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by Dick Shenton  
Vice Chairman

From the Vice Chairman

‘Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?’ (Isaiah 43: 14-15.)

Words from the scriptures that I have been led to read recently, and isn't this a core passage for those in renewal?



So often we dwell on the past, particularly those of us who are of advanced years – ‘old men will dream dreams’ (Joel 2:28). However our God is more focussed upon the future ‘For I know the plans I have for you’ (Jeremiah 29:11). The legacy of what we have done will either remain, or be swept away, forgotten except in *our* minds. The rest of the world has moved on adopting new development patterns, probably repeating some past mistakes of their forbears. Eventually we come to terms with change, and so must our church; the more reluctant we are the greater will be the decline in interest by a new generation and the monolith that we have built will become empty and redundant. Personally I have

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always struggled with the concept of revival as it brings to mind a desire to restore the past. We are instructed, “forget former things”. If we look backwards all we will see is those past glories, conveniently and frequently ignoring the lessons of the errors (which God has already forgiven) that have been made, thus all the while missing the new life springing up under our feet so that it is trampled down unnoticed. Remember your young days, recall the frustration of being restrained when enthusing about a new approach, pushed into the background - the moment passes and it never returns.

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Spring is a time of natural renewal – God’s way of reminding us that underneath all the deadness that covers the surface new life is busily regenerating causing new shoots to

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Profile  
Joseph Hague



grow into a strong new crop. This growth however needs nutrients, husbandry, protection and most of all love to encourage a more productive crop. That is where God wants us to be, in His garden striving alongside him to nurture new life. Yes we will be frustrated by over enthusiastic drive which casually brushes aside old comfortable conventions. Yes it will test our patience as we struggle with new concepts, new technology, pleading "I'm too old to learn". What nonsense! It wasn't so long ago that mobile phones were a terrifying mystery but now there are so few public telephones that they have to be a fact of life. So I urge you to bite the bullet of change and help those who lead it. The alternative is a land littered with empty buildings crumbling away or retained as museums of memory. God's wonderful world flows like a river carrying all the essentials for growth; sometimes quick and sparkling sometimes moving smoothly and imperceptibly, but it is always *moving*. What about you, are you part of the dam in the stream or are you opening the floodgates?

Profile - Joseph E Hague

Joe was elected onto the Executive Committee at the AGM last November, so here he gives some of his background.

I have been involved in education most of my working life, including a period as Vice Principal of an Adult Education Centre in Derbyshire followed by 20 years as Head of a C of E Primary School. I was a Lay Reader in the Diocese of Chester alongside Margaret, my wife, where we became particularly involved in the teaching and ministry of Christian Healing. We were both involved with the Charismatic Renewal in the 1970-80s and had some involvement with ARM England. I also had some involvement in the work of the Acorn Healing Ministry and worked alongside Canon Roy Lawrence.

In the latter years I became Chairman of Stockport Christian Counselling which also involved some GP practices in the area.

Out of this I became a Chairman in Stockport Community Health Council until they were discontinued in England and then became a Governor of a local General Hospital and as a member of the Primary Care Trust.

Both Margaret and myself felt particularly called to pray for the Churches to become renewed and got involved with the Vineyard Christian fellowship in Manchester where we led Home Groups. We then were introduced to Mid-Wales in 2002 where our Parents owned a Caravan and we attended the Flames of Fire conference for 3 years. Here we experienced a wonderful flow of God's Spirit at work! Then just over 3 years ago we were led to move here permanently although we had had to patiently wait until Margaret had finished her Textile Art Degree!

Like others we have met, we felt we have been led here for a purpose and that the Lord will fulfil his promise of bringing revival here once more, in this beautiful land, in his time.

Prayer pointers 9

Gethsemane 2 (Read Mark 14:32-42 NIV)

Around 1857 and for the following three years prayer meetings were held for the Holy Spirit to act, and he did. This movement began when a burdened New York businessman distributed this notice:

How often shall I pray? (*and here we have some pointers for prayer*)

'As often as the language of prayer is in my heart; as often as I see my need of help; as often as I feel the power of temptation; as often as I am made aware of spiritual decline, or feel the aggression of a worldly earthly spirit.

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He gave the time, the duration 1 hour, the place, the address. He asked people to spare an hour, as Jesus had asked the disciples in Gethsemane. No one arrived until 12.35 and six arrived one by one. The following week, 20. *That first week an awakening broke out in Hamilton, Canada.* Within 3 years, across the USA, it is estimated that 1 million were converted.

