

**Worship: All services will be streamed live from the church.**

Contact Pete Fawcett to arrange an invite or use the links

Meeting ID: 407 593 4256 Passcode: 123456

**11am Sunday 3rd April Worship with Communion**

Led by Pete Fawcett and Rev Julia Bartholomew. Theme: 1 Cor 4:14-21 puffed up or powerful?

**11am Sunday 10th April Worship for Palm Sunday**

Lead by Ellis Morey and Carolyn Ridding. Followed by a roast pork lunch at the cricket club. To book in, please hand in an envelope containing £12 and with your name on the front, to Sue Williams or Delyth Beecroft by Sunday 3rd April.

**WORSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

**6:30pm Thursday 14th April** 'The last Supper'. Worship with Communion for Maundy Thursday.

**7:30am Sunday 17th April** Cytyn Worship for Easter Day at Rhos Point Join Peter and the other disciples for an encounter with the resurrected Jesus on the beach. Collection in aid of Mercy Ships.

**11am Sunday 17th April Worship for Easter day with Communion.**

Lead by Rev Julia Bartholomew and Mark Rodgers. Also we welcome into membership Heather Frankish, Louise Frankish and Les Mason and commission Fiona Coleman as our new Church Secretary.

**Following Christ in the Footsteps of the Saints**

**Lent reflections with a soup lunch on Thursdays from 12-1pm**

Thursdays 31st March and 7th April. All are welcome - just turn up or book in with Pete Fawcett.

**7pm Thursday 31st March** A time of worship in church for all involved in playing and singing on Sunday mornings.

**Want a chat?** Contact Rev Julia Bartholomew

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Dear Friends,

The Easter proclamation "He is risen!" is a truth for all of humanity. The Gospel of Mark, the first to be written, ends in its earliest versions with the words; "*Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.*" (Mark 16:8)

The female disciples went to the tomb that first Easter morning and there they were commissioned with proclaiming the Good News of Jesus' resurrection. As we celebrate Jesus' risen presence with us this Easter, let's find ways to share that good news of new life with all that we meet; whatever their age, gender, or race.

We may like these female disciples find ourselves in a place of fear. World events have certainly shaken each one of us some way. But a daily time of prayer and Bible reading reminds us that God is ultimately in control and nothing can separate us from his love. And when we commit ourselves to that daily rhythm of prayer we find a heightened awareness of God's love overflowing into our everyday conversations. Let's bring glory to God this Easter through all that we do and say!

With every blessing, *Julia*

## CHURCH FAMILY NOTICEBOARD

**Trevor and Gill Mills** share their news from Old Colwyn: A lot is happening. Our children are drawing us back to Kidderminster to live. Our house here may have sold and we may have bought an apartment on the edge of Kidderminster (Well, our children have actually as we haven't seen it but they have). We will be within five minutes of three of them and half an hour from the youngest which is what they want. Regards to you and the family.

Best wishes for a speedy Covid recovery to **Betty Johnson, Kate Lane and Pete Fawcett.**

### What's on at Adlington House ?

Mondays 10:30am Craft Club with Maureen Roberts

Tuesdays 11am Morning Worship led by chaplain Jane Barnes

Thursday 7th April at 2pm Pray with Clay with Jane

All are welcome to the above events. Please check in advance of attending a group as the building is closed to visitors when a resident has Covid. Everyone who comes into the building has to show a negative lateral flow test but they can do the test at home and bring in the result to show. Adlington has free LFT's if anyone needs them.

### 'Meilyr' the mediæval poet longs for Bardsey Island to be the place of his resurrection

When the time of our resurrection comes,  
all who are in the grave, make me ready.  
As I await the call,  
may my home be the monastery where  
the tide rises,  
a wilderness of enduring glory,  
around its cemetery the breast of the sea,  
island of fair Mary, sacred isle of the saints,  
awaiting resurrection there is lovely.  
Christ of the prophesied cross, who knows me,  
shall guide me past hell, the isolated abode of agony.  
The Creator who made me shall receive me...

(Shared by David Judson)



### Lazy Daisy

(Open 10.00am to 5.30pm Mondays to Saturdays all year round)

Ladies, rush down now to Lazy Daisy on Rhos' magnificent prom to buy your summer outfits. The key words for Manager, Hazel Gray and her Assistant Loraine Jones about their garments and accessories are Traceability and Sustainability. They are deeply concerned with how they are made, and where they will end up. This is absolutely not 'throwaway fashion' – you will not find the '£2 T-shirt' here. The emphasis is on non-petrochemical based fabrics such as organic cotton, viscose/tencel from eucalyptus, wool, linen and bamboo. (Polyester, when washed, sheds microparticles, which end up polluting the sea).

Lazy Daisy opened in 2000 with stock from British factories. When these gradually closed down, they had to look further afield – to India (Adini), Andean Mountains in South America (Pachamama), Vietnam (Earth Squared) and Turkey (Weird Fish). Working on Fairtrade policies, these suppliers use locally sourced fabrics which are shipped to the UK by sea where possible, rather than air, which greatly reduces fuel consumption and carbon dioxide emissions. They use dyes which are non-toxic to the workers, the environment and the wearers.



