



Penrallt Baptist Church

Newsletter: April 2017

This month we give a warm welcome to Freddy Farias-Palacios, his wife Cecilia, and their children, Allison, Bryan and Ashley. We've been looking forward to their coming, and to all that God will accomplish through Freddy's ministry here. We hope they will be very happy in Bangor, and make lots of friends here.

Also during April we'll be celebrating Easter, and we'll be remembering together Jesus' death and resurrection, the central events of our faith. Paul writes:

"Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born." (1 Cor. 15:1-8)

These things are "of first importance". *Christ died for our sins* because a holy God couldn't simply overlook our sins; the just penalty had to be paid; and if we'd had to pay that penalty ourselves, it would have meant eternal separation from God. But our loving God didn't want that to happen, so he found another way: Jesus died in our place.

He was buried. This demonstrated that Jesus really had died.

He was raised. God showed that he was pleased with what Jesus had done, and brought him back to life in triumph. This demonstrated that his sacrifice on the cross had achieved what God intended, atonement for our sin. Our Lord Jesus Christ is now alive for ever more, and "he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them" (Hebrews 7:25).

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By raising Jesus from the dead, God placed his seal of approval on all that Jesus had said and done. So we can trust what Jesus said. What he taught us is true, especially what he taught us about himself, for example:

“I and the Father are one.” (Jn. 10:30)

“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.” (Jn. 11:25)

Let’s enjoy celebrating these things together this Easter time, and let’s pray for God’s powerful anointing on our new minister as he expounds God’s timeless truth!

God bless

Roger Borlace

Children’s Birthdays in April

11th: Samuel Adams

Services This Month

In April we look forward to a full month of sermons from our new minister, Rev. Freddy Farias-Palacios.

2nd April

10:30am **James #8: Necessary Humility** *James 4:13–17*

6:00pm Communion Service.
In the Wilderness #5: When joy is lost *Psalm 137*

9th April (Palm Sunday)

10:30am **The Triumphant Entry** *Matthew 21:1–11*

6:00pm **Lessons from Luke #1: The Search for a Good Life**
Luke 12:13–21

16th April (Easter Sunday)

10:30am **The Resurrection: A present and eternal hope**
1 Corinthians 15:1–4

6:00pm **Lessons from Luke #2: Do not worry** *Luke 12:22–34*

23rd April

10:30am **The Sunday after the Resurrection** *John 20:19–29*

6:00pm **Lessons from Luke #3: Is wealth an obstacle for eternal life?**
Luke 18:18–30

30th April

10:30am Communion Service. *Colossians 1:15–20*
Fruitfulness on the front line #1: The Big Picture

6:00pm **Lessons from Luke #4: Being good administrators**
Luke 16:1–15

Dates for Your Diary

Saturdays	8:30–9:30am	Prayer meeting in the Twrgwyn Room.
Saturday 1	3pm	Induction of Rev. Freddy Farias-Palacios as the Minister of Penrallt.
Sunday 2	2:15pm	Service at Plas Garnedd residential home in Llanberis.
Monday 3	7:30pm	Church members' AGM in the chapel.
Wednesday 5	10:30am	Men's prayer meeting followed by coffee.
Saturday 8	12:30pm	Wedding of Beth Elliott and Matthew Jackson.
Friday 14	10:45am	Cytûn Walk of Witness along Bangor High Street, starting at St. John's Methodist (near Lidl).
Sunday 16	7:00am	Easter morning sunrise service (Cytûn) on Roman Camp, followed by breakfast at Penrallt.
Monday 24	10:30am	Church walk at Padarn Country Park
	2pm	Pastoral Care Team meeting.
	7:30pm	Missions Group meeting at Sarah Jackson's house.

Please see the Noticeboard section of this newsletter for more about many of these events.

News of People

Our thoughts and prayers are with Kirsty Williams, who lost her father recently, and Diane Holmes, who lost her mother.

Congratulations to Beth Elliott and Matthew Jackson on their forthcoming wedding, due to take place on Saturday 8th April. All are welcome to the service at Penrallt, starting at 12:30pm, and also to a barn dance that evening at Plas Gwynant (ask Billy or Jon if you need directions).

Congratulations also to Eileen and Phil McKenna for their 60th wedding anniversary.