When did Watch and Pray hold its first meeting? March 2010. In July 'the Church of His Presence in Daphne, Alabama, hosted 'Open the Heavens Conference 2010'. *On the last night, July 23, British Evangelist Nathan Morris was ministering as God's Presence was ushered in. Notable healings took place and children began to be touched by the power of God.* Pastor John Kilpatrick, former pastor and overseer of the Brownsville Revival in Pensacola, Florida, stated that it felt like Father's Day 1995 when that historic revival began.

A spontaneous decision was made to extend the meetings at the Daphne Civic Centre to see what God would do. Nathan and the Shake the Nations team cancelled their flights to Hawaii scheduled for that weekend. Since then attendance has grown as people have travelled from across America and other countries.<sup>1</sup> Do you see a connection?

#### **Failure to watch and pray is an option – or is it?**

Jesus comes to his supporters and finds them asleep. He challenges Peter, 'Simon, are you sleeping? Didn't you have the strength to stay awake for one hour? All of you, stay awake and keep on praying, to prevent entering testing or temptation. The spirit is eager, but human nature is weak.' Again he went off and prayed the same prayer. Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were weighed down, and they didn't know how to reply to him. He came to them a third time and said 'Sleep on for the rest of the time and take rest. There's nothing more one can do. The crucial moment has arrived, look the Son of Man is being handed over to the hands of sinful people. Get up, let's go. Look, my betrayer has arrived.'

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This is the last occasion on which Jesus and his disciples will be together before the death he had warned them about was to happen to him. The disciples were extremely tired, their eyes weighed down to the point of shutting, as ours have been in front of the TV or during a sermon or even when someone boring is holding a conversation with us. Jesus accepted that they were tired when the critical moment for which he most needed them had passed. But he was disappointed with them at that moment, 'Didn't you have the strength to stay awake for an hour?' He needed them. It is so easy to think that these words referred exclusively to the disciples, 'The spirit is eager, but human nature is weak.' For their spirit, that is the spirit of God in them, showed no signs of eagerness nor of willingness. In these words Jesus is referring to his present condition and to their future situations, when they will face possible temptation. Jesus was of the same nature as you and me: 'we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin,' (Hebrews 4:15). He needed the strength of their active company and their prayers. His warning was not just about his need for support but also about the future of these disciples and disciples in general. He had taught them to pray, 'Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil' (Matthew 6:13). There will always be times when failure to be alert and not bothering to pray will land us in all sorts of problems, not least wrong behaviour, delusion and sin. Temptation can be a test of strength, as it was for Jesus in the wilderness, but it can also be the gateway to error and so we need to have an exit from it. (1 Corinthians 10:13).

We don't have to fail, even if the disciples did on that night. 'Keep watching, keep being alert, and keep praying, to prevent entering temptation'. And in being a watchman for the new awakening which the Lord is bringing in our time, we need not to slack. For in our pictures of revival from history there is no doubt that revival has at least three elements which we have seen in our bible studies: (1) being

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alert to what the Lord is doing and will do – watching for His Coming; (2) seeking a God-like life and keeping it clean through regular washing in the blood of Jesus, and (3) praying for people other than ourselves, intercessory prayer. These three elements are all there, though not necessarily in the same order when awakenings happen. *And these are additional basic prayer pointers for tonight.*

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The way in which this happened in these revivals was open confession of sin – crying out for forgiveness until the heart was at peace through confidence in the blood of Jesus - and restitution, putting right the things that were wrong in the sin-driven life. God-like life is the aim and the outcome of real revival. It is not a 'bless-me' trip, though it has often been accompanied by extreme behaviour. Sometimes the awareness of sin was violent, for example in Korea. Confession of sins and restitution of stolen goods began among a few in 1903, together with this prevailing prayer taught by a missionary, Frederik Franson, 'O Father, Thou canst do it; Thou wilt do it; Thou shalt do it.'<sup>1</sup> Then a much larger wave of revival spread in 1905 and 1906. Studying 1 John was the set Bible study text. At a Bible convention 'so many people wanted to pray that the leader told the 1500 men there, 'If you want to pray like that, all pray'. The effect was beyond description, and I quote from an observer, 'not confusion, but a vast harmony of sound and spirit, like the noise of the surf in an ocean of prayer. As the prayer continued, an intense conviction of sin settled on the meeting, giving way to bitter weeping for sin'.<sup>2</sup> 'As Lord William Cecil told a London Journal, an elder rose and confessed a grudge against a missionary colleague and asked for forgiveness. The missionary stood to pray but reached only the address to God, 'Apa-ge!' 'Father!' When, with a rush, a power from outside seemed to take hold of

