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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 (2nd
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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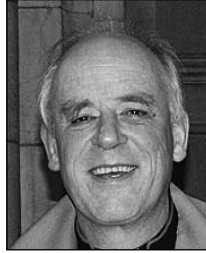
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From the Rectory

Most families have a collective memory of events, good and bad, which have happened to them over the years, sometimes going back even before the lifetimes of those now alive. Occasions such as baptisms, weddings, anniversaries and funerals, when family members get together, are often opportunities to share these memories. Events which an individual may have almost forgotten can be brought powerfully back to life often aided by the sharing of photos and other memorabilia. Sometimes so vivid do the memories become that it's as if they are happening now.



A nation or people can also have such shared memories. At the Jewish Passover meal each year the events of the Exodus from Egypt are recounted in such a vivid way that for those taking part it must almost seem as if they are actually living through these events rather than simply commemorating them.

Indeed when we encounter the term '*remember*' in the Bible it is often understood as meaning much more than simply a calling to mind of a past event. For example at the Last Supper when Our Lord told his disciples to '*do this in remembrance of me*' He is saying that when in the future his followers celebrate the Eucharist He will be

powerfully present with them and that the events of his death and resurrection will be vividly present to them. This is something we can experience afresh each time we are present at the celebration of this Sacrament.

Something similar can be said about the Church's keeping of the time of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection in Holy Week and Easter. It isn't just a case of commemorating various historical happenings, but rather an opportunity to be drawn into the events upon which our eternal destiny depends. In re-telling the story of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day we are drawn into the mysteries of which they speak: we stand along the way as Our Lord rides into Jerusalem shouting our '*Hosannas*'; we sit at table with Christ and the disciples at the Last Supper; accompany Him to Gethsemane; stand with the Blessed Virgin Mary and St John at the foot of the Cross; and meet the Risen Christ with the Apostles and Mary Magdalene on Easter Day. As these events come alive, the life of Christ within us is renewed.

But to take advantage of all this we need to give the various services of Holy Week and Easter priority. For the world in general Easter is a holiday and

is primarily a time for family and leisure activities. Christians may of course still have family commitments over this holiday period, but it is surely vital that they give as much time and attention to Holy Week and Easter as is possible in their circumstances. To do any less is to miss a golden opportunity to walk the way of the Cross and to share in the joy of the resurrection.

I look forward to keeping this vital time with you.

Fr John



“... the distribution of Easter eggs will now take place **next** Sunday.”

News and Notices

Confirmation 2012

On Sunday 22nd Bishop Andy is coming to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation within our Sunday Sung Eucharist. Please remember the candidates in your prayers and support them in any way you can. We have one adult candidate, Mary Pavey, a member of our choir who will be both Baptised and Confirmed on the 22nd. The Junior candidates for Confirmation are: Carly Andrews, Sebastian Birchall, James Harvey, Amy Hollis and Tilly Lloyd Lewis.

Fr John



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2012

All services are at Holy Trinity Church, Mostyn Street

Palm Sunday (1st April)

8.00am Holy Eucharist
 10.30am Palm Procession and Sung Eucharist
 5.00pm Evening Prayer

Maundy Thursday (5th April)

7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper and Vigil

Good Friday (6th April)

10.30am Good Friday for Children
 2.00pm Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday (7th April)

7.30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Day (8th April)

8.00am Holy Eucharist
 10.30am Sung Eucharist
 5.00pm Festal Evensong



A message of thanks

We have been very touched by the kindness of so many friends in Llandudno while Janet has been undergoing open heart surgery. She is now home and convalescing after a successful operation. Thank you to everybody for their cards, thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.

Fr Philip & Janet Cousins

Parish Fellowship

The 2012 Spring Programme ended on Tuesday 13th March with a Eucharist in Holy Trinity Church followed by a Party in the Church Hall. The Members joined together in wishing a sad farewell to our Leader for the past five years, Mrs Adele Arrowsmith. Adele is moving to Poynton near her family.

We have a new Leader, Mr Michael Tattersalls: fitting in a way because the Fellowship was formed to accommodate men into the female dominated Mother's Union at Church of Our Saviour on the West Shore. At the time of the Ministry of Canon Philip Cousins in the Parish there were three Branches of the Mother's Union, two at Holy Trinity and one at the Church of Our Saviour.

