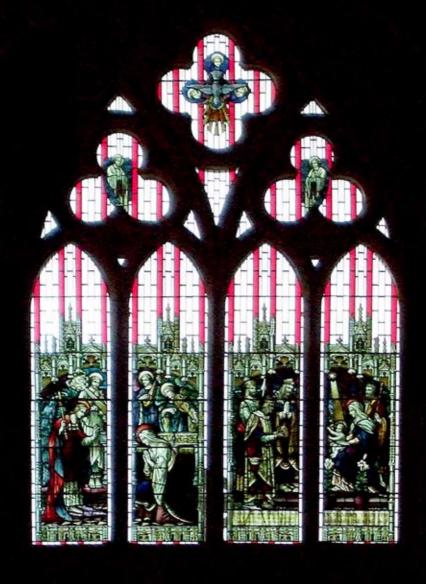
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## **Services**

# Holy Trinity Church, Mostyn Street

#### Sundays

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

10.30 am Sung Eucharist (1st, 3rd, 4th

& 5th Sundays)

Matins followed by shortened Eucharist (2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday)

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)

9.00 am Holy Eucharist (Wed)

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

# 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.



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# From the Rectory

What does your Baptism mean to you? If, like me, you actually remember being baptised it is bound to be an important milestone in your life. But it doesn't really matter whether you remember it or not, because baptism is

not just about the actual ceremony itself – important and vital though that is – but is also about the **life** which flows from it.

Whether we remember being baptised or not, this sacrament has changed us, made us a different person than we would otherwise have been, and it has given a new dimension to our lives. If we do not remember ever having been un-baptised, or if our baptism was many years ago, it is perhaps difficult to appreciate this difference, but it is there all the same.

Baptism gives us a new relationship to God: we are united to Christ in his death and resurrection (Christened); we are cleansed from sin and filled with his Spirit; He lives within us in a new way. But we also become part of a great fellowship – the Church, the Body of Christ. We are drawn into the community of the Holy Spirit. The Christian should never really speak of 'going to church' – the gathering of Christians for worship is rather a making visible of the community of the baptised – the



Church becoming visibly what it already spiritually is.

This month we have a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon what our baptism means to us. On the Sunday after Epiphany we keep the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.

In celebrating the moment when Jesus was baptised by John in the River Jordan we are enabled to celebrate our own baptism too.

Of course Our Lord didn't need to be baptised. He was the sinless Son of God. It would seem that for Him Baptism meant identifying himself with us in our sinfulness. In his baptism the Lord



"... and as a precaution against another heating failure, all our kneelers have been replaced with hot-water-hassocks."

was in a sense already taking on the sins of the world, showing himself as the Lamb of God. It was also, of course, a way of marking the beginning of his ministry. The Gospels describe how the Spirit descended on him as a dove and the voice proclaimed him to be 'my beloved Son'. The baptism of Christ is celebrated in the Epiphany season because at this moment he was **revealed** or **shown forth** as the divine Son.

But as we reflect on the meaning of Our Lord's baptism, so we can give thanks for our own. As sinful, imperfect human beings we **did** need baptism. We give thanks that God brought us into a new and living relationship with himself and that we were baptised 'in the name

of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit' – drawn into the life of the Divine Godhead itself.

The celebration of the sacrament of Baptism is of course only the beginning. Every Christian person has to respond to the grace of God within, to make the commitment to live for Christ and for the neighbour, if his or her baptism is to 'come alive'. Let's use the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord to give thanks for our baptism and to renew our commitment as a New Year begins to live for Him.

So may I offer you all a truly happy and blessed 2013.

Fr. John

## **News and Notices**

#### **New Window**

By the time you read this you will have had plenty of opportunity to admire the new west window in Holy Trinity Church. The stonework of the window was in urgent need of repair and the stonemasons of Elwy Stonework have indeed done an excellent job in renewing this.

During the planning for the work the possibility arose of replacing the rather nondescript glass in this window with stained glass from redundant churches. There were several possibilities but we chose glass from the redundant church



of St Augustine, Cheadle Heath near Stockport.

