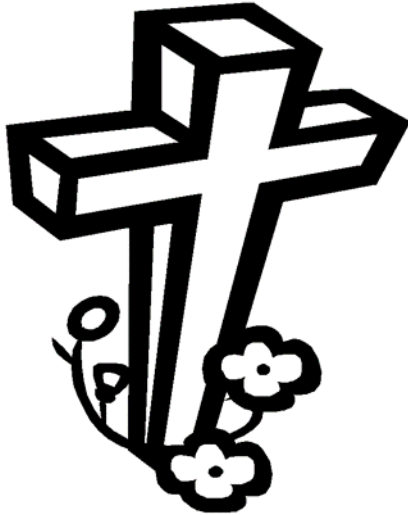


CHURCH NEWS



NEWYDDION EGLWYSIG

Mis Tachwedd 2019 - November 2019



The Revd. Noel Carter writes:

As I write this short article, it is the beginning of October. I am not sure what our world will be like by the time you read this at the beginning of November. Will we still be in the European Union or not? What will the consequences be of decisions taken during the month of October?

Journalists and commentators tell us that we are in the most challenging of times since the Second World War. I suspect that uncertainty has been a constant companion to human beings throughout history. Failing harvests, disease, financial crises, war and rumours of war have come and gone in unequal measure.

It is pertinent, as November dawns and Remembrance Sunday beckons, to also recall, that uncertainty and fear have so often led to conflict, war and national tragedy.

It was Remembrance Sunday on an RAF Station.

After the Service the Chaplain joined his colleagues in the Mess for a pre-lunch drink. "Good sermon, Padre," says the CO, "but how is it that you got through the whole thing without any mention of the war?"

"I wasn't born during the war, Sir," was the Padre's answer, "How could I talk about it if I wasn't there?"

"You're going to have a bit of trouble at Christmas!" the CO replied.

Of course this joke makes a very serious point – as Christians, none of us actually experienced the events of the first Christmas, or indeed any part of Jesus' life, and yet we re-member (we literally put back together) those events week after week and year after year because it is the remembered stories about Jesus that create and form the Christian community.

Less and less people can now recall the events of World War Two, though many can speak of more recent conflicts. All of us are aware of current wars that stalk the pages of our newspapers. It is always good to remember the words of Jesus: (*John 14:27*)

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

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 HEGLWYSI - 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** 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.

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** 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

Please check calendar opposite for Remembrance Sunday arrangements

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** Llanrwst Church House
 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** Llanrwst Church House*
 9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** St Paul's
 11 am **Holy Eucharist** St David's and St Hilary'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

***Valley churches Joint service on 24th November**
11 am at St Ffraid's

5th 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
 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

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.

Julian Group - **8.00 pm** every Monday - St Michael's (except Bank Holidays) Contact 01492 585063 for more information

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)

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Mis Tachwedd 2019 - Y CALENDR/CALENDAR - November 2019

		Gwasanaethau/Services	Digwyddiadau eraill/Other events
Friday	1	HE 10 am St D	Cancer Support Group 10.30 am AS
Saturday	2		Autumn Fayre All Saints 10.30-12.30 pm
SUNDAY	3	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Special All Saints Day celebration Eucharist 11 am AS	
Monday	4		Dementia Café 10.30-12.30 pm AS; Craft Group 1 pm St P
Tuesday	5		AS Mothers' Union 2.30 pm; Bible Briefs 7.30 pm 8 Llys Helig, Deganwy
Wednesday	6	HE 10 am AS; Storytime Café 10.30 am St P; Wreath-laying 10.45 am AS	
Thursday	7	HE 10.30 am St P;	Community Afternoon Tea 2.30 pm St D Hall;
Friday	8	HE 10 am St D	MAGAZINE COPY DATE
Saturday	9		Lantern making workshop 2-5 pm St P
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	10	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - 11 am services begin at 10.55 am; service at St C at 10.45 am; 10 am Remembrance Service at Llanrwst; 4 pm Building Blocks St P; Mass for All Souls 6 pm Llanrwst Church House;	
Monday	11		Craft Group 1 pm St P; St Paul's Fellowship 2.30 pm St P
Tuesday	12		10 am Cytun Council, St John's Methodist; Cuppa, crafts & chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room;
Wednesday	13	HE 10 am AS; Storytime Café 10.30 am St P	
Thursday	14	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	15	HE 10 am St D	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO 3RD DECEMBER
Saturday	16		Prayer Breakfast 9 am St P; Autumn Fayre St David's 12-2 pm
SUNDAY	17	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Last Service at St Katherine's 11 am with the Bishop; 4 pm Tots and Tea AS	
Monday	18		Craft Group 1 pm St P
Tuesday	19		AS Mothers' Union 2.30 pm; St Hilary's Fellowship, 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	20	HE 10 am AS; Storytime Café 10.30 am St P; Praying for Growth 2-4 pm St D	
Thursday	21	HE 10.30 am St P;	
Friday	22	HE 10 am St D	
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY	24	SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Joint Service for Valley Churches 11 am St Ff followed by lunch; Holy Baptism 3 pm St D; Darkness to Light Service 4.30 pm St P	
Monday	25		Craft Group 1 pm St P; St Paul's Fellowship 2.30 pm St P
Tuesday	26		Cuppa, crafts & chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room
Wednesday	27	HE 10 am AS; Storytime Café 10.30 am St P;	
Thursday	28	HE 10.30 am St P Open Table 7 pm St M	
Friday	29	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	30		Christmas Fayre St Paul's 10-12 noon

