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Services

Holy Trinity Church, Mostyn Street

Sundays

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

9.30 am Junior Church

10.30 am Sung Eucharist (1st, 3rd &

4th Sundays)

Matins followed by shortened Eucharist (2nd

Sunday)

Weekdays

9.00 am Holy Eucharist (Wed)

11.00 am Holy Eucharist (Thurs)

Holy Eucharist in Welsh

(Sat)

Cover Photo



Russell Watson and Mr James Leggate at St. Tudno's Church. See page 17.

St. Tudno's Church, Great Orme

12.00 noonOpen-air Worship (Sun

from end of May to end of

September)

On the first and third Sundays of each month, the service includes a shortened Communion.

Please check the Calendar for the month on pages 8 to 11 for any additional services or amendments.



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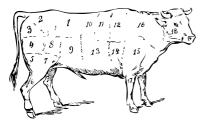
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Calendar for October 2019

Wed 2	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist		
Thurs 3	10.00 am 10.00 am	Coffee Morning		
Tiluis 3	10.00 am	Christian Aid Coffee Morning till noon Guild of Health and St. Raphael Prayers for healing		
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist		
Fri 4	Francis of A	•		
	9.00 am	Animal Blessing Service at Ysgol San Sior		
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice		
Sat 5	11.00 am	Yr Offren		
Sun 6	WHAT IS FAITH? P17 (Trinity 16) Ist Sunday in October			
	9.00 am	Parish Breakfast		
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist & Harvest Festival		
	12.00 noon	Harvest Festival at St. Tudno's followed by bring and		
		share lunch at the Rectory followed by		
	2.30 pm	Friends of St. Tudno's AGM at the Rectory		
Mon 7	9.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group		
	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union Charles Stallard Scilly Isles		
	6.30 pm	Hand Bell Ringing in the Choir Vestry		
Tue 8	II.00 am	Cytun Julian Group at Stella Maris		
Wed 9	Cynog, Abb			
	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist		
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning inc 150 Club Draw		
	7.00 pm	Bible Society Annual Quiz at Gloddaeth Church		
Thurs 10	10.00 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael Meeting		
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist with Ministry of Healing		
Fri II	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice		
Sat 12	11.00 am	Yr Offren		
Sun 13	IT'S NOT TOO LATE P18 (Trinity 17) 2nd			
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist		
	9.30 am	Junior Church		
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist		
	4.00 pm	Climate Change Action Group at Rectory		
Mon 14	9.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group		
	6.30 pm	Hand Bell Ringing in the Choir Vestry		

Wed 16	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning	
Thurs 17	17 Ignatius, Bishop and Martyr		
	10.30 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael Prayers for healing	
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
Fri 18	Luke, Evanş	gelist	
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	
Sat 19	Henry Mar	tyn,Translator and Missionary	
	11.00 am	Yr Offren	
Sun 20	RIVALRY (OR RECONCILIATION P2 I 3rd Sunday	
	(Trinity 18)		
Mon 21	9.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group	
	6.30 pm	Hand Bell Ringing in the Choir Vestry	
Tue 22	2.30 pm	Parish Fellowship Eucharist and Opening Meeting	
Wed 23	James of Jerusalem, Bishop and Martyr		
	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning	
Thurs 24	10.30 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael Prayers for healing	
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
Fri 25	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	
Sat 26	Alfred, King		
	11.00 am	Yr Offren	
Sun 27	FREEDOM	1! P24 4th Sunday	
J an 2 7	(Bible Sunday/Last Sunday after Trinity)		
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
	9.30 am	Junior Church	
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	
	3.00 pm	Bible Society Bible Sunday Service at Stella Maris	
Mon 28	9.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group	
	6.30 pm	Hand Bell Ringing in the Choir Vestry	
Tue 29	2.30 pm	Parish Fellowship Vicky MacDonald Mulberry	
		Harbour	
Wed 30	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning	
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Thurs 31 Catholic and Protestant Saints and Martyrs of the **Reformation Era** Guild of Health and St. Raphael Prayers for healing 10.30 am Holy Eucharist inc All Saints' Celebration 11.00 am Fri I All Saints' Day (celebration transferred to previous day) 7.30 pm **Bell Ringing Practice** Sat 2 All Souls' Day 9.00 am Requiem Eucharist 11.00 am Yr Offren 7.30 pm Requiem Eucharist Sun 3 **GETTING SLAVERY OUT OF THE PEOPLE P26** (Kingdom I) 1st Sunday in October 8.00 am Holy Eucharist Junior Church 9.30 am 10.30 am Sung Eucharist Parent and Toddler Group Mon 4 9.30 am 2.30 pm Mothers' Union -- Rev Mike Harrison -- Egypt 6.30 pm Hand Bell Ringing in the Choir Vestry Parish Fellowship -- Gwyneth Peters -- A Hebrides Tue 5 2.30 pm Oddesey Wed 6 Illtud. Abbot 9.00 am Holy Eucharist Coffee Morning 10.00 am Richard Davies, Bishop and Translator Thurs 7 Guild of Health and St. Raphael Prayers for healing 10.30 am 11.00 am Holy Eucharist The Saints of Wales transferred to following day Fri 8 7.30 pm **Bell Ringing Practice** Sat 9 The Saints of Wales 11.00 am Yr Offren

