

The Open Church Network



- The Lord watches over all who love him
- *Psalm 145 verse 20*

OPEN CHURCH NETWORK

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| • St Dunawd | - Bangor-on-Dee |
| • St John the Baptist | - Bettisfield |
| • Holy Trinity | - Bronington |
| • St Mary | - Chirk |
| • St Hilary | - Erbistock |
| • All Saints | - Gresford |
| • St Chad | - Hanmer |
| • St Chad | - Holt |
| • St Marcella | - Marchwiel |
| • St Mary the Virgin | - Overton |
| • Christ Church | - Rossett |
| • St Mary | - Ruabon |
| • St Mary Magdalene | - Tallarn Green |
| • St Deiniol | - Worthenbury |
| • Our Lady of Sorrows | - Wrexham Cathedral Church |
| • St Giles | - Wrexham Parish Church |



Visitors

We welcome visitors to our open churches

St David of Wales

At Wrexham Parish Church



Pilgrims

We welcome pilgrims to our open churches

St Asaph,
At Hanmer



Worship

Centuries of worship have happened in our churches of the Open Church Network.

St Chad,
At Holt



Preaching

Jesus has been preached in these open churches for centuries

Triple deck pulpit
St Deiniol, Worthenbury



Prayer

Holy Trinity,
Bronington

These churches are peaceful and beautiful places that help you pray and think about God.

Open Church Network Prayer

Almighty God, may the hearts of our visitors be open to you.
Grant peace to the troubled,
healing to the sick,
comfort to the sad,
guidance to those who seek you.
Hear their prayers and answer them,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

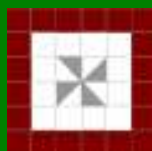


Prayer



- Let the peace of this place surround you as you pray.
- Let the hurry and worry of life fall away from you.
- You are God's child he loves you and cares for you.
- He is here with you now and always.
- Speak to him thoughtfully and allow him time to speak to you.

Prayer



Lord, thou knowest how busy I must be today.
If I forget thee, do not
Thou forget me Amen.

*Lord Astley at the battle
of Edgehill*



Prayer

Day by day we
magnify Thee
and we worship
Thy Name

Christ Church,
Rossett



St Mary,
Overton

Prayer

Pray in this way:
Our Father in
heaven, hallowed
be your name.
Your kingdom
come. Your will be
done, on earth as
it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:9



Preaching

The word of God is read in the Open Church Network



Christian Life - Baptism

- Font at
- St Chad,
- Holt



Christian Life-Music

Organ at Christ Church, Rossett



Christian Life

- "Do this in
- remembrance
- of me".

Altar at
St Marcella,
Marchwiel



Christian Life

- In sure and certain hope of eternal life.
- St Marcella, Marchwiel



Christian Life-Remembrance

War Memorial
at St Chad's,
Hanmer



Christian Symbols of the Open Church Network



We invite you to discover faith around our churches.

Christian Symbols of the Open Church Network



Art in glass commissioned 2007 for Kempe Centenary. Now touring the churches

Christian Symbols of the Open Church Network



The fish was an early Christian Symbol

St Mary, Overton



Christian Symbols

Jesus died on the cross, and rose again

Holy Trinity, Bronington

Christian Symbols



The Trinity

- Father
- Son
- Holy Spirit



Christian Symbols

Rose and Lily are symbols of St Mary the Virgin

Mystic Rose

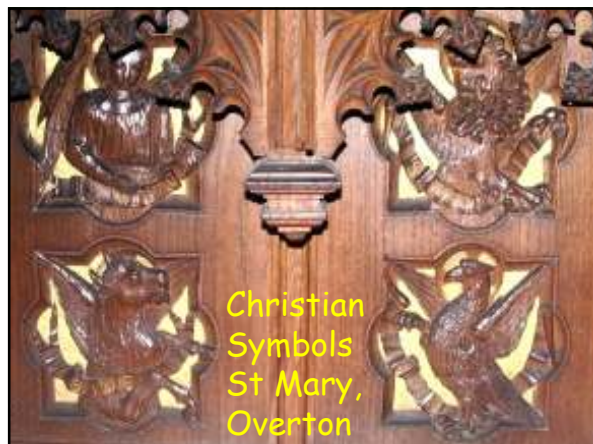
Bangor-on-Dee



Christian Symbols

All Saints,
Gresford

The lion is a symbol
of Saint Mark,
the Gospel writer



Christian
Symbols
St Mary,
Overton

Matthew - Winged man



Christian Symbols

Luke - Winged ox



The Four Gospel Writers



Mark - Winged lion

John - Eagle



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- The life of Jesus is shown in artwork around the churches
- St Dunawd,
Bangor

