



Ascension and Pentecost

Ascension and Pentecost: Two Feasts That Still Shape Us Today

Canon Sarah Hildreth-Osborn writes:

As spring ripens into early summer, the Church invites us to pause and celebrate two feasts that stand at the heart of Christian faith: the Ascension of Christ and the Feast of Pentecost. They arrive just ten days apart, yet together they form a single movement — a story of departure and arrival, absence and presence, promise and power.

The Ascension: Christ Entrusting the World to Us

The Ascension is sometimes misunderstood as Jesus “going away.” But the heart of the feast is not absence — it is commissioning. When Christ ascends, he does not abandon the world; he entrusts it to his followers. He hands the work of love, healing, justice, and reconciliation to ordinary people who are still unsure, still learning, still afraid.

For Christians today, the Ascension reminds us that faith is not a spectator sport. Jesus does not stay on the mountain doing everything for us. Instead, he says, in effect: “You have everything you need. Now go — be my hands, my compassion, my courage in the world.”

It is a feast that calls us to maturity. Christ’s physical departure signals that the Church is not meant to be passive. We are invited to step into responsibility, to trust that God works

through our imperfect efforts, and to believe that the world can still be transformed by grace working through human hearts.

Pentecost: The Spirit Who Breathes Life Into the Church

If Ascension is the handing over of the mission, Pentecost is the moment the Church receives the power to live it.

The disciples gather in fear, unsure of what comes next. And then — wind, fire, courage, clarity. The Holy Spirit fills them with a boldness they did not know they possessed. They speak in ways others can understand. They step out of locked rooms and into the open world. They become, quite literally, the Body of Christ alive and active.

For Christians today, Pentecost is not simply a historical anniversary but an ongoing reality. The Spirit still breathes where people are weary. The Spirit still ignites hope where communities feel stuck. The Spirit still gives gifts — not only dramatic ones, but the quiet gifts that sustain everyday discipleship: patience, kindness, wisdom, creativity, resilience, compassion.

Pentecost reminds us that the Church is never merely an institution; it is a living movement animated by God’s own breath. It tells us that we are not left to struggle alone. The same Spirit who empowered the first disciples empowers us — in our workplaces, our families, our communities, and our parish life.

Exploring Faith and Worship, sharing Christ’s Love with the Community

All Saints, Deganwy • St Cystennin’s, Llangystennin & Mochdre • St David’s, Penrhyn Bay
St Ffraid’s, Glan Conwy • St Grwst’s, Llanrwst • St Hilary’s, Llanrhos • St Martin’s, Eglwysbach
St Michael and All Angels, Llandudno Junction • St Paul’s, Craig-y-Don

A Season of Courage, Community, and Renewal

Together, Ascension and Pentecost offer a rhythm the Church still needs: Christ entrusts us with his mission, and the Spirit equips us to carry it out. These feasts invite us to lift our eyes, open our hearts, and rediscover the courage that comes from knowing God is both beyond us and within us.

And as we reflect on these themes of calling and empowerment, it feels especially fitting to look ahead to our Mission Area Day on Saturday 9th May. (see below) It will be a day for worship,

learning, conversation, and shared vision — a chance for our churches to gather, celebrate who we are, and explore where the Spirit may be leading us next. In many ways, it is a living expression of Ascension and Pentecost: Christ entrusting us with his work, and the Spirit drawing us together and sending us out renewed.

As we celebrate these holy days, may we find ourselves strengthened for the journey — and may our life together continue to be shaped by the hope, courage, and creativity that the Spirit so generously gives.



ASCENSION DAY THURSDAY 14TH MAY

We often miss out on this Festival because it always happens on a Thursday. This year, as well as the regular **10.30 am Eucharist at St Paul's Craig-y-Don**, Tad Huw will be celebrating an **Outdoor**

Eucharist at 7 pm at the New Community Orchard at Glan Conwy (the result of much hard work by Tad Huw, his chainsaw and the community). As well as the service there will be refreshments, the promise of toasted marshmallows over the fire pit, and the planting of trees. Please pray for fine weather!!