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 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 yr Ardal Genhadol?

Praying for Growth Gweddio dros dwf

There will be another of our special times of **Prayer for Growth at All Saints, Deganwy, on Wednesday 20th November** from 2 - 4 pm - feel free to come and go between those times.

Ephesians 3:14-19 (New Living Translation)
Paul's Prayer for Spiritual Growth

When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

Please also remember in your prayers Sarah Powell, to be welcomed into the church by baptism during November, and also the congregation of **St. Katherine's, Bryn Pydew**. This is a very sad time for them, as the final service at St Katherine's will be at 11 am on **Sunday 17th November**. Bishop Gregory will be leading the service of thanksgiving for the ministry of the church in Bryn Pydew. The church will be very full on that day, but we hope that anyone who has been involved in the life of St Katherine's over the years will feel able to come.

Bible Briefs

Bible Briefs meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 8 Llys Helyg, Deganwy, between 7.30 and 9 pm. This month we meet on **Tuesday 5th November**. We will be exploring the background of the parables and why they take us right to the heart of the Gospel.

All welcome - bring a Bible



Come along to the November Prayer Breakfast at St Paul's Church, Craig y Don on **Saturday 16th November** at 9.00 am.

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



Pictured above: St Paul's Church Junior Choir at their first performance - the family harvest service. The choir was set up in September following the children's holiday club in August.

St Paul's Church Update

by Chris Dearden and Philip Evans

A motivational speaker at the Diocesan Conference last month described Christians as "People of Fire". In the case of our church family, it proved literally all too true in the last few weeks. The call came through on a Monday morning that the fire brigade were at St Paul's dealing with a fire in the church hall. It had been spotted quickly - a man dropping his son off at the bus stop outside had seen smoke and called the fire brigade - and it could have been much worse.



Not a photo we wanted to see. North Wales Fire and Rescue Service in attendance at St Paul's in early October to deal with a fire in the church hall. Repairs are likely to take until the end of the year.

There were some immediate phone calls to be made - the church was without electricity for a few days because the power for both buildings was routed through the church hall. And we needed to get in touch with the insurance company pretty quickly. The hall building has suffered from serious smoke damage and is likely to stay closed for the rest of the year. The fire seems to have been started by an electrical problem, so there's also a lot of work to repair the electrical wiring. Surveyors and specialists have been in and out of the building in the period since the fire and we're currently awaiting their reports.

What has been quite humbling is the way in which the community has rallied round. We've made contact with neighbours living near the church whom we never knew before, and who have offered to help - and to keep an eye on the building when we're not there. Others in our part of Llandudno have been in touch to send

best wishes; we even had an offer of holding our midweek communion service in a local café.

There's still a long way to go before things are back to normal, but for now, they're heading in the right direction. Events that were previously in the hall will mostly have moved into the church, but do please check the magazine and weekly news sheets for details of what is happening where.

Once again, thanks to everyone for their concern and support. Regular events continue, and special events in November are listed here.