The Programme at COS was arranged by Mrs Laura Goodier and one of the Speakers in 1980 came to show slides about Bardsey Island. The Rector was keen to come to this talk and

approached Laura about letting men come along. It was put to the members of the MU and they decided that not only would they welcome the Rector but encouraged their spouses also. The Bishop was consulted and permission was given to form a new group "The Parish Fellowship". With two MU branches at Holy Trinity, the one at COS came to an end.

Laura Goodier became the first Leader, Mrs Margaret Sawyer her deputy and Mrs Betty Craven Treasurer and Programme Arranger. Laura remained Leader until ill health made her give it up. She was followed as Leader by the late Mrs. Falmai Morris. After Fal's untimely death in 2007 Adele took up the reins. Two of the Founder Members, Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. Craven, on behalf of the Members presented Adele with framed photos of the members, a gift token and a bouquet of flowers. We shall miss her and we wish her well. The Autumn Programme depends on when the repairs to the roof of the Hall and the decorating finish. Our new Leader is keen that we get together some time in the early Autumn. Michael, Betty Craven and I will meet and make some arrangement.

Vernon Morris

St. Tudno's News

The re-roofing work is progressing well and we will publish photos of the different stages when the work has been

completed. The church remains closed while the work is being performed.

It might appear that, now we have raised sufficient money for this work, we could take a rest from fund raising but unfortunately that is not the case! The roof restoration is being paid for entirely by fund raising and St. Tudno's funds, with no grant aid. This will leave St. Tudno's "coffers" pretty empty so it is important that we continue to raise money for further restoration (eg plaster work and painting, stonework around the east window) or any emergency work. The Friends of St. Tudno's will therefore be holding a Spring Fair on Saturday 14 April, at Holy Trinity. Details are given in the advert and we would be grateful for any offers of help or donations of: cakes, raffle prizes, chocolates or bottles for the tombola, books, bric-a-brac, etc.

If you have any games or sideshows which would be suitable for children, we would be very glad to hear from you. Weather permitting, the soft toy bungee jump will be in operation, so bring along your teddies for an exciting day out.

Christine Jones & Stephanie Searle

Date for your Diary

The Summer Season Coffee Mornings commence on Wednesday, 18 April – 10 am to 12 noon. Hope to see you all there.

Dorothy, Joyce and the team

Messy Church, 11th March

Preparing For Mothering Sunday.

Over thirty children along with Mums, Dads and Grandparents came along to enjoy another Messy Church afternoon.

Our team of helpers had been busy planning crafts and activities around Mothering Sunday to celebrate the role of Mothers and Grandmothers and most importantly the role of the Mother Church.

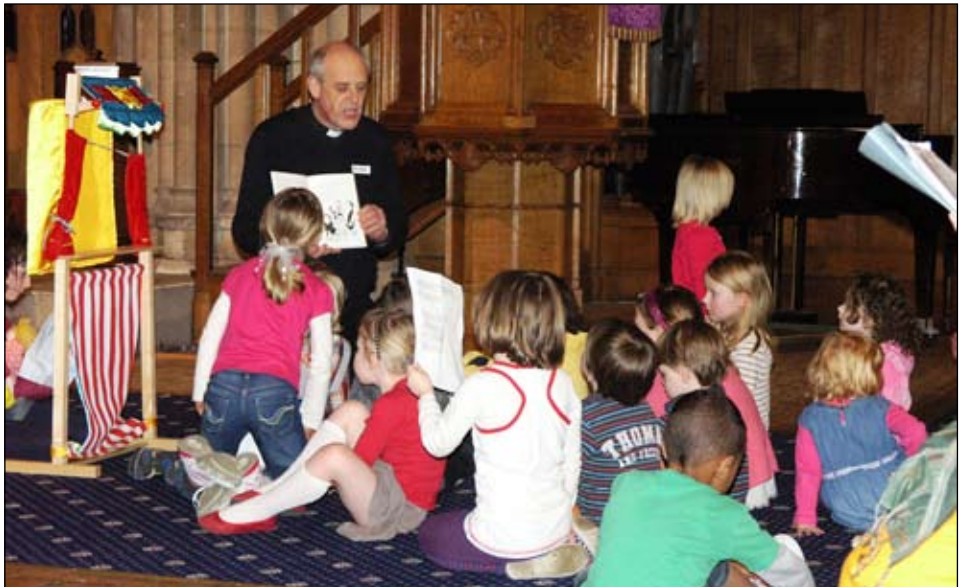
The afternoon started with a warm up sing song led by Ray and Gaynor Stythe Jones and Ruth Hogkinson and the music continued with the Junior Town Band serenading us in the Choir Vestry. Once again the children had fun trying out some of their instruments and perhaps this may lead to some new recruits for the band. The Craft tables were soon buzzing with children





