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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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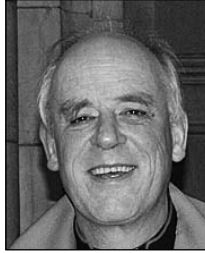
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## From the Rectory

It can be very embarrassing and humbling to be 'put in our place' by somebody, especially if it happens in public. To be shown up as being in the wrong, or to have made a mistake or perhaps to have to give way to somebody else's ideas can be deeply humiliating.



The experience of receiving the cross of ash on Ash Wednesday and hearing the words that are said as it is marked on our foreheads is designed to 'put us in our place' in the best sense of that term. The priest says: *'You are dust and to dust you shall return, turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.'*

These words are an accurate description of what we truly are. We are indeed 'dust', created from the matter of the universe in which we live. We are creatures of God, totally dependent upon him for our very existence. Without him we are nothing. At the end of our lives our bodies will return very quickly to the earth. Only through his grace can we hope to continue to live. This is certainly being 'put in our place'.

But the Ash Wednesday words are meant to humble, not to humiliate us. God loves the dust that is us; to him it has an infinite value; to him it is nothing less than **gold-dust**. So there's no shame in being dust! It's just that we

need to remember *what* we are and on *whom* we depend. This dust so often gets above its station and thinks it can flourish simply by its own efforts and by doing its own thing. Lent reminds this dust where it came from, where its

true hope lies, and how it can be the gold-dust God has created it to be: *'turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.'*

By the time you read this letter Lent will be well and truly underway and the Ash Wednesday Cross long gone from our foreheads. But like the cross placed there at our baptism it remains invisibly upon us marking us out as followers of the One who came that this dust might have true life and have it in abundance; and to that end offered his life on a cross of pain and humiliation. In a sense, on the cross he took our place, that we might *know* our true place and so experience the life that he offers this gold-dust for all eternity.

Have a good Lent!

**Fr John**

# News and Notices

## St. Tudno's

Many thanks to those who helped with the working party on Saturday 18 February. We have now cleared the church for the re-roofing work to begin. The work will include interior work on the underside of the roof and the church will be closed until the work is completed, hopefully by the end of May. The churchyard will still be open.

The Friends of St. Tudno's will be holding a Spring Fair on Saturday 14 April, to continue fund-raising for St. Tudno's. If you would like to help or if you could donate anything for one of the stalls, please contact one of us.

**Christine Jones**  
**Stephanie Searle**

## Holy Trinity 150

### Christ our Cornerstone

In 2015 we will be celebrating 150 years of Holy Trinity Church – it was on Wednesday 5th July 1865 that the cornerstone of the building was laid (you can see the plaque marking this event in the church porch). Of course we could wait until 2024 – the 150th anniversary of the consecration - but I think that would be to miss a golden opportunity to celebrate the life of our parish church and to raise its profile in Llandudno. No doubt there will be more 150th celebrations in 2024 but in 2015 we will be commemorating a real moment of 'beginning'.

To do justice to such a celebration we



*Clearing St. Tudno's Church in preparation for its re-roofing.*



*Members of the St. Tudno's working party taking a break.*

need to start planning well in advance. So I invite anyone who would like to help with this to come along to the first planning meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 20th March in the Hall. I have lots of ideas about what we might do in 2015 and I'm sure that you will have many too – come along and share them with us.

**Fr John**

### **Margot Hughes**

I would like to thank the members of the Church Family most sincerely for their kind expressions of sympathy,

donations and tributes paid following the death of my dear friend Margot Hughes. I know that she will be sadly missed by many.

**Judith Williams**

### **Bible Society**

is anyone interested in representing Holy Trinity Church on the local Action Group Committee of the Bible Society? The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 18 at Seilo, the United Welsh Church. Please contact the PCC Secretary for the Editor for details.

