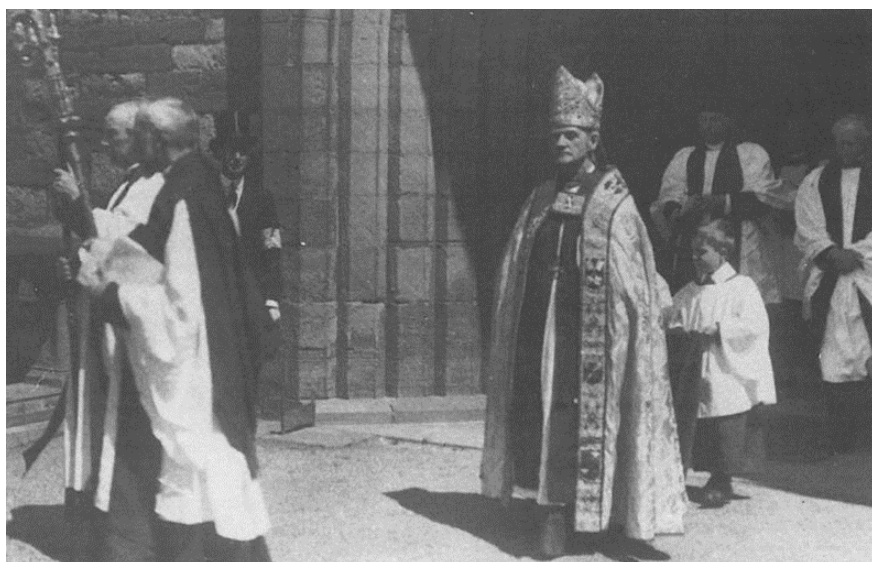


## 2020 - The Church in Wales celebrates its Centenary

*The Revd Noel Carter writes:*

The Church in Wales is preparing to celebrate 100 years of serving Wales as it enters its centenary year. In 1920 the Church in Wales became an independent part of the Anglican Communion after centuries of being part of the



Church of England. The process was known as 'disestablishment' as it broke the link between Welsh churches and the state with the historic Welsh Church Act. On the 1st June 1920 the first Archbishop of Wales, Alfred George Edwards (pictured above), was enthroned at St Asaph Cathedral.

The centenary year will see events being held to mark the life of the Church in Wales, which will include celebration services in all six of the Church's cathedrals on the 7th of June and a

visit by the Archbishop of Canterbury in April. The Archbishop will attend the meeting of the Church in Wales' Governing Body in Llandudno, when it is likely that he will attend a service in St Paul's, Craig y Don. He will also visit a new diocesan venture, Hope Street, in Wrexham,

make a pilgrimage to the shrine of St David at St David's Cathedral and see a church-run family centre – Faith in Families – in action at Swansea. A Centenary Appeal has also been launched which aims to raise £100,000 for two charities over the next five years.

The Archbishop of Wales, John Davies, said "2020 is a very important year as it's our centenary as a province of the Anglican Communion. We will be celebrating this landmark

birthday throughout the year in churches and communities across Wales, and I invite everyone to join in giving thanks and praise for the fellowship we have shared over the years and, at the same time, committing to a future renewed with hope and confidence."

As we enter the next hundred years of the Church in Wales, please pray for God's blessing on the life of the Church and particularly on the churches that make up the Aberconwy Mission Area.

All Saints, Deganwy • St Cystennin's, Mochdre • St David's, Penrhyn Bay  
St Daged's, Llanddaged • St Ffraid's, Glan Conwy • St Grwst's, Llanrwst  
St Hilary's, Llanrhos • 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**

**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, and St David'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 and St Hilary'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

**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; **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

Please note that for January only All Age Worship at All Saints and St Michaels will take place on the 3rd Sunday of the month, i.e. Sunday 19th January

**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 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

**5<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, 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** - 10.30 am Coffee and Brunch at All Saints after the 10 am service (not 1st Jan);

10 am Thursday - St Paul's and St Ffraid's; 10.30 am Friday - St David's (not 27th Dec or 3rd Jan)

**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** - 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)

**CLERGY:** Rev Noel Carter (Mission Area Leader) 01492 339521 (For other contact details and online addresses - please see inside back cover)  
 Rev Dr Godfrey Chigumira 01492 543706  
 Rev Juliet Fraser 01492 596655  
 Rev Sarah Hildreth-Osborn 01492 640032

