



CYTÛN LLANDUDNO

Llandudno Churches Together

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The outgoing President writes:

I cannot believe that twelve months have passed since I first 'spoke' to you in this Newsletter, as President of Cytûn Llandudno. The days, weeks, months and years seem to grow shorter as time passes, or is it, as I grow older? I suspect it's the latter, and many of you might agree with me?

As I look back to my first letter, in June of last year, my prayer for this year was that Our Lord would continue to draw the congregations, at each of the Churches that make up Cytûn Llandudno, ever closer to each other. Because I believe God always answers prayer (even if it's not in the way we expect), I believe He has.

I certainly feel closer to many of you, than before the year began, and surely that's how it should be? After all, as I was reminded recently, Christianity is all about relationship not religion. A relationship with Almighty God, through His Son, and ever closer relationships with each other, as members of His family.

We have, once again, done many things together this year. My prayer, as I hand over to Father Andrew, is that one day we might do everything together.

Every Blessing

Pam Wright

Cytûn AGM – Tuesday May 16th at Stella Maris

Following prayers, minutes and matters arising, the President submitted her report in which she recalled her previous term as President in 1993-94. She welcomed the Coptic Orthodox Church into membership of Cytûn and thanked everyone for their support in her second presidency. We were reminded that the poor are always with us and of the labour of love by members of Cytûn in the ongoing task of feeding the homeless of Llandudno.

A report was received from the Treasurer and the Audited Accounts were approved. Reports were also received from the affiliated agencies including Christian Aid.

Medai'r Llywydd sy'n gadael:

Alla i ddim credu fod deuddeg mis wedi mynd heibio ers i mi 'siarad' gyda chi yn y Llythyr Newyddion hwn, fel Llywydd Cytûn Llandudno. Mae'r dyddiau, wythnosau, misoedd a blynyddoedd i'w gweld yn crebachu, neu ai fi sy'n mynd yn hŷn? Yr olaf, mae arna i ofn, ac efallai bod llawer ohonoch yn cytuno gyda mi.

Rwy'n gweld wrth edrych yn ôl ar fy llythyr cyntaf ym mis Mehefin y llynedd mai fy ngweddi ar gyfer y flwyddyn oedd i'n Harglwydd barhau i dynnu'r cynulleidfaoedd yn agosach byth at ei gilydd ym mhob un o'r Eglwysi sy'n ffurfio Cytûn Llandudno. Gan fy mod yn credu fod Duw yn ateb gweddi bob amser (hyd yn oed os nad yn y ffordd y disgwyliwn), credaf Iddo wedi gwneud hynny.

Yn bendant rwy'n teimlo'n agosach at lawer ohonoch na chyn i'r flwyddyn dechrau, ac yn sicr dyna sut y dylai fod. Wedi'r cyfan, fel y cefais fy atgoffa'n ddiweddar, mae Cristnogaeth ynghylch perthynas, nid crefydd. Perthynas gyda Duw Hollalluog, trwy'i Fab, a pherthnasau agosach fyth gyda'n gilydd, fel aelodau o'i deulu.

Rydym, unwaith eto, wedi gwneud llawer o bethau gyda'n gilydd eleni. Fy ngweddi, fel ryw'n trosglwyddo i'r Tad Andrew yw y gwnawn bopeth gyda'n gilydd un diwrnod .

Pob Bendith

Pam Wright

AGM continued – Elections:

Father Andrew Franklin was elected President for 2006/7 and The Revd Pam Crane was elected Vice-President. The other officers and officials were all re-elected.

Induction of the new President of Cytûn

Father Andrew was welcomed and inducted as President of Llandudno Cytûn at a memorable special service attended by many Cytûn members on Tuesday May 23rd in the Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea.. Let us pray for him and his ministry among us.

The incoming President writes:

I am delighted and humbled to be the President of Cytûn Llandudno. It feels very strange to be the President as I still feel a relative newcomer to the clergy in the town, although I will have been here three years at the end of August.

I have decided to do something a little but different and dare I say it a little bit Catholic this year. I have decided to place my year as President under the patronage of Our Lady Star of the Sea.

We all know that the Catholic Church in Llandudno is dedicated to Our Lady Star of the Sea and as the Cytûn banner will be present in the Church for the next twelve months I thought it very fitting.

St Bernard of Clairvaux writes: "Under the patronage of Our Lady Star of the Sea, if you follow her you will not stray; praying to her you will not despair; reflecting upon her, you will not go wrong. With her taking your hand, you will not fall down: with her protecting you, you will not fear: with her leading you, you will not grow weary; with her favour you will accomplish"

Such powerful words for us to reflect upon.

Over the next 12 months let us pray that Cytûn Llandudno will be guided by Jesus Christ and Our Lady Star of the Sea, and that all our Christian Work will be done to the glory of God, who is our heavenly Father. Amen.

Fr Andrew.

