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- 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)
- Matins followed by shortened Eucharist (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)
- Family Worship (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday when applicable – Eucharist included in service or follows it)
- 5.00 pm Evening Prayer
- 6.00 pm Exploring Worship – in Church Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday unless notified otherwise)

### Weekdays

- 8.30 am ~~Morning Prayer (Tue, Wed, Thurs & Fri)~~ Cancelled TFN
- 9.00 am Holy Eucharist (Wed)
- 11.00 am Holy Eucharist (Thurs & major saints' days)
- Holy Eucharist in Welsh (Sat)
- 5.00 pm Evening Prayer (Tue, Wed, Thurs & Fri)

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## St. Tudno's Church, Great Orme

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer (Sat)
- 11.00 am Open Air Service (Sun from end of May to end of September)
- On the first Sunday of each month, the service is followed by a shortened Eucharist in the church.

The pattern of Sunday and Weekday services sometimes changes. Please check the calendar in each month's magazine and the weekly bulletin.

The Rector is in Holy Trinity church on most Saturday mornings from 11.30 - 12.00 to see parishioners on any matter – for confessions, spiritual guidance, the booking of baptisms or weddings etc.

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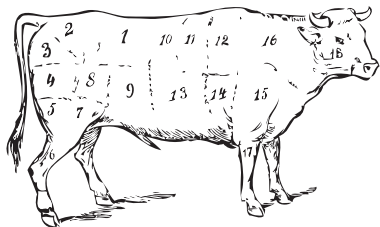
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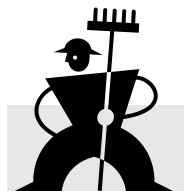
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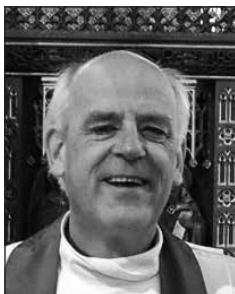
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## From the Rectory

Each of the four Gospels gives us its own unique portrait of Jesus and his ministry. There's much common ground between them of course, but Matthew, Mark, Luke and John have each chosen from the traditions about Jesus which were extant in oral or written form to give their own particular slant on his life and teachings. And this is as true for their resurrection narratives as it is for the rest of the Gospels.

Matthew, Luke and John each have memorable stories to tell of appearances of the risen Lord, amongst these are: the walk to Emmaus (Luke); the appearance of Jesus to Mary Magdalene in the garden and Thomas refusing to believe that Jesus was alive until he saw him with his own eyes (John); and Jesus' commissioning of his apostles to make disciples of all nations and to baptize them (Matthew).

Mark is unique among the Gospels in that he has very little to say about appearances of the risen Lord. True, at the very end of the Gospel there is a very hurried and sketchy summary of some appearances of Jesus ending with his ascension. But most scholars believe that these are later additions to the original Gospel which they think probably ended with Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome



discovering the empty tomb and meeting a young man in a white robe who tells them that Jesus has been raised and they are to go and tell Peter that they will meet the risen Lord in Galilee. If these scholars are right the original Gospel of Mark ended with

the rather unpromising words 'So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid'.

I am inclined to agree with this assessment. If you read chapter 16 of Mark it really does look as if someone has added on to what is a coherent account a very brief and garbled summary of some of the stories from the other Gospels together with a unique version of the commissioning of the eleven apostles. My feeling is that at some stage after Mark wrote his Gospel, either Mark himself or someone else has looked at the accounts of resurrection appearances in other Gospels and has felt that Mark's Gospel ought to have some too! But what do you think about it? Read Mark 16 and make up your own mind.

But if the Gospel did end with the three women fleeing from the tomb in fear what are we to make of this? Why did Mark leave everything 'up in the air' so



to speak? True, the resurrection is definitely mentioned and the women are told that the disciples would meet the risen Lord in Galilee. But it all seems rather low key.

Now I love the resurrection stories from Matthew, Luke and John as much as anyone else. I find them to be profoundly moving and they help me to know the presence of the risen Lord in my own life. On the other hand I rather like the 'open ended' way in which Mark may have ended his original Gospel. The women leave the tomb in a bewildered and fearful state – though of course we know that eventually they will indeed meet the risen Lord.

I think that this open ending teaches us

that it is often when we go out in faith and trust – even if we are bewildered, fearful and confused - that we will meet Jesus in our daily lives. Like the women fleeing from the empty tomb, we have not 'seen' Him. But if we venture out in faith we will encounter him in scripture, in prayer and in the Eucharist and in the ups and downs of our daily lives just as the women and the other disciples would indeed find him when they had the courage to journey to Galilee in faith.

I pray that this Easter our faith in the presence of the risen Jesus will be renewed and that we will meet him in the Galilee of our lives.

