



Pilgrimage/Pererindod

Tad Huw Bryant writes:

Pilgrimage is an oft used phrase both within Christianity, other faiths and outside of faith. It can mean many different things to different people and groups. Often it is used by people who are going for a walk to *somewhere*, but a pilgrimage is more than just a holy wander in some pretty landscape.

In the Christian faith *Pilgrimage* can be used to describe the entire journey of life, from birth to death, a *pilgrimage* that covers all our steps in this world on our journey home to rest in God when this life is over. In the words of John Bunyan – “There is no discouragement shall make him once relent his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim” – all Christians should aspire to be *Pilgrims*, searching, yearning, journeying to closer relationship with God.

So *Pilgrimage* first and foremost is about encounter with God. To aid us in this quest we might undertake a physical journey. The British Pilgrimage Trust describes a pilgrimage as:

“Pilgrimage (n.): A transformational journey on foot to holy/wholesome/special places with trust and purpose,

but without expectation. Etymologically, the word pilgrimage comes from the Latin *peregrinus* meaning ‘being away from your own land or home’.

At its heart, pilgrimage is a journey, usually (but not always) on foot, along a path often to a *Sacred Place*. On the journey, a pilgrim combines walking with seeking new insights about themselves, others, or the world around them. Pilgrimage invites the pilgrim to step outside their daily life and enter a space of reflection, discovery, and transformation.”

Personally, I’ve never associated *Pilgrimage* with walking as the British Pilgrimage Trust do, but it is about *journey* away from the safe and familiar. The two places I have most often gone on Pilgrimage to are The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk and Ynys Enlli (Bardsey). Neither of these would I consider undertaking on foot! But the coach journey to Walsingham, and drive and boat to Enlli can seem like mammoth journeys with plenty of time for reflection on the way.

What has always interested me in *Pilgrimage* is less about the journey and more



Cross on Bardsey island - photo taken on a trip by folk from All Saints last month

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to do with the destination. Where you go matters. Whilst God is everywhere, there are liminal places where the veil seems thinner and encounter seems easier. Have you walked into an ancient place of worship and felt yourself stop, breath held as the weight of centuries seems to whisper in your mind of something *otherly*, something you can't quite define but somehow lifts the weight of concerns you carry from you? Speaking to many pilgrims in places like Walsingham, they describe a feeling of coming home, even on their first visit. Being still fairly new to Aberconwy I see our churches with fresh eyes that maybe you who have spent years worshiping in them don't see; each of our churches has a different feel but one thing in common, they are places of encounter, where God is easy to find. One of the reasons he is easy to find is because He is not *out there* but carried *within*, inside each of us waiting for us to discover him.

As Robert Macfarlane wrote in *The Old Ways*, "The pilgrim... contents himself always with looking up and inwards to mystery, where the mountaineer longs to look down and outwards onto knowledge.' There is something in a pilgrimage which will draw you into the mystery of faith, a place of encounter with the divine within, that will then enable you to look outwards with a new perspective as if seeing the world and your place within it anew, to view the world not with your own eyes, but with God's eyes.

I would encourage everyone to undertake a pilgrimage of some kind and it would be good to organise some as a Mission Area for us all to be able to join. This could be as simple as a day trip, hiring a mini-bus and making a journey around our own churches across Aberconwy, stopping in each place and hearing the story of God unfold, pausing and praying in each of our unique churches. Or maybe going a little further afield to the Shrine at Pennant Melangell, or for the more adventurous a boat to Enlli. Or maybe staying put in one place for a length of time is more attractive to you? There are things such as

the Singing Retreat we are planning for September 25th-27th where you could journey to St Grwst's and spend three days blending your voices with others and encountering God in an ancient place of worship. Or next year joining the annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Please do get in touch, bring your ideas for a pilgrimage, it would be wonderful to develop an annual programme of pilgrimages both for us to go out, but also to welcome others in.

