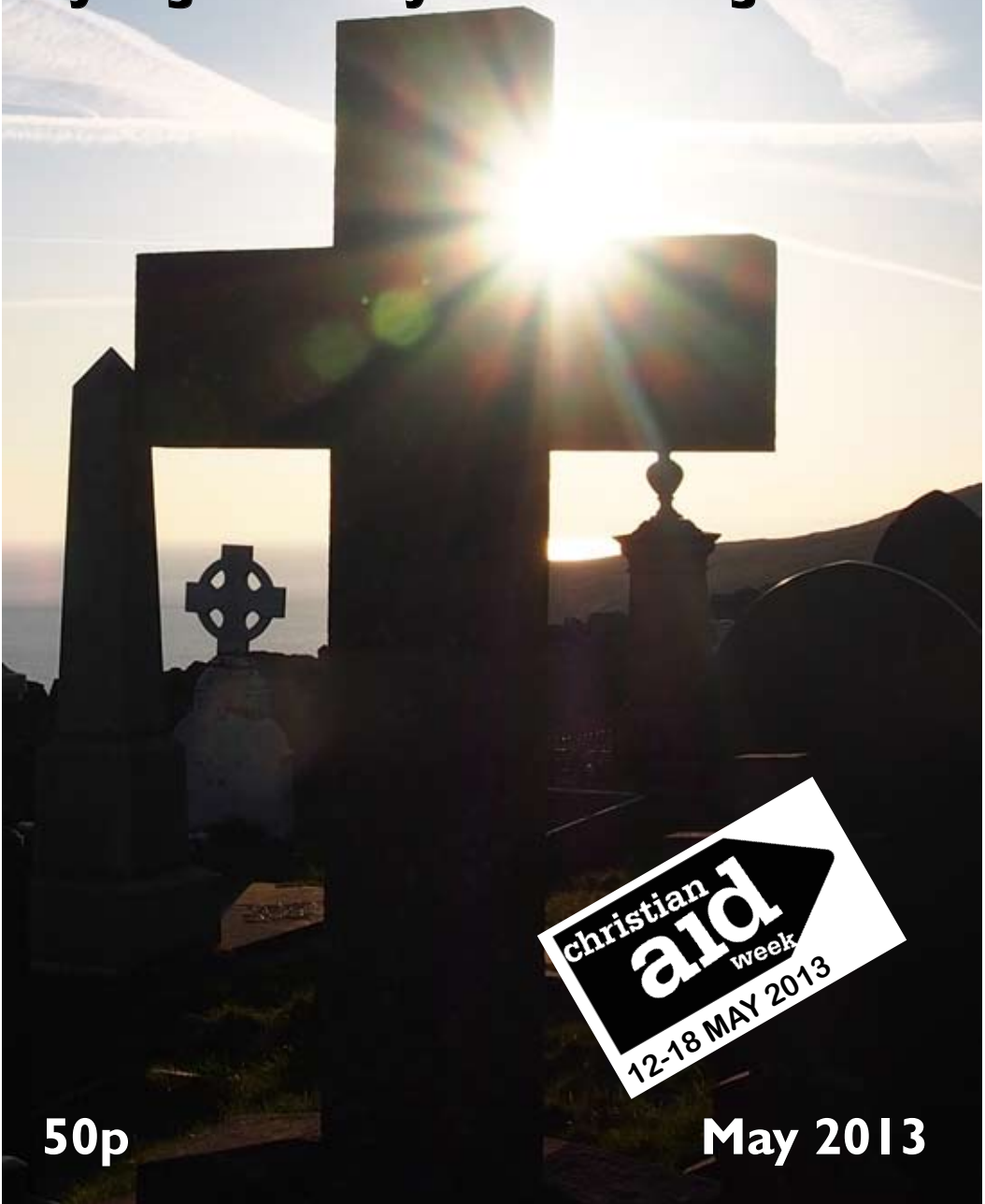


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# Services

## 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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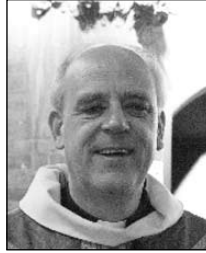
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# From the Rectory

Sunday May 12th will be an important day in Llandudno parish. In the morning we will be having our annual Confirmation service presided over by Bishop Andrew. Then, in the afternoon, former members of the congregation of St Augustine, Cheadle Heath, Stockport will join us for the re-dedication of the stained glass originally from their church which is now installed in the west window of Holy Trinity. And in addition to these important events there are two other aspects to May 12th: it is **Ministry and Calling Sunday** in the Church in Wales and also the beginning of Christian Aid Week. So there will be much to think and pray about and I trust that everyone will do their best to be present on both occasions.



