

# CHURCH NEWS



# NEWYDDION EGLWYSIG

Mis Hydref 2019 - October 2019

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## HARVEST

*The Revd Juliet Fraser writes:*

By the time you read this you may have had your Harvest Festival service or are just about to. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to express thanks to our generous God, and to celebrate all the blessings we receive from our Lord. We particularly praise the wonder of the created world, a world that provides not just our food but all we need to sustain and satisfy all our physical needs.



Our farmers have been busy collecting the crops in, and the gardeners among us will also have been busy harvesting what was planted in the spring – it is such a satisfying thing to do.

But it is hoped of course that our services of praise and thanks will also feed our spiritual needs and encourage us to continue sowing the seeds of faith, when and where we can. For we know that there are those in our communities, in our families - our homes even - who need to hear the gospel message. They need to know that that God is active and personal, and cares for his creation, and for every human being as his beloved child.

We know that 'the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few' (Luke 10:2), but when we are looking to our own plans to sow the seed of faith we can be reassured that in our endeavours we are not lone gardeners, for we are not working in our strength alone. As Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 3:6-7 'I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow'.

Talking about our faith can at times be a little scary – it takes a certain amount of confidence. In an article published recently in the Daily Telegraph (other newspapers are available!) Bear Grylls the adventurer, jungle survival specialist and committed Christian wrote about the 'God confidence' he receives through prayer. Despite what we may see on the TV, apparently he does experience fear, but says he feels braver when he says a prayer – 'when I say, will you be beside me in this moment?'. We could all do with a little 'God confidence' now and again'. So, let us not forget that we too can pray for direction, for support, for confidence to sow and water the seeds of faith, and see what harvest we may have, with God's blessing on the growth. **Amen**



All Saints, Deganwy • St Cystennin's, Mochdre • St David's, Penrhyn Bay  
St Doged's, Llanddoded • 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

#### 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** Llanrwst Church House  
 6.30 pm **Evening Prayer** St Hilary's

**St Grwst's Church, Llanrwst:-** The church will be temporarily closed for almost a year for reordering work to be undertaken. During the closure, services will continue at Church House, Watling Street, Llanrwst.

#### 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** Llanrwst Church House  
 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** Llanrwst Church House\*; **Building Blocks** St Paul's  
 6.30 pm **Evening Prayer** St Hilary's

\*Valley churches Joint service on **13th October** 11 am at St Martin'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** Llanrwst Church House  
 6.30 pm **Cymun Bendigaid** St Hilary's

#### 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** Llanrwst Church House  
 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** Llanrwst Church House  
 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** Llanrwst Church House  
 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 - Prayer Group** 10 am every Tuesday - St David's (01492 876451 for details); **Prayer Hour** 10-11 am every Thursday at St Michael's; **Praying for Growth** - monthly at one of the Mission Area churches - see calendar 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

<b>CLERGY:</b>	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)
<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 Hydref 2019 - Y CALENDR/CALENDAR - October 2019

