

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WALES  
MAESGWYN ROAD  
PENRHYN BAY**



Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.

1 Samuel 16 v13

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2024**

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## COFFEE MORNING

on  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February @**  
**10.30 a.m.**

**ALL WELCOME**



**Julie and Will Compton** would like to thank all those who sent cards and their condolences on the death of Julie's mother, Pat. Also, for the beautiful Church flowers delivered by Dave and Carole Ratcliffe. Your thoughts and prayers were really appreciated.

*What a pleasant surprise to receive a Christmas gift from the Church, kindly delivered by Hazel. My thanks and appreciation to all with the hope that 2024 will be a good year for us All.*

**Phil Marriott**

### **To Everyone at Penrhyn Bay Church**

A massive 'thank you' to you all for your continued support and help, both financially and with donations of food over the past year. In the month of December 686 bags of food went out and on Xmas Eve 25 food hampers and 12 boxes of toys went to old people and families. We provided Christmas dinner for 40 people, and it was a lovely day for everyone. Without support from people, like yourselves, I would not be able to provide this much needed service. God bless you all and may 2024 be a peaceful year for you all. Love **Brenda**

**THE MARCH**  
**NEWSLETTER** would  
be appreciated by  
**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FEBRUARY**  
Thank you



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the tin of scrumptious Fox's biscuits, they were much enjoyed. Also for the beautiful chrysanthemums kindly delivered by Hazel and they are still in bloom.

I lost my dear, dear little dog, Max, a few weeks ago and still miss him so much. This is a poem given by a friend which helps my sadness and brings me comfort:

### **RAINBOW BRIDGE**

'There is a special place where our dear pets go  
When their time on earth is through,  
At the **Rainbow bridge** by Heaven's gate  
Where they wait for you in a meadow of clouds.  
They have much to do in perfect health, with new friends too.  
Still missed, still loved and forever dear but always near.'

Thank you again for your kindness



**Jackie Beardsall**

Dear Friends,

Can you believe we're another month into the new year? It's not been long since we were busying ourselves with Christmas, but it won't be long until Easter is upon us next month. Time goes so quickly, and events come and go.

Troy turned 40 on December 29<sup>th</sup>, and for his birthday I took him on a surprise trip to Sheffield, telling him we were going on a work conference. I had actually booked tickets to a video game museum; he didn't suspect a thing, so it was fun to see it all unfold with his surprise.

When we arrived at the museum, we found that there was a sign on the automatic door saying, 'stand close' (for it to open). We were a little early for the appointment but knowing how to get in at the right time, we waited outside.

Many other people arrived after us who didn't read the sign, most people realised the door didn't open and walked away thinking it was closed. It was only when we told them, it's open, or to read the instruction, that they too found they could enter freely.

It reminded me of our purpose as Christians; that on special occasions people come to the door of the message – some try another way and others walk off, but our role, who know the Way, is to give insight to the instruction – to explain about the Way.

Whether it's a special occasion like Christmas or Easter, or in the quieter times, the message of the gospel is still just as relevant, still life transforming.

Wouldn't it have been a shame for those people to miss out on the Videogame Museum if they'd come near, but not close enough – If we hadn't been there at that time to tell of the way in?

How much more then when we relate this illustration to the gospel? That people with an interest come near, but Christians fail to play their part in telling them how to cross the threshold? We know that beyond our instruction, it is the Lord who does the heart work, but as his followers, it's our role to pave the way, to be witnesses and to direct people to the Lord Jesus and tell of his wondrous works.

Here's a challenge for us to think about: **2 Tim 4.2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction**; and this is our motive, it's what we were taught and what we have come to believe, through the help of other Christians who went before us, and though the Spirit who made these facts known in our souls, this gospel of Jesus, that **Jesus is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world. 1John 2.2**. It's good news to share, with those who are near, and those who are afar off.

May the Lord bless you and your households

Pastor Tim

# CHURCH NEWS



## LADIES FELLOWSHIP TUESDAYS @ 14.30

### SPEAKERS

February 6th  
February 13th  
February 20th  
February 27th

Mr Doug Byng  
Mr John Evans  
Rev. John Dowber  
Mr Derek Hall

## The Photo Board

We've enjoyed having the board for some years now, indeed visitors comment that it's a lovely idea. The board is constantly evolving, and it is time for some action to be taken to update it and improve the quality of some of the photos.

