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

Weekdays

- 8.30 am ~~Morning Prayer (Tue, Wed, Thurs & Fri)~~ Canceled 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, guidance, the booking of baptisms or weddings etc.

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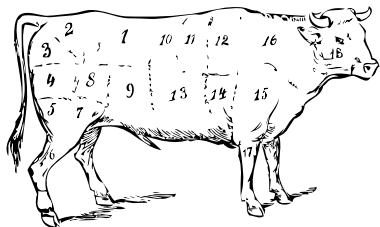
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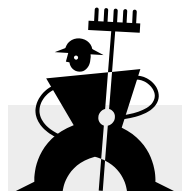
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From the Rectory

My recent pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham has set me up well to write about Mary, the Mother of the Lord as we prepared to celebrate her feast day this month.

In the sonnet *The Annunciation* by Malcolm Guite, we find these words:

*But on this day a young girl stopped
to see
With open eyes and heart. She heard
the voice –
The promise of his glory yet to be
As time stood still for her to make a
choice.
Gabriel knelt and not a feather stirred.
The Word himself was waiting on her
word.*

From the account of the Annunciation in St. Luke's Gospel, we get the impression that Mary was seriously disturbed by the appearance of Gabriel and by what he said to her, 'And he came to her and said "Greetings favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.'" And well might she be disturbed, you and I would be



just as disturbed if he came to us with such a message!

Yet Malcolm Guite gives us a new insight into the relationship between Mary and Gabriel.

However disturbed or afraid Mary was, in Guite's vision

it is she who becomes the dominant figure and Gabriel kneels before her – 'and not a feather stirred.' Gabriel makes himself small as he waits for Mary's response to his message, and it is not just he who waits, but the Word of God himself was 'waiting on her word.'

We know well what response Mary gave: "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." We honour Mary because she was chosen by God to be the means by which God's Word was to come into our world in the person of Jesus Christ, but we honour her even more because she was the one who said 'Yes' to God and is therefore the pattern for all Christians as they seek to respond to God. "Let it be to me according to your word." Are we all able to say those words wholeheartedly and without hesitation as she did – to assent to God's will for us even when, like her, we do not fully understand what it means and where it will lead us?

That's why it is right to honour Mary as

the greatest of all saints, and why it is so sad that she has been the cause of such controversy in our church since the Reformation. We do not worship her as we worship Christ her son as Son of God. But we honour her as the greatest of all Christians. From the Cross, the Lord commended her to the care of the apostle John and commended John, and through him, I believe, all Christians, to the motherly care and to the prayers of Mary, Mother of the Church.

On Mary's feast day in August we are not simply reflecting on the events of the Annunciation but on Mary's whole life of offering to God. Many Christians celebrate this day as the 'Assumption

of the Blessed Virgin Mary', in the belief that at the end of her life here on earth she was taken up directly into heaven in a similar way to that of Christ himself at the Ascension. Whether we believe that or not, Mary's feast day certainly enables us to celebrate the fact that she is indeed in heaven, the first fruit of the great harvest of souls that will make up God's Kingdom in due course. From there she continues to love and to pray for us as we continue to struggle here on earth.

I hope that you will join me to celebrate the Eucharist in her honour on Tuesday August 15th.

Fr. John

News and Notices

Farewell

It's very sad for us when people whom we have come to value and love as members of our fellowship move away. At the end of last month we said



farewell to Karen and Leanne Brierly who moved back to Lancashire after several years in Llandudno. Karen has been a member of our choir and has made a real contribution to the life of our Mothers' Union branch and Leanne has been a helper in the Sunday School. We wish them both every blessing for the future and hope that they will visit us from time to time.

Sickness

Several of our church family have had poor health, been in hospital for treatment, or have had health scares in

recent weeks – among them Eira Jones, Angela Pritchard and Thelma Owen. And we are all very much aware of the situation of Trish Howard and hold her in our prayers at this time, remembering too Geoff, our Churchwarden, as he copes with a very distressing situation.

Thanks

I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks for your wonderful support at the 40th Anniversary celebration of my ordination as Priest last month. It was a wonderful and most memorable occasion and I want to thank especially to those who contributed to the Eucharist or who provided the refreshments afterwards.

Fr. John

Father John's 40th Anniversary Celebration of his Ordination

The occasion was a Concelebrated Mass at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 1 July. The Eucharist also celebrated Ss. Peter and Paul whose feast day had been transferred from 29 June. The order of service booklet included the following words from Father John (as well as the photograph below):

Thank you for coming to share in my 40th Anniversary Mass today.

I am grateful to you all, but especially to those who have travelled a long way to be here. It's especially good to see members of my family and friends, clergy I have worked with over the years, and folk from most of the parishes in which I've served.



Ordination day, 26 June 1977.

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Like a wedding anniversary, a Priestly Jubilee is a time to reflect on vows taken and responsibilities shouldered some years ago, to look back over those years with thanksgiving for the privilege of serving as a Priest, with due penitence for what has been amiss and with gratitude for having worked with so many wonderful people (and with one or two difficult ones too!).

