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# Services

## Holy Trinity Church, Mostyn Street

### Sundays

- 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>  
& 5<sup>th</sup> 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)
- 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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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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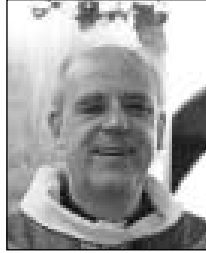
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## From the Rectory

I have recently received an e-mail from the Diocese inviting clergy to attend a training course in the use of the social media – Facebook, Twitter, blogging etc. I'm not intending to attend this course as it is very unlikely that I will ever use them in my ministry. But this doesn't mean that I am unaware of the importance of these things in today's world. I also acknowledge that the Church needs to use them in order to communicate the Gospel of Christ – Pope Benedict is among many other Christian leaders who now 'tweet' regularly! Before long our parish will probably need to have a Facebook page in addition to the present web site.



I can see how having a regular blog or tweeting can be a valuable tool to get one's message across, so why don't I want to be part of this new world of communication? It's because frankly I just don't have enough to say to keep going! I find it quite difficult to come up with something worth saying each week in the Sunday sermon, and once a month in this magazine letter, let alone being creative enough to blog or tweet on a regular basis. And I just don't think that anyone would be interested enough to pay attention to what I might have to say anyway! So I'll be leaving the use of the social media to communicate the Gospel to others who are better

equipped for it than I!

Like many other human creations, the social media have brought both great benefits and some evils to our lives. For example on the one hand they enabled many people to come together very quickly to start searching when little April Jones went missing last year, and they are a wonderful tool for helping families and friends who may live all over the world to keep in touch. On the other hand when the riots took place in our cities several years ago the social media appear to have enabled the rioters to be more effective in making mischief. And we are all aware of Internet bullying



'... and keep in mind that "No" is still an answer.'

and how paedophiles use social media to groom possible victims.

The social media are here to stay – it is vital that we learn to use them well and are aware of the dangers they pose. I think one of the reasons I don't feel comfortable with them is that I don't want to be available to half the world all the time and I don't have enough to say to make their use useful to me! I'm not really keen to have an Internet profile. One of the dangers of all this is that many people seem to think they don't actually have any real status or even existence outside the virtual world of the Internet. This world almost seems to be more real to them than the actual environment in which they live.

This month sees the beginning of Lent. This special season invites all of us, whether users of the social media or not, to consider our 'profile' with God

and to reflect upon how we communicate with Him and He with us. We can use Internet terms to bring light to that most important of all our relationships. What for example is our 'status' in his sight? We receive the answer to this question on Ash Wednesday. When we receive the cross of ash the priest says to us: 'You are dust and to dust you shall return'. We realise that our status is lowly indeed. We are creatures, entirely dependent on God. Yet God loves that dust and wants to raise it up, because it is made in His image. Through the grace of God through Christ we can indeed have a new status, a truly raised profile in his sight. Lent is given to us each year that we may go 'back to basics' and realise once again who we truly are and what we owe to God, and how through his love and grace we can grow in his service.

*Fr. John*

## News and Notices

# LENT

At the time of writing the parish programme for Lent had not been finalised - full details of all Lenten activities will be available in the weekly bulletins as well as in a special Lent leaflet. However there are two activities which we can tell you about now.

### **Wednesday Evening Services of Compline & Address at the Hospital Chapel.**

As usual we are invited to join our friends from Rhoscystennin Parish for Compline on the Wednesday evenings of Lent beginning on Wednesday 20th February at 7.00 pm. Those who wish may stay on after Compline for the Lent Course – 'Glimpses of God'.

## **Lent Course – ‘Glimpses of God – Hope for Today’s World’**

The five sessions of this course will be held after Compline in the hospital chapel each Wednesday of Lent. Written by Canon David Winter, the course draws on the Bible, showing where we can find strength and encouragement as we live through the turbulent years of the 21st century. The five sessions are:

- The God who hears our cry;
- The Shepherd who guides and guards his people;
- The Son who is the Way, Truth and Life;
- The God who shares our pain;
- The God who calms our fears.

The CD which accompanies the course includes contributions from The Rt Hon Shirley Williams, Bishop Stephen Cottrell, The Revd Professor David Wilkinson and has closing reflections by Canon Lucy Winkett. It is introduced by Dr David Hope, former Archbishop of York.