		Gwasanaethau/Services	Digwyddiadau eraill/Other events
Tuesday	1		Bible Briefs 7.30 pm 8 Llys Helig, Deganwy
Wednesday	2	HE 10 am AS; Storytime Café 10.30 am St P	
Thursday	3	HE 10.30 am St P	Christian Aid Coffee Morning, Holy Trinity Community Afternoon Tea 2-30 pm St D Hall;
Friday	4	HE 10 am St D	Cancer Support Group 10.30 am AS
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Harvest Festival St Ff, St G, St H, and St Ma; Holy Baptism 12.45 pm St M; Harvest Lunch Llanrhos Schoolroom</b>	
Monday	7	<b>MAGAZINE COPY DATE</b>	Dementia Café 10.30-12.30 pm AS; Craft Group 1 pm St P
Tuesday	8		Cuppa, crafts & chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room; AS Mothers' Union 2.30 pm Bethel Chapel
Wednesday	9	HE 10 am AS; Storytime Café 10.30 am St P	
Thursday	10	HE 10.30 am St P;	
Friday	11	HE 10 am St D	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Harvest Festival St P; Pet Service 10.30 am St C; Joint service for Valley churches 11 am St Ma; 4 pm Building Blocks St P</b>	
Monday	14		Craft Group 1 pm St P; St Paul's Fellowship 2.30 pm St P Church hall
Tuesday	15		St Hilary's Fellowship, 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	16	HE 10 am AS; Storytime Café 10.30 am St P	
Thursday	17	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	18	HE 10 am St D	Mission Area Quiz & Fish & Chips 7 pm St M
Saturday	19		Prayer Breakfast 9 am St P
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Holy Baptism 12.45 pm St H and St M</b>	
Monday	21		Craft Group 1 pm St P
Tuesday	22		Cuppa, crafts & chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room; AS Mothers' Union 2.30 pm Bethel Chapel
Wednesday	23	HE 10 am AS; Storytime Café 10.30 am St P	
Thursday	24	HE 10.30 am St P; Open Table 7 pm St M	
Friday	25	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	26	Holy Matrimony 1 pm St H	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Holy Baptism 12.45 pm St M</b>	
Monday	28		Craft Group 1 pm St P; Autumn Tea 2.30 pm St P Church hall
Tuesday	29		Cuppa, crafts & chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	30	HE 10 am AS; Storytime Café 10.30 am St P; Praying for Growth 2-4 pm St D	
Thursday	31	HE 10.30 am St P	

## KEY: HE - Holy Eucharist;

AS – All Saints; St C – St Cystennin's; St D - St David's; St Do - St Doged's; St Ff - St Ffraid's ; St G - St Grwst's;  
St H - St Hilary's; St K – St Katherine's; St M – St Michael's; St Ma - St Martin's; St P – St Paul's

# What is happening in the Mission Area?

## Bible Briefs

returns after the summer break

**Tuesday 1st October**

7.30 pm at 8 Llys Helig, Deganwy

*All welcome - bring a bible!*



**Saturday 19th October** at 9 am at

St Paul's church, Craig-y-Don.

*All welcome.*

## Praying for Growth Gweddio dros dwf

Please continue your prayers for our Mission Area. There will be another of our special times of **Prayer for Growth at St David's Church, Penrhyn Bay on Wednesday 30th October** from 2 - 4 pm - feel free to come and go between those times.

Please also remember in your prayers Ivy Rose Williams, Lewis Miron, Elliw Mair Owen and James Thomas, to be welcomed into the church by baptism during October, and also Thomas Warrington and Freya Cassia who are to be married in St Hilary's church this month.

## Joint Bilingual Family Eucharist

**Sunday 13th October at St Martin's Church, Eglwysbach, at 11 am.**

Join us for a joint Bilingual Family Eucharist for St Grwst's Church Llanrwst, St Ffraid's Church Glan Conwy and St Martin's Church Eglwysbach. Followed by lunch at The Bee - please contact Geoff Templeton 01492 580272 to book lunch.



**Harvest Festival services in our churches  
in late September and October:**

**St Michael** - Sunday 29th September 9.30 am

**St Cystennin and St Katherine** - Sunday 29th  
September 10.30 am (*at St Cystennin*)

**All Saints** - Sunday 29th September 11 am

**St Martin** - Sunday 6th October 9.30 am

**St Hilary** - Sunday 6th October 11 am

**St Ffraid** - Sunday 6th October 11.15 am

**St Grwst** - Sunday 6th October 4 pm

**St Paul** - Sunday 13th October 9.45 am & 4 pm

*As usual we welcome gifts of tinned and non perishable food items for Conwy Food Bank, and baby nappies, toiletries and clothes for Aberconwy Domestic Abuse Service. This year cash donations on the plate will go as one large donation from the Mission Area to Water Aid.*