Today, rightly, emphasis is put on the ministry of all God's people, and the church has a variety of accredited ministries. But this doesn't diminish in any way the importance of the apostolic ministry of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. I believe this ministry is central to the very being of the Church and is a gift from Christ to his people, so today's Mass is a celebration of the ministerial priesthood itself not just my own special time of thanksgiving.

A special word of thanks to Archdeacon Paul for preaching today (he is celebrating his own 20th anniversary of ordination tomorrow) and to all who will have special roles during the service; to Norman and our choir, to Geoffrey and Judith, churchwardens of this parish, to those who have prepared the refreshments to be enjoyed after the service, and to all the people of the parish of Llandudno.

Finally I want to thank Gaynor for being by my side for all of these 40 years, and being my constant support.

Father John makes no secret of his Anglo-Catholicism and the service

began with The Angelus (the Memorial of the Incarnation) which he led as the cantor. The first hymn was "Christ Triumphant Ever Reigning" and the Gloria in Excelsis was a metrical version sung to the tune *Rhuddlan*. The Collect was the one authorised for the Apostles Peter and Paul and this was followed by a reading from 2 Timothy 4, read in Welsh by Gwilym Davies.

Psalm 84 was sung in the responsorial fashion – "How lovely is your dwelling place." This was followed by the Gospel from Matthew 16 and a sermon given by Archdeacon Paul. The offertory hymn was "I the Lord of Sea and Sky".

After the communion, the choir sung as an anthem the hymn "O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be". The final hymn was "Tydi a wnaeth y wyrth, O Grist, Fab Duw" and the service con-



"... and once you've done the flower arrangements, polished the pews, scrubbed the floor, shined the silver and taken a look at the problem with the boiler, we wondered, well, you have to laugh, but all the bell-ringers are on holiday at the same time and..."

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cluded with the voluntry Fugue in E-flat (St. Anne) by J S Bach.

After the service, a wonderful feast was served in the church hall. Although your Editor had left the environs of Holy Trinity for a prior engagement, he understands that the feast was considerably over-subscribed!

Andy Leitch

Congratulations...

...to Ewan Parsons and his wife Eleanor (Née Hodgkinson – former soprano in Holy Trinity) on the birth of their daughter Cynthia Poppy (9lb 3oz) on 16 July. Mother and daughter are both doing well.



Cynthia Poppy Parsons.



Hand-bell ringers at St. Trillio's.

Hand-bell Ringers

On 4 July, the hand-bell ringing group visited the tiny Chapel of St. Trillo at Rhos on Sea for its weekly practice. Despite the confined space people came to watch and listen to our ringing of hymn tunes and others, and some even took us up on the invitation to have a go themselves.

Many thanks to the Parish there, and to the Vicar and others for allowing us to use the Chapel. It was truly such a privilege.

Stan Whittaker

Mothers' Union Pilgrimage

On 3 July, members of the Llandudno Branch attended the Bangor Diocese Prayer Pilgrimage to Llangefni in Angle-



A water basin in the porch of St. Mary's Church, said to be a 12th Century font.



Photographs this page: St. Mary's Church, Pentraeth.



sey. We initially gathered at Holy Trinity Church for a Welcome and Gathering. Members were unable to attend the

Service of Thanksgiving for Faith in Action at Bangor Cathedral, so our first destination was St. Mary's Church



Inside St. Mary's Church.

at Pentraeth near Menai Bridge. (The ancient name of the village was Llanfair Betws Geraint). The date of construction is unknown, but is probably from some time between the 12th to 14th centuries. Some medieval stonework remains in three walls of the building. A chapel was added to the south side in the 16th or 17th century, and the church was altered and refurbished during the 19th century. Our visit to St. Mary's was followed by a picnic lunch at Benllech Bay.

Our final destination was St. Cyngar's Church at Llangefni. The town is named after the River Cefni which flows through it though its original name was Llangyngar, after St. Cyngar who founded the church in the 6th century.

St. Cyngar, who was also known as Docwin and Dochau, was a son of Ger-

aint ab Erbin, King of Domnonia (Devon and Cornwall), he was also a brother of Cador, (Duke of Cornwall), Caw, (also known as King Caw of Pictland), Selyf and St. Iestyn. His mother's name was Gwyar and she was a daughter of Amlawdd Wledig, this means that the mother of SS. Cyngar and Iestyn, and the mother of St. Sadwrn of Llansadwrn were both sisters. St. Cyngar through his brother Selyf, was an uncle of St. Cybi, and through Cador, he was the uncle of St. Constantine, but through his brother Caw, he was also the uncle of 18 other saints such as, SS. Gildas, Eurgad, Gallgo, Peithian, Caffo (the martyr), Ceidio ab Caw, Maelog, Caian, Peirio and Samson of Caldey Island, to name but a few. One of his nieces was St. Cwyllog (Cywyllog) of Llangwyllog who was originally the wife of Medrod the traitorous nephew of King Arthur. I



Photographs this page: St. Cyngar's Church, Llangefni



There have been several churches on this site, the latest being built in 1824 though a 12th Century font survives.

