

## **St. John's mission.**

We like to think that we are a welcoming community at St John's and we hope you will find us so. As an English-speaking church in an area where Welsh is commonly spoken, we feel we have a particular ministry to holiday visitors, students and new residents.

## **Worship At St John's - Preachers and Styles**

Our regular Sunday services are led by a variety of preachers, of whom our own minister is the most frequent. (He is also superintendent minister of the smaller Methodist churches in Penmaenmawr, Llanfairfechan, Amlwch and Holyhead.) We are fortunate in having the help of other circuit ministers who live in the area, and we value the contribution of our local preachers. These are laymen and laywomen who have been trained to conduct public worship.

All our preachers, in accordance with Methodist custom, are free to arrange the service and preach as they are inspired, although they are encouraged to use the three-yearly cycle of bible readings in "Common Worship". You will therefore find from week to week a wide range of styles of worship and thought within a fairly regular pattern of Bible readings and sermon, hymns and prayers.

Our monthly Sunday evening services deliberately avoid the conventional form of worship. Every month is different and we use a variety of styles – praise, Taizé, prayer/meditation, and café-style, etc. We use modern technology, and include drama, poetry, story, music and interactive teaching. We also have an ad-hoc music group to accompany singing and always include refreshments and across-table discussion.

## **Children and Young People**

Children and young people are an important part of our church family. They share with adults the beginning of the morning service in church before going out to their own classes in the Sunday Club. Visitors are welcome to join them.

A loudspeaker system relays the service to the minister's vestry for the benefit of parents of infants and toddlers.

## **Induction Loop System**

The church is fitted with an induction loop system for hearing aids with a "T-position" to take advantage of.

## **Services on DVD**

Video recordings are routinely made of the morning services at St. John's. The services are recorded on to DVD media, which can be played by a TV set equipped with DVD recorder, by a PC with a DVD player, or on a portable DVD player. Church members who are house-bound can none-the-less enjoy our services week by week.

## **Fellowship**

After morning service coffee is served in the schoolroom, where people can meet and chat.

## **Family Services**

Occasionally we have a family service when adults and children worship together and the service is planned as an all-age act of worship.

## **Holy Communion**

The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated at least once a month. All who wish to do so may join us at the Lord's Table to receive the bread and wine, which are symbols of the body and blood of Christ, who died for us.

## **Special Times**

The great festivals of the Christian year are celebrated in worship, especially Advent and Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost.

From time to time also we celebrate some special event, such as the baptism of a child or adult, or the confirmation of new members.

Harvest festival is a special occasion and so is the annual Covenant Service at which we especially renew our vows of commitment to God.