In the first two lights (looking from inside the church) there is a depiction of the Annunciation to Our Lady. The two right-hand lights show the Magi offering their gifts to the Infant Lord. Above the stained glass is some beautiful clear glass. The whole effect is quite stunning and we are very grateful to our architect Graham Holland for his design and for the firm of Arnold and Blaze for re-working and installing the new glass.

The window is a memorial to Peter and Isabel Neal and the work was carried out with funds from a very generous legacy from Isabel. Later this year we will have a service to re-dedicate this window and we are planning to invite former members of St Augustine, Cheadle Heath to join us on that occasion.

#### **New Altar Cloths**

On Thursday December 13th – at the Eucharist for the feast of St. Lucy, Martyr – I had the great pleasure to be able to dedicate two new cloths for the Memorial Chapel Altar during a celebration of the Eucharist.

These beautiful cloths were made in Italy by three ladies, Viviana (Toni Fossi's cousin), Nonna Pina and Loretta, and they have been given by Jennifer and Toni Fossi and Doug and Angela Pritch-



The altar in the Memorial Chapel.



Fr John dedicates the cloths.

ard in thanksgiving for their respective marriages. We are most grateful for these wonderful gifts.

Fr. John

#### St. Tudno's

The next Sunday service at St Tudno's will be a Candlemass service at 11.00 am on Sunday 3 February. St. Tudno's is always lovely by candlelight and we hope that some of you will join us to enjoy the special atmosphere of our ancient church. There is no heating but hot drinks and cakes will be provided after the service. If you need a lift, or if you could offer lifts, please speak to one of us or Fr. John. In the event of

very bad weather, please contact Fr. John or Christine Jones, to check that the service will be going ahead.

Stephanie Searle Shirley Georgeson

#### Parish Fellowship

Our Autumn meetings came to a close a couple of days ago with a Eucharist in the Memorial Chapel celebrated by the Reverend Derek Simpson and was followed by a small party.

This Autumn we have been depleted by sickness or the need to attend medical appointments. However, we have had an interesting and very enjoyable series. Thanks to Vernon for arranging an interesting programme to keep our attention. He has repeated this in our The spring 2013 programme which is given on page 23.

As the 'new leader', I must thank Vernon and Marion for their help and guidance, and Sheena for her support, also our organists and pianists, Dennis, Pauline and Michael. Our singing improves no end when accompanied.

We, the Fellowship look forward to any member of Holy Trinity Church joining us – why not come along and sample our talks and join our Fellowship. You will be made most welcome.

Michael Tattershall



Images taken at the Christingle service on Sunday, 9 December.



#### ESGOBAETH BANGOR DIOCESE

# Plygain 2013

Nos Wener, 4ydd Ionawr 7.00 o'r gloch

Eglwys y Drindod Sanctaidd

# Llandudno

The annual diocesan 'Plygain'
- Welsh Carol Service 7.00 p.m., Friday, 4th January 2013
at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno

Croeso cynnes i bawb ~ A warm welcome to all

Trefnir gan Grŵp Datblygu Addoliad Cymraeg

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#### **Reflections on Women Bishops**

It has been suggested that I ought to comment on some of the important issues facing the church at this time – in particular the issues of women bishops and gay Marriage which have been very much in the news recently. They are both complex issues and I'm going to deal with just one at the present – women Bishops – leaving the Gay Marriage issue until another edition of the magazine.

In recent months the General Synod of the Church of England has rejected the bill for the ordination of women as Bishops. The Church in Wales Governing Body did the same thing a couple of years ago. The recent vote in England has been heavily criticised not just from within the church but by politicians, the press and many others.

I am certain that women Bishops will come sooner or later and believe that this will be a good thing. For me the Tradition of the Church is not a static thing but is dynamic. The underlying truths of the faith always remain the same but the Tradition develops and blossoms as the Church faces new situations and new ways of thinking. So for me women in every order of the sacred ministry (Bishop, Priest and Deacon) is a proper and necessary development of Biblical truth and Church tradition rather than a rejection of it. I believe this to be the view of the majority of church people.

