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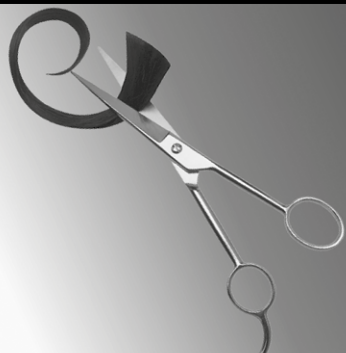
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- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays)
- Matins followed by shortened Eucharist (2nd Sunday)
- Family Worship (5th Sunday when applicable – Eucharist included in service or follows it)
- 5.00 pm Evening Prayer
- 6.00 pm Exploring Worship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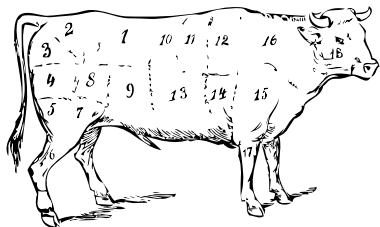
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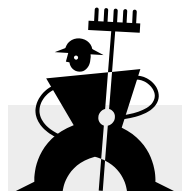
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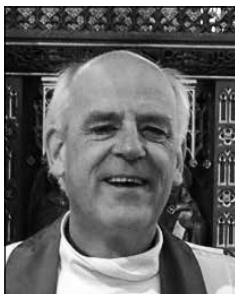
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From the Rectory

Receive the Holy Ghost for the Office and Work of a Priest in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the imposition of our hands. Whose sins thou dost forgive, they are forgiven; and whose sins thou dost retain, they are retained.



And be thou a faithful Dispenser of the Word of God, and of his holy Sacraments; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Awe inspiring words indeed, proclaimed by the late Bishop Victor Whitsey as he ordained me to the priesthood in Chester Cathedral on 27th June 1977 using the ordination service from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. Looking at them you might be surprised at what they say about the nature of the ministerial priesthood of the Church of God. The reference to being a dispenser of the Word of God and of his Holy Sacraments you might expect – but the emphasis on the Priest's role in declaring God's forgiveness of sins (and his/her power to withhold that forgiveness if necessary) might indeed be unexpected to the average Anglican!

In 2017, 40 years later, you would be unlikely to hear this particular form of words at an ordination – a 21st century version of the service would

probably be in use. At the end of this letter you will find the ordination prayer most often used in the Church in Wales today. You will see that it is very different indeed, and whilst it certainly includes the things mentioned in the 1662 service, it puts them into a much wider context.

However as I celebrate my 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood the words said as Bishop Whitsey placed his hands on my head remind me of things that lie at the heart of the ministry to which God called me. I am, above all, to preach God's Word, celebrate His Sacraments, and offer God's forgiveness to His people.

Why keep an anniversary of ordination? The answer is that we do it for much the same reasons that a married couple will want to celebrate their wedding anniversary. They will give thanks for the blessings they have received in their marriage, to celebrate the institution of marriage itself, and perhaps to renew their commitment to each other.

In the same way a Priest, at an anniversary of ordination will want to give thanks for the privilege of being called by God to serve in the Sacred Ministry of the Church: of being able to minister to and work alongside many wonderful people and to share important mo-

ments, joyful and sad, in their lives; to be able to preside at the Eucharist and the other sacraments; to preach and to teach, to counsel and to lead. But as well as the personal experience, priests will want to give thanks for Christ's gift of ministerial priesthood to his church – for the institution of priesthood itself.

Today, rightly, the Church celebrates the vocation and ministry of **all** God's people not just that of the clergy. Furthermore, in addition to the ordained ministry, there are now a variety of lay ministries in our Church such as Readers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Assistants, Evangelists etc. But whilst recognizing the great contribution these can make, we must never forget how important the threefold ordained ministry of Bishop, Priest and Deacon are – these are orders of ministry which have come down to us from the ancient church, and as a Catholic Anglican I believe that they are given by God as an essential element in the life of His Church.

So on Saturday July 1st at 12 noon I will celebrate my 40th Anniversary of Ordination as Priest (and my 41st as Deacon) with a special Eucharist in Holy Trinity Church. I do hope that many of you will be able to come and give thanks with me – not just for my ministry but more importantly for the Priesthood itself – one of God's gifts to his Church.

It has indeed been a great privilege and joy to exercise this ministry (in five

parishes) – although I have also found it hard at times, it hasn't all been plain sailing by any means. And of course, like every priest I am all too aware of my own shortcomings and failures to live up to the call of Christ and to serve His people. As I prepare to retire later this year (on the 31st October) I look forward to another stage in my priestly ministry, for a priest is always a priest and hopefully I will be able to exercise this ministry in new ways. You will look forward to the ministry of a new priest who hopefully will both build on what I have been able to do and bring new insights and talents to strengthen and deepen the life of the church in Llandudno.

Fr. John

The Ordination prayer in the Church in Wales Alternative Liturgy for the Ordination of Priests.

The bishop stretches out his or her hands towards the candidates and says:

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

Who keeps his promise for ever.

Lord our God, we give you thanks and praise,
because in your great love, you have formed throughout the world
a holy people for your own possession,
a royal priesthood, a universal Church.
We give you thanks and praise

for calling your people in every age to witness to your saving love and to proclaim the good news of your kingdom.

And now we give you thanks that you have called these your servants to share in the sacred ministry of Christ,
the Apostle and High Priest of our faith
and the Shepherd of our souls.

The bishop and the priests lay their hands on the head of each candidate.

The bishop says:

Send your Holy Spirit upon your servant [N],
for the office and work of a priest in your Church.

When all have received the laying on of hands, the bishop continues:

Loving God, you have called these your servants;
Give them love, wisdom and understanding,
that they may carry out this ministry to which they have been ordained.
May they live and proclaim the gospel of salvation
and bring healing to the sick.
May they faithfully celebrate the sacraments of our redemption
and absolve and bless in your name.
Give them patience and hope, gentleness and perseverance
to work with all your people,
that the world may come to know your glory and your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

News and Notices

The Great Get Together

Seventy people gathered at St. Tudno's on the afternoon of 18 July to take part in the Great Get Together event. The Great Get Together was organised by the Jo Cox Foundation and marked a year since the murder of this inspiring young MP. The event takes its theme from words in Jo's maiden speech: "We are far more united and have far more in common than that which divides us" and aims to bring communities together. The event at St. Tudno's brought

together different generations and groups from the parish and we were delighted to joined by other people who were keen to take part in an event in the area. The Mayor and Mayoress of Llandudno, Cllr. Francis and Mrs. Sonia Davies, represented Llandudno Town Council and Janet Finch-Saunders AM sent a message of support.

