

BLUE SKIES?

Welcome to the bumper summer edition!

Doesn't the world look different under a blue sky? Things seem more colourful or bright, life seems a bit lighter too - perhaps because we're not all carrying big coats around! Church, it seems, will be looking a bit different in the weeks ahead as well. It's going to be happening at church just like it always does, but also across a whole week of activity at St Margaret's (including Llandudno) as the Holiday Special for older people kicks off in style. Then the week after, a bit of church is setting up in a field in Dyffryn Ardudwy, where the sun will shine and shine and shine!

All very exciting! Please continue to hold both of these events in your prayers, for smooth running, stress-free organising and significant moments of spirit-filled challenge for all.

Some of the remaining summer really needs to be channelled into rest and recuperation. September starts the new season with a flurry of busyness that should get us back in the stride! Look out for Big Blessings, Happy Harvests, Great (Area) Gatherings, Brilliant "Back to Church" Sundays and lots more...

In all of that, though, we continue to be faced with the challenge of Galatians. It is not by our work or effort that our relationship with God is built. It stands firmly on His grace, His gift of love to us. Something we can just reach out and receive. "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5: 1). I hope that we take on the challenges that face us in the church community out of a loving response to God's grace and not from any yoke of slavery, but we need to be careful!

Life in Christ should be something like living under a patch of blue sky that follows you everywhere. Not that the road you're walking is easy, that obstacles won't appear and some even seem impassable, but the yoke of Christ is light and easy, His presence constant, His Spirit always at hand.

I wish you all every blessing over this summer and pray that September may arrive with a sense of excitement and renewal for all of us and all of those whom we seek to bless through the rest of the year.

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