



Penrallt Baptist Church

Newsletter for August 2011

"Summer breeze makes me feel fine" sang the Isley Brothers, "blowing through the jasmine in my mind." I suspect that the North Wales summer breeze might well have flattened any flowering bush, but if you are here on holiday we wish you rest, peace, the fragrance of jasmine, and a sense of the beauty of God's creation.

Ever since we came to live in North Wales we've discovered the most beautiful destinations for days out. Recently we found the lovely Gwydir Castle, nestling beside the River Conwy near Trefriw. Founded in 1490 by the Wynn family this historic gem is acknowledged as one of the finest Tudor great houses still in existence in Wales. However by the 1990s it had fallen into disrepair. Squatters and countless raves had reduced it to a sorry state of neglect. Then in 1994 it was bought by two enthusiasts for old buildings, Peter Welford and Judy Corbett, and their subsequent labour of love in restoration of house and gardens has been documented by Judy in her book *Castles in the Air*. Arriving at the gate we were admitted by Peter himself and invited to wander around at leisure. From the reinstated 1640s Dining Room, whose panelling and carving was recovered from the Metropolitan Museum in New York in 1996, to the King Charles 1 oak trees in the garden, the house is a delight. The most satisfying part of our visit was that the restoration work is so unfinished. It's work in progress and you feel part of the rescue of this magnificent property. There's none of that slick, professional well-presented "please exit via the gift shop" expertise which is now an accepted part of any visit to sumptuous old piles. This property has an air of love and tenderness. Something beautiful is coming back to life as you watch it.

God lavishes just as much care and attention on our soul as Peter and Judy have expended on their ancient house. The Apostle Paul, characteristically, puts it more theologically: *The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.* (Romans 8:6). We are God's restoration project, being rescued from the clutches of a mind-set opposed to him and released into a freedom where our thinking is reworked slowly and gently by the Spirit of God.

So, may this holiday period be part of God's restorative work in you. May he cherish and nurture you, delight and inspire you.

Welcome to Penrallt. God bless,
Peter

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SERVICES IN AUGUST

Times of Evening Services

The evening services will begin at 7.00pm until September 4th, when they will revert to 6.00pm.

August 7

10.30am Peter Cousins ***Ezekiel The Heavenly Worshipper***
7.00pm Communion Service Roger Borlace *Psalm 24*
'Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?'

August 14

10.30am Geoff Birch ***A Mountain Top Experience*** *Mark 9:2-13*
7.00pm Elaine Green ***An Enthronement Psalm***

August 21

10.30am Roger Borlace ***'The disciple John'*** *Mk.1:14-34*
7.00pm Geoff Birch ***Psalms of Confidence*** *Psalms 16 & 23*

August 28

10.30am Communion Service Peter Cousins
Celebrating Forgiveness
7.00pm Peter Cousins ***A Wisdom Psalm: "Wait Patiently for Him"***
Psalm 37

(There will be no Sunday School in August, but after the opening worship the children will be taken out for stories, activities and games in the hall.)

Our Preaching Team for August are all members of Penrallt:

Peter Cousins is the minister.

Geoff Birch and *Roger Borlace* are retired ministers enjoying North Wales.

Elaine Green is an accredited Baptist Lay Preacher, and a student of Northern Baptist College. She works for the Health Service and is a Guide leader.

NO CHURCH LUNCH IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER

Please note that there will be no church lunch in either of these two months. The next one will be on October 2nd.

SATURDAY PRAYER MEETINGS

There will be no Saturday morning prayer meetings in August. They will start again on September 3rd.

SPECIAL DATES IN AUGUST

Wednesday 3 10.30am Men's Prayer Meeting
Sunday 7 2.30pm Praise on the Pier
Monday 8 Deacons' Induction Meeting
Tuesday 16 10.00am Walking Group

WEEKDAYS

Please check with the contact people when there are meetings this month.

HG = Home Group

Day	Time	Details	Contacts
Tue	8.00pm	HG, Nilgiri	Joan Beer (353874)
Tue	7.30pm	HG, Farrar Road	Magnus Forrester-Barker (371366)
Wed	10.30am	Men's Prayer Meeting	Peter Cousins (353878)
Wed	2.00pm	Carers' Home Group	Carol Morris (716953)
Wed	7.30pm	HG, The Nomads	Jess & Seamus Adams (421185) Susan Cousins (353878)
Wed	8.00pm	HG, Grŵp Cymraeg	Owen & Nia Lloyd Evans (352634)
Thu	10.30am - noon	HG, 76, Ffordd Cynan	Jenny Powley (364292)
Thu	10.30am	Post-Alpha Bible Study	Sue & Lawrence Moss (713793)
Thu	7.30pm	HG, Llanfairpwll	Sue & Lawrence Moss (713793)
Thu	7.30pm	HG, Bangor	Ciara Ní Bhrolcháin (07900 220496)
Thu	7.30pm	HG, A-Team	Freya Bushill (07792 080766)
Thu	7.45pm	HG, Lon-y-Deri	Gill Goodman (355256) Billy Elliott (372568)
Fri	10.30am - noon	Cheeky Monkeys	Joan Rymer (713003)
Sat	8.30am	Prayer Meeting	<i>(next one September 3rd)</i>

NEWS OF PEOPLE

We are sorry to report the death of **Freda Jones**, Ellie's mother-in-law, on 23rd July. Freda moved to Llanfairfechan only a few months ago, and it was our privilege to welcome her to the area, and to Penrallt. Our condolences go to Ellie, Bryan and the family. The funeral will take place at 12 noon on 10th August in the Crematorium. **Mark Young** is about to undergo more medical treatment. We hold him and Eve in our prayers. **Lesley Jackson** was operated on for a perforated appendix and is making a good recovery. **Nancy Brook's mother, Catherine** (a member of Lymm Baptist Church) has come to live with her and Rob. We welcome Catherine to North Wales and wish her God's blessing as she settles in. Congratulations to **Sian Whitton, Ryan McMullan** and **Mari Roberts** on finding new jobs.

