

Celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit

The Revd Noel Carter writes:

At Pentecost Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday fifty days after Easter and ten days after Ascension Day. Jesus had promised his followers that, although they would not see him after his Ascension, they would receive the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire them.



The Acts of the Apostles describes how the crowds gathered in Jerusalem – representing many nationalities and speaking many languages – were able to hear the disciples preaching in their own language: *'When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.'* Acts 2, verse 2

Many churches set aside the ten days between Ascension and Pentecost as a special time of prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit. **'Thy Kingdom Come'** – the global wave of prayer

established in 2016 following an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York – has seen millions of Christians across denominations and the world joining together to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. During the 10 days of **'Thy Kingdom Come'**, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will

Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ

Pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know

Come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

Through the centuries Christians have gathered at this time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray **'Come Holy Spirit'**. We are praying that the Spirit will inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends, families and our communities. It is our prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world will hear it for themselves, and respond and follow Him. On **Ascension Day Thursday 30th May** there will be a service to launch 10 days of Prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit into the life of the Mission Area. This Special service of Prayer and Praise will take place in **St Hilary's, Llanrhos at 7.30 pm**. I look forward to seeing you there!

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

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REGULAR SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES - ALL WELCOME

GWASANAETHAU RHEOLAIDD YN EIN HEGLYSI - CROESO I BAWB

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

Please note that on **23rd June** there will be a special service at 11 am at St Grwst's (**no other services** at St Ffraid's, St Grwst's or St Martin's on that Sunday). **From 30th June onwards Llanrwst services will be in Church House.**

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

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**

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

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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		Services	Other events
ASCENSION DAY	30	HE 10.30 am St P; Special service of Prayer and Praise 7.30 pm St H	
Friday	31	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	1		Summer Brass Concert 7.30 pm St P
SUNDAY	2	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE Also: Holy Baptism 12.30 & 2 pm St M, 1 pm St H; Choral Evensong 4 pm St P	
Monday	3		Dementia Café 10.30-12.30 pm AS; Craft Group 1 pm St P; Mission Area Conference meeting
Tuesday	4		Bible Briefs 7.30 pm, 8 Llys Helig; St H Fellowship trip to Liverpool Cathedral
Wednesday	5	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café 10.30 am St P
Thursday	6	HE 10.30 am St P	Afternoon Tea 2-3.30 pm St D Church Hall
Friday	7	HE 10 am St D	Cancer Support Group 10.30 am AS MAGAZINE COPY DATE
PENTECOST	9	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE Also: Holy Baptism 12.45 pm St H; Building Blocks 4 pm St P	
Monday	10		Craft Group 1 pm St P; St Paul's Fellowship, 2.30 pm PARISH OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK
Tuesday	11		Cuppa, crafts & chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	12	HE 10 am AS; Festival of Hymns 7 pm St C	Storytime Café 10.30 am St P
Thursday	13	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	14	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	15	Holy Matrimony 2.30 pm St H	
SUNDAY	16	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE	
Monday	17		Craft Group 1 pm St P
Wednesday	19	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café 10.30 am St P
Corpus Christi	20	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	21	HE 10 am St D	St Grwst's Flower Festival 21-23 June
SUNDAY	23	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE Also: <u>no service</u> at St Ff or St Ma - Special service 11 am at St G;	
Monday	24		Craft Group 1 pm St P; Afternoon Tea 2.30 pm St P
Tuesday	25		Cuppa, crafts & chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	26	HE 10 am AS	Storytime Café 10.30 am St P
Thursday	27	HE 10.30 am St P; Open Table 7 pm St M	
Friday	28	HE 10 am St D	
SUNDAY	30	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE Also: Joint service 10.30 am at St K for St C and St K; Morning Worship 11 am St D; Llanrwst services at Church House from now on; Holy Baptism 12.45 pm St H	

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? Be' sy'n digwydd yn y Fro Genhadaeth?

