



Fair Trade ...



... for Lent, for Easter, for Life

The Youth Worship Group at Holy Trinity, Bronington (pictured here) devised and led the all age service on Mothering Sunday, March 2nd, which attracted over fifty worshippers. They researched and presented aspects of Fair Trade and afterwards served delicious home-made refreshments using fairly traded products. A stall raised £20.18 for two orphanages they support in Kenya and India.

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Dear Friends,

The question put to me in a recent conversation was a fair one, "You may talk all you like about the resurrection of Jesus, but who is resurrection for?"

Unlike many other questions I'm frequently asked, however, this was not too challenging. The simple answer is that no-one is excluded – it is resurrection for all, from the poorest to the wealthy, for the secure and insecure, for the sick and healthy, those who live long and those whose lives are tragically cut short.

For the church, we express resurrection in our liturgy, "...because in his victory over death a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed and we are once again made whole" (*Preface for Easter to Ascension*). In the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, the death and resurrection of Christ are made present– guilt is washed away, lost innocence is restored, hatred is cast out and earthly pride is humbled.

But death and resurrection is for the world.

St Paul's Easter challenge was to say, "If you have been raised with Christ, seek those things that are above, where Christ is..." (Colossians 3:1). Or, as a radical translation puts it, "You have come out of the grave with Jesus, so make sure you enjoy his new life!" (*Good as New*, John Henson).

To enjoy this new life, however, means sharing the joy of the good news of the risen Jesus.

One way we have done this as a diocese is through Fairtrade. Buying Fairtrade products is a way of supporting cooperatives in poor and exploited communities across the world, giving a fair price for their products, such as tea and coffee, and proper working conditions.

But Fairtrade has recently come in for some criticism by the Adam Smith Institute and this has led some Fairtrade supporters to question its value. But we should not be so misled.

Fairtrade was never intended to replace fair trading practices across the world. It should be remembered that the free-trade system is heavily skewed against the poor. And if Fairtrade can benefit seven million farmers, workers and their families, in 59 countries across the world, then that surely must be good.

Fairtrade had very small beginnings, and many of you will recall the early days when Fairtrade existed only in stalls at the back of our churches and at other church events. But its growth over the last decade has been phenomenal. Let that growth continue.

This is resurrection for all.

+ John of Asaph



'Taith yr Iaith', the Welsh Language timeline exhibit, on display in the Cathedral

- Monday 14th – 28th April

Walk the Walk for the Humane Research Trust. Events Arena, Rhyl to Frith beach, Prestatyn.

- Saturday 12th April from 12 noon.
Contact Pearl Davies 0776 9504463 or Meriel Rice Jones

Made New for Mission in the Countryside - a day conference organised by ARM Wales and ReSource at St Joseph's School, Wrexham

- Saturday 12th April from 9.30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tickets £15 including lunch.
Contact 01978 590373
secretary@anglicanrenewalministries-wales.org.uk

Faith and Light at Wesley Methodist Church, Newtown

- Sunday 13th April from 4 – 5.30 p.m.

Retired Clergy Association Service in St Asaph Cathedral

- Tuesday 15th April at 11.30 a.m.

Kiev Singers - sacred and secular music from the Ukraine - as part of a national tour in aid of homeless children in the Ukraine. At All Saints Church, Newtown

- Thursday 17th April at 7.30 p.m.

And at Llangynog Memorial Hall

- Friday 18th April at 7.30 p.m.

Cathedral Choir Association Sponsored Hymnathon in St Asaph Cathedral

- Saturday 19th April

A Musical Evening at All Saints' Gresford, featuring the "Maletones"

- Monday 21st April Tickets £5; contact 01978 852933 / 852064 or on the door

Education Service in St Asaph Cathedral
- Tuesday 29th April at 6 p.m

175th Anniversary of the Oxford Movement - Celebration at the University of Lampeter, including lecture by Prof Nigel Yates, 'Lampeter, Wales and the Oxford Movement', Solemn High Mass, Lunch and Exhibition

- Saturday 3rd May Contact Fr Matthew Hill on 01570 424823

chapel@lamp.ac.uk

Faith and Light at Wesley Methodist Church, Newtown

- Sunday 4th May from 4 – 5.30 p.m.