The church was extended with a slightly elevated chancel and sanctuary in 1889.



Tea in Llangefni Church Hall.

After a service in the church, all those present retired to the church hall for a welcome cup of tea and cakes. We had a thoroughly enjoyable day and on a personal level it was wonderful to visit the church of my childhood.

Maggie Leitch

St. Tudno's Church

On 11 June Revd Derek Simpson led Morning Worship and, although it was quite breezy, the service was held outside. There was no organist but hymns sung to CDs included Love divine and Jesus shall reign where'ere the sun. During the sermon the sun came out to warm the congregation of 16, while a rope with three entwined cords was shown as an analogy of the Trinity.

Sunday 18 June was heatwave weather! Fr. John led the service for the congregation of 16. Hymns included Lead us heavenly Father lead us and As the deer pants for the water. The theme of the address was: putting your trust in God.

Sunday 25 June was the first wet Sunday morning of the season. Revd Mike Harrison led the service and Daphne Balchin played the organ for the congregation of 15. Hymns included All people that on earth do dwell and Colours of day and the reading was from Jeremiah Chapter 20. The theme of the address was inequalities in the world, how it is not always easy to tell the truth and how God's message is not always popular.

It was a warm and sunny day on Sunday 2 July and there was a congregation

of 28 for the outdoor service led by Revd Mike Harrison. Michael Thomas played the keyboard for the hymns which included In heavenly love abiding and I am a new creation. The theme of the address was how Christians can be good but also sinners. A shortened Eucharist in the church followed the open-air service.

Compline by Candlelight on Tuesday 4 July was led by the Rector, with a congregation of eight.

It was fine and warm again on Sunday 9 July for the Sea Sunday service at St. Tudno's. The Rector led the service and Daphne Balchin played the keyboard. It was lovely to be joined by a number of people on an annual Age Concern holiday and the total congregation numbered 36. The theme of the address was the challenges faced by seafarers and how God is with us in our various challenges. The baptism of 10-year-old Owen took place in St. Tudno's after the morning service and we were pleased to welcome him and his family. The water for the baptism had been brought back from St. Mary's Well at Aberdaron – see the Friends of St. Tudno's article.

Early morning on Sunday 16 July was extremely wet but surprisingly brightened up and was warm and dry enough for another open-air service. There were no clergy available so the Friends of St. Tudno's led the service. Daphne Balchin chose and played the hymns, which included Hills of the North rejoice, Majesty and To God be the glory.

The readings included the Parable of the Sower and the Rector had prepared a reflection on this which was read in place of a sermon.

St. Tudno's is open every day and open-air services are held each Sunday at 11.00 am (in the church in bad weather); for these services a free taxi departs from Holy Trinity at 10.30 am. On Sunday 6 August the open air service will be followed by a shortened Eucharist in the church. The next service of Compline by Candlelight will be on Tuesday 1 August at 7.30 pm. On Sunday 27 August at 4.00 pm there will be an open-air Songs of Praise service; if you would like to choose and introduce a favourite hymn please contact one of us or the Rector.

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

***Shirley Georgeson
Christine Jones***

Friends of St. Tudno's Church

The Friends' Pilgrimage to the Lleyn Peninsula was held on Thursday 6 July, with two dozen people taking part. We drove to the tip of the Lleyn Peninsula and stopped for drinks and delicious, very fresh, cakes at the Ty Newydd campsite cafe at Uwchmynydd. The group then split into two and the "Summit Party" drove up to the summit of Mynydd Mawr, the highest point in this area, to admire views of Ynys Enlli (Bardsey Island) and back along the



Drinks at the Ty Newydd campsite cafe at Uwchmynydd.

Lleyn. The “Well Party” tackled the walk and scramble down to Ffynnon Fair (St. Mary’s Well), where we were joined by Fr. Huw Bryant of the Bro Enlli Ministry Area. Ffynnon Fair is a freshwater well

perched in rocks above the sea, where it may be covered at high tide – when the tide goes out fresh water seeping through the rocks displaces the salt water. Some of the Well Party went far



The “Summit Party” with Bardsey Island in the background (right).



Father Huw Bryant at St. Mary's Well.

enough to see the well, while others crossed the rocks to reach it. Prayers were said at the well and some water brought back for a service after lunch. The two parties were reunited for lunch at Y Gegin Fawr in Aberdaron, before a service at St. Hywyn's Church, which included sprinkling with water from the well. After this we drove to Llanbedrog and visited the gallery at Plas Glyn y Weddw before the end of Pilgrimage Eucharist service at St. Pedrog's Church.

