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Notices for week beginning Sunday 3rd March

Worship

St John's

This morning's service will be led by Rev'd Nick Sissons. There will be a time of singing and praise before the service starts. The first fifteen minutes or so will be led by members of the Wednesday Evening Study group.

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/Circuit%20Worship%20Sheet%20%20030324%20%281%29.pdf

This week

Wednesday Evening Study Group

_Why not join us for Lent looking at the Methodist materials "Unbounded Love". Each week there is a video Bible Study on the gospel passage for the following Sunday. On March 6th we'll be looking at Mark 1 vv 9-15

The video is available at this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6dPrmMQcnU>

[Unbounded Love | Bible Study - Week 1](#)

Mark 1: 9-15 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just coming up out of the water, he saw ...

www.youtube.com

This will be a hybrid meeting and will be held at Jean (Ware) and Peter (Thorpe)'s house 7 Golygfa Sychnant, Old Mill Road, Dwygyfylchi, LL34 6TN

Zoom link for those who prefer to join by
zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87696796874?pwd=K0hBd-nUreU42aWR6TGhmLlg1bGVWZz09>

Jean Ware

Prayers for the week 3 March 2024 Lent 3

“Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets, where injustice spirals and real hope retreats. Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too; in the Kingdom’s causes let me rage with you.” (STF 251 v 2, by John L Bell and Graham Maule)



This week the set gospel passage is John’s version of the story of the cleansing of the temple, when an angry Jesus, whip in hand, runs amok in the temple courtyard, overturning tables and driving out the moneychangers.

For a minute reflect on this image. Consider how it makes you feel. Does the idea of an angry Jesus trouble you, make you feel uncomfortable? Does this accord with your own perception of Jesus, of what it is to love? Does the idea of acting to confront injustice fill you with fear? Now, consider your own life. What might God be calling you to clear out, and what might God be calling you to make space for.

In the quiet, acknowledge your feelings, give them over to God, then pray.....

Holy God, we ask that you renew our love for you. Open our eyes to see fresh things, open our ears to hear with more clarity, open our minds to recognise new ideas –that we may be willing to grow and change and to become more like your Son, Jesus even when we are led into troubling, difficult places. Amen.

Prayers for the World

- Think of an area of the world where you perceive an injustice. Imagine Jesus driving the source of that injustice away. Now, think of what you may be called to do about it yourself (write a letter to your MP, add your name to a petition, attend a vigil for peace or a demonstration?)
- As the situation in Gaza worsens for those millions of people with nowhere to go and little to sustain them, pray that the talked about breakthrough in negotiations for peace will lead to a ceasefire and lasting route to peace, so that humanitarian aid can get to those who need it.

Prayers for the church

- We bring to God our churches as we start to work through the findings of the Feasibility Study. We pray for a sense of belonging, togetherness, openness, a willingness to listen and include others, and above all a sense of adventure as we face change. We pray that

we may see where God is at work and be brave enough to join in. We pray that we see only challenges not obstacles, and that whatever disappointments or hardships come our way, we endure in hope and faith.

- We pray for those members of our church family and extended connections who are unwell or recovering from operations at this time and in need of our thoughts and prayers. Let us focus on each and ask God to bless them with an outpouring of love and wholeness.
- We pray for all our Sunday services, Fellowship, Housegroup, prayer, bible and Lent study groups meeting this week, giving thanks for how we meet God through each other.
- Specifically, this week we hold before God the following events and all those involved in whatever capacity, praying that that they will be aware of God's Spirit at work:

Frid 1st	World Day of Prayer event at St John's
Mon 4th	Amlwch Church Council Messy Church at St Paul's
Tues 5th	Time and Space at Caws, Menai Holyhead CYTUN
Wed 6th	CAMEO at St John's
Thur 7th	Some members of Circuit New Places for New People (NPNP) group meeting by zoom with Chair of District and member of the Synod Finance team to discuss a potential NPNP project
Frid 8th	Commissioning service for the new Anna Chaplain, Jan Isbell at Capel Zinc.