the meeting. The Europeans described its manifestations as terrifying. Nearly everyone present was seized with the most poignant sense of mental anguish: before each one, his sins seemed to be rising in condemnation of his life.<sup>2</sup> This went on for several days. The final results were restitution – being restored to peace of heart and making up to those the sinners had hurt - and joy. As a Methodist Bp put it, 'The whole church was raised to higher spiritual level. There has been an almost entire absence of fanaticism because of previous careful instruction in the Bible. There were found greater congregations searching the Word of God. Drunkards, gamblers, adulterers, murderers, thieves, self-righteous Confucianists and others had been made new men in Christ.'<sup>3</sup> A more restrained but equally telling report comes from a missionary in South India in 1906, 'It is evident to all that the young men who were the terror and disgrace of the village are at any rate striving after holy living. There is also renewed interest in Bible study.'<sup>3</sup> Expect genuine confession of sins and real personal change in an awakening to the living God who transforms society.

Jesus calls each one of us to do our part in His great work. Evan Roberts was a miner and blacksmith. The great revivalist in Scandinavia, the Norwegian Albert Lunde was a sailor. When called by the Lord both of them set to study until he opened up the way. Their message was simple: Roberts, 'Lord, bend us.' Lunde on a visit to Sweden, 'Lord, save me, I perish.' The impact of Lunde on all aspects of Swedish life was such that in 1908 King Gustav V Adolf said in a proclamation, "The most important change, the most necessary improvement is a universal turning to God... In spite of the great hostility against the Gospel, however, we see that it brings blessed results among ourselves and also among the heathen in these days."<sup>4</sup> Need I say more? Yes. Just one thing. God has his eye on the UK too. Dave Phillips had family members who had been touched by God in the 1904 revival and the waves that came out of it. They and others formed a Pentecostal fellowship which ultimately became Bethlehem Pentecost Church, Cefn Cribwr in the

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area of Bridgend, SWales. A visiting missionary speaker John Hart said that he sensed a distinctive presence of God in the building that he had only experienced once before in a period of revival in Equador. Two other itinerant speakers said that they sensed an 'Evangelistic Anointing' that they knew in Australia but had not sensed at all in the UK. People were converted that weekend, and they suggested initiatives that had worked in Australia:

1 A 'prayer and fasting covenant' was introduced in which people gave up a meal-in-a-week to pray for a visitation of God. One lady gave up her Sunday lunch to pray. This began in 1982 and went on for years.

2 The church ran a course on 'undershepherding' in which a person spent time each week with a new Christian to nurture them in the faith.

3 Speakers from Pentecostal churches in New Zealand who had experienced revival were encouraged to come and speak.

In 1984/5 conversions followed, to the point where all those trained as 'undershepherds' were engaged in follow-up. Cars came from all over. A rugby player from Bridgend burst into tears as soon as he entered the porch because of the presence of God. A couple walked to the front during the notices to give their lives to Christ because they could not wait for the sermon. People from the village were converted so that others were warned against coming, lest they get converted too.<sup>1</sup>

#### Footnotes

- 1 [www.bayoftheholyspiritrevival.com](http://www.bayoftheholyspiritrevival.com)
- 2 Orr, 1968, 198
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- 5 Orr, 1968, 204
- 6 Orr, 1968, 164, from *Missionary Review of the World*, 1906
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## Like Unto The Beloved

Into the Image of My Son, I am transforming thee,  
Remember his words, child of My love - In Him, you are one with Me;  
Allow Me to have My way with you, co-operate with Me,  
For you are My beloved.

Set in the Body of My Son, a place I have for thee;  
Eye cannot say to ear, foot or hand, "Complete, I've no need of thee",  
For each on the other must depend, since this is My decree  
For all are My beloved.

Out of the darkness, into Light, gently I'm leading you,  
Captive no longer, now you are free, you know My word is true,  
But you must allow My Spirit room, to work this work  
through and through  
To show you you're beloved.

Trust Me as Father, Saviour, Friend, I'm all of these to thee,  
Open yourself to all that I send who help you draw near to Me;  
Remember, 'tis through one another, My Son revealed can be  
To each of My beloved.

Your fellow-brethren in My Son, My child I give to you,  
Through them I love you, through them I care, Through them  
I can bring anew -  
My healing, refreshing, cleansing love, My blessings, not a few;  
These come to My beloved.