You are invited



What? Come & join us for...
...A day of discovery, conversation & worship with our Mission Area family

Where? Noddfa Penmaenmawr
Saturday 9th May 2026
10am – 3.30pm

Who? EVERYONE is very welcome to come along & enjoy the day!

Fe'ch gwahoddir



Be? Tyrd ac ymuno a ni am...
diwrnod o ddarganfod, sgwrsio ac addle gyda'n Teulu Ardal Genhadaeth

Lle? Noddfa, Penmaenmawr.
Dydd Sadwrn 9fed o Mai 2026
10yb – 3.30yh

Pwy? Mae croeso mawr i bawb ddod draw i fwynhau'r diwrnod!

Please sign up on the sheets in church or let your clergy or Dilys Stone know that you want to join us on 9th May. Lifts can be arranged, and all are welcome.

(Further details about the day in the April magazine.)

We are nine churches. We are one family. Let's spend a day together!

WELCOME!

It was really good to welcome Revd Jules Harris and her husband Graham on Sunday 19th April at her Licensing by Bishop Gregory. She will have pastoral responsibility for St David's and St Cystennin's, and is already finding her way around her 'patch' and introducing herself. There was a 'meet your new Vicar' vibe about the Fun Day at St David's on 25th April, and this will be repeated at the Coffee Morning at St Cystennin's on 2nd May.



We cannot let this moment pass however, without expressing our very grateful thanks to Canon Quentin Bellamy, who has been looking after St David's during the vacancy, and also the other retired clergy who have ministered at St Cystennin's. We are very fortunate to have them, and they should all know that they are much appreciated.

Later this month we will also be saying goodbye to Alan McKinnell, whose contract as Engagement Worker at the St David's Hub is coming to an end as the Hub project winds down. He and his wife Jean have been with us for four years and have contributed a great deal to the life of St David's. We pray God's blessing on them as they discern where they will next be called to serve the Lord.

MISSION AREA CLERGY:

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

01492 702330 (Day off Friday)

Revd Huw Bryant - 07779 655949 (Day off Monday)

Revd Jules Harris 07857 946576 (day off Thursday or Saturday)

Revd Tim Hall (retired priest caring for St Paul's)

PARISH OFFICE: Penrhyn Beach East, Llandudno, LL30 3NT - 01492 541615

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The Parish Office is on reduced hours during the Administrator vacancy, but will be open Wednesdays 10-12 noon for delivery, pick ups or messages.

The emails will be read but immediate responses cannot be guaranteed.

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

Gwasanaethau rheolaidd yn ein heglwysi

Regular services in our churches

Croeso i bawb - All welcome

Regular Sunday Services:

8 am	Holy Eucharist St Hilary's (1st and 3rd Sundays but Morning Prayer on 17th May)
	Holy Eucharist St David's (every Sunday)
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist St Cystennin's (Morning Prayer on 2nd Sunday)
	Holy Eucharist St Grwst's and St Michael & All Angels (<u>No service</u> at St Michael's 24th or 31st May)
10.30 am	Holy Eucharist St Paul's
11 am	Holy Eucharist All Saints, St David's and St Hilary's (<u>No service</u> at St Hilary's on 24th May or at All Saints on 31st May)
11.15 am	Holy Eucharist St Ffraid's
2 pm	Holy Eucharist St Martin's
4 pm	Cymun Bendigaid St Hilary's (No service in May - usually 4th Sunday)

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/stpaulscraigydnon>

Sunday 24th May - Pentecost - Joint Service 11 am at All Saints with St Hilary's and St Michael's.
Sunday 31st May - Trinity Service - Joint Service 11 am at St Hilary's with All Saints and St Michael's.