Sun 10 FROM UGLYNESS, A BEAUTY EMERGES P28 2nd Sunday (Kingdom 2)

8.00 am Holy Eucharist9.30 am Junior Church10.30 am Sung Eucharist



A Letter from the Vicar

I write this month's letter the day after the Global day of Action for Climate Change. This saw young people take to the streets and protest to the politicians about the need for climate justice sooner rather than later if the planet is to be a habitable place for future generations of children. Not

everyone approves of gesture politics such as this: some criticised parents for allowing the young people to bunk off school in order to make their feelings heard and felt.

Ten years ago, I cycled from London to Copenhagen with some 30 other climate change activists to the United Nations Climate Change talks being held in Copenhagen, Denmark. One of our number, an irascible 69-year-old Priest from Norwich, Hereward Cooke, was an inspiration in his determination to get to the city despite very cold weather and difficult cycling conditions. Once in Copenhagen, he and I had a wonderful time: listening to Desmond Tutu addressing a crowd on the Sunday morning; attending a cathedral service at which Rowan Williams was the preacher; and meeting some wonderful people who took us back to their home and wined and dined us. The following day he went over the bridge connecting Denmark to Sweden and returned late that night exhilarated, if tired.



You can imagine our shock the following morning when we discovered he had passed away during the night in the youth hostel room he was sharing with six others. Suddenly, our focus as a group shifted entirely to feelings of sudden loss and sorrow. We returned home that day

completely stunned and trying to make sense of the fragility of our lives.

That weekend I felt part of a global movement for change that was united in its call for swift actions to halt the earth from warming to a dangerous level. That was ten years ago, and economics and Europe have been allowed to dominate the political landscape over the past decade, at the expense of the environment and ecological crisis. The young Swede Greta Thunberg has become the unlikely spokeswoman for this new wave of action. It's very biblical really: "...and a little child shall lead them," as Isaiah foretold.

At the beginning of the month, 15 people met in the Rectory on a Sunday afternoon to think about how the churches in Llandudno might raise awareness of some of the issues associated with climate change and global warming. There was a good energy in the room and desire to connect with what Ysgol San Siôr is doing.

It was decided therefore to come together at San Siôr school on Friday 4th October, the Feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of all things 'Green', for an Animal Blessing Service for the school's menagerie followed by a talk from the children about their policy on plastics and recycling. Then to go to the West Shore, and, inspired by an idea from Wendy Lonsdale, pick up rubbish left on the West Shore with

some of the children from the school. Perhaps we'll finish with a fish and chips lunch or something! All are welcome to come to part or all of this morning's activities. We'll re-convene as an action group at the Rectory on Sunday 13 October at 4.00 pm.

Yours in Christ

Andrew

News and Notices

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

There will be a Joint Churches' (St. John's Methodist Church and Holy Trinity Church) Coffee Morning for the benefit of Christian Aid on Thursday 3 October between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. The venue will be Holy Trinity Church Hall. Donations of cake for this event would be greatly welcome and if you would like to come along for a coffee, then that would be great.

Jenny Jones (Eurig's wife)

Harvest Festivals

Both our Harvest Festivals at Holy Trinity Church and St. Tudno's Church are to take place on the same Sunday – that is Sunday 6 October. The service at Holy Trinity will start at 10.30 am and the service at St. Tudno's will start at 12.30 noon.

There will be no Junior Church at Holy Trinity. Instead, there will be a Parish Breakfast at 9.00 am to which those who would normally attend Junior Church or the 10.30 am Eucharist are most welcome to attend. Breakfast will consist of a bacon bap and teal coffee. You are of course welcome to bring along alternatives. The following Eucharist will be a Family Service.

The service at St. Tudno's will be followed by a bring and share lunch at the Rectory and that will be followed by the AGM of the Friends of St. Tudno's – for more details see the St. Tudno's and the Friends of St. Tudno's articles in the following pages.

Your gifts for Harvest-tide will be donated to the Conwy Food Bank. Please do not bring anything that is potentially perishable.

Mothers' Union

On Thursday 20 June, Jenny Lane, our Mother's Union Diocesan President, along with 13 other MU members from the Bangor Diocese visited Holy Trinity for a Quiet Day.

Some of our own MU Members were able to join the group. Our own Archdeacon Mary welcomed the group and celebrated the Holy Eucharist at 11.00 am. After tea and coffee in the hall Mary gave a talk illustrated with pictures of an Icon depicting the Parable of the Good Samaritan. The theme for the day was companionship and sharing.

We enjoyed fellowship over lunch with tea/coffee then enjoyed another short illustrated talk followed by time for reflection. The Group thoroughly enjoyed their time with us and after taking the trail around Holy Trinity left to spend a little time in Llandudno soaking in the sunshine.