making presents for their mums. There were biscuits to be decorated, baskets and bracelets to be made, wooden spoons dressed and decorated like dollies, Mothering Sunday cards and

Vouchers i.e. I promise to do all the washing up for a day / Promise to tidy up my bedroom etc! The children also decorated plant pots containing fresh pansies and made a montage of draw-



ings of their mothers.

Many of you will have seen the Messy Church Madonna Icon which is now near the altar in the Memorial Chapel. This is a beautiful piece of art work designed by Ros and Mike Harrison and painstakingly created by some of the young members of our Sunday School who proudly presented it to our congregation on Mothering Sunday – see front cover.

Following on from the craft activities was a short act of worship and story telling in church. Our able musicians led the action songs and Ros dressed in Israeli costume told the story of Jesus in the temple when his parents were unable to find him illustrating the special love between parents and children.

Father John also spoke of this special love and the love of God and the church. Hannah was once again the puppeteer, which added to the fun.

We returned to the hall where our wonderful helpers had cleared up the mess and set up the tables for a feast of hot dogs, jelly, ice cream and delicious cakes.

Thank you so much to all our wonderful helpers and to the Messy Church Team. We hope and pray that our work will encourage young families to learn of the love of God and want to be part of our church family.

Sandra Davies.



Mother's Union

Members who attend both afternoon and evening meetings should note that the Stations of the Cross on 3 April are at 7.30 pm and not as printed on the MU's laminated calendar. This will be followed by a Table Eucharist at approximately 8 pm.

I regret that due to a confusion over dates, the evening meeting scheduled to be held on 10 April has had to be cancelled.

The itinerary for the outing on 24 May has been confirmed. We are departing Llandudno at 9 am for the city of St Asaph. We will be given a tour of the Cathedral and will receive Holy Eucharist there. We will proceed to Ruthin Castle

for lunch before returning to Llandudno via the Tweedmill. Any member wishing to go on the outing and who has not put her name forward should contact me as soon as possible.

We welcomed some new members on Mothering Sunday (see photo next page). Any reader wishing to join the Branch, should contact me or Angela Pritchard.

We held our Lenten Quiet Day on 19 March. I would like to thank everyone who helped, especially Fr John (who gave up his day off), thus making the day most successful.

Maggie Leitch



Members of the Mother's Union with Nia Higginbotham (seated) who gave a talk on Palestine on 5 March.



Members of the Mother's Union with Fr Clive Hillman who gave an interesting presentation on the Parish of Penmachno on 13 March.



On Mothering Sunday, Shirley Georgeson (centre-left) was enrolled by Fr John into the Mother's Union. Transferred from other branches were Sheena Tattersall (left), Vivian Reece (centre-right) and Ros Harrison (right). Betty Perrin and Ivy Brett, both new members, were unable to attend but will be enrolled at a later date.

Gallery



Pupils from Ysgol San Siôr who provided the drumbeat at the World Women's Day of Prayer service on 2 March.



The St. Raphael Guild Eucharist with Ministry of Healing was celebrated by Bishop Andy on 8 March. The service was followed by lunch & talk 'The power of forgiveness' by Jane Jones (seated front right) from the Chester Cathedral branch of the Guild



The First Llandudno Guides enrolled two new members on 4 March.



Children with their mums' primulas after the Mothering Sunday service on 18 March.