To be a *Pilgrim* is as much about a state of mind as anything else and something worth exploring. Even your weekly journey on the Sabbath to Church can be seen as a pilgrimage. You journey to Church, bringing with you all that has happened that week, the good and the bad, the trials and the triumphs. Then at your destination, through the liturgy of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith, you lift it up to God and encounter Him in the Sacrament, veiled in bread and wine. Through our encounter, our communion, we invite God in, to dwell within us as we seek to dwell in Him. In the Sacrament we are fed and nourished, loved and cherished, before being sent back into the world, changed by our encounter and ready to return to the world refreshed and renewed.

In every Pilgrimage there comes a moment that perhaps Julia Mourant describes best when she wrote in her book *Listening to Your Life*: 'There is a moment for God to speak in the dark, and in those starlight hours we wait in joyful and silent hope, offering not even our "yes" but perhaps only "here I am".' May we all take the time to *journey*, to show up, be still and wait upon God as we say *here I am*.

*God of our journeying,
inviting us to travel with you,
forgive us when we cling to outworn
security,
afraid to let go of what is safe and familiar.
Give us courage
to take the risk
of answering your call
into joyous adventure. Amen.*



Choral Evensong
& Benediction
With Voci Choir
Sunday 15th June
3pm
St Martin's Church
Eglwysbach
Music including
Magnificat by Anerio
Nunc Dimittis by Josquin
If Ye Love me by Tallis

Joint service of Holy Eucharist
for the fifth Sunday of the month

for the churches of All Saints Deganwy, St Hilary's Llanrhos
and St Michael & All Angels Llandudno Junction

Sunday 29th June

10.30 am at St Michael's

If you need a lift please contact your churchwardens

MISSION AREA CLERGY:

Canon Juliet Fraser - 01492 490391 (Day off Thursday)

Canon Sarah Hildreth-Osborn - sarahhildreth-osborn@churchinwales.org.uk

01492 702330 (Day off Friday)

Revd Huw Bryant - 07779 655949 (Day off Monday)

Revd Sue Storey - (Day off Friday) 01745 346273

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The Parish Office is normally open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am to 12.30pm
Please note that emails will only be read during office hours.

For anything urgent out of office hours please contact one of our clergy team or
Dilys Stone, Lay Mission Area Leader on 01492 879997.

For other contact details please see back page

Gwasanaethau rheolaidd yn ein heglwysi

Regular services in our churches

Croeso i bawb - All welcome

Regular Sunday Services:

8 am	Holy Eucharist at St David's Holy Eucharist at St Hilary's (1st and 3rd Sundays)
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist at St Cystennin's (Morning Prayer on 2nd Sunday) Holy Eucharist at St Grwst's and St Michael & All Angels*
10.30 am	Holy Eucharist at St Paul's
11 am	Holy Eucharist at All Saints*, St David's and St Hilary's*
11.15 am	Holy Eucharist at St Ffraid's
3 pm	Holy Eucharist at St Martin's (Evensong on 3rd Sunday)
6 pm	Cymun Bendigaidd at St Hilary's (4th Sunday) Café Church in St David's Hall (last Sunday)

*Note:

Joint Service for All Saints, St Hilary's and St Michael's on Sunday 29th June at 10.30 am in St Michael's church

OTHER REGULAR SERVICES, GROUPS etc.: (Further details on other pages)

Holy Eucharist:

Wednesday 10 am All Saints and St Ffraid's; Thursday 10.30 am St Paul's; Friday 10 am St David's

Sound of the Eternal - Sound bath meditations in St Grwst's Fridays at 2 pm.

Service of Holy Eucharist at St David's Hospice, Abbey Road, every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2 pm

Healing Service - Tuesday 10th June 11.30 am at St David's

Whosoever J3:16 - LGBT+ community and friends service: 14th June at All Saints Deganwy
contact SarahHildreth-Osborn@cinw.org.uk for details

Happy Saturdays: A group for children/adults with learning difficulties.

