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| **Resources For For The Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity 2024**  ‘Go and do likewise’  Materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) 2024 have been prepared by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso facilitated by the local Chemin Neuf Community.    Theme: ‘You shall love the Lord your God… and your neighbour as yourself’ (Lk 10:27).  Dates: WPCU is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January. However, some areas observe it at Pentecost or some other time.    Find out more: [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 (ctbi.org.uk)](https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2024/) or on or circuit website. | | | | |
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| [**Christmas Reflection**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7XR8L8P9mcA&t=2s)  The above message/DVD clip is offered by Rev David Hardman this Christmas reflecting on the conflict in the Holy Land this Christmas. It is also on our circuit website for others to hear what he has to say. It is said to be very thought provoking & a constant reality check amongst the presents & feasting. You can watch it [here.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7XR8L8P9mcA&t=2s) | | | | |
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| **Writing Well** | | | | |
| Any denomination welcomed whether you’re just beginning as a writer or are more experienced. | | | | |
| **This Week**  Thursday 21st December  2.00pm – 5.00pm | St David’s Church,  Craig y Don LL30 1YY  (Each third Thursday in the month) | | | More information from Sheila:  [sheilammcd@gmail.com](mailto:sheilammcd@gmail.com) |
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| **Circuit Prayer Gatherings 9.30am** | | | | |
| Friday 5th January | St. John’s Llandudno | | | For further details please contact Deacon Linda. |
| Saturday 3rd January | Trinity Prestatyn | | |
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| **Saturday Space**  Numbers will be limited to 6 people | | | | |
| 20th January | At:  Ruach Retreat Llys Gwynt,  Old Mill Road, Dwygyfylchi, LL34 6TB | | | 9.45am until 12.30pm |
| Phone: 01492 622279  Email: [dray1@btinternet.com](mailto:dray1@btinternet.com) |
| 17th February |
| 16th March |
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| **Prayers for Healing and Wholeness**  Please pray for those who come and please join us if you are able. | | | | |
| Every Thursday | | St Johns Church,  Llandudno Ll30 2NN  1.45pm-2.15pm | If you have any prayer requests please bring on the day or send them to eldensmall376@gmail.com | |
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| **Not without hope  - A refuge on the way of grief led by Richard Littledale**  Prayer, reflection and learning. There will be an opportunity to remember the one whom you have lost, but no obligation to do so. An evening meal with be provided on the Friday evening, and also lunch and coffee breaks on Saturday. | | | | |
| January 5th - 6th | Venue:  Prince’s Drive Baptist Church, Colwyn Bay | | | Cost is £15 per person. Booking is essential as spaces are limited. Please book [here.](https://princesdrivebaptist.churchsuite.com/events/3ud5npm0) |
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| **The Third Thursday** | | | | |
| Simple supper and chat . If you are able, we ask for a donation of £5 towards the food  Numbers will be limited to 6 people. | | | | |
| Thursday 21st December | At:  Ruach Retreat Llys Gwynt,  Old Mill Road, Dwygyfylchi, LL34 6TB | | | Please book no later than the previous Monday.  Phone: 01492 622279. Email: [dray1@btinternet.com](mailto:dray1@btinternet.com) |
| Thursday 18th January |
| Thursday 15th February |
| Thursday 21st March  6.30pm - 8.00pm |

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| **Podcasts, Websites, Newsletters & Publications that may be of interest.. (\*=Newly updated)** | |
| **The Methodist Church** | [Click here to visit.](https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/the-methodist-blog/lost-in-wonder-the-first-methodist-show-at-the-edinburgh-festival/) |
| **Our Circuit website** | [Click here to Visit](https://www.conwyprestatynmc.org.uk/lib/cytun-bulletin-aug-sept-2023-F771014.pdf) |
| **Methodist Property Matters** | [Click here to Visit](https://methodist-news.org.uk/BVI-8GHTM-6A021BD5E08248763XYIND01A19679EA86CB64/cr.aspx) |
| **CTBI** - Churches together in Britain and Ireland  Serving the churches of Britain and Ireland on the shared journey towards full visible unity in Christ. | [Click here to visit.](https://ctbi.org.uk/the-way-the-truth-and-the-life-jesus-faith-salvation-and-inter-faith-dialogue/?ct=t(CTBI_Monthly_Newsletter-Aug23)) |
| **All We Can -** An international relief and development movement, rooted in the Christian faith. Together, we're finding solutions to poverty. | [Click to visit](https://www.allwecan.org.uk/) |
| **Cytûn** - **Churches together in Wales website** | [Click here to visit](https://www.cytun.co.uk/hafan/en/home/) |
| **JPIT -** Joint Public Issues Team (Churches working for Peace and Justice) | [Click here to visit](https://www.conwyprestatynmc.org.uk/p/news/latest-jpit-newsletter.html) |

**Pray for peace this Christmas – joint message from Wales’ Christian leaders**

Christian leaders, representing churches and chapels across Wales, are joining together to invite people to

pray for peace this Christmas.

The Anglican Archbishop of Wales, Andrew John, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff and Bishop of

Menevia, Mark O’Toole, and the Moderator of the Free Church Council of Wales, Simon Walkling, are

issuing a joint message which acknowledges the tensions and tragedies in the world today and invites

people to church to reflect and pray for peace.

The news has been full of the terrible tragedy unfolding in Gaza after the awful terrorist attack on Israel.

Thousands of children killed in a war they did not choose. It seems a long way from the Christmas adverts

here and the pressure to be merry. It is understandable that the church leaders in Jerusalem have invited

Christians there to forego any unnecessarily festive activities and stand strong with those facing affliction.

They see it as standing in support of those continuing to suffer, just as Jesus did by being born as a baby in

Bethlehem two thousand years ago.

Jesus was born in a land occupied by the Romans. He was born away from home because of an imperial

census. There were family tensions around Mary being pregnant and Jesus was laid in a feeding trough

because there was no room at the inn. Herod killed the boys in Bethlehem to get rid of the threat to his

power. All these are part of Christmas, along with our joy at God’s love and the traditions which help us

celebrate.

This Christmas we may be aware of tensions in families, and the difficulties of making ends meet. This year

we remember the wars in the land of Jesus’ birth, Ukraine and other parts of the world. We also remember

that this year was the centenary of the Wales Women’s Peace Appeal which took a petition to America

about joining the League of Nations to promote ‘Law not War’. It was a message signed by around 60% of

women in Wales and went from home to home and hearth to hearth, showing what the co-ordinated work

of ordinary people could achieve.

We need peace in our world. We may want to be free of tension in our families. We may long for five

minutes of peace for ourselves in all the Christmas preparations. Why not come to church to find space to

reflect and make time to pray for peace this Christmas? We are praying for joy and hope for us all.

*Archbishop of Cardiff and Bishop of Menevia, Mark O’Toole*

*Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Bangor, Andrew John*

*Moderator of the Free Church Council of Wales, Simon Walkling*