Photographed with Fr. John (left) on 22 March in the Memorial Chapel are (first left to right): the Most Reverend Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Llandaff; the Right Reverend Barry Morgan, Assistant Bishop of Llandaff; the Right Reverend Andy John, Bishop of Bangor; and the Right Reverend Barry Morgan, who was holding a meeting at the Loretto Centre.



the Right Reverend Wyn Evans, Bishop of St. Davids; the Right Reverend Gregory Cameron, Bishop of Swansea and Brecon; the Right Reverend Dominic Walker OGS, Bishop of Monmouth; the Right Reverend David Wilbourne, Bishop of St. Asaph; the Right Reverend John Davies, Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. The Bench of Bishops of the Church in Wales

Spring Fair

**Saturday 14 April
10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Holy Trinity Church**

**Refreshments, Stalls
Soft toy bungee jump – is
your soft toy brave enough?
In aid of St. Tudno's Church**

Sidespersons

April 1st	Dorothy Trent Angela Pritchard Terry Dewar Geoff Howard	April 22nd	Barbara Yates Mary Rees Wendy C Stewart Judith Williams
April 8th Easter Sunday	William Maidlow Ron Illidge Annabel Jones Joyce Crosby	April 29th	Sandra Davies Ron Illidge Terry Dewar Joyce Crosby
April 15th	Pat Ridler Doug Pritchard Stan Whittaker Ray Millington	May 6th	Dorothy Trent Geoff Howard Annabel Jones Ray Millington

Calendar for April

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

Sun 1st	Palm Sunday	
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.30 am	Palm Procession & Sung Eucharist
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Tues 3rd	Tuesday in Holy Week	
	10.00 am	<i>Julian Meditation Group at Stella Maris</i>
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
	8.15 pm	Informal Eucharist
Weds 4th	Wednesday in Holy Week	
	9.00 am	Eucharist
	7.00 pm	<i>A service of Light & Shadows for Holy Week at Llangystennin Church, Mochdre (joint service with Rhoscystennin parish)</i>
Thurs 5th	Maundy Thursday	
	11.00 am	Eucharist
	7.30 pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by Vigil until midnight. The Vigil ends with Compline at 11.50.
Fri 6th	Good Friday	
	10.30 am	Good Friday for Children
	2.00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion
Sat 7th	Holy Saturday/Easter Eve	
	7.30 pm	Easter Vigil
Sun 8th	Easter Day	
	8.00 am	Eucharist
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	5.00 pm	Festal Evensong
Sat 14th	10.00 am	St. Tudno's Spring Fair
Sun 15th	2nd Sunday of Easter	
		Services at usual times for the 3rd Sunday
Weds 18th	9.30 am	Eucharist for Governing Body of the Church in Wales (this replaces the usual 9.00 am Eucharist)
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer for Governing Body



Thurs 19th 7.30 am Eucharist for Governing Body
 (11.00 am Eucharist will be celebrated as usual)
 7.30 pm PCC Meeting

Sun 22nd 3rd Sunday of Easter
 8.00 am Eucharist
 10.30 am Sung Eucharist with Baptism & Confirmation
 - Celebrant: Bishop Andy

Weds 25th **St Mark, Evangelist**
 9.00 am Eucharist

Thurs 26th 7.30 pm Easter Vestry Meeting

Sun 29th 4th Sunday of Easter
 Services as usual for the 5th Sunday.

Attendance Figures

Sun Feb 5th Presentation of Christ	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist with Candlemas Ceremonies	13
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Candlemas Ceremonies	75
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	4
		other weekday Eucharists	22
Sun Feb 12th 2nd Sunday before Lent	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
	10.30 am	Choral Matins	62
		Shortened Eucharist	17
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	4
	6.00 pm	Exploring Worship	30
		other weekday Eucharists	42 + 1
Sun Feb 19th Sunday before Lent	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	13
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	87
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	6
Wed Feb 22nd Ash Wednesday	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist	7
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist with imposition of Ashes Plus Children from Ysgol San Sior	46
Sat Feb 25th	7.30 pm	Holy Eucharist with imposition of Ashes	11 + 2
		Deanery Quiet Day. Eucharist at Stella Maris	16
		other weekday Eucharists	19