What lead to the failure of the bill in

England (and in Wales too) was the fact that the provision for those who in conscience could not accept women as Bishops was deemed to be inadequate. My own view is that, although I do not agree with those who are against women's ordination, I do respect their views and I feel strongly that proper alternative episcopal provision should be made for them. To me this is part of the 'charity' we ought to have one for another within the Body of Christ. Hopefully this will happen next time the issue of women in the episcopate comes up for discussion both in England and Wales and that we can truly go forward in faith together.

Fr. John



#### Conwy Food Share

Dear Supporters,

The Trustees of Conwy Food Share would like to thank you all very much for your invaluable ongoing support by donating food over the last year. You have helped us provide 434 parcels since January 1st and it is only with support such as this that we can continue to help so many people in this community who are in need.

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. With love and blessings from Cherie, Rhian and other Trustees of Conwy Food Share.



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#### **Mothers' Union**

The programme for 2013 has been completed and may be seen on page 22. We had our Christmas Lunch on the 17 December at the Queen's Hotel. This

year, we were joined by members of the Parish Fellowship. See photograph above.

I was very mindful of three things. Firstly, our Branch Secretary, Barbara



Hughes, was unable to be with us to whom I wished to offer my thanks for her help this past year. Secondly, I missed the presence of our late member Barbara Scott who was so dedicated to every aspect of the parish

for so many years. And thirdly, I would so much have liked to have seen our Indoor Members – to them we all offer best wishes for 2013.

Maggie Leitch

# **Sunday Rota**

<b>6th January</b> Reader Sidepersons	Anne Rimmer Dorothy Trent Terry Dewar	Eucharistic Minister	Ron Illidge Eira Jones Maggie Leitch Cath Lloyd
Eucharistic ministers	Annabel Jones Joyce Crosby Stan Whittaker Cath Lloyd	<b>27th January</b> Reader Sidepersons	Stephanie Searle Sandra Davies Terry Dewar
<b>13th January</b> Readers	Ray Stythe-Jones Gaynor Stythe-Jones	Eucharistic	Adele Arrowsmith William Maidlow Angela Pritchard
Sidepersons	Doug Pritchard Cynthia Poyser Judith Williams	Ministers  3rd February	Marion Heald
Eucharistic Minister	Wendy C-Stewart  Marion Heald	Reader Sidepersons	Eileen Box Mary Rees Pat Riddler Stan whittaker
<b>20th January</b> Reader Sidepersons	William Maidlow Barbara Yates Ben Edwards	Eucharistic Ministers	Ron Illidge Cath Lloyd John Riddler

# **Attendance Figures**

## **Holy Trinity Church**

November 1st	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist	3
All Saints Day	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	13
	7.30 pm	Holy Eucharist	7
November 2nd	11.00 am	Requiem Eucharist	37 + I
All Souls Day	7.30 pm	Requiem Eucharist	31
		other weekday Eucharists	8
November 4th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
Kingdom I	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	82

	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	4
		other weekday Eucharists	20
November 11th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	15 + 1
Kingdom 2	9.45 am	Civic Remembrance Service	47 I
Remembrance	10.55 am	Act of Remembrance and Holy Eucharist	28
Sunday	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	1
	6.00 pm	Exploring Worship	34
November 15th		Eucharist at Ysgol San Sior	23
		other weekday Eucharists	13
November 18th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	10
Kingdom 3	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	96
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	3
		other weekday Eucharists	18
November 25th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	13
Christ the King	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	93
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	1
		other weekday Eucharists	25
St. Tudno's Chur	ch		
Sunday 4 Nov	11.00 am	Allsaintstide Service	19
Saturday 10 Nov	9.00 am	Boer War Remembrance	16

# **Calendar for December**

Tues 1st

All events are held in Holy Trinity or Holy Trinity church hall unless indicated otherwise.

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	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Fri 4th	7.00 pm	Diocesan 'Plygain' Service
Sun 6th	The Epiphany of Our Lord	
		Services as usual for the first Sunday
Tues 8th	10.00 am	'Julian' meditation group at Stella Maris
Thurs 10th	10.30 am	Messy Church meeting.
	11.00 am	Eucharist with Ministry of Healing
Sun 13th	The Bapt	ism of The Lord

Naming of lesus/New Year's Day

Services at the usual times for the second Sunday.