The event began with an open air service which included prayers for those affected by recent atrocities and tragedies and for those who, like Jo Cox,

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offer a life of public service and pay the ultimate price. The theme of the service was continued with the hymns, which included Cry “Freedom!” in the name of God and Peace is flowing like a river, while people joined hands with their neighbours during the final hymn Bind

us together. A very special part of the service was a series of reflections on Jo Cox, her work and her legacy. One of the Guides spoke about Jo’s giving and service and likened these to the principles of the Guides. Sandra Davies read a moving tribute by her daughter-



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in-law Sumi Dhanarijn, who had worked with Jo at Oxfam and who remembered Jo's bravery and dedication. Eleanor

Harrison had been at school with Jo and challenged everyone to live Jo's words and reach out to someone from





*A picnic tea was enjoyed after the service.
a different community.*

The service was followed by a picnic, with a variety of delicious food spread out on tables under a tree, which gave everyone a chance to share a meal, enjoy each other's company and appreciate the beautiful surroundings and weather. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this such a successful afternoon: those who took part in the service, provided food, prepared and tidied away and particularly everyone who came along to make this a Great Get Together.

Christine Jones

Celebrating Jo

Gleeful. When I picture Jo, I see her gleeful. Nose crinkled, eyes twinkling, shoulders scrunched up to her ears, big, cheeky smile. That's how I remember

her. Bringing sunlight and cheer, friendship and warmth.

I first met Jo in the Autumn of 2000 on a research trip to Brussels for Oxfam. It was my first time at EU headquarters, studying EU institutions and interviewing various MEPs, and I was a little nervous. My first stop was at Glenys Kinnock's offices where, I was told, a Jo Leadbeater, Ms. Kinnock's assistant, would sort me out. And she did. An ardent supporter of Oxfam, she showed such interest in the work we were there to do that I relaxed into the task, speaking excitedly about the issues and the investigation. She quizzed me intelligently before efficiently downloading information, insights, 'do's and don'ts', contacts, all off the top of her head. I was so impressed and thought then, how good (and fun!) it would be to work with her.

A few years later, I had that opportunity when, having completed a stint at Oxfam's Brussels office, Jo became the head of our Advocacy team at Oxfam GB and, my line manager. She brought to that role that same measure of intelligence and camaraderie that I encountered years before, alongside a great deal of sensibility, creativity and courage which helped take Oxfam's lobbying and campaigning capacity to new heights. Many of us in the team were a bit older than Jo which could have made for awkward dynamics, but her warm and open personality overcame those with ease.

Jo was brave. Her work at Oxfam took her to difficult places. She bore witness to human suffering of individuals and their families, displaced by war, refugees in camps, things that I imagine would have left her in tears but that strengthened her resolve to find ways to make things better. She was brave to go into politics; to stand firm on her convictions when doing so would leave her exposed. That braveness, I think, came from having a kind heart.

We were not best friends; nor can I even say that I was in her 'inner circle' of friends. But I think of her often – more than I thought I would – even a year on from her tragic, incomprehensible murder. I think of all she did, how she chose to live her life doing good for others, fighting their fight when necessary. I think of all she would have gone on to do. I think of her as a Mum and how lovely she must have been with

her children and how she'd have loved being their mother.

But despite the sadness that surrounds her absence, it feels right to be having this Great Gettogether to remember her. Jo's is a life to be celebrated, that's for sure! After the party though, if we all choose to care about other people in the way that she did and if we did something about it in some way, everyday, that would really honour what Jo was all about.

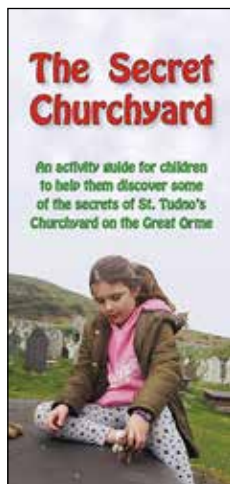
Sumi Dhanarijn

(Daughter-in-law of Gwilym and Sandra Davies)

The Secret Churchyard

This is the title of a new leaflet of activities for children in St. Tudno's churchyard. The leaflet suggests things to search for, learn about or make and is available free in St. Tudno's Church and lych-gate.

The leaflet was launched after the Great Get Together service and the Rector was assisted in this by Liam and Alexa, two of the children who had helped with production of the leaflet. See the photograph on the front cover.





Father John presents a cheque to Tony Bennion of the Conwy Food Bank. Eurig Jones and Judith Williams look on.

Social Action – Income from the Car Park

On 24 May 2017, Father John presented Tony Bennion representing Conwy Food Bank with a cheque for £1396.70. This represented the car park income from this year's Holy Week.

St. Tudno's Church

Fr. John led morning worship on Sunday 28 May. Michael Thomas played the keyboard and the first hymn of the season was aptly Morning has Broken. It was warm but cloudy and as beautiful

as always at St. Tudno's and there was a congregation of 24. The address was poignantly about good triumphing over evil. There were prayers for the people of Manchester, particularly those affected by the recent terrorist attack, including two visitors at the service who had lost two close friends in the Manchester bombing.

Revd Mike Harrison led Morning Worship on 4 June for Pentecost Sunday. It was a beautiful, summery and breezy day. Michael Thomas played the keyboard and hymns included Come Down, O Love Divine. Different lan-



The St. Tudno's pilgrims join the Mothers' Union in Holy Trinity.

guages and cultures were the theme of the address, comparing Britain with Tanzania which Revd Mike had recently visited and where a boat building project had been completed. A shortened Eucharist in the church followed and hymns here included Come Holy Ghost, our Souls Inspire. There was a congregation of 27 for the open-air service and 21 stayed for the Eucharist.

St. Tudno's Day was on Monday 5 June and the annual Pilgrimage Walk from Holy Trinity to St. Tudno's began with a short act of worship at Holy Trinity, where the pilgrims were joined by the Mothers' Union. Eleven pilgrims completed a very wet walk up the Great Orme, with "stations" for prayers and readings at the Camera Obscura

and beyond the top of the ski slope. St. Tudno's Well was visited by kind permission of the landowners and the Pilgrims were sprinkled with blessed water from the Well. The Pilgrimage was led by Archdeacon Paul of Bangor and the pilgrims included the Mayor of Llandudno, Cllr. Francis Davies. Archdeacon Paul also led the St. Tudno's Day Eucharist which followed the Pilgrimage, where the pilgrims were again joined by the Mothers' Union, other members of the congregation and the Mayoress and Mayor of Llandudno, Mrs. Sonia Davies. Archdeacon Paul had written a hymn specially for St. Tudno's Day and this was sung to end the service. Hot drinks were served after the service and these were welcomed by the Pilgrims in particular!