Our October meeting takes place on Monday 7th at 2.30 pm where Charles Stallard will talk to us about the Scilly Islands. November's meeting is on Monday 4th at 2.30 pm where Mike Harrison will be talking on the subject of "Egypt".

Jennifer

An Invitation

Edna and I will be more than happy for all of you to come and share in our wedding the service at Holy Trinity on Thursday 31 October at 2.30 pm. The

Parish Fellowship Autumn Programme

22 October Opening Meeting after Eucharist

29 October Vicky MacDonald "Mulberry Harbour"

5 November Gwyneth Peters "A Hebrides Odyssey"

12 November Llandudno Christmas Fare

19 November Rev David Halstead "What a wonderful world"

26 November Nigel Garry "Accessible Holidays for the blind and

visually impaired"

3 December Adrian Owen "St. David's Hospice"

10 December Closing meeting, Christmas Party and Carols

All meetings Tuesdays at 2.30 pm in Church Hall. Everybody Welcome

Vernon Morris

Coffee for Christian Aid





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occasion is of course a public event. We are sorry that after the service, the limits of the room and resources rule out inviting everyone to the "do". You do not need to dress as though you were going to the Royal Enclosure at Ascot.

Robert Pearce

are Monday mornings on 30 September, 14 October, 28 October and 11 November – all at 10.30 am. Alternatively you can come on Thursday evenings at 7.00 pm on 17 October, 7 November (instead of 31 October) and 14 November. No homework, unless you want to. Just bring yourselves.

Robert Pearce

Robert's Bible Study

Our exploration of the Bible based on our alternative lectionary in the book We Make the Road by Walking has attracted an encouraging turnout at the first few sessions, including, happily, some non-Anglicans.

The fortnightly series continues at my house (14 Trinity Avenue). New faces are always welcome. Upcoming dates

St. Tudno's Church

The variable "summer" weather continued through late August and September, as a results of which a number of the open air services were held inside – as much due to high winds as to rain. The final Pilgrim Prayers of the season was held on Saturday 31 August and number of the prayer leaders gathered at



The final Pilgrim Prayers at St. Tudno's Church.

St. Tudno's to say the Prayers together, enjoy a picnic lunch and compare experiences. Some wonderful encounters took place during the month, many thanks to all those who led and participated in Pilgrim Prayers. The last service of Compline by Candlelight for the season was on Tuesday 3 September, when we gathered in the candlelit chancel for this lovely, peaceful service. On Sunday 22 September St. Tudno's welcomed members of the Llandudno Branch of Soroptimists International for their annual Service for Peace, led by Mary.

St. Tudno's summer season ends with Harvest Festival at 12.00 noon on Sunday 6 October and, hopefully, this will be held in the open air. This is the day when Wales Rally GB will be using Marine Drive for one of the rally stages, which is due to finish at 12.00 noon.Access to St. Tudno's will be via Ty Gwyn Road and the Rally Stewards have been informed of the service at St. Tudno's and have instructions to allow those attending to drive to the church. For this service a free taxi will depart from Holy Trinity at 11.30 am. The service will be followed by a bring-and-share Harvest Lunch at the Rectory.

St. Tudno's will be open every day until the end of autumn half term (Friday 2 November) and then weekends and Wednesdays over winter. Over winter services will be held once a month, usually on the first Sunday of the month.

Vicky Ford and Christine Jones

Songs of Praise at St. Tudno's

As reported last month, St. Tudno's annual Songs of Praise service was held in August but on Sunday 15 September St. Tudno's was visited by a team recording for the "real" Songs of Praise. This was a conversation between Russell Watson, who was performing at Venue Cymru that week, and his surgeon, James Leggate. A BBC producer had visited St. Tudno's at some time and decided that. this would provide a more photogenic setting than James's hospital. The plan was that the conversation would take place outside and the drone operator, Sunny, made some "flights" over the church to show the fantastic location and Russell and James arriving there. Unfortunately the cloud then came down and rain began so the film crew, Lorna and Mark, moved inside to record the conversation. Russell was accompanied by his wife, Louise, and a couple of their team and Shirley and Christine served everyone hot drinks (it was rather cold in the church) and cakes. Russell and James enjoyed Shirley's bara brith - their first introduction to this Welsh delicacy - while Louise enjoyed Christine's chocolate cake and it was an interesting afternoon with these lovely people. It is expected that the interview will feature in the programme on Sunday 3 November but there is a possibility that it could be the week before, so keep an eye on the BBC1 programme schedule if you would like to watch it.

Christine Jones

It's Your Neighbourhood Awards

Many congratulations to the Holy Trinity Troughs Team for gaining a Level 3, "Advancing" award in this Royal Horticultural Society scheme. The scheme is not competitive but awards groups which are working to "green up" their local environments. This is an excellent result for a new group and the assessor said the following in his report.



Areas around Holy Trinity Church identified where more plants could be introduced.