Damage to photos occurs as a result of decaying colour and name tags floating off. One of the causes is the heat from the radiator underneath and we are planning to install a shelf above the radiator to deflect the heat a little. **Work to replenish the board will take place after the shelf is in place.**

The board is almost full, I am pleased to say, and there are new photographs to be taken and put up. It would be helpful therefore if couples could be on 1 photograph instead of 2.

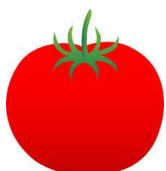
Please also note that some photographs may include people who have moved from the area. However, some of them still contribute large sums to offerings and I, for one feel that they should therefore remain on the board.

If your photograph is not on the board, either bring one to me that you are happy with, or I'll arrange for one to be taken. Dave and I are very happy with ours – we were seven years younger!

I'd be grateful for your views, but in the meantime please remain patient.  
Carole Ratcliffe



What is the difference between Knowledge and Wisdom?



Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit not a vegetable.  
Wisdom is knowing not to put one in a fruit salad!



## QUIZ for February

The initial letter of each answer spells out the month of this Issue.

- F** - The Roman Governor who wanted money to release Paul
- E** - Philip's convert on the road to Gaza
- B** - His name means 'Son of Consolation'
- R** - Moabitess whose name appears in the Family Tree of Jesus
- U** - Husband of Bathsheba
- A** - Who brought his brother Simon to Jesus
- R** - Who was beautiful and well-favoured
- Y** - What are a thousand years in the sight of God

Acts 24:25&26  
Acts 8:26&27  
Acts 4:36  
Matt 1:5  
2 Samuel 11:3  
John 1:41  
Genesis 29:17  
Psalm 90:4

### FRIENDS

I thank you God for friends.  
I give so little; they give so much.  
They give drab days the heavenly touch,  
I thank you God, for friends.

I thank you God, for friends,  
And if dear Lord you can use such  
A life of mine, to bring that touch,  
Of love and gladness and goods cheer  
To other lonely hearts down here,  
Teach me to be a friend.

**Congratulations to Phil Marriott on becoming a Great Grandfather. The young lady's name is 'Junia' This is a 'Biblical name' and can be found in Romans chapter 16 verse 7 (although it depends which version of the Bible you look in)**

Shall I compare thee  
to a summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely  
and more temperate.  
Rough winds do  
shake the darling  
buds of May,  
And summer's lease  
hath all too short a  
date.

William Shakespeare

### JEFF PEARSON RADIO OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Every Sunday morning between 10-00 and 11-00am I present The Morning Service on Bayside Radio which is listened to across Northwest Wales from Wrexham down to Fishguard including the North Wales Coast Anglesey, The Lynn Peninsula, Barmouth, Harlech, and Aberystwyth on your home or car digital radio (Dab Radio) To receive Bayside just scan the stations until you find Bayside Radio North West Wales It is on the internet covering the whole of the world to receive it just open the webpage [www.baysideradio.co.uk](http://www.baysideradio.co.uk) and click on the listen live button at the top left of the page.

You can also listen on your smart speaker. Just ask Alexa to open 'My Tuner' and play Bayside Radio Colwyn Bay.

For the rest of the week, you can listen to it 24/7 on a listen again podcast on our webpage scroll down until you see my face and The Morning Service. Each Sunday evening between 20.00 and 22.00

hrs. I present a Gospel Music Show called All Things Gospel a mixture of Gospel Songs in the first hour and Praise and Worship Songs in the second Hour finishing with The Thought for the Day presented by various ministers.

If you feel you would like to support me in this work reaching so many people around the world in many different countries, I would appreciate it. Either by a one gift or by monthly standing order of any amount the bank details are below. Thankyou

Bank -Santander Bank Account name – J Pearson Account number – 94417894  
Sort Code – 09-01-29



We are pleased to tell you that Jean Taylor is back in Bryn Eithin after a stay in hospital. I am sure we all send our best wishes to Jean & John.

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

January Elaine Walker & Anne Mathews  
February Valerie Green & Hazel Whittingham  
March Shirley Carr & Clary Clews

## CHURCH FLOWERS

The 2024 Flower Calendar is now available in the front porch. Thanks to everyone who donated last year. Also to our team of flower arrangers who give much pleasure with their lovely displays. Best wishes for the New Year Hazel.



