



# Penrallt Baptist Church

**Newsletter: November 2014**

## ***From the Minister:***

One moment the dalek was spinning through the swirling vortex of a space-time warp and then, with an almighty crash, it was gyrating within the confines of a book-lined study, knocking over lamps and ornaments, bumping into a comfy chair and overturning the coffee table as it tried to bring itself under control. Finally it stopped, facing the terrified owner of the study.

The professor stared with horror into the barrel of the metallic creature's gunstick and let fall the antique Abyssinian dagger he had been using as a letter opener to read his fan mail.

"Name yourself" commanded the dalek in its modulated voice.

"Dawkins. Richard Dawkins." Gaspd the professor. "And you're a dalek?"

"I am a dalek. But the Doctor calls me 'Rusty'".

The professor was caught in a puzzled thought for a moment. You're not the moral dalek that Doctor Who reverse engineered?

"Affirmative. I am a dalek and I have seen Beauty."

"Ah. Yes. Beauty. And next you'll be trying to tell me that it's led you into some deluded deeper reality."

"No delusion. The truth. The truth. The truth. I have seen Beauty."

"I would have thought a multi-storey car park would look beautiful to you."

"Car park ugly. Lamborghini beautiful."

"It's all relative you know. Just an illusion."

"I witnessed the birth of a star. I glimpsed cosmic rays bursting through the Megallanic Cloud. Beauty. Beauty. Beauty. Life is Beauty. Existence is Beauty."

The dalek's voice rose to a shriek. The Professor stared at the waving gunstick and shrank back into his leather chair.

"I only knew hatred" murmured the dalek, its voice dropping to the quietest a dalek gets, which is still too loud. "But now I have seen Beauty I also see Love."

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"Oh I'm not letting you away with that." Despite his fear, Dawkins drew himself forward in his chair.

"You also love. See the pictures of your spawn." It pointed to the family pictures on the shelves. At least the ones that hadn't been knocked over by its chaotic arrival.

"Well, that's just my selfish genes boasting."

"Liar. Liar. You love. Do not deny it. You love despite yourself. And you receive love. You see Beauty and you have Love."

"Well, I guess it's better for the universe than hatred."

There was a silence for a half a minute as the dalek scanned the paintings on the walls, the laughing family portraits, the artistic standard lamp and the sleek décor. It turned its camera stick to the man facing it and said firmly

"Oh Beauty so old and so new! Too late have I loved thee!"

Dawkins looked puzzled. "Isn't that a quotation?"

"Affirmative. St. Augustine."

The professor stared at him.

"No! No! No! No! No! Don't even dare try to tell me that you..."

"Affirmative. Affirmative."

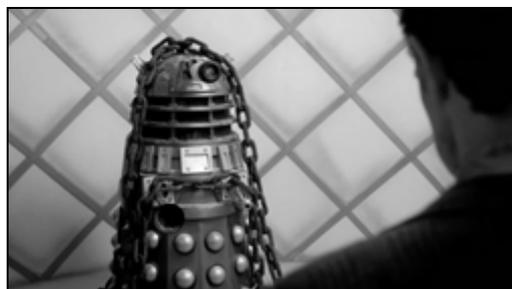
"No, you can't!"

"Affirmative. I have seen Beauty. I believe in Love. And I believe in..."

"NO!!!"

"I believe in God!"

Without hesitation the professor snatched up the Abyssinian dagger, vaulted the expanse of the oak desk with one leap and landed on the head of the dalek, stabbing wildly and screaming "Exterminate, exterminate!"



God bless,

*Peter*

## ***Welcome to Students:***

If you're a student we welcome you to Penrallt. Please collect a student pack from the door, and join in our activities, especially Faith Café on Sunday nights. Delvin Varghese is our Student Coordinator and he would be happy to tell you what's happening and to invite you to our student home group.

## ***Services This Month:***

### **2 November**

10:30am **"Havens of hospitality amidst the drama of division"** *Acts 28:11-31*  
6:00pm Communion Service.  
**Forgiving yourself** *John 21:1-19*

### **9 November (Remembrance Sunday)**

10:30am **This is the story of Jesus... the great God Event** *Mark 1:1-15*  
6:00pm **The Insurgency of the Human Race** *Hebrews 12:1-15*

### **16 November**

10:30am Speaker: Bryan Collis. **Pressing on to the goal** *Philippians 3:1-14*  
6:00pm Speaker: James Goodman.