Mon 19th over zoom @7.30 - Bangor and Holyhead Circuit Meeting

Creating and loving God you know the potential lying within each of us; unfinished symphonies waiting to be completed, clay waiting to be shaped, and stories yet to unfold. As you revealed in that temple courtyard how love may take us to unexpected places, so open our eyes and hearts that we might embrace this vision that you have of the people we could be, and give us courage to let you begin that work in our hearts and lives each day. Amen.

Open the Book

The children of Glancegin will hear the story of when Paul and barnabus were mistaken for Gods in the city of Lystra (in Welsh).

The children of Cae Top will here the story of Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem (in Welsh).

Events

World Day of Prayer

This year's World Day of Prayer has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. It was prepared initially a couple of years ago before the current problems and is a call to live in peace with all around. Especially moving in the current situation. It will be live streamed from the church – zoom link on the poster along with further details at the end of these notices. NB it will not be interactive: you can watch and join in at home but not on screen in the church.

Brass Band Concert at St. John's

The Menai Bridge Training Band will be giving a concert in the church on Saturday 16th March, starting at 6.30 pm. The band members range from age 6 to 60+, accepting members with a variety of skill levels. They are excited to be able to play for us and the concert will be lively and fun with Sue Hughes, known to many at St. John's, as their conductor. Entrance is free with refreshments available after the concert. *Della Fazey*

Anna Chaplaincy

Commissioning Service at Capel Zinc for the new Anna Chaplain at 2.30 on 8th March

Good Friday Cytun Passion Play

If you would like to be involved in this year's Cytun Good Friday Passion Play please let Sue Eckersley know. We need people to read and to take various parts in the Story. The play starts from Tan y Fynwent (The gardens behind the bus stops in Bangor Centre) then on to the War Memorial , the Cathedral and down the High St to finish at the old Debenhams . Please do join us in this very powerful presentation of the events of Good Friday.

Celebration of the ministry of Rev'd David and Liz Jones



Welsh in worship

A session on introducing Welsh in worship will be held on Tuesday 26 March at 7pm until 8pm. We will hearing about people's experience of Welsh language engagement, sharing examples of good practice and useful resources and asking what other support would be helpful to build confidence and enable you to use Welsh in worship and church life. This session will be conducted mostly in English. The Zoom link is <https://zoom.us/j/93608377980?pwd=cms2NVBYN3NyRUloRFICNGxLbmZtdz09>

Save the date: International Women's Day - Friday, 8 March

Inspire Inclusion – Women in Science @ Bangor

Pontio PL5, 1:00pm-2:00pm

The University will be celebrating International Women's Day 2024 by taking this year's global theme 'Inspire Inclusion' as an opportunity to celebrate our women in Science. Speakers will reflect on their experiences, and their journeys and talk about how they are inspiring inclusion in their fields:

Yueng-Djern Lenn, Professor in Physical Oceanography, School of Ocean Sciences

Katie Roberts-Tyler, Lecturer in design, School of Computer Science & Engineering

Kodi Edwards studying for an MSc in Marine Biology in the School of Ocean Sciences, Bangor University Inclusive Scholarship recipient

This event is hosted by Professor Andrew Edwards, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Welsh Language, Civic Engagement and Strategic Partnerships and Professor Morag McDonald, Interim Pro-Vice-Chancellor / Head of College (Science & Engineering) and Associate Pro-Vice Chancellor (Diversity and Inclusion).

It is open to all staff and students. The event is part of the University's 140th Anniversary celebrations and the Bangor Science Festival. The Science Festival aims to inspire young people and create the next generation of scientists and engineers. Central to the Festival's aims is to encourage girls to study science, as well as the support and advocacy for women and other underrepresented groups in the field of science.