Your fellow-brethren in My Son, to them, I've given thee,  
For you are a part of My Body too which complete and at  
one should be;  
So allow Me to flow right through you, bless those I send to thee,  
Bless for Me, My beloved.

As you obey and open up your life for Me to use,  
Allowing Me to send unto you the ones that My love shall choose,  
A channel of blessing I'll make you, yourself in Me you'll lose,  
At one with My Beloved.

by  
Pam Worsey

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by  
Dick Shenton

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Look to My Son, child of My Love, He will perfect in thee,  
All that I've said and all I desire, let Him you're enabling be;  
Allow Him to mould and transform you, reshape and make you whole,  
Like unto My Beloved.

You are so precious child of Mine, for you I gave My Son,  
And though I accept you just as you are - My moulding will not be done -  
Until His Image I see in you, completing what's begun,  
And you're as My Beloved.

### Praying for Help

Praying isn't always easy. For a man, asking for help is not something that comes naturally, as we are schooled to 'be strong' or 'be brave' and 'big boys don't cry'. Thus on the outside we construct this façade of indomitability, our armour of protection will never be pierced. All the time, on the inside we cower and shake with uncertainty and self doubt, afraid to let it show in case we are considered to be weak. Yet big men do cry (as well as the little ones buried inside us). Who could be considered more brave than King David? (I am worn out from my groaning. All night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears. Psalm 6:6). Joseph (Deeply moved at the sight of his brother, Joseph hurried out and looked for a place to weep. Genesis 43:30). Peter (he went outside and wept bitterly, Matthew 26:25). Jesus (As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it. Luke 19:41) and at the death of Lazarus (John 11:35). So it is not a sign of weakness after all! We are allowed to outwardly express ourselves at times of joy, sadness and stress. It follows that we males *can* ask for help. Just look at the bible, David was always asking for help – where else was there to go? Jesus, the ultimate world leader, frequently sought help and guidance from his Father – God.

God is *our* Father too; we confirm this every time we pray

the Lord's Prayer. It may be embarrassing or make us feel guilty about approaching God with a shopping list of needs, and we are told that 'God knows our every need' but it is a great means of reminding us of our own concerns. We are able to voice these to our heavenly Father and He wants to communicate with us. Once we have cleared our minds of worry He can reach us more easily; thus, by waiting and listening for a time, His will for us is revealed. This all takes practise, for recognising the answers to prayer sometimes is blindingly obvious whilst at other times discernment is more difficult and we may have to wait for further prompting or another sign. An even harder task can be to accept and act upon the answer once it is understood! How do we know when our requests have been answered?

Do we have any examples of answered prayer to encourage us? Personally I find it difficult to remember things these days and often I am so concerned about today's worries that I forget to consider what I was prompted to pray for yesterday or the day before. So I do keep a list of people for whom I pray which inevitably expands or contracts. Every time I check it through I am aware that their lives or circumstances have changed. Sometimes for the better (give thanks), but at other times the outcomes are not so obvious (pray more deeply and focus upon specific needs). God communicates in a very personal way; a thought or image may pop into your head out of nowhere which, if acted upon prayerfully, may result in someone being helped. I usually make a note for future reference at such times. Then meditation or another sign or name will allow me to pass this on appropriately. If meaningless to me it could be very significant to someone else. There are occasions when I wonder whether any of my petitions have been answered – then I look back through my notes over days, weeks and months and can see how God has worked for good, and I have missed it! We outwardly 'strong' men are not weak if we have the courage to turn to God in our need. Deep down we know that we do not have all the answers, so why kid ourselves – use the Lord as your Sat-nav!

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by  
Pam Worsey

## More Power?

“More power Lord, more power” is heard from human lips and heart

The Still, Small Voice doth whisper low, “In weakness it will start”

“More power Lord, again more power” as man demands from God

Who points to Jesus bowing low beneath the painful rod.

“More drama Lord, more miracles to show mankind Your might,”

“Be still and know that I AM God,” puts all these cries to flight.

Again we cry for miracles, we know they are Your will,  
“Behold My Son upon the Cross and let your hearts be still”.

“More wonders – signs, You promised Lord”, persists our childish plea;

“My Son went all the way to death to set the prisoners free”.  
Weakened, but pleading still for power, - “Lord, will we never learn?”

“Children it’s HOLINESS I seek, other desires must burn”.

