

## **Prayer Week Bulletin 1. Monday a.m.**

Great crowd at Morning Prayer today at St. Johns. Sarah Errington leads tomorrow. All welcome

Prayer Booklets commissioned across Borough yesterday. Several going nationwide.

Great news! Two new members of Community of Praying Citizens enrol already during Prayer Week!

Gweini has circulated a note about the churches work amongst roofless in Wrexham. It brings encouragement to Christian couple in South West Wales.

## **Subject: Bulletin 2. ( Monday p.m.)**

Marian Lloyd Jones was interviewed about Prayer Week on the BBC Cymru programme yesterday (Sunday) morning just before 8.30am. I listened and she sounded very good, though alas my linguistic limitations meant I didn't understand. Well done Marian!

Herewith a good example of the Prayer Guide on a website:

<http://www.churchinwales.org.uk/asaph/news/eisteddfod.php>

I have also been asked and supplied electronic copies for the Catholic Diocese website, the Presbyterian Church of Wales website YWAM Wales website and hard copies for the Deanery of LLansantffraid and Martin Snellgrove has taken copies for his deanery Harwarden, so the word is getting round!

Have you tweeted or visited the facebook site?

[@missionwrexham](#)

Facebook: <http://j.mp/l64sjY>

## **Bulletin 3 Tuesday p.m.**

Friends from 9 different congregations joined for morning prayer at St Johns this morning, led by Sarah Errington.

Later in the morning there was a steady stream of visitors for 'Prayers informed by History' at Wrexham museum.

The newly established exhibits at the refurbished museum gave you an insight into life in the area through the ages in Wrexham and North East Wales, events and experiences which shape local attitudes and the characteristics of our community today. Particularly meaningful as we prepare to celebrate the Welsh life, its language and culture at the National Eisteddfod were the personal recollections concerning the WELSH NOT (that's worth a Google enquiry). The insights into ancient fierce tribal life in the borders, the historic attitudes bred by aspects of chapel v church life, the integration and contribution of the Polish community locally and the social and economic impact and the personal cost of the exploitation of mineral resources hidden beneath the hills and valleys of the area. All these and other exhibits provide understanding of the historic setting of aspects of life today be it in education, economic migration, environmental stewardship, religious life or the stresses and strains for families and individuals coping with economic and social upheaval.

Museum supplication:

Lord, thank you for this land of Wales, and its diverse peoples.

Each thing we have received, from You it came;

Each thing for which we hope, from You it will come;

Each thing we enjoy, it is of your bounty;

Each thing we ask, comes of your disposing.

May your people know a renewal in prayer in the ministry of heart-felt prayer for this land.

May we seek Your Kingdom here on earth, and may Your peace, love and joy be seen here in the streets of Wrexham and Wales. Amen.

Wednesday, Prayer Week at Chester Street Baptist Church for evening Townwide Prayer at 7.30pm. The Baptist congregation in Wrexham has worshipped and prayed in this town since the 1600's. They have contributed significantly to the economic, social and spiritual history of this area and this picture, taken this morning illustrates how in this border area of Wales experience is enriched by absorbing the life brought by their many and varied traditions.



Here round the table (from right to left) are Glenys, from the Welsh Baptist and language tradition of West Wales, Fred ( Secretary of North East Wales Cytun, visiting from Buckley) who with Ffion sitting next to him were brought up in Rhos in the Scotch Baptist tradition (that's worth a Google enquiry) the John, Ffion's husband a retired Baptist pastor brought up in Warrington, England in a Baptist Union church.

**Do join friends from across all the churches as we pray from our many and varied backgrounds and traditions, united in our Lord's prayer 'Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven', and Lord we pray together for our town and this Country in which we live.**

## **Prayer Week bulletin 4 (Wednesday)**

Morning Prayer at St Johns was again well attended and led today by Richard Hainsworth.

Encouraging words from across the Border. Following the Border Prayer Project friends in Whitchurch offered these words for us:

### **SHARE, STAND, SPEAK, SPUR ON, SHINE & SAFE**

From John 9 - Jesus healing the man born blind:

"As long as it is day, we must do the work of HIM who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work".

To the Wrexham churches:

Do not be complacent. Night is coming. You are being a great light; you are doing great things. But the day is short and the need is urgent. Together you can be stronger and more effective than apart. Share resources, share time, share all that you have (buildings, transport?) to speed up the effectiveness of the work you are already doing.

Stand on each other's shoulders - both to see out to discover better where the need is, but also to speak authoritatively to this town (council? planners?) - they need to hear the truth more clearly.

Spur each other on. Encourage each other. Run alongside each other. Build a successful place (a business? a project?) that is visible to all in the town. A beacon that shines over Wrexham that proclaims that the true light is the LIGHT of the world.