You can try on your choices in their fitting rooms and accessorise them with Lazy Daisy's scarves, handbags (mostly fabric), costume jewellery and socks. If at home you find that your purchases don't 'work' for you, you can return them within 7 days for a full refund, or 28 days in exchange for a credit note. (JIA)

## Charity concert in aid of Cruse Bereavement Care.



The All Strung Up Band, plus the Singstation Choir will present this event at 7pm in our church on 7<sup>th</sup> May. A risk assessment will be completed to ensure that whatever requirements are in place for live music performances at the time will be followed.

It may be that there will be a limit on the number of people who can attend, so the concert will be streamed on you-tube as we did last February. Tickets cost £6. and will have to be issued on a "first come, first served" basis. If you would like to come to the concert, please get in touch with Sue Williams

Mob: 07500 362415 or Land line: 01492 544148, OR  
Keith Harrison Mob: 07587 698165 or Land line 01492 338817

Should infections reach a high level, and we are not allowed to have an audience at all, the band and choir will still perform and the concert will go out on you-tube. This will be available from 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May. Also please get in touch us if you would like watch on you-tube – we will send you details of how to log on nearer the time.

If you would like to make a donation to the charity here's how to do it:

1. Give online to our just giving page which will appear on screen as you watch on you-tube.
2. Write a cheque payable to Cruse Bereavement Care Wales and either drop it in the letter box at church, (if you are local) or post
3. to Rhos on Sea URC, Colwyn Avenue, Rhos on Sea, Colwyn Bay LL28 4RA

## The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Church flowers, a school group working on conservation at Maenan Wood, discussion groups at the Regional Elders day



## The First Easter Day – The Things He Said

Perhaps we might have expected the first things Jesus said on that day, would be triumphant pronouncements, like “Look, I am risen from the dead!”, “Look, I have conquered death itself!” But the things he said were rather low-key and they tend not to stick in our minds. Here is what is recorded in the Gospels, but bear in mind that unlike us, they weren’t expecting a resurrection.

**1). “Why are you weeping?”.** Mary Magdalene is standing by the empty tomb, sobbing. She sees two figures in white sitting where Jesus’ body should have been. They ask her why she is weeping and she says that they have taken away her Lord and she doesn’t know where they’ve laid him.

Then she becomes aware that someone is standing behind her, perhaps it’s a gardener.

**2). “Who are you looking for?”.** Jesus is standing in front of her now, but she still doesn’t recognise him. He asks “Who are you looking for?” and she replies “Sir, if you have carried him away, please tell me where you have laid him”.

**3). “Mary”.** He holds her in his gaze and says her name, “Mary”. Her eyes are opened and ears unblocked. She recognises him, saying “He’s alive! “Rabouni! (Teacher!)” and throws her arms around him.

**4). “Do not hold on to me”** He says to Mary Magdalene “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father...”

**5). “My God and your God”** ... but go instead to my brothers, and say to them that I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God”. Mary

Magdalenes is the first witness, the first to tell this good news!

**6). “What are you discussing as you walk along?”.** Later that Sunday, two followers of Jesus are walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Jesus catches up with them, but they don’t recognise him. “What are you discussing as you walk along?” he asks. They are amazed – “Are you the only person who doesn’t know what happened a few days ago?” they reply. He asks “What things?”, as if he were not the very person who would know what happened.

**7). “Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer?”** They explain about their shock, disappointment and grief about the recent happenings. He replies that surely all this had been foreseen by the prophets and asks “Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer?” Because it was getting dark, they invite him to stay the night with them in Emmaus. He sits down to eat with them, and it is as he was breaking the bread that their eyes are opened and they recognise him. But then he disappears from their sight.

**8). “Peace be with you”.** They rush back to Jerusalem to tell the eleven disciples what has happened. Jesus appears in the midst and says “Peace be with you”.

**9). “As the Father sent me, so I am sending you”.** Then comes the Commission, the Invitation, from Jesus to spread his Word; “As my Father sent me, so I am sending you”. According to John’s Gospel, he breathes the power of the Spirit into them there and then. According to Luke Gospel, he tells them to wait in the city, until they receive the power of the Spirit.

(Shared by JIA)

## EASTER

Can it be right that the death of one man  
Could bring the forgiveness we need?  
Can it be right that the death of God’s Son  
Will bring cleansing for all our wrong deeds?

Forgiveness cleansing salvation redemption  
All in the death of one man?  
Is this the true Easter message we hear  
That God’s Christ died for our sin!

Our God used His Son’s crucifixion  
To save us from the wrath that’s to come  
This was the love of our wonderful God  
That he wanted for those that He owns

What must it be like to watch your Son die  
Crucified by barbaric man?  
Murdered by jealousy, arrogance, rage  
Their Jehovah since time began.

But what of the future for those who love  
Christ  
No death, no pain, but bliss – who can tell!  
But what happens to those who reject God’s  
love?  
Condemnation, judgement and forever in ...

Well, the decision is ours; it is not months  
and years  
For we all were created immortal.  
It can be love, life and light, with a future so  
bright...  
Or be outside God’s love and protection.

(This poem is deliberately challenging as I  
feel our God is challenging us through  
challenging times! Trevor Mills 3.3.22)