If you are interested in this course but are unable to attend on Wednesday evenings please have a word with me as soon as possible as it may be possible to arrange additional meetings at another time.

## **Congratulations!**

We have another nonagenarian in our parish family! Congratulations to Hilda Roberts who had her 90th birthday last month.

## **Phoebe Jaggard**

Over the Christmas period we were sorry to hear of the death of Phoebe Jaggard at the age of 101. Phoebe was a long standing member of our parish and lived in Dyffryn Road until she went into residential care in Colwyn Bay. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

## **Confirmation 2013**

The Confirmation this year will take place on Sunday May 12th at 10.30 am. If you are interested in being Confirmed, or just want to find out what is involved you are asked to attend a meeting in Holy Trinity after the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist on Sunday February 3rd. If you can't make that meeting, please get in touch with me as soon as possible.

## **Standing, Sitting & Kneeling**

The 'kneeling boards' in the nave pews at Holy Trinity have recently been removed for reasons of safety. However this doesn't mean for one moment that I think that we shouldn't kneel during worship – far from it!

The blue hassocks (kneelers) have all

been moved into the pews instead of being piled up at the pew ends so that they are immediately available for use.

In recent years there seems to have been a regrettable move away from kneeling on the part of many folk. Of course sitting during prayer is fine if you really can't kneel due to handicap or age – what I am saying here is meant for the able-bodied only. Anglican practice has traditionally been that we do kneel for prayer and I feel that it is sad that this no longer seems to be the norm.

You may feel that this is a very insignificant matter. However our bodily posture undoubtedly affects our inner feelings and attitude and I think this especially applies in prayer. Kneeling, I believe, helps to form in us an attitude of penitence, humility and dependence upon God. Sitting, on the other hand may make it more difficult for us to feel these things.

In the prayer books we use during services the posture appropriate for each part of the service is indicated in the text – standing, kneeling or sitting. Each of these postures is suitable at different times. For example, we normally stand to sing hymns and during prayers of praise such as the 'Gloria in excelsis' or for the Gospel reading. Sitting is appropriate when we are listening to a reading or a sermon etc. Kneeling is best for the prayers of confession, intercession and during most of the Eucharistic Prayer (the prayer in which the bread and Wine are consecrated).

Of course none of this is compulsory. Everyone is free to do as they think fit. Indeed I sometimes feel that we are all too rigid during worship. If you attend an Easter Orthodox service or indeed a Pentecostal one you will see members of the congregation sometimes 'doing their own thing', responding to their own need to respond to God, whilst also maintaining the sense that everyone is worshipping together. We don't all necessarily have to do the same thing as everyone else.

I certainly wouldn't wish to dictate what anyone did during worship. I simply lay before you the ancient tradition of kneeling for prayer which exists for a very good purpose. The kneelers are there to be used!

**Fr. John**

## **Carols by Candlelight**

Preparation for the services began on Saturday 22nd December by the Friends of St. Tudno's. The church was first cleaned, then a couple of extra benches were brought in for additional seating. Two Christmas trees were put up and decorated this year. The Nativity set and the illuminated stable were placed in front of the altar. These were provided by the Friends last year and featured on the 2012 Christmas card.

On 23rd December the weather was sunny and breezy and the path lights were set out. About 120 people attended the 3.00 pm service and about





*Photographs taken at St. Tudnos during 'Carols by Candlelight'. The photograph on the front cover was taken between the two services.*



60 attended the 5.00 pm service, with quite a number of children at each service. As usual there were readings of the Christmas story. This year the choir joined us for the 3.00 pm service and sang wonderfully: A Gallery Carol and The Shepherd's Cradle Song. A number of other carols were sung, including Ding Dong Merrily on High and Away in a Manger at the 3.00 pm service and The Holly and the Ivy and Infant Holy, Infant Lowly at the 5.00 pm service. Collections were taken for the Archbishop of Wales' Fund for Children.

The church was beautiful as always in candlelight and the sky by 5.00 pm was clear and starlight but Friends with torches still stood at various points on the pathway to assist people on their way at the end of the evening.

***Shirley Georgeson***

### **Candlemas at St. Tudno's**

On Sunday 3 February there will be a service of Eucharist for Candlemas at St. Tudno's at 11.00 am. There is no heating in the church, so please wrap up well but hot drinks and refreshments will be provided after the service. If you need a lift, or if you can offer lifts, please contact one of us, Christine Jones or the Rector. We look forward to seeing you.