What better day for a Confirmation than Ministry and Calling Sunday! At a Confirmation the candidates re-affirm their baptismal commitment to be disciples of Christ and offer their lives to God (for one of our candidates this year it will actually be the beginning of his Christian life as he has first to be baptised). But for all of us, being present at a Confirmation should challenge us to think more deeply about our own calling. Are we living a fruitful Christian life and what might God want us to do for Him? These are just two of the questions we might ask. The very title

'Ministry and Calling' makes it clear that we are not just talking about possible vocations to the ordained ministry, but that we are being asked to be open to God's call to serve him in a variety of ways, both within the church and in the community at large.

Our 'new' stained glass illustrates most profoundly what is involved in the offering of our lives in God's service and our willingness to be open to whatever he asks us to do. One of the scenes depicted in the glass is the visit of the Magi to the infant Christ. These mysterious figures from the east brought precious gifts as signs of their homage



'Thank you, Rector, we've just moved here ...'

to the new born King.

We bring Him the only gift we really have to offer – ourselves. The other scene depicted in the glass is the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary – the moment when God suddenly came crashing in to Mary’s life with a most unexpected and awesome task for her to perform. Given the circumstances it would have been understandable if she had simply said ‘No’ or at least ‘I’ll think about it’. But of course she didn’t she said ‘Yes – Let it be done to me according to your will.’

The Magi and Mary are patterns for us – of the need to offer ourselves afresh to God and then to respond with generosity when he calls us to

serve him. Christian Aid Week reminds us that our service of God will almost certainly involve caring in one way or another for those in need.

To offer ourselves to God and to be willing to serve him are daunting tasks



When Hilary arrived, the spring cleaning had already started.

indeed which we could never perform in our own strength. At a Confirmation the candidates, having offered their lives to God are not left to get on with it on their own. In the laying on of hands by the Bishop they are strengthened with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to enable them to do what is required of them. We all have the gifts of God's Spirit through our Baptism and Confirmation and are constantly renewed in these gifts through our sharing in the Eucharist and in many other ways.

So please pray for our Confirmation

Candidates – Gloria, Matthew and Kim, and come and support them on May 12th. And let each of us be open to what God may be calling us to do for him at this moment in your Christian pilgrimage. Come also to be part of the re-dedication of the stained glass; to meet those from Cheadle Heath who have 'given' it to us and for whom May 12th may be a bittersweet occasion; and to be inspired afresh with the stories of the Visit of the magi and the Annunciation to Mary.

*Fr. John*

## News and Notices

### **Well Walk – Spring Bank Holiday Monday**

Our neighbouring parish of Rhoscystennin have organised a walk around the Holy Wells in both their parish and ours to take place on Bank Holiday Monday – 27th May. Members of Llandudno parish are most welcome to take part in all or part of the walk. Canon Bob Griffith writes: 'We have reminded people to wear good walking shoes and sensible clothing. We have also suggested they might like to do this walk as a sponsored walk for the church they attend, their favourite charity or just a walk. People can join us for any part of the walk or at the beginning or end (or both).'

The timings for the walk are as fol-

lows:

- 10.30 am St Cystennin's Church, Llangystennin (people will need to arrange to be dropped off at the church) via Penrhynside to Craigside and St Sadwrn's Well at approx...
- 11.30 am. On then to St Mary's Well at Llanrhos by approx ...
- 1.00 pm. And then it's on via West Shore to the Great Orme (via the Rest & Be Thankful) to St Tudno's Well by about ...
- 4.00 pm. Stops might include: Penrhyn Arms in Penrhynside (for the toilet obviously!); Llanrhos Schoolroom (if not booked); St David's Hospice Coffee Shop; The Rest &

Be Thankful on Marine Drive.