Details from Revd Sarah SarahHildreth-Osborn@cinw.org.uk 01492 702330

Julian Group - 8 pm Mondays (not Bank Holidays) by Zoom lindamaryedwards@yahoo.co.uk

WhatsApp prayer group: for prayer and to share reflections - contact julietfraser@cinw.org.uk

St David's Church open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10-12 noon

St David's Church Hub Prayers - 11.00 am on Tuesdays

All Saints' House Group 7.30 pm Tuesdays fortnightly contact ejl.james@hotmail.co.uk for details

Study Groups at St David's - 11-12 noon and 7pm every Wednesday

3C (Cuppa, Chat and Community) 2 pm at St David's twice monthly

Warm Welcome Bereavement Group (check calendar for dates) at St Paul's Church Hall 10-12 noon

Men's Shed - Thursdays 10-12 noon at St David's, Penrhyn Bay

Mothers' Union at All Saints and St Ffraid's, and **Fellowship Group** at St Paul's - see back page for contacts and calendar pages for meeting dates

Panel a Sgwrs/Cuppa and Chat - at several of our churches on different days - see page 10 for details

Online

We continue our online presence on the Mission Area Facebook Page www.facebook.com/aberconwyMA and individual church Facebook pages. **ST PAUL'S** stream their 10.30 am Sunday morning service and this can be found via the link <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscraigdon>

COVID

Please continue to take any sensible precautions that you wish.

The common cup has been restored but as always communion in one kind remains valid and no communicant should feel compelled to take the common cup.

Mis Mehefin 2025 - CALENDAR - June 2025

		Services	Other events
SUNDAY	1	SEE SERVICES LIST:	
Monday	2	Julian Meeting 8 pm by Zoom	3Cs 2 pm St D Hall
Tuesday	3	Hub prayers 11.00 am St D	Clergy Away Day
Wednesday	4	HE 10 am AS and St Ff	Bible Study 11 am and 7 pm
Thursday	5	HE 10.30 am St P	Jo's Shed 10-12 noon St D; Community Tea 2-3.30 pm St D; Warm Hub St M 1.30-3 pm
Friday	6	HE 10 am St D	Sound Baths Holy Hour St G 2-3 pm
Saturday -	7		
SUNDAY	8	SEE SERVICES LIST:	
Monday	9	Julian Meeting 8 pm by Zoom	St Paul's Fellowship 2.15 pm in St P hall;
Tuesday	10	Hub prayers 11.00 am St D; Service of Wholeness & Healing 11.30 am St D	Glan Conwy Mothers' Union 2 pm Church House; AS House Group 7.30 pm
Wednesday <i>St Barnabas</i>	11	HE 10 am AS and St Ff; HE St David's Hospice 2 pm	Bible Study 11 am and 7 pm St D
Thursday	12	HE 10.30 am St P	Jo's Shed 10-12 noon St D
Friday	13	HE 10 am St D	Warm Welcome/Bereavement Group 10-12 St P Hall; Sound Baths Holy Hour St G 2-3; Concert 7 pm St Ma
Saturday	14	Whosoever service 11.30 am AS	Bikes & Butties 9.30 am St D
SUNDAY	15	SEE SERVICES LIST - Including Choral Evensong and Benediction 3 pm at St Ma	
Monday	16	Julian Meeting 8 pm by Zoom	3Cs 2 pm St D Hall
Tuesday	17	Hub prayers 11.00 am St D	
Wednesday	18	HE 10 am AS and St Ff	Bible Study 11 am and 7 pm St D
Thursday <i>Corpus Christi</i>	19	HE 10.30 am St P	Jo's Shed 10-12 noon St D; Open House Warm Hub St M 1.30-3 pm
Friday	20	HE 10 am St D	**MAGAZINE COPY DATE** Sound Baths Holy Hour St G 2-3 pm
Saturday	21	Holy Matrimony 11.30 am St G	
SUNDAY	22	SEE SERVICES LIST:	
Monday	23	Julian Meeting 8 pm by Zoom	
Tuesday <i>Nativity of John the Baptist</i>	24	Hub prayers 11.00 am St D	AS House Group 7.30 pm
Wednesday	25	HE 10 am AS and St Ff;	Bible Study 11 am and 7 pm St D
Thursday	26	HE 10.30 am St P	Jo's Shed 10-12 noon St D
Friday	27	HE 10 am St D	Sound Baths Holy Hour St G 2-3 pm; Concert 7 pm St H; Farewell celebration meal for Juliet 7 pm St D Hall
Saturday	28		
SUNDAY <i>St Peter & St Paul</i>	29	SEE SERVICES LIST - note Joint service for AS, St H and St M at 10.30 am at St Michael's	
	30	Julian Meeting 8 pm by Zoom	

KEY: HE - Holy Eucharist; AS – All Saints; St C – St Cystennin's; St D – St David'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

Be' sy'n digwydd yn yr Ardal Genhadol? What is happening in the Mission Area?