**Fr. John**

## News and Notices

On Mothering Sunday, 26 March 2017, the Parish of Llandudno held a Family Eucharist service. It was at this service where the Parish of Llandudno implemented the new Church in Wales policy of inviting all baptised persons to receive Holy Communion.

The service followed the traditional pattern for Mothering Sunday. The celebrant was the Rector, Father John Nice who was assisted by Father Mike Harrison who in turn was assisted by his wife Roz, Sandra Davies and members of the Sunday School.

It is very difficult to estimate how many



*All she had said was it was time for her  
annual lawnmower service*



*The images on these pages were taken at Holy Trinity Church during and after the Mothering Sunday Family Eucharist on 26 March.*



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extra persons receive communion because of this policy though it is known that about eight members of the Sunday School received their first communion.

The service concluded in the usual way with the distribution of potted primulas.

## Churchyards

Spring is with us now and the churchyards are livening up with colour. This is always a welcome sign. It is delightful seeing the daffodils around the Holy Trinity Churchyard as I write.

The Guides are going to give the troughs at the sides of the main door in

Holy Trinity a makeover before Easter. The other three big troughs will be planted in May.

At St. Tudno's the Trail has now been completed and we very much hope that the children will try out the activities during the Easter Holidays. We welcome your comments please about the trail and the new edition of leaflets.

You will see from the attached photographs of St. Georges Churchyard that it is coming along well. We have some lovely spring flowers peeping up. Tony and myself have spent a fair bit of time clearing up after storm Doris. The Garden of Remembrance was in a poor state with wreaths and pots all over the



*Daffodils at Holy Trinity Church.*



*Spring comes to St. George's Churchyard.*



*Great Orme goats at St. George's Churchyard.*



*St George's Churchyard.*

place. We are hoping to get an extra bin put up there for garden waste. The small flower border around the Garden of Remembrance is in need of care and attention and we would welcome some help in clearing the area and perhaps planting some more bulbs. The other day I went up to St George's again to

see how things were and tidy up a bit. The Great Orme goats had been all over the churchyard earlier and had a good go at some pots etc in the Garden of Remembrance! The Rector spied the goats over the Rectory wall and they seemed to be enjoying themselves!

If anyone is looking for a small garden to give a little TLC to, you are warmly welcome to join us at St. George's. It is really peaceful up there and one only needs an hour or two once every couple of weeks.

Please contact William, Christine or me to let us know if you are interested.

***Jennifer Fossi***



*Spring comes to St. Tudno's Churchyard.*



## **St. Tudno's Church**

A celebration of St. David, Patron of Wales, was held at St. Tudno's on Sunday 26 February. The service was led by the Friends of St. Tudno's and Michael Thomas played the organ for a congregation of 14. Hymns included "Be Thou My Vision" and "For All The Saints". There was a reading of an account of the life of St. David by Alison Jones and a reflection on St. David's last words by Fr. John. As usual after a winter service, hot drinks and cakes were served.

The service on Sunday 26 April was a Lenten devotion for Mothering Sunday, prepared by Fr. John and led by the Friends of St. Tudno's. Readings included two sonnets by Malcolm Guite and hymns included "Tell Out My Soul". Michael Thomas played the organ for the congregation of 16 and at the end of the service all the ladies received a small bouquet of daffodils.

From 1 April St. Tudno's will be open every day, thanks to our team of regular and reserve openers. On Saturdays Morning Prayer is said at 9.00 am. In April there will be two services for Holy Week and Easter. On Wednesday 13 April at 7.00 am we will hold the service of Light and Shadows, which is a joint service with Aberconwy Mission Area. This lovely service begins in candlelight, then the candles are gradually extinguished. When the old Paschal candle is finally extinguished the service ends in darkness. The new

Paschal candle will be lit from a new fire at the beginning of the Easter Liturgy at 5.30 am on Easter Day. This is a wonderful service which also includes the beautiful Exsultet and renewal of Baptismal vows. The service will be followed by hot drinks and bacon baps. There are lists to sign in both churches if you would like breakfast (vegetarian option available) or a lift or if you can offer lifts. You can also email [sttudnos@llandudno-parish.org.uk](mailto:sttudnos@llandudno-parish.org.uk). The first open air service will be on Sunday 28 May at 11.00 am, with the free taxi leaving Holy Trinity at 10.30 am.

We look forward to welcoming you at St. Tudno's.

***Shirley Georgeson  
Christine Jones***

## **Friends of St. Tudno's**

The Friends' Committee is planning the spring and summer programme. Details will be listed in the Parish Magazine month by month or you could check the Friends' page of the parish website. The spring working party will be held over two days, Friday 12 and Saturday 13 May, to enable more people to take part and to give the Archdeacon an opportunity to see the Friends in action. Each day the working party will be from 10.00 am till lunchtime and refreshments will be available. There will be more details in the May Parish Magazine.