Saturday 9th November Lantern Making Workshop

2 - 5 pm

Join us to decorate glass lanterns to be used at the Darkness to Light service later in the month



Sunday 24th November Darkness to Light

4.30 pm

A candlelit service of choral music and reflections for the run up to Christmas



Saturday 30th November Christmas Fayre in the church

10 am

The legendary cake stall, and bargains galore for the festive season

Events in the Mission Area during November include:

COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA

Raising funds for local charities

The October Afternoon Tea was very well supported again and we were able to give £100 to the local branch of the Guide Dogs

St David's Church Hall, Penrhyn Bay

Thursday 1st November 2-3.30 pm

£3 per person - pay on the day

Details from Ann Beardmore 07872 933926

DEGANWY DEMENTIA CAFÉ

first Monday of each month

10.30-12.30 pm

in All Saints Church, Deganwy

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, Deganwy

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 llandudnopdsq@gmail.com

St Ffraid's Church House

Glan Conwy

Coffee Stop and Post Office

Every Thursday 10-11.30 am



THE AUTUMN AND CHRISTMAS FAYRE

season is here again. Please support our churches across the Mission Area - there will be all the usual attractions, including books, bric-a-brac, cakes, produce, raffles, refreshments and much more!

All Saints Autumn Fayre

All Saints Church, Deganwy

Saturday 2nd November

10.30 - 12.30 pm

St David's Autumn Fayre

St David's Church Hall, Penrhyn Bay

Saturday 16th November

12-2 pm

St Paul's Christmas Fayre

St Paul's Church, Craig-y-Don

Saturday 30th November

10-12 noon



THE MOTHERS' UNION

Undeb y Mamau

All Saints Deganwy Branch

Pat Chapman writes:

The opening service was held in church led by the Revd John Stone. It was good to see so many members present and to welcome Mrs Dilys Stone. Tea and fellowship was enjoyed after the service. On **5th November** members will talk about their favourite Songs from the Musicals and on **19th November** Mrs Daphne Laight will talk about her visits to Walsingham. A warm welcome is extended to everyone. We meet in Bethel chapel at 2.30 pm. Corporate communion is on **Wednesday 6th November** at 10 am in church and all are welcome.

Glan Conwy Branch

Kath Jones writes:

On 3rd September five of our members were able to go to St. Asaph Cathedral to join other branches in a short service led by John Thelwell, and to meet with Mothers' Union Worldwide President, Sheran Harper - an experience they all cherished.



We re-started our monthly meetings on 10th September with a communion service led by Juliet. This was followed by tea and biscuits and a chat. Our October meeting was the A.G.M. At this meeting we also handed in filled shoe boxes to be passed on to John Cilsand, one of our previous speakers, for distribution in Eastern Europe. Our speaker on 12th November will be Mary Steel - all welcome.

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

St Paul's Fellowship

The Craft group are kindly making it possible for us to continue meetings as planned, but in the church. On Monday 11th November Mike and Roz Harrison will talk to us about South West Tanganyika. On the 25th we will meet to make final arrangements for the Christmas Fayre.

All Saints Church, Deganwy

Serving the community for 120 years - a special Celebration Eucharist will be held at All Saints on **Sunday 3rd November**. (See pages 13 and 14 for some of its history)

Also a short service will be held on **Wednesday, 6th November** at 10.45 am when a wreath will be laid on the War Memorial to remember those local men who died in both world wars.

St Hilary's Church, Llanrhos

The speaker from Ty Gobaith was not able to come and speak to St Hilary's Fellowship in October, so we hope to re-arrange this. (See page 12 for a report on our recent visit to Ty Gobaith.) The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 19th November** at 2.30 pm - details to follow.

A big thank you to all the contributors to the Harvest Lunch. After paying for just the cold meat and wine we made a very healthy profit of £240, and a good time was had by all.

Joint Bilingual Eucharist

**Sunday 24th November, St Ffraid's Church,
Glan Conwy, at 11 am.**

The congregations of St Ffraid's Church Glan Conwy, St Grwst's Church Llanrwst and St Martin's Church Eglwysbach will gather at St Ffraid's on **November 24th (The Feast of Christ the King)** for worship together followed by Sunday Lunch together at Church House. Lunch is £11 and places need to be booked in advance.

"I was a stranger and you invited me in"

Matthew 25.35

As mentioned last month, there was wide support among Llandudno churches for a night shelter project for 10 weeks this winter. In order for this to proceed, it is necessary to know what the churches can do to help this project become a reality - even if you are not able to offer premises for the night shelter it is hoped that every church will offer some volunteers. IT IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THE NEXT STEP IS TAKEN. Please don't assume someone else is doing the job. Talk to each other and work together!