CŴR MEIBION MAELGWN

St Martin's Church, Eglwysbach
Friday 12th June at 7pm

Tickets £10 at the door,
all proceeds on behalf of church funds

Also taking part will be soloists from the Choir and there will be a special performance by the children of Eglwysbach school.'

"ROMANTIC MUSIC"

Jelena and her students will entertain us once again

Friday 27th June
7 pm at St Hilary's Church
£10 including a glass of fizz



Evening of song

WITH PERFORMANCES FROM
Choirs For Good & CC4LD's Sing and Sign Choir

1st July 2025

**ST MICHAELS & ALL
ANGELS CHURCH**
GLYN-Y-MARL RD, LLANDUDNO
JUNCTION, LL31 9NS

DOORS OPEN @
6:30PM
CONCERT START @
7:00PM
FINISH @
9:00-9:30PM

£4 PER TICKET

CHOIRS
FOR GOOD

Summer brings out the singers apparently!
There should be something for everyone in these
concerts during June and July. Also a Choral
Evensong at Eglwysbach at 3 pm on 15th June
(see page 3) and look out for Beulah Brass at All
Saints on 28th June - details to follow.

Bring Me Sunshine!

July 5th

Dyffryn Clwyd Singers' Summer Concert
at Eglwys St Ffraid's Church
Glan Conwy

Time 7.30pm

Tickets: £8

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/aberconwy/t-lnqnagd>

Conductor: Deborah Catterall
Accompanist: Paul Young
And soloists from the choir



Join Us For Bikes 'N Butties



Grab a snack, brew some tea, and let's
have a chit-chat!
and show off you bike,

St Davids Church
Glan-Y-Mor Road,
Llandudno,
LL30 3NL

14th of June 2025

9.30am

Off Road parking
available @ front
and rear of church



ABERCONWY CARE AND SHARE

This Mission Area Project helps over 40 families each month with bags of shopping, meeting a real need in our community.

The urgent need at the moment is for more volunteers to shop and deliver.

If you want to know more about what is involved, or think that you could help in any way at all please contact julietfraser@cinw.org.uk or ring Juliet on 07931 758331.

Please keep our families and volunteers in your prayers, thank you.



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Whosoever - the name of the Service for the LGBT+ community and friends reiterates what the LGBT+ Chaplaincy stands for, that no matter who you are, you are welcome, you matter and in the heart of Whosoever you can find a place at God's table!

The service this month will be on **Saturday 14th June, at 11.30 am in All Saints, Deganwy.**

Warm Welcome/ Bereavement Group

A warm welcome awaits any who are struggling with loneliness or grief, whether from events recent or in the past. Share your story and find support from others.

Come and join us.

Coffee morning 10-12 noon

Friday 13th June

St Paul's Church Hall

Craig-y-Don LL30 1YT

Further details contact Sally
075119 97317
allan396@hotmail.com
aberconwy.church

*While the loneliness lingers,
while life indeed may never be the same
nevertheless, it may yet be good' (Anon)*

Digwyddiadau Rheolaidd

Regular events

The St David's 3C's

(The 3C's stand for coffee cake and chat!)

The group meets fortnightly at 2 pm at St David's. On **Monday 2nd June** there will be board games and on **Monday 16th June** a Quiz. Why not join us at St David's for fellowship and bring a friend too – all welcome.



Healing and Wholeness Service

At St David's Church at 11.30 am on **Tuesday 10th June**. (Note that it is on the second Tuesday this month).

All Saints House Group

The group continues to meet fortnightly on **Tuesdays**, at 7.30 pm at Glan Dwr, LL30 1NR. It will meet on **10th and 24th June**.

Contact Andrew James on efl.james@hotmail.co.uk for details.