Sun Feb 26th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	12
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	87
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	2
		other weekday Eucharists	3
Wed Feb 29th	9.45 am	Stations of the Cross with children	c30
Ember Day		Adults	5

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Holy Baptism

February 12th: Oliver George McKinley

March 11th: Lewis Shayne Jones

March 12th: Riley Wayne Jones

The Departed

February 6th: Ruth Esther Todd
Service in Holy Trinity Church followed by
cremation at Colwyn Bay

February 29th: Norah Jones aged 82
Service in Holy Trinity followed by Interment at
Llanrhos Lawn Cemetery

March 5th: Henrietta (Rita) Humphrey Jones
aged 86
Service in Holy Trinity followed by Interment at
Llanrhos Lawn Cemetery

March 5th: Dennis Adams aged 75
Cremation at Colwyn Bay

From the Parish Pump

Christians in Syria need your help today

Barnabas Fund has just launched a crisis appeal for Christians in Syria, especially in the battle-besieged city of Homs, where many thousands are trapped.

Whole families and many orphans are in desperate need. Prices have rocketed by up to 50 per cent and supplies are low. More than 200 Christians have already been killed, and the Christian community has been beset by a series of kidnappings. Even when high ransoms are paid, the victim is often found murdered.

There are two million Christians in Syria, around ten per cent of the whole population. Among them are thousands of Iraqi Christian refugees who have been forced from their homeland by anti-Christian violence. Barnabas Fund is one of the very few Christian aid agencies helping Christians in Syria at this tumultuous time. It is working directly with Christian partners in the country to get urgent supplies to needy families.

Children's Jubilee prayers for Queen, Country and Families

What do children say when they talk to God? It can be a revealing barometer of how the next generation feel about

family and community life. From Easter (8 April) until the Big Jubilee Lunch (3 June) HOPE is inviting children across the UK to write their prayers for the Queen, the country and their family.

The prayers may be written at school, at some of the Olympic Torch Relay community events that churches are part of (from 18 May to 27 July), or at the Big Jubilee Lunch on 3 June. This presents an opportunity for the concerns of children and young people across the country to be heard in prayer.

Each community needs one person willing to take responsibility for the Children's Diamond Jubilee Prayers: to distribute prayer sheets to their local



'I agree Rector, the church's bat problem is getting worse – all that high-frequency squeaking is interfering with my iPod.'

churches, schools or at the Big Jubilee Lunch and to find local churches or groups who would be willing to pray for the children and use the prayers.

When the prayers are written by the children they should be collected and distributed to those churches or groups who have agreed to take part; groups can then choose how and when they want to pray the children's prayers. The context that works best for us might be: during a regular Sunday church service; at a church home group meeting; at a church prayer meeting; at a united church prayer event. What do our readers think? Let us know!

Big Jubilee Lunch in June

Visit www.hopetogether.org.uk for HOPE's free resources to help you to hold a Big Jubilee Lunch in your neighbourhood to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Resources include a special souvenir mini-magazine to help your neighbours and friends understand the Christian symbolism at the heart of the monarchy, as we celebrate the Queen's 60 years of service to the Commonwealth.

Bishop supports AGE UK's petition for more help for the elderly

The Bishop of Carlisle, the Rt Revd James Newcome, is backing a petition set up by the charity Age UK, calling on

the Government to reform the care system for older and disabled people. In an article on the Church of England website, the bishop supports the charity's aim to collect 100,000 signatures. He encourages churchgoers to sign the petition as a Lenten discipline.

He writes: 'The social care system was set up to help ensure that no-one who couldn't cope alone was left to struggle... But years of underfunding of the social care system has, Age UK believes, left a system that is in crisis... Currently in Britain there are nearly 800,000 people unable to get any formal support for care...

'And the situation is getting worse... now 80 per cent of local authorities have restricted providing care to only those people who have critical or substantial care needs, leaving thousands of people ... to miss out.'

Christian Aid responds to worsening Sahel hunger crisis

Now seven million people across five West African countries are facing the spectre of famine within months. Thousands are already on the march, looking for secure food sources. Niger, Mali, Chad, Burkina Faso and Mauritania have declared states of emergency and are calling for international assistance.