The annual Friends' Open Day at St. Tudno's will be on Saturday 5 August from 10.00 am - 5.00 pm. The Friends will be service refreshments, providing information on the church and encouraging people to follow the churchyard trail or try out the children's activities. There will also be displays about the wildlife and history of the churchyard. We hope to see you there!

Christine Jones



The "Well Party".



Lunch at Y Gegin Fawr in Aberdaron.



Service at St. Hywyn's Church.



Refreshments at St. Cwyfan's after the Archdeacon's service.

Archdeacon Paul's Anniversary Service

The day after the Rector celebrated 40 years since his ordination, Archdeacon Paul celebrated 20 years since his ordination. A few of us were able to attend his anniversary Eucharist at St. Cwyfan's Church, Anglesey. St. Cwyfan's is on a tidal island near Aberffraw and was a delightful location for the celebration. The Archdeacon's family took part in the service, the little church was full to overflowing and refreshments were served outside – but the congregation was urged not to linger too long and miss the end of the low tide period!

Easy Care Sheep

While returning across Anglesey from Archdeacon Paul's service we spotted a field of sheep with a sign boasting "Easy

Care Sheep". This led to some speculation (not entirely serious) of what an easy care sheep might be. If, like me, your knowledge of sheep breeds is less than perfect the following information from the breed's website may be of interest (<http://www.easycare-sheep.com/about-easy-care-sheep-breed>).

Easy Care sheep are the result of a breeding programme begun in the 1960s by Anglesey farmer Iolo Owen.



Easy Care ram.

They are a cross between Wiltshire Horn and other breeds of sheep, particularly the Nelson type of Welsh Mountain. The Wiltshire Horn is an old breed of sheep with a short fleece which is shed in spring, an important feature of the Easy Care sheep. The Easy Care sheep have been bred for meat production only and are said to require minimal shepherding and veterinary care. However, a colleague with more knowledge of livestock farming says that while they do not need shearing Easy Care sheep do tend to litter the field with wool!

Christine Jones

Conwy Food Bank

Once again we would like to thank everyone who is so generous in making donations to the Food Bank. We could not continue the work to provide people in crisis with essential food parcels without your kindness.

In June we issued a total of 55 parcels, 16 families including 37 children, 3 couples and 36 single people.

Currently over 30% of all referrals are as a result of continuing problems surrounding the Benefits Issue.

We are grateful for all your help, however small. Sometimes those who have the least give the most, the 'widow's mite' is precious, thank you,

All at Conwy Food Bank

200 Club

The draw for June was held during the Coffee morning event on the 12 July 2017 by Father John Nice.

The prize fund stood at £150 and the following three winning numbers were drawn:

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| 1st. | Number 48 | |
| | John Elwyn Thomas | £90 |
| 2nd | Number 25 | |
| | Mr AT Davies | £40 |
| 3rd | Number 3 | |
| | John and Mary Evason | £20 |

Congratulations to the winners. We have paid out £6370 in winnings since the Club was founded.

The next draw will take place on Wednesday, 9 August 2017 during the coffee morning at about 11.00 am.

Terry Dewar (Promoter)



"Yes" cried the stranger, "I am the Greek you forgot as soon as you left college!"

Calendar for August 2017

We regret that the August Lunchtime Organ Recitals for 2017 have been cancelled

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| Tue 1st | 10.00 am | Julian Meditation Group at Stella Maris |
| | 7.30 pm | Compline by Candlelight at St. Tudno's |
| Sat 5th | 10.00 am | Open Day at St. Tudno's – for details see Friends of St. Tudno's page 21 |

Sun 6th Transfiguration of Our Lord
 Services as usual for the first Sunday plus:
 12.30 pm Holy Baptism at Holy Trinity
 12.30 pm Marriage Blessing at St. Tudno's

Sun 13th Trinity 9
 Services at usual times for the 2nd Sunday
 Please note that the 10.30 am service is a Sung Eucharist rather than Choral Matins; plus:
 12.30 pm Marriage Blessing Service
 No Exploring Worship service this month

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| Tue 15th | Mary, the Mother of the Lord |
| | 11.00 am Holy Eucharist |
| Wed 16th | 7.30 pm Concert by Chamber Philharmonia Cologne |

Sun 20th Trinity 10
 Services as usual for the 3rd Sunday plus:
 12.30 pm Holy Baptism

Thurs 24th Bartholomew, Apostle
 11.00 am Holy Eucharist
 7.30 pm Standing Committee meeting in the Rectory

Sun 27th Trinity 11
 Services as usual for the 4th Sunday

Please note: Each Sunday there is a 'Men who Sing' Male Voice Choir Concert at 8.00 pm

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Attendance Figures for June 2017

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| June 4th | 8.00 am | Holy Eucharist | 12 |
| Pentecost | 10.30 am | Sung Eucharist | 65 |
| | | Other weekday Eucharists | 25 |
| June 11th | 8.00 am | Holy Eucharist | 14 |
| Trinity Sunday | 10.30 am | Sung Eucharist | 75 |

