



Easter message for rail re-enactment

IT WAS all change on the Talylyn railway over Easter.

The steam railway – opened in 1865, and the first preserved railway in the world – carried around 150 passengers, including 40 members of Tywyn Baptist Church, for a Stations of the Cross pilgrimage.

The train stopped at various points along the line for readings and devotions led by the Bishop of Bangor, the Rt Revd Andrew John, and Anglican lay reader and railway volunteer Ian Evans,

who thought of the scheme. At the first halt worshippers used a cross belonging to WV Awdry of *Thomas the Tank Engine* fame, also a Talylyn supporter.

'I felt it was a really striking way of celebrating the Good Friday story in a way that would involved people who wouldn't normally go,' said Baptist minister and railway volunteer the Revd Ian Drummond, who took part in the pilgrimage.

'I very much hope we'll do it again.'

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