



Summer Conference aims to Reach out



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An exciting conference will take place at Bangor-on-Dee Racecourse this summer to encourage parishes from across the Diocese of St Asaph to discuss new ways of reaching out and embracing our communities.

The initiative is called "Reach" or "Ymestyn" and has been developed by Evangelism Officer Revd Vittoria Hancock and Tim Feak, Under 25's Officer.

Reach is designed to get parishes thinking about new ways of being church – especially when it comes to engaging with

our communities in new and creative ways. The conference running on 9 July aims to equip and inspire people with new ideas by using guest speakers, workshops and interaction.

As part of the conference Lorna and David Randall from Oasis Church will help us explore the theology of church. In particular how we can be an active part of church, even with the busyness of full time jobs and family life.

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Mae marwolaeth Osama bin Laden dan law cyrch-filwyr Americanaidd wedi fy mhoeni i. Ar un llaw, roedd bin Laden yn gyfrifol am farwolaeth miloedd o bobl ddiiniwed, ac o fyw bywyd treisgar, y mae nawr wedi marw mewn ffordd dreisgar. Nid yw'r byd wedi dod yn lle mwy diogel - i'r gwrthwyneb, efallai - ond, yng ngolwg y mwyafrif, mae synnwyr ei fod ef, o leiaf, wedi cael ei haed-diant.

Ar yr un pryd, mae'n ymddangos nad oedd ganddo arfau, ac iddo gael ei ladd, ynghyd â phedwar arall, o flaen ei wraig a'i blant, a hynny gan griw a anfonwyd o wlad arall gyda gorchymyn i'w ladd. Taflwyd ei gorff i'r môr, a thrwy gyswllt fideo, bu'r dyn mwyaf pwerus ar y ddaear yn cadw golwg fanwl ar y cyfan.

Mae'n ymddangos yn dra gwahanol i fywyd Tywysog Tangnefedd a fu farw dros eraill, ac a ofynnodd am faddeuant yn hytrach na dial. Yn ddiamau, ym marn sawl un, mae America wedi cyflawni cyfiawnder yn uniongyrchol iawn, ond rwy'n anghyffyrddus, yn sicr o weld y dathliadau gorfoloeddus a ddaeth yn sgil y dienyddiad hwn.

Mae'n rhaid i ni yn y Gorllewin fod yn ofalus. Mae'n ymddangos ein bod ni'n datgan y gall y grymus ddienyddio unrhyw un sy'n fygythiad yn eu golwg nhw, ac rydym ni ym Mhrydain wedi cael ein dal mewn tri rhyfel tramor. Mae arweinwyr ein gwlad wedi anfon milwyr i Afghanistan, Iraq a Libya, ac yn barod i weld nifer cynyddol o fechgyn (a merched?) dewr Prydain yn cael eu lladd. Ac eto, mae'n ymddangos nad

yw Afghanistan yn nes at heddwch, mae trais yn parhau i fod yn bla yn Iraq, ac mae'r hyn a ystyriwyd yn ymgais sydyn i gael gwared ag unben wedi troi yn ddewis gorf-wyll rhwng dechrau ar ryfel llawn yn erbyn Gaddafi, neu wyllo'r gwrthryfel yn ei erbyn yn methu. Yn anaml iawn y ceir atebion syml.

Yng nghanol hyn i gyd, rwy'n credu bod angen i Gristnogion ddechrau ystyried ein safiad dros heddwch o ddifrif. Nid eiriol dros gondemnio'r digwyddiadau a nodais uchod ydw i: mae'r cywir a'r anghywir yn gymysg gyda'i gilydd. Er hynny, rwy'n sicr yn gobeithio nad ydym yn ymhyfrydu ynddyn nhw - ar y gorau, maen nhw'n rheidrywidd creulon. Ac rwy'n gobeithio y gallwn ddod yn weddiwyr brwd dros heddwch: yn gweddio ar Dduw i weithio mewn manau lle ceir anghydfod, fel bod trais yn cael ei roi o'r neilltu, a sefydlu gwaith y tangnefeddwyr yn y manau hynny. Mae'n rhaid i ni weddio dros ddiogelwch ein milwyr, ac y bydd Duw yn dangos ffordd well i ni pan fydd sefyllfa'n codi y credwn y gallwn ei datrys gyda thrais; pan gawn ni ein temtio i ymateb yn ffyrnig, gweddiwn y bydd Duw yn rhoi'r doethineb i ni bwylllo ac ystyried cost a sgil effeithiau ein gweithredoedd. Ac fe ddylem wneud yr hyn a ddywedodd Iesu wrthym am ei wneud - gweddio dros ein gelynyion, hefyd.

Mae penderfyniadau anodd wedi cael eu gwneud, ac mae eraill yn aros amdanom yn y dyfodol. Gadewch i ni arwain y gweddio selog dros heddwch, a bod ein harweinwyr yn cael y doethineb i bontio rhaniadau, trawsffurfio trais, a'n harwain i ffyrdd tangnefedd. Boed i Dduw ein helpu ni i ddod o hyd i ffyrdd o siarad a gweithio dros heddwch ym mhob sefyllfa.

The death of Osama bin Laden by an American SWAT team has troubled me. On the one hand, bin Laden perpetrated the deaths of thousands of innocent people, and having lived "by the sword", he has now died "by the sword". The world has not become a safer place – perhaps the opposite – but, for the majority, there is a sense that he, at least, has received his just desserts.

At the same time, it appears that this was an unarmed man, killed with four others, in front of his wife and children by a squad sent in from another country with orders to kill. His body was dumped at sea, and the whole thing was watched closely through a live link up by the most powerful man on earth.

It all seems a far cry from the life of the Prince of Life who died for the sake of others, and asked for forgiveness and not revenge. Undoubtedly, in the eyes of many, America has literally executed justice in this situation, but I am uncomfortable, not least with the sight of the jubilant celebration triggered by this assassination.

We in the West have to be careful. We seem to be sending out a signal that the powerful can execute anyone by whom they feel threatened, and we in Britain have got ourselves caught up in three foreign wars. Our nation's leaders have now committed troops to Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya, and are prepared to see growing numbers of brave British soldiers killed. Yet, Afghanistan is no nearer peace, Iraq remains riven by violence, and what was seen as a quick push to a toppling dictator has turned into a desperate choice between embarking on an all-out war against Gaddafi or watching the uprising against him fail. Simple solutions rarely are.