**OFFICE:** Penrhyn Beach East, Llandudno, LL30 3NT - 01492 541615 - office@aberconwy.church  
**Open 10-12.30 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**

## Mis Ionawr 2020 - Y CALENDR/CALENDAR - January 2020

		Gwasanaethau/Services	Digwyddiadau eraill/Other events
Wednesday	1	HE 10 am AS	
Thursday	2	HE 10.30 am St P	<b>PARISH OFFICE RE-OPENS</b>
Friday	3	HE 10 am St D	Cancer Support Group 10.30 am AS
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>SEE OPPOSITE PAGE</b>	
Monday <b>The Epiphany</b>	6		Dementia Café 10.30-12.30 pm AS; Craft Group 1 pm St P
Tuesday	7	<b>MAGAZINE COPY DATE</b>	Bible Briefs 7 pm 8 Llys Helig
Wednesday	8	HE 10 am AS; Storytime Café 10.30 am St P	
Thursday	9	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	10	HE 10 am St D	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: Holy Baptism 12.45 pm St M; 4 pm Building Blocks Christingle St P</b>	
Monday	13		St Paul's Fellowship Lunch; Craft Group 1 pm St P
Tuesday	14		Cuppa, crafts & chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos Schoolroom; All Saints Mothers Union 2.30 pm
Wednesday	15	HE 10 am AS; Storytime Café 10.30 am St P	
Thursday	16	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	17	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	18		Prayer Breakfast 9 am St P
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - Also: All Age Services St M 9.30 am and AS 11 am (change to normal pattern); Holy Baptism 12.45 pm St H; WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY begins with President's Service 4 pm Capel Seilo</b>	
Monday	20	WPCU service - 10.30 am - Lighthouse Community, West Shore	
Tuesday	21	WPCU service 10.30 am Coptic Church, Trinity Avenue	St Hilary's Fellowship AGM 2.30 pm Llanrhos Schoolroom
Wednesday	22	HE 10 am AS; Storytime Café 10.30 am St P; WPCU service 10.30 am Our Lady Star of the Sea RC Church	
Thursday	23	HE 10.30 am St P; WPCU service 11 am (HE) Holy Trinity Llandudno; Open Table <u>6.30 pm</u> St M	
Friday	24	HE 10 am St D; WPCU service 10.30 am Gloddaeth Church	
Saturday	25	Holy Matrimony 1 pm St H; Cytun Meditation and Service commemorating the Holocaust 2-4 pm St John's Methodist	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>SEE OPPOSITE PAGE - HE at St M 9.30 am and AS 11 am (change to normal pattern); 4 pm Chill Church Tots and Tea St M</b>	
Tuesday	28	Praying for Growth 2 pm 8 Llys Helig	Cuppa, crafts & chat 2.30 pm Llanrhos S/room; All Saints Mothers Union AGM 2.30 pm
Wednesday	29	HE 10 am AS; Storytime Café 10.30 am St P	
Thursday	30	HE 10.30 am St P	
Friday	31	HE 10 am St D	

**KEY:** HE - Holy Eucharist; AS – All Saints; St C – St Cystennin's; St D - St David's; St Do - St Doged's; St Ff - St Ffraid's; St G - St Grwst's; St H - St Hilary's; St 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

**Praying for Growth** Come and join us to pray for growth in our Mission Area. This month we meet in the warm at 8 Llys Helyg at 2 pm on **Tuesday 28th January**. Even if you cannot join us then, please continue to pray for growth and development in the life of our churches.



Come along to the January Prayer Breakfast at St Paul's Church, Craig-y-Don on **Saturday 18th January** at 9 am. Prayer and croissants go together well! All welcome.

**Please also remember in your prayers** Leo Andrew James and Nate Day, to be welcomed into the church by baptism, and Adam Buxton and Julie Hold who are to be married in January.

### Prayer Hour at St Michael's and All Angels, Llandudno Junction

10-11 am every Thursday Morning (except 23rd January).

Please note - no Prayer meeting in St David's Church on New Year's Eve, also no coffee after Friday service on 27th December or 3rd January.

## Bible Briefs

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**, 7.30 pm at 8 Llys Helyg, Deganwy, LL31 9BN

Exploring the Parables - we will be exploring the background of the parables and why they take us right to the heart of the Gospel. This time we will be looking at the Good Samaritan. All welcome.