In response to this, Christian Aid is preparing to focus on those living in the stricken Sahel region. The Sahel is the belt of land just south of the Sa-

hara, about 1000 kilometres wide, and stretching right across the continent, spanning several countries. It is one of the poorest and most environmentally damaged places on earth.

The Sahel includes drought-smitten Mali, which lost 11.8% of total cereal output between 2010 – 2011; Burkina, where an estimated 41.47% of the country will face severe food insecurity, and Niger, where the government fears that more than half of the nation's villages are now running out of basic food, and that more than 5m people are food insecure. Christian Aid is working with other UK agencies through the Sahel Working Group (SWG).

BBC announces centre-piece of its Easter output

BBC1 is to broadcast a live modern adaptation of the Passion story following a string of hit live events on BBC3. The 1 x 60-minute programme due to be broadcast on Good Friday, follows live event performances including *Frankenstein's Wedding* in Leeds, *the Passion* in Manchester and the nativity story from Liverpool, which have all been aired on BBC3.

The Preston Guild is working with the BBC to give a real sense of the City. Over 1,000 local people are expected to take part in a contemporary performance which will draw on the themes from the passion story.

Three pre-recorded dramas using

themes from the passion story and based on Preston's culture and history will also feature in the programme. The stories will follow a mill owner who has to make a decision that affects the lives of his workers, a woman who looked after some of the 3.5m soldiers who passed through Preston train station in WWI, and a modern story about a careworker.

BBC head of religion and ethics, and executive producer, Aaqil Ahmed said the programme will 'form the centre piece of the BBC's religious programming for 2012'.

BBC Radio 4 celebrates the life of cathedrals

Cathedrals still dominate Britain's cities – once symbols of temporal power, technological wonder and musical heritage. In Holy Week BBC Radio 4 will broadcast *The People's Passion*. The series will look at life in cathedrals across the land in five new dramas, documentaries and specially commissioned choral music.

A new choral piece is to be performed during Radio 4's *Sunday Worship* from Manchester Cathedral on Easter Sunday morning. The aim is to encourage choirs of all kinds – school choirs, community choirs, cathedral choirs and choral ensembles – to perform the same new music in the same week.

Christine Morgan, Head of Radio, BBC Religion & Ethics, said: 'It's very exciting

that BBC Radio 4 have commissioned a brand new piece of music for Easter 2012 and we hope that choirs of all styles, across the country, will go to the Radio 4 website and download the music from *The People's Passion* page and get singing.'

Compassion responds to 1.24 million malaria deaths

Compassion UK has just sent 30,000 insecticide-treated mosquito nets to 90 communities in Uganda to help children and care-givers registered in its programmes.

The donation is well-timed in light of recent research published in the British medical journal, the *Lancet*, suggesting that 1.24 million people died from the mosquito-borne disease in 2010, nearly double the figure of 655,000 previously estimated by World Health Organisation.

Compassion works in four of the 17 worst affected nations: Burkina Faso, Togo, Uganda and Rwanda, and is actively tackling malaria in these regions. This intervention is part of the charity's response to the immediate needs of the families it serves, in addition to its long-term child development programme.

Compassion is a leading child development charity serving more than a million children in 26 of the world's poorest countries.

Floating medical charity seeks partners on land

The international medical charity, Mercy Ships is hoping that clubs, leisure groups, schools, companies, churches, and individuals will get involved to raise money to help its work. Mercy Ships runs the world's largest charity hospital ship, the *Africa Mercy*, which provides free medical care and agricultural assistance in West Africa.

The ship is staffed by volunteers and is currently caring for the people of Sierra Leone but will move to Togo and Guinea later this year.

Judy Polkinhorn, Executive Director of Mercy Ships UK, explains: 'We are looking to partner with organisations to raise money to fund the free medical care provided on the ship. We hope that there are companies out there who can see the potential benefits of partnering with a medical charity such as ours.'

The *Africa Mercy*, a former Danish rail ferry, is staffed by an international crew of dedicated volunteers from over 40 nations ranging from seamen, engineers, surgeons, doctors and nurses who give up their time to help save the lives of those who have little or no access to healthcare. For more information on partnering with Mercy Ships please call Sarah Balser or Jane Palmer on 01438 727800.