AFTERNOON TEA

ST DAVIDS CHURCH HALL

PENRHYN BAY

THURSDAY 5th JUNE
2 PM

£5 PER PERSON - PAY ON THE DAY
EVERYONE VERY WELCOME TO CALL IN
FOR A DELICIOUS TEA & LOTS OF FRIENDLY CHAT

ST DAVIDS CHURCH

MID WEEK

BIBLE STUDY

EVERY WEDNESDAY

ST Davids Church, Penrhyn Bay

11-12 noon
7 pm

Come and join our friendly group - with word, discussion and refreshments in a relaxed atmosphere, come alone/come with friends - all welcome.

St David's Church Hub
invites you to our next Cafe Church



Sunday 29th June
6 pm in St David's Hall
Everyone is welcome



JO's Workshop – A 'Men's Shed' in Penrhyn Bay.

Every Thursday, we meet in a shed in St David's Church grounds.

The kettle goes on at 9.58am, the doors open 10.00 - 12.00.

Call in to share some banter, come up with some project ideas, or just come along and have a brew (and biscuits).

All men are welcome.



Jo's Workshop, Penrhyn Bay's very own Men's Shed, has moved outside for the summer. After assembling our new work bench (it only took five of us) we settled down to planning our next project, building a whirligig with a wood chopper. If you have any experience you can pass on, or would like to join in the planning, over tea, coffee and Steve's home baking, then join us every Thursday 10–12 in the Men's Shed in the church garden at St David's Penrhyn Bay. Previous projects have included planters, love spoons, and toys for local children at Christmas, All Welcome.

We will be having a stall at the



Prince's Green fete in conjunction with CMA. All church members are encouraged to visit it as we reach out to our community, any who would like to man the stall at anytime please contact me

Alan McKinnell

WANTED!

Donations of any good quality wood working tools and any scrap wood that we can use and recycle at the Men's Shed.

Thank you!



**Penrhyn Bay
Friends of Prince's Green
Saturday 7th June 2025
12-4pm**

SUMMER FETE AND FUN DOG SHOW

**Prince's Green, Penrhyn Bay
(Behind Frydays and Library)**

Admission Free!

Come along and join the fun!

There will be something for everyone

Organised by the Friends of Prince's Green to raise funds for improvements to the park

For more information, please check out our Facebook page or contact Carol on 07595894622

Hwb St. Mihangel

Whoever you are...you're welcome!



St Michael's Hub

Open House...Open to ALL...Everyone welcome!



Ty Agored...Croeso i bawb!

Dydd Iau yr Iaf a 3ydd bob mis
1.30 - 3 yp **1st & 3rd Thursday every month**
@ Eglwys St Mihangel, **1.30 - 3pm**
Ffordd Glyn y Marl, **@ St Michael's Church,**
Llandudno Junction **Glyn y Marl Road,**
Llandudno Junction

Dewch i ymuno â ni am baned, cacen, cawl a sgwrs!
Come and join us for soup, tea, coffeee, cake, company & a good chinwag!

Am Ddim! / Free of charge!
(Mae croeso i chi adael rhodd / You are welcome to leave a donation if you want to)




Croeso cynnes i bawb o 0 - 99! A warm welcome to every from 0 - 99!

For any further information please contact:
 Rev'd Sarah - 01492 702330 / sarahhildrethosborn@cinw.org.uk
 or Pam Owens - 07713209884 / Pamowens2712@gmail.com

Paned a sgwrs/ Cuppa and Chat

All welcome to these regular gatherings

Glan Conwy Church House
 Wednesdays 10.30-12 noon after the 10 am morning Eucharist

St Grwst's
 Thursdays 10-12 noon

Eglwysbach (all in the Community Hall)
 Monday Club (Chat & Craft) 1-3pm
 Village Hall 'Coffee Stop'
 Thursdays 10.30-11.30 am
 Lunch Club (twice a month),
 Fridays 1-3 pm

St Paul's Craig-y-Don
 Thursdays in church at 11 am after the 10.30 am morning Eucharist

St David's Penrhyn Bay
 Fridays at 10.30 am after the 10 am morning Eucharist.



Mothers' UNION
 Gofal Cristnogol i Deuluoedd

The Glan Conwy Branch

Glan Conwy branch meet on **Tuesday 10th June** at 2 pm in the Parish Room when Sharon will talk about Family Histories.

