

### 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:

Conwy & Prestatyn Methodist Circuit Blog is accessed through this link: [revbev.org.uk](http://revbev.org.uk)

and the Circuit website displays regular updates and information, found via this link:

<https://www.conwyprestatynmc.org.uk/>

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

### Contributions Welcome

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](mailto:cpmcoffice2@gmail.com)

### A Message from Suzanne Coleman, Colwyn Bay Cytûn

Dear all/Annwyl bawb

Thank you to everyone who made it to the Cytûn Carol Singing in Station Road, Colwyn Bay yesterday. I have attached a few photos. There were people from most of our Cytûn member churches as well as some members of Côr Alaw. The Cytûn Christmas cards were given out (thanks to Carol Hewitt Princes Drive, Neva Donaldson Rhos Methodist church and Iris Sheridan from Antioch) to passers-by, market stall holders and some of the local shops. Again our thanks go to John Evans for producing these. The singing was led by Dilwyn Price who, as always makes it so enjoyable (no flash mob this time but maybe next year?) The keyboard was played by Tim Heeley from Antioch who kindly stepped in at the last minute. Diolch i Iona Capel y Rhos am drefnu'r taflenni carolau.

May I wish you, your families and your congregations every blessing this Christmas and in 2022  
Sue Coleman

PS a couple of reminders for January:

Cytûn AGM at 7.00pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Rev Christine to host via Zoom. Please send items for the agenda to me by 10<sup>th</sup> January. Annual subs will be due by then.

Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 3pm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January either at St Joseph's or St Paul's. Resources for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 can be found and downloaded here: <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>

### Ruach Retreat

Christmas is coming - Great Expectations

As Christmas approaches, it seems there are more and more plates to spin. Keeping them spinning can pull us in different and conflicting directions. Christmas can be a joyful time, but is also one of the most stressful.

How about reflecting on the meaning of Christmas for a few hours?  
Maybe this will help you to prepare to celebrate in a different way from usual and catch a fresh glimpse of God born among us.

We warmly invite you to join us for

#### **ADVENT MEDITATIONS**

to be held at Ruach Retreat on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

There will be 2 identical sessions.

10.00am-12 noon and 2.00-4.00pm.

Each session will include prayers, readings, sharing and refreshment and will stand alone – so come when you can.

Numbers will be limited – please email or phone to secure your place.

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### Quiet Morning

A Methodist Women in Britain QUIET MORNING will be held to explore Christ's Presentation at the Temple (also known as Candlemas)

Led by Deacons Linda Brown and Denise Creed

at

Old Colwyn Methodist Church

Wynn Avenue

on

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022

10.30am - 1pm

(Tea/Coffee available from 10am)

Please bring a packed lunch if you wish to stay on for fellowship.

All Welcome

**From:** Gethin Rhys

**Subject:** Diweddariad Covid-19 Update

Annwyl bawb – Dear all

1. In its [announcement](#) on Friday, Welsh Government made minor changes to the [Covid regulations](#). These changes do not directly affect places of worship or faith groups.

However, the Government issued strengthened guidance which will be relevant to places of worship and faith groups, viz: *We will be strongly advising people to:*

- *Take a lateral flow test before going out, visiting friends or family or travelling. If the test is positive people should stay at home, self-isolate and arrange a PCR test.*
- *Wear face coverings in all public places, including in cinemas and theatres, pubs and restaurants, except when eating or drinking.*

*Our guidance for the COVID Pass has been amended to advise that a lateral flow test should be taken within 24 hours, rather than 48 hours as previously set out.*

At the same time, the [guidance on face coverings](#) was strengthened as follows – which is relevant to all occasions, including those in places of worship and faith activities where food and drink are served:

*Despite it not being a legal requirement in the following settings, it is strongly advised that both employees and customers wear a face covering indoors. This advice applies unless they are exempt or actively eating, drinking or dancing:*

- *in hospitality settings such as pubs or nightclubs*
- *at a wedding, civil partnership or alternative wedding ceremony or reception*

*Some wedding or hospitality venues might ask you to wear a face covering. They can do this because they have looked at how to manage the risks for their business.*

**Mixed use venues:** *Where food or drink is consumed in part of a premises, like a department store cafe, or hotel restaurant, you must wear face coverings on the premises except in the area set aside for eating and drinking.*

It is a legal requirement for those responsible for any venue, including places of worship, to *have regard to* this guidance, so places of worship and faith event organisers should update their risk assessments to include serious consideration of them.

2. In England, the regulations on faith coverings have now been updated to include permission to remove the covering when singing. No such change has been made in Wales, and places of worship and organisers of events involving singing should take careful account of recent tragic events in Cowbridge - - <https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/cowbridge-male-voice-choir-covid-22192076> We understand that a second member of the choir has now died.

