

Message from John

So a teenager says to me the other day, 'do you think that Jesus gets two presents on Christmas Day or do you think that people fob him off with a joint one?' We sometimes forget that it is His birthday we are celebrating! But what can you give Jesus as a present for His Birthday and for Christmas? Surely it is the definitive nightmare of, 'what to give someone who already has everything'. However, the third verse of 'In the Bleak Mid-Winter' starts "what can I give him", and concludes "give my heart".

What does it mean to give your heart to Jesus at Christmas? Recently in our series on Ruth, we saw the love, devotion, faithfulness and kindness that Ruth showed to Naomi. She was humble but determined. She stayed true to God. She gave her heart.

It's a beautiful thing to give your heart to Jesus, and only you can give him that present. If we give our heart to Jesus, it affects the way that we do things (how we are) as well as who we are and what we do. We'll have choices to make this Christmas about whether to let others go first (prefer others to ourselves), whether to smile or be grumpy, whether to make time for others in our schedule – remembering that many people find Christmas-time difficult. Giving our heart to Jesus shapes 'How' we do Christmas, and how we do Christmas shows people who Jesus is. Love came down at Christmas – so rejoice, enjoy, celebrate and let it shine.

"We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1v14b

Blessings, John

Regular Events

Morning Worship

Sundays 10.30 am - Refreshments available from 10.15 am. Sunday School for children.

Aros a Chwarae Stay and Play

Tuesdays 10 am - 12 pm.

Group for pre-school children and their parents/carers. Open to older siblings in the school holidays. **NB Not over Christmas this year!**



House Group - Tuesdays 7.30 pm

Fellowship, Bible study and prayer. Various venues - see notice board.

Ladies Prayer - Wednesdays 9.45 - 11.15 am

Chat, bible study and prayer. There will also be one evening per month. Venues will vary - please see Valmai or Ruth for more details

Open the Book - Wednesdays

Preparation and presentations at St Asaph VP, Ysgol Trefnant and Esgob Morgan on alternate weeks. See Angela or Penny if you are interested in joining the team.



RAK - Random Acts of Kindness - Thursdays

11 am - 3 pm. Church members and members of the community working together to show kindness. Drop in for a chat, browse the paper, play a board game, seek advice or just relax. Free tea, coffee, toast & snacks. **Everyone welcome.**



Llanelwy Community Church



December 2018 Newsletter

"Making a mark for Jesus Christ in the city of St Asaph"



"A child has been born for us, we have been given a son!" Isaiah 9: 6

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Dates for December 2018

- 2nd **Morning Worship** - John
- 4th **Alpha Special - Why Christmas?**
Meal & After-dinner talk. 6.45pm
All welcome
- 7th **Senior Citizens' Christmas Party** - LICC
- 8th **Breakfast in Bethlehem** at LICC
- 9th **All-Age Service** - John
- 11th **Carol Singing** - meet at LICC at 7pm
- 16th **Morning Worship** - David Landon
- 16th **Christmas Meal** - at the Talardy,
1.30pm. Cost about £16. See Alan.
- 18th **Christingle** at LICC at 6pm
- 20th **Carol Singing** at Bryn Derwen, 6pm.
We will be joined by the Brownies.
- 23rd **Morning Worship** - John
- 24th **Parish Church Crib service** - 4pm
- 25th **Christmas Day Service** 10am & **Carols**
- the **Old Deanery** with RAK - 10.45am
- 30th **Morning Worship** - Alan Jones

Future Dates

January

- 8th **Aros a Chwarae/Stay and Play**
- 12th **St Asaph Breakfast** - Speaker TBC
- 29th **Church Meeting**

February

- 23rd **Only Men Allowed** - 7 pm at KBC.
Talk & food. Speaker - Scott
Jenkinson and his powerful testimony.

Christmas Activities

Friday 30th Nov 5-8 pm

Advent Calendar

at Cathedral Winter Fair
A **Free** event for all the family - 24 things to do, make or eat – with shepherds, angels & kings to meet! Collect your **Free** Ticket, passport & bag from **Bethlehem Tours** as you enter the Cathedral - look out for the Tour guides!



Saturday 8th Dec 10.30am – 12pm

Breakfast in Bethlehem

Free family fun with crafts, activities, bacon sandwiches & tea/coffee.



Tuesday 11th Dec 7 pm Carol Singing

Around the tree on the High Street (or at LICC depending on weather) with hot drinks & mince pies.

Tuesday 18th Dec 6pm

Christingle Activity Service

An event for all the family. Come and make and light a Christingle.



Alpha Course



4th Dec - Christmas Special - Why Christmas?

Meal and After-dinner-talk: **All welcome** – whether you've been along to the whole Alpha course, or if you're just interested to come as a 'one-off'. 6:45pm, food at 7pm.

January

Tues 15th - Review and any questions
Tues 22nd - Video: How does God guide us?

February:

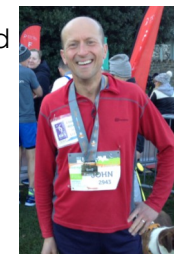
Sat 2nd - Alpha Away Day: The Holy Spirit?
Tues 5th - How can I resist evil?
Tues 12th - Does God Heal today?
Tues 19th - Why and How should I tell others?

March:

Tues 5th - What about the church?
Tues 12th - How to make the most of the rest of my life.

Clean Water Project

Well done to John - he completed the Conwy Half Marathon and has raised another £300 towards the project. The total is now nearly £1500 to help BMS provide clean water for a community!



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