### **23 November**

10:30am **Heaven torn open and a voice is heard... darkness must pass**  
*Mark 1:1-15*  
6:00pm Baptismal Service.

### **30 November (Advent Sunday)**

10:30am Communion Service.  
**What the Kingdom of God Looks Like** *Mark 1:16-34*  
6:00pm Advent: **The New Creation** *Romans 8:18-25*

## ***Our Speakers in November***

**Peter Cousins** is the minister of Penrallt and is our speaker except when otherwise noted. **Dr. Bryan Collis** is a Senior Research Officer for the WCVA and one of Penrallt's deacons. **James Goodman** is a member of Penrallt, who works in Bangor University.

## ***Serving the people of God elsewhere:***

The following members of Penrallt will be preaching or leading services at other churches this month. Please remember them in your prayers.

Sunday 16 Elaine Green preaching at Holyhead English Presbyterian  
Roger Borlace preaching at Menai Bridge Presbyterian  
Sunday 30 Elaine Green preaching in Welsh at Parc Chapel

*If you will be ministering to other congregations and would like to be included in this list (and our weekly email prayer diary) in future months, please send details to Magnus in the church office.*

## ***Dates For Your Diary:***

<b>Monday 3</b>	7:30pm	Deacons' Meeting.
<b>Wednesday 5</b>	10:30am	Men's Prayer Meeting followed by coffee in Options.
<b>Friday 7</b>	7:30pm	Bangor Street Pastors Commissioning Service at Penuel.
<b>Saturday 8</b>	9:30am	Bible Unzipped at Princes Drive Baptist Church ( <i>Note venue</i> ).
<b>Friday 14</b>	7:30pm	Revelation North Wales (youth event).
<b>Monday 17</b>	10:30am	Church walk.
<b>Saturday 22</b>	10:30am-2pm	Penrallt Christmas Fair.
<b>Monday 24</b>	7:30pm	CICC event at Princes Drive Baptist Church, Colwyn Bay.

Further details of most of these events can be found in the Noticeboard section later in this newsletter.

## ***News of People:***

**Andrew March** was due to have another hip replacement as this went to press. **Joyce Ryan** is back home at Haulfre but would appreciate your prayers for her recovery. **Joan Beer** is still in plaster and says "A BIG thank you to all those who supported me during the last six weeks- those who phoned, sent cards, visited, provided food, books to read, jigsaws, help and transport. I shall always think of you as God's angels. I hope to be around soon." Congratulations to **Ian Kelso** on his significant birthday.

## ***Children's Birthdays in November:***

4th: Rio Penny      8th: Rebekah Collis      10th: Jonathan Retallick      24th: Mika Owen

## ***Weekday Events:***

*Please check with the contact people when there are meetings this month.*

HG = Home Group

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
<b>Tue</b>	8:00pm	HG, Nilgiri	Joan Beer (353874)
<b>Tue</b>	7:30pm	HG Tyddyn Isaf (Menai Bridge)	Magnus Forrester-Barker (717570)
<b>Wed</b>	2:00pm	HG, Carers	Carol Morris (208407)
<b>Wed</b>	7:30pm	HG, Bethesda	Jon & Deb Stammers (602868)
<b>Wed</b>	7:30pm	HG, Cymraeg	Owen & Nia Evans (352634)
<b>Wed</b>	7:30pm	HG, Maes y Dref (pm)	Anne Collis (353173)
<b>Wed</b>	7:30pm	HG, Nomads	Susan Cousins (353878)
<b>Wed</b>	7:00pm	HG, Students	Delvin Varghese (07528 958150)
<b>Thu</b>	10:30am	HG, Llanfairpwll (am)	Sue & Lawrence Moss (713793)
<b>Thu</b>	7:30pm	HG, Llanfairpwll (pm)	Sue & Lawrence Moss (713793)
<b>Fri</b>	10:30am-12pm	Cheeky Monkeys (parent & toddler group)	Joan Rymer (713003)
<b>Fri</b>	10:30am-12:30pm	HG, Maes y Dref (am)	Anne Collis (353173)
<b>Sat</b>	8:30am	Prayer Meeting	