The pilgrims arrive at St. Tudno's.

The first Compline of the season was on Tuesday 6 June at 7.30 pm. Despite quite wild, windy weather there was

a congregation of five. The candlelit service included Celtic prayers and was led by Revd Derek Simpson.



The Mayor and Mayoress.

Open air services continue every Sunday at 11.00 am, with the free taxi leaving Holy Trinity at 10.30 am, and if the weather is bad services will be held in the church. On Sunday 2 July 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 4 July at 7.30 pm. The church is open every day and visitors are invited to follow the churchyard trail as well as enjoying the peace of the church.

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

**Shirley Georgeson
Christine Jones**

Friends of St. Tudno's Church

The Friends of St. Tudno's Pilgrimage to the Llyn Peninsula will be on Thursday 6 July. Full details were given in the June magazine but if anyone reading this at the beginning of the month is still interested in taking part, please contact Vernon (01492 874571) or me (01492 873719) as soon as possible.

The Friends' annual Open Day at St. Tudno's will be on Saturday 5 August. We will be service refreshments, offering tours of the church and encouraging people to try the churchyard trail or children's activities.

St. Tudno's churchyard will be visited by the Wales in Bloom judges on Tuesday 11 July and by the Britain in Bloom judges on Tuesday 1 August. It is hoped that some of the Friends will be there to meet the judges and if anyone could help to tidy the churchyard before these two events, please let me know.

Christine Jones

Christian Aid Week

A big thank you to all who supported the annual Christian Aid week. We are pleased to report a total of £607.83 which represents £291.71 from the coffee morning and £316.12 from individual envelopes.

Eira, Jenny and Angela



*Fortunately it was a perfect mosquito,
without spot or blemish*

200 Club

The draw for May was held during the Coffee morning event on the 14 June 2017 by Father John Nice.

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

1st.	Number 115	
	Christine Jones	£90
2nd	Number 99	
	Rev. Jane Allen	£40
3rd	Number 49	
	Donated to St. Tudno's Church	£20

The next draw will take place on Wednesday, 12 July 2017 during the coffee morning at about 11.00 am.

Terry Dewar (Promoter)

Calendar for July 2017

Sat 1st 12.00 noon Concelebrated Sung Eucharist to celebrate Father John's 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. Preacher: Archdeacon Paul. The service will be followed by a cheese and wine reception. There will be no 11.30 am Yr Offryn today.

Sun 2nd Trinity 3

Services at usual times for the 1st Sunday plus:

12.30 pm Holy Baptism

Tue 4th 10.00 am *Julian Meditation Group at Stella Maris*

Wed 5th Thomas, Apostle (transferred from the 3rd)

9.00 am Holy Eucharist

Thur 6th Friends of St. Tudno's Church Outing to Llyn Peninsula

Sun 9th Trinity 4/Sea Sunday

Services at usual times for the 2nd Sunday

10.30 am This service will be Family Worship for Sea Sunday

12.30 pm Holy Baptism

Tue 11th 10.30 am *Cytûn Council at St. John's Methodist Church*

Sun 16th Trinity 5

Services at usual times for the 3rd Sunday plus:

12.30 pm Holy Baptism

Sun 23rd Trinity 6

Services at usual times for the 4th Sunday plus:

12.30 pm Holy Baptism

Tue 25th James, Apostle

11.00 am Holy Eucharist

7.30 pm Special PCC meeting with Archdeacon Paul

Sun 30th Trinity 7

Services at the usual times for the 5th Sunday

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Tue 1st 1.00 pm First August Organ Recital

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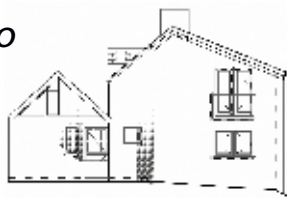
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Attendance Figures for May 2017

		Weekday Eucharists to May 6th	25
May 7th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
4th Sunday	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	65
of Easter	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	7
		Other weekday Eucharists	26

May 14th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	12
5th Sunday	10.30 am	Choral Matins	72
of Easter	11.45 am	Shortened Eucharist	25
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	1
		Other weekday Eucharists	28
May 21st	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	8
6th Sunday	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	74
of Easter	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	4
May 24th	12.00 noon	Prayers for the victims of Manchester Bomb	c20
May 25th	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	29
Ascension Day	7.30 pm	Holy Eucharist	12
		Other weekday Eucharists	11
May 28th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
Sunday after	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	69
Ascension	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	2
		Other weekday Eucharists	11

Sunday Rota

Sunday 2 July

Reader	Vernon Morris
Sidespersons	William Maidlow
	Ron Illidge
	Joyce Crosby
	Barbara Yates
Eucharistic	Angela Pritchard
Ministers	Stan Whittaker

Sunday 9 July

Readers	Ruth Hodgkinson
	Peter La Trobe
Sidespersons	Cath Lloyd
	Pat Riddler
	Joyce Smith
	Vernon Morris
E' Minister	Marion Heald

PARISH REGISTER

The Departed

15th May: Simon Gough
Service at Colwyn Bay Crematorium

Sunday 16 July

Reader	Marion Heald
Sidespersons	Linda Blundell Annabel Jones William Maidlow Barbara Yates
Eucharistic Ministers	Maggie Leitch John Riddler

Sunday 23 July

Reader	Cythnia Poysner
Sidespersons	Sandra Davies Angela Pritchard Wendy C-Stewart Doug Pritchard
Eucharistic Ministers	Stan Whittaker Cath Lloyd

Sunday 30 July

Reader	Sandra Davies
Sidespersons	Barbara Yates Cath Lloyd Pat Riddler Marion Heald
Eucharistic Ministers	Angela Pritchard Marion Heald

Sunday 6 August

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

From the Parish Pump

Iraq's church leaders call for help

Iraq's three main church traditions have issued a joint statement calling for international action to safeguard the "rights of Christian communities in the historic Nineveh Plains", including the establishment of a "safe haven" for Christians in the region.

The joint statement by church leaders followed a proclamation by a prominent Iraqi Shia cleric that "Jihad should be implemented in regard to the Christians in order for them to convert to Islam. Either they will become Muslims or we must fight them, or they ought to pay jizya." Jizya is a tax paid to an Islamic government by non-Muslims as a sign of subjugation, according to

classical Islam.

The threat of anti-Christian violence continuing, despite the progress made in defeating Islamic State, remains a real concern for Iraqi believers, reports the Barnabas Fund. An Iraqi MP has recently stated that around 1.5 million Iraqi Christians have fled the country since 2003.