Church Tours and Tea at St Deiniol's, Hawarden. 'Trouble in the Balkans?' Come and hear what Gladstone did about it

- Saturday 10th May from 1.30 p.m.

Flint Male Voice Choir in concert at St Ethelwold's, Shotton

Saturday 10th May at 7.30 p.m.

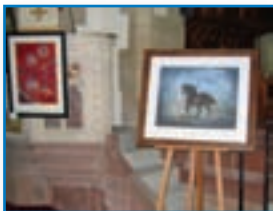
Contact Barry Whittle 01244 819646 or Daphne Jones

dpj11cg@aol.com



Alpha Training Day with Alpha UK at Sure Hope Church, Old Colwyn
 - **Saturday 17th May** from 9.45 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. *Tickets £10 (pre-booked) or £12 on the day.*
 Contact **Adrian Dann**, Llanelwy Christian Fellowship 01745 582547
adrian@dann.co.uk

Art in the Pews exhibition at St Beuno's, Berriew
 - **Saturday 24th May** from 2 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.
 - **Sunday 25th May** from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 - **Monday 26th May** from 2 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.



Garden Open (by appointment) - Gwespyr, Holywell - during May and June. Monday to Friday. Admission £2 (children free) includes Tea/Coffee, Home made scone and cake, for groups of eight or more. Proceeds to Llanasa Parish Church.
 Contact **Brenda Baxter** 01745 857355

Organ Recital Series 2008

- St Asaph Cathedral. All recitals at 7.30 p.m. Admission £4
 Alan McGuinness, Organist and Master of the Choristers
 - **Wednesday 2nd April**
 Paul Derrett, Hull
 - **Wednesday 7th May**
 John Hosking, Assistant Organist
 - **Wednesday 4th June**
 William Smallman, Organist, St. Mary's

Shrewsbury
 - **Wednesday 2nd July**
 "Midas Touch Duo" - Roger Sayer, Director of Music, Rochester Cathedral, and Charles Andrews (Trumpet) Royal College of Music
 - **Wednesday 6th August**
 David Houlder, Sub Organist, Leeds Parish Church
 - **Wednesday 3rd September**

Advance Notice

R.S.C.M. Festival at the Cathedral
 - **Sunday 8th June**
Readers' Service at the Cathedral
 - **Saturday 14th June**

Small Gardens of Berriew more than 8 gardens to visit, cream teas, plant sales, central parking; in aid of St Beuno's, Berriew.
 - **Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd June** 2 to 6 p.m. Contact 01686 640524
mrandsrpat@btinternet.com

Diocesan Conference at the Cathedral -
 - **Sunday 22nd June**

Walking on Water - praying through art and colour. A retreat on Bardsey Island, led by Revd Jessica Aidley and fed by Liz Suter.
 - **21st - 28th June**
 Contact **Jessica Aidley** 01600 713075
j.aidley@googlemail.com
www.carregtrust.org.uk/index.html
 or contact the Bookings Secretary, Revd Nick Hawkins 01758 770582

Ordination Service at the Cathedral
 - **Saturday 28th June** at 10 a.m.



Which of these two statements do you most agree with?
Global warming is a real threat to the world.
 So called global warming is just normal variations in our weather.
 Whichever you most agree with, how about the following statement?
As humans are 'stewards' of God's earth, Christians have a particular responsibility to be wise and caring in the way we use the resources that God has given us.

Whatever reaction you have when you read words like 'ecology', 'green', or 'environment', many Christians are now taking a lead in ensuring that we really can become good stewards of God's wonderful creation. In each issue of Teulu Asaph we hope to share with you good news of how this is happening around here.



Send in your stories, pictures, or ideas - and to get us all thinking of what this might mean for our churches and for us as individuals this first page contains a few images.....