## FLOWER LIST for 2024

January	Vi Dowber	February	Rev. John Dowber
March	Elaine Byng	April	Lois Williams
May	Hazel Whittingham	June	Vi Dowber
July	Rev. John Dowber	August	Elaine Byng
September	Lois Williams	October	Hazel Whittingham
November	Vi Dowber	December	Rev. John Dowber

## Sunday 17th March

The Preacher in our pulpit on this day is Mr. Noel Tredinnik who, until recently, was the Conductor of the Prom Praise Orchestra who we hosted a few times at Venue Cymry. Every Sunday evening he broadcasts on Premier Christian Radio with a selection of music (mainly hymns) which the Orchestra have recorded over the years. Although a Conductor of an Orchestra he is well worth listening to as a Preacher. Bring your friends along to hear him.

You can listen in to Premier Christian Radio on Channel 725 on your TV every Sunday at 9pm.

## Amusing Quotes

He who laughs at himself is a gem,                      Dripping water hollows out stone,  
He never runs out of things to laugh at!              Not through force but through persistence!  
*'If you have in life but Salvation and a good friend – you are rich!'*

## QUIZ ANSWERS

F - Felix: E - Ethiopian Eunuch: B - Barnabas: R - Ruth: U - Uriah: A - Andrew: R - Rachel: Y - Yesterday:



# JUNIOR PAGE

## David: The Boy with Oil on His Head



God said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with olive oil and go to Bethlehem. There's a man named Jesse there, and I have chosen one of his sons to be the next king. Once you get there, I'll point him out to you.' So, Samuel went to Bethlehem and found Jesse, and invited him and his sons to a sacrifice.

Jesse brought seven sons with him — seven impressive-looking young men. Right away Jesse's oldest son caught Samuel's eye. He was tall and looked sharp and Samuel thought to himself, 'Surely that tall, impressive young man is the next king.'

God knew what Samuel was thinking and said to Samuel, 'Samuel, don't be impressed by how tall someone is or how they look, for I have rejected the one you are looking at. I do not view things the way people do as people look at the outside, but I look at the heart.'

So, Samuel looked at the second son and asked God, 'God, is this the son I should pour oil on?' No, isn't.' The third son came forward and again the answer was 'No'. Fourth son; 'No'. Fifth son, 'No'. Sixth... 'No'.

Then the seventh son approached Samuel... Maybe? But again, God said, 'No'.

Samuel looked at all seven sons that were with Jesse. God hadn't chosen any of them. 'Jesse, are these all your sons?' Samuel asked.

'Oh,' replied Jesse, "Well, I do have my youngest boy, but I didn't even bother calling him since he's taking care of our sheep. Plus, he's just a little fella.'

Samuel smiled. 'Send for this little fella... right away. We will wait until he gets here.' So, Jesse sent for his youngest son while everyone waited.

After a while, in came the youngest son, David. 'This is the boy I want,' God said. 'Anoint him by pouring the oil on his head!' Samuel brought David near to him, took his horn full of oil and started to pour it over David's **head**.

Slowly it flowed, flowed and flowed through David's hair, down his forehead, over his nose, onto his neck. Soft, soothing, smooth, warm and calming.

It felt good and it was like God's soft touch on him with God's gentle kindness being poured from above. Comfort and Strength flooded over him and David liked how that felt. He let it flood over him and soak in and he would never ever forget the feeling of that anointing oil.

***The human body is mentioned many times in the Bible and this story is about the 'Head' and the time when David was anointed.***

***The Head cannot say, 'I don't need any of you other parts!' This just isn't possible as the hands, the feet, the head and all our limbs are part of the 'whole self and body.'***

***So just as God gave us our feet, hands, eyes, toes, shoulders and ears to meet the needs of the whole body, He has given different people different gifts to meet the needs of the whole church. We are the 'body' of the Church.***

# Come Worship with us!

## PREACHERS

February 4th  
February 11th  
February 18th  
February 25th  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Rev. Gordon Wright  
Rev. John Dowber  
Rev Tim Hodgins '5' Alive (5pm)  
Rev Tim Hodgins (Communion)  
Mr Doug Byng

*All Services @ 11 am unless stated.*



## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Funky Fish	Monday	16.15hrs
Console Club	Monday	19.00 hrs
Ladies Fellowship	Tuesday	14.30 hrs
Parents & Toddlers	Wednesday	9.30 am – 11 am
Choir	Wednesday	18.00 hrs
Bible Study	Thursday	10.30 a.m.
Adult Social Group	Thursday	19.30 hrs
Messy Church	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of month	16.00 hrs – 18.00
Coffee Morning	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of month	10.30 am – 12 noon.
'5 Alive'	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month	17.00 hrs – 18.00 hrs