Bible Briefs



Bible Briefs this month will be on **Tuesday 4th June** at 7.30 pm at 8 Llys Helyg, Deganwy, LL31 9BN. This month we will be looking at the conversion of St Paul as described in the Acts of

the Apostles and the letter to the Galatians.

Come and find out more!

Praying for Growth Gweddïo dros dwf



As the Rector has written on the front page, we will be keeping the ten days from Ascension Day to Pentecost (30th May to 9th June) as a special time of prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit, which will be launched with a service at **St Hilary's on Ascension Day at 7.30 pm**. (There is the regular service at St Paul's at 10.30 am on that day for those who also wish to attend a Eucharist).

Even if you cannot attend the service, please look out for prayer materials and observe this special time of prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit into the life of the Mission Area.



Above: One church, one faith, one Lord..... two denominations! St Paul's Church is also used once a month by members of St Behanan's Indian Orthodox Syrian Church, who set up this impressive altar in the chancel and conduct their services in a language called Malayam.

Please pray for all those elected to office at the Easter Vestry Meetings, and for Eryl Parry and Sue Storey (coming to the end of their placements in the Mission Area before their ordination at the end of June). Please also remember in your prayers Phoebe Wright, Freddie and Darcy Palfrey, Rosie Tidswall, Layla Grace Cripps, Luna Fairbairn-Percival and Olive Bates, to be welcomed into the church by baptism during June, and Alex Gough and Charlotte Jones who are to be married in St Hilary's Church.

(No June Prayer Breakfast - Rector on holiday)

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. 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.

COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA

Raising funds for local charities

St David's Church Hall, Penrhyn Bay
Thursday 6th June, 2-3.30 pm.

£3 per person - pay on the day

Details from Ann Beardmore 07872 933926

The last community afternoon tea on Thurs 2nd May was very well supported and made £105 which was donated to Alderhey Hospital in thanks for the excellent care a local families new baby received there recently - baby Minni is now home and doing well after emergency surgery immediately after birth

Also, do you have any unwanted mugs to use for these teas please? Many attending have said they would prefer a mug and it might save some washing up!

If you can help with this please contact the Parish Office.



St Grwst's Update

Work will begin in the summer on the almost £1m refurbishment of St Grwst's Church in Llanrwst. The redevelopment will create a flexible and welcoming space for both the community and visitors, provide new disabled access and carry out vital repairs to the buildings. The 17th century Gwydir Chapel, which is built on the side of the ancient church and houses the coffin of Llywelyn the Great, will be restored and its historical significance celebrated.



Services Continue Cynnal Gwasanaethu

The church will be temporarily closed for almost a year for this work to be undertaken. During the closure, services will continue at Church House, Watling Street: Every Sunday Bilingual Holy Eucharist at 4 pm, and on the 2nd and 4th Sunday Morning Prayer in Welsh at 9.30 am. Funerals will take place at either Capel Seion Llanrwst or St Mary's Church Betws y Coed according to family preference.

Flower Festival & last service Gŵyl Flodau a'r gwasanaeth olaf

The 4th annual Flower Festival takes place 21-23 June.

Entries from businesses, groups and individual are welcome. To take part contact: Janet Pierce on 01492 640443 / 07507138572 or email: janandbarry62@yahoo.com



The last service in St Grwst's takes place on Sunday 23 June and everyone is welcome.

Cynhelir y gwasanaeth olaf yn St Grwst am 11yb ar 23ain Mehefin ac mae croeso is bawb

Keep up to date with progress Cadw i funy a'r datblygiadau diweddaraf

During the flower festival and at the last service, plans for the church will be on display. Once work is underway, progress updates will be displayed in the

Menter Iaith offices, in Ancaster Square In Llanrwst. During refurbishment, St Grwst's will become a construction site with no access to the church or churchyard. Church Street access will be disrupted and while the Riverside Walk will remain open, fencing will prevent access to the church. We aim to keep any disruption in Llanrwst to a minimum. If you have questions about the works or its impact, please contact Revd Sarah Hildreth-Osborn: 01492 640032 or Bleddyn Hughes: 01492 640703

The sale of pews Gwerthiant seddau

St Grwst's Paley Austin pews are available to purchase. Contact Olwen John on 01492 641728 by the 1st June. Collection to be between 24 – 28 June.