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

Healing Service - 10 am Healing Eucharist on first Friday of the month at St David's

Sounds of the Eternal - Sound bath meditation in St Grwst's Fridays at 2 pm (not 8th May)

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

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

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

WhatsApp prayer group: for prayer and to share reflections - contact the Parish Office to join

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

St David's Church Hub Prayers - 11.30 am on Tuesdays

All Saints' House Group - contact e.fl.james@hotmail.co.uk

Bible Study Group at St David's - Wednesdays 11-12 noon

3Cs (Cuppa, Chat and Community) at St David's twice monthly

Warm Welcome Bereavement Group at St Paul's Church Hall 10-12 noon 2nd Saturday of month

St Michael's Hub - Open House for everyone, 3rd Thursdays, 1-3 pm at St Michael & All Angels
Llandudno Junction

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

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

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

Administration of Communion

With coughs and colds circulating, some have asked about receiving wine at the Eucharist. The risk of infection from the common cup is scientifically considered to be very low, but if you are concerned, please feel free to receive the bread only. **Communion in one kind is fully valid.**

Please note that **intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is not permitted**, as it does not reduce risk and can actually increase the spread of germs. This is an instruction from the Bishop.

If you would like to talk about this further, please speak with a member of the clergy.

Mis Mai 2026 - CALENDAR - May 2026

		Services	Other events
Friday	1	HE 10 am St D; Sound Baths 2-3 pm St G	
Saturday	2		Coffee Morning St C 10.30-12.30 pm
SUNDAY	3	SEE SERVICES LIST	
Monday	4		
Tuesday	5	Prayer group 11.30 am St D	
Wednesday	6	HE 10 am AS and St Ff	11am Bible Study St D
Thursday	7	HE 10.30 am St P	Jo's Shed 10-12 noon St D; Community Tea 2 pm St D
Friday	8	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	9	** MISSION AREA DAY ** (see page 2)	Bereavement Group 10-12 noon St P Hall
SUNDAY	10	SEE SERVICES LIST - CHRISTIAN AID WEEK BEGINS - Service at 3 pm (refreshments) for 3.30 pm in Holy Trinity Church Hall.	
Monday	11	Julian Meeting 8 pm by Zoom	St Paul's Community Fellowship Afternoon Tea 2.15 pm St P Hall
Tuesday	12	HE 9.30 am St D; Prayer group 11.30 am St D	Glan Conwy MU 2 pm St Ff Church House
Wednesday	13	HE 10 am AS and St Ff; HE St David's Hospice 2 pm	11am Bible Study St D; Christian Aid Coffee Morning Holy Trinity Church hall
ASCENSION DAY	14	HE 10.30 am St P; Outdoor HE 7 pm in the new Community Orchard, Glan Conwy (in church if wet)	Jo's Shed 10-12 noon St D; Christian Aid Coffee Morning at Seilo Welsh Chapel
Friday	15	HE 10 am St D; Sound Baths 2-3 pm St G	Christian Aid Coffee Morning St John's Methodist church hall
Saturday	16	Whosoever service 11.30 am AS	
SUNDAY	17	SEE SERVICES LIST - Christian Aid Bring and Bake Sale at St Hilary's after church	
Monday	18	Julian Meeting 8 pm by Zoom	3Cs 2 pm St D
Tuesday	19	Prayer group 11.30 am St D	
Wednesday	20	HE 10 am AS and St Ff;	**MAGAZINE COPY DATE** 11am Bible Study St D; Gardening session 6 pm St H
Thursday	21	HE 10.30 am St P	Jo's Shed 10-12 noon St D; Open House Hub St M 1-3 pm
Friday	22	HE 10 am St D; Sound Baths 2-3 pm St G	
Saturday	23		
PENTECOST	24	SEE SERVICES LIST: Joint Service for All Saints, St Hilary's and St Michael's at All Saints at 11 am.	
Monday	25		
Tuesday	26	HE 9.30 am St D; Prayer group 11.30 am St D	
Wednesday	27	HE 10 am AS and St Ff;	11am Bible Study St D
Thursday	28	HE 10.30 am St P	Jo's Shed 10-12 noon St D
Friday	29	HE 10 am St D; Sound Baths 2-3 pm St G	Christian Aid Coffee Morning Gloddaeth Church
Saturday	30		
TRINITY SUNDAY	31	SEE SERVICES LIST: Joint Service for All Saints, St Hilary's and St Michael's at St Hilary's at 11 am.	

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?

Electoral Roll

There is now no specific period for updating the Electoral Roll, but this is a good time with annual meetings in the diary. (Look out for the dates). Please ask your churchwardens for a form if you are not on the list or contact Dilys to check.

