



CYTÛN LLANDUDNO

Llandudno Churches Together

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The President Writes:

Dear friends,

I begin with an apology that this edition of the Cytûn Newsletter has been delayed for such a long time. I need particularly to apologise to Noel who has been 'ready to go' for some weeks and has been awaiting my contribution. He is such a patient and gracious editor!

Perhaps part of the problem is that I've felt that I haven't really had much to say. An organization such as ours does tend to have a quiet time over the summer but this year with no secretary and with a Council meeting having to be cancelled because so few people were available to attend, I have begun to wonder if Cytûn Llandudno really was still alive!

But with September comes a new season and plenty of work to do both in all our churches and hopefully in Cytûn too. This autumn in particular people are going to need cheering-up this after the damp and dreary summer we've just had and with all the problems they face associated with the rising prices of fuel and food and the 'credit crunch'. Surely as Christians we have a vital message to bring to this situation.

I'm not suggesting of course that we should simply offer people faith in Christ as a panacea for their problems. How trivial and shallow that would be. And I'm certainly not suggesting we offer them a cheery optimism in the face of all that life can throw at them. Instead I'm pointing to a great Christian virtue – HOPE. This is so much more than shallow optimism that everything will turn out all right in the end. Christian Hope is a much deeper and profound attitude and is a gift of the Spirit, a cast of mind that sees beyond the ups and downs of life to God's eternal purpose in Christ. For me this is best expressed in the famous words of the medieval English mystic Julian of Norwich when she wrote: *'But Jesus, who in this vision*

informed me of all that is needful to me answered by this word and said '...all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well'. So we can bring real cheer to our community this autumn whatever their problems may be by our proclamation of the Christ who alone brings true hope and comfort to our world.

And, as ever, there is plenty of work for us to do as Cytûn Llandudno. For example on November 12th we are going to return to the vital issue of the Christian response to global warming etc. I was very disappointed that so few bothered to take part in the Conference I arranged on this subject last year which was so ably led by the Revd Robin Morrison. Now we have another chance to address this subject with a special evening in the Town Hall, arranged by Nick Sissons, at which a very prominent person in this field - Sir John Haughton - will address us. We have chosen the Town Hall because we want this to be an event for our *town* not just for the churches. So please come yourself and invite all your family and friends. You will find full details of this evening elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Another job for us this autumn is to respond to the Town Council's invitation for us to be involved in the Civic Christmas event on Saturday 6th December. The full details of this involvement have yet to be discussed but it is a wonderful opportunity for us as Cytûn and as churches to have a greater profile in our town and hopefully remind everyone of what Christmas is really all about.

I look forward to continuing to work with you all this autumn as together we seek to further the work of Christ our Lord and Saviour in this place.

Canon John Nice.

Llythyr y Llywydd

Dechreuaf gydag ymddiheuriad fod y rhifyn hwn o Lythyr Newyddion Cytûn wedi bod mor hir yn cyrraedd. Dylwn ymddiheuro wrth Noel yn benodol sydd wedi bod yn 'ysu cael dechrau' ers rhai wythnosau ac sydd wedi bod yn disgwyl am fy nghyfraniad. Mae'n olygydd amyneddgar a hynaws!

Efallai mai rhan o'r broblem oedd fy mod yn teimlo nad oedd gennyf lawer i'w ddweud mewn gwirionedd. Mae sefydliad megis ein un ni'n tueddu i gael amser tawel yn ystod yr haf ond eleni, heb ysgrifennydd a chyda'r cyfarfod o'r Cyngor yn cael ei ganslo oherwydd fod cyn lleied yn gallu bod yn bresennol, rwyf wedi

dechrau meddwl ai yw Cytûn Llandudno'n dal yn fyw! Ond gyda mis Medi daw tymor newydd a digonedd o waith i'w wneud yn ein holl eglwysi a gobeithio, gyda Chytûn hefyd. Yr hydref yma'n enwedig bydd angen codi calonnau pobl yn dilyn haf gwlyb a diflas a chydaf holl broblemau maen nhw'n eu hwynebu gyda phethau fel prisiau tanwydd a bwyd yn codi a'r 'wasgfa gredyd'. Yn sicr fel Cristnogion mae gennym neges hanfodol i'w thraddodi yn y fath sefyllfa.

