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Accessing our Circuit Churches

In addition to circuit services, you can also access the following:

St David's Craig y Don Weekly worship is live-streamed, from 10am each Sunday via this link:

<u>Conwy & Prestatyn Methodist Circuit</u> Blog is accessed through this link: revbev.org.uk

and the Circuit website displays regular updates and information, found via this link: https://www.conwyprestatynmc.org.uk/

<u>Connexional resources</u> which hold a multitude of resources, reflections, prayers and links to other live streamed services are found through this link: <u>https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/coronavirus/</u>

COVID-19 Copyright Waiver Extended

The Methodist Church in Britain has made some copyright concessions during the pandemic, which allow any use of content that is our exclusive copyright in any worship context by any medium or method, providing it is non-commercial, extended to the end of August 2022. Read more <u>here.</u>

Beyond Our Tears

Beyond Our Tears: Resources for Times of Remembrance by Jean Mayland is available to buy or download **free** as an ebook. In moments of national tragedy and private grief, the right words can be hard to find. This collection helps to express what is almost beyond words, bringing together prayers, readings, poems and hymns.

You can download it here on the Churches in Britain and Ireland website here.

We invite people to contribute to our circuit bulletin. Contributions could be in the form of reflections, book reviews, news on things that have been happening in your church, etc. Perhaps if you are responsible for creating a church newsletter you could send in articles from this? Please email them to cpmcoffice2@gmail.com

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A Message from Sue Colman, Cytun

Dear All/Annwyl Bawb

John Evans and I had a virtual meeting with some of the people from the Conwy Community Wellbeing Team today to discuss some possibilities for the churches to contribute to the Wellbeing Pack which will be going out to the community for Christmas.

John has written the following proposal:

'We are hoping to provide a Christmas greeting and information from the Cytûn churches to be distributed to those in receipt of various forms of care, hospital patients etc, as part of a Community Wellbeing Pack which is produced by an arm of Conwy Council. The pack will include various things like lip balm, colouring pencils, and advice on where to find help, so maybe it would be appropriate for us to provide contact details for anyone wanting someone to chat to, or for other forms of help which churches could offer. We could, of course, include details of Christmas services and other events, but of the 400-500 recipients, many may well be unable or unwilling to attend in person.

Please could you let John Evans and Sue Coleman know if your church would like to participate, and what information and help you would like to include. Timing is fairly tight, and we need to have these details by 15th November to give us time to coordinate, design and print. At the moment we are not sure whether we will print something ourselves, or design content to be printed as part of the complete pack.'

Information can be sent to John at jevans7890@btinternet.com

The latest copy of the Wellbeing Pack can be seen by following the link: <u>Community Wellbeing Team</u> Wellbeing Pack - Conwy County Borough Council

Every blessing/Pob bendith

Sue Coleman

Land Fill Tax Grants

The new round of Land Fill Tax Grants is open and support for community buildings/ indoor spaces as well as outdoor community spaces is available - subject to the geographic eligibility.

The closing date 23rd Jan 2022.

Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme - WCVA

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#ReverseAdventCalendar #NovemberFoodBankChallenge

The Reverse Advent Calendar is a fun and easy way to help your local foodbank and get the younger generation involved. You only need a box and a pen – each day you add something to the box, either from a list or a calendar grid, and mark it off. At the end of the month, once all your donations are in you just bring the box to the foodbank collection point.

You can go all in, decorate the box, or buy extras – or you can skip some days if you cannot easily get the specified item. At the end of the day, we will be very happy with whatever donations we receive.

So how did it start and where it came from? The reverse advent calendar idea appeared a few years back as a way to counter the over-commercialisation of Christmas. The idea was to concentrate on giving and helping, rather than only receiving. Very quickly, the idea was adapted to help charities and local foodbanks, who are always under strain during Winter months.

At first, like most Advent calendars, it took place over December. However, very quickly people realised that anything donated so late in the month had no chance of reaching people in time for Christmas. Which is why it was unofficially decided to run the RACs during November instead, and focus on more festive donations.