Also please note the date of the **Mission Area Annual Easter Vestry Meeting - Wednesday 3rd June, at St Martin's Eglwysbach.**



Are you interested in websites and social media?

Would you like to be part of a small group looking at Mission Area ways of communicating in this field?

Contact Tad Huw for more details



**Aberconwy
Care and
Share**

Providing food and support to families in need.

Please continue to support this Mission Area project both practically with donations and also with your prayers. This is meeting a real and sadly increasing need, and **new volunteers are always wanted**. It is only a once a month commitment. There is a particular need **in the Conwy valley area** for emergency standby help (which would only be occasionally). Contact Julie Regan on julieregan59@gmail.com.



Committee member

We urgently need a new Mission Area rep on the Llandudno Christian Aid committee.

This does not mean you have to do all the work, but rather keep us informed about and encouraged to participate in the various events such as Christian Aid Week. There are 3 or 4 meetings a year.

If you would like to know more, contact Dilys Stone in the first instance.



**Christian
Aid Week
10-16 May**

7 days and so many ways to make a difference! This year the focus is on the work of Christian Aid's partner Beacon of Hope, working in Nairobi in Kenya, teaching parents to farm vegetables in small city plots to feed their families and earn an income, giving them stability, independence and hope.

Please take an envelope from your churches and return asap, and or support the **Coffee Mornings** on 13th at Holy Trinity, 14th at Seilo Chapel, 15th at St John's Methodist, 29th at Gloddaeth Church, or the **Bake and Buy at St Hilary's after the service on Sunday 17th.**

The **Christian Aid Week Service** will be at Holy Trinity Church hall on **Sunday 10th May**, with refreshments at 3 pm followed by the service at 3.30 pm. Do come along and enjoy fellowship with Christians from other denominations and hear more about the work of Christian Aid and Beacon of Hope.

St Cystennin Church Coffee Morning

**SATURDAY 2ND MAY
10.30 AM ~ 12.30PM**



**COME AND TAKE A LOOK AROUND YOUR WONDERFUL
CHURCH WHICH IS ALMOST 200 YEARS OLD !**

**&
SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW VICAR**

REV JULES



St Cystennin Church

Roy Mills writes:

The members of St Cystennin Church would like to place on record their appreciation of the Retired Clergy for supporting them since the start of the New Year, Revds Phillip Barratt, John Stone, and Kate Johnson, together with our Mission Area Leader Dilys Stone for Morning Worship.

It has been a difficult time since Covid for St Cystennin with Revd Sue Storey supporting us throughout until she retired at the

end of 2025. Sadly we had not grown our congregation during that period, but on welcoming our new Vicar Revd Jules Harris we look forward to the future under her leadership with thoughts on how St Cystennin can grow and be part of the community of Mochdre, Llangystennin, Pydew and Glanwydden. We want it to be a meeting place for both young and old to come together for the future.

St Cystennin has a long history with myths and legends telling there was a church on the site in Roman times, however we do know that there was a meeting place on the site built for the Cistercian Monks on their way from the Abbey in Conwy to the Fish Weir in Rhos around 1200. The first stone church on this site was built in the period 1480-1500 during the great church building era of North Wales. Please come and see the original stained glass panels from the original windows of the church. The present church was rebuilt in 1843 with the Church Bell dating from 1760 which can still be heard on Sunday mornings across the Mochdre Valley prior to the Sunday service at 9.30am.

Joint services

The churches of All Saints Deganwy, St Hilary's Llanrhos, and St Michael & All Angels Llandudno Junction, come together for two joint services this month.

On **Sunday 24th May - Pentecost** - they meet together at **All Saints Deganwy at 11 am**, when Bishop David Morris will again be presiding.

On **Sunday 31st May, Trinity Sunday**, they meet together at **St Hilary's Llanrhos at 11 am**, when we are privileged to have Bishop Gregory with us.

There will not be any other services at these churches on those Sundays, and it is hoped that members of the various congregations will take the opportunity to come and worship together.