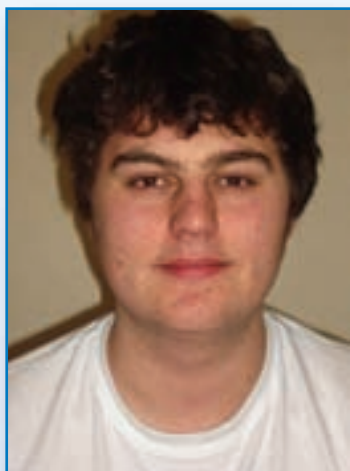


Ideas etc should be sent to Revd Adrian Copping, on behalf of the Diocesan Ecology Group - adriancopping@hotmail.com
 The Rectory, 8, Ludlow Road, Bangor Isycoed, Wrexham, LL13 0JG
 ☎ 01978 780608

Youth and Children's Work Gwaith Ieuencid a Phlant

Tim Feak, our under 25s Officer, introduces some of the young people currently working in the Diocese.

As part of the 'Diocesan Youth Work Strategy' we are currently supporting several people who are training at University and College in 'Christian Youth Work' and in 'Evangelism'. The help that we can provide can cover anything from helping a student find a placement, helping them find the right course and much more. Over the next few issues of Teulu Asaph we will meet some of the people on placement. We are starting with Bistre and Hawarden with the work of Andrew King and Danny Marshall.



NAME : Andrew King.

Age: 20.

Where do you come from? : Rochdale.

Likes: Playing Guitar and Football.

Dislikes: Tuna Fish!

How would you describe yourself? Good fun to be around, eccentric and kind.

Where are you on placement? Bistre as part of my Degree in Christian Youth Work @ Chester University.

What is the best bit about your placement? The young people.

What advice would you give to anyone who was thinking about training as a youth worker with St Asaph Diocese? Go for it but make sure your heart is in it. It's not a 'nine to five' job!!!

Name: Danny Marshall.

Age: 19

Where do you Come From?: Nottingham.

Likes: Extreme Sports and playing Guitar.

Dislikes: All Seafood.

How would you describe yourself?: Adventurous, Deep thinker, Loyal.

Placement: Hawarden as part of the 'Light Project'.

What is the best bit about your placement? : Seeing the youth group grow and develop.



What advice would you give to anyone who was thinking about training as a youth worker with St Asaph Diocese? : Give it your all. 100% produces character.

If you are thinking of embarking on the exciting process of training in Youth Work, Children's Work or Evangelism, or feel that your parish or deanery could benefit from a Youth Work placement please do not hesitate in contacting **Tim Feak on 01745 582245 or 07918 729461**

Email: timfeak@churchinwales.org.uk

"We are always looking for people who are interested in training in these areas and will, where possible, try to help them".

Taizé 2008 July 26 – August 4th

This is for any 15-29 years olds who want to explore their faith, meet with lots of other young Christians from across the world, don't mind a bit of simple living, and generally want to have a good time! The community that is Taizé is situated in the Burgundy region of France, and every week through the summer months thousands of young people descend on the community to share in its life for a week. The final cost is £180 for 15-24 year olds and £200 for 25-29 year olds. There are also limited places for those over 30 who would be prepared to help with leading a group for the week. This is what Rhiannon Hendley wrote after her visit to Taizé:

"Visiting Taizé this summer was a completely new experience for me. I knew about Taizé through friends that had visited and so decided to see what it was like. I did a fair amount of reading about daily life in Taizé prior to setting off on the trip, in order to get a feel of what to expect; however my first impression was one of chaos as we arrived at the same time as the other approximately 4,500 people I would be spending the week with. Soon we were all organized and settled into the routine of life in Taizé. The structure provided by attending prayer three times a day allowed me time out to think and also to strengthen my relationship with God, a relationship that can unfortunately be neglected when I'm caught up in my busy routine at home. The week allowed me the time to ask questions and search for answers about my faith and my life, particularly through my bible study group whom I met with twice a day for prayer and discussion. The experience of worshiping in a church with thousands of other people was a unique one, and the highlight of my stay was definitely the number of people from all over the world that I met and who I can now call friends. I will without doubt be returning next year and would recommend the trip to anyone who wants to experience the very different life in Taizé."

If anyone is interested in joining this year's group please contact **Revd Matt Wilkinson on 01978 313401 or mjgwilkinson@hotmail.com**. There are limited hardship grants available. Speak to Matt about these.