The Friends are always pleased to





*After the Lentern devotion for Mothering Sunday at St. Tudno's.*

welcome new members who would like to join St. Tudno's extended family and help to support the mission and maintenance of the church. If you are

interested, please contact me or see the Friends' page of the website.

***Christine Jones***

## Guides 95

On Monday 6th March the Rector and members of the PCC were invited to attend the 95th Anniversary of the 1st Llandudno Guides which, as Church members will be aware, meets every Monday during term time in the Church Hall. Presentations were made by the Guides' Leader, Michelle Wallo, recognising the enthusiasm of the girls, and an interesting display illustrated activities over the years (including some familiar faces in their younger days!) The commitment of the leaders was also recognised. Cakes were sliced and diced, thanks to the Guides for their invitation and hospitality....and



*Anticipation of cake at the Guides' anniversary.*

we all look forward to the big one in five years' time!

**William Maidlow**

## The Great Get Together

As this month's Magazine goes to press, plans are being made to hold an event at St. Tudno's as part of the Great Get Together activities to be held across the UK in memory of the late Jo Cox, MP. The Great Get Together will use as its theme the words used by Jo Cox in her maiden speech in the House of Commons:

"We are far more united and have far more in common than that which divides us."

The Friends of St. Tudno's welcome support from Church members, especially if you have any ideas about activities etc you would like to put to the Friends. We are hoping that the Guides, and our other Church organisations will want to take part in an event designed to reach out to the community, as well as celebrating our Christian values. The event is scheduled to take place at St. Tudno's on Sunday 18 June, at 3.00 pm, though help on the day will be needed from the morning onwards. More details in next month's Magazine.

**William Maidlow**

*William wrote this article before the dreadful events in London on 22nd March, which he feels bring Jo Cox's comments about the need for togetherness into even sharper focus*



*...I wish that was my Sunday attendance figures  
- but it's actually the age profile of my congregation!*

## Conwy Food Bank

We would like to thank all our supporters for your regular donations of food which enable us to provide food parcels to the local community. A total of 783 parcels were distributed in the year ending January 2017.

We have had a busy start to this year and have therefore used a high level of stock. As usual, we have a surplus of certain items but very short of others so we would be grateful if you could consider the following lists when deciding what food to donate to us.

Any other food items not mentioned remain at a steady level so although not as urgent, are also still needed. Thank you.

The following is a list of items of which we have plenty of stock for the time being:

- Soup (tins)
- Baked Beans
- Tuna & all tinned fish
- All toiletries (apart from toilet rolls)

The following is a list of items we need:

- Coffee
- Sugar
- Biscuits
- Tins of Chicken in White Sauce
- Tins of Chilli con Carne
- Tins of Meat Curry
- Cheese Sauce powder
- Snack size instant noodles
- Instant mashed potato
- Jars of Pasta Sauce
- Tins of Fruit
- Tins of Rice Pudding
- Angel Delight or similar
- Crisps, Snacks, Treats, Cereal Bars
- Toilet Rolls

## Conwy Food Bank



*Apologies. This photograph of the Mayor of Llandudno, Cllr Carol Marubbi, and Joyce Crosby should have accompanied last month's news item concerning the inauguration of the new floodlights.*

# Calendar for April 2017

**Sun 2nd**

**Lent 5/Passion Sunday**

Services as usual for the 1st Sunday

Tue 4th

10.00 am

*Julian Meditation Group at Stella Maris*

Wed 5th

7.00 pm

Compline & Lent Group at St. David's Hospice

Thur 6th

10.00 am

Eucharist at Ysgol San Sior (no 11.00 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity)

Fri 7th

12.00 noon

Lent Prayers

## Holy Week

**Sun 9th**

**Palm Sunday**

8.00 am

Holy Eucharist with distribution of Palm crosses

10.30 am

Palm Procession and Sung Eucharist

5.30 pm

Evening Prayer

Mon 10th

**Monday in Holy Week**

2.30 pm

Passion Narratives - a Holy Week talk by Colin Price (MU event)

Tue 11th

**Tuesday in Holy Week**

7.30 pm

Stations of the Cross and 'Table' Eucharist

Wed 12th

**Wednesday in Holy Week**

9.00 am

Holy Eucharist

7.30 pm

Service of Light & Shadows at St. Tudno's

Thur 13th

**Maunday Thursday**

7.30 pm

Eucharist of the Last Supper including the Washing of Feet and stripping of the altars followed by vigil until 10.00 pm

Fri 14th

**Good Friday**

10.30 am

Good Friday childrens' workshop

12.00 noon

Cytûn Outdoor Service of Witness (Holy Trinity grounds)