## HARVEST LUNCH

**Sunday 6th October**

12.15 pm



Llanrhos Old  
Schoolroom



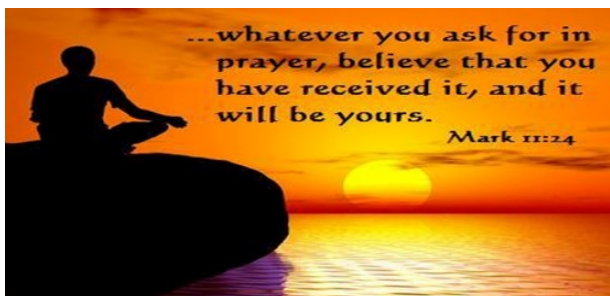
Tickets  
£7



Contact Doreen  
01492 585127  
to book a place



**PRAYER HOUR AT ST MICHAELS  
AND ALL ANGELS  
LLANDUDNO JUNCTION  
Every Thursday Morning  
10.00 – 11.00 am**



You may like to spend the whole hour or just part of it.

You may like to join led prayers, light a candle, pray over our pebble pool or prayer cards, listen to a piece of scripture. You may prefer to have some time to just sit in stillness and quiet reflection.

All are welcome to take refuge, time out, to sit and meet with our Lord, to know you are loved.

**St Michael & All Angels,  
Llandudno Junction**

**Thursday Hour of Prayer (see above)**

**Harvest Festival** Sunday 29th September 9.30 am

**Baptism Thanksgiving Service**

Sunday 20th October 9.30 am

**Remembrance Service** Sunday 10th November

9.30 am

*A warm welcome to all to meet with us for worship and fellowship*

**All Saints, Deganwy**

**Dates for your diaries:**

**Harvest Festival** Sunday 29th September 11 am

**Baptism Thanksgiving Service** Sunday 13th  
October 11 am

**Autumn Fayre** - Saturday 2nd November

**Remembrance Sunday** - Sunday 10th November

**St Hilary's Church,  
Llanrhos**

**St Hilary's Fellowship** meets at 2.30 pm on  
**Tuesday 15th October** in Llanrhos Schoolroom,  
with a speaker from Ty Gobaith.

**St Cystennin's, Mochdre  
*Pet Service***

**13th October - 10.30 am**

**Blessing of pets**

All pets, owners and animal lovers welcome to this lovely service for all ages, of thanksgiving for our pets

*All Welcome*

Please bring pets in a cage or on a lead.



**Fishy Friday Quiz  
and Supper**

*Mission area Quiz night  
with Fish & Chip Supper*



**7 pm**

**Friday 18th October**

**St Michael and All Angels Church,  
Llandudno Junction**

**£6 per person to include fish & chips  
and a cup of tea/coffee**

**BOOKING FORMS  
IN CHURCH NOW!**

(and on page 7 of this  
magazine)





**OPEN TABLE**  
*Come as you are*

## **Open Table Meetings: What Are They?**

*Frank Prescott  
writes:*

You may have seen the ads, "Open Table" and thought "What's all that about?". Well it is the name of an ecumenical Christian worship community which offers a warm welcome and safe sacred space to people who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual (usually abbreviated to LGBTQIA+) and all who seek an inclusive church.

We have an "Open Table" in our Mission Area and it takes place at 7 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month in St Michael's in Llandudno Junction. It is led by the Reverend Sarah Hildreth-Osborn who is our very own LGBTQIA+ Chaplain.

It is a Eucharist service and therefore has all the usual ingredients such as Bible readings and prayers, the Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer and the Invitation to Holy Communion. It is usually pre-printed which is especially useful to those from other denominations (and none) who are not familiar with our Anglican format! Particularly important is a period of discussion and reflection held during the service where matters can be raised about the Bible passages or any other matters that those attending want to raise and share openly and freely.

Fellowship continues after the service with tea, coffee and biscuits (and sometimes cake) as happens after many church services! If you feel that this service would be helpful to you, then why not come along?

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

It is good to see that some of our church buildings are regularly used by local community groups:

## **COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA**

*Raising funds for local charities*

**St David's Church Hall, Penrhyn Bay**  
**Thursday 3rd October, 2-3.30 pm.**  
£3 per person - pay on the day

*Details from Ann Beardmore 07872 933926*

Thank you to everyone who came along last month, over 30 happy customers and we were able to give a £100 donation to Friends of Princes Green Park in Penrhyn Bay. Everyone usually arrives promptly at 2pm – you can be sure of a warm welcome, a delicious tea, a free raffle ticket and lots of friendly chat!