On the Saturday nearest St Valentine's Day, St Giles, Wrexham, hosted a Marriage Fayre. Rector, the Revd Canon Geoffrey Marshall explains why.



There were displays from more than a dozen local businesses - they covered our costs - jewellers, hairdressers, musicians, travel agents, photographers, caterers and so on - as well as our churches. There were people on hand to listen to problems, answer questions and talk about their own experiences of both weddings and marriage. About 300 people, including 70 couples or families planning or thinking about marriage, turned up - apparently more than twice as many as at a traditional Wedding Fayre at a posh hotel.

What's the difference between a Wedding Fayre and a Marriage Fayre? My answer is this, "A wedding lasts 30 minutes, a marriage perhaps 60 years." Lots of people help plan a wedding; we were offering to help plan a marriage too. I was also keen to point out that a wedding doesn't have to wait until a couple has a spare £25,000; for £500 a couple can still have a beautiful church ceremony and a wonderful day. I also dared ask, "What registry office or hotel offers marriage preparation and lifelong aftercare?"

Marriage in the context of worship, properly prepared for by a process of reflection and discussion about the life of faith, is an important ministry of the

Church. And what do I mean by preparation? Marriage preparation is done over the years at home, school, college, work, pub and dance floor. Wedding preparation is done over the months at hotel, travel agent, dress shop and hairdresser. The Church offers added value. In Church, Wedding preparation is also about choosing Bible readings, prayers and hymns. In Church, Marriage preparation is also about encouraging couples to communicate with each other and with us in the hope that their expectations are both realistic and realised. These things tend to be about parents, money, sex, children and beliefs (or they might call them 'values'); exploring these things may help couples go into marriage with their eyes open and may give us the opportunity to share and commend our Christian faith; and I hope we can challenge those who've lived together for years to declare what is going to be both different and better because of a 30-minute wedding.

So, why do we do marriage preparation?

- To take two people and their marriage (not just their wedding) seriously
- To show them that marriage is common but they are unique
- To make their wedding personal and different from everyone else's
- To show them that they are always welcome back - here or somewhere not unlike it in another parish or even another country, whenever - not just next year or on their silver wedding day, but anytime they want help with a problem or have a reason to celebrate.

Wedding Albums – with a twist

The churches of St Trillo and St George, Llandrillo-yn Rhos, have a Wedding Album of ceremonies that took place at either church. For each wedding they have up to three photographs and a brief write-up.

There is a charge of £10 towards church funds for inclusion in the Album but primarily it forms an interesting social history of the parish. The earliest page is of a wedding that took place in St George's church in 1932; the couple's daughter married at St Trillo's in the 1960s. The changes in fashion in wedding dresses, guests' outfits and bouquets are fascinating. You can also read about where couples met – many in recent years have met at University – and where couples live now. There are couples living in Canada, New Zealand and the U.S.A.

Whilst the later wedding photographs are in colour, the older black and white photographs have a great charm.

If anyone was married in Llandrillo, or has friends or relatives that were, please contact Iris Roberts on 01492 548779 for details of how to be included in the Album.



Lucy Harrison marrying David Hobbs at St Mary's Ruabon last July. The ceremony was conducted by Lucy's father, the Revd Mike Harrison and the preacher was the Ven Malcolm Squires. The reception took place in the barn of Andrew Phillips, church warden of All Saints', Pen-y-lan. Wedding dress by ShelaghM (St. Collen's Llangollen). Photo by Brian Roberts (St. Giles', Wrexham). An all church business! Prominent in the background is the mediaeval wall painting at St Mary's, depicting some of the seven works of mercy.