I pray that the churches in Wrexham will glow like bright shining stars, a beacon of glorious light drawing people to you our wonderful and merciful God. May Revival roll like a cleansing tidal wave across the border from Wales and sweep through the country, taking all in its path safe to the arms of our Father. Amen.

### **BOW**

Revive Thy work O Lord, Whilst here to Thee we bow.

DESCEND O GRACIOUS LORD DESCEND, O COME AND BLESS US NOW! AMEN!

### **FIRE**

Leviticus Ch6 vs 12 & 13

I pray that the fire on the altar may never go out. That it will continually be kept burning in our community and in our lives. Amen.

Charles Wesley read this verse, and he wrote the hymn 'O Thou who camest from above'.

## WAIT

“But those who wait on the Lord will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint.  
Isaiah 40:31 for the leaders.

### The Caleb Prayer for Wales:

O High King of Heaven  
Have mercy on our Land  
Revive your church  
send the Holy Spirit  
For the sake of the children  
May Your Kingdom come to our Nation  
In Jesus' mighty name.  
Amen

O Uchel Frenin Nef  
Trugartha wrth ein gwlad  
Bywha dy Eglwys  
Danfon yr Ysbryd Glan  
Er mwyn y plant  
Deled dy deyrnas i'n Cenedl  
Yn enw nerthol Iesu.  
Amen

Lord bless Wrexham  
Revive Your church and all the work your people are doing in the community.  
Amen.

## Prayer Week bulletin 5 (Thursday)

Last evening townsfolk from different traditions met to pray at a meeting led by Gareth Jones. After times of adoration & confession in prayer and song we interceded first using the English and Welsh language devotions in the Prayer booklet prepared by the Dean of St Asaph Cathedral, 'A song for those who struggle' and then for other aspects of life in our Borough and the land of Wales. The prayer burden was for the existing town ministries offering the love of Christ to those who struggle be it through financial difficulties, homelessness or excessive late night revelling and those ministries being explored to work alongside ex-offenders who want to get back into society and those women who because of pregnancy or termination ask for counsel or advice. For our country the burden was for spiritual renewal and revival, and we were helped in voicing our prayer by the Christian song 'Can a Nation be saved'.

This morning friends met together from across the churches for prayers at St Johns. Emyr Owen led us in a liturgy from the Iona Community which included:

**Lord God,  
You have declared that your Kingdom is among us.  
Open our ears to hear it,  
Our hands to serve it,  
Our hearts to hold it. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Today the Methodist Church Drop in Centre 'Just across' was open for prayer, and for those present at lunchtime, prayer followed after Bread Church by our sharing of the delicious bread made.

**'Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins,  
As we forgive those who sin against us'.**

## Prayer Week Bulletin 6 (Friday)



Despite the many problems related to life today and in the institutions of our town and country, those who gathered last night (Thursday) for praise and prayers left with hearts uplifted, having shared together in song, scriptures and prayer. The words sung as these below, and the worship offered were a blessing brought through the ministry of the dedicated and gifted, young and old Salvationists in our town. Hallelujah.

**Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath  
Come now with praises before Him  
Let the 'amen' sound from His people again  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.**

Our final Morning Prayers in the series was led by Mike West, and included prayers for the Nation of Wales, the forthcoming Eisteddfod celebrations and today's devotional subject, Prayers for family life in Wales.

**Heavenly Father we want to thank you for family.  
Help parents to grow in knowledge and understanding  
so that they can be the parents you need them to be.**

Thank you Sarah and the congregation of St. Johns for opening your church to us all this week.

## Prayer Week Bulletin 7 (Saturday)



One would need a book not a bulletin to provide a full report on Friday night's Cytûn sponsored lecture at Wrexham Science Festival at Glyndwr University. On a day when we were encouraged to pray for 'faith and science', Charles Foster provided much to pray about and perhaps left most mentally stretched, some challenged, others puzzled and many stimulated. A packed lecture theatre, wide ranging content, a lively question time dominated by young peoples' questions left us with lots to absorb and think through.

Charles spoke as a student of and writer on evolutionary biology, natural history, anthropology, theology, archaeology, philosophy and law. He demonstrated that many scientific attempts to simulate a 'god' experience, thereby providing an explanation of faith and the 'spiritual', fell short. However He suggested they left open the tantalizing prospect that in our humanity we are spiritual beings.

He commented that for him Christians appear to follow a good God who wished to be in relationship with us. **So on our journey of faith and as stewards of fast developing scientific theory, understanding and claim, let us with renewed minds pray:**

***Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.***

Saturday will be a day when Christians are out in the community with ministries of prayer and practical service.