**THE PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS** on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December and re-opens at 10 am on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Mandy would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year

**Regular events held in our churches:**

### COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA

A good time was had by all in December, a delicious tea, bumper raffle with nearly everyone going home with a prize and a homemade Christmas cake. We had carols and a singsong led by Revd Noel, and £80 was raised and has been donated to Hope Restored towards their Christmas Day lunch for the homeless of Llandudno. There will be no tea in January. The teas will start again first Thursday of February 2020. Thank you to everyone who has come along and supported these teas during 2019. *More 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](mailto:llandudnopdsq@gmail.com)



### Building Blocks

## Christingle Service



Sunday 12th January

4 pm

St Paul's Church, Craig-y-Don

All welcome - come and join us for this Christingle service which will also be marking Epiphany and 'chalking the door'



## Night Shelter Project news:

**"I was a stranger and you invited me in" Matthew 25.35**

From Mike Harrison 01492 870701, Mob. 07910 141410 Email: [mikeonorme@gmail.com](mailto:mikeonorme@gmail.com)

We are making substantial progress but there is still much to do. One training session has already been held and plans are going ahead with the hope that something can be set up over the winter months.

Please continue to pray that volunteers will come forward and suitable premises will be available, and think about whether you can offer to help in some way, small or large. Contact Mike (details above) if you would like to know more.

## Yr Wythnos Weddi am Undeb Cristnogol 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020

*Caredigrwydd anghyffredin*

*Unusual kindness*

We are invited in this year's **Week Of Prayer for Christian Unity** to see God working through people and places which offer unusual kindness. The materials have been prepared by the Christian churches in Malta and Gozo. On 10th February many Christians in Malta celebrate the Feast of the Shipwreck of St Paul, marking and giving thanks for the arrival of Christian faith on those islands.

Hospitality is a much needed virtue in our search for Christian unity. It is a practice that calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. The people who showed unusual kindness to Paul and his companions did not know Christ, and yet through their unusual kindness a divided people were drawn closer together. Our own Christian unity will be found not only through showing hospitality to one another, but also loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith.

The themes for the eight days are:

- Day 1: Reconciliation: Throwing the cargo overboard
- Day 2: Enlightenment: Seeking and showing forth Christ's light
- Day 3: Hope: Paul's message
- Day 4: Trust: Do not be afraid, believe
- Day 5: Strength: Breaking bread for the journey
- Day 6: Hospitality: Show unusual kindness
- Day 7: Conversion: Changing our hearts and minds
- Day 8: Generosity: Receiving and giving

### Services in Llandudno:

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January** 4 pm - President's Service at Eglwys Unedig Gymreig (Capel Seilo)

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January** 10.30 am - Lighthouse Community, West Shore

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January** 10.30 am - Coptic Church

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** 10.30 am - Our Lady Star of the Sea

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** 11 am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January** 10.30 am - Gloddaeth Church

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January** 2 - 4 pm Meditation and Service commemorating the Holocaust at St John's Methodist Church - a 'drop-in' for reflection, with prayer/reflection every 20 minutes.

**Please try to join with your fellow Christians to pray together at one or more of these services.**



## CHILL CHURCH TOTS 'T' TIME

St Michaels and All Angels at Llandudno Junction held its first Chill Church on Sunday November 17th. We had action Christian songs on the big screen, and Catryn played guitar too. This was followed



by the story of Jesus' Day Off, an activity with bubbles - which went down very well - even with the grown ups! We ended with tea with the teddies.

The next meeting of Chill Church will be on **Sunday January 26th** at 4 pm - please pass the word round - all welcome.



## THE MOTHERS' UNION Undeb y Mamau

### All Saints Deganwy Branch

*Pat Chapman writes:*

At our meeting in November Daphne Laight gave a fascinating account of her trips to the shrine at Walsingham, and our final meeting of 2019 was our Christmas social when we enjoyed tea, mince pies and cake and talked about our Christmas Memories.

We were sad to hear of the death of Edna Davison at the end of November. Edna had been a loyal MU member and she was also a member of All Saints church choir for many years. We send our love and sympathy to her family.

Our first meeting of 2020 will be on **14th January** when our opening service will take place in Bethel Chapel. The AGM will take place on **28th January**. Our meetings are held in Bethel Chapel at 2.30 pm. A warm welcome is extended to everyone.

There will be no corporate communion in January.