People will need to arrange to be picked up after St Tudno's Well. There will be short services at each stop.

**Fr. John**

## **Glimpses of God**

Once again members of both Llan-dudno parishes met on Wednesdays during Lent in the Hospital Chapel for the service of Compline, followed by an opportunity to discuss and share together.

This year the course was 'Glimpses of God – Hope for today's world'. We listened to the CD where Bishop Stephen Cottrell, the Revd. Professor David Wilkinson and the Rt. Hon. Shirley Williams talked about the topics each week – the God who hears our cry; the Shepherd who guides and guards his people; the Son who is the way, the truth and the life; the God who shares our pain; the God who calms our fears. The concluding reflection each week by Canon Lucy Winkett was particularly pertinent.

The different approaches adopted by the clergy leading the sessions provided a useful contrast and the speakers on the CD led us into thinking anew about our faith and the issues raised, and about how we relate to the wider community, making links between Scripture and contemporary situations and issues. In Holy Week we gathered

at St. Tudno's for the Service of Light and Shadows, a fitting way to conclude the course.

We valued getting to know folk from other churches, sharing faith stories with them, and listening to others' views. It was a shame more of our congregations were not able to be there. Perhaps next year you might join us! Compline is an oasis of calm in our hurly burly world, and it is good to mark Lent by not just giving up things but by doing something extra.

*Report compiled by members of the group.*

## **Parish Fellowship**

The Eucharist held on Tuesday, 5 March concluded the Fellowship Winter programme. We are grateful to everyone who has helped us to have such a varied programme. Vernon (Morris) works very hard to give us solemn and serious topics as well as fun things. Our speakers are both local – two have been current church members, one a past choirboy of St. George's, whilst others travelled from a distance. Thanks to volunteer pianists/organists, all our hymns have been accompanied. Thanks Dennis, Michael, Pauline, Charles and Gwen. Donations have been sent to a number of speakers' organisations.

Several of our members have been 'off sick' – some for a number of weeks and we hope they will be back on the active list as the weather improves.

Our long-term Treasurer, Betty Craven, relinquished her post at the end of last year and Marion Heald has been appointed. Many thanks Betty and Marion.

We have welcomed guests at several of our meetings – feel free to come and join us from time to time. We are looking for regular members to swell and numbers and support the very able people who come to talk to us.

Restart again on Tuesday, 15 October at 2.30 pm. In the meantime, we hope to organise a trip out or some get together.

***Michael Tattersall (Leader)***

## **The Last Supper**

It was lovely to be thanked for organising the recent Last Supper Event for Exploring Worship. We were delighted to have such positive feedback. Worship leaders in Exploring Worship work in teams, we were privileged recently to be invited to join with Judith Williams and Eileen Box and this was our second event together. Without Eileen's support and Judith masterminding the whole organisation of the food, the Last Supper just would not have been possible. At one point the church kitchen was literally 'breeding' slow cookers full of lamb stew. Special thanks to other special 'stewers' Angela and Kristina and all the others who helped us especially Marion & Vernon who took over washing up for 55! You would receive a

warm welcome at Exploring Worship.