**Let us pray for those they meet.**

- For those prayed for in Queens Square, Wrexham Town Centre on Saturday morning;
- For those who have enjoyed Fun Days and other church sponsored summer events;
- For those who live 'roofless' who receive food and drink from the church team this afternoon;
- For those out drinking and socializing in our night economy who meet with street pastors, out in the early hours. Street Pastors go out to minister after their annual commissioning service at the Salvation Army

# Prayer Week Bulletin 8

And so to the final weekend of Prayer Week 2011, with our Prayer Booklet providing for us the challenging 'Song of welcome' and as we now look forward to the arrival of the National Eisteddfod, the timely 'Song of inheritance'.

After a morning of friends praying for townsfolk on the streets and praying for Wrexham from the high places of Minera Mountain above the town.....



.....many friends and supporters gathered on Saturday evening at the Salvation Army to pray for and witness the commissioning of 8 of Wrexham's 9 new Street Pastors (from 6 different churches) and in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Wrexham Councillor and Mrs. Ian Roberts. These with their fellow street pastors and the teams also out on streets feeding the Roofless and praying for others this wet and windy weekend are truly ecumenical ambassadors, offering loving service in Jesus name.



Sunday brought representatives of many town congregations together. The Anglican Benefice joined the people of St. Mark's for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations on the mission field in our town which is Caia Park. Then Cytun & Mission Wrexham held an evening United Service, where Robert Parry, the minister of Capel y Groes encouraged us in our ongoing ministry of prayer, and in this he was supported by friends from many, many congregations.

This has been a different form of Prayer Week, at a different time of year and with a specific focus as we have given thanks and interceded for this land of Wales, a fact reflected in two verses from the final hymn at our final prayer gathering.

*Arglwydd ein gwlad, dan ormes mae'n cenhedlaeth*  
 Lord, for **our land** in this our generation,  
*Dan bwn pleserau, golud o bob rhyw;*  
 Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
*O gwrando'n cri dros hen ac ieuanc heddiw,*  
 For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
***Bendithia'n gwlad a'i phobl, Arglwydd Dduw.***  
**Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

*lôr wyt i ni, mewn bywiol rym, ail-grea ni*  
 Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us –  
***Ni'n groeshoeliedig; Iesu 'nawr yn ben:***  
**Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,**  
*Trown o'n gorfennol, 'mlaen at ein dyfodol -*  
 Past put behind us, for the future take us:  
***Cysegrwn ddyddiau'n hoes i Grist. Amen.***  
 Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

So we will end this our final bulletin of Prayer Week 2011 with three pictures. One of the images of our town from the Prayer Guide leaflet, one of the scene today at the National Eisteddfod site just outside the town, and finally the cross which stands in the middle of town and above Capel y Groes. Thank you for joining us in this season of prayer, which continues with our daily prayer and as we distribute the remaining 3,000 Welsh language Prayer Leaflets at the Eisteddfod, as part of the Wrexham Church's welcome and witness to the people of Wales in Jesus name!



### **Continuing to pray for town and country.**

#### **Matthew 6 prayer (Matthew 6 v 5-15)**

*Jesus gives his teaching for us. Pray in private and use the pattern He gives to us in this passage.*

*To help in your Matthew 6 prayer you could consider:*

- *Joining Wrexham's PRAYING CITIZENS, who commit to seek to pray for our town every day. Three times a year we receive a list of two subjects to pray for each week. If you would like to become a Praying Citizen then contact Mission Wrexham at the website [www.missionwrexham.org.uk](http://www.missionwrexham.org.uk)*
- *Also, why not seek to use as part of your personal devotions the PRAYERS FOR WALES booklet, published for Prayer Week 2011? You could keep a copy by your bedside and use the booklet over the year ahead.*

#### **Town Church Prayers (Acts 2 v42 & Hebrews 10 v25)**

*There are many opportunities to gather for prayer as part of your church congregation, house group or organisation, and in addition there are a number of occasions each week to gather with Christians to pray.*

- *In 1999 the then Vicar of St. Margarets Church, Garden Village invited local Christians to bathe our town in prayer. He called it 'TOTAL IMMERSION'. Today that meeting continues each Monday 8.10 – 8.40am at St Margarets Church. (not Bank Holidays)*
- *Elsewhere St. Giles Church and St. Mary's Cathedral are open for personal prayer each day or you can call in these churches at these times to meet with others for prayer:*
  - \* *St Giles (8.30am Monday to Friday)*
  - \* *Wrexham Methodist Church (Thursday at 12.30-1pm)*
  - \* *Salvation Army, Garden Rd., Rhosddu Thursdays 11am – 12noon.*

*... and please look out for Town Prayer News, published twice a year and available through churches and the Christian Bookshop. It brings news of Mission work for which you can pray.*