#InspireInclusion #IWD2024 #BangorScienceFestival

News

Learning and Development Network

The current newsletter from the Learning and Development Network can be accessed here.
www.bangormethodistchurch.org/learnoing%20network.docx

Circuit Newsletter for February 2024

The latest Circuit Newsletter can be accessed here:
www.bangormethodistchurch.org/Magazine%20February%202024.pdf

Foodbank Reminder

Just a reminder to all of us that St John's supports the foodbank at the Cathedral. Offerings of food and toiletries can be placed in the box in the foyer of the church.

Pastoral

Forwarding Michelle's message to us all. Her youngest son Henry has just qualified as a doctor. He was born while they were still in Bangor and a big part of our fellowship at St. John's. Worked with the Children's holiday club too. If you could include this in the notices next week, I think there will be folks who remember them. Thank you . Shalom Jean <><

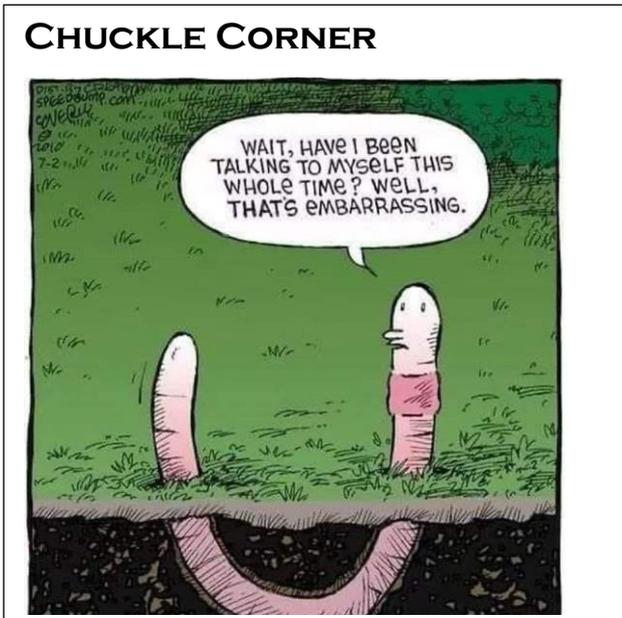
Dear Jean and Jacqueline

I would be very grateful if you could thank our friends at Ty Teg & St John's for keeping us in their prayers and for the warmth and friendship extended to us, it continues to boost us and there is no doubt that it has helped Henry complete his studies. Thanks too for the congratulations received. I will be watching later than 7 but I would like everyone one to know how much we appreciate all they do, especially, of course, you two. God bless all, Michelle

At a glance

Wednesday February 27th: Wednesday afternoon study group @2.00 pm at the home of Howard and Anne Jackson
Friday 1st March: World Day of Prayer at St John's @ 2.00 pm (and on Zoom)

Tuesday 5th March: Time and Space at Caws, Menai Bridge @10.30 am
Wednesday 6th March: Cameo at St John's @ 2.00 pm - Rev'd Nick Sissons
Wednesday March 6th: Wednesday Evening Study Group @ 7.00 pm at the home of Jean Ware and Peter Thorpe (and on Zoom)
Friday 8th March: Commissioning Service for the new Anna Chaplain at Capel Zinc @ 2.30 pm
Saturday 23rd March: Circuit Celebration at Penmaenmawr and on Zoom for the years of service given by Rev'd David and Mrs Liz Jones. Time 3.00 pm



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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

FRIDAY 1 MARCH

A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE!

I beg you, bear with
one another in love



Service prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine

Come to this ecumenical, international service

In English at St John's Church

[next door to Lidl]

at 2:00 pm

on Friday 1st March

Crèche and Refreshments

On Zoom at 2:00pm from St John's

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84833085919?pwd=hfknlwVhwXXGSUP8agGXvviW4P3Z9M.1>

Meeting ID: 848 3308 5919, Passcode: 425035

Service in Welsh at 10:30am at Capel Berea

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