



**ARDAL GENHADOL
ABERCONWY
MISSION AREA**

**PEW NEWS
2ND MARCH 2025**

Monday 3rd March – 2 pm CCC meeting in St David's Church – Coffee, Cake, Chat and Fellowship
8 pm Julian Group meet on zoom – link from Linda Mary Edwards lindamaryedwards@yahoo.co.uk

Tuesday 4th – Parish Office re-opens today

11 am St David's Hub Prayers; 11.30 am Service of Wholeness and Healing, St David's
Hub Club 3.30-5 pm St David's; All Saints House Group 7.30 pm

WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH – ASH WEDNESDAY - Ash Wednesday services of Holy Eucharist with ashing:
10 am All Saints and St Ffraid's; 3 pm St Michael's; 6 pm St David's and St Hilary's; 7 pm St Grwst's.
11 am St David's Bible Study on St Peter (no evening Bible Study this week).

Thursday 6th – 10.30 am service of Holy Eucharist in St Paul's (with ashing) refreshments afterwards
10 an to 12 noon – Jo's shed at St David's - please talk to Alan for more details
10.30 am - Eglwysbach Village Hall Coffee Stop meet every Thursday, all welcome
1.30-3 pm - St Michael's Hub – coffee, cake and chat – all very welcome to call in
2 pm – St David's Community Afternoon Tea in the Church Hall – a warm welcome to all to come along

Friday 7th – 10 am service of Holy Eucharist in St David's church with refreshments afterwards
2-3 pm Sounds of the Eternal – sound bath meditation in St Grwst's every Friday

World Day of Prayer - Services at 2.30 pm in Gloddaeth Church and 3.30 pm in St Grwst's (Cymraeg)

Saturday 8th – Mission Area Quiet Day in St Grwst's Church 10-4 pm. A guided quiet day as we begin the holy season of Lent. £20 for the day including soup lunch. Booking <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/aberconwy>

Sunday 9th – Special Evensong at 3.30 pm at St Asaph Cathedral including the collation and installation of new Canons – who include our own Revd Sarah. All welcome to the service.

LENT COURSE – The Bread of Life – all are welcome to join in our Lent Course which will examine the celebration of the Eucharist which is central to our faith and practice. Beginning from 11th March sessions will be on Tuesdays at 2 pm at St Grwst's, on Wednesdays at 7 pm at St David's, and at 10 am at St Martin's before Paned a Sgwrs.

Prayers are asked for Doreen Williams, James Stewart, Alan & Adrina Price, Andrew James, Shirley Lucas, Mavis McMurtrie, Ian Evans, Jane Seddon, Steve Noble, Mari Pearn, Pat Hay, Lucy Roberts, Sue Payne, Bronwen Gibbs, and Lindsey Jordan. **R.I.P.** Barry Broadmeadow

Readings for Sunday 9th – Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Psalm 91: 1,2,9-16; Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13

Prayer Intentions

As we prepare for Lent, we pray that it may be a time of outward focus, seeking Christ in those we often ignore, and that with God's help we may live Lent focused on freedom, generosity and encounter.

PARSH OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS – Ring 01492 541615 Tues Wed or Thur mornings
or email Mandy on office@aberconwy.church. Office closed until Tuesday 4th March

For urgent matters, please contact one of our Clergy team Revd Sarah 01492 702330,
Revd Juliet 01492 490391 or Tad Huw on 07779 655949,
or you can ring our Lay Mission Area Leader Dilys Stone 01492 879997
or email her dilysstone@cinw.org.uk

Long Gospel The Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, your Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

A reading from Exodus (34.29-35)

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

1 The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble; he is enthroned upon the cherubim: let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion, and high above all peoples.

3 Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome; the Lord our God is holy.

4 Mighty king, who loves justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Exalt the Lord our God; bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests and Samuel among those who call upon his name, they called upon the Lord and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.

8 You answered them, O Lord our God; you were a God who forgave them and pardoned them for their offences.

9 Exalt the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy.

A reading from 2 Corinthians (3.12-4.2)

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside.

Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds;

but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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Thanks be to God.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke (9.28-36 [37-43])

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said.

While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'

When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.'

Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.'

While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

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Praise to you, O Christ.

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