Mon 14th	10.30 am 2.30 pm	Choral Matins will include the Blessing of Water and a Thanksgiving for Baptism Exploring Worship at 6.00 pm is the Big Sing for Christain Aid (see below) Children and Young Family Committee meeting. Mothers' Union Eucharist and AGM
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th – 25th		
Fri 18th Sat 19th	10.30 am 10.30 am	Week of Prayer Service at Llandudno Baptist Church Week of Prayer Service at Emmanuel Christian Centre
Sun 20th	Epiphany 3	
	6.00 pm	Morning services as usual for the 3rd Sunday Cytun President's Service — St Hilary, Llanrhos (Inauguration of new Cytun President, Canon Bob Griffith) No 5.00 pm Evening Prayer at Holy Trinity.
Mon 21st	10.30 am	Week of Prayer Service at Gloddaeth United Church
Tues 22nd	10.30 am	Week of Prayer Service at St John's Methodist Church
Weds 23rd	10.30 am	Week of Prayer Service at Our Lady, Star of the Sea
Thurs 24th	10.30 am	Week of Prayer Eucharist at Holy Trinity (This replaces our usual 11.00 am Eucharist)
Fri 25th	10.30 am	Week of Prayer Service at Seilo (Eglwys Unedig Cymraeg)
Sun 27th	Epiphany 4	
		Services as usual for the 4th Sunday

## A BIG SING FOR CHRISTIAN AID

You are invited to join in the
CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR BIG SING
on SUNDAY JANUARY 13TH 6PM
in HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL
(a CAFE-STYLE "EXPLORING WORSHIP" EVENING.
Come & raise your voices to bring HOPE & HEALING to the needy.

# PARISH REGISTER

## Holy Baptism

November 17th: Helen Zoe Booth

November 18th: Frankie Paul Adshead

November 18th: Asha Dixon

November 18th: Mísha Díxon

November 25th: Logan John Clark

## The Departed

November 27th: Francis Jeffrey Ash aged 77 Service at Holy Trinity Church followed by cremation at Colwyn Bay Crematorium

December 12th: Maurice Jackson aged 85 Service at Holy Trinity Church followed by interment at Llanrhos Lawn Cemetery

# Mothers' Union Programme for 2013

#### Dates for all diaries

Mon 14 January Wed 27 March

? May Mon 5 August Eucharist, AGM. 2.30 pm.
Stations of the Cross and Eucharist in
Memorial Chapel. 7.30 pm.
Outing to Anglesey. Date and time TBD
Mary Sumner Day afternoon tea. 2.30 pm.

#### Mon 9 December

Christmas Lunch. 12.30 for 1.00 pm.

Monday meetings at 2.30 pm

4 February David Henderson Marie Curie nurses (pancakes to follow)

4 March Kay & David Morris Letters to prisoners

8 April TBD

3 June Desiree Garth Jones Midwifery

I July Claire Mitchell Cake decorating

7 October Denise Horswood Poetry

4 November Father John Quiet afternoon

2 December Glenys Roberts Advent readings and carols

Tuesday meetings at 7.30 pm

8 January Italian Night Out

11 February Mike Harrison

11 March Andy Leitch Film Show

9 April Angela Pritchard Dietrich Bonhoeffer

14 May Roz Harrison

II June Dinner and theatre trip time TBD

10 September Rev Jane Allen Eucharist

8 October Brian Lewis Rogers and Hammerstein

12 November Betty Raggett Christmas crafts

3 December Rev Jane Allen Quiet evening and Christmas giving

# **Parish Fellowship Programme**

(Spring 2013)

January 15 Opening Meeting

January 22 Christine Jones History of weather forecasting

January 29 Michael Thomas Edwardian Ballads

February 5 Gwyneth Peters Memories are made of this

(Collectables from around the world)

February 12 Anne Jones Have I got news for you

(Pause for thought and social policy)

February 19 Keith Alexander Flying for life

(The story of Mission Aviation Fellowship)

February 26 Trevor Williams This, that and maybe the other

(Music Hall Renditions)

March 5 Closing Meeting

# From the Parish Pump

# General Synod of CoE Rejects Women Bishops

As everyone knows, The General Synod of the Church of England voted in late November to reject the draft legislation to allow women to become bishops. What exactly happened?