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EASTER EGGS

Easter eggs have been in the shops since just after Christmas but they are not a new idea. The egg has been used as a symbol of rebirth and new life since before Christian times.

The English name for Easter is said to come from Eostre, a northern goddess of spring. The rebirth of growing things in the spring, after the long dark days of winter, was a time of rejoicing in the pagan world and many of their rites and symbols have been carried over into our Christian festival of Easter.

In pagan times they celebrated the return of light and warmth to the world but our Easter celebrates so much more. We celebrate the fact that Jesus died for us and yet is not dead. We celebrate because Jesus overcame death.

And if all those brightly wrapped chocolate eggs help us to remember that Easter means new life, new life in Jesus, then good – I'll have lots!



BEAUTIFUL EGGS

Chocolate eggs are a new idea; the traditional Easter egg is a decorated hen's egg. Why not make some as special gifts to share the good news of Easter?



You can decorate them in the traditional method of wrapping eggs in onion skins and then boiling them. This gives a mottled, golden look to the egg (or try a couple of slices of beetroot for a different effect).

If you are not going to eat the egg afterwards you can decorate it with paint or felt tip pens. Painted eggs can look very special if, when the paint is dry, you stick on sequins and small beads. Rather than waste a perfectly good egg find out how to 'blow' the egg out of the shell – then you can eat the egg as well as having a perfect empty shell to decorate.



Why did the egg go into the jungle?

Because he wanted to be an eggs-plorer.

Friends of Holocaust Memorial Day

The Editor has received a copy of the 2012 Chairman's Report of the Friends of HMD North East Wales. This small voluntary group was established at the end of 2009. The core mission of the Group remains to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day each year in

a positive and themed way. Events of remembrance usually take place at the end of January to coincide with the Soviet liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland 1945.

If any reader would like further details or a copy of the report, please contact the Editor whose details are on page 3/5.

Wood Anemone

By April, many of the spring wild flowers should be in bloom, including the wood anemone (*Anemone nemorosa*). This delicate member of the buttercup family is a perennial plant, spreading by rhizomes and is, as its name indicates, generally found in deciduous woodland.

The Great Orme is not rich in wood-

land and the wood anemone may be found in what appear to be rather open sites. However, if you look closely at the photo of the patch of wood anemones you should be able to see some dead bracken fronds and a new frond emerging. As the bracken grows, it provides the shade and shelter of a woodland habitat but as the bracken becomes dense the plants beneath it become



difficult to see later in the season.

The buds of the wood anemone may be tinged with a soft pink but the open flowers are a pure white, with yellow stamens bearing the pollen. Flowers are composed of modified leaves, which can usually be distinguished as coloured petals and green sepals, which enclose the developing bud. In the wood anemone the petals and sepals cannot be distinguished (have another look at the picture of the bud) and so the white “petals” are called “perianth segments” (the “perianth” referring to sepals and petals as a whole).



Christine Jones

Wood anemone bud.



Patch of wood anemones.

Poetry Corner

Raining

A grey indifferent sky,
Diligent drizzle sprinkling the passing faces,
Increasing in determination causing
Ribbons of rivulets to relentlessly run in their
escape,
Through the street, cleansing,
Until the sun appears,
Allowing a new start, to be free and dry.

Shirley Georgeson

Coffee Time

Cryptics (*thanks and courtesy Barbara Cartwright*).

All animals

1. Animal found in a tunnel kitchen (3)
2. Fighting dogs (6)
3. Foolish animal (3)
4. An animal found almost completely hung-up (3)
5. Reptile found in Antigua, naturally (6)
6. Animal with awfully neat stride (8)
7. Compilers going to the dogs (7)
8. Wildcat back in Bristol ecosystem (6)
9. Ged hopes it reads like two animals, but it is only one (8)
10. Put up with Paddington, perhaps (4)

Results for last month:

1. Lesion
2. Larger
3. Logic
4. Lamented
5. Lampshade
6. Lie
7. Likelihood
8. Leasehold
9. Lapel
10. Lissome