Dydw i ddim yn awgrymu wrth gwrs y dylem gynnig ffydd pobl mewn Crist fel yr unig ateb i'w problemau. Byddai hynny'n bitw a bas. Ac yn bendant dydw i ddim yn awgrymu ein bod yn cynnig optimistiaeth hwyliog yn wyneb y cyfan y mae bywyd yn gallu ei daflu atyn nhw. Yn hytrach, rwy'n cyfeirio at rinwedd Cristnogol mawr – GOBAITH. Mae gymaint yn fwy na'r optimistiaeth fas y daw popeth yn iawn yn y pendraw. Mae Gobaith Cristnogol yn gymaint dyfnach ac yn agwedd ddwys - mae'n rhodd yr Ysbryd, yn ffordd o feddwl sy'n gweld y tu hwnt i dreialon bywyd at ddiben tragwyddol Duw yng Nghrist. I mi, mae'n cael ei fynegi orau yng ngeiriau enwog y Cyfriniwr Saesneg o'r canol oesau, Julian o Norwich pan ysgrifennodd: *'Ond yn y weledigaeth hon, hysbysodd yr Iesu fi am y cyfan rwy ei angen gyda'r geiriau hyn'.... bydd popeth yn iawn, popeth yn iawn a phob math o bethau'n iawn'*. Felly gallwn godi hwyliâu ein cymuned mewn gwirionedd yr hydref hwn beth bynnag yw ein problemau, drwy ein datganiad mai Crist ei hun sy'n dod â gwir obaith a chysur i'n byd.

Ac, fel arfer, mae digonedd o waith i ni ei wneud fel Cytûn Llandudno. Er enghraifft, ar 12 Tachwedd byddwn yn dychwelyd at y broblem hanfodol o ymateb Cristnogion i newid yn yr hinsawdd ayb. Roeddwn yn siomedig iawn fod cyn lleied wedi cymryd y trafferth i gymryd rhan yn y Gynhadledd a drefnais ar y pwnc y llynedd a gafodd ei arwain yn fedrus gan y Parch Robin Morrison. Nawr, mae gennym ail gyfle i ymateb i'r pwnc gyda noson arbennig yn Neuadd y Dref, sy'n cael ei drefnu gan Nick Sissons, ble bydd person amlwg iawn yn y maes – Syr John Haughton – yn ein hannerch. Rydym wedi dewis Neuadd y Dref oherwydd rydym eisiau i'r digwyddiad fod yn achlysur ar gyfer ein tref ac nid ar gyfer yr eglwysi'n unig. Felly dewch eich hunan a gwahoddwch eich holl deulu a ffrindiau. Mae manylion llawn y noson mewn man arall yn y Llythyr Newyddion hwn.

Tasg arall ar ein cyfer yr hydref hwn yw ymateb i wahoddiad y Cyngor Tref i gymryd rhan mewn digwyddiad Dinesig y Nadolig ar ddydd Sadwrn 6 Rhagfyr. Mae'r manylion llawn eto i'w trafod ond mae'n gyfle bendigedig i ni fel Cytûn ac fel eglwysi i

godu ein proffil yn ein tref a, gobeithio, atgoffa pawb am ystyr y Nadolig mewn gwirionedd.

Edrychaf ymlaen at ddal i weithio gyda chi i gyd yr hydref hwn wrth i ni weithio gyda'n gilydd i ymestyn gwaith Crist ein Harglwydd a'n Hiachawdwr yn y lle yma.

Canon John Nice.

Opportunities for Prayer

Please remember there are two groups which regularly meet for prayer under the auspices of Cytûn.

Every Thursday from 12 15 to 12 35 ***Cytûn Prayers*** are held in St John's Methodist Church. After a Bible Reading and short meditation these consist of a time of intercession. Please join us when you can.

On the first Tuesday of each month at Stella Maris a ***Julian Group*** meets for silent Christian Meditation at 10 a.m. Our time of meditation is followed by a cup of tea/coffee and chat and we aim to be finished well before 11 a.m.