Hospital in Pakistan forces Christian staff to recite Quran

A Christian worker in a Lahore hospital has reported that a number of non-Muslim staff have been faced with the choice of reciting from the Quran, or being marked absent from work.

In one instance, Marshal, a Christian paramedic, was physically assaulted by the hospital's Superintendent when he refused to attend the morning gathering, where staff have been compelled to quote verses from Quran.

Police have conducted an inquiry into the incident and evidence has been referred to the Punjab Health Department, reports the Barnabas Fund. Another paramedic at the hospital, Fahad Ahmed, told journalists: "I do not know why the administration is forcing our Christian brothers to do this. This is totally unacceptable."

A law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity, stated that extremism among medical staff in public hospitals was nothing new.

India – 'alarming rise' in attacks by Hindu nationalists

Attacks against Christians in India have been rising at an alarming rate, according to new reports. They are politically motivated, and have increased since the March 2017 elections, which saw a landslide victory for Hindu nationalists.

The latest report of the All India Christian Council records an increase of almost 20 per cent in attacks against Christians in 2016. It says physical violence against Christians is up 40 per cent and murders have doubled.

In states across India, church workers have been beaten, threatened and killed.

Attempts have been made to force Christians to renounce their faith and convert to Hinduism. Church services and prayer meetings have been disrupted, churches and Christian school have been bombed, torched, vandalised and demolished. Bibles have been torn to pieces and burnt. Militants beat one evangelist with chains, stripped him and forced him to drink urine. A Christian cemetery was desecrated and skeletons dug up.

The report, *Atrocities on Christians in India* records a fresh attack every 40 hours. It says: "The attacks have become severe and more frequent. Incidents used to be confined to a few states. Now the violence has spread to 23 states." The sharpest rise has been recorded in Uttar Pradesh and the state of Telangana.

Right-wing Hindu nationalism has been gaining ground since the BJP took power in 2014. Since further gains for the radicals in the March elections, five Indian states have now imposed anti-conversion laws. There has also been moves to bring in nationwide legislation aimed at outlawing evangelism, to prevent Hindus from converting.

Release International reports that in Andhra Pradesh a pastor was beaten to death by a Maoist. In Assam, a couple who had recently converted to Christianity were murdered in their home. A pastor and his seven-month pregnant wife were doused with petrol by religious extremists, who threatened

them with swords and demanded they chant, 'Hail Lord Rama'.

In Chhattisgarh, a gang raped and murdered a 14-year-old Christian girl who was on her way to school. Villagers had excommunicated her family for accepting the Christian faith. The authorities have yet to take any action against the culprits.

Help stop slavery in the UK

The Church must direct its 'unconditional energy' towards detecting and then supporting those trapped in the brutality of modern slavery here in the UK. So says the Bishop of Derby, Dr Alastair Redfern.

In a recent keynote speech at a conference on modern slavery at Lambeth Palace, he said that there are too many communities in Britain where "people are treated like commodities, with no rights, no proper pay, who often have their passports confiscated, and are trapped, dominated and made to work." An estimated 45.8 million people are trapped in forms of modern slavery across the world, including about 11,700 victims in the UK.

Dr Redfern went on: "Prostitution and sex slavery is growing exponentially, especially because of the internet, and the age of those trapped – girls, particularly – is getting younger.

Dr Redfern, who chairs the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner's Ad-

visory Panel, said that Churches can use their unique position in the heart of their communities to identify and report such instances of modern slavery. Christians should be "people who notice what is going on, and try and help others notice it, too, and respond."

New help for glaucoma sufferers

The Christian Blind Mission (CBM) has welcomed a new eye test that can help detect glaucoma, a disease that leads to irreversible blindness.

Glaucoma affects 60 million people worldwide, ten per cent of whom become blind. The chief executive of CBM UK, Kirsty Smith, said: 'Although it is early days, it's particularly exciting that this test could....be developed for use in low-income countries.'



"It's not lead thieves; it's the only place left the wardens can go for a smoke."

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"THE ANGELS OF THE
MISSION TO SEAFARERS
FLEW TO MY HOME"

Alejandro Gapasin, a seafarer from the Philippines, and his family were experiencing a very difficult time in 2016. Alejandro had not been able to secure a new work contract and had been unemployed for a year. Alejandro told MtS:

“Our children were still schooling and we were also in the process of paying for our home mortgage, which we couldn’t do due to the financial challenges.”

Alejandro and his family were facing a very uncertain future and the stress of not knowing when he would find a job was taking its toll. Having been a seafarer for some years, Alejandro had encountered MtS chaplains before and had become good friends with a chaplain in South Africa.

“This led me to relate my situation to a very accommodating person, my friend Revd. Mark Classen, Port Chaplain of MtS Richards Bay in South Africa who, I can tell from my heart, is passionate in his calling as a Lord’s servant in that part of the world.”

Alejandro told Revd. Classen about his situation and how he was struggling to pay his mortgage, put food on the table and pay for his children’s education.

“My bad condition became the bridge for Revd. Classen to connect me to people at MtS Philippines. Their personnel and volunteers came to my home with groceries, religious and secular materials, including MtS publications. However, more than their material gifts, they managed to give us moral and spiritual support as they prayed for the family, giving us words of hope and comfort and telling us that they could fully relate to our situation. They explained the activities, mission and vision of MtS and that the organization aspires to be of service to all seafarers worldwide, regardless of nationality, religion or gender.”



L to R: Fr. Nixon Jose, May Servanez Jose, Edna Velasco, Gina Villamor, Mr. & Mrs. Gapasin with their grandson, Triztan

This simple visit was a lifeline for the Gapasin family. Not only did the MtS chaplains provide them with the things they needed, they also showed that people care for seafarers and their families. It's quite amazing to think that people in a different county, who you have never met, are praying for you and donating money to help you and your family in difficult circumstances.

"They left us all in awe as we were amazed with their passion and drive to be of service and support, especially to seafarers in distress like me during that period. My family and I are forever grateful to The Mission to Seafarers – they are all angels disguised as humans! We thank them for sharing some feathers from their wings during a time I was having a hard time flying on my own."

"God bless us all and the Mission to Seafarers in its cause to bring light in this world and to seafarers most especially, including their loved ones and families. MtS is a gift from above and we are blessed for its noble existence."

Visits like this happen around the world every day. Not only do our chaplains help out-of-work seafarers, but also seafarers who have been abandoned by their employers, seafarers who have not been paid for months, seafarers who are lonely and need to speak to their families, seafarers who have been imprisoned and seafarer's families who will not see their loved ones for months on end.

We all depend on Seafarers far more than they could ever depend on us. It is our mission to ensure that seafarers are treated with the same rights and dignity as everyone else. This work is only possible with your support. You are the reason our chaplains can help seafarers in distress and offer a friendly chat to those who are missing home. You are the only reason The Mission to Seafarers can continue its vital work. Thank you.