St Paul's Fellowship

St Paul's Fellowship meet on **Monday 9th June** in St Paul's Church Hall at 2.15 pm when Isa Lamb will present an afternoon on The Great British Seashore. All welcome.

Looking for somewhere to meet?

Several of our churches have premises with excellent facilities for hire for groups, meetings, classes etc.:

St David's Church Hall, Penrhyn Bay

St Ffraid's Church House, Glan Conwy

St Grwst's, Llanrwst

Llanrhos Schoolroom

St Michael's, Llandudno Junction

St Paul's Church Hall, Craig-y-Don

Contact the Parish Office 01492 541615 office@aberconwy.church in the first instance, who will put you in touch with the relevant people to find out what is on offer, availability and charges .

Sylwadau / Comment

Marriage

I am a married women. Married in the presence of God. I believe in the sanctity of Marriage between a man and a woman.

I believe that marriage is a gift from God. His foundation for a new family with stability, security, nurture and care. And love. Marriage throughout history is the enduring feature of family life.

Sadly marriages are not always successful, but that's no reason to dismiss it; or demean it; or water it down.

We accept with sadness when a marriage breaks down. We accept a second marriage as an opportunity to forgive the wrong of the past and enjoy the bounty of love in the future. We delight in marriage between a man and a woman who are beyond child bearing age. In other words, marriage does not fall into a black and white condition.

There is a prayer that begins ' Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who gave marriage to be a source of blessing, we thank you for family life with all its joys and sorrows'. Marriage and Family life. You can't have one without the other and for me that means a family what ever it looks like. Having children from different relationships. Sometimes it's a single man or single woman bringing up children. A man and woman. Two men. Two women. If they love each other; are committed to each other; loyal and faithful to each other; then that sounds good to me.

I can't claim to understand the full implications of Christian gay marriage or the argument against it, yet I do not condemn and I do not judge.

Karen Stringer
St David's Church

Newyddion o'r Ardal Genhadol

News from the Mission Area



The All Saints Strollers have been on their travels again, to Bodnant Gardens and Llanfairfechan. Several also joined the group that travelled to Ynys Enlli (Bardsey) for a day's retreat/pilgrimage, when they were blessed with fine weather and a safe crossing.

Lots of pictures to share!

Left: The Llanfairfechan walkers

Below left: A scary (?) cow at Llanfairfechan

Below centre: Bodnant beauty

Below right: The group at Bodnant

Bottom centre: The group on Ynys Enlli



Farewell to Canon Juliet Fraser

As mentioned last month, Juliet will be retiring from ministry here at the end of this month. We will be very sorry to see her go, and there will be a Sit Down Buffet at St David's Church Hall at 7 pm on Friday 27th June with outside caterers. There may be some music and probably a quiz to help lighten the evening. Tickets will be £16 per person and drink refreshments will be available.

Pre booking will be required (for the caterers purposes) and tickets will be available from Phil Williams and the Parish Office.

There is also a collection - please put your contribution in a clearly marked envelope and give to your churchwardens or the Office.



Phil Williams, churchwarden at St David's (pictured above with Juliet), writes in appreciation:

My how does time fly when we are having fun!

When considering the writing of these few words, I was so surprised that Revd Juliet Fraser become the vicar and Hub Church Leader at St David's back in 2021 and will have been with us for nearly 4 years. It is with great sadness that we see Revd Juliet leaving St David's but appreciate that retirement creeps up on us all and her moving on is for such good reasons and we are therefore supportive of her decision.

She joined us in Penrhyn Bay after the departure of Rev Godfrey and just as the pandemic restrictions were being fully eased which was a period when Church life had become so different and incomplete in many respects. She brought a new energy and direction to St David's, based on the Vision Statement that Revd Godfrey left us with, but enhanced it with her own ideas and thoughts of how to see the growth that we all desire and hope for. She commenced the changes immediately and was soon supported by Revd Grace Lomas as Curate and Alan Mckinnell as All Age Engagement Officer.



Under her leadership and stewardship, she led the team to create new types of services which included weekly Prayer Group, Bible Study Classes, monthly 'Café Church' services in the Church Hall and even a puppet show for children in the lead up to Christmas (see picture left) There have also been many other events and services which she introduced to

provide varying ways of worship and fellowship within the community. The regular Sunday worship has included more music and congregation involvement and probably a more relaxed worship on many occasions whilst still maintaining strong traditions and devotion at all other times.