A happy and peaceful new year to everyone.

### St Paul's Fellowship

*Dorothy Roberts writes:*

The Christmas Fayre - how does one begin to thank all those who have worked so hard in all sort of ways to ensure the success of the Christmas Fayre, held for the first time in the church. Everyone did a great job and it was lovely to see so many people, many who had never been in St Paul's before. They all seemed to be enjoying themselves and appreciated the warm welcome received.



Above: The famous cake stall at St Paul's Christmas Fayre - it was empty by the end!

We had great support from our faithful regulars, other churches and visitors. We had people from the Wirral who regularly support us and a couple from the south coast who book a week's holiday in Llandudno twice a year to coincide with our Christmas and Summer Fayres to enable them to come along to support us and enjoy the fellowship. The total sum raised to date is £1,230 .

Our Annual Fellowship lunch is being held on **13th January** at the North Wales Golf Club at 12.30 pm. Details and booking forms available from Mrs Margaret Jones, 01492 875681, forms to be returned with payment by 9th January. Our 2020 programme is being prepared and will be available shortly. We hope you all have had a happy Christmas with family and friends.

Pictured left: The amazing display of home-made jams, chutneys, sauces and sweets, ready for the St Paul's Christmas Fayre.



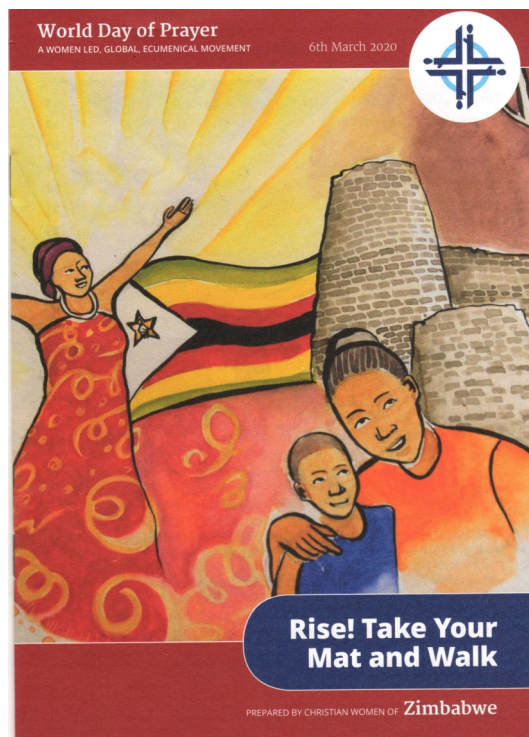
Open Table will meet on **Thursday 23rd January** at **6.30 p.m** at St Michael's, Llandudno Junction. The earlier time this month is because we are then going to Conwy for our annual birthday meal. All welcome.

*More information from the Revd Sarah Hildreth-Osborn (see inside front cover)*

## St Hilary's Llanrhos

**St Hilary's Fellowship** hold their AGM on **Tuesday 21st January** at 2.30 pm in the Llanrhos Schoolroom. Please come along as we will be thinking about ideas for 2020, and of course there will be a cup of tea and chance to chat. The Fellowship is open to all, regardless of age or gender, and has some really interesting meetings (see page 12 for a report).

**Church Meeting** - Rather than drag people out on a cold winter evening, it is proposed to have the next Church Meeting after the 11 am service on **Sunday 2nd February**. Please try to be there as we have some important issues to discuss - there is also a rumour of soup!



**The World Day of Prayer** Service for 2020, 'Rise, Take your mat and walk', has been written by the women of Zimbabwe. The service will take place in St John's Methodist Church, Llandudno on **Friday 6th March 2020** at 2.30 pm. The planning committee meet at the end of January. If you would like to help plan the service or take part in the service please contact Pat Chapman for further details. [allsaints.deganwy@gmail.com](mailto:allsaints.deganwy@gmail.com)

**All Saints Church, Deganwy**  
**Wednesday 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Brunch**

Join us for our mid-week Eucharist, or if you prefer just join us at 10.30 for brunch and a chat. We offer a warm welcome, coffee and pastries to all.