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SEAFARERS AND THEIR FAMILIES
ARE AT THE HEART OF
EVERYTHING WE DO

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- Imagine the uncertainty of not having a job and not knowing when or if you'll get another. With bills mounting and a family looking to you for support, it must leave you feeling powerless, dejected and ashamed. Can you think of a time when you felt overwhelmed by either responsibility or lack of control?
- In times of distress, we can sometimes recoil into ourselves and not share the burden. Jesus said: "My yoke is easy and my burden is light" – Matthew 11:30
Only when we share our troubles do they start to seem lighter. Alejandro shared his problems with an MtS chaplain who was over 7,000 miles away. This chaplain told another chaplain and they were able to help Alejandro and his family in more ways than they knew possible.
- At MtS, we are very proud of our Global Family. We work in 50 countries across the world and our network of chaplains ensures that we are able to respond to calls for help wherever they originate in the world.
- Think of your Global Family. Every person on this earth is created by God and connected to each other through our inalienable dignity. The world's 1.5 million seafarers are connected to you even more deeply. They bring you almost everything you consume in life. The bricks used to build your home, the shoes you are wearing now, the breakfast you had this morning and the fuel in your car. All transported by our Global family to you and those you love.



Approximately 1.5 million men and women work at sea.

A seafarer's life is often dangerous and lonely. But with your vital help it doesn't have to be friendless and without hope. You can be a neighbour to crews in need everywhere.

Please pray for seafarers and their families on Sea Sunday and make a donation to the work of The Mission to Seafarers.

The Great War – April 1918

Frederick Foulkes

52815, Private, 1/6th Northumberland Fusiliers

Killed in action, 11 April 1918, aged 19

No known grave

Frederick Foulkes was born on 16 January 1899 at Llandudno. He was the son of Henry Thomas Foulkes and his wife Margaret Ann Foulkes (née Kelly). The Census of Wales for 1901 records the family living at 12 Alexandra Terrace, Llandudno; Henry Thomas Foulkes was described as a hotel porter. In April 1904, Frederick was admitted to Lloyd Street School – his address was given as 30 King's Road. In September 1905, he transferred to the newly-opened Dyfryn Road School. In 1911 the family's address was recorded as 11 Council Street, Llandudno; Henry Foulkes was now described as an auctioneer's clerk and Frederic (12) as at school. By now, Frederick had two younger brothers: Thomas Henry (9) and Alfred (4). Frederick left school in May 1912.

Frederick Foulkes' army record no longer exists. However, it would appear that he volunteered for the Territorial Force in November 1915 aged 16, a little under age – the minimum age for the TF being 17. He was posted to the (Welsh) Divisional Cyclists' Company, probably the 3/1st at Stockport and had a service number of 475. It is possible

that after training he was posted to the 2/1st, part of the 68th (Welsh) Division that carried out home defence duties in East Anglia. With the passing of the Military Service Act in 1916, Frederick was liable for compulsory transfer and in early 1918, was transferred to the Northumberland Fusiliers with a regular army number of 52815 though his destined battalion was the 1/6th Territorial Force.

Frederick Foulkes was killed in action aged 19 on 11 April 1918 near Estaires, France during the Battle of the Lys. Three days previously, the 50th Division had been in the Merville area destined to relieve the Portuguese Division in the trenches on the night of 9/10 April. However, the Germans began a heavy bombardment on the morning of 9 April and the relief plan was cancelled: the division forming a new line of defence against the anticipated attack.

Known memorials:

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

Idwal Jones

66104, Private, 1/6th Cheshire Regiment

Died of wounds, 14 April 1918, aged 19

*Buried at St. Sever Cemetery Extension,
Rouen*

Idwal Jones, the son of John and Grace Jones, was born in Llandudno on 18 January 1899. John Jones was a plasterer and the 1901 Census of Wales records the family living at 4 Maes y Facrell Cottages, Great Orme's Head. In August 1909, Idwal transferred from St. George's National School to Lloyd Street School. In 1911, the family lived at the same address and Idwal was described as at school as were two of his three sisters. He left school in November 1913.

On 6 March 1917, a few weeks after his 18th birthday, Idwal was called up and attested at Bangor. His army record states that his trade was as a labourer. His call-up was approved the following day at Wrexham and he was posted to the 59th Training Reserve Battalion with a number of TR/4/9390 which he joined on 8 March 1917 at Kinmel Park. His unit was redesignated as the 213th Infantry Battalion on 16 July 1917. His record indicates that he was at Portacarron Camp (possibly Co. Galway) on 14 September 1917. On 1 November 1917, his unit was again redesignated as the 51st (Graduated) Battalion, Training Reserve (Cheshire Regiment). On 3 January 1918, he was at Gough Barracks (Armagh) when he

was sent to the Cheshire Regiment, BEF, France. Idwal disembarked in France on 19 January 1918 and was initially posted to the 11th (Service) Battalion though this was almost immediately changed to the 1/6th Battalion, Territorial Force which he joined on 29 January 1918. His new service number was 66104.

Idwal Jones received a gunshot wound to the head during the German Spring Offensive of 1918. He was at one time reported missing but was admitted to 2/2 East Lancashire Field Ambulance on 28 March 1918 and then to 1 Australian General Hospital at Rouen two days later. He died of his wounds on 14 April 1918 aged 19. He was buried at St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen.

Known memorials:

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

Robert Henry (Harry) Archer

76751, Lance Bombardier, Royal Field Artillery

Killed in action, 16 April 1918, aged 22

*Buried at Duhallo ADS Cemetery, Ypres,
Belgium*

Harry Archer was born in 1896 in Stone, Staffordshire. He was the second son of Arthur Archer, a fruiter and greengrocer, and his wife Mary Ann

Archer (née Brown). Their first child, Arthur William Archer had been born in 1894 and did not survive infancy. The Census of 1901 records the family, Arthur, Mary, Robert Henry (5) and Alfred L J (9 [should be 9 months]) living at 3 Lichfield Street, Stone. Ten years later, Arthur Archer, Robert Henry Archer (15) and Leonard Alfred Archer (10) were living at 63 High Street, Stone; Arthur Archer was described as a dealer in fruit and seeds, Harry as a fruitier's errand boy and Leonard as at school. Also in 1911, Mary Ann Archer and daughter Gladys Mary Archer (2) lived at "Ordovia House", Abbey Road, Llandudno – Mary Ann Archer was described as a lodging house keeper. Both Gladys and Leonard attended schools in Llandudno though there is no record of Harry having done so. Leonard died on 7 February 1913.