Key Dates Dyddiadau Allweddol

- 1 June:** Deadline for Expression of interest in purchasing pews
- 21 June:** Flower Festival opens
- 23 June:** 11am Flower Festival Eucharist marking the temporary church closure
- 24 June:** Collection of pews til 28th June
- 22 July:** Capital works start
- Spring 2020:** St Grwst's reopens

Visit our Facebook page for updates on progress: @stgrwstchurch



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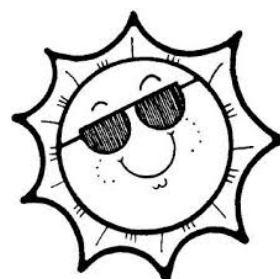
St. Cystennin's Church, Llangystennin near Mochdre

Festival of Hymns



Come and sing favourite hymns in the peaceful setting of St. Cystennin's Church
**Wednesday 12th June
at 7 p.m.**

Leader: Mr Dilwyn Price
Organist: Mr Raymond Stythe-Jones
All welcome



SUMMER TEA

Monday 24th June
2.30 pm

St Paul's, Craig-y-Don
Tickets £3.50

MUSIC AT ST PAUL'S CRAIG-Y-DON

Summer Brass is here again with Holywell Brass Band (pictured left). Come along to St Paul's at **7.30 pm on the first Saturday of the month** (1st June, 6th July, 4th August, 1st September). The concerts raise money to support young musicians at St Paul's and the up and coming young talent in Holywell Band. Also at St Paul's, a short series of Choral Evensong for good causes, starting on **Sunday 2nd June at 4 pm** with Evensong in aid of St John Ambulance.

News from Ysgol Bodafon



So! Any thoughts as to what connects cheese, wine and one of the children at Ysgol Bodafon? The fact that for all of them, they need the right conditions to mature into being something wonderful!

Did you know, for example, that cheese needs to be stored in a suitable place at a suitable temperature for a period of time before it is ready to eat? And wine – again, it needs to be handled correctly and stored before it is ready to drink.

And so with our children – we hope they are in homes and schools that provide the right conditions for the right length of time to ensure they mature into the person God created them to be.

St Pauls has been delighted that children from Ysgol Bodafon are growing in number, and in participation at the Family Services, held on the second Sunday of each month at 4 pm. A short and interactive service, it is filled with variety, food and fun – and the parents all enjoy it too! Most of all, it is a great opportunity to show off the newly created prayer boxes from each of the classes, with the prayers of the children being read out by a member of the school. A fine example of them showing off the God-given talents placed in each child.

The next family service falls on **Pentecost Sunday, June 9th**, which is the day Christians celebrate the Holy Spirit falling upon the disciples of Jesus. Jesus had promised the disciples that once He had left them, He would send them the Holy Spirit as a Helper and a Guide - an incredible promise that, when He would no longer be physically among them the same Spirit that was with Jesus on earth would come to guide the disciples on the way of truth. (John 14:15-18; Acts 1:4-5,8). Wow! Going back to our cheese and wine, God always waits until the conditions are ripe and ready for things to happen, and this Sunday marks a very special day for believers everywhere. Not only has

Newyddion o'r Ysgol Bodafon

Jesus risen, as we celebrated at Easter, but His Holy Spirit acts as our guide and helper forever – a very good reason to be thankful.

Thankfully, conditions are ripe for the school to receive a much needed grant from the local diocese towards new windows throughout the school. Also, we are delighted that Mrs Lloyd has accepted the permanent position as Deputy Headteacher, and Mr O' Brien has been appointed on his first temporary teaching contract – congratulations to them both. On a sad note, however, conditions remain tight in the area of budget and staffing has been affected, which will have an impact on the rest of the amazing team – please do pray for all of the staff who work in the school, for grace, strength and blessing.



