

Let Christ Easter in you

The Revd Sarah Hildreth-Osborn writes:

“Let Him (Christ) easter in us,
be a dayspring to the dimness of us,
be a crimson-cressed east.”

Gerard Manley Hopkins

I'm sure we've all heard people say on Boxing Day 'ah well that's Christmas all done again for another year!'. Literally within hours of welcoming Jesus, the light of the world, the celebrations are over and we leave behind what Christmas truly means, packing away our decorations in the attic again for another year. 11 days left to go and it's all done and, if you're me, Christmas lasts until February 2nd when we celebrate Candlemas.

Do we do something similar with Easter I wonder? The Sunday after Easter is traditionally known as 'low Sunday' and it's almost as if we've exhausted ourselves during Holy Week, we've sung alleluia until our throats are sore on Easter Day and we're done in!! It's as if we forget that Easter lasts for 50 days, we're given the gift of the SEASON of Easter and I think that's for a very good reason.

Last year I came across the opening quote from Gerard Manley Hopkins - "let Christ Easter in you". For the first time ever I began to think of Easter as something that is active, it's a story of a Saviour that can change us as we encounter more and more of the love of God, it isn't just a moment in time that passes swiftly.



The lectionary treats us to a beautiful array of encounters and stories on the Sundays following Easter Day. Mary greets the Risen Jesus in the garden, early on Easter morning, Thomas (the enquirer not the doubter!) investigates the

wounds of Jesus and discovers him to be real, alive and very much with him as with all of those who follow Jesus. Jesus then reminds us that going forward He is our Good Shepherd, whose voice we hear and know and he is the vine from whom we derive our nourishment and in whom we abide and live and grow and flourish.

There is absolutely no way that we will get to grips with all of this joy and wonder surrounding the resurrection of our Lord on March 31st! Impossible! We won't get to grips with it in every Easter of our lifetime hence we need to allow Christ to 'Easter in us', to reveal to us the wonder of the new life that he's come to give.

Let us take time this Easter, perhaps like never before, to wait, to look, to watch and to see, to discover what it means to have Christ Easter in us because as we

do we can continue to learn what it means to live, truly live in him! Of course if we do that, truly open our hearts to our Risen Lord, we can expect to change and to become more like the One who Easters in us. And if that happens there is the true hope that God's love will be seen ever more in ordinary people like you and me who have embraced the Christ who Easters in us!

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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

May we, our God,
in the wake of Easter,
ride a wave of irrepressible hope -
rising from the deep
following the trajectory of love
over the turbulences of our living
and through the currents.

So within joy,
may we sense Your presence
hovering ever with us -
ever speaking
new creation -
ever calling us into possibility.
Amen.

Let Christ Easter in you! Thanks be to God.

LENT COLLECTION

It is not too late to contribute to our Lent Collection for the Red Cross who provide support for refugees and others in crisis at home and abroad. Our donations will help those in need, whoever and wherever they are.

Please bring your donation in an envelope clearly marked Red Cross and put it in the collection plate as soon as you can.

You can find out more about the work of the Red Cross on [The British Red Cross | Worldwide Humanitarian Charity](https://www.britishredcross.org.uk/)

Thank you to all those who brought items for the Food Banks as part of our Lent challenge - no need to stop just because Lent is over!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED 22ND APRIL TO 3RD MAY - RE-OPENS TUESDAY 7TH MAY

THE EASTER GARDEN by Jane Allen

The garden is waiting, silent and dark,
Too early still for birdsong.
Then imperceptibly, gentle as an angel's kiss,
A breeze.

A woman stumbles on the stony path,
Heartbroken and desolate, tear drenched.
In grief she does not sense it,
The breeze.

The garden is waiting,
Trees tremble, their leaves like tiny flags,
Dancing and fluttering in
The breeze.

The woman holds tight a woven basket,
Inside, the jars of oil and spices, ready for
anointing,
And ever present but unseen
The breeze.

Expecting only the broken body of her Lord,
She finds instead some unexpected strangers,
Who seem as unsubstantial as
The breeze.

"Where have you taken him" she pleads through
tears,
But does not comprehend the answer.
Desperate for light she leaves and seeks the air,
The breeze.