2.00 pm

Good Friday Liturgy - readings, sermon, prayers and devotion to the Cross

## The Celebration of Easter

**Sun 16th**

**Easter Day**

5.30 am

Easter Liturgy at St. Tudno's  
Blessing of the Easter Candle, Vigil Readings,  
renewal of baptism vows and First Eucharist of

		Easter
		The service is followed by breakfast (booking necessary for this)
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.30 am	Festival Sung Eucharist
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Thur 20th		<b>Thursday of Easter Week</b>
	7.30 pm	PCC meeting
<b>Sun 23rd</b>		<b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b>
		Services as usual for the 4th Sunday
	3.00 pm	St. George's Day Scout Service
Tue 25th		<b>Mark, Evangelist</b>
	10.30 am	Cytûn AGM & Council meeting
	11.30 am	Holy Eucharist (note time)
Wed 26th	7.30 pm	Lent Group Eastertide Eucharist
Thurs 27th	7.30 pm	Easter Vestry meeting
Sun 27th		<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>
		Services as usual for the 5th Sunday

## Attendance Figures for February 2017

February 4th		Weekday Eucharists to February 4th	26
		Walsingham Pilgrimage Mass	20
February 5th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	12
Candlemass	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Candlemass Procession	69
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	2
		Other weekday Eucharists	18
February 12th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
3rd Sunday	10.30 am	Choral Matins	64
Before Lent		Shortened Eucharist	22
		Evening Prayer	5
February 16th		Short Act of Worship to proceed switching on of Floodlights	c 30
		Other weekday Eucharists	27
February 19th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	13

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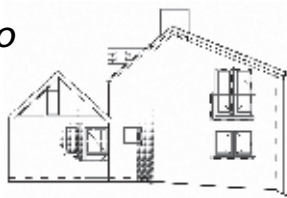
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2nd Sunday	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	75
Before Lent		Other weekday Eucharists	19
February 26th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
Sunday before	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist with dedication of Candle	
Lent		Shells	71
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	6
February 28th	11.00 am	Bilingual Eucharist	8
David, Patron Saint of Wales			



## Sunday Rota

### Sunday 5 March

Reader	Christine Jones
Sidespersons	Joyce Crosby Cath Lloyd William Maidlow Barbara Yates
Eucharistic	Marion Heald
Ministers	John Riddler

### Sunday 12 March

Readers	Ray Stythe-Jones Gaye Stythe-Jones
Sidespersons	Ron Illidge Doug Pritchard Vernon Morris Joyce Crosby
E' Minster	Marion Heald

### Sunday 19 March

Reader	Eira Jones
Sidespersons	Marion Heald Annabel Jones William Maidlow Angela Pritchard
Eucharistic	Cath Lloyd
Ministers	Angela Pritchard

### Sunday 26 March

Reader	Angela Pritchard
Sidespersons	Linda Blundell Wendy C-Stewart



"...and finally I'm happy to report that decision-making has become much easier following the downsizing of the Church Council."

	Pat Riddler Barbara Yates
Eucharistic	John Riddler
Ministers	Stan Whittaker

### Sunday 2 April

Reader	Marion Heald
Sidespersons	Ron Illidge Cath Lloyd William Maidlow Doug Pritchard
Eucharistic	Marion Heald
Ministers	Angela Pritchard

## PARISH REGISTER

### *The Departed*

*March 16th: Irene Alcock, aged 96*

*Service at Holy Trinity followed by interment at  
Llanrhos Lawn Cemetery*

# The Great War – October 1917

## Sydney Mark Sutcliffe MM

*Second Lieutenant, Royal Welsh Fusiliers  
attached 11 Sqn RFC*

*Killed in action, 2 October 1917, aged  
24*

*Buried at Cabaret-Rouge British  
Cemetery, Souchez*

Sydney Mark Sutcliffe was the son of an entertainer, Abraham Sutcliffe and his wife Rhoda Sutcliffe (née Tomlinson). Abraham Sutcliffe was known professionally as Arthur Sutcliffe. Sydney was born in Selby, Yorkshire in the spring of 1893 and was baptised at Selby on the 21st day of May of that year. About two years later, the family moved to Bradford and the 1901 Census records the family living at 29 Cophthorne Road, Bradford. Local papers from 1906 onwards report on Mr Arthur Sutcliffe and his company of Pierotts appearing at Llandudno's Pierhead Pavilion. In the census record of 1911, the Sutcliffe family was recorded as residing at 63 Horton Grange Road, Bradford though a specific record for Sydney has not been found. The family was later recorded as living at "The Nook", 26 Roumania Crescent, Llandudno.