Harry Archer, now an electrician, volunteered to join the Royal Field Artillery in 1915. He enlisted at Stafford and his number was 76751; this indicates an enlistment date of around February/March 1915. Other recruits at that time with close serial numbers joined at No 5 Depot at Athlone in Ireland and it is quite possible that Harry did as well. Little is known about Harry's army career but what is known that he disembarked in France on 6 November 1915.

When Harry was killed in action on 16 April 1918, aged 22, his unit was the 51st Battery of the 39th Brigade. This brigade was attached to the No

1 Infantry Division which served on the Western Front throughout the war. He was buried at Duhallow ADS (Advanced Dressing Station) Cemetery, on the northern edge of Ypres. Commonwealth War Grave Commission records indicate that after the war, Harry's parents were living at "Bella Vista", Church Walks, Llandudno.

Known memorials:

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

John David Hughes

61221, Private, 9th Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Killed in action, 8-18 April 1918, aged 19

No known grave

John (Jack) David Hughes, the son of Robert Hughes and Gaynor Hughes (née Jones) was born in Llandudno on 16 March 1899. The 1901 Census of Wales records John (2), his sister Ellen (4) and his parents living at 13 Grove Terrace, Llandudno; Robert Hughes was described as a painter. Ellen Hughes died in 1902. In April 1904, John attended Lloyd Street School and was transferred in September 1905 to the newly-formed Dyffryn Road School. The Census record for 1911 indicates that John had two younger sisters: Lil-

lian May (3) and Gwynedd Orme (1). John left school in June 1912.

Unfortunately, John Hughes' army record no longer exists. His regimental number of 61221 in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers indicates that he was probably conscripted in March 1917, shortly after his 18th birthday. Though it is known he enlisted at Llandudno, the unit to which he joined or where he received his infantry training is unknown as is the date he disembarked in France. John Hughes' Medal and Award Roll indicates that after disembarkation, he joined the RWF Infantry Base Depot before being posted to the 9th (Service) Battalion.

A memorial stone in St. Tudno's Churchyard states that John Hughes was killed in action in April 1918 (no specific day) aged 19 at Messines, France. *Soldiers Died in the Great War* states that he was killed in action on 18 April 1918 though the Register of Soldiers' Effects reveals that he died sometime between 8 and 18 April and that his death was presumed. Messines, or Mesen as it is now called, is actually in Belgium and was captured by the Germans on 10/11 April (Battle of Messines) during their spring offensive (Battle of the Llys). Previously on 7 April, the 9th RWF had relieved the 2nd Lincolns at Wytschaete, a mile north of Messines. Fierce fighting took place on 10/11 April and the remnants of the Battalion were withdrawn on the 12th to positions two miles west on the France/Belgium frontier. On 13 April, the bat-

talion was ordered back to the front to hold the line and it did so until relieved on the night of 18/19 April.

Exactly where or when John Hughes was killed is unknown. The situation at the time was very fluid and desperate – it was on 11 April when Field Marshal Hague issued his famous “backs to the wall” order. John Hughes' body was never knowingly recovered and he is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial.

Known memorials:

- *Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium*
- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Memorial stone in St. Tudno's Churchyard*

William Matthew Hughes

265896, Corporal, 16th Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Killed in action, 22 April 1918, aged 23

No known grave

William Matthew Hughes was born in Liverpool on 5 September 1894. He was the son of Welsh parents, Hugh Hughes and his wife Janet Ann Hughes (née Owens). Hugh Hughes was a plumber and the 1901 Census records the family living at “Crossfield House”, Clifton Road, Llandudno. William Matthew Hughes attended Lloyd Street School until November 1902 when, ac-

cording to the register, he left the area. Nevertheless, in 1911 the family was living at 56 Mostyn Street, Llandudno, William (16) being described as a tailor. The register also indicates that in 1911, William had three living siblings: Hugh (9), Gwynedd (2), and Kate (3 months).

On 11 November 1914, William joined the Territorial Force at Caernarvon. The 6th (Caernarvonshire & Anglesey) Battalion had split in September 1914 into the 1/6th for men who had volunteered for overseas service and the 2/6th for home service. William joined the latter with a regimental number of 2706. The battalion moved to Northampton in April 1915 and on 18 June William was appointed acting corporal. The battalion moved again to Bedford in July 1915 and on 25 May 1916, William was appointed acting sergeant master tailor.

The battalion relocated at Southwold in November 1916 and the nearby Hanham Park in May 1917. At about this time, William Hughes was renumbered 265896. The military service act of 1916 not only enabled conscription but deemed that all men in the second line battalions of the Territorial Force eligible to serve overseas. Some whole battalions were sent overseas but others, including the 2/6th RWF TF, were disbanded and their troops posted to other battalions. William's position as the battalion's sergeant master tailor no longer existed and he reverted to his substantive rank of corporal when he was posted to No 5 Infantry

Base Depot at Rouen in France on 10 June 1917. He was posted to the 16th (Service) Battalion on 26 July 1917 and joined the battalion two days later, just in time for the Third Battle of Ypres.

The 38th (Welsh) Division was held in reserve during the early part of the 1918 German Spring Offensive until 11 April when it joined the front near Bouzincourt. Elements of the division attacked the German positions on 22 April in an attempt to retake some lost territory. Though partially successful, the attempt was costly with half of the battalion being casualties, the vast majority initially recorded as missing. William Matthew Hughes aged 23 was variously recorded as wounded, and as wounded and missing on 22 April though he is officially recorded as being killed in action on or after that date. His mother made enquiries as to his being taken prisoner of war through the Red Cross but this attempt proved fruitless. William Matthew Hughes' body was never knowingly recovered and he is remembered on the Pozieres Memorial Memorial, Somme, France.

Known memorials:

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

George Thomas Langford

*18543, Corporal, 16th Royal Welsh
Fusiliers*

Killed in action, 22 April 1918, aged 20

*Buried at Bouzincourt Ridge Cemetery,
Albert, France*

George Thomas Langford, the son of William Langford and his wife Susan Maud Langford (née Berryman) was born in Llantrisant in 1897. (His birth was registered in the third quarter of 1897.) According to the Census of 1901, William Langford was a coal miner and the family lived in Newbridge Road, Llantrisant. Ten years later, the family lived at 87 Jones Street, Blaen-clydach, near Tonypany; William was described as a colliery foreman (above ground) and his son George as a hewer assistant. Though George was recorded as being 14 years of age, he was in fact a year younger.