## **DEGANWY DEMENTIA CAFÉ**

**first Monday of each month**

**10.30-12.30 pm**

**in All Saints Church, Degany**

**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**

**1st Friday of every month**

**10.30 am to 12.30 pm**

**in All Saints Church, Degany**

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.

## **PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP**

**in St Michael's Church, Llandudno Junction**

**Every Monday afternoon 2-4 pm.**

Open to all people affected by Parkinson's in any way, with regular dance, singing and exercise activities and plenty of time for a cup of tea and chat. Contact Alison or John Underwood for more information on 01492 533 459 or email  
[llandudnopsdg@gmail.com](mailto:llandudnopsdg@gmail.com)



## THE MOTHERS' UNION Undeb y Mamau

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

### All Saints Deganwy Branch

On **October 8th** the Revd. Sue Storey will talk about what led her to ministry, and there is also a meeting on **22nd October** (look out for details). Meetings are held in Bethel Chapel, Deganwy at 2.30 pm, and Corporate communion is the first Wednesday of the month at 10 am in All Saints.



St Paul's Fellowship will be having a speaker from St John Ambulance. The Llandudno Division is based at St Paul's and recently their volunteers carried out an equipment check on the ambulance vehicle - an interesting insight into what they carry on board!

## St Paul's Fellowship

*Dorothy Roberts writes:*

Our first meeting for the Autumn was held on 9th September, with the Revd Juliet Fraser who led the opening prayers and then talked about her visit to the Holy Land. We also enjoyed chatting about our holidays and outings during the summer break.

At our meeting on **14th October** we will welcome Mr Stephen Moore, a member of the St John's Ambulance, who will be giving us advice on Safety in the Home.

On **28th October** we have our "Autumn Leaves" Afternoon tea (details below) and we look forward to welcoming friends old and new. Proceeds will go towards the costs of repairs to the church room.

### AUTUMN AFTERNOON TEA



Monday 28th October  
2.30 pm (tea served at 2.45 pm)

ST PAUL'S CHURCH HALL,  
CRAIG-Y-DON

£3.50



*A warm welcome to all - please come  
and join us and enjoy a lovely afternoon*



### BOOKING FORM

**FISHY FRIDAY QUIZ & SUPPER**  
**Friday 18th October 7.00 pm**  
**St Michael and All Angels Church, Llandudno Junction**

**NAMES** .....

**YOUR CHURCH** .....

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE** ..... **TEL NUMBER** .....

**£ ENCLOSED** ..... (Supper is £6 per person - payable when booking)

*Cheques made payable to AMA ADMIN ACCOUNT please and sent to Parish Office.*



# “I was a stranger and you invited me in”

Matthew 25.35

Last month's magazine gave information about a suggestion that local churches become involved in a Night Shelter project for the homeless.

The meeting in September to look at possibilities was well attended and there was a definite willingness to go forward with this, working in close co-operation with Housing Justice Cymru and Conwy Council.

The idea is to provide hospitality for a dozen guests in the ten coldest weeks of the winter, using churches in and around Llandudno and Colwyn Bay that would operate on a rota basis, open one night each during the week.

Guests are referred by the local authority so that every church knows who they are hosting in advance - no-one walks in off the streets. The shelter is dry, no drugs or alcohol allowed.

Housing Justice Cymru provides training for the teams of volunteers (who do not necessarily have to be church members) who provide an evening meal, stay overnight, and cook breakfast. Guests and volunteers eat together. This is a key Christian emphasis of the scheme. Churches are hosts entertaining guests not charity workers doing good to clients. It may seem to be just a short-term solution, but it has been proven to lead to long term benefit for guests who find the stability of having somewhere to go each night helps them to build up the physical and emotional resilience to tackle some of their other problems.

**Even if your church cannot be a host, there are ways you can get involved.** To know more, contact Bev Ramsden or Mike Harrison in Llandudno Cytûn 079 1014 1410 or [mikeonorme@gmail.com](mailto:mikeonorme@gmail.com) and look out for further news.