In September 1914, Sydney joined the Royal Welsh Fusiliers at Wrexham. He was posted to the 10th (Service) Battalion that was forming at the time with a service number of 15551. The 10th

RWF was part of K3, Kitchener's third new army. By June 1915, the battalion was at Aldershot and it landed at Boulogne on 27 September 1915. Sydney's medal roll index card reveals that at the time of his disembarkation, he had been promoted to lance corporal. On 11 October 1916, the now Sergeant Sydney Sutcliffe was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry shown during a poison gas attack at Wulverghem on 30 April 1916. He was discharged from the ranks on 6 November 1916 and received a commission into, according to the medal roll, the 19th (Service) Battalion RWF. Whether or not Sydney served as an officer in the RWF is unknown as he was attached to the Royal Flying Corps, serving with No 11 Sqn.

Sydney Sutcliffe was killed in action aged 24 on 2 October 1917. He was an observer/gunner on a Bristol Fighter piloted by Lieutenant Justin McKenna. They took off from an airfield near Arras on a patrol over enemy territory and were shot down near Cambrai. They were buried by the Germans with full military honours at the Bouchain Communal Cemetery German Extension. Their bodies were later reinterred at Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez.

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- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*



- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*

## **Thomas Arthur March**

*796531, Sapper, Canadian Railway Troops*

*Died of illness, 17 October 1917, aged 47*

*Buried at Great Orme's Head Cemetery, Llandudno*

Thomas Arthur March is not remembered on the Llandudno memorials and is included on these pages because he was buried within the parish. Notwithstanding, he did have a connection with the town.

Thomas was born at Long Buckby, Northamptonshire on 4 January 1870, the son of Thomas March, a chemist, and Fanny Ann Elizabeth March (née Ringrose). The census for the following year records the family living at Market Square, Long Buckby though Thomas was residing with his grandparents. The Census of 1881 records the family living at 24 Sheep Street, Long Buckby; Thomas (senior) now being described as a hardwareman (employing three men) and Thomas Arthur (11), a scholar. In 1891, the family lived at 2 Lea's Villas, Northampton: Thomas (senior) a general merchant and Thomas Arthur, a commercial traveller. On 17 August 1893, Thomas Arthur married Florence Annie Jackson at College Street Chapel in Northampton. They lived

at 24 Sheep Street and 61. Bostock Avenue Northampton. The couple had a child, Charles Ringrose March, who was born on 28 November 1894. The Census for 1901 notes that Thomas, a hardwareman's assistant, was living at the home of his parents, 13 East Park Parade, Northampton. In the same census, Florence was residing with her parents in Northampton as Florence A Jackson and Charles attended a private school at Northampton. The reason for the apparent separation is explained by the couple's subsequent divorce in 1904 – Florence citing her husband's adultery and cruelty. Thomas was ordered to pay maintenance for his son of £1 pound per week until his 14th birthday. Florence forsook her alimony because she married Harry Alfred Coales (b 1872 Newport Pagnell) later that year. After his divorce, Thomas Arthur March emigrated to Canada and settled at Simcoe, Ontario. He returned to England at least twice, arriving back in Canada in March 1912 and February 1913. His son, Charles Ringrose March also emigrated to Canada, arriving in January 1913 with a destination of Montréal and described as a warehouseman.

Charles was the first of the two to enlist in the Canadian Expeditionary Force in March 1915 declaring his mother as his next of kin. His father volunteered eight months later at the end of November 1915; he gave his address as Simcoe (Ontario), his mother as Mrs Fannie [sic] Elizabeth March of

Craig-y-don, Llandudno, his trade as a farmer and his date of birth as 4 January 1871 – making him 44 and 10 months of age. He was in fact a year older and overage.

Little is known of Thomas March's service. His service number was 796531 and he was a sapper with the 5th Canadian Railway Troops at Purfleet in Essex. This unit was established in February 1917 and disembarked in France on 24 February. Whether or not Thomas landed in France is unknown but it is recorded that Thomas Arthur March died at the Balmoral Military Hospital, Llandudno on 17 October 1917 aged 47 of pulmonary tuberculosis and exhaustion. His death was registered by his mother F E March of "The Cottage", Sylva Gardens, Llandudno and he was buried at the Great Orme's Head Cemetery.

*Known memorials:*

- *Canadian Book of Remembrance*

Note. Thomas March was not the only ex-patriot Canadian soldier to die of tuberculosis at Llandudno. Second Lieutenant Lionel Graves (qv) succumbed to the illness in December 1918.

## **William Rowland Evans**

*Mersey Z/792, Able Seaman, Howe Battalion, Royal Naval Division*

*Killed in action, 26 October 1917, aged 24*

*No known grave*

William Rowland Evans, the son of Robert Evans and Catherine Evans was born in Llandudno on 26 November 1892. The Census of 1901 records the family living at "Mount Olives", Augusta Street, Llandudno; Robert Evans was described as a joiner. William attended Lloyd Street National School which he left in March 1907. In 1911, the family lived at the same address, William (18) being described as a house painter.

