



ARDAL GENHADOL ABERCONWY MISSION AREA

SUNDAY 21st April 2024

Mon 22nd – Julian Meeting 8pm, a time of quiet & contemplative prayer - details from Rev Juliet or Linda Mary

Tues 23rd – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

St Davids Church open for prayer from 10am and 11am SD Church Hub Prayers

3.30pm - St Davids Afterschool Hub Club, crafts, games, snacks and a Bible story – all welcome

7.30pm AS House Group meet – more details from Andrew James

Wed 24th – 10am Wednesday service at 10am in All Saints Church

11am St Davids Church open for prayer from 10am and Bible Study in Church from 11am Romans and Pauls letter to the Church of Rome and how it speaks to the Church today – all are welcome

7pm 'The Chosen' 8 week Bible Study in St Davids Church – more details from Rev Juliet

Thurs 25th – St Davids Church is open for prayer between 10am and 12 noon

10.30am Mid-week service in St Pauls Church – followed by a cuppa and chat – all welcome

Friday 26th – 10am service in St Davids Church this week – followed by refreshments & friendly fellowship

Sat 27th – 9am Mens Group meet in St Michaels and All Angels Church, Llandudno Junction

Sunday 28th – 6pm Café Church @ St Davids Hub Church

DIARY DATES LOOKING AHEAD

Thurs 2nd May – 4.45pm St Pauls Church Congregational Meeting

Sunday 5th May – 6pm in St Hilarys Church – a service of Wholeness and Healing with Rev Grace Lomas

Tuesday 7th May – Parish Office re-opens

Mission Area Easter Vestry Meeting 7pm Wed 15th May in St Grwsts Church, Llanrwst, preceded by a service of Holy Eucharist at 6.15pm

Confirmation Preparation is starting, if anyone wishes to be confirmed in St Asaph Cathedral end of May, please talk to Rev Juliet

Aberconwy Care and Share are looking for some more volunteers – if you have some spare time and interested in knowing more then please have a chat with Rev Juliet

Readings for the Sun 28th April: Acts 8. 26-40, Psalm 22. 25-31, 1 John 4. 7-21, John 15. 1-8

Daily Reading Pledge:

Mon Romans 5: 1-11, Tues 5: 12-21, Wed 6: 1-14, Thurs 6: 15-23, Fri 7: 1-6, Sat 7: 7-13

Prayers are asked for: Norman Haines, Doreen Williams, Michael Horner, James Stewart, Alan and Adrina Price, Andrew James, Shirley Lucas, Betty Kay, Mavis McMutrie, Rhiannon Thomas.

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The Office will be closed from lunchtime on Thursday 18th April until 10am on Tuesday 7th May

For urgent matters, please contact one of our Clergy Team

or our Lay MAL Dilys Stone dilysstone@cinw.org.uk Tel 01492 879997

or our Lay Chair Ruth on ruth.w@live.co.uk

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Acts (4.5-12)

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?'

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it

has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

4 **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.**

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

A reading from 1 John (3.16-24)

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide

in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John (10.11-18)

Glory to you, O Lord.

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away -

and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

'I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.'

'For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**