"Thank you for allowing me the time to visit your exciting project. It's really lovely how you have enhanced the church area. Can you pass on my congratulations to all of your volunteers. A good range of containers with some good choices of plants and some herbaceous planting. They are well maintained and give many opportunities for community cohesion, social inclusion and community well-being. It's a really

lovely space for the whole community to enjoy. I hope you re-enter 'It's Neighbourhood' Award next year so we can see your progress."

The judge made some suggestions for further developments in the church grounds, including introducing more plants at attract wildlife. Members of the Team have already been discussing this and are hoping to develop some areas just to the south east of the church, as shown in the photos. It is hoped that one area can be planted with wildflower seeds and another with shrubs which attract insects such as bees and butterflies. Suitable shrubs could include hebes, hardy fuschias, bush roses (the types with open flowers) and buddleias (but not the invasive *Buddleja davidii*). If you would like to help the Team by donating any plants or making cuttings of some from your garden, please contact Terry. For instance, I have taken some cuttings of a large hebe bush in my garden which has a long flowering season and attracts many bees.

Congratulations, too, to the Friends of St. Tudno's Church who with their longer established project gained a Level 4 award (there are five levels), "Thriving". The assessor for St. Tudno's commented favourably on the maintenance of the churchyard for wildlife, activities for children and recovery of historical headstones and also made suggestions for further developments.

Congratulations are also due to all those involved in Llandudno's Wales in Bloom entry, which included visits to St. Tudno's churchyard and to Ysgol San Sior. Llandudno won a Gold Award and Best in Category (Coastal, population more than 12,000), while Ysgol San Sior won the School Garden competition. Llandudno also entered Britain in Bloom, the results of which are expected in October.

Christine Jones

Homelessness

An open CYTUN meeting was held on 10 September at which there

was strong support for developing a pop-up shelter in the coming winter. Negotiations are now proceeding with Conwy County Council to secure a co-ordinator for the scheme.

On Sunday 23 September, a congregational meeting at Holy Trinity resulted in a number of volunteers coming forward and the possibility of using Holy Trinity hall on one night per week was examined.

Mike Harrison

150 Club Report

The draw for August was held during the coffee morning on Wednesday 11 September 2019. The following three winning numbers were drawn:

lst	£90	Number 81 Marion Heald
2nd	£40	Number 40 Glenis Roberts
3rd	£20	Number 20 Peggy Jones

The September draw will take place during the coffee morning on Wednesday, 9 October 2019. We would like to thank everybody for their support in this venture and hope that next month your name will be listed as above as a winner. It is not too late to join. New forms can be found at the back of the Church or in the Church hall.

Terry Dewar (Promoter)

Friends of St. Tudno's Church

The Friends' AGM will be held at the Rectory on Sunday 6 October, at 2.30 pm, following St. Tudno's Harvest Festival and the bring-and-share lunch at the Rectory. The AGM comprises a short business meeting, membership renewal and a slide show of Friends' events and events at St. Tudno's in the last year. Everyone is welcome to attend and this is a good time to meet the Friends and learn about what we do.

The autumn working party will be held on either Saturday 12 October or

Saturday 26 October. The date will be decided at a Committee meeting after this magazine has gone to press, so please contact me or check the weekly Bulletins for details. During the working party we will clean the church, put away the benches and rake and remove strimmed grass. The latter is important to help encourage wildflowers in the churchyard – and there is a lot of grass to remove this time so help will be much appreciated! Not all the tasks will be strenuous, there will be jobs for everyone, and hot drinks and cakes will be provided to keep everybody going.



Congratulations to the Holy Trinity Troughs Team on the award of Gold and Best in Class (Places of Worship) in the Llandudno in Bloom competition. Ray and Judith received the awards at a ceremony in the Town Hall on 23 September.

We hope to see you at one of our events but we are also delighted to welcome Friends from near and far who would like to become part of St. Tudno's "extended family", keep in touch through our newsletter and support the work of St. Tudno's though their prayers.

Christine Jones

Llawns Arts Weekend

The Llawn Arts Weekend, now in its 7th year opened at Mostyn Art Gallery on Friday 13th September. Shirley and I went along to the opening evening. We saw various performances and events. There were some trendy monsters, a



cat on a mat, various paintings and shapes, and a metre cubist bust derived from muses of the 19th century and from portraits on view at the Victoria





and Albert Museum.It's called "Amanda I" by artist Nick Hornby. There was also a Joon Dance in which a man and woman were chained together and tried to move in different directions but were always are pulled back together. On Saturday we saw more events. In the church grounds there was a stand by Disability Arts Cymru called "What in the World is Pants?" You could write what you thought is wrong in today's world on cut outs which were then hung up on a washing line. There was also a free bicycle taxi ride showing us all the painted murals around the town. We particularly liked the mural outside Venue Cymru. We also went to "Ye Olde Curiously Musical Shoppe" at HAUS, Vaughan Street, where re-

cycled items were used as musical instruments, which made a quite a loud cacophony! On the prom, the Hijinx Theatre performed the "Rock Cliche", a fantasy comic rock band. A puppet show, The Hunt for the Twrch Trwyth, in which a wild boar is chased by King Arthur interacted with passers by. This year there were also evening events, of poetry reading and musical performances. There were many other shows which we did not have time to visit but those we did see were very entertaining.