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Diocesan Directory 2008

With its new clear design, the Diocesan Directory 2008 is facilitating communication with clergy and parish officers. Parishes have received some, but additional copies can be purchased for £4 (+ £0.80 p & p) from the Diocesan Office, High Street, St Asaph LL17 ORD (01745 582245). Corrections should be sent in writing to the same office, or by e-mail to pamelavernon@churchinwales.org.uk



This DVD tells the story of the drowned village of Llanwddyn that lies beneath the waters of Lake Vyrnwy. Fascinating and beautiful, produced by Glenbarr videos for St Wddyn P.C.C. **Copies available for £9.50 (+ £0.50 p & p) from M. Duggleby, The Oaks, Llanwddyn, Oswestry SY10 0LZ mdug99@aol.com**

Cor Meibion Orffiwys y Rhos The Rhos Orpheus Male Choir Deputy Conductor Vacancy

The Rhos Orpheus is considered to be one of the premier male voice choirs in Wales and is currently celebrating its 50th Anniversary. The choir wishes to appoint a Deputy Conductor to continue to maintain its worldwide reputation for performances of a high standard. You will be assisting at rehearsals at the Stiwt Theatre in Rhos near Wrexham and take the stage in concerts. It will be a challenging and enjoyable role, which, together with an active social calendar, combine to produce a high degree of fellowship and fun.

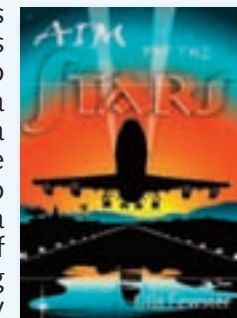
Remuneration negotiable. If you are interested, please contact the Musical Director - Eifion Wyn Jones 01978 840389 / 07794036116 eifionwjones@hotmail.com

Book Review:

'Aim for the Stars' by Ulla Fewster
Review by Revd Dr David Moore

(Auto)biographies are fascinating, as long as they try to make sense of a life and are not a twee ramble which is boring to everybody but a close circle of friends and doting relatives. They give us the opportunity to learn from the experiences of others and to be inspired to make something of our own lives. Ulla Fewster's 'Aim for the Stars' tells the story of a Swedish teacher who became a missionary in Thailand and Laos, was discerning enough to marry a Welshman, had a student ministry, a ministry rescuing girls caught up in prostitution, and then to rural migrants hoping for work in Bangkok. However, this is not so much the story of a life as the story of how God works through a person who makes herself available to Him. 'Aim for the Stars' shows the Lord's faithfulness and glorious character, above all in His willingness to save souls in Sweden, Scotland and in South-East Asia. There is no guarantee of ease, but there is lasting fruitfulness for those who will walk in His will. Ulla has written a truly inspiring and moving book - it will make you more eager to trust the Lord to make something of your own life, too. Forego that pub lunch; have a soup and buy this book. You will regard it as money well spent!

'Aim for the Stars' is available from Ulla at 4 Caernarvon Road, Wrexham LL12 7TT Price £6.99 + £1 p&p.



A Song for every morning

Dedication and defiance with St Patrick's breastplate

...is the new book by the Rt Revd John Dudley Davies.

The nine verses of St Patrick's breastplate are like a Celtic Creed. They are a timeless and energizing call to live in such a way that the truth about God is made known through our actions. This short and powerful book reflects on the spiritual challenge of each of the Breastplate's verses and sets out an exciting vision for an engaged and robust Christian spirituality for our times.

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- * for those who need a qualification in theology for professional purposes, such as teachers or ministers, and who hold a first degree in any subject
- * for those who studied theology at university many years ago who wish to refresh their knowledge and skills for personal or professional purposes

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DATHLU CENHADAETH FYDEANG CELEBRATING WORLD MISSION



The Revd Canon Bill Rowell, World Mission Officer, gives an update on Lambeth 2008.

The Lambeth Conference is going ahead, from mid-July into August, and, despite absences, will be a significant gathering of Anglican bishops from around the world, following a very mission-orientated agenda. Not as many bishops will be coming to St Asaph before the main conference as we had originally hoped, but we are expecting to host the bishops of Kansas (U.S.A.), Karnataka South (South India), Mumias (Kenya), Recife (Brazil) and Riverina (Australia), one of our M.U. links.

Our new link diocese, South West Tanganyika, will shortly be electing a bishop, who will also be invited here.

