



From the Local Preacher's Desk

What a lovely time of year this is! It's great to be able to go out into the garden and harvest raspberries, blackcurrants, gooseberries etc. Alas my plums haven't done well this year – they flowered too early, before the bees were about to pollinate them! It's also coming up to jam making time. Last year's jars are almost exhausted. I like to experiment with

different fruits for my jam – I'm currently using one that is plum, rhubarb and apple. A funny mixture but it's really tasty. My real favourites though are the ones made with blackberries picked in the wild. Elderberry and crab apple is another good one.

This reminds me that all these lovely fruits, especially the wild ones, are gifts from God. Before people ever created gardens, God was providing our food. Wild animals still rely on His bounty! And all too often we forget to say 'Thank you!'

So let's get out and enjoy the countryside and what God provides but always thank God for His goodness to us. Incidentally, if anyone knows a good place to pick blackberries without too much walking and a place to park the car nearby, do please let me know!

God bless,

Enid, Old Colwyn

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](#).

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

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



Grange over Sands

A coach holiday is planned from Abergele to Grange over Sands to Thornleigh Christian Hotel from Sunday 25th to Friday 30th September.

The likely cost, assuming 25 people come is £510 which covers coach there and back and days out each day and hotel dinner bed and breakfast daily.

Costs not included are lunches and any entrance fees to places of interest, if applicable, on days out.

If you wish to join this holiday please contact Pat Preston (07710 277631 or ppptrcprstn@aol.com). Deposit of £50 required as soon as is possible please.

Save the Date

A circuit welcome service will take place for Rev'd Nigel Rodgers at 6.30pm Wednesday 31st August at St John's Llandudno. Rev'd Jennie Hurd, District Chair of the Cymru Synod of the Methodist Church in Wales, and Superintendent of the Cymru Circuit. will be attending.

Strawberry Fields Forever

Princes Drive Baptist Church are issuing the following invitation to go on a coach trip to Strawberry Fields in Liverpool on Tuesday, 23 August 2022 and say it will be a wonderful trip and a great time of fellowship too!

'Join us for a coach trip to the Strawberry Fields Forever in Liverpool. The coach will leave Eirias Skatepark at 9am. There will be a brief welcome at the Centre before a guided tour through the interactive experience that tells interweaving stories of the house, The Salvation Army, John Lennon's childhood, and the writing and recording of 'Strawberry Fields Forever'. There will be lunch together in the cafe (included in the price) followed by a time of reflection in the beautiful gardens and prayer space. The day will finish with coffee and cake in the cafe before heading back to Colwyn Bay for 5pm.

Tickets are £35 per person including coach, entry, lunch, then coffee and cake in the afternoon.

Strawberry Fields forever is fully accessible for all.' To book go to <https://princesdrivebaptist.churchsuite.com/events/hntxrymd>

Eleanor's Swim

Rev'd Eleanor has decided to swim 1 mile in 70 different locations over the next 11 months.

So far she has been swimming in the river at Llanrwst, Llyn Geirionedd, Llyn Gwynant (near Beddgelert), Llyn Padarn and Llyn Dinas (also near Beddgelert), so it's 5 down and 65 to go....

If you've got any ideas for local, accessible places to swim, she would be grateful to hear them. Once the jellyfish have gone then she shall be working her way along the coast.

National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast

David Barratt from St Johns Llandudno has shared this link and said that this sermon, from a street pastor, is positive and uplifting and well worth watching.

[National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast 2022 Livestream](#)



[Get involved in The Great Big Green Week \(24 September - 2 October\)](#)

The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest call for action on climate change and nature, showing decision makers that people from all walks of life are stepping up to take action - and that we need them to step up too. Find out more [here](#)

Community Ownership Fund

There is a Community Ownership Fund, which forms part of the Government's Levelling Up Initiative offers funding for those communities who wish to purchase and renovate assets which can then be used for community purposes. It offers funding to cover the purchase, with match funding, and refurbishment of the asset (including heritage buildings/churches). It has been established to give communities a better ability to compete in the market place. These assets can be designated Assets of Community Value but this is not essential, and it covers the UK.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Sri Lanka Appeal

The economic crisis in Sri Lanka is having devastating effects on the daily lives of the people as rising prices and shortages make essential goods, such as food, cooking gas and medicine, harder and harder to obtain.

The Methodist Church in Sri Lanka has launched a Samaritan Journey Project which aims to provide relief for the people who are suffering most seriously. You can [donate to the appeal here](#).

How to make Room this Christmas

This year the Methodist Church has put together a resource pack to help you plan your Christmas events, along with a digital Christmas campaign you can use to help share good news.

In this webinar, The Methodist Church's Director of Digital Engagement, Ben Hollebon, along with Holly Adams and Emma Nash from the Evangelism and Growth Team, will offer lots of ideas for planning a Christmas that is good news to your whole community.

22nd or 23th September 2022

[Book your free place here.](#)