The garden is waiting, dew sparkled and sun
soaked,
She covers her face with her hands and feels her
tears,
And then a voice, calling her name, softly on the
breeze,
"Mary – and the world shifts.

He calls us too by name, this Risen Lord,
He has not left us comfortless, walks with us on
the way.
Listen for His voice,
Can you hear it on the breeze?

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Revd Sarah Hildreth-Osborn - 01492 640032 (Day off Friday)

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The Parish Office is 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 the
Acting Lay Mission Area Leader on 01492 879997.

For other contact details please see back page

Gwasanaethau yn ein heglwysi - Croeso i bawb

Services in our churches - All welcome

Sunday 7th April

8 am	Holy Eucharist St David's and St Hilary's
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist St Cystennin's and St Michael & All Angels
9.45 am	Holy Eucharist St Grwst's
10.30 am	Holy 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
2 pm	Non-Eucharistic Service St Martin's
6 pm	Wholeness and Healing Service St Hilary's

Sunday 14th April

8 am	Holy Eucharist St David's; Morning Prayer St Hilary's
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist St Cystennin's and St Michael & All Angels
9.45 am	Holy Eucharist St Grwst's
10.30 am	Family 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
2 pm	Holy Eucharist St Martin's

Sunday 21st April

8 am	Holy Eucharist St David's and St Hilary's
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist St Cystennin's and St Michael & All Angels
9.45 am	Holy Eucharist St Grwst's
10.30 am	Holy 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
2 pm	Holy Eucharist St Martin's
6 pm	Cymun Bendigaid St Hilary's (English sermon)

Sunday 28th April

8 am	Holy Eucharist St David's; Morning Prayer St Hilary's
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist St Cystennin's, Sunday Worship St Michael & All Angels
9.45 am	Holy Eucharist St Grwst's
10.30 am	Holy Eucharist St Paul's
11 am	Holy Eucharist at St David's and St Hilary's, Sunday Worship All Saints
11.15 am	Holy Eucharist St Ffraid's
2 pm	Holy Eucharist St Martin's
6 pm	Café Church St Davids Church Hall

Online

We continue our online presence on the Mission Area Facebook Page www.facebook.com/aberconwyMA and individual church Facebook pages

ST PAUL'S are once again streaming their Sunday morning service (now at 10.30 am) and this can be found via the link <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscraigdyon>

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.

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

Holy Eucharist: Wednesday 10 am All Saints; Thursday 10.30 am St Paul's;
Friday 10 am St David's (not Friday 5th April)

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

Open Table: 13th April at St Grwst's - contact SarahHildreth-Osborn@cinw.org.uk for details

Hub Club: After school club (term time only) for children aged 4-9 3.30-5 pm Tuesdays at St David's

Happy Saturdays: A monthly group for children/adults with learning difficulties, 3-4 pm on a Saturday at St Grwst's. Details from Revd Sarah SarahHildreth-Osborn@cinw.org.uk 01492 640032

Julian Group - 8 pm Mondays (not Bank Holidays) currently 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, Hub Prayers 11.00 am on Tuesdays

All Saints' House Group 7.30 pm Tuesdays fortnightly at Glan Dwr LL30 1NR - contact ejl.james@hotmail.co.uk for more information

Study Groups at St David's - 11-12 noon and 7 pm every Wednesday (not 3rd April)

Men's Group - 9 am on Saturday 27th April at St Michael & All Angels

Reconnect - 11 am at St David's last Wednesday of month - share stories and connect with others