Gardening at St Hilary's

Gardening sessions have been planned for St Hilary's, to help tidy up the churchyard, do some weeding etc. Weather permitting, these will be at 6 pm on:

Wednesday 20th May

Wednesday 17th June

Wednesday 15th July

Wednesday 19th August

Please come along - bring your own tools if you have anything suitable.



ST PAUL'S COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

Monday 11th May 2026
2.15pm

Afternoon Tea



Tickets £5.00 each

St. Paul's Church Hall
Mostyn Broadway, Craig y Don, Llandudno,
LL30 1TP

All welcome
to the
Community
Fellowship Tea
- excellent
food and good
company!

The St David's 3C's

(coffee cake and chat!)

The group meets fortnightly at St David's - all are welcome. There will not be a meeting on 4th May as it is a Bank Holiday, but on **Monday 18th May at 2 pm** Alison Feake will give a talk entitled 'My family and the Holocaust'. More details from pandswilliams100@btinternet.com

The Julian Group

The Julian Group resumes meeting in May although not on the Bank Holidays (4th and 25th May).

If you would like to know more about this opportunity for contemplative prayer, please contact Revd Linda Mary Edwards on lindamaryedwards@yahoo.co.uk.

Mothers' UNION
Gofal Cristnogol i Deuluoedd

Glan Conwy Branch

The Glan Conwy Branch will meet on Tuesday 12th May for a session on Mixed Media Textiles with Rosalie. Meetings are in the Parish Room at Glan Conwy Church House, at 2 pm. All welcome!

Pictured right:

On 15th April the Mothers' Union Worldwide President Kathleen Snow ended her visit covering the whole of Wales at the Church in Wales Governing Body Evensong hosted by St Paul's Craig-y-Don.



Digwyddiadau Rheolaidd

Regular events



St Davids Church
- Penrhyn Bay -

THURS 7TH MAY
Afternoon Tea

2 PM • £5 PAY ON THE DOOR

Tea • Coffee • Cakes • Sandwiches •
- Raffles • Fun & Friends -

Join us for a lovely afternoon
of tea, treats, and community spirit!

JO's Workshop 'Men's Shed' in Penrhyn Bay

Every
Thursday,
In the shed in
St David's
Church
grounds.



The kettle goes on
at 9.58 am, the doors open 10 - 12 noon

**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



Struggling with your grief?

SHARE YOUR STORY AND FIND
SUPPORT FROM OTHERS

Come & join us for a relaxed time of conversation and refreshments
in the lounge at St Paul's Church Hall, Craig y Don, Llandudno.

Scan QR code for
date and time of
next meeting



or visit our facebook page:
www.facebook.com/stpaulscraigydono/

While the loneliness lingers, while life indeed may never be the same, nevertheless it may yet be good.

Warm Welcome

A time of relaxed conversation with tea/coffee on the 2nd Saturday of the month in St Paul's Hall lounge, Craig-y-Don.

We share our stories, find we are not alone, and this brings comfort and leads to hope. It is often helpful to come with someone - a friend or family member.

All welcome. Join us on
**Saturday 9th May from 10
-12 noon.**

St David's Church

On Tuesdays - if the clergy are meeting - there is usually a service of Holy Eucharist at 9.30 am (check the calendar), and the **prayer group** meets at 11.30 am.

The **Bible Study group** meets on Wednesdays at 11 am. The current six-week course from 8th April to 13th May is entitled **Talking Jesus** but the meetings will continue after that course comes to an end with Revd Jules leading the group.

There is a weekly service of **Holy Eucharist** on Friday s at 10 am.

All are welcome!



"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 Service for the LGBT+ community and friends. 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 May service will be on **Saturday 16th May at 11.30 am in All Saints, Deganwy.**



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 Llanrwst- 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

St Michael's Llandudno Junction

Open House Hub 1-3 pm 3rd Thursday of the month (see page 11 for more details)

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.

Also: St Paul's Craig-y-Don -

Warm Welcome/Bereavement Group
10-12 noon 2nd Saturday in the church hall

Sadly, a regular event in our prayer life is to pray for the peace of this troubled world. Sometimes it is difficult to find the words, but this prayer from the Topical Prayers page of the Church of England website perhaps sums it all up in a few simple words.