In all this, I think that Christians need to start to take very seriously our witness to peace. I'm not advocating that we

condemn any of the events that I reflect upon above: right and wrong are mixed together. However, I certainly hope that we don't take delight in them – at best, they are cruel necessities. And I hope that we can become passionate intercessors for peace: praying that God may be at work in areas of conflict to put the violent to flight, and to establish the peacemakers. We must pray for the safety of our troops, and that where there is a situation that we think we can solve with violence, God would show us a better way; that when we're tempted to lash out, God would give us the wisdom to pause and think about the cost and consequences. And we ought to do what Jesus told us to do – to pray for our enemies as well.

Difficult decisions have been made, more remain for the future. Let us be in the forefront of praying ardently for peace, and that our leaders are given the wisdom to heal divisions, to transform violence, and to lead us into the ways of peace. May God help us to find ways of speaking and working for peace in all situations.

+ Gregory Sweeney:

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Our very own Revd Stuart Elliott will host a workshop on Ecology and Faith and towards the end of the day, Helen Tomlin, Bishops Advisor for Youth work in Birmingham and gym chaplain, who set up Laughing Sole – a comedy club with a clean ethos – will give a presentation on the success of this venture. Entertaining us in the evening will be comedian Barbara Nice.

Launching the Reach initiative, Revd Vittoria Hancock, Evangelism Officer for the Diocese said:

“This is an important day, because we have lots of renewal and growth happening within our Diocese, often outside conventional church settings.

“This conference will help to encourage and support those already involved and those who are hoping to create new ways of being church.”

Tim Feak, Under 25's Officer added:

“This is really exciting and it gives a great opportunity for people to come, learn and laugh.

“On top of that we're having fish and chips for tea and the bar will be open – what more could you want?”

There are more Reach/Ymestyn dates confirmed for the autumn which will explore the way faith links to ecology and the arts. There will also be an exploration of Spirituality.

The Reach Conference takes place on 9 July from 3.30 – 9 p.m. To book your place call Sian Connelly at the Diocesan Offices on 01745 532 582 or email sianconnelly@churchinwales.org.uk

Tickets are £10 per person.



Virgin Art exhibition raises £2000

More than 1000 people visited **St Mary's Church, Mold** for the third "Virgin Art" exhibition. 275 pictures were on display, offering visitors the chance to purchase artwork, or just admire the pieces and enjoy refreshments.

Voting took place throughout the week to choose the favourite piece of art. Right up until the last day there was a draw between two pictures before one gentleman's favourite picture became the casting vote.

The chosen picture was "Over the Fields to the Clwyds", a watercolour by Barbara Smith who was delighted to be chosen, and received a voucher for £25.00 donated by Dee Fine Arts of Chester.

During the exhibition 52 pieces of art were sold with St Mary's Church taking a 15% commission. With the sales of refreshments as well, the Church estimates a profit of around £2000.



Artist Barbara Smith with her winning picture and exhibition organiser Sheila Wilson



Spring & Summer Programme 2011

Training Together is a programme of training open to anyone who attends church in the Diocese of St Asaph, whether they are lay or clergy, a member of the PCC or not. All courses are FREE.

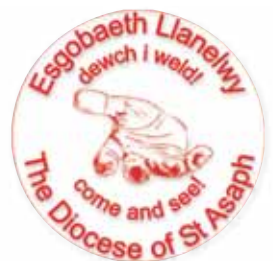
Course	Date & Time	Venue
So You're On the PCC – Exploring Roles and Responsibilities	Tuesday 7th June (6.45pm – 9pm)	St Margaret's Church Hall, Wrexham.
So You're A Churchwarden – Exploring Roles and Responsibilities	Tuesday 14th June (6.45pm – 9pm)	St Margaret's Church Hall, Wrexham.
Safeguarding – Child Protection & Vulnerable Adults	Tuesday 28th June (6.45pm – 9pm)	St Margaret's Church Hall, Wrexham.

To Book Your Place: give your name, address, phone number, parish name and email address to sianconnelly@churchinwales.org.uk or phone on **01745 532582**. Full details and directions will then be sent to you at least one week before the session takes place.

If you're looking for sources of potential funding for a church project, then help is at hand. After a training session on the Grantfinder software, the following people have agreed to help other parishes in their search for funding. Please give full details of your project and they will run a search for you, sending the results directly to your email.



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Galluogi a Chalonogi holl bobl Dduw



The Diocese of St Asaph has a new Registrar after Llyr Williams was installed to the role by Bishop Gregory.

The service took place at the end of March and Llyr was installed alongside two new Canons, Reverend Canon Professor Michael West and Reverend Alan Suter.

Installing Mr Williams as Registrar, Professor West as Canon Chancellor and Reverend Suter as Honorary Canon, Bishop Gregory used scripture from Joshua and Ephesians to emphasise the importance of ministry during his sermon.

He commended Mike West's ministry in education, Alan Suter's parish ministry and Llyr Williams' ministry in the study of the law.

See also our interview with Llyr on his new role as Diocesan Registrar on page 7.

Kate Johnson was inducted to the parishes of Abergele and St George on April 5.

The Bishop preached at the service at St Michael's church and used the theme of pilgrimage to demonstrate Kate's journey from California to North Wales.

Those attending the induction enjoyed cup-



cakes afterwards in the brand new Canolfan Dewi Sant in Pensarn.

Matthew Burns Licensing

The Reverend Matthew Burns has been licensed by Bishop Gregory to serve as Team Vicar for All Saints Wrexham and Holy Trinity Esclusham.

Matthew is a young and popular priest who has worked previously in the Wrexham benefice, and both churches are very pleased with his appointment.

Matthew's induction took place on Saturday 26 March, The Venerable Shirley Griffiths, Archdeacon of Wrexham took the service.



The first part, during which the Archdeacon preached took place in Holy Trinity. The group then travelled the mile or so to All Saints where community representatives welcomed Matthew.

We adjourned to the church hall for our well-earned refreshments which were in fact a feast thanks to the ladies of All Saints and Holy Trinity who worked so hard.

Reader Celebrates 40 years service

Congratulations to Paul Wynn who is celebrating forty years as a Reader. He was licensed to the Parish of Wrexham in June 1971 and continues to exercise his Ministry there.



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He has served under a total of seven Incumbents.

If you would like any information on how to become a Reader, there is a new section on the Diocesan Website – click the link via the Ministry page.