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

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

**All Saints Church, Deganwy**

*Pat Chapman writes:*

Following our Service to mark the celebration of 120 years of All Saints Church, we were pleased to receive a visit from the pupils of Ysgol Deganwy. Over 90 pupils visited over two days to learn about the history and to see the photos on our display board. They enthusiastically asked questions about the church and the services we hold. In the photo (right), our ordinand Ben is teaching them about the Eucharist and showing them the vessels used. They then eagerly went around the church counting candles, windows and organ pipes etc as part of their Maths curriculum. It was a pleasure to welcome them and all their interesting questions. Glad to say that the feed back told us they had enjoyed their visit too !



Below: At the Dementia Cafe at the beginning of December Martin Williams led the singing of favourite songs and everyone joined in. Mince pies were enjoyed after the singing by everyone



Above: Betty Raggett and Pat Chapman presented a cheque for £500 to Cheryl Dixon of Aberconwy Domestic Abuse Service. All Saints have been supporting the charity from donations for coffee and cake after the All Age Service since March 2018.





## St Hilary's, Llanrhos

After an uplifting second Sunday in Advent service, members of the congregation partook of a sumptuous Christmas lunch. The schoolroom was decked out with a lovely Christmas tree and the whole atmosphere was festive. We all agreed that the meal, which was a full Christmas meal culminating in coffee and mince pies, just started the Christmas season with a swing, everyone was full of festive fun and a few members had even worn their Christmas jumpers (see pictures). So next year join in the festivities at Llanrhos and keep the date free in your diary.



## St David's, Penrhyn Bay



Above: The ladies of St David's Church, Penrhyn Bay, enjoying a very good tea/meal at the Beach Cafe recently. All were well behaved and ate up!

## St Katherine's, Bryn Pydew

There is a lot of feasting and fellowship pictured on these pages, and there was indeed also fellowship and food at Bryn Pydew on 17th November, as members of the congregation and friends gathered together for a service of Thanksgiving to mark the sad occasion of the closure of the little church of St Katherine's.

The Bishop of St Asaph, the Rt Revd. Gregory Cameron, presided at the service and the church was full. A sequence of photographs played before the service, some of which are reproduced overleaf, detailing the 74 year history of the church and its buildings.

The Bishop reminded us that we had come firstly in a spirit of thankfulness for all that has

been, but also to pray for God's presence with each one for the next stage of the journey. "People have been blessed, nourished and drunk of the love of God in this place and now we are praying that God will be near, amongst and within this congregation, supporting them and enabling them to find his love in a new place and new people."

Among the hymns sung was "Be still for the presence of the Lord" with its very poignant words, for as we remembered the life of the church we also prayed that God's presence would continue to be evident in Bryn Pydew.

Here are just some of the pictures that capture the spirit and history of the life of St Katherine's.



St Katherine's was built on the site of a World War 2 searchlight battery at Tan y Bryn Farm. As the war drew to a close plans were made for churchgoers to use one of the three Nissen huts rather than go down the hill to Llangystennin, and the land with the huts on was given to the church. One hut was for the church, one for the Sunday School (as there were many children in Bryn Pydew!), and one for the church hall. The church was named St Katherine's, after St Katherine of Sienna, and was lit by oil lamps until electricity came to the village in 1955.



After 15 years, as the huts became more dilapidated, plans were made to replace them with one better building at a cost of £1,200, the site having been given to the Church in Wales. The first service was Harvest Festival in October 1961 - both Robin Lewis and Maureen Pilbeam were present.

Mr Robin Lewis, 86, remembers the opening of the church in the Nissen hut.

He was churchwarden around 2006 and was also organist at St Cystennin's, where he was christened in 1934. He is a walking history book of all things to do with St Katherine's and St Cystennin's, and thinks he owes his longevity to a lifetime of pushing his bicycle up the hill to Bryn Pydew!



The altar at St Katherine's, with two of the many inspiring banners. All the furnishings and equipment from St Katherine's will be going to refurbish the new chapel at Gloddaeth Hall, St David's College.

The clear glass windows gave views of the ever changing plants and trees, and often butterflies and birds, as well as the occasional passing horse or two!

In 2015 St Katherine's received a grant from the Diocesan Mission Fund which enabled them to get a large television screen and a laptop. This meant the congregation could enjoy a wider selection of music, and also watch the Bishop's messages and presentations from organisations such as the Bible Society and the Mission Aviation Fellowship. There have been many visiting preachers and speakers from across the world.



The congregation has always reached out beyond the church walls. Summer holiday clubs (above and right) have been run by St Katherine's, more recently monthly CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other) lunches have been held. Home groups have been a feature and the Ladies Bible Study group continues to meet.