In troubled times

God of love,
turn our hearts to your
ways;
and give us peace.
Amen.

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!

Thursday 21st May

Dydd lau yr 3ydd bob mis 3rd Thursday every month

1-3 yp

1-3pm

**@ Eglwys St Mihangel,
Ffordd Glyn y Marl,
Llandudno Junction**

**@ St Michael's Church,
Glyn y Marl Road,
Llandudno Junction**

Join us for tea, coffee & refreshments.

**Come along & meet
with friends in a welcoming place.**

We look forward to seeing you!

Croeso cynnes i bawb

o 0 - 99!

**A warm welcome
to every from 0 - 99!**

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

For any further information please contact:
Rev'd Sarah - 01492 702330 / sarahhildreth-osborn@cinw.org.uk

GAN Y GOLYGYDDION - FROM THE EDITOR

A reminder that **Copy Date is the 20th of the each month.**

*All contributions welcome (preferably text in Word format and pictures in jpeg).
Take a picture at an event in your church - write a little note about things that have
been happening, celebrate people and events! (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 all items to jastone@dunelm.org.uk or
dilysstone@cinw.org.uk Diolch!*

Newyddion o'r Ardal Genhadol

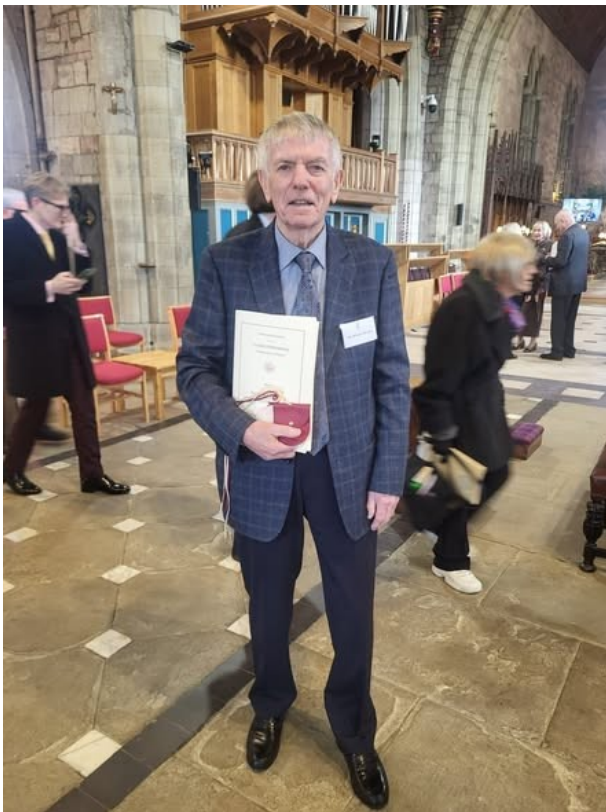
News from the Mission Area

Llongyfarchiadau i Pat Chapman a Bleddyn Hughes ar dderbyn y Rodd Cablyd gan y Brenin yn y Gwasanaeth Cablyd y Brenin yn Eglwys Gadeiriol Llanelwy ar yr 2il Ebrill.

Congratulations to Pat Chapman and Bleddyn Hughes on receiving the Maundy Gift from the King at the Royal Maundy Service at St Asaph Cathedral on 2nd April.



Pat Chapman receiving her Maundy Gift from His Majesty the King.



Bleddyn Hughes with his Maundy purses.

The Royal Maundy Service this year took place at St Asaph Cathedral, the first time the ceremony had been held in North Wales and only the second time in Wales during its 800-year history. Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla attended and the King presented Maundy gifts to 77 men and 77 women (matching his age). Recipients were selected for their outstanding Christian service and for making a significant difference in their local communities.

Each recipient received two small leather purses—one red and one white. The White Purse contained specially minted silver Maundy coins totaling 77 pence, matching the King's age, and the Red Purse contained two commemorative coins - a £5 coin marking 100 years since the birth of the late Queen Elizabeth II and a 50p coin celebrating the 50th anniversary of The King's Trust. The service featured music specially commissioned from Welsh composers and musicians to celebrate the event's return to Wales, and the Processional Cross of Wales was used during the service. (This cross, a gift from the King to the Christians of Wales, contains a fragment believed to be from the True Cross.)