***Mike and Roz Harrison***

## **Mike and Roz Harrison's Visit to South West Tanganyika**

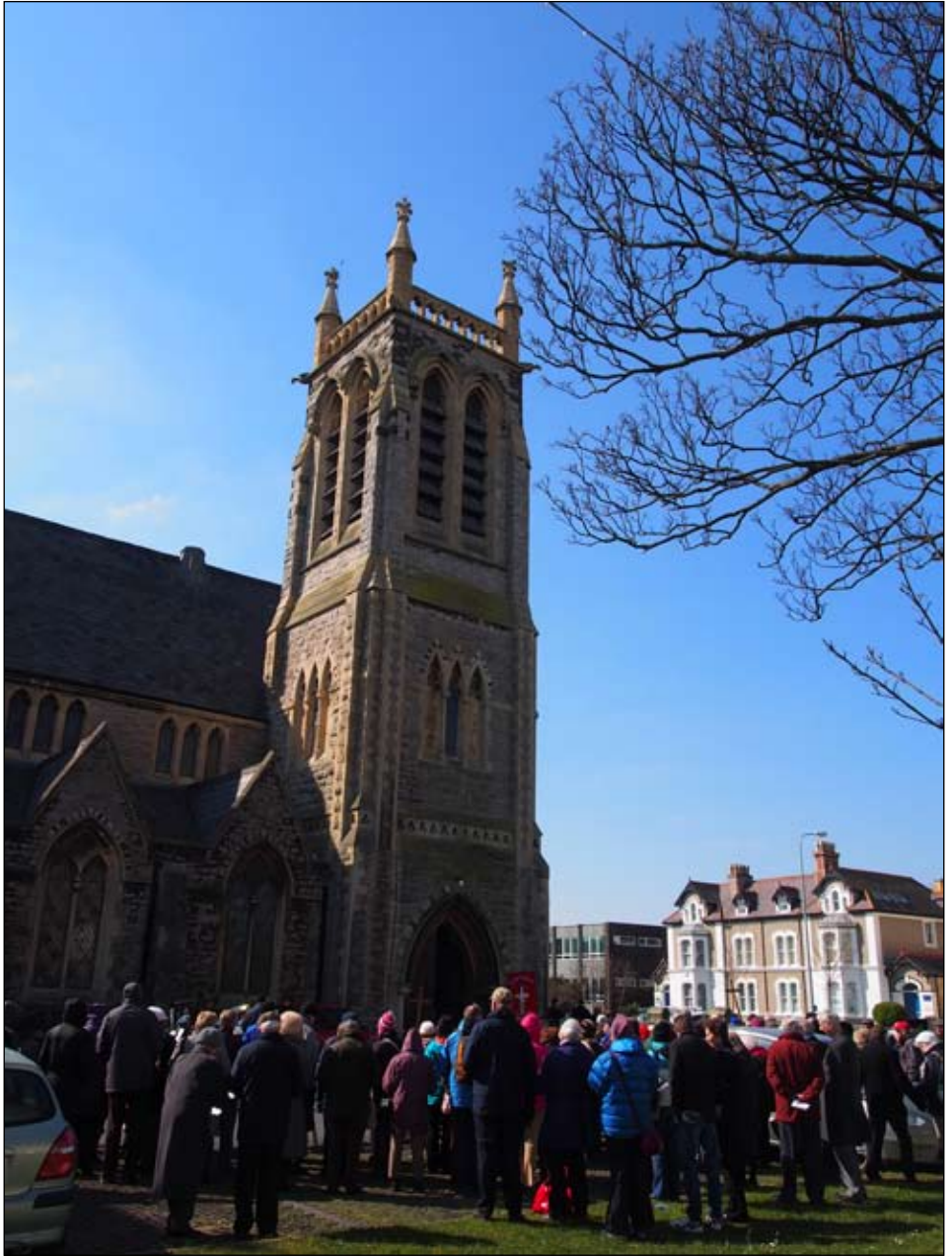
Some of you may know that Mike and I have been invited to visit South West Tanganyika by Bishop John Simalenga and the Bishop of St. Asaph with whom they are twinned. By the time you read this we will already be there. I should like to thank all our friends at Holy Trinity who so generously donated soap, flannels, toothbrushes, notebooks, pens, and sewing box. We did manage to get it all in with the help of additional luggage allowance. You can follow our progress on Facebook page: south west Tanganyika or <http://swtanganyika.blogspot.co.uk/>

Please pray for the work we shall be doing while there, in the new Church aided Primary School run by Anglican nun, Sister Aneth, and monitoring how donations in previous years have been spent, Mike as he works with the clergy and our visit to Milo hospital. We look forward to sharing with you all that we have learnt and seen.

***Roz Harrison***

## **Family Fun Day at Bangor**

I am writing to enquire whether any from your parish, would be willing to come and help at the family fun day on



*This photograph was taken outside Holy Trinity Church on Good Friday, March 29. Shown are those participating in Open Air Worship after taking part in Cytûn's Walk of Witness.*



Saturday 18 May? Last year the mini Olympics were superb! My children still have their medals hanging in their bedrooms! We don't need another outdoor activity this year as we have hired an inflatable obstacle course (!) but will be very grateful indeed for any tabletop activities, or just helpers willing to offer an hour or two helping those running activities.