Children at Ysgol Bodafon have been making prayer boxes for each class. At the end of term, the prayers from the boxes were used as intercessions at church services in St Paul's. Here, Lydia and Seren show off the prayer boxes in church.

At the end of the day, every aspect of school life, home life, all our life – is the stuff of prayer.

Pentecost also falls in a time when a global prayer movement called Thy Kingdom Come is happening (see Rector's piece on the front page). It invites people to get to know Jesus

better, pray for God's spirit to work in our lives and, as we already mentioned, come to realise that every aspect of life is "the stuff of prayer".

It is open to everyone and there are loads of great ideas of how to pray as a family or in your local community – have a look and get involved on <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

So – keep praying dear folk – the conditions and time are always right for prayer! Here is a short one to set you off:

Loving Father, in the face of Jesus Christ, your light and glory shines. Send your Holy Spirit afresh to guide us and help us. You know all about the conditions of our school, and our homes. Help us to remember to come to you with our stuff, as you know all things. Help us to trust you and look to you. Strengthen us and give us grace. For your name's sake. Amen.

Until next time - *from Ysgol Bodafon*

TRIP TO LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

St Hilary's Fellowship are planning a trip to Liverpool Anglican Cathedral on Tuesday 4th June. Eryl Parry, who has worked there in the past, will be coming with us to lead us around the building, which is truly amazing.

Exact details have not been finalised as we go to press, but if anyone is interested in joining this outing, please contact Doreen Owen on 01492 585127 as soon as possible.

MISSION AREA EASTER VESTRY MEETING

The Minutes are now available.

Importantly, there was a discussion about what is expected of the Mission Area and of the role of Mission Area Warden in particular. **We are asked to think about this and feed back to the Mission Area Conference meeting on 3rd June** - please talk with your church's Mission Area Conference rep or one of the clergy.



THE MOTHERS' UNION Undeb y Mamau

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

All Saints Mothers Branch

For our Lent project we collected items for hospital bags for those finding themselves unexpectedly in hospital without the necessary personal care items. Ten bags plus many individual items have been sent to Llandudno Hospital (see picture below). Thank you to all Mothers Union members who contributed.



R I P Mrs Vera Gordon - It was with sadness that we learnt that Mrs Vera Gordon had died. Vera had been a loyal and faithful member of Mothers Union for many years until she was well into her late 90s and had been looking forward to her 100th birthday this summer. A much loved lady she will be missed by family and friends. Our love and sympathy go to her family.

The Mothers' Union Joint service for Aberconwy and Aled Mission Areas is on Thursday 4th July at 2 pm at Glan Conwy. (St Asaph Mission Area service is at Meliden on Thursday 13th June at 7 pm if an evening is more convenient.)

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

The Revd Juliet Fraser writes:

A mighty big thank you to all who contributed to making my licensing service on April 7th such a memorable and special occasion. I am so grateful and privileged to have been so warmly welcomed into the congregations of All Saints and St Michael's.

This is the beginning of a new journey for us all as we work together to bring the gospel message to our communities. And of course we are not alone on this journey as we have our Lord by our side, to travel with us each step of the way - to direct, guide and pick us up when we stumble, dust us off and set us back on our feet again. He has the map, he knows the way - he is the way. He knows the pitfalls, and he carries the emergency medical kit, for when we need healing. Our Lord God is the perfect travelling companion, to whom we give our thanks, and surrender to his will with confidence - 'For I know the plans I have for you' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'.

Let us pray to know the plans God has for us, and put ourselves and all we have to offer into his hands, the safe hands of the one who created us, knows us and loves us. Amen

With blessings, Juliet



News from the Mission Area Newyddion o'r Fro Genhadaeth



Some of the Easter flowers at **St David's Church Penrhyn Bay**. One of the congregations comments: "We had a lovely service at St David's on Easter Sunday. The service was well attended and looked lovely. Most people stopped for coffee or tea afterwards which made it a good social gathering as well. We at St David's hope everyone had a happy and peaceful Easter."