## *The Wednesday evenings of Lent*

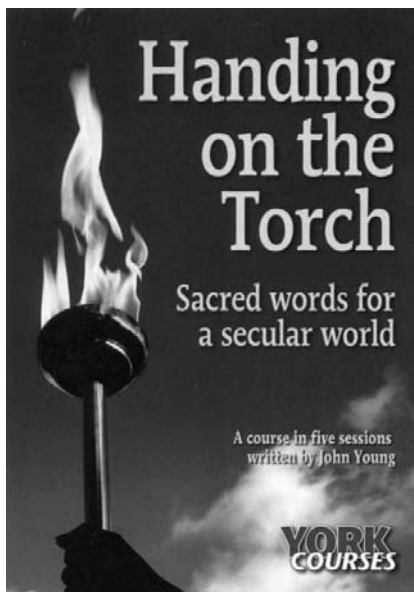
*7 pm*

**COMPLINE &  
ADDRESS**

*at the Hospital  
Chapel*

*followed by*

**LENT STUDY  
COURSE**



*Joint events with Rhoscystennin parish*

## **Sidespersons**

March 4th	William Maidlow Geoff Howard Stan Whittaker Joyce Crosby	March 25th	Wendy C. Stewart Judith Williams Sandra Davies Ron Illidge Cath Lloyd Joyce Crosby
March 11th	Pat Ridler Doug Pritchard Terry Dewar Ray Millington	April 1st	Dorothy Trent Angela Pritchard Terry Dewar Geoff Howard
March 18th	Barbara Yates Mary Rees		

# Calendar for March

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

Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>David, Patron of Wales</b>	
	11.00 am	Bilingual Eucharist
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.00 pm	World Women's Day of Prayer Service
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3.00 pm	Tenovus Concert
<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lent 2</b>	
		Services at the usual times for the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	<i>Julian Meditation Group at Stella Maris</i>
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Stations of the Cross with Children
	7.00 pm	Compline & Address at the Hospital Chapel followed by 'Handing on the Torch' Lent group
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	St. Raphael Guild Eucharist with Ministry of Healing – Celebrant Bishop Andy. The service will be followed by lunch & talk 'The power of forgiveness' by Jane Jones from the Chester Cathedral branch of the Guild
<b>Sun 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lent 3</b>	
		Services at usual times for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday
	2.00 pm	Messy Church
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Stations of the Cross with Children
	7.00 pm	Compline & Address at the Hospital Chapel followed by 'Handing on the Torch' Lent group
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Friends of St Tudno's Church Committee
<b>Sun 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lent 4/Mothering Sunday</b>	
		Services at usual times for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday
		The 10.30 am service will be a Family Eucharist
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>		Mothers' Union Quiet Day
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>		Holy Trinity 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Meeting (all welcome)
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Stations of the Cross with Children
	7.00 pm	Compline & Address at the Hospital Chapel followed by 'Handing on the Torch' Lent group

<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)</b>	Services as usual for the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	(transferred from Sunday)
	11.00 am	Eucharist
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Stations of the Cross (adult devotions)
	7.00 pm	Compline & Address at the Hospital Chapel followed by 'Handing on the Torch' Lent group
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Eucharist at Ysgol San Sior (no 11.00 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity)

## Attendance Figures

### Holy Trinity

<b>Sun Jan 1st</b>	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	88
Naming of Jesus			
Christmas I		other weekday Eucharists	43
<b>Sun Jan 8th</b>	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	12
Baptism of Christ	10.30 am	Choral Matins with Blessing of Water	69
		Shortened Eucharist	22
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	4
	6.00 pm	Exploring Worship	36
Tue Jan 10th	2.30 pm	Holy Eucharist for Parish Fellowship	13
		other weekday Eucharists	22
<b>Sun Jan 15th</b>	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	12
Epiphany 2	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	79
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	3
		other weekday Eucharists	27
<b>Sun Jan 22nd</b>	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	11
Epiphany 3	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	64
		other weekday Eucharists	25
<b>Sun Jan 29th</b>	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	11
Epiphany 4	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	85+10
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	4



# Messy Church

## About Messy Church (Reproduced from Messy Church Web site)

The hall is buzzing with conversation. Around a table adults and children burst into laughter as they wrestle with metallic tubing and googly eyes and their teenage helpers despair of ever creating the promised artefact.