'Our' bishops will be staying with hosts around our diocese, from the 10th or 11th July until they travel down to Canterbury on the 16th. We are putting together a programme to allow our guests to hear stories of faith in action and to share with us something of the life of their own dioceses. This programme is likely to include a visit to the International Eisteddfod, a coach tour, a meeting with Mothers' Union members, a presentation by T.C.C. and an open session at St Joseph's School for church members from across the diocese to hear our guests' stories. On the Sunday morning the bishops will probably share in the worship of the local church wherever they are staying. Look out for more details of the programme as things get firmed up; we hope it will make a positive contribution to our awareness of the worldwide Communion, of which our diocese and province is a part.

From Sinan to Kenya

It started with a talk to the Mothers' Union about Anajali School, which is situated in Kibera, a slum township outside Nairobi in Kenya. The school was opened in 2000 by pastors from Nairobi Cathedral to educate street children. It caters for 270 pupils aged from 3 to 14 years. It provides lunch, which for many is their only meal of the day. The school is also used as a church on Sundays; the head teacher is also a pastor and leads the service.



Revd Cyprian Yobera

The cause was taken up by Sinan Church, in the parish of Cefn, as its charity for the year. On Mothering Sunday every family took home a collecting box to be filled and returned later in the year. In May every year Sinan has its annual Fete; great fun was had with a succession of fund raising activities, including a sponsored walk (in the rain), a treasure hunt, sale of cards and a concert by the Sinan Singers. The proceeds went to Anajali. In November a cheque for £1600 was handed over to Revd Cyprian Yobera, who started Anajali School but is now working in the U.K. as a missionary.

STOP PRESS During the recent riots in Kibera, 4 Anajali children were killed, 60 are missing and an attempt was made to torch the school. Your continuing prayers are appreciated.



As reported in Teulu Asaph in December WRASSG – the Wrexham Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Group – received a grant from the Church & Society Board last year. Some members visited the group in February to see what kind of support is given and how the money is spent. Elaine Churchill, pictured here with one of the group, reports

Our first port-of-call was the WRASSG office where we were met by Peter Jones, a former college lecturer, who gave a stimulating and informative run-down of the kind of work carried out by him and his team. Then, our group took a brisk walk, pleasant in the winter morning sunshine, to the newly refurbished Salvation Army Citadel where the Drop-in Centre is housed. For the last ten months the Citadel has been out of use some whilst major work has been carried out. Now it is back in use and the premises are very impressive. After a very welcome cup of tea, we were guided round by Major David Evans, a real enthusiast for God's work in that area. The Drop-in Centre is only one aspect of their work. They have large family rooms and play areas with wonderful equipment which are used not only by asylum seekers but also by other organisations such as Homestart and Families First.

Back in the Drop-in Centre, we were able to mix with some of the asylum seekers and their children. Conversation was difficult because of language problems but, through an interpreter, I discovered that it's virtually impossible for them to find places on the language courses available because they are all heavily oversubscribed. A female official from the local authority, seated at the same table, confirmed this. I wondered whether this need could be met, even if



only in part, by members of the local churches.

Ranged along tables at the side of the room were supermarket bags, filled mainly with fruit and vegetables, ready to be distributed. These had been purchased using a grant provided by the local health authority as part of a healthy eating campaign. Many other needs are met by the various churches in the Wrexham area; a really fine example of Christians coming together to fulfil Christ's commandments.

All in all, it was a thoroughly uplifting and informative morning. As we left, some very frail, elderly ladies were arriving. Surely these weren't asylum seekers! No, they were simply looking for the Luncheon Club, another aspect of the wonderful work being carried out here in the name of Jesus.

More information is available in a leaflet entitled 'One Wrexham – Myth Buster on Asylum Seekers and Refugees'. Contact 01978 292535



The Cathedral Chapter, photographed after the installation of new Cursal Canons, Bill Rowell and Sue Huyton, and Honorary Canon, Robert Rowland. Revd Canon Bill Rowell is World Mission Officer and presently incumbent of Llandysilio, Penrhos, Llandrinio and Criggion, but will soon be moving to the parish of Welshpool and Castle Caereinion. Revd Canon Sue Huyton is Vicar of Gwersyllt and Area Dean of Gresford. Revd Canon Robert Rowland is incumbent of Dyserth, Trelawnyd and Cwm, and Area Dean of St Asaph.

