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## GOLEUDY HARLECH NEWSLETTER

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43 V19



### Nadolig Llawen

#### Winter Teaching Series

#### Discovering our Church Values

As we move into our Winter months our teaching series continues to explore our Church Values.

3rd December - Generosity

10th December- TBC

17th December - Carol Service 5pm service only.

24th December- Christingle and Nativity Service

#### A note from Anna

The call to prayer! 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Why is it important to pray, firstly, for “Kings and all that are in authority” ? It is in obedience to the scriptures and therefore God’s will. We are called to pray for the salvation of those who lead and make decisions as well as them hearing His voice.

Wouldn’t it be wonderful to have Christians in charge!

We know also, that God can do His good purposes even through those in authority who are hardened to the things of God.

Through them God is able to do so much good for others, whether the Kings and those in authority know it or not. It isn’t about political beliefs but rather the office held and not the individual person. And let’s be honest....most of our decision makers and people in authority would benefit from the intervention of Almighty God! Prayer is maintaining our connection with God, so we may have His wisdom and connect to His power. When we pray, we listen for what God is speaking about the situation and pray His will over it. It is not twisting God’s arm to get Him to act, but putting things in motion, spiritually, to bring about change not only in any given situation but in ourselves also.

God created everything in the beginning by speaking them into being. Our words in prayer can have the same effect as we partner with God. We were created to be like God, and the more we spend time with Him in prayer, the more we become like Him.

**Weekly Prayer Meeting on Zoom Tuesdays at 8am to 8.30am**

**Please support Goleudy Harlech prayer life by joining the Church in prayer each week**

#### WELCOME TO OUR FIFTH EDITION OF GOLEUDY HARLECH NEWSLETTER.

As we move into December we have lots of Church family events happening.

#### Upcoming Dates

**Saturday 2nd December, 1.30pm to 4pm**

**Face to Face, worship and prayer for North Wales, Aberconwy**

**Sunday 3rd December, 4pm**

**United Carol Service in St Tanwg’s Church Harlech.**

**Saturday 9 December, 7pm**

**Church Christmas party at Martin and Linda’s with bring-and-share buffet meal**

**Tuesday 12 December, 6.30pm**

**Carol singing around Harlech (for about 1 hour) followed by refreshments at Myfanwy’s**

**Sunday 17 December, 5pm**

**Goleudy Harlech’s Carol Service in the Memorial Hall**

**Sunday 24 December, 10.30am**

**Christingle and Nativity Service in the Memorial Hall**





Hello everyone! I have been working at CMC adventure for 3 years now! I have been a part of Goleudy Harlech Church for a year, after exploring many churches nowhere really clicked for me like Goleudy Harlech did. I joined the worship group and it has been a blast, helping to boosting my confidence and allowing me to share my gift with other people. Goleudy has been nothing but welcoming and supportive for me and I love that I have found my church. I was baptised into this church on Llandanwg beach along with Dan and Danny and it was truly the most beautiful day to say the least. I will remember it always. I will continue to call Goleudy Harlech my church even as I go on my life adventures as I am moving away in December to travel with Dan and study to be a nurse! Many adventures to come but **I will definitely visit when I can!** - Meg

**Saying goodbye** to folk who become more than coworkers, who become family, is never easy. After seeing off our final group of the year, we all got together to celebrate and say farewell to Dan and Meg as they start their next adventure. They are going to be greatly missed. Personally they've been like a younger brother and sister to me which makes it all the harder to say goodbye, but it's brought me joy to watch them grow as they have trained and nurtured our new trainees, as well as bringing laughter to each day, so their legacy at CMC lives on! These guys coming together in recent weeks has really defined "team" for me, and I couldn't be prouder to be a part of it!  
Laura



### **A prayer given to us this week for Goleudy Harlech.**

**Father God**, you are loving and compassionate, and in your word there is the promise that You draw near to the broken hearted and those who mourn. There are broken hearts today in the families and friends of the four teenagers who so tragically died on our roads. We lift up each of the grieving families and friends to you. May the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, move in compassion upon these devastated souls, wrapping them in love, peace and comfort. Strengthen them, uphold them, be with each one in the quiet stillness of the night and in the clamour of the day. We pray people will be sent by you, Father God, to minister to each one, and share the hope that can only come from You, at such a time of darkness and loss. We pray too, for all those providing support and care, as well as those involved with every aspect of this tragedy that they too may find peace and comfort. Lord, we pray for the promise of joy returning one day to the broken hearted. We trust in your unfailing love and the hope of new beginnings. May there be hope where there appears to be none, and comfort when everything seems so broken. Thank you Father that You are that hope. The Way, the Truth and the Life. In Jesus name we pray, **Amen**

**A note on the Leadership Process** Thank you all for your nominations for elders for the church. The moderators (Dave Newbould, Criccieth Family Church, Amy and Linda) have been working through the process and hope that they will be in a position to recommend a team of elders to the church in early December, who will then be asked to take part in another online ballot (paper options available as well) so that everyone can indicate whether they would give their support to each person being proposed for eldership. Each candidate will need to receive at least 75% approval in order to serve as an elder. The moderators will hopefully be able to propose a team of elders at the church meeting on Tuesday 9 Jan. Please continue to pray for wisdom for those involved in this process.