Please remember Tony Mason in your prayers. He has been a faithful member of Penrallt for many years. Due to long-term illness has been unable to attend services for a long time; however, his faith is still as alive as ever. Although he is confined to a chair for most of the day he enjoys receiving visitors, so please speak to Joan if you would like to visit him.

Homegroups:

Many of our folk meet in small groups during the week for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. We encourage you to join one of these groups if you are able to.

NB not all these groups meet every week. Please check with the contact people to find out when and where they are meeting this month.

Day	Time	Group Name	Contacts
Tue	7:30pm	Nilgiri	Joan Beer (353874)
Tue	7:30pm	Tyddyn Isaf (Menai Bridge)	Magnus Forrester-Barker (717570)
Wed	2:00pm	Carers	Carol Morris (208407)
Wed	7:30pm	Nomads	Pat & Roger Borlace (713146)
Thu	10:30am	Llanfairpwll (am)	Sue & Lawrence Moss (713793)
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Fri	10:30am–12:30pm	The Lydias	Freda Birchall (371316)

Noticeboard:

◇ **Actors for wanted Good Friday**

Cytun is preparing a short presentation to be part of the Walk of Witness on Good Friday, 14th April. Some parts are already allocated but they are requesting all the churches to find people who can fill these roles:

- Jesus (English speaker, capable of carrying a cross), Roman centurion (Welsh speaker) and Roman soldier to act dramatically at both locations – we have one costume for a large centurion or soldier and need to know as soon as feasible which size to order for the other;
- Simon of Cyrene, also capable of carrying a cross;
- 3 more religious leaders (male, at least one Welsh speaking);
- 8 crowd members (some male, some female; some English speaking, some Welsh);
- 2 men to take Jesus down from the Cross.

Please give some thought as to whether you could take part, or if you know someone who would like to – it's one of the few opportunities we have of telling the story of God's love on the streets of Bangor. If so, please contact either Judy Stammers (364394) or Magnus (office@penrallt.org; 353355).

◇ **Church Lunch**

Please note that due to the Induction Service on Saturday 1st April (including a substantial buffet) there will be no Sunday church lunch this month.

◇ **Church Walk**

Monday 24th April

10:30am

Here is another opportunity to enjoy the delights of the Padarn Country Park. The walk is approximately 5 miles and starts at 10:30am from the Caban car park in Brynrefail. For the first part of the walk there is an option to walk along the road up to the entrance to the Country Park, or to take more of a scramble up through the fields to the same meeting point. Then together we take the path through the Country Park and have opportunity to visit the Slate Museum and eat our picnic lunches. We cross the fields into Llanberis and then a flat walk along the side of the lake back to Caban, where refreshments can be purchased and enjoyed. If you need more details please contact Geoff and Marilyn on 01286 870944.

◇ **Gobaith Môn**

Gobaith Môn are recruiting for a youth worker to take over from Joe Moreno as he moves on to other projects. The appointment will be from September 2017. A copy of the advert can be obtained from <http://www.gobaithmon.org.uk> or on request from the Penrallt office.

◇ **Induction Service**

Saturday 1st April

3pm

We look forward to the Induction of Rev. Freddy Farias-Palacios as the new Minister of Penrallt and would love as many people as possible to join us to welcome Freddy and his family. If your name is not on the guest list, please be aware that space will be limited and priority will be given to those who signed up to attend.

◇ **News bulletins**

Don't forget that copies of our newsletters (dating back as far as May 2011) are available on the Penrallt website (www.penrallt.org/news/index.php), along with the current week's news sheet.

◇ **Pastoral Help**

If you have issues of concern about your own or someone else's welfare, please contact a member of the Pastoral Care team: Pat Borlace (713146); Adrienne Ferrada; Gwen Hicks; Geoff Moore (410582); Lawrence Moss (713793); Judy Stammers (364394); Helen Thomas (600174).

◇ **Pray for Penrallt Every Day**

We believe in prayer and encourage people to pray. You can send prayer request to our electronic diary via office@penrallt.org (there are also prayer cards in the church porch that you can fill in). Better still, you can receive the prayer diary straight to your inbox every Monday (or occasionally on Tuesdays) by emailing the office now and requesting to be put on the list. For more immediate and interactive sharing of prayers, search on Facebook for *Penrallt Prayer Point* and send a request to join our group.