Rob Georgeson

Sunday Rota

Sunday 6 October		Sunday 20 October		Sunday 27 October	
Flowers	Team	Flowers	Gay	Flowers	Gay
Reader	TBA	Reader	Stephanie	Reader	Wendy
Sidespersons	Terry	Sidespersons	Terry	Sidespersons	Cynthia
	Sandra		Suzi		Wendy
	Suzi		Doug		Adrian
	Marie		Vicky		Marie
Collectors	Joyce S	Collectors	Joyce C	Collectors	Linda
	Ron		Cath		Joyce S
Eucharistic	Cath	Eucharistic	Marion	Eucharistic	Cath
Ministers	Geoff	Ministers	Judith	Ministers	Terry

Sunday 13 O	ctober
Flowers	Team
Reader	Edna
Sidespersons	Cynth

Cynthia Angela Adrian Harry Annabel

Pat

Collectors

Eucharistic Angela Ministers Stan



The treasurer made the most of his moment in the limelight

Sunday 3 November

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Flowers	Judith
Reader	TBA
Sidespersons	Terry
	Sandra
	Doug
	Harry
Collectors	Annabel
	Pat
Eucharistic	Geoff
Ministers	John

From the Parish Pump

Church in Wales Centenary Appeal

Homeless people and victims of conflict are the focus of a major appeal to mark next year's centenary of the Church In Wales.

Two charities will benefit from the Centenary Appeal which aims to raise

at least £100,000 over the next five years. The money will go to two specific projects — one at home, run by Housing Justice Cymru, to help homeless people and the other supporting peace-building in South Sudan through Christian Aid.

The appeal was launched at the Church's

Governing Body meeting in September, ahead of the 2020 anniversary year. An Instagiv site went live at the meeting.

To donate £5 please text CENTENARY to 70660

Donations can also be made by cheque made payable to the RBCIW, marked for the Centenary Appeal.

The Archbishop of Wales, John Davies, is calling on people to be as generous as they were 100 years ago when another significant appeal was launched. He says, "Back in 1920 we launched an appeal to establish the Church In Wales and parishioners from every church in the country gave so generously that the Church has been sustained for 100 years. I can think of no better way to celebrate our birthday than by launching another major appeal to raise money - not for ourselves but for those in need, both at home and overseas. I am confident that people will respond with similar generosity and enthusiasm. I also ask you to pray for these projects: for those who run them, for the people they will benefit, and for the energy and commitment to use them to build up God's Kingdom of justice and peace, solidarity and compassion."

It will be far easier for people to donate to the Centenary Appeal than it was 100-years-ago, however. For the first time, the Church is setting up an Instagiv site so that people can donate a fixed amount via text on the phone, as well as giving through traditional means. Canon Carol Wardman, Bishops' Adviser for Church and Society, says, "We are pledging to raise £100,000 but if everyone in our churches gave just a few pounds we would quickly surpass that amount. However, the aim is not just about raising money — it is also about deepening our understanding and solidarity with people experiencing hardship and poverty, and to develop our relationship with organisations helping them."

All the money collected will be distributed equally between Christian Aid and Housing Justice Cymru. The charities will give regular reports and feedback about the progress of the projects to show how the money is making a difference to people's lives.

CHRISTIAN AID

The Christian Aid project supports the work of the Justice, Peace and Reconciliation Committee of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan – a country riven by violence and one of the poorest in the world.

Mari McNeill, head of Christian Aid Wales, says, "The Church in Wales has been a key supporter of Christian Aid throughout our 70 years of existence. We're delighted to see this latest commitment of the Church to partner with us to work for dignity, equality and justice for people living the reality of extreme poverty in South Sudan where conflict is exacerbating poverty and the humanitarian crisis. The funds raised will go towards supporting those

involved in essential peace-building activities in South Sudan such as trauma healing, advocacy, workshops and peace prayer vigils and training for community leaders. Through the generosity of church members, the Church in Wales will be helping communities to respond to real challenges of building peace with courage and hope."

HOUSING JUSTICE CYMRU

The Housing Justice Cymru project will fund church-led night shelters for homeless people across Wales. It will also deliver training to clergy and church members, creating 'Housing Champions' in each diocese who can offer practical support and an informed response to homelessness.

Sharon Lee, director of Housing Justice Cymru, says, "As a Christian charity, it is an honour to work with the Church in Wales across our nation. This appeal will make a huge difference and will change lives. It means we will be able to support churches in providing hospitality and compassion to people who would otherwise be sleeping on our streets during the winter. It will also help us equip and support the many members of the Church in Wales who want to help those in their community."