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- Artwork tells of the Prophets
- Artwork tells the life of Jesus



Elijah



Nativity

St Mary, Overton



House of David

Hear, O house of David!
The Lord will give you a sign. The young woman shall bear a son, and name him Immanuel - God is with us. *Isaiah 7:13*

All Saints, Gresford
1 Samuel 17:34



Annunciation

The angel said,
Do not be afraid,
Mary, you have found
favour with God.
You will bear a son,
and name him Jesus.
Luke 1:30

St Chad, Holt



Nativity

Good news of great joy
for all the people:
to you is born this day
in the city of David a
Saviour. *Luke 2:10*

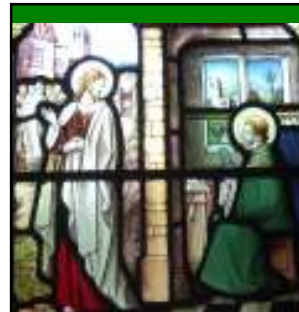
St Mary,
Chirk



Ministry of Jesus

Immediately
they left the
boat and their
father, and
followed him.
Matthew 4:22

Jesus calls
James & John
St Chad, Hanmer



Ministry of Jesus

Jesus saw him at
the tax booth.
"Follow me."
And he got up and
followed him.
Matthew 9:9

Jesus calls Matthew
St Chad, Hanmer



Ministry of Jesus

A great crowd of people had come
to hear him and to be healed of
their diseases. *Luke 6:17*



Jesus and the crowd
Lake Galilee.
At St Giles, Wrexham

Life of Jesus



Jesus heals a blind man
St Mary, Overton

Ministry of Jesus



Who is this,
even the winds
and the waves,
obey him?
Luke 8:25

Crucifixion



We are witnesses
to all that he did.
They put him to
death by hanging
him on a tree.
Acts 10:39

St Dunawd, Bangor

Crucifixion



Then he said to John,
Here is your mother.
John 19:27

"It is finished."
St Dunawd, Bangor-on-Dee

Pietà



Mary,
the mother of
Jesus,
holds his dead
body across her
knees.

The Cathedral Church of
Our Lady of Sorrows, Wrexham

Resurrection



He is risen
He is not here
Luke 24.5

The Holy Spirit



St Deiniol,
Worthenbury

When the day of
Pentecost had come

All of them were
filled with the Holy
Spirit

Acts 2.1-4

The Early Church



Peter said, 'Repent, and
be baptized in the name
of Jesus Christ so that
your sins may be
forgiven; and you will
receive the gift of the
Holy Spirit'.

Acts 2:38

St Giles, Wrexham

The 14th Century Church



Consecration
Cross
St Giles,
Wrexham

The 14th Century Church



Carved Cross St Mary Overton

Tour of Open Church Network



A journey of discovery
where people have
experienced the
nearness of God for
countless generations.

We believe that God is present
through our life journeys.