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A Message from Allister du Plessis Regional Manager of the Leprosy Mission Central England, the Midlands & North Wales

Dear Friend,

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40

Please would you spare 2 minutes to watch this short video?

I'm sure, like me, your church family has been completely shocked by the news coverage of the Covid crisis in India. The devastation is heartbreaking as thousands are dying every single day. Hospitals are overwhelmed, and medical supplies are running out.

The situation seems hopeless. But as Jesus' hands and feet in this world, we can bring hope in His name. It has never been more important for us to stand together as family in Christ.

As so often happens at times like this, it's the most vulnerable who are left behind. People affected by leprosy have already lost so much. Too poor to afford medical care, they are forgotten in this crisis. They deserve life-saving Covid treatment as much as anyone else, but without your help this won't be possible. Unless they receive urgent care, many of these precious people won't survive the pandemic. We can't watch and do nothing.

Please, please will your church stand alongside our brothers and sisters in India? You can help save lives by providing desperately needed Covid equipment for our hospitals and enable us to vaccinate people affected by leprosy.

A gift of £32.50 provides Covid vaccinations and transport for five people

A gift of £90 provides 10 oxygen masks

A gift of £181 provides an oxygen cylinder

Please will you take a Sunday collection for the India emergency appeal or hold a fundraising event, such as a virtual coffee morning?

To make a difference today, please visit our website to donate, remembering to add the name of your church.

Together we can save lives in the name of Jesus.

Thank you and bless you, Allister

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Remembrance Resources

The experience of Methodist Armed Forces Chaplains has been drawn upon to create a resource to assist worship leaders in marking Remembrance well. The content in <u>this resource</u> can be used selectively to supplement existing liturgies for Remembrance sunday

Waiting on the Word: 7th – 12th November 2021, Cliff College, Derbyshire

- A full Five-Day Community focussing on poetry and images for the Advent season. Our two presenters will be Dr. Malcolm Guite, well-known contemporary poet (and much else besides) and Sister Margaret Crinyion OSM a Roman Catholic nun who lives as a hermit.
 For more information download the flier <u>here</u>.
- Registration is now open and places are filling up fast. If you are interested in attending, please email the Registrar at <u>fivedaycsf@btinternet.com</u> to request a registration form and enquire about availability.

The Five-Day Community for Spiritual Formation will cost £595 per person This includes full board in single accommodation, daily teaching and full use of the facilities at Cliff College. Payment in instalments is also an option.

Bursaries or grants towards this kind of Spiritual Formation experience are often available. Do consider contacting your local church or regional church body. More information about possible grant funding is available on the Community Website https://5daycommunity.com/

Rev'd Sloane in Rome

The Revd Barry Sloan and his wife, Gillian, are mission partners in the United Methodist Church in Germany. They are part of the team that launched INSPIRE, a fresh expression of church in the East German city Chemnitz, which was known as Karl-Marx-Stadt.

In this video Barry Sloan takes a trip to Rome and meets some of the partners serving there. In it, he attends a weekend event on music and ministry, and takes in some of the sights and sounds of the la bella Roma. Watch his video <u>here.</u>

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Community of Evangelists launches

A new Community of Evangelists has been launched. It's a small and growing group of Methodists called and spiritually gifted as Evangelists.

John Wesley used the phrases "ordinary call" and "extraordinary call" to make this distinction. While we all have ordinary callings that we share with others, we will each also have an extraordinary calling for which we are gifted – be it to teaching, pastoring, evangelism, or something else. Wesley saw his own ministry as an Evangelist as the fulfilling of his "extraordinary" calling. While we may all be called to evangelism through our words, lives and prayers, some have this "extraordinary" calling to a ministry as an Evangelist.

This community aims to raise up, challenge, and support theologically diverse Evangelists for our world today. Find out more <u>here</u>.



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