Mis Ebrill 2024 - CALENDAR - April 2024

		Services	Other events
Monday	1		
Tuesday	2	Hub prayers 11.00 am St D; Service of Wholeness & Healing 11.30 am St D	
Wednesday	3	HE 10am AS;	
Thursday	4	HE 10.30 am St P	Community Afternoon Tea 2 pm St D Hall;
Friday	5		
Saturday	6		
SUNDAY	7	SEE SERVICES LIST - Also: Holy Baptism 12.45 pm St Hilary's	
Monday	8	Julian Meeting 8 pm by Zoom	St P Fellowship 2 pm St P Hall;
Tuesday	9	Hub prayers 11.00 am St D	2 pm All Saints MU in AS church; Hub Club 3.30- 5 pm StD; AS House Group 7.30 pm Glan Dwr LL30 1NR
Wednesday	10	HE 10am AS; HE at St David's Hospice 2 pm;	Bible Study 11 am St D; The Chosen video and study group 7 pm St D
Thursday	11	HE 10.30 am St P;	
Friday	12	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	13	Open Table, St G	
SUNDAY	14	SEE SERVICES LIST	
Monday	15	Julian Meeting 8 pm by Zoom	
Tuesday	16	Hub prayers 11.00 am St D	Hub Club 3.30-5 pm St D
Wednesday	17	HE 10am AS;	Bible Study 11 am St D; The Chosen video and study group 7pm St D; MAC Meeting 7 pm AS
Thursday	18	HE 10.30 am St P;	
Friday	19	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	20		**MAGAZINE COPY DATE** Table Top Sale - 9 am St P church hall
SUNDAY	21	SEE SERVICES LIST	
Monday	22	Julian Meeting 8 pm by Zoom	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK
Tuesday	23	Hub prayers 11.00 am St D	Hub Club 3.30-5 pm St D; AS House Group 7.30 pm Glan Dwr LL30 1NR
Wednesday	24	HE 10am AS	Bible Study 11 am St D; The Chosen video and study group 7 pm St D
Thursday	25	HE 10.30 am St P;	
Friday	26	HE 10 am St D	
Saturday	27		Men's Group 9 am St M
SUNDAY	28	SEE SERVICES LIST - Also: Holy Baptism 12.45 pm St Hilary's	
Monday	29	Julian Meeting 8 pm by Zoom	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK
Tuesday	30	Hub prayers 11.00 am St D	Hub Club 3.30-5 pm St D

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?

St Paul's Craig-y-Don

A reminder that the time of the **Sunday morning Sung Eucharist** has changed to **10.30 am** with coffee and welcome from 10 am.

St Paul's Community Fellowship

At the meeting on Monday 8th April Joan Rakhra from North Wales Parrot Rescue will be the speaker. Meeting at 2 pm in St Paul's church hall, there will be light refreshments, £1 entry and voluntary raffle just £1. More information from nancyamoon211@yahoo.com or margaret.book@bopenworld.com.

St Paul's Community Fellowship Flower fund.

Remember loved ones with flowers by making donations to the fund. See Margaret at Thursday service or Nancy on Sunday. Thank you for your support.

Mothers' UNION All Saints Branch

Gofal Cristnogol i Deuluoedd

Pat Chapman writes:

At our meeting on 12th March we had a very informative and entertaining talk from Anne Lockwood about her time as a Scout Leader. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th April in church at 2pm. Karen Jones will bring some of her patchwork quilts and tell us about Quilting. A warm welcome to all.



The Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet on Saturday 27th April at **9.00 am** in St Michael's and All Angels, Llandudno Junction. All welcome.

For more information please contact Alan on alanjeanmckinnell@gmail.com.

Electoral Roll



Belong



Participate



Contribute

A reminder that this is a good time to make sure that your name is on the Electoral Roll - the list of the lay

people of the parish aged 16 and over who are communicant members of our church congregations.

As well as helping keep in touch, if you are on the Roll you can play your part in the life and governance of the church.

Please ask your wardens for a form, or check with them whether your name is already on the list, or you can contact the Electoral Roll officer on jastone@dunelm.org.uk or the Parish Office.

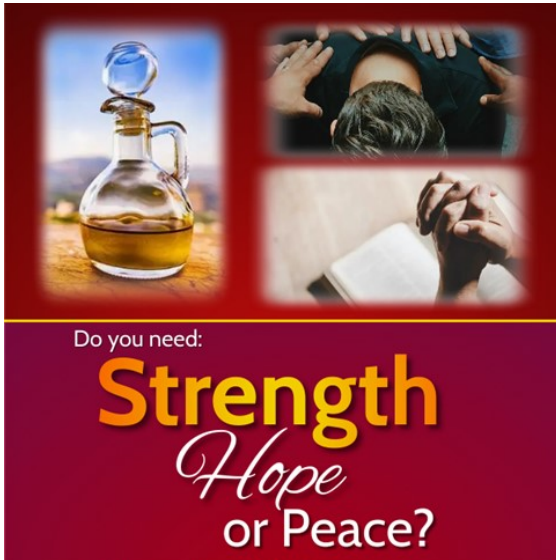
COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA

**ST DAVID'S CHURCH HALL
PENRHYN BAY**

**THURSDAY 4TH APRIL
2 - 3.30 PM**

£5 per person - pay on the day

**Proceeds this month to Sands
(The Stillbirth and Neonatal
Death Society) supporting
Mandy's My Marathon My Way**



Service of Wholeness and Healing

Tuesday 2nd April

11.30 am St David's Penrhyn Bay

Sunday 7th April

6 pm St Hilary's Church Llanrhos

The ministry of wholeness and healing is also offered most Sundays at the 11 am service at All Saints Deganwy. All are welcome, and the laying on of hands and anointing is optional - you can just come for a time to sit in the presence of God's love and compassion.

Service at St David's Hospice Wednesday 10th April at 2 pm

Monthly communion services are held at St David's Hospice in Abbey Road, Llandudno, on the second Wednesday of each month at 2 pm, now back in the Chapel. The Revd Jane Allen, who celebrates, comments that they are well attended and it is so good to see the Chaplaincy being supported by people from different denominations and churches

All are welcome to join in helping to support the vision that the spiritual side of Hospice care is maintained alongside palliative care - a core aim of the founder of the Hospice movement, Dame Cicely Saunders.

Paned a sgwrs/ Cuppa and Chat



All welcome to these regular gatherings (there may be some variation around Easter)

Glan Conwy Church House Wednesdays 10.30-12 noon

St Grwst's Thursdays 10-12 noon

Eglwysbach (all in the Community Hall)

Monday Club (Chat & Craft) 1-3pm.

Village Hall 'Coffee Stop' Thursdays 10.30am to 11.30 am

Lunch Club (twice a month), Fridays 1-3pm

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

Dates for your diary:

Parish Office closed 22nd April-3rd May

Mission Area Eucharist for Ascension Day

Thursday 9th May 6.30 pm St David's Penrhyn Bay

Mission Area Easter Vestry Meeting Wednesday

13th May at St Grwst's Llanrwst 7 pm (preceded by Holy Eucharist at 6.15 pm)



MY MARATHON MY WAY in April

Mandy Groom writes:

Last December my niece carried her first baby to term and very sadly and inexplicably baby Luna was born sleeping. It's been 3 months now and her parents are just starting their bereavement counselling with Sands

I have signed up for the SANDS 'Walk a Marathon My Way' in April - 26.2 miles during the month to raise money and awareness for Sands who provide help and support to families dealing with their loss.

If you would like to sponsor me and support Sands please get in touch with me through the Parish Office.

(Our April Community Tea at St David's Church Hall will be donating its profits to Sands.)

St Hilary's Church, Llanrhos

Thank you to all who contributed towards the wonderful flowers in St Hilary's at Easter – a glorious display that lifted our hearts and minds as we celebrated the great feast of Easter.

Join us for our **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING** at **2 pm on Tuesday 9th April** in church. This meeting will be followed by a Congregational Meeting to discuss the life, mission and outreach of St Hilary's in and to our community. We have placed copies of the Churchyard Diary and Church Postcards in the porch. Please do take one (or more) of these should you wish to do so. They are FREE but if you would like to make a donation that would be most welcome. The Churchyard Diary is a wonderful gift for anyone and especially for those who love nature. The drawings inside are a delight to see thanks to the work of the artist, the late Mrs Betty Mills.

We are looking for one or two new members of the **Old School Management Committee**. You will need to have a skill that can supplement those of the present committee so are you good at DIY to be able to undertake those little jobs that need doing? If you think you would be able to serve on the committee (meets quarterly on average at 1.30 pm on a Monday) please have a word with the Venerable Bob Griffiths – venbob14@btinternet.com.