***“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing it some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”***



## Ysgol Bodafon, Llandudno

Places still available for this school year and September 2020

Is your child age 3+? Looking for the ideal place to start school? We offer a welcoming church school which caters for all learners ensuring the best start to their enriched learning journey.



### ALL day childcare

...at a great price too!

Breakfast Club – 8 – 8.50am  
Nursery Class – 8.50 – 11.15am  
Lunch Club – 11.15 – 12.55pm  
Wrap Around – 1 – 3.15pm  
After School Club – 3.15 – 6pm

Where your child can become familiar with the school surroundings before full time school.

For more information, please contact the school on:

01492 547996

or Vicky Brammer on 07586434637 (Clwb Plant Bodafon)  
Ysgol Bodafon, Ffordd Bodafon, Llandudno. LL30 3BA



## Ysgol Bodafon, Llandudno

Llefydd ar gael ar gyfer blwyddyn ysgol hwn a Medi 2020

Ydy eich plentyn yn 3+ oed? Chwilio am le delfrydol i gychwyn ysgol? Rydym yn cynnig ysgol eglwys groesawgar a fydd yn sicrhau y cychwyn gorau posibl i'ch plentyn ar ei taith dysgu cyfoethog.



### Gofal plant trwy'r dydd

...am bris teg hefyd!

Clwb Brecwast – 8 – 8.50am  
Dosbarth Meithrin – 8.50 – 11.15am  
Clwb Cinio – 11.15 – 12.55pm  
Clwb Pnawn – 1 – 3.15pm  
Clwb ar ôl Ysgol – 3.15 – 6pm

Bydd eich plentyn yn dod yn gyfarwydd â'r ysgol cyn cychwyn addysg llawn amser.

Am fwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch â'r ysgol ar:

01492 547996

neu Vicky Brammer ar 07586434637 (Clwb Plant Bodafon)  
Ysgol Bodafon, Ffordd Bodafon, Llandudno. LL30 3BA





# Wanted - a musician!

St Grwst's Church, Llanrwst is embarking on a prestigious and exciting project to reorder the church and restore Gwydir Chapel with a planned reopening of the church in March 2020. This project will make St Grwst's a high-profile place of worship, tourist destination and event venue.

**We now seek a musician to invigorate the musical life of the church and ensure we meet the targets we have set for ourselves** - whether this be accompanying our temporary weekly services at Church House (and once we reopen the church the weekly services at the church) or introducing new facets of music.

We would also seek support for other musical activities. **Would you be able to help us with this?** We are not in a financial situation to be able to pay a weekly fee at this stage but would be happy to make a contribution to travelling expenses. If you would like to be involved in this exciting opportunity, please contact the Revd Sarah Hildreth-Osborn on 07584 018587 or 01492 640032

## News from the Mission Area Newyddion o'r Ardal Genhadol

### Hymns of Praise and Cheese and wine

*Frank Prescott writes:*

It may have been a dull drizzly Tuesday evening on August 20th but there was certainly a lot of joy and cheer inside All Saints church in Deganwy for a very special evening of Hymns of Praise. It's not often we get our favourite hymn sung in church but on this evening every one was a favourite!

The hymns had been chosen by individual members of the congregation as evoking something particularly memorable, important or poignant for them, which they conveyed to us before we sang each hymn. In addition, the Revd Juliet Fraser gave us some interesting information about the hymn's background, which was often surprising. For example it's hard to believe that John Newton who wrote what is probably the world's most popular hymn, Amazing Grace, was at the time a slave trader!

The hymns were accompanied separately by our very own Jeff Wright on the organ and also the Revd Eryl Parry from Bangor Diocese who played on guitar. Eryl introduced herself to the congregation and we look forward to seeing her

later in the year as she has joined St Asaph Diocese as part of her curacy.

After the service we enjoyed a 'feast' of cheeses and wines and other goodies prepared by Betty Raggett (pictured right) who put on a good mouth watering display as usual. Thank you Betty! We all left after having a thoroughly enjoyable and uplifting evening which we hope will be repeated.



