

Ocean Church in Wales – ‘The first activity of its kind’

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7 Ocean Church “sailors” at Conwy North Wales

This was the first activity of its kind in the North England community. Chris Jones had Ocean Church experience when he lived in the United States in the 1980’s, and therefore had the inspiration and enthusiasm to organise this exciting event. Chris, Michael, Nicholas, Morgan, Regina, Maooome, and Charles took part in this venture on the sea off North Wales.

On October 7th, we met at Conwy and happily boarded the fishing boat at 12:00. After being given the safety rules by a highly experienced skipper Dave, who also explained the use of the fishing gear, we set off on this pioneering Ocean Church trip. By about 12:45, Morgan, a long-time friend of Michael and Nicholas, brought in a beautiful mackerel as the first catch of the afternoon.

It was also the very first fish he had ever landed and seemed to open up the way for the rest of us to do the same. After a little while, everybody had been rewarded for holding a fishing rod. We caught mackerel, whiting, and dogfish, some of which we let go as they were too small to keep.

Fortunately, the mild weather was dry, and the sea was quite calm with only a very slight swell. The sun was also trying to break through the grey clouds. Since almost everybody knew each other, it was not difficult to have a spirit of mutual co-operation among us. Dave the skipper was very supportive, and made hot tea for everyone.

Time passed on quite quickly, and at 17:00 we were back on land. It was a very enjoyable afternoon for all of us, at the end of which we all felt very more connected to each other and the ocean. Furthermore, it was definitely a positive and enjoyable start for Ocean Church providence in North England and it was agreed that these fishing trips should be held on a regular basis, perhaps every three or four months. Hopefully, things can then develop into a substantial invitational event possibly on a national level.