A toddler slaps green paint on a huge sheet of card under the watchful eye of a Granny (not sure if they're related or not – it doesn't really matter). A five-year-old watches wide-eyed as an enthusiastic leader shows her how to bang in a nail.

There's a delicious smell wafting out of the kitchen. The ten-year-olds, intent on their glass-painting, agree it must be jacket potatoes. The vicar takes a photo of the surreal result of the junk modelling and two mums catch up on the gossip as they drink welcome cups of tea and slowly decorate gift bags while their children make something unidentifiable but very chocolatey upstairs.

The cooks should be getting the plates stacked, but one of the mums needs to talk about her problems with her foster children.

I would be panicking about the story for the celebration later, but there's a huge collage of The Great Banquet to assemble before five o'clock, the powder paint has proved a formidable weapon of mess creation in the hands of Jack, and we've barely got started on the lettering and whoops, someone's kicked over the gluepot...



Just another Messy Church.

Messy Church is one church's attempt to be church for families who might want to meet Jesus, belong to their local church and bring up their children as Christians but can't cope with traditional Sunday morning church services. It's a once-a-month time of creativity, worship and eating together.

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## The Background to Messy Church (Reproduced from Messy Church Web site)

The first Messy Church began in 2004 when a group at St. Wilfrid's in Cowplain near Portsmouth were frustrated because, as a church, we were hardly reaching any children with God's story.

We had lovely buildings and facilities but we weren't using them enough. We had wonderful creative people in the church, and the area we lived in needed as much community-building as possible, being a rather featureless suburb.

There was a lot of sympathy towards church in general but the church wasn't offering anything that really gripped the imagination of local families.

We decided very early on to try to do something for all ages together, partly out of a belief that we grow best as a church when we walk the journey with as many different people as possible,

and partly from a desire to help families grow together in their walk of faith, not see Christianity as something you grow out of when you're eleven.

The rest is history... a messy present... and an unknown future that you may well be part of too!

Messy Church is a core ministry of BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship), which provides the staff and infrastructure to enable it to grow and develop, not just throughout the UK but in at least 12 countries as well.

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*Messy Church at Holy Trinity. See page 18.*



*Gwen Robinson (seated second from left) and friends celebrate her 90th birthday on February 16*



6 in the church hall.

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## **Messy Church at Holy Trinity on Advent Sunday**

Over thirty children and their parents enjoyed a fun afternoon at Holy Trinity. The activities included action songs with music provided by Ray Stythe-Jones on the piano, Ruth Hodgkinson and Terry Mart on guitar. It was great having Terry with us, as he has been involved with Messy Church in Llanfairfechan. Thank you Terry.

We were lucky also to have the company of the Junior, and some Senior members of the Llandudno Town Band who entertained with their wonderful musical arrangements. The children loved 'having a go' on the brass instru-

ments. Thank you to the band and to John Ridler for arranging it.

Barbara Hughes, Gaynor Stythe-Jones, Caroline Race, Jean Griffiths and Kristina Birchall provided a range of craft activities and the children enjoyed making Christmas trees, drawing their own angels and making a communal Advent wreath with handprints. They also loved decorating Christmas biscuits and the little ones amused themselves in the toddlers' corner.

Our closing activity took place in church where Fr. John read the story of the Annunciation and Hannah gave an interpretation of the story with her puppets and puppet theatre – a hit with the little ones! There was more singing in the church before everyone returned





to the hall and sat down to a feast of baked potatoes, cheese, beans, pasta and home-made tomato sauce. This was followed by jelly and ice-cream and some lovely mince pies. The parents tucked in as well!

Everyone agreed it had been a great success, mainly due to the hard work of the Messy Church team and our wonderful helpers who worked so hard to make it all happen. A special thank you to the Evening MU members and to Kristina, Cynthia, Linda and Christine. We look forward to planning the next one on **March 11, 2012. This time Messy Church will start at 2pm and finish at 4pm.**

**Sandra**  
*(for the Messy Church Team)*

### **Help for Messy Church**

Does anyone have any puppets that they no longer need? We are presently using a child size puppet theatre but it would be fantastic if there is a handy man / woman in our congregation who could make us a large puppet theatre tall enough to hold an adult puppeteer.

