

Key Events

7th Early
Celebration –
Discovery
Church, The
Meeting Place –
Cefn Mawr,
#Sundaze, Walk
this Way

12-14th Prophetic
Conference

Alison & Haydon
Murr at CCW

18th Leaders'
Huddle and
Meeting

21st Pulpit
Exchange and
CTW United
Service

25th CTW
meeting hosted
by CCW

27th COP webinar



Relay



*Welcome to the January edition of the
ChristChurch Relay magazine.*

Scripture Focus for January

Matt 2:1-2, 10-11

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'³.....¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Wisdom = worship Christ and offer him our gifts

[£529.21](#) was forwarded to the TearFund Central African Republic appeal which the UK Government will be asked to match.

Leader's Log



The GIFT that keeps on Giving

Having just celebrated Christmas we have reminded ourselves of God's amazing love gift to us in Jesus. We have celebrated this in our worship and reinforced it by the sharing of gifts with family, friends, neighbours and colleagues. Some of the gifts we received will have been used up already. Some will go on blessings us for years. The gift of Christ is unique in that He goes on giving forever!!

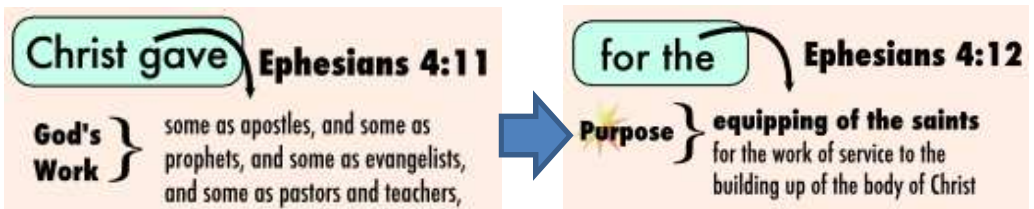
He came as a gift (**Luke 1**) but also gave His life as a gift, that we may partake of His gift forever (**John 1**). In addition to that He continues to give to His people through the gifts (**Ephesians 4**) he apportions to empower His body, the church, for ministry and mission.



God's great love gift, Jesus, was entrusted to Mary.

But the angel reassured her, saying, "Do not yield to your fear, Mary, for the Lord has found delight in you and has chosen to surprise you with a wonderful gift. You will become pregnant with a baby boy, and you are to name him Jesus. Luke 1:30 The Passion Translation

Like Mary, we have been given the responsibility to steward and care for the wonderful gifts that the ascended Christ has entrusted to us. He constantly seeks to fulfil them through the Spirit working in us and through us.



Every one of us has been gifted to be a blessing to others – gifted to give. This is worked out through corporate and individual anointing's which function to enable ministry and to produce maturity.

And he has appointed some with grace to be apostles, and some with grace to be prophets, and some with grace to be evangelists, and some with grace to be pastors, and some with grace to be teachers. And their calling is to nurture and prepare all the holy believers to do their own works of ministry, and as they do this they will enlarge and build up the body of Christ. These grace ministries will function until we all attain oneness in the faith, until we all experience the fullness of what it means to know the Son of God, and finally we become one perfect man with the full dimensions of spiritual maturity and fully developed in the abundance of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13 The Passion Translation

Each one of us carries responsibility to find out and operate in what He has gifted us with. We can then apply the gift to its proper purpose. In this way we all contribute to Christ's body functioning as it truly should.

Being gifted doesn't mean you've been given something.

It means, you have something to give.

- on a blog

2017 saw breakthrough in many areas which was exciting and really encouraging. I now sense we really need to understand and apply our gifts so that in 2018 we can see more ***Breakthrough with increase.***

WE ALL HAVE SO MUCH TO GIVE – FOR HIM.

Love and prayers,
Blessings,

GARETH ∞

We had another brilliant Junior Church Nativity, Carol Service and sketch from the EAT group this Christmas – well done to all involved.



Glyndŵr University Chaplaincy – December 2017 Report – Naomi Squire

The last few months have been very exciting at the Chaplaincy! During the Summer Term we were told that we would be relocated before the new academic year began. Various possibilities for our new 'home' were suggested, some of which caused the team great concern as they would have involved either separating the Office and the Quiet Space or being hidden away in a very quiet part of the campus. We were told, too, that there would be no further funding for the Student Worker, who has made such a difference to us, to continue in his post. However, after a meeting with senior management and much prayer, we were delighted to receive the wonderful news that we'd been allocated a large room on the busiest corridor close to the main canteen and also that funding had been found for Bobby. The new location has made a huge difference to the Chaplaincy as staff and students drop in as they pass which has led to much greater 'footfall' here and some wonderful conversations and has given us the chance to provide support for a number of staff and students who would never have come to find us in the old rooms. Our voluntary chaplains have, as a result, been giving more of their time to be on campus so that we can provide an even better service for those needing us, which is fantastic.

