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Notices for week beginning Sunday 28^t April 2024

Worship at St John's

This morning's live only service at 10.30 will be led by Mrs Jean Owen

This evening's service at 6.00 is a Zoom service led by Rev Mike Hall. Zoom details below.

Topic: Evening Service

Time: Apr 28, 2024 06:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87496788262?pwd=ck0yRTF6Slc1T2x5VjVuZWZF0b3JEZz09>

Meeting ID: 874 9678 8262

Passcode: 889708

Fortnightly Telephone Service

As some of you will know there is a fortnightly service conducted over the telephone. Royce Warner organises this and can be contacted by email jrw-rdtpen@uwclub.net or by phone on 01492 621024 for details of how to participate. It costs only the price of a local telephone call and is a way those who are unable to get to church can still participate in a live act of worship. This week's service will be led by Rev'd Yvonne Pearson.

M:APS Prayer time 10:00 (this is the same log in each week)

We encourage everyone to join in to this prayer time. We are looking at the possibility of holding a second session at a different time but need volunteers to co-ordinate it.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/94322536249?pwd=WVRnQ1dTNepNaIVDdFhveUdhZDU2QT09>

Meeting ID: 943 2253 6249, Passcode: 854056

Paper Service

The paper service for personal use can be accessed here:

www.bangormethodistchurch.org/Worship%20Sheet%2021%20April%202024%20%281%29.pdf

This week

Prayers for the week 28 April 2024

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Lift up our souls, O God, to the glory of your presence; our minds to the beauty of your being and our hearts to the purity of your love; now and forever.



Earth Day

Monday April 22nd was Earth Day, an annual observance that brings people together to celebrate our planet and raise awareness of the potential harms that can affect the environment and how we can address these issues.

If you are able (and the weather is fine), go out into a garden or park. Take a few moments to contemplate the richness of the natural world around you, the sounds (birds chirping, bees buzzing), the smells, the sights of insects and birds active around you. Or if you cannot get out, use your imagination – think of a place you where you can connect with the beauty of creation. Breathe in the joy this scene gives you. Breathe out your thanks to your loving creator God. Rest in God's vision of abundant life. Take 5 – 10 mins in silent reflection.

Now, contemplate how the earth is being damaged by human activity....

Loving God as people of faith, we are called into covenant. Your covenant of faithfulness and love extends to the whole creation. We pray for the healing of the earth that present and future generations may enjoy the fruits of creation, and continue to glorify and praise you. Grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it. Help us to act now. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, founded on the covenant of your love. God, help us turn from the selfish consumption of resources meant for all and to see the impacts of our choices on the poor and vulnerable. God, hear our prayer.

Lord God, may your church have a deeper understanding of its role in caring for creation and lead the way in taking action. May there be unity of purpose across the church, and may we each stand up and play our role. Amen.

World

Look at a newspaper or trusted website with newsfeed. Pray as you feel led about issues of the day. Pray especially this week for.....

1. the people of Haiti, for those who have remained and live in fear of being caught in the cross-fire of gang-warfare and those who have fled, and find themselves far from home with no means to support themselves or idea of what the future holds. Pray for them to receive immediate help and for a way forward to be found to resolve the mounting crisis in this beleaguered country.
2. the people of Gaza, as they endure the consequences of the war between Israel and Hamas, that the international community will pull together to resolve the mounting humanitarian crisis and exert further pressure for a ceasefire.

Prayers from across the Circuit

Give thanks for the life and faithful service of Barbara Dalzell, an ex-member of the Amlwch congregation who moved to Oldham some years ago, and who sadly died recently. Pray for her family and those close to her as they mourn her passing.

Pray for those in our congregations struggling with ill-health and facing hospital treatment; for those who feel lonely and isolated. Pray that they feel strengthened, reassured and made aware that they are loved. Give thanks for the pastoral visitors who visit them in their times of difficulty.

Pray for those leading services or involved in the technical side of worship this week; for the stewards and leadership teams of each church as they think about how to adapt to changing circumstances for the benefit of the local congregations. May God grant wisdom and be preparing hearts and minds of all involved.

Pray for the various activities and fellowship meetings taking place across our churches over the next week, particularly for:

1. 29/04/24 The workshop being run by Sally Rees regarding Dementia-friendly worship in churches.
2. 01/05/24 Renew Wellbeing committee meeting at Holyhead.
3. 01/05/24 Circuit Stewards meeting.

Pray for God's blessing and wisdom for those attending.

God of love, greater than we can imagine, pour your love through us. May all that we do flow from your indwelling Spirit and our deep connection with you and all creation. Help us become a community that honours life in all its fulness and hear our hearts' longings for the healing of your world, our home.

St John's Fellowship Group - Cameo – Come And Meet Each Other

The meeting after that will be on **May 1st** and will be our **AGM** and our last meeting proper until September - **apart from our regular trips out, which people are very welcome to join!** See notices after May 1st to see where we decide to go! **Come to the AGM and help us decide *Ellie Jo***

Open the Book

Friday 26th April, the team are in Hiraël school to share the story of Peter and John and the beggar at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple. looking to involved about 10 of the youngsters. (thank you for including this) Jean Owen team leader. <><

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Youth For Christ

See flyer below:

**Bangor
YOUTH
FOR CHRIST**
DISCOVERY DAY

**HELP US REACH
YOUNG PEOPLE
IN BANGOR**

An evening to gather and dream
up possibilities and ideas for
sharing the gospel with teenagers
across the city

There will be pizza!

