

Byddin yr Iachawdwriaeth - The Salvation Army Corfflu **Aberystwyth** Corps

"For You, For Us, For God"



Mai | May 2025

Ymunwch â ni bob Dydd Sul... Join us each Sunday...

i addoli | to worship 2 Ffordd Alexandra @ 10.30am croeso i bawb | welcome to all! Sunday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May

Weekly Bible Study in M&S Cafe
@ 2pm - croeso i bawb!
Friday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd May

<u>Dates for the diary!</u> <u>Sunday 4th May</u> - Candidates Sunday

11th-17th May - Christian Aid Week

Sunday 18th May - Divisional celebration in **Brecon** to be led by **TLs Jenine and Paul Main**.

Saturday 14th June -

Sioe Aberystwyth Show - we will be hosting a stand on the day in Capel Bangor.

Sunday 22nd June - West Cynefin worship in Aberystwyth including the re-dedication of our hall.

Open Air at 3.30pm on the seafront, worship in the hall at 4pm followed by refreshments.

Prayer matters...it really does! Seek God's strength and blessing:

- For Corps members who are struggling with poor health or are awaiting treatment. For those finding themselves in new or challenging situations.
- For the Corps Charity Shop team and its ministry.
- For the unfolding of our ministry once again, including heralding in Aberaeron and Machynlleth. May those we meet and share with be blessed by the Lord.

When Mark, our Corps Sergeant Major, returned the Corps flag to its stand in the hall during the handover ceremony last month, he used the customary Eisteddfod question, "A oes heddwch?"...to which we all replied, "Heddwch!" The significance of this question is to affirm peace and truth against difficulty and adversity; for us, marking the return to our hall after the necessary reconstruction and renovation work following its closure nearly three years ago.

Having just celebrated Easter, we remembered how despite being the King of kings, Servant Lord and Risen Saviour, in fact, the author of peace and truth itself, Jesus was treated as a common criminal, arrested, humiliated and mocked before being led out to be crucified at Golgotha; peace and truth were in short supply.

And it can appear as we watch or listen to the news from around the world that peace and truth remain in short supply, even today. However, the message of Easter is very clear - Jesus, our Lord has risen from the dead and is alive! That means, as St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15, that Jesus has overcome death, conquering over its hold and sting, ensuring that Kingdom values such as peace and truth are possible. Hallelujah!

As followers of Jesus, we have the daily privilege and responsibility to live out such values along with hope, grace and love. It may be in the words which we say or the actions which we show, but our world continues to be in need of hearing about Jesus, seeing Jesus being lived out in our communities, and for boys and girls, men and women to be brought into a living and loving relationship with him.

For it is only in being a follower of Jesus that we learn what living Kingdom values, including peace can really mean....a peace which surpasses the *hedd* found in the words from the Eisteddfod ceremony and instead points us towards the beautiful Welsh concept of *tangnefedd*, that deep peace only available from God, through Jesus, and which is beyond our understanding. This peace helping us daily to live lives for Jesus amongst the noise and conflict of this world, preparing our hearts and souls for heaven.

In words found in the renowned Celtic blessing, may I this month extend "the deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you", commending you to go and be like Him wherever and whenever you can.

Bendithion Duw i chi gyd am y mis i ddod - may God bless you all in the month to come. Pob bendith, Paul