***Stephanie Searle and Shirley  
Georgeson***

### **Fairtrade**

The parish has reaffirmed its status as a 'Fairtrade Parish'. Activities that are controlled by the parish should use Fairtrade tea and coffee only, and use other Fairtrade products when practical. The parish will not insist on this policy to outside organisations that use its facilities but will request that the spirit of the policy is adhered to.

### **Mothers' Union**

The annual general meeting on 14 January was preceded by a Eucharist in the Memorial Chapel. Father John chaired the meeting in which Maggie Leitch was re-elected as Branch Leader, Barbara Hughes as Secretary and Eira Jones as Treasurer.

Members send their best wishes to Joyce Greatorex who is recovering from an infection, Barbara Hughes who is recovering from an operation in hospital, and Betty Dodd who has injured a leg. We also send our best wishes to all our indoor members.

Thank you for your confidence in re-electing me as your Branch Leader. I will endeavour to do my very best but I am painfully aware that for various reasons, I'm unable to give as much time to this important post as I would wish. This will be my last year in the job and trust that a worthy successor will be elected next year.

***Maggie Leitch***

# Christmas Images at Holy Trinity Church





# Sunday Rota

## 3rd February

Reader	Eileen Box
Sidepersons	Mary Rees Pat Riddler Stan Whittaker Ron Illidge
Eucharistic Ministers	Cath Lloyd John Riddler

## 10 February

Readers	Ray Stythe-Jones Gaynor Stythe-Jones
Sidepersons	Dorothy Trent Terry Dewar Annabel Jones Joyce Crosby
E Minister	Marion Heald

## 17 February

Reader	Angela Pritchard
Sidepersons	Doug Pritchard Cynthia Poyser Judith Williams Wendy C-Stewart
Eucharistic Ministers	Stan Whittaker John Ridler

## 24 February

Reader	William Maidlow
Sidepersons	Barbara Yates Ben Edwards Ron Illidge Eira Jones
Eucharistic Ministers	Maggie Leitch Cath Lloyd

## 3 March

Reader	Stephanie Searle
Sidepersons	Sandra Davies Terry Dewar Adele Arrowsmith William Maidlow
Eucharistic Ministers	Lynn Ferriday Angela Pritchard

## 10 March

Readers	Pat Ridler John Ridler
Sidepersons	Mary Rees Judith Williams Stan Whittaker Ron Illidge
E Minister	Marion Heald

# Attendance Figures

## Holy Trinity

		Eucharists to 2nd December	6
December 2nd	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
Advent I	10.30 am	Family Eucharist	105
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	2
		Other weekday Eucharists	28

December 9th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	22
Advent 2	10.30 am	Choral Matins	63
		Shortened Eucharist	19
	4.00 pm	Christingle Service	40 + Children
	6.00 pm	Exploring Worship	36
December 11th	2.30 pm	Holy Eucharist for Parish Fellowship	13 + 1
		Other weekday Eucharists	25
December 16th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	17
Advent 3	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	93
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	4
		Other weekday Eucharists	26
December 23rd	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	16
Advent 4	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	75
December 24th	5.00 pm	Crib Service	66 + children
Christmas Eve	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	155
December 25th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	15
Christmas Day	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	115
		Other weekday Eucharists	24
December 30th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
Christmas I	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	c 65

### St. Tudno's

December 23rd	3.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight	112 + children
	5.00 pm	Ditto	56 + children

## Calendar for February

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

### Sun 3rd The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

Services at usual times for the first Sunday with the addition of:

11.00 am Candlemas Eucharist at St. Tudno's.

Candlemas ceremonies will take place at all celebrations of the Eucharist.

There will be a meeting for potential Confirmation candidates after the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist

Tues 5th	10.00 am	<i>'Julian' meditation group at Stella Maris</i>
	10.45 am	<i>Cytûn Council at St. Paul's Church Hall, Craig y Don</i>
Thurs 10th	10.00 am	Guild of St Raphael Meeting
	11.00 am	Eucharist with Ministry of Healing
<b>Sun 10th</b>		<b>Sunday Before Lent (Transfiguration Sunday)</b>
		Services at the usual times for the second Sunday.
Weds 13th		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
	11.00 am	Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
	12 noon	Lent Frugal Lunch
	7.30 pm	Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
Fri 15th	2.30 pm	Memorial Service for Gwyneth Kirkham at St. Tudno's
Sat 16th	12 noon	Eucharist & Meeting for Walsingham Pilgrims
<b>Sun 17th</b>		<b>Lent 1</b>
		Services as usual for the 3rd Sunday
Weds 20th	7.00 pm	<i>Compline with Address in the Hospital Chapel followed by 'Glimpses of God' Lent Course Meeting</i>
<b>Sun 24th</b>		<b>Lent 2</b>
		Services as usual for the 4th Sunday
Weds 27th	7.00 pm	<i>Compline with Address in the Hospital Chapel followed by 'Glimpses of God' Lent Course Meeting</i>

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### *Holy Baptism*

*December 9th: Tamara Ockenden-White*

*December 9th: Jack Ryan Jones*

*December 9th: Alexis Leigh Cureton*

# From the Parish Pump

## Energy Bill

The Church of England's national environmental campaign, Shrinking the Footprint, has welcomed the Government's recent Energy Bill (which has had its Second Reading in The Commons) and the opportunities it offers to reduce the UK's climate impact. Along with other Churches, however, it is calling on the Government to make amendments both to protect the fuel poor and to work towards the decarbonisation of the UK's energy network.

The Bill aims to reduce the UK's climate impact and the briefing stresses that it is important that demand reduction measures, and particularly those of most relevance to people on low incomes, are central to the Energy Bill and the government's overall energy strategy.

## New Money to Adapt to Climate Change

Christian Aid has welcomed the UK's promise to provide new money for poorer countries to adapt to the effects of climate change – and called on other developed countries to follow suit. At the recent UN climate change summit in Doha, Qatar, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Ed Davey, outlined the urgent need to avert cli-

mate catastrophe. He announced £1.8 billion of new money to help poorer countries develop along a low carbon pathway and tackle the effects of climate change.

Christian Aid's senior climate change adviser, Mohamed Adow, said: 'We welcome this new pledge by the UK... If other developed countries continue to offer vague assurances rather than solid commitments, their claims about showing leadership in tackling climate change are like a mirage in the Qatari desert.'

## Teaching Christianity

A recent YouGov poll commissioned by Oxford University's Department of Education has found widespread support in England for the teaching of Christianity as part of basic Education.

64% of adults agreed that children need to learn about Christianity in order to understand English history, and 57% agreed that it was needed to understand English culture and its way of life. Areas of Christianity considered important were the history of Christianity (58%), major Christian events and festivals (56%) and how Christianity distinguishes right from wrong (51%).

According to Oxford University Media



News, it was found that teachers are often nervous about tackling issues related to Christianity, as they are worried that it could be considered as evangelising.

## **Behind the Films**

The Damaris Trust has produced official resources for several recent films, including 'Quartet' and 'Les Miserables'. These resources are designed to help faith and community groups, engage with moral and spiritual questions. Visit [www.damaris.org](http://www.damaris.org) for free special videos and discussion guides.

## **Census 2011**

The Church of England welcomed the recent publication of the latest Census figures which confirmed that Christianity remains the largest religion in England in 2011, with 31.5 million people (59.4 per cent of the population) self-identifying as Christians.

That means that six in ten people identify themselves as Christian. When all faiths are taken together, people of faith account for two-thirds of the nation - two in every three people identify themselves as having a faith.

A spokesperson for the CofE said: 'Obviously the fall in those choosing to identify themselves as Christians is a challenge. One of the reasons may well be fewer people identifying as 'Cultural Christians' i.e. those who have no ac-

tive involvement with churches and who may previously have identified as Christian for cultural or historical reasons. They indicate a changing pattern of religious life in which traditional or inherited identities are less taken for granted than they used to be.'

During the past decade alone the CofE has baptised an average of 2,500 people a week - with a 40% increase in adult baptisms - conducted more than 100 weddings a week, celebrated the ordination of more than 5,000 new priests and maintained more than 16,000 parish church buildings. While 253 churches closed over the past decade, 1,000 new congregations were started through the Fresh Expressions initiative.

## **South Sudan**

Since South Sudan gained independence in July 2011, more than 200,000 refugees have fled from the north. Renk County in the northeast of South Sudan, 470 miles from Juba, has several refugee camps housing over 20,000 people. Because of the remoteness of these camps, MAF flew Medair emergency response teams to the area to install and run essential water and sanitation facilities for the camps. They also fly staff from Save the Children, Oxfam and Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust (HART) several times a month to Doro where more than 60,000 people are in camps.