Comings and Goings

We were delighted to welcome Y Parch Dafydd Rees Roberts the new Minister of the Welsh Churches who arrived several months ago and has attended a Council Meeting. We are sorry to be saying good-bye to the Revd Ginny Burton, Llanrhos parish, who has now left Llandudno for a curacy in Colwyn Bay parish and also to Trevor Casey minister at Llandudno Baptist Church who leaves after a regrettably short ministry here. We thank them both for their contributions to the life of Cytûn. We are also sorry to hear that the Revd Nick Sissons will be leaving us next spring. Nick will be taking up an appointment as Chaplain at Penrhos Rydal School.

Fr Jones

We are delighted to hear that Fr Tony Jones is now back in harness following his periods of illness, which have involved several spells in hospital. We have missed him very much and hope that he will not work too hard too soon.

Many thanks

Unfortunately Arlene Griffiths had to give up her role as Secretary to Llandudno Cytûn after the Annual General Meeting in May. This was a great loss to us. Good Secretaries (indeed *anyone* willing to do this job!) are very hard to come by these days. Arlene not only fulfilled the functions of a secretary (taking minutes, distributing agendas etc) with great efficiency but she was always around to consult, to give advice and to make sure that Presidents etc. knew what ought to be

done and when. Many thanks Arline!

Cyfle Weddio

Cofiwch fod dau grŵp yn cyfarfod yn rheolaidd i weddio o dan nawdd Cytûn.

Bob dydd Iau o 12.15 hyd at 12.35 cynhelir **Gweddïau Cytûn** yn Eglwys y Methodistiaid Sant Ioan. Yn dilyn darlleniad o'r Beibl a myfyrdod fer ceir cyfnod o ymbilio. Ymunwch â ni pan allwch.

Bob dydd Mawrth cyntaf y mis yn Stella Maris mae **Grŵp Julian** yn cyfarfod am Fyfyrdod Gristnogol ddistaw am 10am. Ar ôl ein cyfnod o fyfyrdod ceir egwyl am de neu goffi a sgwrs a byddwn yn anelu at orffen cyn 11am.

Mynd a Dod

Rydym yn falch iawn o groesawu'r Parch Dafydd Rees Roberts yn Weinidog newydd Eglwysi Cymru. Fe gyrhaeddodd rai misoedd yn ôl ac mae wedi bod yn bresennol mewn Cyfarfod o'r Cyngor. Mae'n ddrwg iawn gennym ffarwelio â'r Parch Ginny Burton, plwyf Llanrhos, sydd erbyn hyn wedi gadael Llandudno i ddod yn giwrad ym mhlwyf Bae Colwyn a hefyd Trevor Casey, gweinidog yn Eglwys y Bedyddwyr Llandudno sy'n gadael yn dilyn gweinidogaeth fer iawn yma. Rydym yn diolch iddyn nhw am eu cyfraniadau i fywyd Cytûn. Mae'n ddrwg iawn gennym hefyd glywed y bydd y Parch Nick Sissons yn ein gadael yn y gwanwyn. Bydd Nick yn cael ei benodi'n Gaplan Ysgol Rydal Penrhos.

Y Tad Jones

Rydym yn falch iawn o glywed fod y Tad Tony Jones yn nôl wrth y llyw yn dilyn salwch a oedd yn cynnwys sawl cyfnod yn yr ysbyty. Rydym wedi'i gollu'n fawr iawn ac yn gobeithio na fydd yn gweithio'n rhy galed yn rhy gynnar.

Llawer o ddiolch

Yn anffodus, roedd rhaid i Arlene Griffiths rhoi'r gorau i'w swydd fel Ysgrifennydd Cytûn Llandudno ar ôl y Cyfarfod Cyffredinol ym mis Mai. Roedd hynny'n golled mawr i ni. Mae Ysgrifennyddion da (yn wir *unrhyw un* sy'n fodlon gwneud y swydd hon!) yn anodd eu cael y dyddiau hyn. Nid yn unig roedd Arlene yn cyflawni gwaith yr ysgrifennydd (cymryd cofnodion, dosbarthu'r agenda ayb) yn effeithiol dros ben ond roedd hi wastad o gwmpas i gynnig gair o gyngor ac i wneud yn siŵr fod y Llywyddion ayb yn gwybod beth y dylid ei wneud a phryd. Llawer o ddiolch Arlene!