We wanted to find a way to encourage staff and students to talk more about Faith and spirituality, and were given funding by the ADOR project (a Welsh Government initiative to encourage students to develop their skills) to hold a competition whereby students could submit pieces of art around this subject. The best ones have been chosen and will be displayed in a trail around the campus from the end of next February and we hope will help us to engage those in the university (and the wider community) in conversations about faith and belief – please lookout for publicity in the New Year and come and have a look for yourselves – we've called it 'ARTicles of Faith'.

The Chaplaincy has played a key role this term in challenging University management to ensure that they are caring for the mental health of staff. They agreed to sign the 'Time to Change Pledge', part of a nationwide campaign to make sure that employers and staff know how to look after each other and feel able to talk about mental health issues. I feel that this has been one of the main contributions to University life we have made and I've been delighted by the positive response from managers and others.

We also held a public lecture and discussion on 'Faith & Science: Rational v Irrational' which was given by Rev Will, our Anglican Chaplain. All who attended were encouraged to see that there need be no contradiction between faith and science and understand how, in fact, they complement and illuminate each other. We have organised the University Carol Service again this year which will be accompanied by the Salvation Army band and Glyndŵr Choir. We move to various venues around the Campus as the service progresses and it's a great opportunity to remind people of the true meaning of Christmas as we sing Carols and hear the Christmas Bible Readings.

Points for Prayer

- Please pray for our wonderful team of voluntary Chaplains. They are such busy people and we are so grateful for the time they freely give us, so please pray that they will have the energy for all the things they have to do – I couldn't do what I do without them!
- All staff here as many face job changes or redundancy due to a major changes in staff structure.
- Please pray for a student who has received a diagnosis of a serious and life-long condition. He had a faith when younger but for various reasons began to lose it. He has a yearning to know that God still loves him and will be with him whatever the future may bring as regards his health. We've had some deep and open discussions around faith and suffering and I'm hoping he'll come back soon to continue them. Pray too for a Theology Student and his family, he's a Christian, and has a life-threatening condition but he continues to encourage us with his positivity and strong faith.
- Please pray that our new location and the ARTicles of Faith project will lead to more conversations around faith, especially with those needing help, and those who never usually think about spirituality.

Thanksgiving

- Give thanks for support for the Chaplaincy from senior management, and a greater recognition of the work we do by the University as a whole, including our excellent new rooms.
- Give thanks too for answered prayers about our locating and funding, and of all we've been able to support as a result.



Base Camp

There will be a new base camp course taking place this term

The dates are Feb - 8th & 22nd

Mar - 8th & 22nd

Apr - 12th & 26th

May - either 3rd or 10th



The following themes will be looked at during the course:-

CCW pattern of worship, CCW Vision, Mission & Values, Missional Communities at CCW, Celebrations and MCs, The Essentials of Missional Communities UP, IN & OUT, Me Vs We → Sharing Life & Mission TOGETHER

Each session will include brief teaching, a focus upon scripture, personal reflection & time for prayer. Please speak to Gareth for more information.

Base Camp will be run by Andrew and Elizabeth Williams.

Youth Bursary

I'm Alanna, I've been awarded the role of the youth bursary. I'm in my second year at Glyndwr University studying Criminology and Criminal Justice.



I run the 'C2 Challenge' in youth club among other things.

This is the main part of the bursary and it is basically a part of the evening that the young people can choose whether or not they want to join in with us in learning more about God, where they can participate in discussions and ask us questions. Adam has also been helping with the Challenge, which seems to be having a good impact as we're both close to their age group and I think this helps them to feel more comfortable and open. So far we've looked at things like God as a Father and a perfect world. The idea of it is to challenge the young people into coming over and listening to what we have prepared while discussing it with them. This is amazing to be a part of and I wouldn't change any of how this is approached as it's an easy way of engaging them to participate.

I also help with 'Pie'n'Ears' too but lately not many people have been free and some are beginning to seem disinterested in attending. We are also looking at starting a bible study like this one for younger people and hoping that some of those interested in the C2 Challenge would be interested in joining.

Please could you pray for the continuing interest from the young people and that they feel they can talk to us in their journey so that they don't feel alone. Could you also pray for the bible study, for it to start up again and for a new journey with new people. Thank you.