To offer help or find out more, contact Mike Harrison, 15 Vicarage Gardens, Llandudno LL30 1RG; Tel: 01492 870701, Mob. 07910 141410
Email: mikeonorme@gmail.com

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

**Please note that
The Parish Office will be
CLOSED
15th-30th November -
re-opening on Tuesday
3rd December.**

Guide Dogs Annual Autumn Fayre

Sat. 2nd November 1.30 - 3.30 pm

St. David's Church Penrhyn Bay.

Admission £1.50 to include tea/coffee and mince pie

Stalls include. Christmas cards. - Bottle tombola - Guide dogs merchandise - Gifts - Raffle - Cakes and more
Come and do some Christmas shopping.

Everyone Welcome

All proceeds to the LOCAL branch of Guide Dogs Cymru.

Contact Sheila 01492 875098

News from the Mission Area Newyddion o'r Ardal Genhadol

St Michaels and All Angels Church, Llandudno Junction

St Michael's had a double celebration on Sunday September 29th, as it was the festival of St Michael and All Angels and our Harvest Festival. Thanks to all who contributed in any way towards making this a warm and welcoming service. We were joined by Ben Lines and his family who will be with us until his Ordination in June next year, and the Revd Eryl Parry, who joins us as Curate (part-time) in the Mission Area. We were also joined by some of the Scouts who use our hall – thanks to Olivia for the reading. The following Sunday was Homeless Sunday, and as winter approaches, we reflected on how we may respond and prayed especially for those who will be sleeping on our streets. As a baby Jesus and his family were refugees, he taught us to love our neighbour as ourselves, and in Matthew 25:35 to welcome the stranger.

St Paul's Choir Update

by Deborah Haigh Roberts

You can get too used to Ordinary Time.....! It's always nice to be singing pleasant music with the sun streaming through the windows and dappling the stone work. And then the nights start to draw in, it becomes a bit more gloomy outside as you arrive for choir practice, and someone says "hadn't we better start planning Advent and Christmas?".

Yes, the busiest time of the year is nearly upon us. This month, we start the run up to Christmas with "Darkness to Light" at 4.30 pm on Sunday 24th November. It's one of the most atmospheric and moving services of the year. The church is lit only by candles for an hour of music and reflection. It's a bit of an oasis of calm as things get busy for Christmas. It's followed all too quickly by Carols from St Paul's on 22nd December - more about that next month.



Above: A new instrument at St Paul's: bagpipes! One of the parents whose children come to St Paul's Church Junior Choir is a bagpipe player and brought his instrument along to show the young singers.

The music department has also been kept busy with our new junior choir. The children have been rehearsing since September under the baton of Rob Jones, and have begun singing at the monthly "Building Blocks" family event on the second Sunday of the month. We're also

planning a crib service in late December for them to sing at. In between all that, we're on duty every Sunday morning at 9.45 am - do call in and have a listen if you're free.

St David's Church, Penrhyn Bay



The top of the bell tower at St David's has been causing concern for some time. The stresses put on the tower when the bell is rung are considerable and over time this has taken its toll!

A faculty has been granted to remove the bell, which has now been done (see picture below) so that repairs can be made to the tower. Once this is done we can consider reinstalling the bell. We will have to ensure that the tower can again accommodate the bell safely.

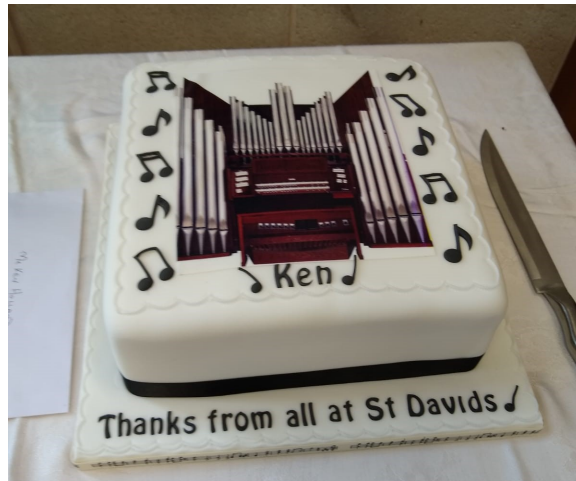


Janet Mellor writes:

On 15th September we celebrated our Harvest Festival which was a lovely service and provided food for the Conwy Food Bank. There were also posies of flowers prepared by Karen in small baskets for members of the congregation to

take to elderly friends. These were much appreciated and admired.