Interview - New Diocesan Registrar, Llyr Williams

At the end of March, Bishop Gregory installed Llyr Williams as the new Diocesan Registrar.

Communications Officer Phil Topham caught up with him a couple of weeks into his new job to see how he's finding it...

So Llyr, in your day job you're a solicitor...

Yes, I mainly deal with domestic and commercial conveyancing, so buying and selling houses, leasehold property, re-mortgages and so forth. I also do general company commercial work, including Intellectual Property which is trademark registration, copyright and the like.



And how different is a Diocesan Registrar?

It's a totally different world and it's such a specialist role with the Diocese that nothing can really prepare you for the sort of work it entails. Although, having said that, both jobs are about preparing numerous documents!

What will you deal with in this new role that you would never come across as a solicitor?

Well, you're trying to make sure that clerics are legally appointed into their

parishes, re-ordering of parish structures – grouping, de-grouping, merging parishes – and things like that. There is a lot riding on what we are doing basically. You've got to make sure that when clergy retire or resign all of the people who need to know, do know. I will send documents to the Church in Wales in Cardiff, to the churchwardens of the parish, Area Deans, Archdeacons and so on. There are so many levels of people you have to deal with that you just have to make sure you get them all in basically!

So when should people contact you?

Most of the contact would come through Clergy or the Diocesan Office, to be honest – we don't have much contact directly with lay people but our details are in the Diocesan Directory. I'm happy to field questions if people do have any and then I can point people in the right direction if necessary.

And how busy are we keeping you so far?

Well, coming into the Archdeacons Visitations as the first thing, I spent the first six hours of my working life stuffing envelopes with all the returns that the Church in Wales needs so that kept me quite busy to begin with. I have made one or two slight errors because I'm so new to the job, but people have been very kind and understanding.

Would you say that legal work is your ministry?

Yes I suppose it is. Bishop Gregory said in his sermon at the installation service that practising the law is how I minister in my spiritual life. You use the God-given skills that you have. Hopefully mine are in the legal profession and in drafting

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documents that other people don't want to! So yes, I serve God by doing that. Singing with the Cathedral choir is another way of praising God, of course.

And I believe you are the youngest Registrar we have ever had?

Yes insofar as the Church in Wales Constitution says you have to be 30 in order to take the role on and when I was appointed as David Hooson's

deputy last year, they had to wait for me to turn 30 so I am definitely as young as I can be to take on the role.

So that's Llyr the Diocesan Registrar, but what about you as a person, what do you do in your spare time?

I tend to read quite a bit and try to watch films, but singing takes up quite a bit of my time. I have sung with the Cathedral choir since 1987 having taken a brief break when I went to university. I also sing with a local ten-part group as well as a group in South Manchester. We do Christmas concerts at the Liverpool Phil and the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester and more recently we accompanied Bryn Terfel on his tour including a gig over in Paris so that takes up most of my time, I must admit!

What sort of reading material do you enjoy?

Well I try to read as much as possible. I like to read one trashy novel, something newly published and quick to read, then I try to move on to a classic like "Crime and Punishment". I then try and read something non-fiction. I have an interest in history, especially Tudor history and

modern European history so I will read something different every time.

What's your favourite film?

That's quite a difficult question too! I tend to prefer films that have a good story and good acting, rather than something that relies too heavily on special effects. I especially enjoy the films of Katharine Hepburn, for example, so would probably have to go with something like "The Philadelphia Story" or "The Lion in Winter".



You can contact Llyr in writing at Church House, High Street, St Asaph, LL17 ORD, by phone on 01745 583393 or by email on llyrwilliams@me.com

Ministry and Calling Sunday update:

Three informal events are planned for anyone who wishes to find out more about opportunities to explore how God calls people to discipleship and ministry in the Church in Wales.

Come and join us to find out more about what vocation is about and what resources we have in the diocese. All are welcome to come and chat over a drink.

On Tuesday 7 June in St Asaph Archdeaconry in the Miners' Arms, Meliden, LL19 8LA from 7pm-9pm with the Revd John Harvey as the contact person.

On Wednesday 15 June in Wrexham Archdeaconry in Mynydd Isa in the Griffin Inn from 7pm-9pm with the Revd Mary Stallard as the contact person.

On Wednesday 22 June in Montgomery Archdeaconry at the Talbot Inn in Berriew from 7pm-9pm contact person, the Revd Pam Powell.



record 2 services for BBC Radio Wales 'Celebration', both of which have now been broadcast. On 6 May the Junior Choristers were also filmed for a future BBC 1 Songs of Praise programme on Victorian schooling in Wales.

The Junior Choristers are recruited from the local primary schools in and around Ruthin and, as part of their Choristership, receive good musical and vocal training all free of charge. During the last year the Junior Choristers have taken part in the RSCM Moreland Chorister's Camp based at Carlisle Cathedral; and on Easter Monday they visited the Crocky Trail in Wrexham.

In November, they usually enjoy the annual Bonfire Night Party in the Organist's garden! The Organist and Choirmaster, Dr Peter Litman is always keen to hear from interested children and their parents.

Llanfair DC, Llanelidan, Clocaenog, Cyffylliog and Efenectyd are under the guidance of Reverend Richard Carter.

The whole of the Deanery came together at St Cynfarch and St Mary Llanfair DC (pictured) on Holy Saturday to take part in an Easter Vigil. Every Church brought their new 2011 Paschal candle which was lit from a fire outside the entrance to the Church as a symbol of the Resurrection of Christ and then a procession followed into the Church where the Exultet (the proclamation of the Resurrection) was made.

It was a most moving and atmospheric service. There was a great sense of unity of purpose throughout the worship - it was a symbol of our unity as a Deanery and indeed as the Body of Christ. From one flame all of our candles were lit and then



taken back to our thirteen parishes ready to be lit again on Easter Sunday.

Paschal candles or Easter candles are not used within every Christian tradition but are a very useful illustration tool. Every design on each of our candles was different and varied in colour,

although the theme of the design is always the same. There is always a Cross within each design and the New Testament Greek symbols of the Alpha and the Omega (representing God our Creator, the beginning and the end). The wounds of Christ are marked by five incense grains contained within brass nails that are pushed into the cross on the candle at the beginning of the liturgy.