Well, under the requirements of the Synod, the legislation required a two-thirds majority in each of the three voting houses for final draft approval. Whilst more than two thirds voted for the legislation in both the House of Bishops (44-03) and the House of Clergy (148-45), the vote in favour of the legislation in the House of Laity was less than two-thirds (132-74). The vote in the House of Laity fell short of approval by 4 votes.

In total, 324 members of the General Synod voted to approve the legislation and 122 voted to reject it. The consequence of the 'no' vote of terminating any further consideration of the draft legislation means that it will not be possible to introduce draft legislation in the same terms until a new General Synod comes into being in 2015, UNLESS the 'Group of Six' (the Archbishops, the Prolocutors and the Chair and Vice Chair of the House of Laity) give permission and report to the Synod why they have done so.

Speaking after the vote, the Rt Revd

Graham James, Bishop of Norwich, said: 'A clear majority of the General Synod voted in favour of the legislation to consecrate women as Bishops. But the bar of approval is set very high in this Synod. Two-thirds of each house has to approve the legislation for it to pass. This ensures the majority is overwhelming. The majority in the House of Laity was not quite enough.

'This leaves us with a problem. 42 out of 44 dioceses approved the legislation and more than three quarters of members of diocesan synods voted in favour. There will be many who wonder why the General Synod expressed its mind so differently.

'The House of Bishops recognises that the Church of England has expressed its mind that women should be consecrated as bishops. There is now an urgent task to find a fresh way forward to which so many of those who were opposed have pledged themselves.'

The day after the 'no' vote, the House of Bishops of the Church of England met in emergency session to consider the consequences of the vote. At the end of November The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England also met, when a substantial amount of time was given over to a discussion of the recent vote.

A statement read: 'Many council mem-

bers commented on the deep degree of sadness and shock that they had felt as a result of the vote and also of the need to affirm all women serving the church - both lay and ordained - in their ministries.

'In its discussions the Council decided that a process to admit women to the episcopate needed to be restarted at the next meeting of the General Synod in July 2013. There was agreement that the Church of England had to resolve this matter through its own processes as a matter of urgency. The Council therefore recommended that the House of Bishops put in place a clear process for discussions in the New Year, with a view to bringing legislative proposals before the Synod in July.'

#### **Boko Haram Militants Fight On**

The militant Islamist group, Boko Haram, continues its war against Christians in Nigeria. Here are just some of many stories coming in from last year:

A pastor who preached religious tolerance was hacked to death along with his son at their church in Jos, Plateau State, on 29 August 2011. A Christian woman in labour was hacked to death along with 13 members of her family in a midnight raid on Vwang Fwil, Plateau State, on 10 September 2011. A bombing and shooting rampage that targeted six churches and a police station in Potiskum, Yobe state, on 4 November 2011 left 150 people dead and 200

injured, most of them Christians.

Two children were kidnapped and killed in Yobe state on 23 November 2011 to punish their father for being 'disloyal to Islam' by converting to Christianity. A woman and a baby were shot dead along with four other Christians on a bus at a petrol station in Potiskum, Yobe state, on 11 January 2012.

# Assisted Dying Proposals Rejected

A change in the law on assisted dying would 'permit people actively to participate in bringing about the deaths of other individuals, something that, apart from cases of self defence, has not formed part of the legal landscape of the United Kingdom since the abolition of capital punishment', the Church of England Mission and Public Affairs Council has told politicians.

Responding to the recent Choice at the End of Life All Party Parliamentary Group's Safeguarding Choice: A Draft Assisted Dying Bill for Consultation, the Mission and Public Affairs Council acknowledged that 'the draft bill seeks genuinely to meet the stated wishes of a small number of people' but concludes that 'it fails sufficiently to recognise its potentially damaging consequences... It is essential,' the response continues, 'that society values and affirms the life and wellbeing of each of its members, regardless of age, illness, disability or economic or social status.'

#### Scrap Metal Dealers Bill

The Church Buildings Council has welcomed the recent Third Reading, in the Commons, of Scrap Metal Dealers Bill. It has now cleared all its hurdles in the House of Commons.

