

Message from John

A change of momentum can dominate our whole perspective. In the recent NFC championship game, the LA Rams audaciously got their punter to fake and throw a perfect pass like a quarterback. This not only kept them in possession, it changed the whole momentum of the game and suddenly it seemed like anything was possible. They won and made it to the superbowl.

February is a time where we see changes of momentum. The promise of spring, alongside the majestic but sometimes harsh winter. We see the budding yellow, purple and orange crocuses one day, and storms or dramatic foreboding snow covered mountains the next. But we increasingly see that the onset of spring will overcome the cold winter. The momentum is shifting.

Spiritually, we also see momentum changes. Often, when I read my Bible and pray, the momentum changes in my heart. I remember that the promise of God is stronger than the grave. I remember to be joyful in God, and the joy of the Lord becomes my strength as I realise once again that it doesn't depend on me, it's about me depending on Him. Sometimes, I feel nothing in my heart, and I simply have to trust. God is still there.

The ultimate momentum change is surely the cross. Jesus is arrested, and the disciples flee, Jesus is mocked, tortured and crucified. But then on the cross, when He says 'it is finished', there is a change of momentum. The earth cracks open, people are spontaneously raised to life, the curtain in the temple splits, and the whole sky goes dark. That was just the beginning. Then came the resurrection, the coming of the Spirit, and the beginning of the era of grace and salvation. This ultimate change of momentum is completely independent of feelings. It is an eternal promise.

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15v57

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.



House Group - Tuesdays 7.30 pm

Fellowship, Bible study and prayer. Various venues - see notice board. The **Alpha Course** is currently running in place of House Group.

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.**

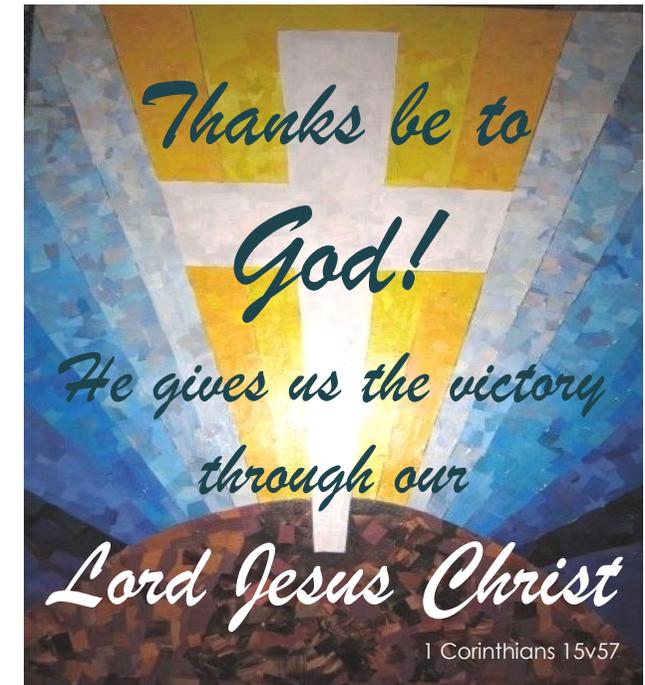


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Dates for February 2019

- 2nd **Alpha Away Day:** The Holy Spirit?
3rd **Morning Worship** - John
5th **Alpha** - How can I resist evil?
10th **Morning Worship** - Peter Cousins
12th **Alpha** - Does God Heal today?
17th **Morning Worship** - John
19th **Alpha** - Why & How should I tell others?
23rd **Only Men Allowed** - 7 pm at KBC. Talk & food. Speaker - Scott Jenkinson
24th **Morning Worship** - Paul Asbridge
26th **Stay & Play** - Ready Steady Cocoa!

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

**25 February –
10 March 2019**

Calling all chocolate fans!
Join our campaign to ensure that cocoa farmers are paid fairly for their work and are able to live a dignified life.



During Fairtrade Fortnight we will have a stall of Fairtrade goods from Kingdom Krafts in Llandudno. If you would like to order anything from the shop or from Traidcraft please speak to Penny. www.traidcraftshop.co.uk

Tuesday 26th February - Ready Steady Cocoa
Half Term fun activities and crafts for all ages at **Stay and Play / Aros a Chwarae**. Fairtrade goods for sale and a chance to learn about the Cocoa growers.

IT'S FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT READY, STEADY, COCOA!

Fairtrade Fortnight is a time to celebrate the people who grow our food, people who live in some of the poorest countries in the world & who are often exploited & badly paid. This year the focus is on the people – in particular the women – who grow the cocoa in the chocolate we love so much.

A cocoa farmer in West Africa needs to earn £1.98 each day to achieve a living income. Currently, a typical cocoa farmer in Cote d'Ivoire lives on less than 78p a day. Almost all cocoa farmers in West Africa live in poverty, despite some chocolate companies making massive profits.

For the women the situation is even worse. They may plant & harvest on the farm, look after children, carry water, collect wood, cook & clean for the family, & transport the cocoa beans to market but they are likely to see even less money for their work. The Fairtrade Foundation are campaigning for a living income to become a reality for



cocoa farmers in West Africa. If we can work together with governments, chocolate companies & retailers to make the commitments & policies necessary, then we can make it happen.

Alpha Course

February:

- Sat 2nd** - Alpha Away Day: The Holy Spirit?
Beechwood Court 9.30am - 4.30pm £16.50
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.



Future Dates

March 9th - St Asaph Breakfast - 8.30 am
Speaker to be confirmed.

May 2nd - Kang San Tan - Director of BMS World Mission is coming to LICC. 7pm start with refreshments from 6.30pm. BMS provides 350 missionaries, in 30 countries on four continents across the world. This will be an opportunity to celebrate our Clean Water Appeal which we are running with BMS.

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