2008 Conference on Climate Change

To be held in Llandudno Town Hall on
Wednesday November 12th at 7:30 pm for
7:45 pm

Principal speaker:

Sir John Houghton FRS CBE,
co-chairman of the scientific working group
of the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on
Climate Change.

Sir John was professor in atmospheric physics at the University of Oxford, former Chief Executive at the Met Office and founder of the Hadley Centre. He is the chairman of the John Ray Initiative, an organisation "connecting Environment, Science and Christianity", where he has compared the stewardship of the Earth, to the stewardship of the Garden of Eden by Adam and Eve. He is a founder member of the International Society for Science and Religion.

In 2003 Sir John wrote: "As a climate scientist who has worked on this issue for several decades the impacts of global warming are such that I have no hesitation in describing it as a "weapon of mass destruction".

He is at pains to emphasise that the working group considers fully the claimed non-CO2 explanations of climate change. In evidence to, the Select Committee on Science and Technology in 2000 he said that the group looks very hard at alternative explanations, and spend more time than they should on some of them, because they get so much publicity.

Sir John applies a Christian perspective to his views, to emphasise the need for long term thinking. He has said: "It is a problem that is well downstream; many of us will not be much affected ourselves but It is our children and our grandchildren who will experience the impacts of climate change Christians and other religious people believe that we've been put on the earth to look after it. We really need to take our responsibility as 'gardeners' more seriously."

November Conference, 2007

A Christian Approach to Environmental Issues

Report by Arline Griffiths

What a pity so few people were present on the 29th November when we were privileged to hear the Revd. Robin Morrison, the Church in Wales Church and Society Officer, speak on a subject of such relevance and importance to us all, and on which he is a world-wide authority .

In a hard-hitting presentation which pulled no punches, he expounded on the following statement from the 2007 progress report by CHASE, Church Action on Sustaining the Environment, of which he is a member, and indeed the founder of the provincial group:

"In the light of our Christian belief that the world in which we live is God's creation, we believe it is our calling and duty to develop it responsibly. Underlying the science, economics and politics of the environmental debate are the crucial questions of faith and morality. We believe human beings are called to co-operate with, God in the ongoing work of creation. The world's resources of land, sea and air have been given by God for our enjoyment and responsible use, both for ourselves and for future generations."

We were given the up-to-date facts on the situation which show that the actual rate of global warming is much faster than forecast and told that we must not only act now but also be visionary and aim high in the areas of power, transport, agriculture, land use, building and industry if disaster is to be avoided. The failure to set and reach the necessary targets for energy reduction lies with society, not technology. The ability is there, but we still have not grasped the full social implications and are guilty of "environmental nimbyism", not being prepared to face up and square up to the problem.

If we are to close the gap, measures need to be taken in three areas. The suggestions under the first two headings were supplied by those present during discussion groups. The third speaks for itself but brings its own problems.

1. Reduce demand, by –
 - using less: energy-saving light bulbs, switching off standby lights, use of more efficient appliances.
 - choosing hybrid cars and using public transport.
 - insulating our homes and premises.

2. Increase supply, by –
 - the production of power from a diversity of renewable sources:
 - wind, water, and solar energy.
 - nuclear and, in moderation, biomass fuels.
 - carbon fuels used with trapping.
3. Population control.

Revd. Morrison stated that we in the church need to understand that what we put in is important and be big enough to stand up and press for a comprehensive programme of this type. He also issued a challenge to each individual church to do its part and commit itself to supporting a sustainable development programme by:

- becoming fully conversant with the issues and disseminating that knowledge to its members.
- aiming to achieve the best possible practice examples of land and building use by, for example, opening our doors for community use when we are not using the premises.
- encouraging every church member to consider his/her own lifestyle choices, with savings of energy, recycling and consumer attitudes in mind, and producing a list of practical tips to enable them to do so.
- carrying out a church environmental audit, and publishing the results in the press.

The evening ended with a thoughtful form of worship which can be made available if desired.

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