Missional Community and Small Groups monthly rhythms at CCW

Our MCs & small groups meet several times during the month, here is a reminder

ACT – 2nd Saturday Ti church. 2nd Thursday Communion, 2nd & 4th Friday Chatty Craft. 3rd Friday Chatty Books. All at ACRC Rob & Sally and Sue Allen

Discovery - 1st Sunday Discovery Church, Hightown. Every Thursday Bible Study (2nd Thursday Planning meeting) Huw & Lesley

#Sundaze - 1st Sunday either at ACRC or another location depending on activity. Mid-month social. Andrew & Elizabeth, John & Sally

Walk this Way 1st Sunday meal, word and worship, 2nd & 4th Saturday Walk, Gareth & Jean

Cefn Mawr - 1st Sunday The Meeting Place CaféChurch. Every Thursday Praise, Prayer & Bible Study or monthly Social for local people. Paul & Gill

TWM meets on a Wednesday evening on the second and fourth weeks of the month. Venue varies from meeting to meeting. Campbell & Glenys

Walk this Way Winter / Spring 2018 programme

- January - Sunday 7th Meal, Word & Worship 18-19.30
 Saturday 13th ? NB – Prophetic Conference / Ichthus Leaders Conference ?
 Saturday 27th Walk – Alun Waters Country Park 14-15.30
- February - Sunday 4th Meal, Word & Worship 18-19.30
 Saturday 10th Walk – Llangollen circuit from Alan & Sue's 10.30-13.30
 Saturday 24th Walk – Gresford Quarry Country Park 10.30-12.30
- March - Sunday 4th Meal, Word & Worship 18-19.30
 Saturday 10th Walk - Ty Mawr Country Park to Aqueduct 10.30-13.30
 Saturday 24th Walk - Caergwrlle & Hope Circular Walk 10.30-13.30
- April - Sunday 1st EASTER DAY Meal, Word & Worship 13-15.30
 Saturday 14th Walk - Chirk Canal 10.30-13.00
 Saturday 28th Walk – Horseshoe Falls & Velvet Hill 10-14.00



Setting up Church on a Sunday

We need more people to help set up Church on a Sunday, what's involved?

Setting Up – Involves setting out some of the equipment used in church - Junior Church and Tea/Coffee boxes go in the café area. Lectern on the front table, notices table box at the back and putting the items out on the table. It also involves helping set up the tables for communion. **Contact Sally G**



PA – The tasks involved are (1) setting up beforehand, (2) mixing during the celebration and (3) putting away afterwards. Set up requires being there at 9 am in order to have the system ready for the music group to have sufficient time to practice before the celebration and involves both *physical work* in carrying out the equipment, some of which is heavy, and *technical knowledge*, which can be learned. Mixing is both *technical* (which again can be learned) and a more 'spiritual' ministry, in that the aim of mixing the music during the service is to be sensitive to the needs of the music group and the congregation in order to facilitate the congregational sung worship. Taking it all down is simply the reverse of putting it all up! but with the benefit of some more – and greatly appreciated - help from other individuals. **Contact Colin**

IT – Involves setting up the laptop, connecting it to the projector, screen, monitor on the front desk and sound system. Once it is all set up open the schedule that is in easy worship. It is straight forward to follow the slides through the celebration. **Contact Rob G**

Tea – Helping set out Tea and Coffee sups and then serving after the celebration, helping with washing up and putting cups away. **Contact Liz**

Junior Church – Junior Church has 2 main groups (Under 11 and 11+). The secondary age children have their own group but the others all join together to start. Then depending on the topic and activities they either stay together or split into smaller groups. We need people to lead a group and also be helpers. **Contact Jean**

If you can help with the above things, it would be really great. It would mean that others who are doing more than one thing on a Sunday would be able to be part of the celebration rather than just doing.

ChristChurch Monthly Rotas

| | 7 th | 14 th | 21 st | 28 th |
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| | | communion | Offering | communion |
| Setting Up | Andrew | Gareth | Richard | Rob |
| PA | - | Eth, Colin | Rob, Adrian | Eth, Colin |
| IT | Rob | Rob | Huw | Rob |
| Music Group | Adam | Lesley, Genni | Adam | Lesley, Genni |
| Celebration Leader | Sue | Gareth | Rob | Sue |
| Speaker | Gareth | Alison / Haydon Murr | Pulpit Exchange Rev Jonathan Smith | Gareth |
| Prayer Team | Frank, Val | Sue, Alan | Frank, Elaine | Paul, Gill |
| Tea | Marilyn, Elaine, Charlie | Andrew, Elizabeth, Lucy | Paul, Gill, Myra | Dorothy, Gerry, Angela |
| Crèche | No Junior Church | Angela | Sue K | Glenys |
| Mega Quest Mini Quest | | Andrew, Elizabeth, Sarah | Andrew, Elizabeth, Katy | Jean, Sally G, |
| EAT | | Kev | Kev | Kev |

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