St Cystennin's, Mochdre

On Sunday April 28th there was a special commemoration at St. Cystennin's of the 100th anniversary of the wedding of the parents of Mr Robin Lewis, their only surviving son. The Wedding registers were open for the marriage of Thomas Lewis of 2 School Cottages, Bryn Pydew and Mary Jones of 3 School Cottages. Interestingly enough the ceremony was according to the rites of the Church of England - the Church in Wales was yet to be. Robin read the lessons and recalled his early attendance at St Cystennin's. Stan Roberts from Cor Maelgwn sang two solos. Stan was also a neighbour from Bryn Pydew and remembered Robin's parents as very kind people. The Rev Godfrey Chigumira preached on the topic of being a good parent.

There have been some generous donations for the roof fundraising following our recent Easter newsletter and cards - many thanks to all.

St Hilary's, Llanrhos



Doreen Owen writes:

It's surprising what six ladies can do with long handed brushes and a few feather dusters! They were fighting a battle against a swarm of ladybirds who had decided to hibernate in the apex of the west window, and objected to being moved, as they had loved flying down and landing on the heads of those who sat in the back few pews! (Perhaps they were telling them they should move nearer the front!)

We hope the congregation appreciated the sweet smell of polish and carpet freshener when they took their seats on Easter Sunday. As well as a clean and bright church on Easter Sunday morning, the congregation at St Hilary's were treated to a delicious cake from their Organist.

For a year now Jelena has been playing for St Hilary's as well as for St Grwst's - time flies when you are having fun! We very much appreciate all she has done for us, including the excellent concerts presented by her pupils - look out for details of the next one on Friday 12th July.

Joint Lent Compline and Study Group at St David's Hospice

From the Revd. Jane Allen:

St David's Hospice has asked me to thank all those who contributed so generously to the collection taken at our last Compline/Study Group. The amount donated was £165, and the Hospice very much appreciated receiving this contribution to their funds.

You may like to know that we averaged 22 people across the five sessions, and I would like to thank the Revd Noel Carter for leading us through the discussions after Compline. It is always good to meet "old" and new friends and to come together in this way.

Every blessing.

Revd Jane Allen, Hospice Chaplain



Pictured left: Windows at St Paul's were decorated with coloured paper crosses for Eastertide. The crosses were made by members of the weekly craft group, which meets at 1 pm on Monday afternoons.



Pictured: St Hilary's organist Jelena Stepanova and her beautifully decorated cake - it almost seemed a shame to eat it!



St Paul's, Craig-y-Don

Chris Dearden and Philip Evans write:

Summer is finally on the way - the weather warms up, visitors to Llandudno come and join us in church, and the summer brass band concerts start up.

The Holywell Band concerts take place on the first Saturday of the month, raising money to support the young musicians of St Paul's Church and up and coming young talent in the Band.

However, band concerts are not the only musical event for a good cause this summer. New for 2019 is a short series of Choral Evensong, starting on Sunday 2nd June at 4 pm with evensong in aid of St John Ambulance. They have recently moved their Llandudno base into St Paul's church hall, so we thought that a service of thanks for the work that they do is a good way to celebrate this relationship. The second evensong is on 7th July, and will support Llandudno Lifeboat, with which we have a long-standing link.

Summer also brought interesting visitors to St Paul's recently. A couple from southern England on a motoring holiday around Britain called in to join us for the morning service. An internet search for a church with a choral service and found St Paul's. But they got something of a surprise to see that the organist that morning was Keith Lacey, whom they had known 40 years previously, but not seen in decades. The coincidence was all the more startling because Keith wasn't actually due to be on duty that day, but had swapped shifts with a colleague.

That morning was one of odd coincidences. The live Facebook broadcast of the service stopped early because the phone developed a flat battery. - but not until 5 seconds after the end of the communion anthem, which was one of the nicest performances of Goodall's "The Lord Is My Shepherd" (the theme from The Vicar of Dibley) which we've done in ages. The choir wasn't cut off in the middle. Maybe someone is keeping an eye on St Paul's after all?



This photo shows St Paul's in its community.