Bookseller jailed in Iran for selling a Bible

A Kurdish bookseller will spend months in prison in Iran for selling a Bible, according to reports. Mustafa Rahimi, who was seized by government security agents, was fined and given the prison sentence on 11 June and then bailed, only to be summoned to jail a few days later.

Reports varied as to whether Rahimi was sentenced to six months and one day or three months and one day.

The bookseller's family reportedly said he was jailed for selling the Bible by the Islamic Revolutionary Court in the city of Bukan.

Bukan is in the far north-west of Iran, close to the border with Iraq, and about 100 miles south of Tabriz, where an Assyrian church was recently sealed by government agents.

The Iranian authorities have a long history of attempting to block the distribution of the Bible, especially if it is in the Farsi language. Although the Iranian authorities permit historic Assyrian and Armenian Christian minorities to meet together for worship, converts from Islam, who worship in the national language Farsi, are persecuted.

Security forces confiscate Bibles and Christian literature, including hymn books; and the government forcibly closed the Bible Society in 1990.

In November 2010, 300 Farsi New Testaments were reportedly seized in a bus at the Iranian border and burned, and in August 2011, the authorities announced they had seized 6,500 Bibles between Zanjan and Abhar in the same north-west region as Bukan.

Pastors in India could be jailed for seven years under new conversion law

Pastors could face up to seven years in jail if they are found guilty of illegal conversion activities in the northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh after a strict new law was approved on 31 August.

Indian church leader Sajan K George slammed the state government over the new legislation, saying, "Anticonversion laws are a tool to harass vulnerable Christians."

India's widespread anti-conversion laws have been used to target Christians in India. Christians are often falsely accused of converting people by fraud, force or allurement, which is specifically banned by law in certain states.

Under the new Himachal Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act 2019, anyone convicted may be jailed for between one to five years, and up to seven if it involves the conversion of women, minors and Dalits (formerly termed "untouchables" and despised by most of society).

Pastors and others who are accused of "forcing" people to convert in the Indian state of Himachal Pradesh may now be jailed for up to seven years [Image source: Sumita Roy Dutta]

The law still requires that would-be converts and their pastors declare their intentions one month in advance in a letter to a district magistrate.

"The previous 2006 law [2006 Freedom of Religion Act] provided for a maximum of two years in prison for those who broke the rules," said George, president of the Global Council of Indian Christians. "The new law contains some terms that were absent in the past, such as coercion, misrepresentation, marriage, excessive influence."

He added, "Anti-conversion laws discriminate against religious minorities. They can plant seeds of sectarian suspicion among communities that have lived together in a peaceful manner and can be used against the weakest in society, in particular Dalits, women and children"

Anti-conversion laws have been misinterpreted or twisted by accusers and have led to mobs attacking Christians and other minorities. Blind Pastor Balu Saste and his wife were stripped and beaten when they were arrested by police after an angry mob of extremists stormed their church in 2016. They and ten other Christians were finally cleared of charges of making "forced conversions" by a court in Madhya Pradesh on 6 May 2019.

Christians have taken action to promote biodiversity for Season of Creation 2019

Church-goers across the world have been in wellies in recent weeks, in order to clean local waterways, plant trees and promote wild areas in churchyards as part of a global initiative to encourage biodiversity and help stem the effects of climate change.

From 1st September to 4th October Christians around the world, including from the Church of England, have joined together for the Season of Creation, a festival of prayer and community action to help protect the natural world.

An Ecumenical initiative launched in 1989, Season of Creation was given a major boost by Pope Francis in 2016 when, speaking before nearly two million people at the World Youth Day in Krakow, he declared 1st September an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

And with devastating wildfires in the Amazon and Siberia, the hottest late August Bank Holiday on record in the UK, and global wildlife populations reported to have reduced by 60 per cent between 1970 and 2014, more and more people are being moved to action.

Under its full theme 'The Web of Life: Biodiversity as God's blessing', Season of Creation 2019 encourages churches and communities to hold sustainability events, including cleaning local waterways, planting trees and allowing churchyards and other spaces to grow wild in order to encourage biodiversity. Participants are also challenged to photograph and share images that celebrate the biodiversity around their church on social media using #SeasonofCreation.

The Bishop of Salisbury, Nicholas Holtam a member of the Season of Creation Steering panel who also chairs the Church of England's Environmental Working Group, said: "We love the beauty of the earth. The fires in the Amazon show how interconnected we are in this beautiful, wonderful, fragile planet. We know there are serious issues to address if we are going to care for God's earth.

"Season of Creation is a chance once again to give thanks for the gifts of creation, to pray and act in ways that care for God's creation and address the issues of climate change and the depletion of species. It is the joyful, hopeful responsibility of people throughout the world and particularly of the Church which is both local and global."

Churchyards are important for their habitats and as refuges for wildlife and plant life. Most churches have some green space. And in some urban areas they are the only green 'breathing' space available for both wildlife and people. It is estimated that six out of 10 churches in this country have churchyards, roughly equalling the area of a small national park.