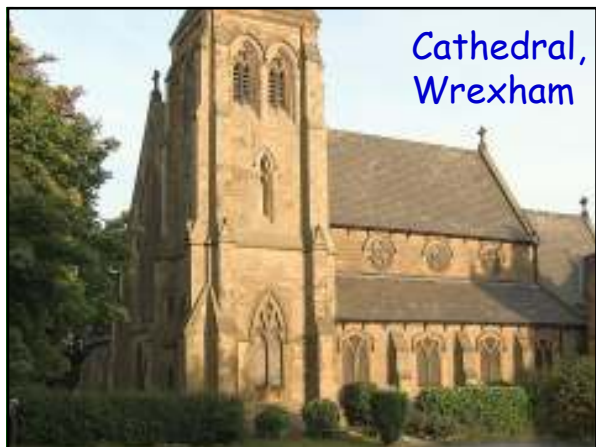
St Giles,
Wrexham



St Giles,
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St Giles, Wrexham



Cathedral,
Wrexham



Cathedral
Church of
Our Lady
of
Sorrows,
Wrexham



Cathedral, Wrexham



All Saints,
Gresford



All Saints, Gresford



All Saints,
Gresford



Christ
Church,
Rossett



The Chi Rho
is the first
two letters
of XPICTOC
the Greek for
Christ

Christ Church, Rossett



HIS and IHC
are from
IHCOYC
Greek for
Jesus

Christ Church, Rossett



St
Chad,
Holt





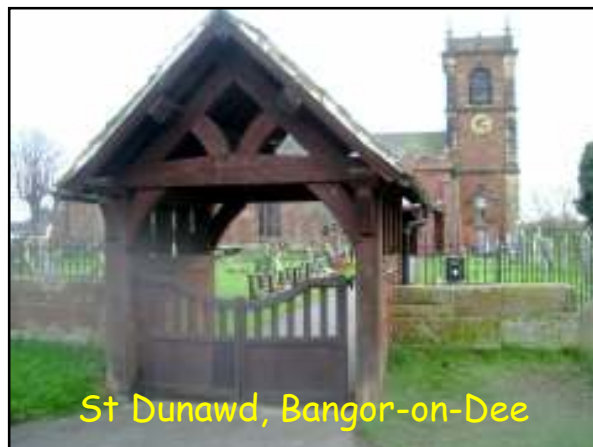
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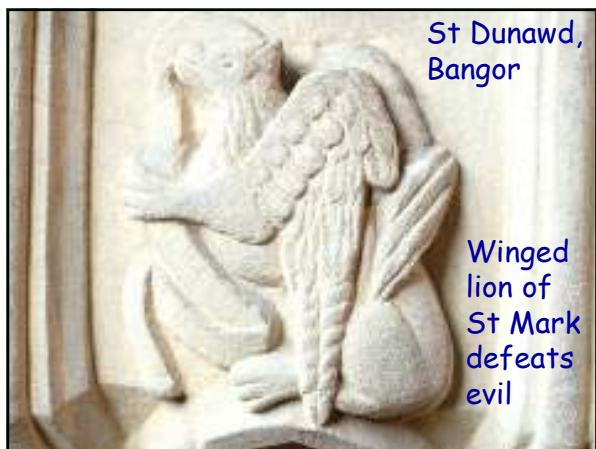
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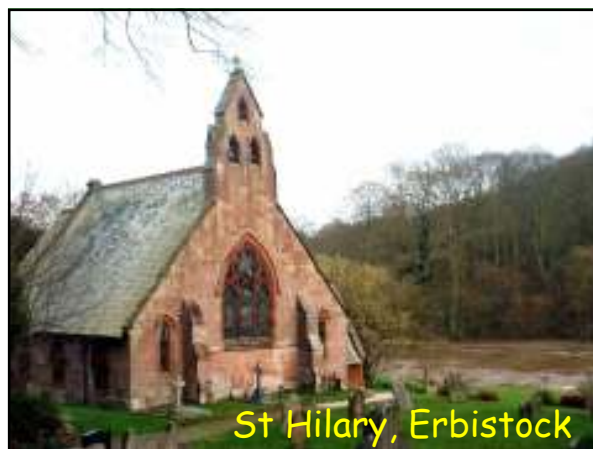


St Dunawd, Bangor-on-Dee

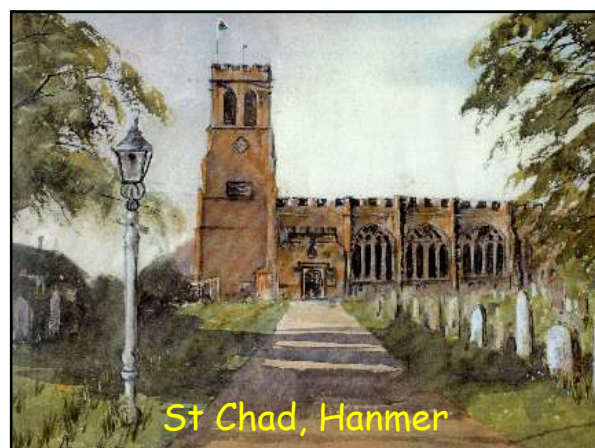
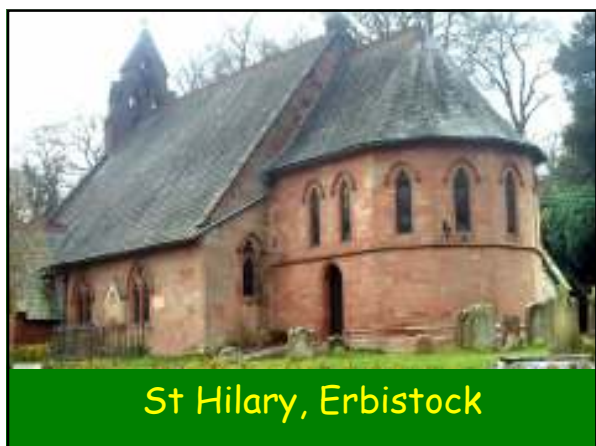