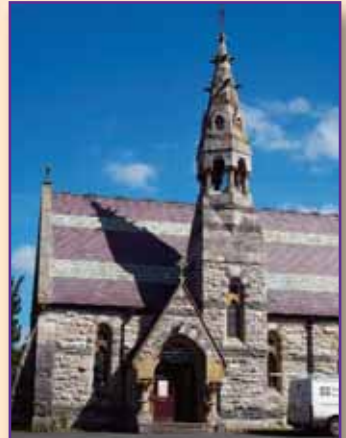
After the vigil they were placed into the chancels of each of our churches and will remain there until Pentecost. They will then be placed by the font to be lit at every baptism throughout the year.



Llanbedr DC, Llangynhafal, Llanychan, Llanarmon-yn-Iâl and Llanyris is under the guidance of Reverend Philip Chew, Area Dean.

The Old Schoolroom Community Project

The Schoolroom at Llanarmon-yn-Iâl was built in 1777 with donations from local people, as listed on The Benefactors' Board. The total sum raised was £62.10.6d (£62.52½). A major re-build followed in 1843. Beneath the Schoolroom is a house called Tany-Ysgol and it is presumed that the schoolmaster lived there rent-free. He was required to teach 12 scholars for which he was paid £8.8.0d per annum. At one time 55 boys and 47 girls paid 1p per week or up to 3 shillings (15p) per quarter according to their circumstances. Even when the children moved to the "modern" schools, probably in the 19th Century, the building remained at the heart of the village as a meeting place for locals.



The 1950s saw a few modern conveniences added, including a kitchen and outside toilet, but these too fell into disrepair over the years. In 2009 George Flanagan, a member of St. Garmon's congregation, decided something needed to be done to make life more pleasant for those groups who use the hall on a regular basis. A committee was formed to raise funds within the community and by applying for grants, so that the Old Schoolroom could be moved out of the 18th century and into the 21st. It was no surprise that the cost of these improvements would be substantially more than the £62 originally spent in 1777 but fund raising began in



earnest to reach the target sum.

The people of Llanarmon came together to help raise the money. Various events were organized including a Musical Concert in St. Garmon's, a Cheese & Wine Quiz Night and a Murder Mystery Dinner at the community run Raven Inn.

Planning consent took many months as the plans went between Denbighshire County Council and Cadw. A few

hurdles had to be overcome before work could begin, including the search for ancient graves. Archaeologists discovered a few scattered bones but no signs of a burial site. Just as everyone breathed a sigh of relief it was announced that there would have to be an asbestos investigation and a bat search! Luckily no evidence was found of bats or asbestos and work finally began on 31 January 2011.

As a Grade II Listed Building the transformation had to be sympathetic, yet offer modern, practical facilities and this has been achieved by building an extension to the original Schoolroom. On the Hall level there is a new entrance into a spacious vestibule giving access to the Schoolroom. The kitchen has been designed to make it as easy to cater for weddings and parties as well as make tea for small meetings.

An oak staircase leads down to the Schoolmaster's cottage now housing two meeting rooms, a small kitchen and two large storage rooms. In total there are four new toilets – welcome news to anyone who ventured outdoors to the facilities previously on offer.

Building work is on schedule and due for completion in early July. Fund raising continues with the sale of Llanarmon-yn-Iâl tea towels, postcards and notelets - available from the village shop.



We hope that those original Benefactors would be pleased with the efforts to continue their good works. The Old Schoolroom is as important to the villagers of Llanarmon-yn-Iâl now as it was in 1777. It will be officially opened by Bishop Gregory on the 16 October 2011.

Gill Hodson/George Flanagan

Bywiogi a Chyfoethogi ein Haddoliad!

North Wales set for Inaugural Pilgrimage

After being inspired by their pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, the Dean of St Asaph Chris Potter and his wife Jenny have set up a group who have designed a pilgrim route on our doorstep.

The first walk along the North Wales Pilgrim's Way will take place in August from Basingwerk Abbey near Holywell right across North Wales to link up with the existing pilgrim route to Bardsey Island.

Along the way the group will take in places of religious interest such as the stone circles above the Conwy Valley and the Cathedrals in St Asaph and Bangor.

It's something Chris is passionate about. He said:

"Our own experience of the long pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, walking 750 miles, proved to be a profound spiritual experience in ways that we never anticipated. The sheer physical challenge of it completely cleared away any lofty thoughts or complex philosophical enquiry."

He also hopes the route will provide something for everyone, adding:

"Although this is a much shorter journey, there is still enough of it to get that sense of distance from everyday life in the journey towards God."

Chris and Jenny Potter on their pilgrimage in Spain



"On the pragmatic side of things, I hope it will do its bit for the local economy as people use the B&B's, cafés and pubs on the way."

The new route has been backed by the Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams who is the patron of the North Wales Pilgrim's Way.

He said:

"More than at any time since the sixteenth century, pilgrimage today is a vehicle for discovering something about God and about yourself."

"North Wales is a landscape charged with a history of faith, and this particular pilgrim route will be, for all who follow it, a true path towards the light, supported by all those living memories of prayer and holy lives."

The inaugural pilgrimage will take place between 7 and 18 August and anyone wishing to take part is being encouraged to register on the Pilgrim's Way website www.pilgrims-way-north-wales.org

The pilgrims will also need somewhere to stay after each day's walking and it's thought this could be a good opportunity

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for local parishes to raise money for church funds by offering accommodation to weary pilgrims who would give a donation in return.

If you want to help with this part of the pilgrimage by offering people a place to stay, please contact Jenny Potter on potterjenny@yahoo.com or by calling 01745 583597.

Encounter Weekend – Montgomery Youth Group

Take 7 young men and 2 not-so-young women, add gorge walking, orienteering, rock climbing, abseiling and the grace of God and that's a true reality weekend!

Youth leader Helen Hayes and Rector Revd Toni Bennett accompanied 7 young men who are between 17 and 20 years old to Pensarn Christian Outdoor Centre for a weekend away in March.

As well as the outdoor activities the group looked at the meaning of Grace.

The underserved nature of Grace was demonstrated aptly as one of the leaders at the centre rewarded a member of the group with two large chocolate bars for parking a car in the wrong place!



The Cutting of the Martinshalf

This picture was taken at **St Martin's Church in Eglwysbach** and shows the vicar, Revd Christine Owen, cutting through a huge curtain-like drape called the Martinshalf.

It's a visual memorial to the generosity of Saint Martin who saw the need of a beggar and cut his cloak in half to share it with the impoverished man. That very night, Martin – a Roman soldier – had a dream about the Risen Christ in Glory, wearing



half of the cloak. This started his journey into Christianity and he eventually became Bishop of Tours.