MP Richard Ottaway's Private Member's Bill is considered vital to provide effective regulation of the scrap metal trade and will effectively reduce incidences of metal theft by taking away the incentive of easy cash that fuels this crime.

The Bill has a wide definition of a scrap dealer and will include itinerant collectors and smelting yards. Under current regulations these operations can trade for cash and, if this can continue, it will undermine the impact of cashless trade elsewhere. The Bill now goes to the House of Lords, making it more likely the reforms will become law.

#### **Leveson Report**

The Bishop of Norwich has called for an end to the current self-regulation in light of the publication of the Leveson Report.

The Rt Revd Graham James, who sits as a member of the House of Lords Select Committee on Communications and is the Church of England's lead spokesman on media and communications policy, has commented on the need for a genuinely independent body which 'must have as one of its primary tasks

the protection of citizens from unfair and damaging portrayal in the press and give them a proper chance of redress. When members of the general public are unfairly traduced in a major press story, it is not a necessary consequence of press freedom but an abuse of it.'

In an article published in the *Church Times*, Bishop Graham says: 'The Leveson Report must surely bring the era of self-regulation to an end. We do need a genuinely independent body able to investigate the practices of the press without the trigger of a complaint bringing it into action.'

#### National Roll-out of the 2013 Real Easter Egg Campaign

This month (January) sees the official launch of the Real Easter Egg campaign for 2013.

Churches are being invited to sign-up for the eggs at www.realeasteregg. co.uk. Now in its third year, the campaign aims to establish the UK's first religious Fairtrade Easter Egg.

This year the Real Easter Egg is offering a free activity pack in the box which includes the Easter story, an activity poster, a free i-tune download and a sticker set. The resurrection text from Mark can also be found inside the lid. Each egg costs £3.99 and with each sale a donation is made to Traidcraft Exchange (over £40,000 has been donated so far).

# St. Tudno's Jackdaws

A flock of jackdaws often gathers at St. Tudno's at dusk and at this time of year, with dusk being early and no leaves on the trees, they are very obvious. Sometimes they perch on the tombstones, particularly in the south eastern part of the churchyard, when every stone seems to have an alert black bird on its crest. Then at some signal unknown to me they take flight and whirl around, perhaps coming to rest in the top of the large sycamore tree, making their cheerful calls of 'jack, jack'.

Before long they are in the air again, with a swirl and a flurry of wings and their next perch may be the telephone cables which stretch above St. Tudno's





Well. Here they pause, all facing the same direction ready for the next flight, which might take them in a soaring and dipping cloud to the trees around the old reservoir below the Well, still calling 'jack, jack' in the distance.

The number in this flock could be about 100 birds and so is much lower than the huge swarms of starlings which occur in some parts of the country and which we might see in wildlife programmes on television. However St. Tudno's jackdaws still put on an impressive show in the evenings and one that is right on our doorstep.

I'm sure that there are birdwatchers among our readers who could write much more knowledgably about birds than I can – we'd be delighted to hear from you.

**Christine Jones** 

# **Poetry Corner**

## Waiting

In the short, dark, dying day
Frost holds fast gripping the ground
Where fallen fir cones lie.
Shrivelled shrubs in disarray
Surround a frozen pond.
Cold, stricken trees stand motionless,
Subdued into silence,
Waiting for dawn to break,
Watching for the light.

## Shirley Georgeson

## **Coffee Time**

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

All answers initial letter "P'.

- I. Penny inclined to be flexible. (7)
- 2. Calm when bill found in the dish. (7)
- 3. Hit the mark with funny ending. (9)
- 4. Speck in top article. (8)
- 5. Confidential soldier. (7)
- 6. As for travel, it isn't worth two pence. (5,8)
- 7. Stick found in pa's tea. (5)
- 8. Belt back with the bits. (5)
- 9. Call for servant. (4)
- 10. In ship, an iceberg causes uncontrollable fear. (5)

#### Results for December

- I. Holly
- 2. Natal
- 3. Present day
- 4. Sprouts
- 5. Ivy
- 6. Choristers
- 7. Tinsel
- 8. Noel
- Aladdin
- 10. Christmas