By all accounts it was a really special day, and Pat and Bleddyn are worthy recipients of such an award. Well done, and congratulations again.





Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Lent Collection for the Boxes of Sunshine charity, which is the charity chosen for the Diocesan Offering this year.

The boxes are aimed at young people aged 11-16, who have a chronic illness, disability or condition (physical or mental) that prevents them from living a normal life and are prepared by the charity to ensure that they are appropriate to those who receive them. It can be very tough to live with a chronic illness, and the boxes let these young people know that they're not forgotten. Founded in memory of Kirsten, a vibrant 14 year old who face her own health battles, each item in the box is inspired by Kirsten's interests and the things that brought her comfort, such as card games, sunflower seeds, sweets and small treats.

It is obvious that this cause has brought a good response, and thank you again. It is not too late to contribute as the collection is open for a while yet. Donations can be sent to the Parish Office or put in the Sunday collection plate, but in each case please put it in an envelope and mark it clearly 'Boxes of Sunshine'. If writing a cheque, please make this payable to the Aberconwy Mission Area, as we will gather donations together to send to the Diocese.

MISSION AREA CONFERENCE

The Mission Area Conference met at the end of April, the last meeting before the Annual Easter Vestry Meeting when new MAC representatives will be appointed. There was a lot of business to be dealt with, but it was a pleasure to welcome Revd Jules Harris to her first meeting.

Among other business, the meeting was updated on the situation regarding vacancies and recruitment, including for a priest and lay worker at St Paul's for the Church Growth Fund project, a priest and lay worker for the proposed Llanrwst hub project, and also the vacancy for an Administrator/Treasurer. These posts are all currently being advertised and it is hoped that an Administrator may be appointed very soon. Other roles within the Mission Area that need filling are a Foundation Governor for Eglwysbach School, and a Christian Aid rep for the Llandudno committee.

People were reminded about the Mission Area Day on 9th May, and also about the Open Doors Days in September. It is hoped to produce a pilgrimage trail leaflet round the Mission Area churches that can be used then and at other times - help needed with preparing this, and also with the website generally.

There was a financial report from the Treasurer, and discussions regarding specific funds such as those relating to Capel Garmon and St Katherine's Bryn Pydew where historic conveyances apply to the way the funds are used. Notice was given that there will be an Archdeacon's Visitation this year, so Registers, Terriers and Inventories need to be up to date.

Finally, congratulations were extended to Pat Chapman and Bleddyn Hughes on receiving the Royal Maundy gifts.

Local Matters - Petha' Lleol

Penny Cunliffe is Walking!

Don't forget Penny is walking the 177 miles of Offa's Dyke raising funds for Parkinson's UK Cymru, starting in Chepstow on June 1st and finishing in Prestatyn on June 14th. This is a self funded walk with every pound raised going to supporting people with Parkinson's.



If anyone would like to sponsor her, you can access the Just Giving Page by this link.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/penny-gill-sole-sisters?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020

or using this QR code. Prayers for good weather and strong legs would also be very much appreciated!



DEMENTIA FRIENDLY SCREENING

12th May 11am Mary Poppins and 2nd June 11am Oliver. £4 advance purchase (£5 on the day).

Dementia Friendly Screenings are specially adapted film showings designed to create a relaxed and welcoming environment for people living with dementia, along with their families, friends and carers. The lights in the auditorium are kept slightly raised, the sound level is reduced, and audiences are free to move around, chat or come and go during the film if needed. These screenings aim to make the cinema experience comfortable and enjoyable, helping people continue to enjoy films and social outings in a supportive and understanding setting. Everyone is welcome, whether you are living with dementia, supporting someone who is, or simply prefer a more relaxed cinema environment.