## **Noticeboard:**

### ◇ **Bible Unzipped**

*Saturday 8 November*

*9:30am*

Bible Unzipped aims to unpack Scripture with those interested in learning more than can be offered in a Sunday sermon. It also equips those leading in the church with some tools for studying and teaching from the Bible. This month it will meet at Princes Drive Baptist Church in Colwyn Bay, from 9:30am to 1pm. The sessions will be: *Chronicles (part 2)* (by Jon), *Questions Christians Ask: What happens to me when I die? (Final Part)* (by Rob) and *Struggling with Difficult Bible Passages: 1 Samuel 15:1-3* (by Peter). The course is free and we may be able to offer you a lift. Talk to Peter if you are interested. About 10 members of Penrallt attend.

### ◇ **Car Parking**

Please note that the car park next door to the church is now pay and display with no free disabled parking. Morrisons car park only allows you to park for two hours. We recommend that you use the School of Nursing car park on Sunday mornings. Morrisons say that they switch the cameras off to make the car park available to us on Sunday and weekday evenings after 6pm. (Morrisons is happy for you to park there on Sunday mornings and do your shopping after the service provided you register your car registration number at their information desk beforehand).

### ◇ **Christmas Fair**

*Saturday 22 November*

*10:30am-2pm*

There will be a variety of stalls (cakes, fudge, various crafts, bric a brac etc), also fairly traded gifts, Created, Tearfund Christmas Cards and activities for children. Refreshments including light lunches will be on sale. No entrance fee but all profits from the sales will be divided between two of our missionary couples, Chris and Anna Hembury (who recently celebrated 20 years of working in inner city Hull with Youth for Christ) and Duncan and Trudie Tough (who work in Papua New Guinea with Wycliffe Translators). We need volunteers to operate the stalls, help in the kitchen and of course make cakes to sell. If you have any bric a brac please bring it to the church before the 22nd. Contact Janet Jones or Mari Kelso if you can help in anyway. Please come and support our missionaries whilst enjoying fellowship and a panad together.

### ◇ **Church Lunch**

We will host a church lunch after the morning service on **Sunday November 2nd**. Please bring enough buffet style 'finger food' for yourselves and one or two others.

### ◇ **Church Walk**

*Monday 17 November*

*10:30am*

Meet at Eirias Park, Colwyn Bay. Use the ornamental gate entrance, the carpark is on the right. There are toilets further down in the Leisure Centre. The walk is 5.5 miles, starting at 40m and going up to 280m. The ascent is through the sheltered, wooded Nant y Glyn Valley returning on open grassland with fine views. It could be a bit wet underfoot in a few places. Bring a picnic lunch. Mari and Ian are leading the walk, contact them for more information. (01248 421783)

◇ **CICC: A Humble Confidence:Trusting the Bible and Questioning Ourselves**

The Cymru Institute of Contemporary Christianity is offering an excellent event on Monday 24 November at Princes Drive Baptist Church, Colwyn Bay, 7:30 to 9:30pm. The Speaker is Steve Holmes, a Baptist Minister, currently Senior Lecturer in Theology at the University of St Andrews. He is a very good speaker. Tickets £6/£3. We may be able to offer a lift. Speak to Peter if you want a lift or can offer one. For more information or to book tickets, visit <http://cicconline.org.uk/event/a-humble-confidence>

◇ **Cytûn**

Cytûn (Churches Together in Bangor) need a Publicity Officer to liaise with the local press; if you can help, please speak to Sarah Jackson. There is also a need for more volunteers for the Giant Puppets team; anyone interested should contact Martin Pritchard: [martindalezack@icloud.com](mailto:martindalezack@icloud.com)

◇ **Event in Llangefni Town Hall**                      *Saturday 1 November*                      *6:30pm*

Styled as "A time of praise, prayer and proclamation" it is part of the ongoing ministry of evangelist Marilyn Harry's Love Wales organization. Refreshments beforehand from 5.30pm.

◇ **Films @The Chaplaincy**

The Bangor University Catholic Chaplaincy is showing a series of films on Friday nights, followed by discussion. They are free to attend and start at 7pm. The remainder of this term's programme is as follows:

7th Nov - Millions  
14th Nov - The Scarlet and the Black  
21st Nov - Of Gods and Men  
28th Nov - Frozen  
5th Dec - The Nativity Story

◇ **Getting your prayer life into gear**

We believe in prayer and encourage people to pray. You can send prayer request to our electronic diary via [office@penrallt.org](mailto: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 by emailing the office now and requesting to be put on the list. And for more immediate sharing and response in prayer why not search on Facebook for *Penrallt Prayer Point* and send a request to join our page dedicated to prayer.