**26TH APRIL.
6.30-8.30PM**
**COED MAWR
COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

open to anyone with a heart for young people in bangor

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Emynau Coll y Werin by Lleuwen Steffan, April 27th at 7.30 in Shiloh Tregarth

On Saturday April 27th, the singer **Lleuwen Steffan** will be presenting an evening about "Emynau Coll y Werin" ("The Lost Hymns of the Welsh people") at **Shiloh Welsh Methodist Chapel in Tregarth, Bangor** at 7.30 pm. Everyone is warmly invited to this unusual concert about lost parts of our heritage.

Lleuwen grew up in Rhiwlas in the hills just above Bangor and lives now in **Brittany**. **She is a very talented singer and songwriter.** During the evening Lleuwen will be drawing on material she has come across in an archive at Sain Ffagan Folk Museum in South Wales. She will sometimes be singing a duet with original recordings, or she will be adding electronic sounds, or found sounds collected at places significant to the composition.

The evening will be conducted in Welsh.

JMA

During the morning service on April 28th the work of Junior Mission for All will be celebrated. There are three young people within our church who regularly collect money for JMA from members of the congregation, family and friends and we are grateful and acknowledge their work.

Please can any money for JMA be handed to me for banking on April 21st so the total for the past year can be announced on April 28th. *Margaret Moon*

Bangor Street Pastors

Please do support this coffee morning in aid of Bangor Street Pastors . Donations to the Cake stall would be very welcome . *Sue Eckersley*

**BORE COFFI
COFFEE MORNING
27/4/24
10.00AM-12.00PM**

STONDINAU AMRYWIOL

VARIOUS STALLS

CAPEL BEREA NEWYDD

ER BUDD BUGEILIAID STRYD BANGOR

IN AID OF BANGOR STREET PASTORS

Wednesday Evening Fellowship

The next meeting will be live at Margaret and Rob's house 14 Caer Delyn, Bodffordd Llangefni on May 1st. We will run hybrid for anyone who prefers to join by zoom The passage for Week 4 of the un-bounded love series is John 3 14-21. You can find the video

at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krv3wEqyp4c>

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85054993278?pwd=UmxzVnFzWWo5MnY5OEEdHM3RlSmNRQT097>

All welcome!

Jean Ware

Events

Banner making

We have set the next date for Banner making. This will be on the morning of Thursday 9th May at Llanfairfechan, Capel Zinc. We plan to meet from 09:30 to 12:30.

If you want to come along please let me know in advance. We will be working together on 2 or 3 banners for Pentecost. There are jobs suitable for all abilities and there is no sewing involved.

Kind regards **Heather Bonnebaigt**

Visit of Andy Fishburne from the Isle of Man

Dear friends, on Thursday April 25th Andy Fishburne, the Learning Network Officer on the Isle of Man, is flying over to lead a morning workshop at St Paul's Penmaenmawr on the 'Methodist Way of Life,' which offers churches resource material and skills to help people engage in conversation about faith and discipleship. It's important that all of us within our churches feel comfortable talking about God and sharing what is important to us about our faith in simple ways with one another and this workshop aims to help us to do this. It can also provide a framework to help individual churches and the Circuit think about Mission and Andy will look at this too.

There will be coffee served from 10.00am and the workshop will start at 10.30 and end at lunchtime. Anybody who wants to bring a packed lunch and stay and eat it with others at St Paul's is welcome to do so and we can carry on the conversation.

If you are free please consider coming along to join us. We hope to be able to offer the workshop online too for anyone who cannot make the journey.

Nick Sissons, Superintendent

Board Games Afternoon with Tea in Aid of Christian Aid.

St John's is organising a "Board Game and Jigsaw Afternoon followed by afternoon tea on Wednesday 15th May in church from 2:30pm in aid of Christian Aid.

We need several people to help set up, clear up, be games or table hosts or provide cakes. If you are able to help please see me or contact me on froni.jackson@btinternet.com

Anne Jackson

Thank you Paul.

News

Service recordings

The monthly zoom services from St Paul's, Penmaenmawr will, in future be available as recordings. I am wondering if there are housebound people who may want to get these recordings which for now we will do once a month. They do need email and internet access to get to them, there is also a sound recording available as well as the video

At a glance

Saturday April 27 th :	Coffee Morning at Capel Berea Newydd @10.00 – 12.00 in aid of Street Pastors.
Wednesday May 1 st :	Cameo AGM
Thursday 9 th May;	Banner making at Llanfairfechan

CHUCKLE CORNER



IT LOOKS LIKE THE METHODISTS WILL BEAT
US TO THE CAFETERIA AGAIN

Zoom phone numbers for all connections:-

Use any of these and then use the
relevant Meeting ID and Passcode
when prompted.

Numbers:

0203 901 7895

0131 460 1196

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5240

0203 481 5237