She settled in to be an extremely popular leader of the St David's Church family and the congregation are so at ease and relaxed in her company whether that is during services at Church or during her regular and extensive home visits for those members unable to come to church. Her relaxed and unassuming character has allowed St David's to develop and grow into a very friendly and welcoming church family and local community and it has been such a pleasure, as Church Warden, to work with her over the last 4 years.

We are all saddened at her departure and will feel the loss of her being among us. However, we all wish her such love and good wishes as she and Mark move on to their new home and life in the Vale of Clwyd and know that she will be remembered with such fondness.

On behalf of everyone connected with St David's Church and the community in Penrhyn Bay we say Thank You and Best Wishes and may God Bless You Juliet.

The Revd Sue Storey writes:

I first met Juliet at the introductory course for what was then Exploring Faith; now known as Theology for Life. We clicked as friends straight away and our friendship has continued. We weathered the storms of assignments and essays, the difficult creation of St Padarn's and first her calling to ministry, then mine. I was there when she was ordained and so proud to be her friend. Sadly, Covid got in the way of her supporting me in the same way.



Juliet with people, giving them her time and care, but interestingly the Bible is centre and front of the picture, indicative of her faith and love of God.

Juliet is a gentle soul who has a deep spirituality and a pastoral heart. She carries out her role as a priest in true Christian love and dedication: her only major fault being one of working far too hard! People of every kind come to Juliet, safe in the knowledge that they will be listened to and remembered.

In case this is all sounding very pious she also has a passion for Robbie Williams and any food that is sweet, especially chocolate and cake. Cats also figure on her loves list, along with her husband Mark (maybe he should come first there). The one thing I seem to be better at than her is baking, so I can assuage that sweet tooth with gifts of cake.

I have a lifelong friend in Juliet, along with so many others. I wish her every blessing on her new adventure in ministry but I will be watching to make sure she doesn't do too much. After all, even God had one day off in seven.

Juliet is kind, thoughtful and definitely one of the good guys. Thank you for your friendship Cariad.

Sue x

The Revd Linda Mary Edwards writes:

I know of no-one in our Mission Area for whom "Juliet's retiring" is good news. It's always tricky responding to the announcement of a retirement: it tends to be a bitter-sweet experience. On the one hand, one wants to wish the person well and send them off rejoicing for a well-earned rest. On the other hand, and particularly in this case, it's so hard to lose them and one doesn't want to see them go.

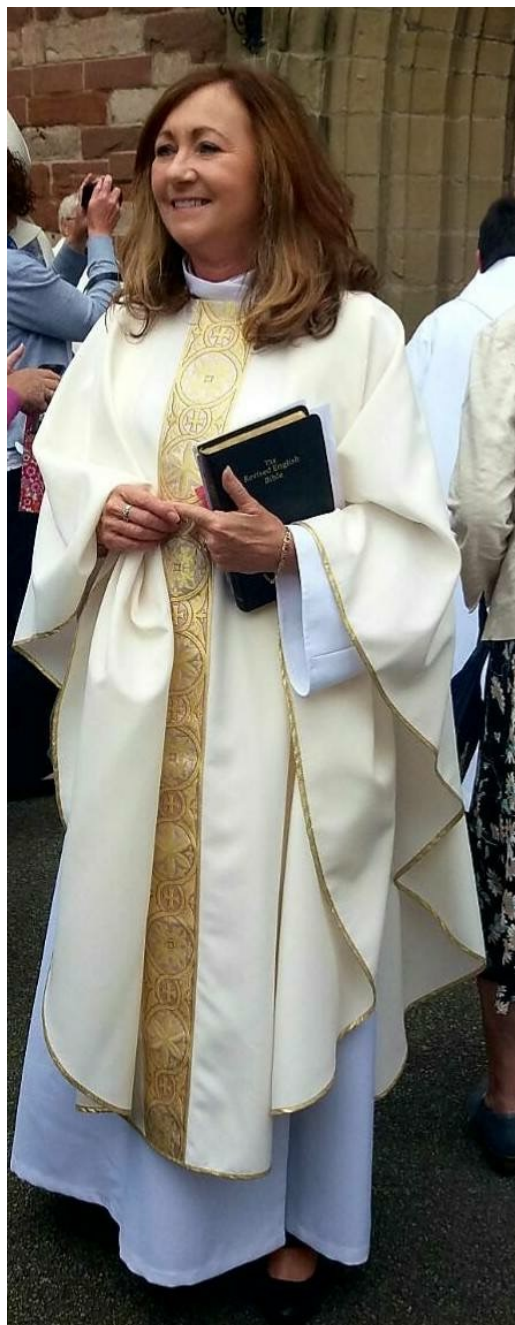
I first met Juliet at the closing service of a Cursillo weekend. We sat at the same table at tea afterwards, and what first struck me was how naturally she was able to make a warm, human connection with each person there. I noticed her ease in relating - even to people she had only just met.