The final pinnacle was the Harvest Lunch, beautiful prepared by Sandra and Phil Williams. This was primarily to celebrate our organist Ken Holland's last service. He has provided many decades of inspirational organ playing and will be greatly missed. Happy Retirement Ken.



Pictured is the beautiful cake specially made and iced for the occasion (above), Ken cutting it with Rosanna beside him (below).



FROM THE EDITORS - GAN Y GOLYGYDDION

Copy Day is the 7th of the month, PLEASE submit items by then, especially for the December issue when so much is going on. (Items may have to be edited to fit the available space, and late items may be omitted.) News and comment needed from across the Mission Area (bilingual welcome).

Editor Rev Noel Carter; **Production Editor** Dilys Stone; **Production Assistant** Chris Dearden

News from Ysgol Bodafon



Newyddion o'r Ysgol Bodafon

Autumn Greetings from Ysgol Bodafon – we are well into our new school year after the summer break – and there is lots to keep everyone busy.

There was plenty of fun when the school celebrated Roald Dahl Day the second week back – a number of children dressed up as their favourite characters from the well-known books, and had great fun making stinky models of Mr Twit's beard amongst other things!

There is an array of clubs at the school this year – sports and climbing club, a new gardening and computer coding club, plus with the return of Mrs Mann to school choir has started again. And whilst we are on a musical note, St Paul's Church in Craig-y-Don has also started a children's choir this term for children aged seven upwards. They hope not just to give children chance to enjoy singing, but also to learn a bit more about music through some fun activities and games. Children from Bodafon who attend the choir also get free music lessons (piano/violin/guitar etc) back at school this term. Watch out for dates of when they will make their singing debut.

Community activities are high on the agenda as well – the school had its own Bore Coffi/Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Research; it was well supported by staff, children, and their parents (plus plenty of grandparents too!) so plenty of coffee and cake was eaten for breakfast and £250 was raised for this excellent cause.

Apart from all this children and teaching staff are getting to grip with the new curriculum, and everyone is settling into the new routine. Since Ysgol Bodafon is a church school, the children are encouraged to think beyond what they learn in class, and a theme is chosen each term as "food for thought" in a more spiritual sense; this term's theme is Courage – how appropriate for young children grappling with the new school year, for teachers grappling with the new curriculum and teaching methods – and for the whole school, when financial stresses and other

pressures are a daily reality for the Head Teacher to deal with – we all need courage to give us strength to keep going when its hard and to speak things from our heart.

In the Bible, God tells Joshua of mighty plans He has for him to lead a nation – and God tells Joshua to "not be afraid, but take courage for I am with you" (Joshua 1:9).

It's the same for us today – God's got mighty plans for us, He is with us, and with Ysgol Bodafon! So our prayer this month is one of courage:

Lord God,, we thank you for Jesus – it took such courage for Him to go to the cross, but He did it for us. Help us in our choices every day to be true to you, and true to ourselves. Help us to look after each other in school, and have the courage to speak out if we see things that are not good, like bullying or name calling. Help us in Bodafon to shine. Thanks for every single staff member in the school, in every way – and thank you for all the people who come in to do the extra clubs and activities with us – we pray that you would bless our school and everyone in it richly. Thank you, Diolch o galon, Amen

Diolch – thank you - from Ysgol Bodafon



Sylvia Pickup (pictured above) decorated St Paul's Church for Harvest Festival. Several hours of work went in to putting together seasonal displays with many people involved; the results were impressive!



Jeanette Bennett-Williams writes:

The September fashion show with St. Vincent de Paul at St. Paul's raised £759 which was divided between the two Charities. Thank you to all those who took part and organised the event and especially thank you to all who came and made it such an enjoyable evening.

Our events are finished now for 2019 and our Llandudno committee has sent £7,500 to headquarters since the beginning of April, a really good total. There will be Christmas envelopes in the Churches in December for donations. This year's theme - 'Empowering women this Christmas' - looks at how Christian Aid is helping women who suffer discrimination in Afghanistan, Bangladesh and India.