◇ **Projectionist Required**

We need one more person to join our evening service projection team, though we can always use more projectionists for both morning and evening services. Full training will be given. Please speak to Roger Malone to volunteer or to find out more. If your interests are more audio than visual, you may prefer to join our sound team, which can also accommodate more volunteers (and will also provide training) – if so, please speak to Owen Lloyd-Evans.

◇ **Retreat Day** *Saturday 22nd April 10am–4pm*

Anglesey Prayer Network have informed us of a retreat taking place at St. Dona's Church, Llanddona, in April. This is a day of learning, meditation and prayer on the theme of *Monks and Moderns: Old habits die hard...?* The cost is £10 per person, including lunch and other refreshments. If you are interested, please contact Richard Adams (01248 490770; richard@gwyneth.net) or James Percival (01248 811793; james@sirpercival.co.uk)

◇ **Rough Sleepers**

The church's policy is not to give money directly to the rough sleepers in Upper Bangor. Be warned that some of them can be aggressive. You will find brown envelopes in the porch for a gift that will buy meal vouchers which are distributed to rough sleepers by the Cathedral.

◇ **Sunday Afternoon Services**

We visit residential homes in the area once a month on a Sunday afternoon, alternating between Haulfre (in Llangoed, on Anglesey, starting at 2:15pm) and Plas Garnedd (in Llanberis, starting at 2:45pm), usually on the first Sunday. This month we are due to visit Plas Garnedd on **Sunday 2nd April** but please check with the church office or see that week's news sheet to confirm that this is going ahead.

From the Church Office

Please note that Magnus will be away from 20th April until 3rd May. Although both Freddy and Roshni will be around during this time, the office is not likely to be open between 10am and 3pm every day as it normally is. If you are planning to call in, it would be as well to check first that someone will be there, especially if you are travelling a long way to get there. Also, please exercise patience when waiting for responses to emails or phone calls.

Deadline for next month's newsletter: Sunday 16th April.

Please sent information to Magnus (office@penrallt.org; 01248 353355).

All notices should be submitted in writing (preferably by email) as early as possible.

Focus on...

Duncan & Trudie Tough **Working with Wycliffe in PNG**

Dear Penrallt family,

Greetings from the highlands of Papua New Guinea. We think of you all often and Reuben wears the red cap you gave him at our re-commissioning ALL THE TIME! THANK YOU so much for all your prayers – they are so much needed! For anyone who doesn't know us, we work for Wycliffe Bible Translators here in PNG. There are 850 plus languages in PNG, so there is a lot of translation and Scripture Use work to do! We are here in support roles – Duncan is a helicopter pilot and Trudie looks after the small ones, as well as cooking and delivering meals to fellow workers who are experiencing emergency situations.



The big news is that Duncan is now an instructor, so he and the other pilot can check each other, as well as train the new pilot who has recently arrived. Duncan has enjoyed a variety of work including moving church building materials, bridge building materials and work for other missions, as well as the core work of taking translators to and from their villages. A real highlight was meeting a people group who were only discovered in 2012! It's hard to believe, isn't it?

Trudie continues to focus on the family, as well as building a ministry of providing meals and fellowshiping with other expat missionaries and Papua New Guinean translation teams. Reuben started pre-school in January and loves it. Rosa turned one in February and is really starting to walk properly. She is even more social than Trudie ☺.

At the moment PNG branch is having its biennial conference, so everyone is together to have a spiritual retreat, report on the work being done and discuss vision for the future. The speaker is even from the UK! ☺ We are taking this time to reflect on five years with Wycliffe and would covet your prayers as we look to the future and consider what God is saying to us at this point.

We were delighted to hear of big changes at Penrallt too and will pray for you all at the beginning of a new and exciting chapter. Praise God for His provision for us all!

A few prayer points... please pray that:

- We will seek God prayerfully as we reflect on the past few years and think about what the future might hold
- Duncan will be safe as he flies all over the country, often facing challenging situations both in the air and on the ground
- God will give us wisdom as we parent our children, Reuben and Rosa

God bless you all and THANK YOU for all your many kindnesses to us!

Much love,

Duncan, Trudie, Reuben and Rosa