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Changing lives with love

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love: and the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13

Yr awr hon y mae yn aros ffydd, gobaith, cariad, y tri hyn; a'r mwyaf o'r rhai hyn yw cariad.
1 Corinthiaid 13:13

Dear

This very well-known text, with its emphasis on the importance of 'love' is central to our Christian faith culminating in the perfect, self-giving love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This photo of the ancient, little St Trillo's Church, shows a much loved and frequently visited Church, on the coastal path walk in Rhos on Sea. The Church has a notice of welcome saying, 'This sacred place has heard the whispered prayers of centuries, and people still find God's peace and hope here every day.'

Wherever we are today we can still thankfully - whisper our prayers and know God's peace, hope and love.

Your friends from the Churches of Bro Celynnin are thinking of you and share with you these few resources for prayer, personal reflection and worship at home - hoping that you will find this helpful and encouraging.

Bible Readings for October

If you are unable to come to church services perhaps you would like to use them for reflection at home.

Sunday, 4th Oct. Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20. Psalm 19. Philippians 3.4b-14. Matthew 21.33-46

Sunday, 11th Oct. Exodus 32.1-14. Psalm 106.1-6, [19-23]. Philippians 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14

Sunday, 18th Oct. Isaiah 35.3-6. Psalm 147.1-7. 2 Timothy 4.5-17. Luke 10.1-9

Sunday, 25th Oct. Deuteronomy 34.1-12.Psalm 90.1-6, [13-17]. 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8. Matthew 22.34-46

Sunday Services

11am - St Mary's Church, Caerhun
11am - St Mary's Church, Conwy
3pm - St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin

Wednesdays 11am

St Benedict's Church, Gyffin
Coffee after

October 4th, at the beginning of this month is the Feast of St Francis. St Francis was born in Assisi, Italy, in the 12th Century. This year is the 800th anniversary of his death. His father was a wealthy silk merchant and Francis lived a rich, indulgent life as a young man. Following an illness as a young man, Francis went on a pilgrimage to Rome and here he witnessed poverty and deprivation and he radically changed his lifestyle, vowing to live a life following God - he gave to the poor, cared for the sick, lived frugally and gathered a band of followers - founding the Franciscan Order - still recognised by their simple brown habit, with a rope around the waist having three knots symbolising poverty, chastity, and obedience. Saint Francis was known for his love of animals and he believed that nature reflected God. He is associated with being the patron Saint of animals and the environment and many Churches at this time have special services of blessing for animals and pets and the environment.

Below is the well-known prayer of St Francis' - here in Welsh from 'Morning and Evening Prayer – Boreol a Hwyrol Weddi' used when praying for Peace of the World or often sung as a hymn below in English.

Drugarog Dduw, cyflwynwn i ti anghenion yr holl fyd. Lle bo casineb, rho gariad; lle bo camwedd, rho faddeuant; lle bo amheuaeth, rho ffydd; lle bo anobaith, rho obaith; lle bo tristwch, rho llawenydd; lle bo tywyllwch, rho oleuni. Caniatâ i ni geisio nid yn gymaint i gael ein cysuro, ag i gysuro; nid i gael ein deall, ond i ddeall; nid i gael ein caru, ond i garu; oherwydd trwy roi y derbyniwn, trwy faddau y maddeuir i ni, a thrwy farw y genir ni i fywyd tragwyddol trwy Iesu Grist ein Harglwydd. Amen

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love;
Where there is injury Your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

O Master, grant that I may never seek,
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive;
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

We can now truly feel the change in our weather telling us that Autumn is here and at this time, traditionally in our churches, we celebrate with Services of Harvest Thanksgiving. But as we give thanks at harvest we also pray with longing for a fairer world and an end to poverty, hunger and deprivation.

In the past the harvest produce that was brought to a church for the Harvest Festival was distributed locally to those who are unwell and less fortunate but now in our Churches we are collecting food items and money for 'Bagiau Cariad/ Bags of Love' which are food hampers for local families in need of a helping hand in these difficult times. A fundraiser on 3rd October in St. Mary's Conwy will help to raise much needed funds and awareness for the charity. Donations of fresh produce, jams, preserves, apples and pumpkins will be a great help to ensure its success. Lynn Jones was instrumental in starting running this project for Bro Celynnin Ministry Area and for further information about the fundraiser and about Bagiau Cariad/Bags of Love please contact: Lynn Jones Tel: -07947673058

There are numerous references to 'sharing' and 'caring' in our Bible –

'Do not neglect to do good and share what you have.' Hebrews 13:16

'Ond gwneuthur daioni, a chyfrannu, nac anhofiwch.' Hebreaid 13:16

The following Harvest hymn which is often sung in our Churches to the Tune - Ar Hyd y Nos - (All Through the Night).

For the fruits of his creation, thanks be to God;
For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done;
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done;
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God. Amen

As we all face the beginning of the colder months ahead of us, I finish this letter with a prayer, of hope and purpose as we move forward, from The Church in Wales /Gweddi gan Yr Eglwys yng Nghymru.

Dduw nerthol, bydded i feiddgarwch yr Ysbryd ein trawsnewid,
i dynerwch yr Ysbryd ein harwain,
ac i ddoniau'r Ysbryd ein cyfnerthu i'th wasanaethu a'th addoli di;
trwy Iesu Grist ein Harglwydd. Amen

God of power, may the boldness of the Spirit transform us,
the gentleness of the Spirit lead us,
and the gifts of the Spirit equip us to serve and worship you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Love and God bless, from, Ros x

Communion at Home - please contact the Vicar, Rev Kevin Ellis or Rev G. Berw Hughes, if you would like to receive Communion at Home because you are presently unable to attend a Church.

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