

# Christward

The magazine of



July - August 2025

This magazine is a round up of photos taken on the Church Weekend together with a couple of impressions of the event. My thanks to all who sent in photos and to Carole and Rachel especially for their written contributions. In the next issue of Christward I hope to publish the texts of some of the Sessions which took place on the Saturday and Sunday.

Alan

## **~ Church Weekend 2025 ~**

### ***The Place***

**Beechwood Court, Mountain Road, Conwy**

### **Sumptuous Accommodation**





**Spacious grounds**



**Idyllic setting**







What more could you want for a Church Weekend away?

## **Friends**







Margaret demonstrates how to turn right when your indicator ceases to work.



## **There were Expeditions:**

### **In Search of the Beach**

Rachel writes:

#### ***Sun, sea, sand... and seagulls...***

We had a wonderful weekend in Conwy- the theme of the weekend was journeys- more specifically faith journeys and although we might not have been in the thick of it with the discussions the young people of the church were certainly undertaking their own journeys and adventures (which certainly required faith on the part of their responsible adults.)

Taking four under fours up a mountain certainly required a sense of faith- not to mention endurance- but we were in safe hands under the expert guidance of Rory. We made our way up the mountain discovering many treasures along the way; there were secret paths that led to beautiful views, mountain flowers and dinosaur bones. (Or perhaps a sheep's rib- currently awaiting carbon dating)

In the afternoon people followed different paths- while some sought out the walls of Conwy others ventured out to the beach.

There was a sense of letting the spirit lead when it came to directions and the actual location of the beach and which actual beach we were going to meet at... but God sent us Ellie and Jess communicating on their phones and David Redhouse in a car to unite the two groups of nomads.

Some of us showed more faith than others in our adventurous attitude towards the sea- Emma did not let the inability to swim stop her from throwing herself into the sea face first... and then there were the ice creams. Then there were the ice creams...





It was a wonderful weekend and so lovely to spend time with people and and to journey together.







**In search of  
the hills**







**In search of somewhere to scream**





## In search of solitude





## In search of butterflies



## In search of the town







**And of course there were things which defy categorisation**

How to strangle  
a dinosaur





The errant seagull  
who seeking food  
stole a nappy bag  
and frustrated  
discarded it on the  
guesthouse roof





The Apple Dolmen



So I've had four pieces of flapjack, so what!



Brain or bread? (Enlarge photo for full effect)



Accidents happen but you still have to eat

**But we'll let Carole speak for all of us:**

All church weekends are enjoyable, but somehow this was one of the best for me. Karen, the manageress, had been so helpful with the booking and organising everything. Nothing was any trouble you to her. Living nearby with her full-time job as the manager certainly made a difference. It wasn't just a job to her, she was dedicated. Yesterday she retired....to go and live near her grandchildren and train to be a minister. Still, we met the couple who are taking over running Beechwood, and they seem very helpful and friendly too.



Our rooms were very good. Apparently it was rather hot in the rooms at the very top. But we can't complain about the cause...sunshine is always a pleasant surprise!

All the sessions were interesting. With different people speaking for ten to fifteen minutes then inviting discussion, there was plenty to think about. We had a chance to get to know each other better, and to understand where people are coming from.

The children seemed to have plenty to do, thanks to parents and helpers, plus a mountain of toys!

I always appreciate meeting our friends from the past coming to share time with us again. That's very special and makes the weekend extra sociable.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with organising and leading sessions, and to everyone who attended and made it a really happy weekend.

*Carole*


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