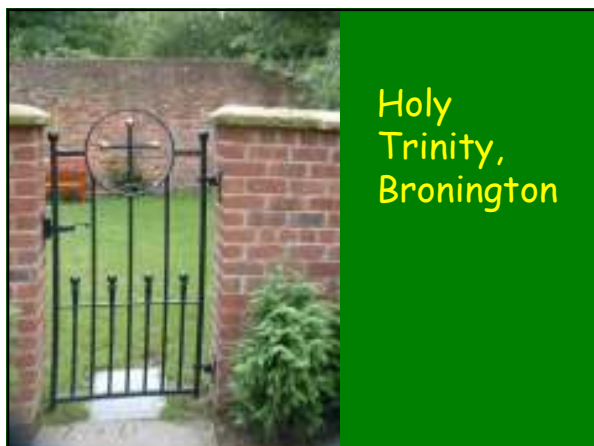
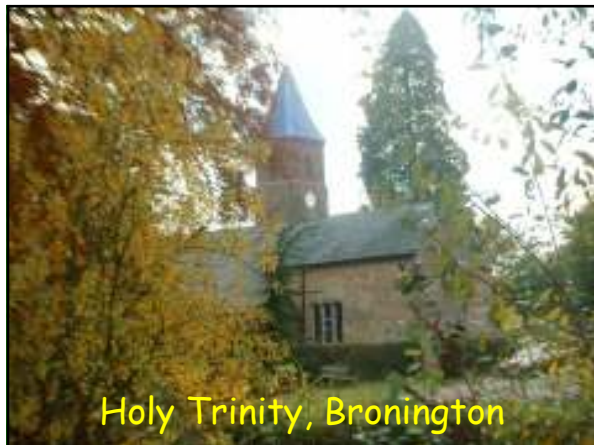
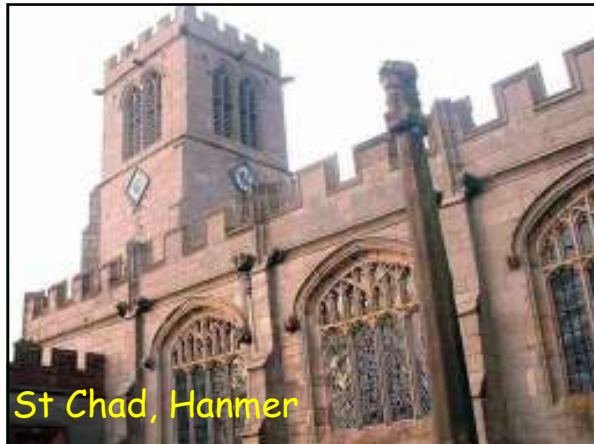
St Dunawd,
Bangor

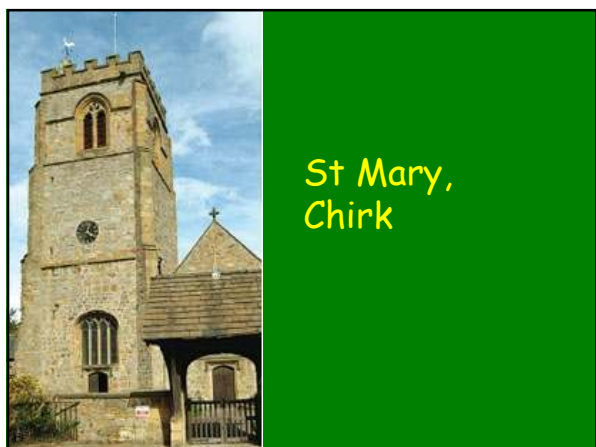
Winged
lion of
St Mark
defeats
evil



St Hilary, Erbistock









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- Wrexham Parish

Open Church Network

Lord grant that
as we leave your house
we do not leave your presence;
but abide with you always.
Amen.

The Presentation
will run through
again

The Presentation will
start again now