The Revd Canon John Evans (pictured in the back row, on the left) retired as Rector of Caerwys and Bodfari soon after this photograph was taken. Also pictured are (left to right - back row) the Revds Canon Raymond Bayley, Robert Griffiths, Philip Williams, Bill Rowell, Tudor Hughes, Tudor Griffiths, the Revd Chancellor David Hugh Rees, the Revds Canon John Glover and Robert Rowland. (Front row) Karen Williams (Chapter Clerk), the Revd Vittoria Hancock (Cathedral Chaplain), the Ven John Thelwell, the Ven Bernard

Thomas, the Rt Revd John S Davies, the Very Revd Chris Potter, the Ven Malcolm Squires, the Revd Canon Mary Stallard (Residentiary Canon), the Revd Val Rowlands (Cathedral Chaplain) and the Revd Canon Sue Huyton.



In January, the Bishop presented the Diocesan Offering cheque for £8,000 to Andy Roberts of Clwyd Alyn Housing Association to assist with the development of a permanent hostel for the roofless in Wrexham.



"Large and overgrown churchyards and huge boundary walls can be a headache for parishes but the example of how they have gone about things in Llanddulas is a splendid example and encouragement to us all" says the Archdeacon, the Ven Bernard Thomas. The parish, facing a daunting task, decided that the churchyard was a community asset, and encouraged community involvement in its restoration. The response was remarkable from interested people in the locality and especially the local school. There has been an emphasis on environmental issues, plant conservation and the provision of a welcoming open space around the church with good access for visitors. A dedicated group has led the project, drawing up plans and seeking grants. It shows what can be achieved with such enthusiasm and vision. Do call and see what's been done. Well done, Llanddulas!

Welcome to the Revd Gary Windon, the newly appointed Chaplain Coordinator at Nightingale House Hospice and Community Minister in Rhostyllen responsible for both Tabernacle Presbyterian Chapel and the church of Holy Trinity, Esclusham, which is now part of the Rectorial Benefice of



Wrexham. He is an ordained Anglican priest and now a Commissioned Mission Partner in the Presbyterian Church and the Inducted Minister of Tabernacle Chapel. Gary comes to us from the Diocese of Manchester, where he was Team Vicar in the Radcliffe Team Ministry and Associate Minister in the Prestwich and Radcliffe Methodist Circuit.

His hobbies include both walking and motorcycling, both of which are much more enjoyable this side of the border!



A gift of an original wall-hanging depicting the Crucifixion and the Sacrament of the Eucharist was presented to St John's Church Cynwyd, by Dee Smith, who had designed and sewn it. It was received and dedicated during a recent Eucharist Service. Pictured are (from left to right) John Evans, Treasurer, Robert Clarke, Churchwarden, Dee Smith and the Rector, Revd Bethan Scotford.



We're all concerned about drugs and our young people – so in St Asaph two mothers from the parish church (Janet Cameron) and the Christian fellowship (Penny Adey) recently presented a course designed to equip parents with information and strategies to limit the risks of their children getting involved in drugs. Ten parents, largely from St

Asaph Parish Church and Llanelwy Christian Fellowship attended the first course. It was a constructive and enjoyable experience for all. Our community police officer was very enthusiastic and kindly came along on one occasion with various helpful resources - no actual drugs, just pictures...!

Drug Proof Your Kids (DPYK) is a six-session course that has been developed by the Christian charity, Care for the Family. Whilst recognising that parents cannot prevent their children from taking illegal drugs, they can influence their children's choices. Research has shown that better-informed parents communicate more effectively and are in a position to significantly reduce the risks. Parenting skills and exploring teenage behaviour are key elements, so, during the sessions, parents have the opportunity to discuss the challenges and learn from each other's experiences.

Care for the Family provide excellent resources and training over a two-day weekend for presenters; the only qualification required is enthusiasm!

Working together in common projects is a key part of Cytun (Churches Together), and running DPYK illustrated the great benefits gained from such a partnership. Janet and Penny believe this course is of huge relevance to many parents today, and will be running further sessions for the wider community; encouragingly, the local high school has expressed interest. So a further course will start on Monday 7th April - for further information, **contact Janet on 01745 583770** or visit the website www.dpyk.org.uk

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