3. The *reasonable measures action card* for places of worship has not yet been updated, but the following which are relevant to some places of worship and faith communities have been updated:

- [Tourism businesses, such as accommodation and visitor attractions: potential reasonable measures action card \(coronavirus\)](#)
- [Events](#)
- [Hospitality venues:](#)

4. Updated guidance has been issued regarding [visits to care homes](#).
5. A further review will be conducted by Friday this week, and with the [UK Risk Level now increased to Level 4](#) further changes can be expected then.

### What is Encounter?

- Encounter is a place to deepen your awareness of God
  - An opportunity to reflect on your faith journey
- A supportive small group environment for sharing and learning together
  - A place to help you discern your unique calling

A Methodist Exploration of Discipleship and Vocation

This **free** 10 session online course is best suited for reasonably experienced disciples who are questioning 'where next', or ready to delve deeper into what it means to follow Jesus, or have reached a turning point and are wondering where God is calling them next.

For full details, [see the link](#) – and share it with those you know.

### All We Can

Prayer is vital to the work of All We Can and our partner organisations around the world. We believe prayer makes a significant difference because God is concerned for those in need.

You can use the All We Can prayer resources, for personal reflection or as a church, to pray for the work of All We Can and our partner organisations working in some of the world's poorest communities. The prayers are grouped in themes and available on the All We Can website. Some of the themes you will find are:

Action, Refugees, International Women's Day, Mothers, Young people, Potential, Compassion, Creation, Repentance, Elderly communities, Good stewardship, Hope and Wisdom

Prayer materials and reflections are inspired by global issues and the work of All We Can's partners.

### [Inside the Christian campaign to end homelessness](#)

Thousands of rough sleepers were housed during the first lockdown, thanks to the government's 'Everyone In' scheme. But now experts are warning that homelessness is back to pre-pandemic levels.

Premier Christianity magazine has published this article on the state of homelessness in the UK and those Christians involved in the campaign to end rough sleeping.

You can read it [here](#).

### [Conwy Council Covid Compliance Team](#)

The CCCCT visited St. John's Llandudno on Thursday 9th December to check how they are doing with their Covid precautions. You will be glad to hear that they were very pleased with what they have done. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in setting up our response to covid and who continues to ensure we keep to the regulations and our procedures. Thank you to everyone for continuing to be vigilant. Let's stay safe as we negotiate our way through this latest phase of the pandemic. We will make you aware if anything has to change as a consequence.

### **COP26 and Global Day of Climate Action**

COP26, the twenty-sixth Conference of the Parties, the United Nations Climate Conference, took place in Glasgow 31st October -12th November, uniting the world to tackle climate change.

It brought governments from around the world together to refocus global efforts to tackle the climate crisis and deliver the 'Paris Climate Agreement', forged in 2015, to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Centigrade. As time runs out there is ever more powerful and urgent demand for action to deal with the climate catastrophe. Protestors from diverse communities across the globe are telling it like it really is; lives and livelihoods washed away, homes and crops destroyed by fire; mass migration, resource shortages, environmental degradation, species extinction.

There are already up to 40 million people worldwide who have been forced to leave their homes and seek refuge elsewhere as a result of climate change and further inaction will see this number rise. COP26 is the most significant climate event since the 2015 Paris Agreement and it is vitally important that governments, businesses and other key players make sure all the climate promises that have been made are kept. By coming forward with bold initiatives and driving UN negotiations to ensure we will still be able to limit global warming to 1.5°C we can avoid the most devastating impacts of climate change on people and nature.

6th November, the mid-point of COP26, was a global day of climate action. Millions of people around the world took part. An event was held in Bangor. Under the banner of North West Wales Climate Action it included many local green groups including Extinction Rebellion, Friends of The Earth, Christian Aid, Fairtrade, Climate Cymru BME, North Wales Africa Society, Unite. We met by Bangor Pier, people of all ages, from young children to pensioners, with various placards the more novel proclaiming: 'DON'T THROW IT ALL AWAY' 'CLIMATE IS CHANGING WHY CAN'T WE?' 'LIKE THE OCEANS WE RISE' 'THERE'S CON IN ECONOMY' 'MARCH NOW OR SWIM LATER'

The pouring rain did not deter the four hundred or so. Following a route agreed with the police we walked, stopping briefly at the BP petrol station where a meaningful song was sung by Street Singers, then on to the Clock Tower in the town centre where about 400? People gathered, many wearing red to reflect the fact that the latest UN report is "Code Red for Humanity". There were short speeches from various people and songs from Street Singers; a rapper (The climate's changing, good plans are hard to find), The Mayor of Bangor, a lecturer at Bangor University and a PhD student about climate change and plastic pollution, a Nigerian from Climate Justice North Wales and a message from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

We need to hold World, National and Local Leaders to their promises and make sure they deliver real action; greener transport, green pension investments, to get out of the wealth trap and live sustainably, etc. etc. Vote for those who act for the change needed. What do we want? **CLIMATE ACTION** When do we want it? **NOW**

#### ***Eye witness account by Mary Jones, St John's Llandudno.***

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

**-1 Peter 4:10**

As we have read, we are to take care of the earth and be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us.