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| | 5.00 pm | Evening Prayer | 6 |
| | 6.00 pm | Exploring Worship | 20 |
| June 15th | 7.00 pm | Holy Eucharist with Commissioning of PCC | |
| Corpus Christie | | Members | 16 |
| | | Other weekday Eucharists | 24 |
| June 18th | 8.00 am | Holy Eucharist | 10 |
| Trinity 1 | 10.30 am | Sung Eucharist | 80 |
| | 5.00 pm | Evening Prayer | 2 |
| | | Other weekday Eucharists | 24 |
| June 25th | 8.00 am | Holy Eucharist | 13 |
| Trinity 2 | 10.30 am | Sung Eucharist | 75 |
| | 5.00 pm | Evening Prayer | 9 |
| | | Other weekday Eucharists | 21 + 1 |

Sunday Rota

Sunday 6 August

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| Reader | Yvonne Mason |
| Sidespersons | Annabel Jones |
| | Sue Stafford |
| | Joyce Smith |
| | Cath Lloyd |
| Eucharistic | Maggie Leitch |
| Ministers | Stan Whittaker |

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| William Maidlow |
| Barbara Yates |
| Cath Lloyd |
| John Riddler |

Sunday 27 August

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| Reader | Sandra Davies |
| Sidespersons | Marion Heald |
| | Ron Illidge |
| | Pat Ridler |

Sunday 13 August

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| Reader | Peter La Trobe |
| Sidespersons | Linda Blundell |
| | Vernon Morris |
| | Angela Pritchard |
| | Doug Pritchard |
| Eucharistic | Judith Williams |
| Ministers | Marion Heald |

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| Eucharistic | Angela Pritchard |
| Ministers | Stan Whittaker |

Sunday 3 September

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| Reader | Anne Rimmer |
| Sidespersons | Joyce Smith |
| | Cath Lloyd |
| | Annabel Jones |
| | Sue Stafford |
| Eucharistic | Cath Lloyd |
| Ministers | Maggie Leitch |

Sunday 20 August

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Holy Baptism

July 9th: Owen Derek Pearn (at St. Tudno's)

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Imogen Annebelle Samantha Lynch &

Isabell Elizabeth Jayne Lynch &

Lexi Natalie Anne Lynch

The Great War – May 1918

William Alfred Hart

*20007, Serjeant, 1st Royal Welsh
Fusiliers*

Killed in action, 3 May 1918, aged 29

*Buried at Granezza British Cemetery,
Italy*

William Alfred Hart is not remembered on the Llandudno Roll of Honour or on the Llandudno War Memorial. However, he is remembered on the marble tablets in the Memorial Chapel of Holy Trinity Church.

William Alfred Hart was the second son of Frederick Hart and his wife Isabella Hart (née Rush). He was born at Llandudno on 3 February 1889. His father Frederick (aka Alfred) was born in Dublin and he married his Birmingham-

born wife in 1886 in Birmingham. The couple moved to Llandudno and their first son, Frederick George, was born in 1887. The Census of Wales for 1891 records the family living at Min-y-don Cottage No 2, Abbey Road, Llandudno; Frederick Hart was described as a general labourer. From May 1892, William was recorded in the register of St George's National School; the family's address was 2 Penmorfa. William Alfred left St George's School in November 1896 when the family moved to an address as yet unknown. However, he returned to St George's school in February 1901 and the Census of Wales for that year records the family living at 2 Fron Cottages, Cwlach Street, Llandudno; Frederick Hart senior was described as a luggage porter. William

left school in December 1902. Frederick and William had several other siblings. These included: George Henry (b 1892), Isabella (b 1894), John (b 1895), Alfred (b 1899), Albert Edward (b 1902), Lillian (b 1904) and Ena (b 1906).

William married Edith Evans in 1910. Their son, William Reginald Hart was born on 27 July 1910. The census for the following year records William, Edith and William Reginald Hart, living with William's parents at 52 Alexandra Road, Llandudno; William was described as a furniture remover working on his own account. The register of births for Conway reveals that William and Edith had two more children: Alice born in 1912 and Jessie born in 1914. According to the register of Lloyd Street School, the family's address in 1913 was "Nottingham Cottage", Bodafon Row, Llandudno. William's mother, Isabella Hart, died later that year.

Unfortunately, William Alfred Hart's service record no longer exists. From the scraps of evidence that remain, it appears probable that William Hart had served in the army for four years before the Great War. This may have been with the Territorial Force, formed in 1908, in which the normal period of engagement was for four years. In any event, any prior engagement would have terminated because he was issued the regimental number of 20007 when he volunteered at Llandudno into the Royal Welsh Fusiliers in early November 1914. The number 20007 was of a batch issued to the 14th (Service) Bat-

talion which was forming at Llandudno at the time. Unlike his companions and probably because of his previous service experience, William Hart did not land with the 14th RWF in France in December 1915 but was promoted and posted to a home service battalion, possibly the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion RWF. He embarked in France on 25 February 1917 and though on the strength of the 3rd RWF, it appears that he was attached directly from the infantry base depot to Hood Battalion of the 63rd (Royal Naval) Division as its company sergeant major, his rank being acting warrant officer class II.