It was a while before we met again, but this time it was because we were given the great blessing of having her among us in ordained ministry. Juliet threw herself into the work and has always shown the utmost conscientiousness and devotion. As well as her liturgical and pastoral priestly work, she has also been the inspiration and spearhead of Aberconwy Care and Share and in recent years, chair of governors at Ysgol Bodafon. I'm sure there are countless other ways she has given generously of her time and energy of which I am not even aware.

Suffice it to say we have been richly blessed by her presence and ministry among us, and we thank her for all she has done and the way she has done it: with gentleness, care, sensitivity, humour, genuineness, persistence, resilience and humility.

Denbigh Mission Area's gain is very much our loss, but we shall not forget her and will pray for every grace and blessing for her and Mark in their new home.

Thank you, Juliet!



As we leave the season of Eastertide, here are some pictures of the Paschal candle, Easter flowers and triumphant banner from St Hilary's Church, Llanrhos.

Many thanks to Phyl Evans for the photos and for all the beautiful flower arrangements.



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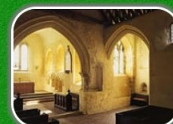
Jeannette Bennett-Williams writes:

The results from Christian Aid Week should be in next month, but a special thanks to all who contributed to the Bake and Buy at St Hilary's. Thanks to your generosity we raised £118.20



Small Pilgrim Places Network

Breathing Spaces on the Pilgrim Journey



Our lead article this month is on the subject of Pilgrimage, but sometimes a physical pilgrimage is not possible. The Small Pilgrim Places Network links over 80 places across the UK and the Isle of Man with the common vision of providing places for pondering, breathing, meditating, praying and 'being'.



St Tecwyn's Church, Llandecwyn

Some might describe them as holy or sacred. Celts sometimes described them as 'thin' places, others as liminal – 'in-between' 'thresholds' on the edge of mystery. They each have a respected identity of their own, unique and singular - with their own history, character and atmosphere, communicating something of the 'eternal now', while also bringing the past into the present day and pointing towards the future.

As in the final words of Tad Huw's article, they are places where we all may take the time to journey, to show up, be still and wait upon God as we say '*here I am*' .

Small Pilgrim Places are:

- Spaces for pondering, breathing, meditating, praying and 'being'
- Small places, not those already on the map, well-known, or that draw crowds;
- Simple, quiet and unpretentious, with the presence of the Divine;
- Places of worship, gardens, ruins, open spaces, holy wells, etc.;
- Welcoming and inclusive.



The Pales Meeting House,
Llandegley

There are some Places in North Wales but before you travel anywhere in the UK why not check the website <https://www.smallpilgrimplaces.org> to see if you will be near any Places. Some are always open, others have limited opening times. Whether you sit in a quiet church, walk a labyrinth, or follow paths between linked Places, you will find an opportunity to step aside from the busyness of the world and get closer to your God.



The labyrinth, Llanfihangel Rhos-y-

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GAN Y GOLYGYDDION - FROM THE EDITOR

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All contributions welcome (preferably text in Word format and pictures in jpeg). Items may be edited and the editor's decision is final.

Welsh language items welcome - preferably bilingual or with a summary in the other language.

Please submit to jastone@dunelm.org.uk.

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