BABY BAY CINEMA Monday 18th May 10.30am The Devil wears Prada 2

£7 advance purchase. Baby Bay Cinema screenings are relaxed film showings designed for parents and carers with babies under 12 months old. The films are chosen for adults, but the environment is adapted to make it comfortable for little ones. Volume is reduced and house lights remain partially on. Babies do not require a ticket if seated on a parent or carer's lap, and prams are welcome where space allows. These screenings are specifically for babies who are not yet walking, so toddlers and older children should not attend. You're free to feed, change, and settle your baby during the film, and there's no need to worry if your baby makes a bit of noise, that's exactly what these screenings are designed for.



The speaker at **Keswick Bible Week** this year is Mark Ellis, Chief Executive of Keswick Ministries. He has chosen as his overall theme 'How to Live Boldly', with the morning sessions based on the Psalms of Ascent and the evening sessions based on Exodus.

In addition to the main speaker, there will be 10-Minute Ministries celebrating local initiatives, as well as artwork, models and stalls to browse. There is the chance to explore the theme creatively through art, through writing and through photography, so you are encouraged to get those creative hats on and get to work. See poster opposite.

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- Artists:** Exhibit a piece of work in the church during the week
- Writers:** Join us at an afternoon 'open mic' session (from 3pm on Thursday 7 May) and share with us your poem or short prose
- Photographers:** Upload your photo/s reflecting this year's theme/s to the link on the FB page and website and we'll display them digitally during the week and print out the 10 best for display in the church


HOW TO LIVE BOLDLY with Mark Ellis

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 Llandudno Keswick Bible Week

ST SANNAN'S

Andrew James writes:

One Saturday late afternoon in the summer of 2002 my dad was reading the Rhos Cystennin church magazine. The front cover of the magazine showed St. Hilary's Church in the centre with spokes connecting outwards to the other churches in the benefice. It was a sunny afternoon as I recall, and my dad, Eric, suggested that we had a drive out to spot all the churches on the magazine cover.

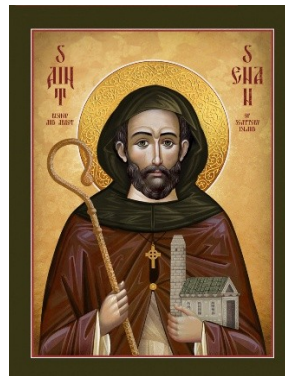
We set out for a lovely drive in the evening sunshine and tracked down all the churches except St. Sannan's at Penrhynside. We drove up and down Pendre Road several times but St. Sannan's was not to be found and so we returned home rather disappointed.

Earlier this year I came across that magazine and decided to see if I could complete the task that my dad and I set out to achieve in 2002.

First of all, who was St. Sannan? Well, from my research, information is scant. What I can say is that the only churches dedicated to St. Sannan are in Wales; the only churches that I can track down dedicated to St Sannan are at Llansannan in Denbighshire, another at Bedwellty in Monmouthshire.

It is thought that he was an Irish abbot and missionary and a friend of St. David. This relationship is not documented, and I am relying on tradition rather than contemporary sources. He may also have been a friend of the father of St. Winifried according to legend. The dedication of churches to a relatively obscure

saint like St Sannan indicates how local saints played an important role in early medieval Wales and the Irish-Wales Christian connection.



Using CHATGPT I managed to find this image of St. Senan from Ireland. Whether this is the same person as our St. Sannan is debatable.

Next time – update on how my search for the church at Penrhynside in 2025 panned out. Here is a clue from an old newspaper cutting, which translated reads:

EGLWYS SANT SANNAN, OCHR Y PENRHYN

Yr hen neuadd gymunedol yn yr ardal a drawsnewidiwyd yn Ystafell Genhadol ynghanol yr hen bentref chwarelyddol ac ar ochr y Gogarth Fach. Ceir yma gynulleidfa fechan ei rhif ond hynod o ffyddlon a phobl sy'n chwarae rhan allweddol yn y gymdeithas. Mae'r ffenestr ddwyreiniol yn edrych i gyfeiriad mynydd-dir a thraethau Clwyd.

“The old community hall in the area which was converted into a Mission Room in the middle of the old quarrying village on the side of the Little Orme. There is a small but extremely loyal congregation here and people who play a key role in the society. The eastern window looks towards the mountains and the beaches of Clwyd.”



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