Pictured: Some of the congregation with well-earned refreshment after singing their favourite hymns at All Saints.

# Five Days That Shook The Church!

by Deborah Haigh-Roberts

Run a holiday club? It's not a new idea and plenty of churches in this part of the world have done it before as a way of connecting with families. But for some reason, we've not managed to do it very often in the Aberconwy mission area.

This year has been a bit different. 2019 was the year that we managed to get 32 children to come and spend a week at St Paul's Church, singing, dancing, learning about God, building pyramids out of marshmallows and eating Nutella toast.



Holding a holiday club has been something that our family and community officer, the Revd Ginny Burton, has wanted to do for some time. She has extensive experience of running them at "the other St Paul's" in Colwyn Bay when she worked there, and then in Towyn and at our own St Ffraid's in Glan Conwy.

But this year a few other things came together: Scripture Union got in contact following the 150th anniversary of their first beach mission in Llandudno and offered their help to run a holiday club. An organisation called the St Teilo's Trust offered us a grant of £500 to pay the cost of running a holiday club. It seemed as if someone was telling us to get on with it.

And so, on 19th August, children arrived at St Paul's to take on the challenge of producing the musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor

Dreamcoat" in just five days. I'm not sure who was most nervous - them or us. Would the children be able to get to grips with all the songs in time? Was there something we hadn't thought about? Would they actually enjoy it?

In the end, it all went very well. There was a turning point on Tuesday afternoon when we realised that it was actually going to happen. The music was starting to come together, the children were smiling and starting to learn dance moves. (see the pictures)



Away from the hard work on the music, we also found time to be amazed at the creativity of our friends from Scripture Union. Three volunteers from SU brought with them leadership, choreography and a bucketload of ideas. Part of the story of Joseph is set in Egypt, so the children were challenged to build pyramids out of spaghetti and marshmallows. Joseph had a coat of many colours, so the children took control of a multicoloured parachute to spin round one of their number and set an inflatable ball flying towards the roof of the church (it's a big building - don't worry!).



But the children also learned about a key phrase in the Bible: "in all things, God works for the good of those who love him" (Romans 8:28). We found out how these New Testament words linked to the story of Joseph, and also how they apply to our own lives today.

By Friday afternoon, we had a full church of parents and a buzzing atmosphere on the stage. We'd managed to pull it off! Families went home saying what a wonderful week they'd had and the rest of us adjourned to the pub. There are so many people who we need to thank for making the week happen, from Ginny Burton in overall charge to Rob on the piano, Helen and her colleagues Alan and Claire from Scripture Union, Hannah who led on choreography, volunteers from the choir and from Ysgol Bodafon who helped supervise the children and guide them with singing and Pat and Sally for spending hours in the kitchen

keeping the drinks and Nutella toast coming.

It's not the end of the story. We've invited all the children to come back to St Paul's and join a new children's choir which meets on Thursday afternoons at 4.30 pm, so this may be the start of longer lasting friendships and connections with the people in our community.

This week took us out of our comfort zone, and has set us on a journey which is still happening. The best part was that I've spent many years heading to church from my part of town, passing children playing on the grassed areas, slightly uneasy at the knowledge that I was the only person from my estate with a connection to St Paul's. Some of those children came to our church for the first time in August... ... maybe, just maybe I won't be the only one from this part of town heading towards Craig y Don on a Sunday.



## Open Air Service, St David's Church, Penrhyn Bay

*This letter has recently been received, following the Open Air Service on 25th August:*

You've done it again Alan (Price). What a wonderful Service. The Prayers, the Reading and your Message to us were all very uplifting. The Band (Beulah) were brilliant and the singing roused a hundred plus people and a few four-legged friends.

Also a big thank you to Phil, Sandra and friends for the very tasty barbecue which followed. which rounded off the beautiful morning.

Have a well deserved holiday Alan and Adrena, may God be with you both.

From

A very contented and happy Church Member



## Other news from St Paul's, Craig-y-Don

St Paul's held a baptism with a difference in August - using a font made out of Lego!