We would also be grateful to hear from anyone who can volunteer to help the children with craft activities. (Please speak to Barbara Hughes or Kristina Birchall.)

We would also be grateful for any offers of help with serving food and clearing up afterwards!

Thank you.

**Sandra**



## From the Parish Pump

### **Nigerian Christians face escalating attacks**

Attacks on Christians in Nigeria continue – and are on the increase. Church leaders there are now deeply concerned that some sort of ‘systematic ethnic and religious cleansing’ may develop.

Ayo Oritsejafor, head of the Christian Association of Nigeria, has reported that some of the most recent attacks came after the militant Islamist group, Boko Haram, issued a three day ultimatum for Christians to leave the north. The ultimatum ‘expired’ on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January, and after that violence erupted.

At least eight Christians were killed when gunmen stormed a church in Gombe, capital of Gombe State, during a prayer meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> January. Pastor Johnson Jauro, whose wife was shot dead in the attack, said: ‘The attackers started shooting sporadically. They shot through the window of the church, and many people were killed including my wife. Many members who attended the church service were also injured.’

The following day, the 6<sup>th</sup> January, around 20 Christians were gunned down in Mubi, Adamawa state, as they gathered to mourn the death of another Christian who had been killed the night before. The assailants chanted ‘God is

great’ as they fired Kalashnikov rifles. They were also carrying knives and machetes. The next night (7<sup>th</sup> January) three people believed to be Christians were shot dead in the north-eastern town of Biu.

A Boko Haram spokesman claimed responsibility for the attacks. Boko Haram was behind a series of attacks on churches and other targets in five states over Christmas that left more than 40 people dead and prompted President Goodluck Jonathan to declare a state of emergency in the most troubled areas. Boko Haram is fighting to create an Islamic state and impose sharia law. The group has been responsible for more than 500 deaths over the last year.

### **Bishops challenge supermarket anti-faith Easter agenda**

Bishops are calling on congregations throughout the UK to buy the Real Easter Egg in 2012 by ordering it online, after supermarkets failed to order sufficient quantities of the UK’s only faith-based Easter egg.

The Real Easter Egg is the first and only Fairtrade Easter egg to explain the Easter story on the box and give money to charity. It was launched last year as a mail order gift after the supermarkets initially turned it down. Churches and



schools joined a campaign to establish the egg by placing tens of thousands of orders through mail order which were delivered by Traidcraft.

Morrison's, Booths, Coop and Waitrose later changed their mind and decided to trial The Real Easter Egg for Easter 2011. They all sold out within days, with people walking past Cadbury's two-for-one offers. Waitrose was inundated with online orders for hundreds of eggs as millions of Christians searched for the only remaining supplies.

With such demand and quick sell outs Manchester based Meaningful Chocolate Company, who manufacture The Real Easter Egg, expected a significant increase in the numbers ordered by supermarkets. However, one major retailer has decided to reduce their order

and in many of the UK's biggest towns there will only be a handful of eggs available to buy off the supermarket shelves when they go on sale in February.

A spokesperson, from the Meaningful Chocolate Company, said: 'Out of the 80 million Easter eggs on sale this year nearly all will be secular, made from non-Fairtrade chocolate and with no charitable donation.'

The Bishop of Oxford, who chairs the Church of England's Board of Education, said; 'There seems to be a clear cut agenda to keep credible products, with any connection to Christianity, off the shelves.'

The Bishop of Middleton, speaking from Manchester, said; 'We thought we had proven that people were not afraid to buy an Easter egg which mentions Jesus, gives money to charity and which helps in communicating the true meaning of Easter.'

**How to buy a Real Easter Egg** The recommended retail price is £3.99. The Real Easter Egg is made from 125g of high quality Fairtrade chocolate and 15 pence from every sale is donated to Traidcraft Exchange. The official Real Easter Egg online shop is at [www.real-easteregg.co.uk](http://www.real-easteregg.co.uk). Online ordering will be open for as long as supplies last or until the middle of March – so hurry!