Thank you so much for supporting Christian Aid whose work transforms lives.



The Real Advent Calendar

This is available now price £4 in our churches, or contact the Parish Office or Dilys Stone (01492 879997). It is a fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story, and has a new design this year. There is a Fairtrade Chocolate (made from a high quality Fairtrade blend, palm free, and foiled for freshness), and a line of the Christmas story behind each of the 25 windows. The free book has a page for every day of Advent, expanding on the Christmas story and includes some fun challenges. Box and tray are completely recyclable, and for each purchase a charitable donation is made as well as a small profit for your church.

Support for those in exile from South Sudan

The Revd Peter Marshall writes:

Although not in the news, there are over 2 million refugees and displaced people in countries surrounding South Sudan. There are 870,000 in a huge camp just across the border in northern Uganda. It is hard to imagine. Recently a team of young adults from Flame International UK did a mission week in one area - as well as ministry of spiritual encouragement they taught craft and sports skills.

It is good to continue to support those in exile from South Sudan in Uganda through my Trust, the Buckingham Trust PJCM, (Registered charity 237350). I have been able to forward £870 for Charles Juma, dentist in training, sponsored by Llandudno Smiles Dental Practice, for travel, uni and hostel. Members of St Katherine's have been able to help Revd. Isaiah Penny from Yambio, visit his daughter Suzan, aged 9, who is away from home for ten months at a time. 12 hours on a minibus from Kampala to Juba, and a local flight in South Sudan (because it is too dangerous to go by road) has cost over £200 each way.

We are paying £100 a month rent for Suzan and her five cousins to be staying at Maya, with Aunt Zereda to look after them. Doing this since April 2017, it is quite a challenge each month. Each of them have sponsors for school fees.

We have been able to help Daniel, aged 14, son of Archbishop Samuel, to attend a Scripture Union youth residential activity - he loved it. We are also support his uncle, Esau, aged 28, doing a degree in Community Development, ready to get a job when the troubles cease in South Sudan - a similar cost to Charles Juma.

It may be that some readers would like to join the sponsorship team? Do contact me. Instead of (or as well as) that cruise, £1,000 or £2,000 can go to help a specific individual refugee. Lesser gifts welcome, of course.

Finally, if you go into 'YOUTUBE revmarsh35', you will see on my channel 'Flame visits Christchurch', a 3 minute video of a UK team who visited this July against all UK Foreign Office advice !!, Christchurch, Bethlehem, which opened in 2011, which many readers will have contributed towards years ago. Don't be overcome with 'compassion fatigue' and endless stories of refugees. You can help. Thank you.



Above: Julius Myombuya visits refugee Joseph Penny, 9, at Maya, Uganda. (see article on previous page)

Peter Marshall also writes:

Following on from the Scripture Union 150th a year ago, Helen Franklin, SU Church and Community Development worker for Wales, has been making regular visits to Llandudno. She has been visiting Ysgol Bodafon, running a 'Guardians of Ancora' R.E. class. (This is a tablet computer game that leads children into Bible stories). She has been supporting Amy Jasper, Children and Families worker for Gloddaeth United Church and Penrhyn Bay Presbyterian, with visits to Ysgol Dyffryn Road Primary School, and of course St. Paul's Joseph Holiday Club.

If you wish to pray for Helen, you could contact her on helenf@scriptureunion.org.uk and she will gladly send her news letter and future programme. She would much appreciate this.

St Hilary's Visit to Ty Gobaith Hospice

Doreen Owen writes:

On a sunny but breezy afternoon in September, our organist Jelena, Phyl Evans and I travelled up the Conwy Valley to visit Ty Gobaith Hospice to hand over a cheque for £200 from the third concert organised by St Hilary's, Jelena and her pupils. (see picture, right)

Right:
Ty Gobaith
Hospice



We were greeted by Amanda Jones one of the team of fund raisers. Ty Gobaith/Hope House need £6,300,000 per year to run the hospices and they only receive enough from statutory grants to run them for just one month.

We watched two videos, with lots of tissues, where actual families spoke of the wonderful work carried out, not only with the patients, but also the Mums, Dads and siblings. They treat 750 children ages ranging from 0-25 years. We were taken on a tour of the hospice which has a very bright and cheerful atmosphere. They have just four bedrooms for in-patients, and we were shown craft, television and play areas inside, and gardens and play areas outside, and the dining room with beautiful views overlooking the Conwy Estuary where staff patients and their families all meet together. At the end of our tour we were shown the "Snowflake Suite" so called because: "Snowflakes fall, melt and are gone – All too soon!".