Repairs and renewals: the journey has begun! The architect visited St Hilary's on 8th March. He has recommended that a digital survey is undertaken on the church and churchyard as soon as possible (it may have happened by the time you read this). This will map out all areas of the church and churchyard and enable the architect to draw up plans for the work that is needed. Once we have the survey the architect will begin to put together a work schedule with an estimate of costs to enable us to look for grant aid and also begin the process of applying for a Faculty (the church's planning authority) to enable the work to proceed. The digital survey will cost £2,707.20 (incl VAT). At our Congregational Meeting on 9th April we will

look at ways of not only obtaining grants but fund raising which will also be part of our outreach into the community we serve.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came along last month to help with the Spring Clean of St Hilary's. What a great job you all did. The church sparkled.

Also a thank you to everyone who took up our **Lent Challenge** of providing at least one item each Sunday during Lent for the Food Bank. The box in church was overflowing each week and thank you to those who take the items to the Food Bank each week. A reminder: the box is in church every week not just during Lent for your donations of food. Thank you again to those who took up the Lent Challenge.

Services in April - Remember that the 8 am service is currently alternating between Holy Eucharist (1st and 3rd Sundays) and Morning Prayer. Evenings services are the service of Wholeness and Healing on the 1st Sunday and Cymun Bendigaid (English sermon) on the 3rd Sunday. The 11 am service is a Eucharist apart from the Family Service on the 1st Sunday.



OPEN TABLE
Come as you are

Safe sacred space for LGBTQIA+ Christians and all who believe in an inclusive church.

The next Open Table service will be on **Saturday 13th April** at St Grwst's.

For details contact Sarah on Sarahhildreth-osborn@cinw.org.uk

St David's Hub Church, Penrhyn Bay



Explore the letter to the Romans

Come and find out why Romans has been called the most important letter ever written

The Romans Course

Starts 10/04/24 for 10 weeks
Wednesdays // 11am // St David's Penrhyn Bay

OS BIBLE SOCIETY



From Wednesday 10th April St David's will be showing the video of 'The Chosen' series 1 over 8 weeks, at 7 pm on a Wednesday evening.

The programme follows the ministry of Jesus and particularly his interaction with the disciples. There will be a time of discussion digging deeper into the narrative in the Gospels.

We hope to aim for each session to be no longer than an hour, with tea and coffee being served.

GAN Y GOLYGYDDION - FROM THE EDITOR

The magazine is circulated by email although some hard copies are available in church or from the Parish Office. **Copy Date is the 20th of the month**

All contributions welcome (in Word format if possible). Items may be edited and the editor's decision is final. Welsh language items welcome (bilingual or with brief summary in the other language).

Please submit to jastone@dunelm.org.uk. Diolch!

N.B. - Still looking for some help with this putting the magazine together!.

Remember that activities at St David's are open to all.

All are particularly welcome to come and join us for **Hub Prayers** in the lounge area of St David's church on Tuesdays at 11 am as we pray together for the life and mission of our churches, encourage one another in our journey of faith and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

WHAT'S ON IN THE WEEK?

ST DAVID'S PENRHYN
BAY, SPRING 2024

EVERY OTHER MONDAY
SOCIAL GROUP 2-4PM

TUESDAY
CHURCH OPEN FROM 10AM
PRAYER GROUP 11AM
HEALING SERVICE FIRST
TUES OF THE MONTH
11.30AM
HUB CLUB FOR KIDS AND
FAMILIES 3.30-5PM

WEDNESDAY
BIBLE STUDY GROUP 11AM
EVENING STUDY GROUP
7PM

THURSDAY
CHURCH OPEN FOR
DROP IN 10-12

FRIDAY
COMMUNION SERVICE
10AM FOLLOWED BY TEA
AND COFFEE



Message St David's Church Penrhyn Bay on
Facebook for more info or contact the office
parishofficerhoscystennin@gmail.com

St Paul's Opens its Doors

St Paul's has teamed up with the charity 'One Day Lesotho' for a monthly event.

Every third Saturday in the month 'One Day' will be holding a **table top sale in our hall**. At the same time **the Church will be opening its doors** in the hope that curiosity will bring people in. Initially we will be offering tours of the Church, the Play Area and coffee. Plus of course the opportunity for private prayer.