They are a precious resource which can make a huge difference to the biodiversity of the UK.

The theme encapsulates two theological principles, that all creation comes from God, and that humans play a part in it.

The Church of England has collated online resources to equip churches, communities and individuals to respond and pray during the Season of Creation 2019. It also provides resources for prayer and worship throughout the year here, and practical advice on biodiversity.

Christian woman who refused to renounce faith starts prison sentence at notorious Iranian jail

A Christian woman started a prison sentence in Iran on 31 August for "propaganda" against the government after earlier refusing pressure from judges to renounce her faith.

Fatemeh Bakhteri was told she would serve one year in prison in September 2018 after her Christian activities led to her being convicted.

Fatemeh Bakhteri, a convert from Islam, has started a one-year prison sentence in Iran after her Christian activities led to her being convicted of "propaganda" against the government (Image credit: Article 18)

In an initial appeal hearing in January 2019, Fatemeh, also known as Ailar, was pressured by the two judges to renounce her faith, but she refused to do so. In May 2019, her appeal was then rejected. She was finally summoned to start her jail term at Evin Prison in Tehran on 31 August. The prison is notorious for prolonged interrogations and the abusive treatment of inmates.

Fatemeh was also banned for two years from engaging in any social activity with more than two people.

She had been appearing in court with a fellow Christian convert from Islam, Saheb Fadaie, who was convicted of "acting against national security" and sentenced to 18 months imprisonment and two years in exile in Hamedan, a city and province about 160 miles west of the capital Tehran. Saheb, who also refused to renounce his faith, is already serving a ten-year prison sentence for other Christian activities.

Another Iranian Christian woman, Roksari Kanbari, 65, was handed a one-year prison sentence on 29 July after being convicted two days earlier for "propaganda against the system". Friends who witnessed proceedings said that the judge was rude and tried to humiliate Roksari, previously a Muslim, when she disagreed with him. Roksari had been forced to go to an Islamic religious leader to be "instructed" and "offered the opportunity to return to Islam" before she was sentenced. She will appeal, according to a Barnabas contact.

The appeals against prison sentences of three Assyrian Christians, Pastor Victor Bet Tamraz, his wife, Shamiram, and their son, Ramiel, imposed for "acting against national security" were postponed on 3 September after the judge failed to turn up.

Marriage registration changes on the way!

The Government plans to introduce a new system of registration for marriages, including church weddings, in England and Wales.

It is anticipated that the new system will replace traditional marriage registers with a new "marriage document" to be signed by the couple at the wedding and lodged with the local register office.

Although no date has been set for implementing the new system, representatives of the Church of England, together with the Church in Wales and the Faculty Office of the Archbishop of Canterbury, have been in discussion with the General Register Office on how it will be introduced.

It is expected that the General Register Office will provide training and information for clergy. Details will be announced as soon as possible.

The Revd Dr Malcolm Brown, the Church of England's Director of Mission and Public Affairs, said: "We are in close discussions with the General Register Office, who are working hard to ensure that the change in the system of registering marriages is as smooth and seamless as possible.

"I want to reassure clergy and couples planning a marriage that we are absolutely committed to making the new system work within the context of a Church of England marriage service and the GRO has promised to provide training and comprehensive userfriendly information for clergy.

"We are currently in discussion with the GRO about the exact shape that will take and will update clergy as soon as the details have been finalised.

"Although no firm date has yet been set for the introduction of the new system we are aware of the desire to implement it as soon as possible.

"A church wedding is a very special day where unique promises are made before God and in the presence of friends, family and the wider community in a timeless setting, marking the beginning of their married lives together."

More details at: http://www.facultyoffice.org.uk/special-licences/marriagelaw-news/



The previous month's Harvest Festival donation from the Genetic Modification research laboratory was proving to be a useful stop-gap until the steeple restoration fund reached its target

Attendance Figures for August 2019

		Eucharists to August 3rd	14
August 4th Trinity 7	8.00 am 10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Other weekday Eucharists	26 77 23
August 11th Trinity 8	8.00 am 10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Other weekday Eucharists	16 62 23
August 18th Trinity 9	8.00 am 10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Other weekday Eucharists	17 74 31
August 25th Trinity 10	8.00 am 10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Other weekday Eucharists	22 80 19

The Great War (newly identified)

William Davies (Will Denbigh)

44946, Private, I/5th Northumberland Fusiliers (Territorial Force)

Died of wounds, 27 October 1917, aged 20

Buried at Solferino Farm Cemetery, Belgium

Brother of Daniel Davies

NOTE

This soldier has been particularly difficult to identify. There are two soldiers of this name on the Llandudno memorials. The Roll of Honour (a copy hangs on the west wall of Holy Trinity) records that one was

a private in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers and he is readily identified as William Davies (RWF 26208). The Roll records that the other was in the Royal Garrison Artillery whilst the War Memorial names him as "Will (Denbigh) Davies. Both hints drew a blank. It was eventually discovered that a known casualty, Daniel Davies of the RGA, had a brother William (also killed in the Great War) and that the family had lived in Denbigh between 1903 and 1906.