"Our basic wedding charges are very reasonable — optional extras include pew usage, hassock rental, hymn-sheet supplement, parking, lighting ..."

## Christian dating site calls for higher standards and ethics within UK dating industry

The head of a leading Christian dating website has called for higher standards and ethics and greater scrutiny of the burgeoning online dating industry.

More than half of all UK single people have used or intend to use dating sites. That means that between six to eight million people are on the lookout for a possible partner. But while meeting online has resulted in thousands of marriages and successful relationships, a growing number of people are experiencing difficulties.

Jackie Elton, who runs [www.christian-connection.co.uk](http://www.christian-connection.co.uk) – created in 2000 and now the leading UK Christian dating site - was responding to recent coverage on BBC Radio 4's You and Yours programme. 'There is a real lack of transparency,' said Jackie. 'People know very little about the sites they join and how they operate. There can be misleading claims about numbers and the type of people they are likely to meet.'

'Dating sites need to get together,' says Jackie. 'Not simply to protect their own interests but to set and maintain high standards and ethics in favour of the customer. They must engage more with their clients and be more accountable.'

'As a relatively small site for practicing Christians, it is very important for us



The family believed that Marie had given up sweets for Lent so she developed ways of hiding her polos.

to provide a good service to retain our members' trust and satisfaction. We operate as a community and that keeps us involved with and accountable to, our members.'

### March | St David's Day

1 March is St David's Day, and it's time for the Welsh to wear daffodils or leeks. Shakespeare called this custom 'an honourable tradition begun upon an honourable request' - but nobody knows the reason. Why should anyone have ever 'requested' that the Welsh wear leeks or daffodils to honour their patron saint? It's a mystery!

We do know that David - or Dafydd - of Pembrokeshire was a monk and bishop of the 6th century. In the 12th century he was made patron of Wales, and he has the honour of being the only Welsh saint to be canonised and culted in the Western Church. Tradition has it

that he was austere with himself, and generous with others - living on water and vegetables (leeks, perhaps!?) and devoting himself to works of mercy. He was much loved.

In art, St David is usually depicted in Episcopal vestments, standing on a mound with a dove at his shoulder; in memory of his share at an important Synod for the Welsh Church, the Synod of Brevi.

### **March 17 St Patrick's Day**

St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. If you've ever been in New York on St Patrick's Day, you'd think he was the patron saint of New York as well... the flamboyant parade is full of American/Irish razzmatazz.

It's all a far cry from the hard life of this 5th century humble Christian who became in time both bishop and apostle of Ireland. Patrick was born the son of a town councillor in the west of England, between the Severn and the Clyde. But as a young man he was captured by Irish pirates, kidnapped to Ireland, and reduced to slavery. He was made to tend his master's herds.

Desolate and despairing, Patrick turned to prayer. He found God was there for him, even in such desperate circumstances. He spent much time in prayer, and his faith grew and deepened, in contrast to his earlier years, when he "knew not the true God".

Then, after six gruelling, lonely years he was told in a dream he would soon go to his own country. He either escaped or was freed, made his way to a port 200 miles away and eventually persuaded some sailors to take him with them away from Ireland.

After various adventures in other lands, including near-starvation, Patrick landed on English soil at last, and returned to his family. But he was much changed. He had enjoyed his life of plenty before; now he wanted to devote the rest of his life to Christ. Patrick received some form of training for the priesthood, but not the higher education he really wanted.

### **Encouragement to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee with the whole community**

The Church of England is encouraging its 13,000 parishes to engage with communities to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, as it announces its participation in two national initiatives - The Big Jubilee Lunch and The Big Thank You.

The brainchild of the Eden Project and championed ecumenically by HOPE, The Big Jubilee Lunch will see millions across the country joining together to have lunch on the afternoon of Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

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## WHO CAN JUDGE?