The One Day Family is a Christian Group who help to provide Orphaned and Vulnerable children in Lesotho with loving safe family homes. Basutoland gained its independence from the United Kingdom and became the Kingdom of Lesotho in 1966. It has maintained ties with the United Kingdom including being twinned with Wales! Another interesting fact is that it is the only independent state in the world that lies entirely above 1000 metres.



Above: A map of Southern Africa showing the location of the Kingdom of Lesotho

Angela Rivers our local organiser gave a presentation in Church about their work, in particular about work with children with disabilities. People with disability in Lesotho face social and cultural barriers which prevent them from accessing education, health care and employment. She will be visiting Lesotho in April and telling us all about her trip later in the year as a guest of the Fellowship.

At St Paul's we look forward to developing our ties with One Day.



One Day: Lesotho




**£10
PER
TABLE**



TABLE TOP SALE

RAISING FUNDS FOR ONE DAY CHARITY

**AT ST PAULS CHURCH HALL, CRAIG Y DON,
LLANDUDNO**



**3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
FROM MARCH 16TH 2024**

DOORS OPEN AT 9AM

**FUTURE DATES INCLUDE APRIL 20TH, MAY 18TH,
JUNE 15TH, JULY 20TH, AUGUST 17TH, SEPTEMBER
21ST, OCTOBER 19TH AND NOVEMBER 16TH**



**TO BOOK A TABLE PLEASE CONTACT
ANGE ON 07519490571
LIMITED TABLES AVAILABLE, PAYMENT ON BOOKING
REQUIRED**




TABLE HOLDERS ENTRY AND SET UP FROM 8AM

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM TABLE BOOKINGS AND
REFRESHMENTS ARE BEEN RAISED FOR THE ONE DAY
CHARITY -CHARITY NUMBER 20203401**



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The Revd Sue Storey writes:

"Let Christ easter in you" is a reference to a line in a poem by Gerald Manley Hopkins which reads *"Let Him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us, be a crimson-cresseted east"*. The poem is entitled "The wreck of the Deutschland" and is dedicated to five nuns who drowned when it sank: intrigued? I was.

The Deutschland was an emigrant ship bound for New York from Bremen, via Southampton. The five nuns had been expelled from Germany as part of the Falk Laws; laws brought in by the Prussian culture minister Adalbert Falk. Basically, the laws sought to ban or persecute any cleric or person in Holy orders unless they submitted to control by the state and swear allegiance to the primacy of the German empire. Roman Catholics were singled out; Jesuits first and, interestingly, Jews were treated differently in these new laws. This was in the early 1870's: Obviously the beginning of what later happened in twentieth century Germany.



The ship foundered on a notorious sandbank in the Thames estuary during a snowstorm. It could not be seen from shore so no help was sent. The captain also reported that his distress calls were ignored by passing ships.

For me, the details of the Falk Laws, part of the "Kulturkampf" (culture struggle) send a chill down my spine. The start of a system which displayed, frighteningly, the capacity of "Man's inhumanity to man"

The report from the captain that no one came to help; the ship left abandoned to its fate, is a stark reminder of Christ's path to the cross, when, one by one, his followers dropped away. Then, that last dreadful moment of his life when he cries out that even God his Father has abandoned him. So, it is not a surprise that the poet, a Jesuit himself, was deeply moved by this event and his poem is full of reference to the life of Christ and his journey to the cross.

And he uses the word Easter as a verb. A verb denotes continuation and doing: It isn't a full stop. And that is how we should see Easter. Not a single day when we celebrate the gift to us of the resurrected Jesus, important though that is, but carrying that message forward, showing it in our belief, our everyday lives and the way we treat others.



The sun rises in the East, as Hopkins states, so every time we see the sun rise we know we have been given another day to live in the image of Christ and be his Easter people on earth, trying to combat evil and stand up for injustice where we see or hear about it.

So, let us not only be Christ's Easter people but let Him Easter in us too.

An interesting post script for this bicentenary year for the RNLI: After the sinking of the Deutschland, a lifeboat was sent to Harwich, before it had a station built to house it. An example to cheer us of the way that man (or woman) is capable of humanity to fellow humans.