Eighteen month old Mikey and his mum Shelly were both welcomed into the church family using a font that the congregation had helped to make themselves. When people arrived for the service, the first thing they were invited to do



was to add some Lego bricks to the font. The font wasn't the only thing that was a bit different about the baptism: Using Godly Play materials and candles

the Revd Ginny Burton explained to everyone what was happening and how baptism works.



The baptism took place as part of the monthly family event at St Paul's, called Building Blocks. It happens on the second Sunday of the month at 4 pm and is a chance for families to enjoy some quality time, sharing fun, faith and food..... and building lots of things with Lego.

Church wardens go up ladders so you don't have to! The picture on the right shows the flat roof section of the hall (with the pitched roof of the main room rising up behind). Work has been going on to repair the section over the kitchen, beginning in earnest with the contractors removing 20 buckets of moss from the area over the kitchen. Andy Singleton has been doing the work and will also be replacing the fascia boards facing Mostyn Broadway.

The corner of the toilet in church has been cleared so that the baby changing table can be stored there, and Keith Lacey has repaired the radio microphone. There is always something!



### FROM THE EDITORS - GAN Y GOLYGYDDION

**Copy Day is the 7th of the month**, PLEASE submit items by then so that we don't have to spend time chasing you! (Items may have to be edited to fit the available space, and late items may be omitted.) It takes a while to organise all the material, and we have to allow the printer enough time as well as having to distribute the magazine round the Mission Area. Please send items to [jastone@dunelm.org.uk](mailto:jastone@dunelm.org.uk) or to the Parish Office.

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.

# Local Matters - Petha' Lleol



## Conwy Food Bank

*Feeding local people in crisis*

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Dear Supporters

Another big Thank you to everyone who has so kindly donated to the Food Bank over the past month. The moving average is still rising - the monthly total is 95, by far the highest August total. 42 parcels went to families, involving 74 children, 49 to single people and 4 to couples.

There are people clearly still struggling in these difficult times and it is so important that the community rallies round to help out those in crisis. We could not respond to such need without your generosity of spirit, thank you again

Best Wishes From All at Conwy Food Bank.



Having avoided the threat of closure by restructuring and rationalising its product base, it is really important that we support Traidcraft and the many producers who benefit from its Fair Trade principles by buying from them whenever we can.

The catalogues are now in the churches, and orders can be placed through Dilys Stone (01492 879997). There are still many craft items, foodstuffs, Christmas cards and lots more. Remember that 10% of everything you spend will be donated to your church, so that there will be benefits all round.



There will be a Christian Aid **Coffee morning** at Holy Trinity Church in Llandudno on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Please come and support Christian Aid while you are in town doing your shopping.



**Residential Weekend to bring you closer to God**

**Thursday 21st to Sunday 24th November**

The next Cursillo St Asaph Residential Weekend will take place in Loreto, Llandudno

Come along if you are a Christian seeking to come closer to God and to learn more about Him.

Cursillo is all about discipleship and unlocking your potential.

It is a method based on prayer, study and action to increase your Christian faith, understanding and accountability and is open to lay and ordained people alike.

It is built around a small group of friends meeting for mutual support, encouragement and spiritual growth, with the purpose of supporting the church in its mission of growing disciples

For more details, see [www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BVFe9VJgel&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BVFe9VJgel&feature=youtu.be)

or contact [Gabi Husband](#) 07817 325996 or [Shirley Gratwick](#) 07702 603920. Alternatively, contact Lay Rector of the weekend, Peter Morris on 01691 780547/07974 745493. or Rev Juliet Fraser 01492 596655



**Wednesday 9th October**

**ANNUAL QUIZ** - Gloddaeth 7pm

**BIBLE SUNDAY 27th October**

**Service** at Our Lady Star of the Sea 3 pm

More details from [kmorris2011@btinternet.com](mailto:kmorris2011@btinternet.com)

## **Dementia Friendly screenings at Theatr Colwyn**



**Thursday 17th October**

Sing-a-long **"Grease"**

£4.50 with carer free

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