



# ARDHAL GENHADOL ABERCONWY MISSION AREA

## SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> March - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Exploring faith and worship, sharing Christ's love with the community

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March:** 10.30am SH Kids Club

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup>** – 9.30am Adventurers at St Michaels Church

11.30am Funeral of Anne Clutton in St Pauls Church

Soup Lunch in the schoolroom 1pm – 2.30pm - £5 for Soup, roll, cheese and barabritth – proceeds to Water aid

1-3pm Monday Club in Eglwysbach

2.15pm SPs Fellowship meet in the church hall – all welcome

3-4.30pm SG Lent course with Rev Sarah

8pm Julian Prayer Group over zoom – all welcome - please contact Rev Linda Mary for the link

**Tue 14<sup>th</sup>** - 12 - 4.30pm Warm Hub in SG Church – all welcome

12 noon Share & Prayers in SD church – an opportunity to pray together for our Hub Church community

2.30pm AS Mothers Union meeting

3.00pm SD Hub Club – for children to be creative, pray together and share refreshments after school.

7.00pm. SD Bible briefs join us for week four of the Bible Society's Bible Course – this week we are looking at Jesus and the Gospels. All are welcome there will be interesting discussion and video content to help us as we ask ourselves 'what did the scripture mean for the people then and what does it say to us today'? We will meet for a cuppa and fellowship at 7.00pm and aim to finish by 8.30pm

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup>** Aberconwy Care and Share – St Michaels will be open for those who pick up their shopping from the church, we also have Easter eggs ready to pick up for our Easter delivery next month

10am Storytime café in SPs Church -

11am part 3 of the after service talks on St Matthews Passion, a reflection on scripture and music

10.30am – 11.30am Panad a sgwrs in Glan Conwy

Mission Area Lent course at 7.30pm in St Michaels Church – all welcome

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>** 9.45am Prayer morning at St Martins Church

10am SD Church open for prayer til 12 noon 10-12 Panad a sgwrs in St Grwsts Church

10:30am Eucharist in St Pauls. All welcome

5.45pm SPs Childrens Choir meet in SPs and then the adult choir at 6.30pm

7pm SH Connect House Group in Bryn Y Bia – please see flyers for more info

7pm Come and Sing in St Hilarys Church – all welcome

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** – 10.00am – SD mid-week Holy Eucharist followed by a time of fellowship and cuppa. This is an unsung service of worship and thanks. All welcome to join us. Please remember your prayer requests are always welcome for inclusion in any of our services.

2pm Funeral of Jim Allen in St Pauls Church

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> – Happy Saturdays @ St Grwsts Church

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – The 11am SD service will be led by the Worship Team, a Non-Eucharistic service for Mothering Sunday. The 8am SD service will be a HE with Archdeacon Andy and Rev Grace

**Daily Pledge readings** Mon 13<sup>th</sup>: Is: 20. Tue 14<sup>th</sup>: Is 21: 1-10. Wed 15<sup>th</sup>: Is 21: 11-12. Thur 16<sup>th</sup>: Is 21: 13-16. Fri 17<sup>th</sup>: Is 22: 1-14. Sat 18<sup>th</sup>: Is 22: 15-25

**Readings for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March** – 1 Samuel 1: 20-28, Colossian 3: 12-17, and Luke 2: 33-35. Green Bk pg. 85. Evening: Micah 7 and James 5

**Sick List:** We will be looking to check in with everyone who has been on our sick list for the past year with the view to updating the list. If you know of someone who has been on it, and want their name to continue, please let Mandy know. Norman Haines, Doreen Williams, Sheila Gilpin, Michael Horner

**RIP** Joan Edith Williams, Jim Allen, Anne Clutton

### SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023 LENT III

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not go up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### A READING FROM EXODUS (17.1-7)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.'

Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?'

But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?'

So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.'

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.'

Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

#### A READING FROM ROMANS (5.1-11)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God

proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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**Thanks be to God.**

*Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John (4.5-42)*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.'

The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?'

Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'

The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.'

The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.'

Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!'

The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.'

Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.'

Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?'

Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?'

They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.'

But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.'

So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?'

Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**