The picture was taken from the top of Vicarage Avenue, looking down onto Llandudno with the church next to the seafront. In the foreground are the houses of Liddell Park and the flats of Parc Clarence, while the dome of Dylan's restaurant is prominent next to the church. It's a sight that volunteers at St Paul's often see while out delivering leaflets. This picture was actually taken as part of a grant application to show that the part of Llandudno covered by the Mission Area is much more than the tourist-focused bits of the seafront and town centre.

Local Matters - Petha' Lleol



Conwy Food Bank

Feeding local people in crisis

www.conwyfoodbank.co.uk

Dear Supporters

Everyone at Conwy Food Bank would like to thank you for all your recent donations which help us to provide help for people who are struggling to feed themselves and their families.

The total number of parcels issued in April is down a little to 92, but the moving average is still rising rapidly. 38 went to families with 78 children, 46 single parcels and 8 to couples.

Thank You for your kindness and help. We could not do our work without your generosity.

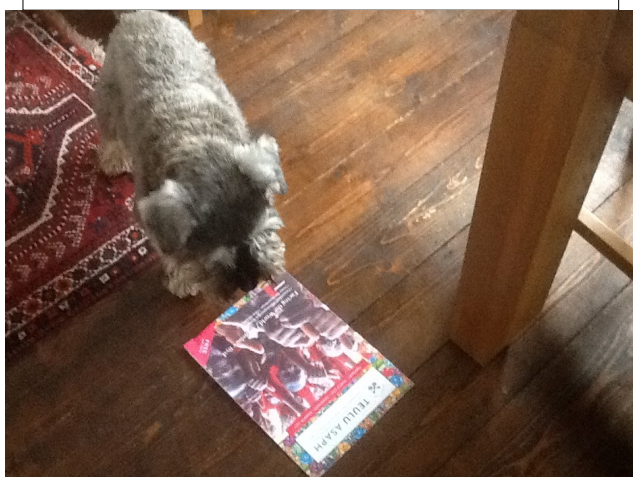
Best Wishes from us all at Conwy Food Bank



Dementia Friendly screenings at Theatr Colwyn

Thursday 20th June
2 pm Mama Mia Here we go again

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



Above: Helen Barritt's dog Jasper reading the Teulu Asaph - have you read yours?

FAIR TRADE MASNACH DEG



People came from groups in Mold, Holywell, Abergele, Conwy and Bangor to a recent meeting with Aileen from Fair Trade Wales. They got a broader understanding of Fair Trade including the Fairtrade Foundation and certification, discussing how to take their groups forward, recruiting and inspiring new members, finding out about FT in Africa because of Wales' links there, hearing about information and resources to encourage shops and the issue of the increasing number of businesses in the 'ethical market' but not using Fairtrade products.

Aileen produced a Review last year for the Welsh Government (soon to be published, bi-lingually). An online survey found that people felt proud that Wales is a FT nation, it is morally right, supporting justice and fairness and fits with Wales' identity, but there is still more to do. Future priorities include more businesses involved in promoting and using FT, and there were many other headings including education and Government support.

FT Wales grew from a grassroots movement, and is now supported by the Welsh Government as part of HUB Cymru Africa funding, currently in year one of a 3 year cycle. It plans to support, grow and promote Fair Trade in Wales, and has started a university network to encourage them to engage more, with a similar pilot scheme for Local Government. They do not have the resources to work with businesses - this is a Government responsibility - and they are no longer funded to work in schools. They have spoken to almost half of the National Assembly members about the Living Incomes Campaign, and are arranging the 13th International Fair Trade Towns Conference in Cardiff in October.

Our local Conwy Fair Trade Coalition is on conwyfairtrade@gmail.com. Please think about Fair Trade when making everyday purchases and ask for FT goods in shops and cafés.



Housing Justice

Housing Justice Cymru is the Welsh arm of Housing Justice, whose mission is to mobilise Christian action on homelessness and housing need through love, justice, advocacy and nurture.

