

# BYTE SIZED NEWS

## News from Bangor and Holyhead Methodist Circuit Spring 2019

<p><b><u>Good bye and Hello</u></b></p> <p>Over the last few months there have been lots of comings and goings in the circuit. At the end of January, we said goodbye to Sarah, Kerry and Orion MacDonald-Howard as they moved to the Liverpool area for Kerry to continue her studies and Sarah to take up a Mission Enabler Post near Southport. We are thankful to Sarah for her hard work in the circuit, setting up the Mission Enabler and Student Worker roles and laying down good foundations for this work to continue. As Sarah left, we welcomed Izzy Middleton into the role as Student Worker and Jacqueline Ashworth as Mission Enabler.</p>	<p><b>Izzy</b> says “Hi I am Izzy and I am the new student worker. I am currently studying History and Archaeology. I am from South Africa but have recently immigrated to the UK. I am enjoying working at St John’s and am looking forward to working with the students and the congregation going forward”</p>	
	<p><b>Jacqueline</b> says “I am Jacqueline, and I love sharing the love of Jesus with everyone I meet. Therefore, it gives me great pleasure to be your new mission enabler. I am from Bethesda originally and love singing, acting and playing my flute. Prayer is a big part of my life, and I am looking forward to working alongside you in mission.”</p>	

### **Pancakes in perfusion**

As we approached Lent we went on a pancake making spree across the Circuit. The Messy Church at St Paul’s kicked off with pancakes for pudding at the February Messy Church. As we moved nearer Shrove Tuesday the Rainbows and Guides had pancake cooking evenings, the Rainbows designed their favourite toppings and everyone got a badge to prove they had eaten a pancake!!

At **St John’s** on Shrove Tuesday itself the EWOT (Everyone Welcome on Tuesday) group made and enjoyed their pancake style refreshments. The pans were only just washed when the student group treated members of the congregation to an evening of free pancakes. It was a great opportunity for everyone to get to know each other and of course to eat pancakes. I wonder who had the wackiest topping and who ate the most pancakes?

### **IT’S SHOWTIME**

It wouldn’t be January without a Pantomime and St John’s did us proud with their production of Snow White and the 7 Dwarves. They sang their way through the familiar story while the poor dwarves went off to “Dig Dig Dig in a mine the whole day through” The Singing for Fun group held the show together and have continued to meet during the winter and everyone looks forward to the Tuesday “Singing for Fun” evenings.

Over in **Amlwch** the film club got off to a flying start with two very popular productions, “The Book Thief” and “My House in Umbria” The film club is proving to be both entertainment and a time for fellowship with people from the church and wider community attending.

## Spring time is for Gardening

The warmer weather often encourages those of us with green fingers to get outside and sort out the garden. This is certainly true in Penmaenmawr where the team have been working hard to get the garden around the church ready for the summer. The “Conwy Well Being” team have been supporting this work and everyone at St Paul’s is excited about installing our new planters cleverly disguised as a Train, Wishing Well and Wheel Barrow. These items have been made by the Veterans Shed in Colwyn Bay and will be a centre piece to be enjoyed by everyone in the community who uses the garden.



## Out and about

We have lots going on in our circuit at the moment and this newsheet can only cover a small number of events. In **Holyhead** the Friday Fellowship members have been making posies to give out on Mother’s Day and have been celebrating Birthdays of the members

**Llanfairfechan** now has the Songs of Praise Sunday each month and is continuing with monthly ploughman’s lunches. In February Llanfairfechan Mayor joined them for the ploughman’s lunch and presented a cheque from the council towards future events.



## Beyond our Boundaries

“Living Christianity in the Holy Land”. Earlier this year Howard and Anne Jackson visited Israel with the Rev. John Howard and had a chance to meet the people and see the places. There is to be a trip going late January 2020; for details please see Rev John Howard or ask Howard and Anne what their trip was like. Howard and Anne are willing to come out to small groups across the circuit to talk about their time in the Holy Land.

**Llanfairfechan church** have been supporting an overseas community in a rather novel way. They have recently completed the project to create a toilet with better access for disabled people and in response to this have raised money to support a “twinned Toilet” overseas.

**Items for the September issue of Byte Sized news to reach Heather by 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

## Coming soon - Special events in the summer

**Easter Offering Service.** May 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 am everyone is welcome to the Easter Offering service which is being held at St John’s and will be followed by lunch. The theme is “Longer Tables, Lower Fences” and will include stories from around the world.

**15 months of prayer across Wales.** March 2019 to July 2020. Our month is July and there will be all sorts of things happening across the circuit during July. Any ideas send them to Heather.

## **An exciting opportunity for 4 to 11 year olds**

**St John’s Bangor** from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, Each day from 09:30 to 12:00 noon. Enjoy stories, singing, games and craft work. To book contact Sue Eckersley on 01248 671163 or [sue-eckersley@hotmail.com](mailto:sue-eckersley@hotmail.com)

## “All We Can” garden Party

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July David and Liz Jones are hosting a Garden Party from 2-4 pm at 1 Bryn Goleu, Pensarn, Amlwch. Come and help raise money for “All We Can” while relaxing informally with friends from across the circuit. **St Pauls Anniversary** - On Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> July St Paul’s are celebrating their Church Anniversary. After the morning service there is going to be a Barbeque and activities in the Church Garden to which everyone is invited.