Children's Birthdays in August

1st: Aidan Shapcott; **2nd**: Zoe Mapatac; **16th**: Bethan Stammers;
19th: Luke Young

NOTICEBOARD

➤ **Missions Group Co-ordinator in Penrallt**

This is a big HELP notice. We are currently without a Missions Group Coordinator. This is not a particularly onerous job, but is vital to us as church is we are to give our missionary link people they deserve. They need our prayers and support and we need someone to coordinate this in Penrallt. Please consider whether you are the person that God is calling to this task.

➤ **News from the Evangelical Alliance Wales: Celebration for the Nations** **Wednesday 3 August 7.30pm**

An evening of praise, prayer, worship, repentance and declaration led by a team from Korea to celebrate the links between Wales and Korea will be held at Oasis Church, Margaret Street, Beaumaris, Anglesey LL58 8DN. Also, outreaches will take place throughout the week in Beaumaris, Llangefni and other places around Anglesey.

For more details e-mail office@ocministries.com or telephone 07881 504670.

➤ **Walking Group** **Tuesday 16 August 10.00am**

A circular walk starting at the Sychnant Pass car park at the top of the pass on the Capelulo side, (leave the A55 at junction 15A, follow road through Penmaenmawr turning right at the "Mountain View Hotel" signposted Sychnant Pass). Walk distance either 5.5 or 6.5 miles. The walk follows some of the finest sections of the "North Wales Path" through the high pastures above Sychnant Pass as well as the Jubilee Walk overlooking Penmaenmawr and the coast. Great views throughout the walk. Please note the earlier start time of 10.00 am — this is to allow a pub lunch stop at the "Fairy Glen Hotel" in Capelulo village. Paul and Ruth Hebblethwaite are leading the walk. Any queries, telephone 01248 490581 or e-mail paul.hebblethwaite@virgin.net

➤ **Homeless in Bangor**

We do not recommend giving money to the homeless. Instead, £5 in one of the brown envelopes from the table in the porch of the church (placed in the offering) will buy a hot meal for them through the St. Mary's Hostel scheme. So far Penrallt has contributed £2550 to the fund.

➤ **The Prayer Room...**

...is open before and after the service for quiet prayer. Penrallt is a place of prayer, so make use of this sacred space.

➤ **Pray for Penrallt Every Day**

Sign up to receive our prayer diary by e-mail every Monday morning by sending your request to: office@penrallt.org.

If you have some subject for prayer, either send it in by e-mail, or fill in one of the pink cards, which are available in the porch, and place it in the visitors' cards box or give it to Peter or Magnus.

➤ **Pastoral Help**

If you have pastoral concerns please contact Peter or else one of the other members of the Pastoral Care team:

Geoff Birch 01286 870944

Pat Borlace 713146,

Eunice Smith 713296,

Judy Stammers 364394

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FOCUS ON...

Andy Wilson, Tearfund

Ephesians 5:11

Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

In May I coordinated the launch of Tearfund's new campaign *Unearth the Truth*, challenging the secrecy surrounding how much companies pay governments to access precious natural resources.

The reason we launched this campaign is that, in Africa alone, natural resources are worth nine times more to the continent than international aid and the cost of corruption has been estimated at US\$148 billion annually. That's equivalent to a quarter of the continent's income going missing every year – enough money to provide universal access to clean water and safe sanitation, which would transform millions of people's lives.

It has been an exciting time to be at Tearfund and working on this campaign. I've already learnt a lot about myself and grown through being in an environment where I'm surrounded by so many experienced and committed Christians. Individuals who are all passionate about playing their part in releasing people from material and spiritual poverty.

In addition to my role at Tearfund I have also now been living on the Winstanley Estate in Battersea for almost three months and have become an active member of St Peter's, an Anglican Church on the estate that has a heart for reaching out to the local community — this includes a week of activities at the beginning of August called God Loves Battersea.

For me the next few months are all about settling in more into Tearfund and on the Winstanley Estate. A time to grow in relationships with work colleagues, church family and people on the estate. Like a plant growing deeper roots in order to grow taller, I feel this is a time to grow deeper where I am by laying down some roots and enjoying just being.

Thank you so much for your prayers to date and please do keep Tearfund and the Winstanley Estate in them over the coming months. I miss my Penrallt family and look forward to coming back to visit at the end of the Summer sometime. Please do keep in touch!

Pob bendith, **Andy**

Deadline for next month's newsletter Sunday 21 August
Please send information to Gwyneth (gwyneth@brindley-wales.com or 352682)