The St Asaph Diocesan annual appeal for 2019 will be the Wrexham Night Shelter. The project, set up by **Housing Justice Cymru** and supported by the **Diocese of St Asaph**, is being run in partnership with Wrexham Borough Council and other agencies working with those who are homeless in the town.

Sarah Wheat, Diocesan Engagement Officer seconded to Housing Justice Cymru, was speaker at the **St Asaph Diocesan Mothers' Union** Spring Council and talked about what happened over ten weeks between January and March 2019, the first winter.

Seven different churches across Wrexham offered their church or hall as a venue for the night shelter - one night, every week for ten weeks. 200 volunteers from church and community groups in the town donated 3950 hours of their time over the 69 nights.

Teams of trained volunteers welcomed the ten guests every night, offering a safe environment, respect, clean bed, a hot meal and breakfast; providing hospitality and continuity in the hope that this stability would be a chance to focus on other issues and engage with agencies to help them out of homelessness.

In all 18 people were supported by the project. The age range 21-63 years. Nine people moved into permanent accommodation.

The Mothers' Union has supported the 2019 project with a donation of new bedding and has promised further support for 2020.

By making a donation to the Diocesan Offering Appeal for 2019, parishes in the diocese will be able to support this very worthwhile project.



Above: Tim Gough from Llandudno Youth for Christ with some of the local young people.

Llandudno Youth for Christ

is celebrating ten years since it started. Supported by members of local churches, the work among local teenagers has quietly and steadily grown.

Tim Gough has completed 8 years here as youth worker and has recently written a book on Church Youth work, 'Youthwork Rebooted.' Now based at Community Centre Ty Llewelyn near Llandudno Hospital, Tim has built up a team of voluntary helpers. He regularly takes assemblies and RE lessons at Ysgol John Bright, with a weekly lunch time voluntary Christian club with a regular attendance of thirty or so. The Sunday night Redefine sees about twenty coming for contemporary worship and Bible teaching. You can keep up to date on Facebook by following Llandudno Youth for Christ and visiting their website.

Tim's helper Cory Finch, is taking a lunchtime Club at Ysgol Aberconwy as well as a midweek new 'Shuffle and Shake' Club in Colwyn Bay, where young people can play board games. The plan was always to reach out from Llandudno.

There is a monthly ecumenical Prayer Meeting on the fourth Sunday evening at 7 p.m. at Ty Llewelyn open to all church members.

We can look back over ten years with much thanksgiving. Please pray for the young people of Llandudno in these challenging times. Llandudno Youth for Christ exists to serve all the churches.

Peter Marshall writes:

We have been arranging for refugees from South Sudan, Daniel Penny, 15, and brothers Richard, 11, Joseph, 9, sister Joy, 7, and cousins Joy and Namaku, to be going on a Uganda Scripture Union Activity at Mukono, to a Centre belonging to Noah's Ark Ministries. Aunt Zereda and big sister Vickie, 21, will be going to support Joseph, who is spina bifida, and in a wheelchair. I am grateful to those who are helping with sponsorship.

The whole concept of going away on a little holiday is unknown for most children living in situations of poverty. Please pray that all the children may have a very happy, safe time, and for the Scripture Union organisers. Pray that all the children will be strengthened spiritually, and helped to follow Jesus.

Because of the ongoing troubles and lack of education, and because they have sponsors, these children are away from home in South Sudan 10 months of the year, so please pray for their parents, and their dad Archbishop Samuel in particular.

Please remember Uncle Esau Penny with the logistics of getting everyone to Mukono! And remember also the vast, vast numbers of refugees from South Sudan in camps in northern Uganda. The instability continues.



Pictured above:
Daniel, Joseph and Joy at SU camp in Uganda

FROM THE EDITORS GAN Y GOLYGYDDION

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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Pictured above;
Archbishop Samuel's son, Daniel (now aged 15).



Pictured above: The Arts and Crafts Festival held at St Paul's over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend. With crafts, paintings, photos and music there was something for everyone.

The photo shows some of the exhibits and (in the distance!) St Paul's Musical Director Deborah Haigh-Roberts singing some Welsh folk songs.