William volunteered to join the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve at the end of 1915, just before conscription was introduced. Why he volunteered for the navy is unknown but if he imagined that it might keep him out of the trenches, then his plan was thwarted because he was enlisted into the Royal Naval Division. The RND was an infantry division, formed at the outbreak of the war from Royal Navy and Royal Marine reservists and volunteers who were not required for service at sea. Following many losses, the division was transferred to the British Army as the 63rd (Royal Naval) Division, fighting on the Western Front until the end of the war. William Evans enlisted on 18 November 1915, given a service number of Mersey Z/792 and was trained to operate the Stokes gun, a type of trench mortar. He joined the Howe Battalion in France on 10 July 1916. He spent some time later that year at the infantry base depot at Calais for dental treatment and was evacuated to the UK on 22 January 1917 with cellulitis of the left foot and was admitted to Bethnal Green Military Hospital.

He was drafted again for France on 11 September 1917 and rejoined Howe Battalion on 27 September 1917.

William Rowland Evans was killed in action on 26 October 1917, the first day of the Second Battle of Passchendaele, aged 24. He has no known grave.

*Known memorials:*

- *Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium*
- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Llanrhos Parish War Memorial, All Saints' Church, Deganwy*
- *Tabernacl Welsh Baptist Chapel, Llandudno*

## **John Roberts Owen**

*49240, Private, 8th Royal Welsh Fusiliers*

*Died, 26 October 1917, aged 30*

*Buried at Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery*

John Roberts Owen, the son of Hugh Roberts Owen and Elizabeth Owen was born in Llandudno in 1887. The Census of Wales for 1891 records the family living at Ty Uchaf Farm, Penrhyn; Hugh Owen was described as a farmer. Ten years later, the family lived at the same address with John (13) being described as a scholar. In 1911, the family – Hugh, Elizabeth and seven of their eight children including John – lived at 2 Ocean View Terrace, Craig-y-Don. Hugh was now described as a jobbing

gardener and John as an assistant to a barber.

John Owen enlisted at Caernarvon but his service record no longer exists. His regimental number in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers was 49240. A soldier with a close number (49236) who, like John Owen, was posted to the 8th (Service) Battalion of the RWF joined for duty at Wrexham in September 1916. John Owen would have trained in one of the reserve battalions before being posted to the 8th sometime in 1917. The 8th RWF was the first of the regiment's New Army Battalions having formed at Wrexham in August 1914. It had served at Gallipoli and in Egypt before being moved to Mesopotamia. Baghdad fell to the Allied forces in March 1917.

John Roberts Owen died of malaria at the 23rd British Stationary Hospital on 26 October 1917 aged 30. He was buried at the Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery.

*Known memorials:*

- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*

## **Robert Roberts**

*45017, Private, 1/5th Northumberland Fusiliers*

*Killed in action, 26 October 1917, aged 32*

*Buried at Poelcapelle British Cemetery,  
Belgium*

Robert Roberts, the son of David and Hannah Roberts, was born in Llangwstenin on 12 April 1885. The Census of Wales of 1891 records the family living at Greenfield Cottage, Llanrhos; David Roberts being described as a stonemason and Robert (6) as a scholar. In March 1893, the register of Lloyd Street School records Robert's address as Bodarfon Row. Robert left school in February 1898. In 1901, the family including three girls and three boys lived at "Dalefield", Oxford Road, Llandudno; Robert Roberts was described as a printer. In the Census for 1911, Hannah Roberts was now a widow and described as a lodging house keeper, Robert (25) as a printer (compositor).

Robert Roberts' army record no longer exists but his regimental number in the Northumberland Fusiliers, 45017, is very close to two other commemorated soldiers: Donald Goulding Evans (qv), 44954; and David Hobson (qv), 44976. It is known that Donald Evans and David Hobson had volunteered to join the 3/1st (Welsh) Divisional Cyclist Company, Territorial Force, on 22 November 1915 and had consecutive regimental numbers, 488 and 489 respectively. Later, Donald Evans was in the same battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers as Robert Roberts, dying of wounds just three days after Robert was killed. It is possible that Robert Roberts was also in the 3/1st WDCC, or if not, transferred from another Ter-

ritorial Force battalion into the Northumberland Fusiliers as a consequence of the Armed Services Act of 1916 circa November 1916. Robert was originally posted to the 19th (Service) Battalion but at a time unknown was posted to the 1/5th Battalion, Territorial Force.