I will reveal My power, My might, compassion and strong love  
Through vessels pure, refined and weak – I pour these from above;

Allow My Spirit have free sway to do His work in you  
The Cross afresh He will apply, your deepest self renew.

“Oh Lord, this hurts!” our flesh screams out, with wave on wave of pain,

“But child, you asked Me for more power, were all your cries just vain?”

Oh Lord, we’re learning now – forgive – those self-exalting pleas;

It’s all of You, it’s none of us, we sink down on our knees.

Prostrated now before Your Throne, we plead for holiness;

We glimpse it now, Your Power revealed – through weakness at the Cross!

“More power Lord, more power”...

Have Thine own way Lord, have Thy way, this our desire – no less;

Apply the Cross to heart, mind, soul; refine, burn out the dross;

We glimpse it now, **Your** Power revealed – through weakness at the Cross!

## Retreat at Bala

‘Retreat’ can be defined as, ‘an orderly withdrawal before the enemy, or from a position of danger or difficulty’. Or as ‘a place of privacy, seclusion, refuge or quiet’. These two definitions almost describe the weekend some of us were privileged to enjoy at Fathers House, Glan-y-Gro, overlooking Lake Bala.

16 men and women came together with a common purpose – to seek God and grow in faith, to love and be loved, to encourage and be encouraged, to escape from busyness and problems and relax in good clean air and beautiful surroundings. The added bonus was superb food, cooked and served by young and very gracious maidservants and all supervised by our wonderful hostess Rosie.

Bishop Andy John gently led us in a series of studies to teach us how to be fruitful in the land of suffering ranging through Genesis 41 v 27 on, to Esther 4, to Psalm 137, to Acts 20, to John 21 v 15 – 19 and ending with Luke 23 v 26 – 43. It was so helpful and was interspersed with worship songs and meditations ably led by Canon Philip Hughes on his guitar.

The bishop is one of ARM Wales Spiritual Advisors, so Executive Committee members were very grateful that he volunteered to give up his free time to discuss business matters with us.

The weekend concluded with Holy Eucharist and prayer for each individual so that we all felt well nourished and able to face the world again.

If you have never experienced a retreat, I hope this report might encourage you to try one for yourself. The next

by  
Kath Shenton

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retreat is at Coleg Trefeca in June 2013 (a booking form is enclosed with this magazine).

### Time for Reflection

If you are unable to attend a retreat and feel in need of some direction and encouragement in your life, perhaps you might like to follow the study which Bishop Andy John led at Bala in November.

The theme was 'Fruitful in the Land of Suffering' – entirely appropriate for our present situation in the nation, and the readings were as follows:-

Genesis 41: 41-end

Esther 4

Psalms 137

Acts 20: 13b

John 21: 15-19

Luke 23: 26-43

Take your time and remember Jesus says, "You will find me if you seek for me with all your heart" (Matthew 7: 7).

### Pictures of the Retreat

Nobody took any pictures of the actual Retreat House. However, you can go online and see a video of the house and its location: visit <http://www.fathershousebala.org/>.

But here are some views *from* the house:

The first night was the first hard frost of the autumn and in the morning the lake was shrouded in mist - shown in the first picture. The other two pictures were later in the day when the sun was shining and the views are of the opposite side of the lake from the house.

On pages 18 and 19 are pictures of the leaders and participants.





by  
Vanessa Thomas

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Please pray for  
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## A Testimony

As a child I enjoyed Sunday School and singing in my local church choir, but it was not until I moved to Powys and had a family of my own that I decided to be confirmed. That was exactly 20 years ago, when I was 25.

I was given a little verse on a keepsake card at the time, that I keep in my purse, which ends with:

**He's in your corner all the way.  
Through all the strains, through all the strife.  
He's strength. He's love. He's God above.  
Your friend today, your friend for life.**

I love the words because that's how God feels to me - a friend with whom you can share your joys and pleasures and thanks for the wonderful things that happen in life, but also who is there giving you strength in times of sadness and difficulty.

Although I can speak to God at anytime, I do particularly like making time to go to church on a Sunday and concentrating solely on Him. I find it humbling to be part of a community that spans the world and that we are all, in our own ways, praying for a better, kinder world. I also find the sense of history of the church buildings and the services and hymns amazing - to think that the same worship was happening in this place hundreds of years before me and will continue hundreds of years after I have gone.

## Prayer Corner

*Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you. Psalm 70:5*

That is why we have a Prayer Corner; to bring our needs before God. When we were running the *Flames of Fire* conference there was a large team of intercessors and God was continually bombarded by our needs. Now our collective voice is very muted.