Over the last twenty years St Katherine's has had a particular awareness of the world Christian family and situations of need. They have supported 'Hope Restored' working with the homeless in the Llandudno area, and there has been a food basket at the back of the church every Sunday. Peter and Janet Marshall have encouraged links, particularly with many working in Africa and the congregation has been able to give support in various ways. They have also supported Tools with a Mission.



So many people have contributed to the life of St Katherine's. Many of them are no longer with us but are remembered with much affection.

Others contribute, often unnoticed. Thanks go to Jeannette Bennett-Williams for the Banners for all seasons and occasions, and big thanks to neighbour Farmer Dave for all his work on the church grounds over the years and to Handyman Arthur (see picture left) for his work on the building, outside and in.

Thanks must also go to all the clergy and readers who have led the worship, and not least to all the members of the congregation (see the happy picture below) over the years.



Pictured left - the Bishop, the Archdeacon, Mission Area Leader the Revd Noel Carter, the Revd Godfrey Chigamura and the Revd Peter Marshall at the final service at St Katherine's.



Words from the final hymn - "You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace"

# St Hilary's, Llanrhos

In November St Hilary's Fellowship welcomed Fiona from the ABERCONWY DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE talking about Awareness Raising of Domestic Abuse.

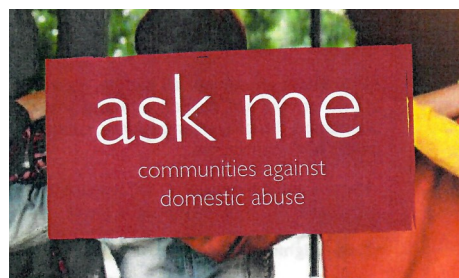
She spoke about the fact that domestic abuse knows no boundaries of class or gender - they recently changed their constitution to support male victims although the majority of their clients are women. Domestic violence is the largest cause of death to women aged 16-44, but can take many forms. The exercise of power and control can be a gradual process, building up to complete coercive control which is difficult to escape.

The Service has ten refuges along the North Wales coast which provide safe and secure places for people to stay while they make decisions about their future (all were full as she was speaking to us), with an information centre in Llandudno Junction. They run support sessions offer emotional support, counselling, Raiki and have a 24/7 helpline. They help with benefits, budgeting and debt support, support people in court appearances, supply personal alarms, offer training in parenting and life skills and work with children and young people.



One in seven of those aged under 18 will have experienced living with domestic violence, and the STAR programme (Safety, Trust and Respect) works with those from 4 to 25 years old in ways appropriate to their situations to help them understand their feelings and the behaviours they encounter, to address their worries and fears, to teach them about staying safe, and with older ones to help them understand about respect and exploitation. The aim is to help children and young adults develop their sense of self-worth and give them confidence to form new and safe relationships.

All of these services are free and confidential.



## Could you be an **ask me** ambassador?

Join a movement within your community (where you work, play, live, learn, worship, network) that breaks the silence about domestic abuse so that people experiencing it can get the help they need, when they need it.

Fiona explained that they are looking for people to help shed light on the issue of domestic abuse and help change attitudes and behaviours by having conversations with others about domestic abuse. Free training is given. Hopefully our communities can become spaces where people experiencing domestic abuse feel able to speak out - communities that better understand the barriers faced by survivors of domestic abuse, and that will listen, will offer support, and will know what services are out there that can help.

Essential values and qualities of an **ask me** ambassador are:

**Believes in equality of all people**

**Listens** and **believes** those that share their personal experiences

**Non-judgmental and respectful**

**Passionate** about ending domestic abuse and making a change

Fiona gave us much to think about, and we hope that we now have more awareness of this problem that is largely borne in silence by those that suffer from domestic abuse.

Anyone interested in getting involved by becoming an **ask me** ambassador can find out more from the information centre 01492 573921 (during office hours) or email AskmeNorth@welshwomensaid.org.uk.

The Aberconwy Domestic Abuse Service 24 hour helpline is **01492 872992** or freephone the Welsh Domestic Abuse Helpline **0808 80 10 800**

# Local Matters - Petha' Lleol



Next year Pam Kirkham will be retiring from her role in Kingdom Krafts shop in Madoc Street, and Emma, who has been managing the shop alongside Pam, is getting married and will be leaving the area. For the shop to continue it is essential that suitably equipped and experienced management be found.