William Davies, the son of a coal miner, William Davies and his wife Joanna Davies (née Jones) was born at Llandudno on 19 September 1897. By 1901, the family was living at 14

Penygelli Road, Bersham, Denbighshire, William having five siblings including Daniel Davies (qv). In August 1903, William was registered at Lenten Pool National School, Denbigh with a home address of 145 Henllan Street, Denbigh. He left school "for Llandudno" in June 1905 where he attended St. George's National School and St. Bueno's School. In 1911, the family lived at 5 Bryn-y-Gwynt Terrace, Great Orme, Llandudno, William (senior) being a labourer and his wife Joanna being a certified midwife. William left school in July 1911 and later lived at 3 Wyddfyd Road.

William Davies enlisted at Caernarvon. His first known regimental number was 161 in the 53rd (or 1/1st) Welsh Divisional Cyclist Company. This number was issued in May 1915 and some soldiers with close numbers had previously served in the Cheshire Regiment since around November 1914. The company was attached to the 53rd (Welsh) Division, Territorial Force, and sailed to Gallipoli on 16 July 1915, disembarking on 10 August 1915. He was about 13 months underage. On a date unknown. William returned to the UK, being posted to the Training Centre of the Army Cyclist Corps at Chiseldon with a Regular Army number of 15069 - perhaps his age had been discovered. At Chiseldon, he joined up with other Llandudno cyclists including (all qv): Donald Evans (ex 3/1stWDCC), David Hobson (ex 3/1st WDCC, posted to Chiseldon on I November 1916), Robert Roberts and William Glyndwr

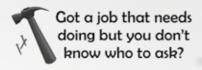
Owen (Penrhynside). All were compulsorily transferred to the Northumberland Fusiliers and disembarked in France on 11 December 1916. William Davies' new regimental number was 44946 and he was posted from the infantry base depot to the 19th (Service) Battalion (2nd Tyneside Pioneers) with the others named, joining the battalion on 15 December 1916. At the beginning of October 1917, the 1/5th Northumberland Fusiliers (Territorial Force) was understrength and it received over 250 reinforcements, many from the 19th NF including William Davies, Donald Evans, Robert Roberts and William Glyndwr Owen who were posted on 11 October 1917.

On 26 October 1917, the 1/5th NF took part in a disastrous diversionary attack during the Second Battle of Passchendaele. Robert Roberts was killed in action on that day and both William Davies and Donald Evans were wounded. William Glyndwr Owen was listed as missing. William Davies died of his wounds on 27 October 1917, aged 20 and was buried at Solferino Farm Cemetery, near Ypres.

Known memorials:

- North Wales Memorial Arch, Bangor
- Llandudno Roll of Honour (possibly, as RGA)
- Llandudno War Memorial (as Will [Denbigh] Davies)
- Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church

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The Churchyards in September

The troughs at Holy Trinity which so impressed the It's Your Neighbourhood assessor continued to look beautiful and colourful and the flowers attracted beneficial insects such as bumblebees, solitary bees and hoverflies, all of which will have benefitted from the late season pollen and nectar. Garden spiders could be seen in the centres of their webs, waiting for or wrapping up their prey.

In St. George's churchyard, fallen acorns provided a feast for grey squirrels, spotted hopping about amongst the grass or running up and down the trees. It is hard not to admire the agility of these



Common carder bumblebee on fuschia.



Garden spider wrapping up its prey.



Acorn at St. George's Churchyard.

lively animals. Flowers around the Memorial Garden also supported wildlife, with the sedums being particularly attractive to bees.

In St. Tudno's churchyard the wildflowers were nearing the end of their flowering season but thistle seeds provided food for birds, while the thistledown itself looked beautiful catching the sunlight. The damp weather might not have been very helpful for open air services but brought out the slugs and snails, including some tiny banded snails which must have hatched this season.

Christine Jones



Bee on sedum.



Thistledown.



Banded snail in St. Tudno's Churchyard.

The Bishop's Ministry Fund contribution for 2019 is £85059 (over 6% increase)

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Coffee Time

Cryptics (thanks and courtesy Barbara Cartwright)

All animals

- 1. Island breed and there's no end of them. (4,4)
- 2. We hear the moan of Moby Dick. (5)
- 3. Upper parts of sea harbouring a real killer. (5)
- 4. E.G. see them laying on the sixth day of Christmas. (5)
- 5. To imitate a pea is monkey business.(3)
- 6. Part cook a pigeon for striped mammal. (5)
- 7. Compilers going to the dogs?(7)
- 8. Ged hopes: it reads like two animals, but it's only one. (8)
- 9. Animal with awfully neat stride. (8)
- 10. Billy's mate. (5,4)

Results for September

- I. Imperious
- 2. Interstellar
- 3. Insight
- 4. In limbo
- 5. Intrude
- 6. Insolent
- 7. Imps
- 8. Igloo
- 9. Ideal
- 10. Iced



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