

**You may be interested to know where our "Coffee money" goes to!**

£100 each to:

- January: Y Pantri
- February: Colwyn Bay Community Hwb
- April :Youth Shedz
- May: Happy Faces
- June: Local child with cancer
- June: Colwyn Youth Hwb
- October: Domestic Abuse Support Unit (letter below)



What a lovely kind gesture.

At DASU we are always dealing with the darker side of people's actions, it is heart-warming to see people's kindness and thoughtfulness in comparison!

We are fortunate to receive grants for our work, but those only cover the basics and core services. In most cases families escape with only either nothing or very little, no clothes, personal items, food, or access to money. Donations enable us to provide these essentials. This not only solves their immediate needs but reduces the risk that they will return to the domestic violence perpetrator.

Please could you pass on our heartfelt thanks to the United Reformed Church in Rhos on Sea.

*Becky Scollins*

## CYNGERDD CAROLAU NADOLIG ELUSENNOL CHARITY CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

**United Reformed Church, Colwyn Ave, Rhos-on-Sea**  
**7p.m. Wednesday/Dydd Mercher 10fed Rhagfyr**  
**10th. December 2025**



**Côr Meibion Colwyn Choir**  
**Ysgol Gynradd Llandrillo-yn-Rhos**  
**Rhos-on-Sea Primary School**



**UNAWDYDD/SOLOIST**

**ARWEINYDD Y CYNGERDD - CONCERT CONDUCTOR**

**ALUN HUGHES OF CÔR MEIBION COLWYN**

**FREE ADMISSION**

Mynediad am ddim/Admission free. Casgliad yn ystod y noson er budd  
achosion da lleol /Collection during the concert in aid of local good  
causes. Cefnogir gan Glwb Rotary Llandrillo-yn- Rhos/Supported by Rhos  
on Sea Rotary Club.



## "The Sound of Aging," sung by Julie Andrews

Julie Andrews Turning 79 – this is hysterical!

To commemorate her birthday, actress/vocalist, Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall for the benefit of the AARP. One of the musical numbers she performed was 'My Favorite Things' from the legendary movie 'Sound Of Music'. Here are the lyrics she used:

(Sing It!) – If you sing it, it's especially hysterical!!!

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,  
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,  
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,  
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,  
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,  
When the knees go bad,  
I simply remember my favorite things,  
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,  
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,  
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin',  
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',  
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,  
When we remember our favorite things.

When the joints ache, When the hips break,  
When the eyes grow dim,  
Then I remember the great life I've had,  
And then I don't feel so bad.



### Poem – What is love?

Is love being with your family?  
Knowing they will support you  
no matter what.  
Is love spending time with your friends?  
Creating memories that will last forever.  
Is the love the knowledge that  
you are never alone?  
That you will always have someone there.  
Or is love sending your Son  
to bring hope to all,  
Comfort to those in need,  
Light in the darkest of places.

*Louise Frankish 2025*

Dear God  
Please help us remember the story of  
love this Christmas time.  
How Jesus was sent down to save us  
through God's love.  
How the angels and shepherds spread  
the message of love and hope.  
How Mary and Joseph's love for each  
other helped them through their hard  
journey.  
How the wise men's dedication led  
them to the manger.  
Help us support and love each other in  
the coming New Year and the future.  
God be with you all at this time.  
Amen

*Louise Frankish*

### The 12 Days of Christmas

If anyone is generous or foolish enough to give me all the 364 gifts mentioned below it might cost them a total of about £60,000 at today's prices. However it is not all as it seems - there is a hidden meaning behind these gifts. From 1558 to 1829 in England the Roman Catholics were not permitted to practise their faith openly so someone wrote this carol as a catechism song for the instruction of young Catholics.

The true love of the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend, but **Jesus**, because truly love was born on Christmas Day.

The Partridge also represented **Him** because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary by feigning injury to draw predators away from its young. The two turtle doves are the **Old and New Testaments**. The three French hens are the Christian virtues **Faith Hope and Charity** : the four calling birds are the gospels **Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John**.

The five gold rings are the first five books of the Old Testament the **Pentateuch**.

The six geese a-laying are the six **Days of Creation**, the seven songs of swimming are the **Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**. The eight maids-a-milking are the eight **Beatitudes**.

The nine ladies dancing are the **9 Fruits of the Spirit**. The ten Lords are leaping are the **10 Commandments**, the 11 pipers piping are the 11 **Faithful Apostles** and the 12 drummers drumming are the 12 points of doctrine in the **Apostles creed**.

*With thanks to Joan Armstrong*

### The Best Gift

This Christmas, may we remember the story of God's love for us; may we live out the truth of that story in our own lives.

God chose to give us the best, most special, most precious, most extravagant gift he could possibly give, better than any Christmas present you could possibly imagine.

That gift was God's own son, Jesus. At the very first Christmas, God gave us his one and only precious son, Jesus Christ. And God didn't just give that special gift to Mary and Joseph and the Shepherds and Wise Men, he gave it to *everyone*, forever. God gave his son to you, and you, and you, and me, and everybody.



Jesus came to be a light to the world, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Before Jesus came into the world, people were walking in the darkness of all the bad things they were doing, all the bad things that were happening, and most of all the darkness of not knowing God in their lives. When Jesus came into the world, he was the light that took away that darkness, and helped people to come to know God.

But Jesus wasn't only a light for the people who were around when he was alive on earth. He is a light for all of us today. Jesus is the light which shines in our world, and in our lives and in our hearts, and drives away the darkness of all the bad things in our lives. And no matter how bad something might seem, there is never anything too dark for the light of Jesus to overcome.

Jesus Christ came down to earth at the first Christmas, a gift from God our father, and a light to the world forever, but that isn't the end of the story. Even as we celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas, we are looking ahead to Easter, when he died for us on the cross, and rose again to give us eternal life. And that's another chapter in the same story of God's love for us.

*We pray that the Christ Child, the light that shines in the darkness of this world, may be born in our hearts and homes this Christmas and may we shine as lights in the darkness, to the glory of God. Amen.*