***Cytûn Llandudno Annual Luncheon
In Saint David's Hall, Craig-y-Don
Sunday October 8th 2006
(cost about £9-00 - details later)***

***Annual Conference Cytûn Llandudno
Conflict and Art
Reflections on Life in the Middle East
Peter Lewis
Monday November 6th 2006
(More details later)***

Meddai'r Llywydd i ddod:

Rwyf wrth fy modd ond yn teimlo'n ostyngedig hefyd i fod yn Lywydd Cytûn Llandudno. Mae'n deimlad rhyfedd i fod yn Lywydd gan fy mod yn dal i deimlo'n fewnfudwr cymharol newydd i glerigwyr y dref, er y byddaf wedi bod yma dair blynedd ddiwedd mis Awst.

Penderfynais wneud rhywbeth ychydig yn wahanol eleni – ac, os meiddiaf i ddweud, ychydig yn Gatholig. Rwyf wedi penderfynu gosod fy mlwyddyn fel Llywydd o dan nawdd Ein Harglwyddes Seren y Môr.

Gwyddom i gyd fod yr Eglwys Gatholig yn Llandudno wedi'i chysegru i Ein Harglwyddes Seren y Môr a chan y bydd baner Cytûn yn bresennol yn yr eglwys yn ystod y deuddeg mis nesaf, meddyliais y byddai hynny'n addas iawn.

Fel yr ysgrifennodd Sant Bernard o Clairvaux: "O dan nawdd Ein Harglwyddes Seren y Môr, os ydych yn ei dilyn ni fyddwch yn crwydro; wrth weddïo iddi hi ni fyddwch yn anobeithio, myfyriwch arni hi ac nid ewch ymhell o'ch lle. Gyda hi'n dal eich llaw, ni chewch gwmp: gyda hi'n eich amddiffyn, nid ofnwch: gyda hi'n eich arwain, ni flinwch, gyda'i bendith hi byddwch yn cyflawni"

Geiriau grymus i ni fyfyrion arnyn nhw.

Yn ystod y deuddeg mis nesaf gadewch i ni weddïo y bydd Cytûn Llandudno yn cael ei arwain gan Iesu Grist ac Ein Harglwyddes Seren y Môr ac y bydd ein holl Waith Cristnogol yn cael ei wneud er gogoniant Duw, ein Tad nefol. Amen.

Tad Andrew

***The Coptic Orthodox Church
of St Mary and St Abasikhiron,***

25 Trinity Avenue, Llandudno
(formerly Ebeneser Welsh Methodist Chapel)

will be consecrated on Sunday, August 13th by

His Holiness Pope Shenouda III

Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of St. Mark.

Cytûn Llandudno will be represented at the ceremonies (which start at 7:30 am)

by Father Antony Jones.

All are welcome to attend.

Conwy Regional Cytûn - Churches Together in Conwy County Borough.

Representatives of over 17 churches attended a meeting held at St David's Methodist Church, Craig-y-Don, and unanimously voted to form a regional branch of Cytun – Churches Together in Wales, to serve the churches and communities within the County Borough of Conwy and to forge links with various government agencies so that the Christian voice can be heard in forming decisions concerning the local community. The Revd. Pam Wright was elected as Vice-President, of this regional Cytûn.

At our Llandudno Cytûn Council Meeting on Tuesday July 25th it was agreed that our two representatives to the regional Cytûn should be our Vice-President and our Secretary.

News from the Llandudno Churches:

Eglwysi Unedig Cymraeg recently hosted the **100th Annual Presentation Ceremony of Medal G.** This was held in **Seilo Chapel.** A congregation of over 800 attended and 59 recipients received their medal.

The Methodist Church nationwide is currently staging "**Pray Without Ceasing**", a full year of 24/7 prayer, hosted by each of the Methodist Districts in turn. The Colwyn Bay and Llandudno Circuit "slot" is the weekend August 18th to 20th. In Llandudno, St. David's Church is planning to open for prayer from midnight on Friday 18th to midnight on Saturday 19th, and there will be a prayer walk round the town between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday 19, stopping for prayer every 15 minutes at strategic points such as the Town Hall, the Police Station, etc. Everyone is invited to participate and programmes will be available from St. John's and St. David's.

Open-Air "Songs of Praise" at St. Tudno's Church on the Great Orme on Sunday August 27th at 3 p.m.

Women Aglow will be holding a celebration on the promenade, opposite the Cenotaph, at 2 p.m. on Bank Holiday Monday, August 28th.

Father Antony Jones celebrates 40 years in the priesthood on Monday September 11th. Everyone is invited to a **celebration of Holy Mass** at 7 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea, followed by a reception at Blessed William Davies School.

Prom Praise will again be held in the North Wales Theatre on Saturday September 16th. Many churches have block bookings and details should be available. (contact the Revd Neil Kirkham - 878056).