The leadership of Gloddaeth and Emmanuel Churches are working to seek the right solution. It has been an amazing provision of the Lord to see the shop continue and blossom over these past 17 years. We only see a small part of the blessing it has been to the area, local churches, the many visitors to Llandudno, and not forgetting the many producers in the developing world who have been helped to develop sustainable businesses.

Please make this staffing need known, and join in prayer that the Lord will provide. While many Christian bookshops have been forced to close, this shop continues to remain viable and is able to support one full time manager or two part time managers, albeit on minimum wage. Passionate, capable management could develop it further and allow it to pay above minimum wage.

Should you know of anyone who might be interested there is a job description available, and for more information, please contact Steve Russell 07368 214994  
email: [stephenrussell1@sky.com](mailto:stephenrussell1@sky.com)

Thank you!  
*from Nigel Whitaker on behalf of the Kingdom Krafts transition oversight team*



## Conwy Food Bank

*Feeding local people in crisis*

[www.conwyfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.conwyfoodbank.co.uk)

Dear Supporters

This autumn everyone at the Food Bank have been delighted to receive the huge amounts of donations given this autumn, it is so heartening to know that so many people in our community care about those who are struggling to feed themselves and their families.

101 parcels were issued in October. 35 went to families with 71 children, 55 went to single people and 11 to couples. The average continues to rise.

We received not only donations of food and non-perishable goods, but also cash donations which are used to purchase stock items which are running low in the store.

Thank you so much for your kindness

Best Wishes

From all at Conwy Food Bank



Churches can be fascinating places to visit, whether for their architecture, their history and content or just their peaceful, tranquil grounds. It is a popular pastime for many, and it is growing with more overseas tourists wanting to visit.

More people visiting your church can lead to growth and additional income but to achieve this you do need to promote what you have and have your church open.

**Explore Churches** is a website run by the National Churches Trust. Here you can register your church with photographs and details explaining its uniqueness. By doing this it gives

the worldwide web access to your church and the opportunity to promote your church. Some churches already are registered but many are not, to register is free and it only can take a few minutes of your time.

Perhaps there is potential here for us as a Mission Area to register all our churches and show how they can be linked to each other or their place in the history of the area. The site is part of Cymru Cysegredig – Sacred Wales, which helps promote the churches of Wales within the tourism sector.

A new initiative is “**Experiencing Sacred Wales**” which will:

- raise the profile of Welsh churches and chapels:
- ensure at least 500 historic places of worship in Wales have meaningful, bilingual entries on ExploreChurches.com
- create 20-30 new bookable experiences around the ‘Wales Way’ on ExploreChurches.com
- create 6 or more themed lists, trails or routes on ExploreChurches.com
- use film, photography and podcasts to showcase Wales' sacred heritage and new experiences

They have been holding workshops to introduce the scheme and topics included:

- Creating the Perfect Welcome
- Finding your Stories
- Interpreting your Church
- Promoting your Church and Activities

Our Mission Area (as well as several other Llandudno churches) was represented at the workshop and more information will be circulated to our churches.

There are many possibilities for sharing the stories, heritage and faith that our church buildings represent, and they are offering a lot of advice and ideas. Interestingly, the representative from Ecclesiastical Insurance was very keen that churches should be open, and he provided material on health and safety and risk assessments as well as general advice about security.

Visitor’s books are not the best indicators as the number of people who sign the book compared to those who actually visit can be as low as 2% of the total numbers. Accurate records of visitor numbers can be valuable evidence to support a grant application. The National Churches Trust are offering battery operated counters that can be attached near an entrance, (they do not need a faculty to be installed) - there will probably be a charge for these although some may also be available on loan.

Living in an area like North Wales there is a huge potential for welcoming visitors to our church buildings, which are many and varied. These are opportunities we should not miss. We will be watching the development of “Experiencing Sacred Wales” and hope to encourage at least some of our churches to participate in due course.



Churches are different to other visitor attractions. They are working buildings; they have services and there is a need to be mindful of congregations needs. They live and breathe the word of God. Some visitors may only come in needing comfort, we need to have information and leaflets that will help in their need. We need to look at how we interpret our churches as working buildings –creating an area for prayer and contemplation which can offer that spirituality.

## 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. 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. (Items may have to be edited to fit the available space, and late items may be omitted.)

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.

Diolch yn fawr.

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