbalances in international trade. Traidcraft are passionate about economic justice and believe that transparency is key in achieving this.

These are enormous themes. They are not always easy to understand and sometimes lofty ambition can get lost in excruciating detail.

Transparency is an example. The first focus tends to be on price, as people usually connect “Fairtrade” to a fair price, and assume that one equals the other. However, real justice is not so much about what you pay, but how you are treated and how you treat others. For 40 years Traidcraft has pre-financed goods bought from the developing world without charging interest, has not charged late fees, and has honoured all its obligations, while not always being treated in the same way.

Transparency is messy, but it needs to be honest and it needs to start at home. A recent issue with a supplier who let their FT certification lapse has put Traidcraft in the position of having to pay a fine or buy an equivalent weight of Fairtrade goods and sell it to a non-Fairtrade supplier! These are some of the pitfalls along the road to trade justice but Traidcraft are being open and honest about the situation.

At individual level we need to keep faith with the concepts and buy and ask for fairly traded goods wherever possible. (Spring/Summer catalogues are in the churches now.)