St Cystennin's Pet Service

In October a Pet Service was held at St Cystennin's Church.

As usual it was very well attended, and this year there was a 'first' in that a Shetland pony called Elsie attended, as well as the usual assortment of smaller pets. They all seemed to get on well - see the pictures on the next page.



Pictures from the Pet Service at St Cystennin's, including Elsie the Shetland pony, who seems to have found some new friends..



All Saints Church 1899 – 2019 Serving the Community for 120 years.

All Saints Church in Deganwy was built between 1897 and 1899 to replace an earlier mission church, on land given by Lord Mostyn and funded by his mother, Lady Henrietta Augusta Mostyn, in memory of her parents, the Earl and Countess of Abergavenny. The church was built to the design of architect John Douglas of Chester by Messrs Samuel Parry of Llanrwst and Llandudno. Built to accommodate 400 to 500 people, in 2016 the fire service recommended a limit of 240 for fire safety.

On 1st November 1899 at a very well attended service All Saints church was consecrated by the Bishop of St Asaph in the presence of 'a fashionable and representative congregation' with many local dignitaries. According to local press reports it was 'adorned with green-house ferns, palms and flowery plants from Gloddaeth Conservatories'.



All Saints Church - once the only building on the hill at the foot of the Vardre and a prominent landmark that could be seen for miles around. Since the 1980s houses have been built around and in front of it and now it is all but invisible from the main road.

On 6th February 1908 the local press reported that by the generosity of Lady Augusta Mostyn a wall was being constructed round the church. In March 1910 the Llanrhos Magazine reported that certain improvements at All Saints Church would shortly be completed. Amongst them was a new floor. "The original floor was a disappointment, and hence the necessity of having another made up of woodbrick".

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Left: The register entry for the first baptism, on 4th November 1899. George Frederick Wallace Roberts was presented with a Bible by Lady Henrietta Augusta Mostyn to commemorate the occasion. (The Bible was returned to All Saints by his son in 2016.

BAPTISMS Solemnized in the Parish of <u>Esgwyrddon (District Church of All Saints)</u> in the County of <u>Carmarvon</u> in the years one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine and 1900						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1899 Nov 4 th No. 1	George Frederick Wallace	George Cyprian Beatrice Alice	Roberts	Brynhyfryd Llandudno	Sculptor	J. S. Jones Vicar Trawsaw Ceredigion

The first church committee met in 1920. Discussions in the early years were mainly about the finances, the cost of heating, how much to pay the cleaner, and behaviour of the Choir boys ... so some things haven't changed! Electric lighting arrived in 1923.



Over the years the church has witnessed many events. The 1914-18 war saw young men from the parish volunteer to fight and later some were conscripted. On 4th August 1923 a memorial to the 107 men of Llanrhos parish who died in World War One, 27 of whom were from Deganwy, was unveiled (above) In the form of a Gothic

reredos with the names inscribed on three panels, it is by J.H. Hutchings, a local art teacher. During World War Two 24 young men from Deganwy lost their lives in Europe and the Far East. Their names are recorded on the 1939-1945 memorial on the North wall (pictured left) - an engraved tablet in a freestone surround,



unveiled on 3rd April 1955 by Lord Mostyn.

The church has shared in the joyful events and the sad events of the lives of those who live in Deganwy. Since 1899 1,762 baptisms have taken place. The first Banns of Marriage were read in December 1908. Since then 810 banns have been read in the church. (Unfortunately the earlier marriage registers cannot be found.) Since 1971 282 have taken place. There are no records of the many funeral services which have taken place in the church over the years.

In 1986 All Saints was Listed grade II* for its special architectural interest as a robustly designed Arts-and-Crafts church characteristic of John Douglas, with an especially fine interior. In 2015 the church was brought up to date with the installation of a toilet and kitchen in the north aisle. New tables and chairs were purchased and so our 'café' began. The café is a comfy space for refreshments and fellowship after services, and also provides a space for the Dementia Cafe and the Cancer Support group, enabling us to reach out to those in need in the community.

As we set out on the next phase of All Saints history we do so with faith and in the hope that there will many other anniversaries to celebrate.