On 14 April 1917, William Hart was taken ill with influenza. Three days later he was transferred by No 149 Field Ambulance to 24 Canadian Casualty Station Aubigny. On 17 July 1917, he was posted to No 5 Infantry Base Depot at Rouen and from there proceeded to 1 Battalion RWF in his substantive rank of serjeant. He joined the battalion on 22 August at Blairville (about five miles south of Arras) in a draft of 65 other ranks. The 1st RWF had been in France and Belgium since October 1914 as a component of the 7th Division and it moved with that division to Italy in November 1917. The Italian campaign is little-known and documented. The 7th Division became part of XIV Corps which relieved Italian troops on the front between Asiago and Canove in March 1918. William Alfred Hart was killed in action aged 29 on 3 May 1918 and was buried at Granezza British

Cemetery. He is one of seven soldiers of the 1st RWF buried there and all but one were killed on 3 May 1918.

Why William Hart is remembered in Holy Trinity's Memorial Chapel and not on the town's Roll of Honour and War Memorial is not known though this is likely to have been an oversight which was corrected in time for the Memorial Chapel, the last of the three memorials, to be completed. As previously mentioned, William's mother had died in 1913. A school register indicates that his wife and children had "gone to Shrewsbury" in July 1915. His father married Lizzie Beatrice Anderson (née Southerton) later that year. An absent-voter return for 1918 indicates that William Hart's home residence was 6 Spring Gardens, Nantwich.

The fate of William's two daughters is presently unknown but it appears that his son William Reginald Hart married Florence May Stockton and lived at or near Nantwich. They had nine children though one died in infancy. William Reginald Hart died in 1971.

Known memorials:

- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*

Edward Samuel Lloyd

*J/39238 (Dev), Able Seaman, Royal Navy
HMS Bombala*

Killed or died as a direct result of enemy action, 3 May 1918, aged 19

*Buried on beach on coast of Mauritania,
NW Africa*

Edward Samuel Lloyd was born on 28 September 1898 at Llandudno. His parents were Llewelyn Lloyd and Ellen Lloyd (née Williams). The family lived at Penrhynside before moving to 18 David Street, Penmaenmawr; Llewelyn Lloyd was a workman at Derbyshire Quarries. There were three children to the marriage: Margaret, Edward and [unknown]. Llewelyn Lloyd died in 1905 and Ellen Lloyd married Hugh Hughes in 1908. The Census for 1911 records Hugh and Ellen Hughes and Edward S Lloyd (12) living at "Pant y wenol", Bodafon Road, Llandudno. The register for John Bright County School records Edward Lloyd taking the entrance examination in 1911 having previously attended Bodafon School.

Edward Samuel Lloyd volunteered to join the Royal Navy in 1915. He had previously been an agricultural labourer. His date of engagement was from his future 18th birthday on 28 September 1916. The engagement was for a period of 12 years from that date. He joined HMS Powerful, a training establishment at Devonport as a boy 2 on 1 May 1915. As a boy 1, he was posted to HMS Africa on 26 August 1915 and as an

ordinary seaman to HMS King Alfred on 23 April 1917. On 1 July 1917, he was posted to HMS Bombala. Built as the Willow Branch, HMS Bombala was a Q-ship – a heavily armed merchant ship designed to lure U-boats into making surface attacks.

On 25 April 1918, HMS Bombala encountered U-153 and U-154 off the Cape Verde Islands. A gun battle resulted in casualties on both sides and the crew of the Bombala escaped in two lifeboats before it sank. One of the lifeboats was never seen again, but the other reached the coast of Mauritania on 2 May 1917. Half of the original survivors had died at sea and the two strongest to make landfall set off in search of water. They returned to find their shipmates, including Edward, aged 19, had died. He was buried on the beach and the two survivors were rescued by friendly Arabs. Edward's date of death was officially recorded as 3 May 1917.

Recovering the bodies of those who are buried on the beach was deemed impossible or impractical and Edward Samuel Lloyd is remembered on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton.

Known memorials:

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

Septimus Jorge Tonge

Major, 21st Company Machine Gun Corps

Suicide, 9 May 1918, aged 38

Buried at Llanrhos (Ss. Eleri and Mary) Churchyard

Septimus Jorge Tonge was born in Pendleton, Lancashire on 11 March 1880. He was the son of the Secretary to the Manchester Steam Association's Secretary, Robert Tonge and his wife Mary Ann. The Census for 1881 records the family living at 42 Fitzwarren Street, Pendleton; Septimus (1) is recorded as living with five elder brothers and four elder sisters. The family moved to Flixton and in 1901, Septimus was described as a bank clerk. When the Census of 1911 was compiled, Septimus was staying at the house of his brother Roland at New Mills; at the same time, his parents were living at "Lymehurst", Roumania Crescent, Craig-y-Don, Llandudno. Robert Tonge was prominent in Liberal politics and the Congregational Church. Mary Ann Tonge died later that year.