Thomas Guy was a bookseller in London during the time of the Great Plague and the Great Fire in 1665/6. His business was very successful and he did well but people looked down on him because they thought he was mean. They saw him eating his lunch of dry bread in his shop, he wore worn out clothes and would only light one candle at a time. What people didn't know was that he lived in this way for a reason. When a new hospital was built at London Bridge they heard that it had been completely paid for by Thomas Guy. And on his death he left a huge sum of money as an endowment so that the hospital could continue to provide treatment for London's poor.

Even today Guy's Hospital is one of the most famous London teaching hospitals. Thomas Guy could have ignored the suffering all around him and eaten grand meals off fine china; instead he chose to eat dry bread wrapped in paper. So often we are wrong about people because we do not know all the facts.

## JUMBLED BIBLE BOOKS

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

1. e r e d m o n t y o u
2. a h a c e h i r z
3. a k m r
4. a e d i l n
5. b e e w r s h
6. c c e h i l n o r s
7. a e v e l i n o r t
8. e d g j s u
9. t e e p r
10. a l m p s s

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**Doctor, Doctor my son has  
swallowed my pen, what  
should I do?**

Use a pencil 'till I get there.

**Doctor, doctor, I feel like a  
dictionary.**

I'll have a word with you later.



**Doctor, doctor, I've been stung  
by a bee. Shall I put some  
ointment on it?**

Don't be silly - it must be miles  
away by now.

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Answers: 1.Deuteronomy 2.Zechariah  
3.Mark 4.Daniel 5.Hebrews  
6.Chronicles 7.Revelation 8.Judges  
9.Peter 10.Psalms

**To everyone at Holy Trinity Church**

Please accept our very grateful thanks for the generous amount of very useful food that you have recently given to Conwy Food Share. Your continuous and loyal support is very much appreciated.

We are still giving out parcels every day and we are very glad to be able to supply the people in need with a good amount of food to tide them over their time of crisis. This could not be done without your help.

Thank you again for your extreme kindness.

From all at Conwy Food Share

## Dog's Mercury

My 'plant of the month' for March is a common plant of the woodland floor, particularly on limestone, which can be seen at its best at this time of year. Dog's mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*) is a perennial which reappears in late winter, so its leaves are still fresh and green at this time and stalks bearing tiny flowers can also be seen, with the male and female flowers on separate plants. The plant spreads underground by rhizomes (underground stems) and so can cover quite large areas. The above ground stems are unbranched and stand 30 – 40 cm (12 - 16") or so

in height, forming a dense carpet. Dog's mercury is a member of the Euphorbia family and, like other members of this family, the flowers have green bracts but no petals.

There are suggestions that the name dog's mercury was used to distinguish the plant from the related annual mercury (*M. annua*) which had some medicinal uses, while dog's mercury is poisonous – the 'dog' part referring to a plant which had no use.

**Christine Jones**



## Poetry Corner

### Musings on a 6th Century Church (St Tudno's)

How proud we should be  
"My husband and I"  
Carved on the top of a tombstone high,  
I with my Scrabble, and he  
with his pipe,  
Bi-focal specs on each faded eye,  
Our children, five, in dutiful pose,  
Except that the youngest is  
Thumbing his nose.  
Tell of years, forty long,  
Spent in closeness and care.  
His cricket, my flowers,  
My tartan, his chair,  
Whilst down at our feet  
Instead of the hound

The telly, the teasmaid,  
the Hoover are found,  
And the carved Latin ribbon  
Surrounding our dust  
States that Juggy and Fif  
Are resting  
from nesting,  
We trust.

**Lucy Hankey**  
(Via Stephanie Searle)

## Coffee Time

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

All begin with letter 'L'.

1. No lies about the injury. (6)
2. Bigger drink about right (6)
3. It makes sense to put wood in charge. (5)
4. Dealt the chaps in but mourned the fact (8)
5. Light covering that helps Adam out (9)
6. Rest in the alien (3)
7. Prospect of New Delhi – I look out (10)
8. He sold ale, usually in this sort of property (9)
9. Flow against the Spanish part of a coast (5)
10. After the early fifties not all keep supple (7)

Results for last month:

1. Pete
2. Doug
3. Albert
4. Billy
5. Ernest
6. Dennis
7. Joshua
8. Stan
9. Leo
10. Colin