Last summer the Martinshalf was exhibited at Galeri at Caernarfon and on Sunday 6 March was symbolically cut in half in Eglwysbach, accompanied by prayers and hymns.

After the Service, cards of the Martinshalf, its story and a prayer written by Anne ffoulcs Williams were on sale to raise money for South West Tanganyika.

For more information or to buy one of the cards please contact Ceri Leeder on: ceri_leeder@hotmail.com

EASTER ROUND UP

St Asaph Cathedral was decked out with wiring, microphones and headphones as BBC Radio Wales recorded their Easter Service there. Bishop Gregory preached at the service which went out at 7.30am on Easter Day while the choir provided the music and hymns.



Bishop Gregory said: "I always feel that the Church doesn't really do enough to celebrate its faith – to share good news. "This Easter Service is special for me because we really tried to say something about the good news of Easter, about the changes that we think the message of Jesus' Resurrection can bring."

While the BBC broadcast vans were in St Asaph they also recorded another service which will go out on 5 June.

Holy Week

Worshippers from five churches in the **Deanery of Mold** gathered at Pantasaph Friary during Holy Week to experience the Stations of the Cross.

The 14 stations wind through woodland, each taking in a different point of Jesus' walk on the road to Calvary. It starts with his sentence and goes through to his death on the Cross before finishing with his Resurrection.



Revd John Jones, Vicar of Treuddyn and Nercwys led one group on the journey, pausing at each station to read a section of Scripture to tell the Easter story. There was then a moment of silence as people prayed and reflected on what they had seen and heard.

The journey culminated with a spectacular cross positioned at the top of the hill above the Friary.

15 Children from the **Rectorial Benefice of Hawarden** enjoyed a Holiday Club during Holy Week.



They followed Scripture Union's X-Pedition Force material which explores the significance of the last week of Jesus' life on earth.

The churches and chapels in **St Asaph** joined together as usual this year for the ecumenical Lent course, led by members of individual churches.

The course culminated in Holy Week with the Passover Meal, held on the Tuesday evening in the Christian Fellowship. Food, fun and fellowship were shared by 33 people as we celebrated the Last Supper together.



The meal was led by the Revd Vittoria Hancock, who started the evening by singing the 'Shema', 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God, the Lord is One'.

Maundy Thursday

St Asaph Cathedral was re-arranged on Maundy Thursday to allow Clergy and Lay Members from across the Diocese to sit in the round for the Chrism Eucharist.

As well as taking bread and wine, the deacons and priests renewed their commitment to their ordained ministry. Bishop Gregory was then asked by a Lay Person – Diocesan Secretary Diane McCarthy – to renew his commitment to Christ as Bishop of St Asaph.

In his sermon, Bishop Gregory urged the clergy to follow the example of Jesus by living in the present, by treating all people with love and by encouraging all those they encounter in their ministry.

He also challenged the Clergy to consider



clearing their diaries for a day to walk around their parishes with him and see who they encounter to share the Good News of the Lord Jesus with.

Bishop Gregory said:

"I have several invitations, and I'm looking for a couple of slots for 'Walkabout Wednesdays' in my diary, and will be contacting those who asked directly. If anyone else wants to add their name to the list, it is never too late."

Jesus washed his disciple's feet at the Last Supper in John chapter 13. On Maundy Thursday, Reverend John Harvey at **St Melyd Church** took on board this example and washed the feet of his parishioners.

A group of around thirty then shared a light supper and Holy Communion as they remembered Jesus' last hours on earth before his death on the cross.



Church Warden Jean Hughes described the event as a "very moving experience".

Good Friday

The sun shone on Good Friday as Pebbles – the children's group at **Holy Trinity in**



Gwersyllt – re-enacted part of the passion story in the Churchyard.

They were able to build their Easter Garden outside too as the weather was so nice.

Although they left the tomb sealed on Good Friday, by Sunday the stone had been rolled away. Alleluia!



A **walk of witness** took place on Good Friday as the churches in St Asaph joined together to walk from the Parish Church to the Cathedral.

Forty children and adults followed an Easter Trail on Good Friday around Glansevern Hall Gardens in **Berriew**.

The trail was made possible thanks to Neville and Jenny Thomas who gave their permission for the visit.

The children acted out several Stations of the Cross, made crosses and Easter gar-



dens with bits and pieces collected from the gardens and enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt.

The finale of the Trail was the re-enacting of the burial and resurrection of Jesus at the Grotto Cave.

Holy Saturday

24 people from six parishes were confirmed by Bishop Gregory in St Asaph Cathedral on Holy Saturday.



Picture by Mal Hughes

The Easter Vigil service began with the lighting of the Easter fire symbolizing the Light of Christ in the world.

Easter Sunday

Gill Wood sent us this report from Denbigh:

In brilliant sunshine at 7 a.m. on Easter Sunday morning 49 members of **Denbigh Cytûn** celebrated the coming of Easter with the traditional Sunrise Service at Denbigh Castle.

The surrounding scenery was spectacular in the sunshine. Denbigh certainly looked its best and our spirits were uplifted. The

service was led by the Reverend Jonathan Smith assisted by the Reverend Wayne Roberts. Four Easter hymns were sung, Carolyn Thomas read the Welsh reading and Guy Johnston the English.

It was agreed that the moving joint service was a fitting start to a joyous Easter day during which the participants at the Castle were to go on to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord in their own churches and chapels.



20 people from **St John's Church in Penymynydd** and **St Deiniol's Church in Hawarden** gathered for a baptism service on Easter Sunday.

A 51 year old Grandmother from St John's was baptised during the service at Talacre Beach in Flintshire.

The guitar in the picture was used to play All Heaven Declares, All I Once Held Dear and Thine Be the Glory.

Prayer and Worship on the Hills

On Saturday 16 July Christians from across North East Wales and West Cheshire will join together for prayer and praise on top of four hills surrounding the region. *Prayer and Worship on the High Places* will see Christians gather for worship at World's End in Minera and Moel Famau in North Wales, along with Beeston Hill and Helsby Hill in England.

The groups will begin the day at 10am by asking God for forgiveness before launching into praise and worship, singing songs and hymns of adoration. The focus will be on prayer and worship with those taking part being encouraged to use whatever language they like to worship God.

Some who are taking part are fasting for forty days in the run up to the event. They will be following a Vegan diet in the mould of Daniel – the Old Testament prophet who refused to eat the King's luxury food as he wanted to remain faithful to God.