Soldiers Died in the Great War records that George was in the 16th (Service) Battalion of the Royal Welch Fusiliers having enlisted at Tonypany and had a regimental number of 18543. Unfortunately, George's army record no longer exists but records for soldiers numbered 18542, 18546, 18547 do exist and all attested at Tonypany on 28 November 1914, joining the 16th RWF at Llandudno the following day. Aged 17, George was a year underage.

The 16th (Service) Battalion had formed at Llandudno in November 1914 with recruits surplus to the 13th

RWF. In common with other battalions raised at Llandudno, many recruits from outside the North Wales area volunteered to join it and it is thought that many did so attracted by a sojourn at the seaside. Clearly the seaside air had a positive effect on George at a personal level for in the autumn of 1915, he married Hannah Elizabeth Owen, daughter of Isaac and Ann Owen of Penrhynside. Their daughter Laura Gwendoline was born on 11 December 1915. Meanwhile by August 1915, the battalion had moved to Winchester and disembarked in France on 2 December 1915 by which time George was a lance corporal and, at 18, underage to have entered a theatre of war. Promoted to corporal, he served in France with the 16th RWF, though George's medal roll indicates that he was attached to the Headquarters of the 3rd Army, the 29th Prisoner of War Convoy, and the 38th Divisional School. A newspaper report confirms that his removal from the front line was because George had been wounded.

George Thomas Langford was killed in action on or slightly after 22 April 1918 aged 20. The 38th (Welsh) Division had been held in reserve during the early part of the German Spring Offensive until 11 April when it joined the front near Bouzincourt. Elements of the division attacked the German positions on 22 April in an attempt to retake some lost territory. Though partially successful, the attempt was costly with half of the battalion being casualties. George

was buried at Bouzincourt Ridge Cemetery, Albert, France.

Also killed in that action were Corporal William Matthew Hughes of the 16th RWF and Private Owen Roberts of the 13th (both qv).

Hannah Elizabeth Langford married William Roberts in 1924. The Register of 1939 records Hannah, William, Laura and Hannah's father Isaac Owen living at Bodarfon Road, Llandudno. Hannah died in 1943. Laura married John K Davies in 1941 and died in 2004.

Known memorials:

Llandudno Roll of Honour

Llandudno War Memorial

Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church,

Llandudno

Penrhynside War Memorial

Owen Roberts

*205066, Private, 13th Royal Welsh
Fusiliers*

Killed in action, 22 April 1918, aged 23

No known grave

Born in Llandudno on 10 October 1893, Owen Roberts was the son of John Griffith Roberts and his wife Emma (née Owen). In September 1900, Owen was admitted to Lloyd Street School; the family's address was recorded as Back St. George's Crescent. The 1901 Census records the family including Owen (7) and his brother, John living at 1 Fern Villa, Back Mostyn

Street, Llandudno; John G Roberts was recorded as a council labourer. Emma Roberts died in 1906. In November 1986, Owen was transferred to John Bright School. The following year, John Griffith Roberts married Ellen Owen. The Census of Wales for 1911 records John Griffith Roberts, Ellen Roberts and John Roberts (15) living at "Warberry", Claremont Road, Llandudno; Owen Roberts (17) was living with his aunt at "Ormes View", Clifton Road, Llandudno. He worked as an assistant to Mr L A Cocker, chemist, at 68 Mostyn Street.

In November 1914, Owen Roberts joined the Denbighshire Hussars Yeomanry, attesting at Llandudno. His regimental number was 1035. The Denbighshire Hussars was a unit of the Territorial Force which on the outbreak of war was assigned to the Welsh Border Mounted Brigade though it almost immediately split into the 1/1st Denbighshire Hussars for overseas service and the 2/1st for home service. Owen joined the latter, part of the 2/1st Welsh Border Mounted Brigade, serving near Newcastle upon Tyne from January 1915. He was hospitalised in No 1 General Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne in July and August 1915. In April 1916, the brigade moved to East Anglia, replacing the 1st line brigade that had been posted to Egypt. It returned to Northumberland in July 1916 at which time it was dismounted and converted to a cyclist brigade. A date unknown, Owen Roberts was promoted to

lance corporal (unpaid). In 1917, Owen received a new regimental number of 215071 but that number changed again in October 1917 to 205066 when he was transferred to the Royal Welsh Fusiliers (Territorial Force) having reverted to private.

Owen Roberts disembarked in France on 29 September 1917, destined for No 5 Infantry Base Depot at Rouen. He was posted to the 10th (Service) Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers and joined the unit on 9 October 1917. On 28 December 1917, Owen was evacuated by No 7 Field Ambulance and No 43 Casualty Clearing Station (Boisleux) to No 7 Canadian General Hospital at Étaples. He joined No 6 Convalescence Depot at Étaples on 19 February 1918 and No 14 Convalescence Depot at Trouville two days later. On 25 March 1918, he joined C Infantry Base Depot at Rouen and the 13th (Service) Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers on 5 April 1918.

Owen Roberts was killed in action on 22 April 1918 aged 23. The 38th (Welsh) Division had been held in reserve during the early part of the German Spring Offensive until 11 April when it joined the front near Bouzincourt. Elements of the division attacked the German positions on 22 April in an attempt to retake some lost territory. Though partially successful, the attempt was costly. Owen's body was never knowingly recovered and he is commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France.

Also killed in that action were George Thomas Langford and Corporal William Matthew Hughes (both qv) of the 16th RWF. Owen's brother John fought with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers and survived the war.

Known memorials:

- *Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France*
- *Ysgol John Bright Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Ebenezer Chapel, Llandudno*

Harry Lloyd Roberts

PLY/1881(S), Private, Royal Marine Light Infantry

Killed or died as a direct result of enemy action, 23 April 1918, aged 28

Buried at St. Tudno's Churchyard, Great Orme's Head

Harry Lloyd Roberts, the son of James Henry (Harry) Roberts and his wife Grace Ellen Roberts (née Lloyd), was born in Llandudno on 9 October 1889. The Roberts' family owned the grocery business of T Roberts of Roby House, 1 Llewellyn Street, Llandudno. Harry attended a private school until April 1898 when he was admitted to St. George's National School. The Census of Wales for 1901 indicates that Harry (11) had been joined by four siblings: John (9), Ettie (8) and Thomas (4) who died later that year. Harry attended

John Bright School from March 1902 and was a member of the Boy Scouts. In 1911, Harry's parents and his sister Ettie still lived at Roby House though he was recorded as lodging in Stoke on Trent, his occupation being a grocer. James Henry Roberts died in 1906 and it would appear that Harry took over the business interests in Llandudno. He was keen on amateur dramatics and was a sidesman at St. Tudno's Church.