After the declaration of war, Septimus Tonge joined the Lancashire Fusiliers and was commissioned as a temporary second lieutenant on 27 September 1915. On a date unknown, he was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps and, as a temporary captain, was mentioned in dispatches on 24 December 1917. Septimus' last appointment was as a major in the 21st Company which

had formed in March 1916 within the 30th Division which had fought on the Western Front from 1915.

Septimus Tonge committed suicide on 9 May 1918 aged 38 by shooting himself in the head with a service revolver in woods near Llandudno. According to local reports, he had served in France for two years before coming home about six months previously suffering from shellshock. He was buried at Llanrhos Churchyard and probate was granted to his brother Roland.

Known memorials:

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

Robert Williams

41987, Private, 1st Lancashire Fusiliers

Died, 10 May 1918, aged 28

Buried at Conde-Sur-L'escout Communal Cemetery, France

Born at Conwy on 24 July 1889, Robert Williams was the son of a labourer Robert Williams and his wife Sarah Ellen Williams (née Evans). The Census for 1891 recorded the family living in Salford, Lancashire; three children were named: John E Williams (9 – qv), Catherine J Williams (7) and Robert (1). Another daughter, Edith, was born later that year. The Census of Wales for 1901 records the family living at 9 Council

Street, Llandudno. Robert attended Lloyd Street School which he left in 1902 aged 12 years and 10 months. In 1911, Robert's parents lived at the same address. Where Robert lived and what his occupation was in 1911 is unknown but a clue might come from the fragments of his army record that survive. He almost certainly worked with horses.

Robert Williams enlisted in Birmingham and he joined the Army Veterinary Corps with a regimental number of SE/16267 – SE stands for Special Enlistment. He was mobilised in April 1916 as a horse keeper, a non-combatant position and not available to those aged under 40 who were eligible for service in the infantry. The Medal Award Roll indicates that he spent some time in France or Belgium with the AVC but was transferred to the 1st Battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers in early 1917 with a regimental number of 41987. Why he was transferred to a frontline battalion is a matter of conjecture but it was not unusual for the ranks of non-combatant troops to be trawled for reassessment.

Robert Williams was taken prisoner at the Battle of Cambrai on 30 November 1917. German documents indicate that he was uninjured and imprisoned at Le Quesnoy, Dülmen (recorded 7 January 1918) and Friedrichsfeld (recorded 24 April 1918).

Official records indicate that Robert Williams died on 10 May 1918 and was

buried at Conde-Sur-L'escout Communal Cemetery. This indicates that Robert Williams had been returned to France. It is recorded that the Germans had a "horse-hospital" at Conde so it is possible that Robert was employed there. The cause of his death is presently unknown.

Known memorials:

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

William Thomas Kyffin

277351, Sapper, Royal Engineers

Accidentally drowned, 13 May 1918, aged 21

Buried at Karasouli Military Cemetery

William Thomas Kyffin, the son of Thomas Kyffin and his wife Ellen Kyffin (née Metcalfe), was born in Llandudno on 18 August 1896. The Census of 1901 records the family living at 1 James Street, Llandudno; Thomas Kyffin was a railway carter. William was the elder of three recorded brothers: William (4), Joseph (2) and Idwal (1). William attended Lloyd Street School – the register for 1903 records the family's address as "Elm Cottage", Bodarfon Row. A register for John Bright County School indicates that William transferred there in 1905. Ellen Kyffin died in 1905; Thomas Kyffin married Ellen Salisbury in 1907. Curiously, it is the

register of Lloyd Street School which indicates that William left school for work in July 1910 – there is no indication that he had been readmitted there. The Census of Wales 1911 records William still living at home but at a date unknown, he moved to Birmingham and took up employment with the Birmingham Small Arms Company (BSA).

William Kyffin's army record no longer exists. It is known that he enlisted in Birmingham and spent some time with the 4th (Extra Reserve) Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment with a regimental number of 24190. The records of a soldier with a very close number, 24192, survive. This soldier volunteered under the Derby Scheme in December 1915. The Medal Rolls indicate that William was with the 4th Warwicks when he first entered a theatre of war but since that battalion never served overseas, then William must have been destined for an active unit. In the event, William must have been transferred to the Royal Engineers on the Macedonian Front, judging from his new serial number of 277351, sometime in 1917. His unit was the General Base Depot at Salonika.

William Thomas Kyffin was accidentally drowned on 13 May 1918 aged 21. His death certificate states that he was drowned at Salonika but since he was buried at Karasouli Military Cemetery, some 45 miles away, then Salonika may not have been the precise place of death.