- Please pray for intercessors to come forward again, so God hears from ARM Wales constantly.

The members of the Executive Committee have been around a long time! We need rejuvenating - both as individuals and also as a committee, with younger people getting involved.

So please pray for:

- Healing and strength for executive committee members particularly Pam Worsley who has severe back pain resulting from spinal problems.
- People to come forward to fill the vacant posts of Chairman and Secretary; strength and wisdom for Dick Shenton as he shoulders the burden of both these roles.
- Young people to become involved in ARM Wales.
- Wisdom and vision for the Executive to move forward and make a difference again in Wales. (*The Lord will guide you continually. Isaiah 58:11*).
- Someone to take control of the web site. It needs to be updated regularly and I do not have the time at present.
- The Praise Day in May, that it would glorify God and refresh and empower everyone who attends.
- The retreat in June, for guidance and wisdom for the leaders and for God's blessings on everyone present (including the staff of Coleg Trefeca).

## Looking to the world scene...

This year 2013 the season of preparation for the Easter festival will long remain in the minds of Christians around the world because of two major events which are almost co-terminus; the inauguration of Pope Francis and the enthronement of Justin Welby as Archbishop of Canterbury. Looking back people will recall these propitious events in both Catholic and Anglican communities and their effect upon a world in turmoil. Both are humble believers who have been overawed by events and will rely heavily upon the grace of God as they try to discern His will in the decisions that they take. We then must include them in our prayers, not just at this time but also regularly in the future. Neither will be aware of what you pray however, through Jesus, God our Father will hear and respond.

Whatever your allegiance in the church remember that these men are world figures with the eyes of the world fixed upon them. They have been chosen by God and we in turn must support them in strengthening their faith, their gifts and their wisdom, through the power of prayer.

Please pray for:

- Executive committee members
- People to fill posts
- Young people to become involved
- Wisdom & vision for leaders
- A web-master
- The May Praise Day
- The June retreat

Pope Francis and Justin Welby... include them in our prayers, not just at this time but also regularly in the future.



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# PRAISE DAY

St Idloes (church Hall (Llanidloes))

Saturday 18th May 2013  
10.30am - 3.30pm

the speaker is  
**John Parkin**

and worship will be led by  
**Andy Herrick**

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## Datganiad Adnewyddiad Eglwyswyr Cymru

- Llawenhau yn aelodaeth Eglwys Duw
- ac yn ein galwad i'r Eglwys yng Nghymru
- ac yn cydnabod mai drwy weithgareddau'r Ysbryd Glân cawn fwynhau perthynas personol gyda'r Duw Dad a Iesu Grist.
- Rydym yn ymrwymo'n hunain mewn aelodaeth ffyddlon i'n heglwys, yn ffyddlon i'w harweiniad a'l fframwaith.
- Dymunwn ymuno â llawnder rhoddion grasol Duw i'w Eglwys, i ddangos ffrwyth yr Ysbryd Glân, ac i ymarfer doniau'r Ysbryd a roddwyd inni yn ac yn freiniol er mwyn nerthu'r Eglwys.
- Ac idyfu fel unigolion ac fel eglwys i efelychu Crist.
- Drwy ddyfalbarhad i adnewyddu, gobeithiwn fel unigolion, yn gorfforedig ac yn undebol, cawn ein harwain gan yr Ysbryd i annog yr Eglwys mewn:
  - addoliad sy'n ein harwain wyneb yn wyneb â'r bywiol Dduw
  - deisyfiad i gael ymuno yng ngwir gymundeb â'r Ysbryd Glân, i'n galluogi i roi argraff gyhoeddus o eglwys fywiol, gariadus a gweithgar.

### A statement from Anglican Renewal Ministries (Wales)

- Rejoicing in our membership of God's Church
- and our calling within the Church in Wales
- and recognising that through the activity of the Holy Spirit we are brought into a personal relationship with God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
- we commit ourselves to be faithful members of our church, loyal to its leadership and structures.
- We desire to enter into the fullness of all God's gracious gifts to his Church, to display the fruit of the Spirit and to exercise the gifts of the Spirit as he sovereignly and freely distributes them for the building up of the Church
- and to grow as individuals and Church into the likeness of Christ.
- Being dedicated to renewal we hope that individually, corporately and by open gatherings we can be led by the Holy Spirit to encourage the Church in:
  - a worship which expects to encounter the living God
  - a desire to be caught up into the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the communal expression of a living, loving and serving church.

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