Newyddion o'r Ardal Genhadol

News from the Mission Area

St Hilary's

St Hilary's folk enjoyed a splendid spread (pictured right) at the Bring and Share lunch at the beginning of March, in honour of Dydd Gŵyl Dewi. Thanks to everyone for making it a very enjoyable occasion.

At the other end of the month they celebrated Palm Sunday with an enthusiastic procession around the church (pictured below).

The frugal lunch on 25th March was well supported and a good sum was raised for the Red Cross.

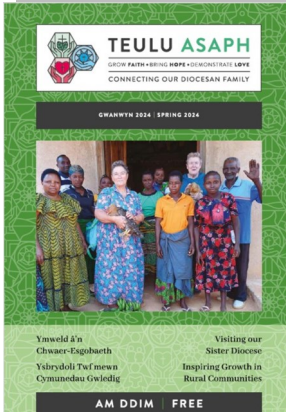


WENDY CARTER

We were saddened to hear of the death of Wendy Carter after a short illness. She and Noel retired to Rhos-on-Sea in February 2020, and she remained part of our Mission Area life, attending weekday services and the Julian group, while Noel of course has been one of the retired clergy who have been so supportive during our vacancies. We give thanks for Wendy's life, her personality and creativity, and send our love and prayers to Noel and all the family.



Yr Eglwys Ehangach - The Wider Church



Teulu Asaph

The Spring edition of *Teulu Asaph*, our diocesan magazine, is out online and should now be in our churches.

This edition hears from the Ceiriog Valley in the Valle Crucis Mission Area which is experiencing growth in various different ways. The cover highlights a recent visit to our sister diocese, Southwest Tanganyika in Tanzania. Plus, there's news from across the diocese.

You can read it online at <https://dioceseofstasaph.org.uk/teulu-asaph-spring-2024/>

The Janet Marshall Water Fountain

The Revd Peter Marshall writes:

The new director of the Wycliffe Eastern Congo Group, Dr Andrew Alo (pictured below) reports that, funded by Janet's birthday gift of £830, a 23m borehole (pictured right) has been sunk in his garden to give not only his family, but his neighbours, a source of good quality water. They are absolutely thrilled that they no longer have to walk half a mile to the nearest water supply.

With considerable reluctance, Janet has retired from driving - 71 years with a clean licence, praise God. She has given her Audi A3 to a Wycliffe Bible Translator, Keith Robinson, (pictured below right) who works remotely in a closed Muslim country in Asia. Keith and his wife Jacqueline live in Lancaster. They have written to Janet, 'Your kindness is such a blessing to us and part of God's provision at this



time when our old car was giving expensive problems! Your gift is an answer to prayer and we are so thankful. It has meant we have just been able to visit our daughter in Dundee University, for her 21st birthday!



Above: Janet with Keith Robinson

Prayer Resources

We all pray in different ways, and while some of us are happy as we are, some would welcome guidance or new resources. We already have prayer groups (the weekly prayer group at St David's, the weekly Julian meeting on line), a WhatsApp group, churches open for private prayer, and are hoping to create a bank of resources that people can access to help and support their prayer life (suggestions welcome).

As a start, here is a new daily prayer book from the Church in Wales, launched on 1st March. You can order from Y Lolfa: [Beunydd gyda Duw: llawlyfr gweddi ddyddiol / Daily with God: a daily prayer manual](http://www.ylolfa.com)

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Pray for Peace

The Universal Prayer for Peace said each day at noon by people of all faiths and of none:

**Loving God,
Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
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Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.
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Older People's Newsletter Cylchlythyr Pobl Hŷn

This month's newsletter includes information on Council Tax reductions for those living with dementia; a numeracy project to improve skills; postal voting; phone scams; the visit of the Waverley paddle steamer; support to maintain independence at home; local activities (including the pirate festival) and more.

Why not request a copy?

Older People's Forum Dates:

Llandudno (Craig-y-Don Community Centre) 10.30-12.30 pm on 12th April and 12th July;

Llanrwst (Golygfa Gwydir, Plough Street) 1.30-3 pm 9th May.

The newsletter is published monthly by Age Connects North Wales Central. To receive a copy, via post or email, contact 01745 421 567 or alessandra.thomas@acnwc.org.
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