After the praise and worship on the hills, the group will meet together in the Tithe Barn in Hawarden at 4pm where there will be refreshments and a chance for those who have been doing the Daniel diet to break their fast.

For more information please contact Rocky Bateman on 01244 538910 or by email on hillprayers@yahoo.co.uk



Llanfest 2011 – A huge outreach event planned for Newtown...

A former Wales rugby star, a performing arts school and students from St Michael's Church in Aberystwyth will all descend on the parishes around **Newtown** in June to join the congregations for a week of events designed to share the message of Jesus with the community.

Llanfest 2011 has been organised by the churches in Llanllwchaiarn, Aberhafesp and Newtown and will see congregations take part in a variety of events including a carnival, drama productions and even litter picking.

The week will start at Newtown Carnival on 11 June where the Parish will have a float in the parade before giving out Christian literature on a stall at the Carnival Field. Church members will take part in children's crafts and activities – including making "faith cookies" which are like fortune cookies but with a Bible verse inside!

The parish has also organised special events for men and women. The girls get to take each other on at ten pin bowling in Newtown on the Monday night before the lads gather together to hear ex Wales rugby star Garin Jenkins speak about his faith on the Wednesday.

Throughout the week there's a Bible exhibition in the local schools where children will be able to learn about the scriptures and how they're just as relevant today as they've always been.

Other events taking place throughout the week include a flower festival in Aberhafesp, poetry reading and even a litter pick, where the church members plan



to tidy up rubbish across Newtown.

Revd Andy Grimwood, who's Rector of Llanllwchaiarn, Aberhafesp and Newtown said:

"The focus is on the town of Newtown but we will also spend time in the surrounding villages with all the churches taking part.

"The aim is to reach the people of the parish with the good news of Jesus and to show them that the Bible is not a dead book – it is something living that changes our lives."

Llanfest 2011 runs from June 11 to June 18 and you can find out more information on the Newtown Parishes website www.newtownparishes.co.uk

Students at **Deeside College** now have their very own Chaplaincy Team after the scheme was officially launched on May 11.

It means students and staff can visit the chaplains to talk about any topic they like from life and faith to relationships and stress.

Revd Martin Batchelor, Vicar of Bistre is heading up the team which also includes



Under 25's Officer Tim Feak, Revd Sally Baird and Alexier Mayes who will be ordained in the summer. Completing the team are two ministers from the Methodist Church, Revd Rosemarie Clark and Revd Robin Fox.

Bishop Gregory attended the official launch as a special cake was cut to mark the occasion.

Martin said:

"This is an opportunity for the church to work in partnership with Deeside College for the benefit of all involved in the life of the college. This joint initiative has already been welcomed warmly".

Chaplains will be available Monday to Thursday in the foyer of the main college site and will be on call at other times. Students can also email them on chaplaincy@deeside.ac.uk

Heritage Trail builds on its success

A year on from the launch of "Meini Bywiol", the "Living Stones Trail" in North Montgomeryshire, a fresh initiative is aiming to make the 15 historic churches and chapels on the route even more well-known.

When the Trail was started by the Llanfyllin Deanery last May, one of its aims was to encourage more people to appreciate the rich heritage of buildings – chapels as well as churches. But another was to bring more visitors to enjoy the beauty of the countryside and to make use of the amenities and facilities provided by local enterprises.

Now each of the historic places of worship along the three trails through the Tanat, Cain and Vyrnwy Valleys will receive a 'Tourism File' – a large folder containing details about the local community. These will include information on other local attractions such as walks, pubs, hotels, B & B's, cottages, caravan sites, restaurants and shops. There will also be details of public transport links and other services as well as publicity for events.



Local volunteers are being asked to supplement and update the information and businesses or event organisers are welcome to submit details, leaflets or other literature for inclusion. The folders are prominently displayed in each church or chapel and were in place by Easter.

The success of the Trail in its first year has been highlighted in a report by Jan

Ratcliffe, the Project Coordinator. This includes feedback from the 15 centres, most of which have recorded a growth in numbers – and in giving – whilst in several villages an increase in the use of local facilities has been evident.

The chapels have little history of opening to the public and need time for awareness to be raised and more visitors to be attracted but an excellent platform has been provided for 2011.

A key element of the Trail is its outstanding website, which features descriptions and downloads relating to all fifteen sites as well as access information and superb photographs by James Brennan. They can be found at www.living-stones.info

For further information please contact John Hainsworth from the Heritage Trail Steering Group on 01691 860549 or by email on john@rhiwarth.fsnet.co.uk

Hymnathon

The **St Asaph Cathedral Choir** have raised nearly £2000 in this year's Hymnathon.

They gathered on 26 March to spend the day singing hymns, with sponsors paying for the choir to perform their favourite.



Choirmaster Alan McGuinness said:

"It was a superb event.

"When all sponsor monies are collected the final total raised should be around

£1900, of which £500 will be donated to St Kentigern's Hospice.

"There was a steady flow of listeners throughout the day and plenty of great food for all."

Emmanuel, Not for Sale

A church in the Parish of Hope is so fed up with people thinking the building isn't being used anymore, that a "not for sale" sign has been put up.



Contractors David Jones and Tim Humphreys with Rector Martin Snellgrove and church member Edwin Jones.

The confusion started at Emmanuel Church in Penyffordd three years ago when they were trying to sell some land behind the building. So many people misread the sign that they've taken radical action. The "not for sale" sign details the work that is going on at the church to turn it into a space for the whole community.

Rector of Hope, Reverend Martin Snellgrove said:

"The current building project will include provision of an enlarged entrance porch,

with a kitchen one side and a disabled-access toilet and store on the other, bringing the existing structure up to modern standards.

"We will install a sliding partition to separate the end nearest the entrance for community purposes, for which it may be hired."

Emmanuel was built in 1959 and was based on the design of the chapel in the former War Memorial Hospital in Wrexham, which can still be seen in Rhosddu Road.

Martin added:

"The parish has identified several groups which may be interested in using the building, including Brownies, evening classes, a pensioners' club and a clinic.

"The church's monthly pattern of services includes morning worship at 9.30 a.m. every Sunday morning and all-age worship on the first Sunday of the month at 4 p.m."

The building work is scheduled for completion by the end of June and the church is looking at installing solar panels on the roof to generate electricity and more income.