◇ **Homeless in Bangor**

Please do not give money directly to the homeless in Upper Bangor. We have found in the past that it has encouraged aggressive begging on the church premises by people who have a history of violence. You will find brown envelopes in the porch to put your gift in. This will buy meal vouchers which are distributed to the homeless by the Cathedral. To date, Penrallt has raised £5,153.50 for this scheme.

◇ **Interfaith Meeting** *Sunday 2 November* *4-6pm*

The Bangor Progressive Interfaith group have organised an Interfaith Meeting Point to take place in the Faith Room at the Rathbone Annexe on College Road. This will be an opportunity to meet with people of other faiths over a cup of tea and discuss our common ground. For more information please contact Nick (jewittenator@gmail.com).

◇ **Lecture in Manchester** *Monday 10 November* *7:30pm*

The Northern Baptist Learning Community is offering a public lecture by Revd. Marion Tugwood: "Women's Work for Women: Issues of Power in the Development of the Women's Missionary Association of the Presbyterian Church of England" Speak to Elaine Green for more details.

◇ **Men's Prayer Meeting** *Wednesday 5 November* *10:30am*

Time spent in prayer will be followed by coffee in Options.

◇ **Pastoral Help**

If you have pastoral concerns please contact Peter or else one of the other members of the Pastoral Care team:

Pat Borlace 713146      Adrienne Ferrada      Geoff Moore 410582  
Dave O'Brien 671848      Judy Stammers 364394      Helen Thomas 600174

Please note that Peter will be away on holiday from 13th to 20th November.

◇ **The Prayer Room...**

...is open before and after the service for quiet prayer. Penrallt is a place of prayer, so make use of this sacred space.

◇ **Revelation North Wales**

On Friday 14th November we will be hosting our second Revelation North Wales youth event at Penrallt, with Chip Kendall and Joe Moreno. Tickets, costing £3, are now on sale through the church office or online at <http://www.revelation-northwales.org.uk/>

***From the church office:***

**Church office closure:** Please note that the office will be closed for part of the morning on Tuesday 11th November as Magnus will be helping Peter to lead a Remembrance Day service at the University at 11am.

**Tenth Anniversary Celebrations:** On the weekend of 23rd - 25th January we will be celebrating ten years in our current building. Further details of the programme to follow.

***Deadline for next month's newsletter: Sunday 23 November.***

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

*Focus on...*



## **Trudie & Duncan Tough**

### **Serving with Wycliffe in Papua New Guinea**

The vision of Wycliffe Bible Translators is that by 2025, together with partners worldwide, they aim to see a Bible translation programme begun in all the remaining languages that need one. Wycliffe exists to serve the worldwide church, partnering with churches and individuals to make the Bible available to every people group. In Papua New Guinea, Wycliffe work in partnership with SIL, who are also committed to bringing God's word to people in their own language.



Trudie and Duncan Tough, with son Reuben, are based at SIL's centre at Ukarumpa in Papua New Guinea. They are also members of Penrallt and come from Anglesey. Trudie and Duncan are engaged in support ministry that enables the vital work of Bible translation.

Former RAF pilot Duncan is now flying helicopters for SIL Aviation. Much of Duncan's flying involves carrying translators, translation materials and building materials into and out of remote villages in the mountainous countryside. SIL Aviation also provides a commercial service, for example for government officials, which raises revenue which can then be invested in Bible translation. For a flavour of Duncan's work, check out the [blog:www.trudieandduncan.blogspot.co.uk/2014/10/contrasting-chronicles-part-1.html](http://blog:www.trudieandduncan.blogspot.co.uk/2014/10/contrasting-chronicles-part-1.html)

Trudie is currently taking a break from teaching English at the Ukarumpa International School, to raise Reuben. However she is still involved with a girls' community group at the school, and recently led a small group on the annual youth retreat. As a new venture into adult education, Trudie has also recently been teaching new national translators basic Critical Thinking skills as part of the 'Initial Skills Course'.