In **Gloddaeth United Church** on Monday September 18th from 6p.m. to 9 p.m. **BBC Radio Wales** will be recording two of their "**Celebration**" services, to be broadcast on September 24th and November 5th. All, especially singers, are welcome.

BBC T.V. producers are recording "**Songs of Praise**" in **St. Asaph Cathedral** on October 11th. There will be a rehearsal on October 5th.

A Renewal Day with Alison Morgan

**Saturday 14 October 2006 10:00am-4:00pm
at Holy Trinity Llandudno.**

Alison is author of the book '*The Wild Gospel*', and is an Associate of **ReSource:** renewal for mission in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alison is on the staff of Holy Trinity Leicester, where she and her husband Roger have a lively city and student ministry.

Bring a packed lunch - hot drinks will be available.

Booking fee £2.

Contact:

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Revd Nigel Dilkes 01492 860070, nigeldilkes@aol.com

More Dates for 2006/2007:

Cytûn Council Meetings: October 10th; January 30th; April 24th; and July 24th.

The next Admin. Meeting will be held in the Presbytery at 10 a.m. on September.25th.

A Reminder: The Cytûn Monthly Prayers at the Emmanuel Centre, Lloyd Street, Llandudno on Second Saturday every month – from at 8:30 am.

Cytûn Officers 2006/7:

President: Fr Andrew Franklin (01492 870707)

Vice-President: Revd Pam Crane (01492 875685)

Secretary: Mrs Arline Griffiths (01492 870051)

Treasurer: Mrs Margaret Baker (01492 543165)

Cytûn Newsletter & Cytûn Website:

www.llandudnochurches.org.uk

Would members please check their own Church entry on the Cytûn website and if any change is needed, please contact Noel Walley phone: 01492 874217 or email: noel@llandudno.com

Cytûn Llandudno - Saint David's College Uganda Link Programme 2005/6

The 2005 Link Project

In Newsletter 35 (October 2005), the Revd Tim Hall reported on the visit to Kampala in Uganda by a party of seven 16 year olds from St David's College that spent three weeks in July 2005 engaged partly in the building of two school classrooms and also in taking part in various teaching and worship activities. Later, in November 2005, a second party visited and Tim reported as follows:

November Visiting Team:

The Revd Tim Hall (St David's College), Revd Peter Marshall (Llangystenin Parish), Rachel Hall (St Thomas', Sheffield) and Robert Williams-Day (St David's College and St Giles, Wrexham).

Purpose:

1. To open the classrooms built by St David's College in Katwe United School and to speak at their Speech Day.
2. To review last year's visit by St David's Pupils.
3. To plan for further visits.
4. To review John's plans for the future.
5. To begin the process of a legal and financial framework for John's work.
6. To investigate the possibilities of extending the work into Rwanda.
7. To introduce Robert Williams-Day at the start of his extended GAP stay.
8. To make a link between the Centre and a local church.

Katwe United School

This school is in a shanty town in Kampala. It is the community in which John was brought up and where he went to school until he was fourteen.

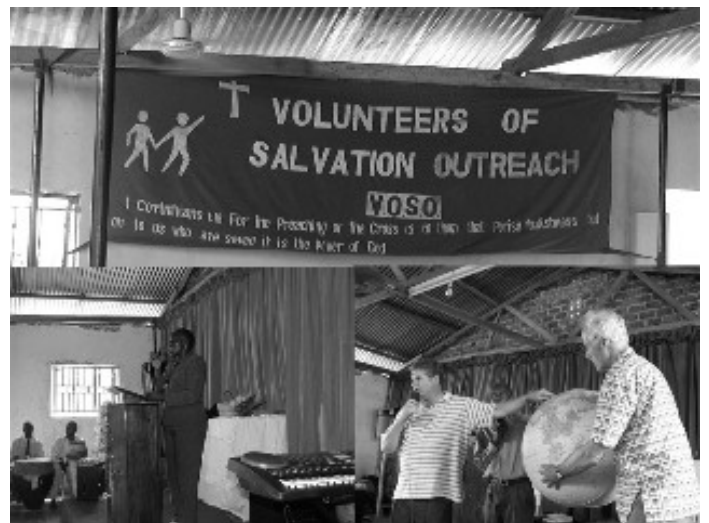
The visit was quite remarkable, with parents and friends filling the outside area and the children singing and dancing for hours on end. We arrived mid-way through at 12 noon and left before the end at 5 pm. The welcome as huge and the impact of the St David's pupils last summer (2005) was extraordinary. Our task in November 2005 was to prepare the ground for the 2006 visit and to plan for the longer term future.

Tim's report runs three more pages so unfortunately we must limit it to just three pictures:



Above: A Welcome from the Children at Katwe.

Below: Pastor Sarah's shanty town ministry in Kampala.



We visited the new Cathedral of Kigezi and spoke in the Church at N'gara (above) and took the school assembly. This visit made a lasting impression and I am sure has set up opportunities for further visits.

Tim Hall.