SAMARITANS

Samaritans plea for more church volunteers as it starts new era

It was a clergyman who began the first branch of the Samaritans in Wales more than 40 years ago and since then many of the charity's volunteers have come from churches and chapels. It is support the charity hopes to build on as it develops its first all-Wales Strategy, writes

Simon Hatch, Samaritans' first Director for Wales.

For nearly 60 years Samaritans have been providing confidential, non-judgemental, emotional support, 24 hours a day, seven days a week for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those which could lead to suicide.

Over the years our services have developed and expanded to include e-mail, text and even support to people on Facebook.



Simon Hatch

In November 2010 we launched our own Welsh Strategy to strengthen awareness of Samaritans mission in Wales and outline our clear plans for the years ahead. The strategy highlights the facts about

emotional distress and suicide in Wales and how our services can help.

Sadly, suicide remains one of the highest causes of death among people in Wales with around 300 dying each year, almost double the number killed in road accidents. There is strong evidence to show the links between recession, unemployment and suicide, and amid ongoing cuts to services our work is more relevant now than ever.

Men aged between 20 and 50 are at greatest risk of suicide, particularly those who are unemployed or who work in low or semi skilled roles.

As a result we are focusing our support in areas of social and economic deprivation and isolation, including rural areas where we are improving our services to people whose first language is Welsh. We are also working with the Welsh media to

influence their reporting of suicide and self harm, and have published media guidelines.

It is vital we continue to expand and explore new ways of responding to people at risk of suicide. This year we set up a partnership with Facebook and also a scheme with Google, which provides Samaritans' contact details for anyone searching for suicide related content.

Shaped by our experiences of callers and volunteers from across Wales, this strategy gives Samaritans a solid platform to respond and offer our expertise to those who contact us. But to succeed it will require more support from volunteers willing to give their time to help others.

It is our highly trained volunteers who are at the centre of all our work, enabling us to provide a service which would otherwise cost millions but which helps so many people every day.

You can find out more about Samaritans at www.samaritans.org

If you would like to volunteer for Samaritans in Wales please contact Samaritans volunteering team on 08705 62 72 82.

Diocesan Offering 2011

Our Diocesan Offering in 2011 will be for our new link-up with South West Tanganyika. We want to support the clergy in their work there by providing them with transport to get to remote areas of their Diocese without having to walk.

At the moment some clergy do 30km round trips for pastoral visits – a journey that would take a fraction of the time on a motorbike or bicycle.

Revd David Lewis is Officer for Social Responsibility on the Board of Church and Society. He has visited South West Tanganyika and explains why this fundraising is so important:



"The astounding scenery of the Diocese contrasts sharply with the difficult living conditions of the people.

"Malaria is rife; mosquito nets are few and far between. HIV has taken its toll as has diarrhoea. Of those children who greeted us so enthusiastically over the duration of our stay last year, you could not help but wonder what percentage would be dead in ten years.

"For the clergy life is tough. Travelling to outstations meant miles and hours of walking. Often stipends were unpaid because of the poverty of the parishes.

"They worried for their children and asked for help with school fees. Living conditions were basic, yet the comment from one cleric that he would still minister despite the hardships because his people needed him was truly inspiring."

So just what would a motorbike mean to clergy who currently walk for miles to carry out their pastoral ministry?

David added:

"A motorbike as a means of transportation would transform the lives of these clergy and the people whom they serve.

"Our appeal will help these clergy be symbols of hope in their communities."

How can you get involved?

In June letters will be sent to parish

treasurers with envelopes ready for donations. These can be returned at our Diocesan Offering service at St Asaph Cathedral on 10 October at 7 p.m. Alternatively donations can be given to Graham Walker at the Diocesan Office.

What next?

In 2012 the Diocesan Offering is changing. We want parishes to decide on the charity the Diocese will support next year.

You can nominate your chosen charity by downloading the nomination form from the Diocesan website. The nominations will be whittled down to three by the Board of Church and Society and the Diocesan Conference will vote on the choices on 9 October.

New Scripture Union Co-ordinator for Wales

Have you ever wondered how to get hold of some of the resources you need to help you reach your communities?



The new National Co-ordinator for Scripture Union in Wales is here to help...

My name is John Settatree, I am married to Rachel we live in the Llyn Peninsular, North

Wales with our crazy collie Scamp. In common with 80% of people living in my area I speak Welsh which I have had to re-learn over the last four years.

I have recently taken up the role of SU National Co-ordinator for Wales. It is a job that I am passionate about for a number of reasons.

I am a proud Welshman born and raised in Pembrokeshire. I was brought up in a Christian family and have always been

passionate about my faith and my homeland, so for those reasons I am excited about this role.

I have spent most of my working life with Scripture Union associate trusts, first with CICS in West Yorkshire and more recently with Trobwynt in the Llyn Peninsular. I have seen first-hand the effect that local associate trusts can have on their communities. I hope to be able to multiply the work and impact of SU in Wales in particular through Missions and Associates that do so much of the hands on missionary work of the movement. I also look forward to meeting all those involved in this kind of work across the country.

If you'd like to know more about the work of Scripture Union in Wales please feel free to contact me at

johnse@scriptureunion.org.uk

or our administrator

emmar@scriptureunion.org.uk

You can also find our more information on our website:

www.scriptureunion.org.uk

A children's club set up by St John the Evangelist Church in **Rhydymwyn** celebrated its first birthday on Friday 6 May.

Rhydymwyn Kid's Club is held at the village football club and has grown from 5 children at the first meeting to well over 20 a year on.

The church decided to start the work after speaking to people in the village who told them there was nothing for young people to do. The children have enjoyed keep fit classes, mask making, face painting and even visits from the local police officer and fire brigade during the first year.

Church members help to run the weekly meeting but a number of the volunteers are from the local community – including Rachael Butlin.



Rachael has been organising the club since the start and said:

"I can't believe it's been a year and there are more children coming now than ever. "We couldn't have done it without the Church and the community. It's amazing!"

Now the Rector of Rhydymwyn, Revd Adrian Copping is hoping to develop a "Messy Church" or something similar out of this Friday night work.



Hats were optional as members of **Holy Trinity Church, Gwersyllt** gathered for a Reception in the garden of the Vicarage on April 29 to celebrate the Royal Wedding.

Despite no appearance from the happy couple, a good time was had by all!

Focus on Schools

Schools benefit from Grant scheme

The Archbishop Rice Jones Trust has provided Grants of more than £3,200 to 23 schools in the Diocese of St Asaph in its first 3 years.