Robert Roberts was killed on 26 October 1917 aged 32 when the 1/5th NF participated in a disastrous diversionary attack during the Second Battle of Passchendaele. Robert was buried near where he fell and that area became the Poelcapelle British Cemetery after the Armistice with exhumations being brought in from surrounding battlefields and smaller cemeteries. Though he has a headstone, the precise location of his grave is not marked.

After the war, Robert Roberts' effects were received by his widow, Elizabeth. The most likely record for the marriage was one recorded in Conway in the spring of 1917 between Robert Roberts and Elizabeth Jones. Whether this is the correct date and bride and whether any child was born to the marriage is a matter for further research.

*Known memorials:*

- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Llanrhos Parish War Memorial, All Saints' Church, Deganwy*

## Donald Goulding Evans

*44954, Private, 1/5th Northumberland Fusiliers*

*Died of wounds, 29 October 1917, aged 23*

*Buried at Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium*

Donald Goulding Evans was born in Llandudno on 19 November 1893. He was the son of (Thomas) Lincoln Evans, a house painter, and his wife Sarah Evans (née Goulding). Sarah Evans was born in Fiskerton near Lincoln and according to the Census of 1901, the family lived at "Fiskerton", Deganwy Street (now Avenue), Llandudno. Donald attended St. George's National School, transferring to Lloyd Street School in September 1906. He left school three years later. By 1911, the family had moved to "Fiskerton", Church Walks – Donald (17) being described as an apprentice house painter and decorator. Lincoln Evans became a councillor on the Llandudno Urban District Council.

On 22 November 1915, Donald Goulding Evans and David Hobson (qv) volunteered at Bangor to join the 3/1st (Welsh) Divisional Cyclist Company, Territorial Force. The 1st (Welsh) Divisional Cyclist Company formed in May-June 1915 and was attached to the 53rd (1st Welsh) Division, Territorial Force. A second-line company was then formed, the 2/1st becoming attached to the 68th (2nd Welsh) Division. Donald and David joined the third-line company, the

3/1st at Stockport on 24 November 1915 and were given the regimental numbers 488 and 489 respectively. If Donald and David expected to restrict their war to home service or as cycle troops, then their expectations were shattered as they were transferred to the Northumberland Fusiliers on 23 November 1916. They embarked for France on 11 December 1916 and arrived at 31 Infantry Base Depot at Étaples on 13 December 1916. Donald was given a new regimental number of 44954 (David's being 44976). They joined the 19th Battalion on 15 December 1916. Another soldier from Llandudno who joined the battalion at around this time was Robert Roberts (qv), 45017. At some time or times, Donald Evans and Robert Roberts were posted to the 1/5th Battalion, NF, Territorial Force.

On 26 October 1917, the 1/5th NF took part in a disastrous diversionary attack during the Second Battle of Passchendaele. Robert Roberts was killed in action on that day and Donald Evans was wounded. Donald Goulding Evans died of his wounds on 29 October 1917, aged 23, at 47 Casualty Clearing Station and was buried at the nearby Dozinghem Military Cemetery.

*Known memorials:*

- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Family Plot, St. Tudno's Churchyard*

## Joshua (John) Evans

*L/9999, Sergeant, 504th Battery, Royal Field Artillery*

*Killed in action, 29 October 1917, aged 26*

*Buried at Bleuets Farm Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium*

Joshua Evans was the son of Hugh Evans and his wife Anne Evans (née Nash). He was born at Eglwysbach on 25 February 1891. The Census of Wales for that year records his parents and six children: Elizabeth J (11), Mary (10), twins Robert & John (qv) (7), Maggie (5), Hugh (2) and Joshua (1 month). The family lived at "Clwt Farm", Eglwysbach – Hugh Evans was an agricultural labourer. The family moved to Llandudno for the register for St. George's National School for November 1896 records Joshua's address as "Bay View Terrace", Llandudno. In 1901, the census records the family living at "Hardwick House", Church Walks, Llandudno – Hugh was a general labourer. Joshua left school in March 1908 to work at the Post Office. He later worked at Pierce Bros grocery in Upper Mostyn Street before moving to Manchester. The 1911 Census recorded him as being a shop assistant, boarding at 32 Bickley Street, Moss Side.

On 15 March 1915, Joshua enlisted into the Royal Field Artillery at Manchester though he now used the name John Evans. This was confusing because his brother John Evans was still alive and was called up the following year. Joshua/

John was given the regimental number of L/9999.

On 1 June 1915, Joshua (as John) married Edith Durden (b Manchester 1888) at St. Mark's Church, Cheetham; he gave his age as 27 though he was in fact 24 – both gave their residence as 28 Crescent Road, Cheetham Hill, Manchester. Joshua/John's father Hugh Evans signed the marriage certificate as a witness and his signature is identical with the signature on his 1911 census return.