Harry enlisted into the Royal Marines on 9 January 1917. He gave his next of kin as Mrs Grace Roberts of "Roby Mount", Llandudno. His first posting was to the Recruit Depot at Deal. On 12 February 1918 he joined the Plymouth Division – specifically the 4th Royal Marine Battalion. On St. George's Day, 23 April 1918, the division attacked Zeebrugge and Ostend. Harry was on the Zeebrugge raid aboard HMS *Vindictive*. Harry was wounded in the action and though he was evacuated, he died of his wounds on the day of the raid aged 28.

Two of his uncles went to the Royal Naval Hospital at Chatham to collect his body and return it to Llandudno and he was buried with full naval honours at St. Tudno's Churchyard.

Known memorials:

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

Percival Stanley Boole

*201331, Private, 13th The King's
(Liverpool Regiment)*

Died of wounds, 27 April 1918, aged 29

Buried at Étapes Military Cemetery

Percival Stanley Boole was born in Nottingham in 1889. He was the son of a school teacher, John Boole and his wife Elizabeth Boole (née Eardley). He had an elder brother named Frank (b 1887). The 1891 census records the family living at Gawcott in Buckinghamshire. Ten years later, the family lived at Fenny Stratford (now Milton Keynes) and had been joined by Douglas (9), Reginald (7) and Fanny Kathleen (2). John Boole took up a position in Llandudno but sadly his wife died in 1910. The census of the following year records John, Douglas, Reginald and Kathleen in lodgings at 10 Taliesin Street, Llandudno. Both Frank and Percival were printing compositors lodging in Llandudno, the latter at Grimsby Villa, Taliesin Street.

Unfortunately, Percival's service record no longer exists. He enlisted at Liverpool at a date unknown. His first known battalion was the 2/5th Battalion of The King's (Liverpool Regiment), a unit of the Territorial Force. His regimental number is recorded as 201331 but this was issued in 1917 and would have replaced an earlier number. The 2/5th KLR formed in Liverpool in September 1914 when the 5th split into first and second line battalions. Though the second line battalions of

the Territorial Force were originally formed for home service, replacing the first line battalions which went overseas, the Military Service Act of 1916 deemed that second line battalions could be sent abroad. The 2/5th KLR disembarked in France on 13 February 1917 and fought on the Western Front until it disbanded on 1 February 1918, its soldiers being used to reinforce other battalions. Whether or not Percival was transferred on that date or before that date is unknown but his posting was to the 13th (Service) Battalion which had formed in October 1914 and disembarked in France in

September 1915.

At a date unknown, Percival Stanley Boole was wounded in action. He died of these wounds on 27 April 1918 and was buried at Étaples Military Cemetery. Étaples was a major base about 20 miles south of Boulogne and the location of several hospitals.

Known memorials:

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

The Churchyards in June

In June it was a pleasure to see bees and other insects busy visiting flowers in the three churchyards. At Holy Trinity

the flowers in the troughs were filling out and looking very colourful and we are grateful to the Guides for their help



Bumblebees attracted to flowers in the big trough at Holy Trinity.

in planting up and looking after these and to those who do the watering. At Holy Trinity buff tailed, early and tree bumblebees were particularly attracted to the daisy family plants in the troughs. These bumblebees all have short tongues and so need “open” flowers to feed on. At St. George’s short tongued bumblebees were spotted feeding on the *Geranium* plants in the flowerbed surrounding the Memorial Gardens. However the neighbouring *Pelargonium* plants, while providing bright and reliable colour in the garden, have little or no available pollen and nectar for insects so it is good to have a variety of plants to please the eye and support wildlife. At St. Tudno’s buff tailed bumblebees were seen feeding on thrift and the longer-tongued common carder bumblebees on birds-foot-trefoil. Little flowers were also attracting little insects, with small flies visiting the pink flowers of dove’s-foot crane’s-bill, one of our native *Geranium* species.



At St. Tudno’s the small flowers of crane’s-bill attracted little flies.



Geraniums at St. George’s also attracted bumblebees.

Management of the church grounds is important to keep them looking attractive and to benefit wildlife. Anyone who would like to help with gardening at Holy Trinity would be most welcome to join in – the more volunteers we have, the nicer we can make the church grounds look. The team from CAIS who help to keep the grounds tidy at Holy Trinity will also be starting to do some work at St. Tudno’s. The first two jobs to be tackled at St. Tudno’s are to cut back grass which is encroaching on the paths and remove seed heads from the bluebell plants. Although the bluebells look attractive the plants will be removed as part of the conservation policy. Our local botany expert has inspected the bluebells and confirmed that they are hybrid or Spanish bluebells and not the native species. To leave these alien bluebells would risk further spread and cross pollination with nearby populations of native bluebells, endangering the biodiversity of the Great Orme.

Christine Jones



St. IGNATIUS of LOYOLA: 31st July

The youngest of 13 children, Ignatius Loyola was born in Spain. When a young soldier he was badly wounded by a cannon ball that shattered his leg. As he recovered he asked for a best selling book of the day, a romance, to read to take his mind off the pain but ended up reading about Jesus and the lives of the saints. His life changed as he resolved to continue being a soldier, but now as a soldier for Christ.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and 6 others offered themselves to the service of the Catholic Church. They became the Society of Jesus and Ignatius was elected to serve as their first general. When other Jesuits were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius stayed in Rome founding homes for orphans and colleges all, in the words of the Jesuit motto, 'ad maiorem Dei gloriam' - for the greater glory of God.



BIBLE BOOKS

Can you unscramble these letters to find books in the Bible?

1. ashjou
2. imythot
3. hurt
4. kuel
5. brosprev
6. tonslaminate
7. chaimal
8. theres
9. chainstroin
10. himerea j



**What kind of man was Boaz
before he married?**
Ruthless.

**Which Bible character had no
parents?**
Joshua, son of Nun.

Answers: 1.Joshua 2.Timothy 3.Ruth
4.Luke 5.Proverbs 6.Lamentations
7.Malachi 8.Esther 9.Corinthians
10.Jeremiah

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Coffee Time

Cryptics (thanks and courtesy Barbara Cartwright).

All beginning with "T".

1. Discoloured the trains he'd broken. (9)
2. Little thanks to the abstainer the French talk idly about. (6)
3. Underground cylinder. (4)
4. Cat I turn, I turn again, quite silent. (8)
5. Skill for making beer in explosive. (6)
6. Stop, go workers. (7,6)
7. Thanks to fifty and a hundred we have a silicate. (4)
8. Part of hand hidden by cloth umbrella. (5)
9. Arrogant herb. (8)
10. Two cats, one beaten. (3,3)

Results for June:

1. Cardiff
2. Leek
3. Daffodil
4. Rugby
5. Choir
6. Cardigan
7. Caerphilly
8. Lambs
9. Miners
10. Saint David's Day



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