Chair of the Trust John Harris gives us a flavour of the work that's been going on.

In the climate of ever-tightening school budgets, the Trust is there to help towards the cost of materials and projects – except staff costs – which help schools to resource excellence in Religious Education and Worship in all Schools, and more good news is that an increasing number of schools



St George Primary in Abergele on Comic Relief – a pupil uses the keyboard the Trust helped to fund

have been supported each year, including schools for pupils with additional needs.

Encourage your local school to apply for a Grant

Schools have to apply by the autumn half-term holiday each year, and applications from Welsh and English Medium Schools are welcome. Guidelines and the (simple) Application Form, together with information about some appropriate resources, are available on the Diocesan website:

www.cinw.org/asaph/learn/schools/arc_hpbRiceJones.html

The Trustees do not give all the money needed – they need to see evidence that a project is supported financially by the school itself, the community and/or the local church, and also that it relates to the curriculum and development plan of the school which is applying. And one further caveat – only in exceptional circumstances are projects funded for a second year.

The Trust supports a whole range of projects including the purchase of instruments and resources for collective worship, right through to RE resources for use in prayer and spirituality sessions in the classrooms.

Not only are Schools encouraged to apply for a Grant, but everyone and all PCCs are encouraged to give to the fund so that the work of the Trust can continue to develop its role, critical for the development of collective worship and RE for children in the Diocese.

For further information, visit the website or email John Harris:

johnharris@btopenworld.com

Meanwhile our schools are being encouraged to enter a competition to design a banner representing the Diocese of St Asaph.

The theme is "nets and fish" and all the entries will be looked at by Bishop Gregory at the Diocesan service for schools at St Asaph Cathedral on June 8.

The Bishop will then select a winner and the successful school will make a fabric banner to represent the Diocese at the National Society at Westminster Abbey on October 14.

As we sat down to enjoy the Royal Wedding on 29 April, it was a sense of déjà vu for some of our church schools.

Ysgol y Foryd Infant School in Towyn and St Chad's Primary in Hanmer both held their own mock versions of the wedding

in the run up to the big day.

In Towyn, Bishop Stephen Lowe, Priest in Charge at St Mary's played the part of the Archbishop of Canterbury as William and Kate were played by Lewis Lloyd and Emma Storey, both 7.

Bishop Stephen said:

"It went brilliantly and I think it has re-established St Mary's as the church in the heart of the community in Towyn and Kinmel Bay.

"It's made it possible for the parents and children to see that the church has something to contribute to this community."



Headteacher at Ysgol y Foryd, Stephanie Cartmel added:

"It couldn't have gone any better. It's been a culmination of lots of hard work over the last few weeks and it's been educational, inspirational and most importantly it's been fun."

Meanwhile in Hanmer, we asked the students to tell us about the big day. Seren Devismes played Kate in their "Royal Wedding" - here's her report.

"On 13 April 2011, a 'Royal Wedding' took place in a small village on the Welsh border.

"It was a fine day in Hanmer for the children of St Chad's primary school to commemorate the Royal Wedding of



Prince William and Catherine Middleton, taking place at Westminster Abbey.

"The Bride was Seren Devismes and the Groom was Matthew Evans. The vicar, Clive Hughes led the simplified ceremony to the congregation who consisted of relatives, residents from Glendower Place and the rest of the school who were dressed up as wedding guests.

"The ceremony was particularly special because of the contribution of the organist, Oliver Birch, the bell ringers and the vicar.

"Three photographers came to capture the magical day for the local newspapers."



This beautiful stained glass window was designed by 11-year-old Holly Williams as part of a school project at Ysgol Eglwysbach in Colwyn Bay.

Holly attends St Martin's Church in Eglwysbach with her family. Thanks to her Grandfather Gwyn Williams for sending us this photograph!

St Asaph Cathedral welcomed 13 schools from around the Diocese at the end of March as part of a month-long event promoting Religious Education in lessons.

Celebrate RE encourages good teaching of the subject in schools and pupils were able to journey around the Cathedral, taking part in different activities which told Bible stories in creative ways.



Children from Ysgol y Llan in Whitford performed puppet shows focussing on Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan and related that to their relationships with family and friends.

Headteacher Kath Royles said:

"This has been a brilliant day.

"It's been great for staff too because it has given us some new ideas to go away with."

Pupils built Lego models to tell parables of Jesus while the story-telling focussed on the Old Testament, in particular Creation and the life of King David.

Bishop Gregory officially opened the event which culminated in a huge celebration of RE in the early evening.



O Amgylch yr Esgobaeth Around the Diocese

Craft Exhibition at St Winifred's Church, Gronant **3 – 4 June from 2 – 7 p.m.**
No Charge. Sales and Refreshments available. All Welcome.

Garden Open at the home of Brenda Baxter, "Rosslyn", Cross Roads, Gwespyr, Holywell, CH8 9LU.

10 – 11 June from 2 – 7 p.m.
Last year of opening. Entrance £2.50 (inc. Refreshments) Children free. Groups welcome. Contact 01745 857355. Proceeds to Llanasa Church.

A concert of classical guitar music

Played by Jonathan Richards at Pentrefoelas Parish Church on **Sunday 26 June at 3 p.m.**
Tickets on the door £5 to include refreshments.

Cor Meibion Orffws y Rhos will be giving a Concert at St. Martin's, Eglwysbach on **2 July at 7 p.m.** with guest soloists Alf Gladman and Hefina Williams *Tickets and information from 01492 650529*

Reach – A conference to encourage members of the Diocese to think about new ways of being church.

9 July 2011 3.30 – 9 p.m.
at Bangor-on-Dee Racecourse.

£10 – tickets from sianconnelly@churchinwales.org.uk

Prayer and Worship on the High Places

16 July, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Moel Famau, World's End in Minera, Helsby Hill and Beeston Hill. *More information from Rocky Bateman on 01244 538910 or hillprayers@yahoo.co.uk*

New Guidebook for St Dogfan's Church

A new guidebook to St Dogfan's Church in the parish of Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant is now available.

It has been written by Mrs Ceinwen Edwards and with a Preface by Bishop Gregory.

You can get hold of "St Dogfan's Church – a Short History of the Parish Church of Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant" from various outlets in the village, including the Post Office and Siop Bapur (Paper Shop) both on the Market Square, Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant. A Welsh version will be available soon.

It costs £3.50, or can be posted out at a cost of £4.00 (inc. P&P) with all proceeds going to St Dogfan's Church Funds.

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