Little is known of Joshua/John's service though it is recorded that he disembarked in France on 28 November 1915 with the rank of bombardier. In the spring of 1916, the couple had a son, John W Evans. The local press for 10 November 1916 reported that Private [sic] Joshua Evans was undergoing treatment at a Bristol hospital for wounds received at the front. At a date unknown, John Evans returned to France. Early in 1917, the infant John W Evans died.

Edith Evan's loss was compounded when her husband, now a sergeant with the 504th Battery, RFA, was killed in action on 28 October 1917 aged 26. He was buried at Bleuets Farm Cemetery near Ypres in Belgium. Bleuets Farm was a dressing station during the 1917 Allied offensive, being in use from June to December 1917.

Joseph's brother, John Evans had died of wounds on 18 April 1917. Edith Evans married Albert Chambers in 1921.

*Known memorials:*

- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Great Orme's Head Cemetery, Llandudno*

## **William Owen**

*60667, Private, 8th Royal Welsh Fusiliers*

*Died of illness, 30 October 1917, aged 34*

*Buried at Basra War Cemetery*

William Owen was born in 1883, the son of John and Ann Owen. A little before William was born, the 1881 Census records the family living at "Ffrith Gerrig": a farm in the parish of Eglwys Rhos, as Llanrhos was then called, but within the village boundary of Deganwy. John Owen was noted as a gamekeeper. In 1891 and 1901, the family's address remained the same; John Owen was described as a farmer. In the latter survey, Willie, as his name was recorded, was described as a brick-layer. By 1911 the family had moved to "Ty Celyn", Alexandra Road, Llandudno; John Owen was described as a labourer and William as a farm labourer.

William's service record no longer exists though it is known that he enlisted at Bangor into the Royal Welsh Fusiliers with a regimental number of 60667. However, a record for a soldier with the number 60668 does exist. 60668,

also destined for Mesopotamia, joined the reserve at the end of 1915, was called up to the Royal Welsh Fusiliers on 29 October 1916, trained with the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion at Litherland, embarked at Devonport on 9 March 1917, disembarked at Bombay on 6 May 1917, embarked Bombay on 28 May 1917 and disembarked at Basra on 5 June 1917. It is quite possible that William's early army experience was similar. In any event, he joined the 8th (Service) Battalion of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. The battalion was the first of this regiment's New Army battalions and was formed at Wrexham in 1914. After seeing action at Gallipoli, by March 1916, the battalion was in Mesopotamia.

William Owen died of enteric (typhoid) fever at the 33rd British General Hospital, Makina Masus, near Basra on 30 October 1917 aged 34 and was buried at Basra War Cemetery. Basra had been in British hands since December 1914. It is noteworthy that more British soldiers died during the Mesopotamia campaign than were killed in action. His commanding general died of cholera at about this time.

*Known memorials:*

- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Llanrhos Parish War Memorial, All Saint's Church, Deganwy*
- *Eglwys Ebeneser, Lloyd Street, Llandudno*





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## EASTER SYMBOLS

At Easter it is all bunnies, eggs and lambs in the shops. Why are they symbols of Easter?

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The hare was a symbol of the moon and is connected with Easter because the date of Easter depends upon the full moon. Over time, the hare became a rabbit, because there are more rabbits around than hares!

The lamb represents Jesus and links His death to that of the lamb sacrificed on the first Passover. Jesus is called "the Lamb of God."

## EASTER WORDSEARCH

All the words hidden in this word-search are to do with Spring and Easter - can you find them all?

D	C	A	G	M	Y	N	N	U	B
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B	U	F	L	O	W	E	R	D	L
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bird blossom bud  
bunny chick cloud crocus  
daffodil duck egg flower  
garden grass hare lamb lily  
spring tulip



**How do baby hens dance?**  
Chick to chick.

**Why does the chicken go to the theatre?**  
For hentertainment.



**Which rabbits were famous bank robbers?**  
Bunny and Clyde!

## **The Bishop's Ministry Fund contribution for 2016 is £75000**

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## **Coffee Time**

### **Cryptics (thanks and courtesy Barbara Cartwright).**

All concerning spring.

1. Wordsworth's host. (9)
2. Queen follows direction to festival. (6)
3. Light or colour in your beds. (5)
4. Woolly jumpers. (5)
5. Stare with boy endlessly, seeing summerhouse. (6)
6. I yell out loud for cold desert. (3,5)
7. Flowers came up at the start of spring. (5)
8. Little creature gets a little stick. (7)
9. Great dance wrecked open-air restaurant. (3,6)
10. Eco-friendly homes for plants. (11)

Results for March:

1. Reel
2. Raced
3. Rehearsal
4. Red Herring
5. Rapid
6. Ratio
7. Remarks
8. Ranting
9. Rockets
10. Ranger



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