Known memorials:

- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Tabernacl Welsh Baptist Chapel, Llandudno*
- *Birmingham Employers' Roll of Honour*

Note:

Two of William's brothers also fought in the war and both survived: Joseph Henry served with the Royal Welch Fusiliers and the Machine Gun Corps and Idwal John served with the South Wales Borderers. Joseph Kyffin's army record survives and it shows that he re-enlisted for two years in 1919. The family's address was "Green Bank", Augusta Street, Llandudno.

The Churchyards in July

The churchyards contributed to Llandudno's entry in Wales in Bloom when judging took place on Tuesday 11 July. The judge visited St. Tudno's churchyard, where he was met by some of the Friends of St. Tudno's, and

it was explained that the churchyard is managed for wildlife. Displays in the church showed the judge "A Year in the Churchyard" including services, events, working parties and wildlife. After this quick tour (the judge has about 10



Wales in Bloom judging at St. Tudno's.



William at the "Marketplace".

– 15 minutes at each site) the judge departed for his next stop. The judge's tour of Llandudno finished at the "Marketplace" just before lunch, where he was shown displays of sites not visited,

including a display by the Churchyards Committee on the three churchyards in the parish. The displays in St. Tudno's will remain throughout the summer and will be added to for the open day on 5 August.



A misty morning at St. Tudno's.

Flowers appearing in St. Tudno's churchyard included sweetly scented lady's bedstraw and delicate harebells. A misty morning showed that spiders were active in the churchyard, as their webs were emphasised by the dew drops hanging from them. At Holy Trinity the mixtures of flowers in the troughs and planters provided colourful displays and

many attracted pollinating insects. In St. George's churchyard more unusual flowers could be seen, as broomrapes could be found below trees around the edge of the churchyard. Broomrapes (*Orobanche spp*) are parasitic on the roots of other plants and, as they acquire their food from their hosts, broomrapes do not produce the green pigment chlorophyll which is required for photosynthesis and the production of sugars. The predominant colour of these plants was a reddish purple and they were probably ivy broomrapes (*O. hederæ*). Different species of broomrapes have different species of host plants and these were growing in areas where ivy was also found.



Broomrape at St. George's Churchyard.

Christine Jones



Flowering tub at Holy Trinity.



MOSES

Have you seen the Disney film, 'The Prince of Egypt'? It tells a story from the Bible about Moses whose mother and sister left him in a basket on the bank of the River Nile. Pharaoh's sister found him and a little Hebrew boy was brought up as an Egyptian prince.

As Moses grew older he became more and more angry at the way the Hebrew slaves were treated. Moses ran away to the land of Midian where he settled down. But God called to him – and kept on calling. For every excuse that Moses had, God had an answer (Exodus, chapter 4). Finally, Moses went to Pharaoh but it wasn't until awful things happened that Pharaoh listened and agreed to let the Hebrew slaves go free.



Pharaohs were all powerful in Egypt, but Moses was following a much greater power. The Pharaohs of

Egypt left dead monuments of stone but Moses brought together a whole living people, God's people.

TOO MANY GODS

The ancient Egyptians had a different god for just about everything. Can you tell which of these were worshipped in the time of the Pharaohs and which ones I have made up? Answers at the bottom of the page.

GEB was the god of the earth and is shown in art as a man with a goose on his head.

KHARPET was a goddess of the homes, especially floors. She is shown wearing a feathered hat.

HATHOR was the goddess of love and joy and shown as a cow.

PHYLM was the god of artists and craftsmen. He is shown in pictures with 2 pairs of arms. Small figures of this god are often found in boxes called khameeras.

TAWARET was a goddess who protected women during pregnancy and childbirth. She is shown as having the head of a hippopotamus with the arms and legs of a lion, the back and tail of a crocodile, and the front of a pregnant woman.

THOTH was the god of writing and knowledge. He is shown in art as a baboon.



What is the earliest mention of pharmacy in the Bible?

When Moses was given 2 tablets.



Answers: I made up Kharpet and Phylm. Well, you put carpet on the floor and film in cameras (say them aloud), don't you?

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Please contact Stan Whittaker, the Gift Aid Secretary. (Tel: 596796)



Coffee Time

Cryptics (thanks and courtesy Barbara Cartwright).

All flowers

1. Plant where sweetheart gets the feed. (11)
2. One found inside a peanut, surprisingly. (7)
3. If such a mistake, it's a bloomer. (7)
4. Bulb strangely lit up. (5)
5. He's a bit of a fop. (5)
6. Perhaps I'll pay daughter for a pond leaf. (4,3)
7. Plant in which the hare might hide. (7)
8. Beautiful flowers from Gail Mason. (9)
9. Girl I care about. (5)
10. Danger could come from this plot. (6)

Results for July

1. Tarnished
2. Tattle
3. Tube
4. Taciturn
5. Talent
6. Traffic lights
7. Tall
8. Thumb
9. Tarragon
10. Tom Tom



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