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## ASH WEDNESDAY

13<sup>th</sup> February

The date of Ash Wednesday changes each year according to the date of Easter. The earliest possible date for Ash Wednesday is 4 February and the latest possible date is 10 March. So this year it is quite early.

It is called Ash Wednesday because of the church service where palm crosses kept from last year are burnt and their ashes mixed with water to make a paste. This paste is used to make the sign of the cross on peoples' foreheads.



For Christians these ashes are a symbol of being sorry for things that they have done which make God sad. It is

also a reminder that we are all mortal.

The mark of the ashes on the forehead shows as a sign of our commitment to Jesus Christ and God. And it reminds us that we are saved through Christ's death and resurrection.

## FIRE & ASHES



All of these Bible questions have answers to do with fire or ashes... answers at the bottom of the page

1. Who saw a burning bush in the desert? (Exodus, chapter 3)
2. According to Isaiah chapter 58, what should you wear with ashes when you fast?
3. In the second letter of Peter, what cities does he say were turned to ashes?
4. How did an angel cook a cake for Elijah? (I Kings, chapter 19)
5. In what year did the seraph touch Isaiah on the mouth with a live coal? (Isaiah, chapter 6)
6. Where was Peter when he heard the cock crow? (Luke, chapter 22)



### Which English King invented the fireplace?

Alfred the Grate.



1. Moses
2. sackcloth
3. Sodom and Gomorrah
4. he baked it on hot stones
5. in the year that King Uzziah died
6. While sitting by a fire in the courtyard of the house of the High Priest.

# Hutchinsia

On one of the Friends of St. Tudno's guided walks on the Great Orme Sally Pidcock, Country Park Warden, took us to the site where a rare plant grows. This plant, *Hutchinsia* (*Hornungia petraea*), is what is known as an 'ephermeral' plant, which may be visible for only a short period of the year.

*Hutchinsia* is a diminutive member of



the cabbage family and is an annual plant which flowers in February - March and which has certainly disappeared by mid to late summer. It therefore spends a large part of the year as seeds in what seems to be a rather precarious situation amongst scree.

*Hutchinsia* is named after an Irish botanist, Ellen Hutchins (1785-1815), who, despite her relatively short life, years of nursing sick relatives and her own ill health, became a recognised authority on nonflowering plants in particular.

She was a skilled botanical illustrator, discovered a number of new plants and had several of these named after her. A genus of alpine plants was named *Hutchinsia* in her honour in 1812 and although the genus has been re-classified as *Hornungia*, Ellen's name is retained as the 'common' name.

**Christine Jones**

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## Reaching Women in North India

FEBA India has produced a new programme for local radio to address the needs of North Indian women. It promotes the value of women in society and encourages churches to demonstrate acts of compassion in their communities. The 15 minute programmes are broadcast twice weekly. Please pray for this fledgling outreach, that it will be of real help to the women.

## Gunmen Kill 12 Nigerian Worshippers

At the end of last year, in two separate attacks, gunmen shot and killed 12 Christian worshippers who had gath-

ered for services. One attack occurred in the northeastern Nigerian state of Yobe. Among the dead was the church's pastor, according to news reports.

The second attack occurred at a Baptist church in Maiduguri, the capital of Borno state, where a deacon and five members of the church were killed. Though no person or group has yet publicly claimed responsibility for the killings, news accounts have immediately placed the militant Islamic group Boko Haram under suspicion. Yobe state is the western neighbour to Borno state, the home of Boko Haram, which has been attacking Christian churches and government institutions in an attempt to impose an Islamic state across northern Nigeria.

## Coffee Time

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

All answers musical.

1. Right note for a keen musician. (5)
2. Lark or choirboy?. (8)
3. How to play toccatas. (8)
4. Monotonous sound, sometimes musical. (6)
5. Nobody on time for musical work. (5)
6. A series of introductory notes to the programme. (9,4)
7. Singer is a lot different. (4)
8. Main pit reorganised for drums. (7)
9. Laces could be key to musical order. (5)
10. Orchestra leader in civil award and the instrument on which he scored?. (4)

Results for January

1. Pliable
2. Placate
3. Punchline
4. Particle
5. Private
6. Penny farthing
7. Paste
8. Parts
9. Page
10. Panic