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# NORTH COAST OF WALES CENTRE OF MISSION NEWSLETTER

## Summer 2023

### About The North Coast of Wales Centre of Mission.

The North Coast of Wales Centre of Mission is a partnership between the Diocese of St. Asaph and Church Army. Our North Coast of Wales Centre of Mission, the second CoM in partnership with the Diocese of St. Asaph, opened on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The Centre of Mission's initial focus has been in Pensarn and is led by our Lead Evangelist Jo Leslie, who was commissioned as a Church Army evangelist in 2021. Jo will work with a Pioneer Evangelist to be recruited in due course, Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre (CDSC) and other local stakeholders to provide Christian love and outreach to those living in Pensarn and the wider Aled and Aber-Morfa Mission Areas.

### The journey so far...

In the first 18 months in Pensarn we have begun to connect with the local community, taking time to understand their needs and discern where we are called to serve. We have set up several groups including an over 55's group, Menopause Café and several other projects which have enabled us to reach out to the community and share Gods love and hope with those around us.

We want to engage with the most vulnerable, isolated, and lonely within our community. Which consists of a large elderly/retired population and more vulnerable people who have been placed in poor housing, who have a variety of support needs. Our desire is for the centre of mission to provide hope, practical support and build relationships with those on the margins. We want to show Gods love to all and to faithfully serve the community of Pensarn.

**Here is a little more about what we are doing, new projects and things we would like you to pray for.**



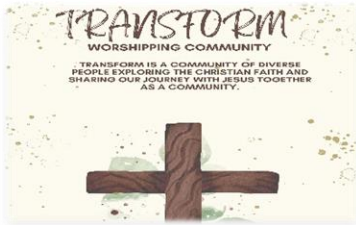
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## **Transform Worshipping Community.**

Transform meets every Sunday at 11am, we hold a contemporary service which is open to everyone. Over the last 11 months we have seen this community come together and grow in numbers and spiritually.

On the last Sunday of each month, we watch The Chosen and have a community meal together. Whilst we are still a small community, we are starting to grow and thrive together. With most of our members either new to faith or returning to faith after many years. 3 people attended the Hope Explored course earlier in the year, and we are looking forward to holding new discipleships courses starting in 2024.



## **Kings Coronation event**

The King's Table is a weekly community meal, we see around 35-40 people attend each week. We have partnered with Abergele Community Action on this project. We welcome a wonderful mix of people, with older people sitting alongside some of the more vulnerable members of the community. It has been glorious to see the different parts of the community come together.

In May we put on special event to celebrate the Kings Coronation. We had a wonderful time watching and celebrating the coronation together. With bouncy castles, children's craft activities and of course a traditional afternoon tea, with lots of sandwiches and cakes! With over 50 people attending, we had great day, as well as lots of fun! This was a wonderful opportunity to invite the community to come and celebrate the Kings Coronation with us, as well being able tell people about our other activities that happen throughout the week.



## Autumn news...

As we enter the autumn new season, I formed new partnerships with two local organisations to start brand new projects, which I am delighted to be a part of.

Tania from Home-Start has started a 'Stay and Build' group at Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre. Having previously connected with Home-Start, and being excited by the work they do with families, I offered to help Tania with this group. We had a fantastic first week with 11 mums and 13 children attending. It was a lively session, with some great conversations with mums and lots of giggles and happy children running around.

I am also pleased to announce we forged a new partnership with Nacro, who provide homelessness and housing advice/support. This is an exciting new partnership, which we hope will enable us to work alongside and support the most vulnerable within the community of Pensarn.



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## Prayer requests

- Please pray for the recruitment of a pioneer evangelist.
- For those in the community who are new to exploring faith and for God to draw others to Him.
- That both new projects I am involved in allow us to connect with the wider community.
- That we will continue to see God at work in people's lives and that the centre of mission can serve the community of Pensarn faithfully.
- To build meaningful relationships with those on the margins.

We give thanks for all those who have supported the North Coast of Wales Centre of Mission prayerfully and financially – we are extremely grateful for the support we have received over the past 18 months.

We are also thankful for the faithful group of volunteers who work alongside me, who enable us to serve this wonderful community week in and week out. Without them, none of the activities would be possible.

And most importantly we give thanks to God His faithfulness and grace.

## HOW YOU CAN FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE NORTH COAST OF WALES CENTRE OF MISSION

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