The theme is Pentecost and we have called the day Re:Ignite. It will follow the same format as last year, starting at 11.00 am with the worship at 3.00 pm. We are also grateful for 'early bird helpers' who can help put up tents/marquees, and get the Cathedral ready from around 8.30 am, and to clear away afterwards.

I would be very grateful for names/contact details (mobile/e-mail) of anyone willing to help. If they have a preference over when and doing what, please let me know! With many thanks,

**Louise Davies**

*Please respond through Kristina Birchall or Sandra Davies.*

## **St. Tudno's**

On Wednesday 27th March a service of Light and Shadows was held jointly with Rhoscystennin Parish. There had been flurries of snow, some heavy, on and off all day but by early evening the sky was clear and the air was very cold. Revd Peter Walker led the service and

the congregation was 25 in number. We sang meditative songs, including the hymn My song is love unknown, to the accompaniment of Revd Peter playing the guitar. There were readings from St. John's Gospel chapters 18 and 19. After each reading one or two candles were blown out, leaving the church in darkness by the end of the service. Hot drinks were then served and we came out of the church to a beautiful starlit sky and full moon.

At 6.30 am on Easter Day St. Tudno's held the Easter Liturgy. The service started inside, led by Fr. John, and then we all processed outside where the Easter Candle was lit from a new fire. Back inside, the congregation of 26 had individual candles lit. The service included hymns, readings, renewal of baptismal vows and Holy Eucharist. Bacon baps and hot drinks followed outside, in the beautiful clear morning



*Inside St. Tudno's on Easter Sunday.*



*During and after the Easter Vigil at St. Tudno's.*



light and very frosty ground. It was a wonderful, meaningful start to Easter Day.

On Saturday 6th April the Friends of St. Tudno's spring fair was held at Holy Trinity. The weather was bright and sunny with a nip in the air, probably the best day all year so far. Books and bric-a-brac were for sale outside, while inside there was a craft stall, tombola, guess the teddy's birthday and Friends' stall selling cards and souvenirs. There was an abundance of homemade cakes, served with tea and coffee, and also homemade soup and sandwiches. Over £600 was raised, which will go towards the proposed new screen doors at St. Tudno's. Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard, both Friday setting up and Saturday, nearly all day.

The working party to put out the benches, clean the church and tidy the churchyard will be on Saturday 11th May at 10.00 am. The first open air service will be held on Sunday 26th May at 11.00 am, with a taxi from Holy Trinity at 10.30 am. We look forward to seeing you at St. Tudno's.

**Shirley Georgeson**  
**Stephanie Searle.**

### **Friends of St. Tudno's Church**

On behalf of the Friends, I would like to add to Shirley and Stephanie's thanks to all who helped at and supported the Friends' fair in April. We hope that we soon have raised sufficient funds to

replace the screen doors at St. Tudno's Church. These are currently wooden framed doors with mesh and Perspex, which proved extra protection outside the church doors and when the doors are open allow light into the church while keeping out the local wildlife – and some of the wind. However, the doors are getting rather rickety and are, frankly, rather ugly, obscuring the attractive arched doorways of the church. The architect has designed some very attractive replacement doors, which should enhance the church as well as providing the required protection.

The Friends were busy at the Easter Vigil, taking part in the service and providing and cooking the breakfast afterwards. This year we used a couple of electric grills, rather than barbeques, which did the job nicely. Fortunately we filled the kettles the evening before, as the water in the pipe froze overnight!

The Friends welcome anyone who would like to support St. Tudno's mission, ministry and maintenance and membership forms are available in both churches and via the Friends' page of the parish website. Some Friends are able to take part in our events, others support us through their prayers and everyone is kept in touch through the Friends newsletter, which is published three times a year. If you are interested in joining or would like to know more about the Friends, do get in touch with me.

***Christine Jones, Secretary***

## Thanks No 1

At the Easter Vestry I was given a 'bag' of beautiful flowers in thanks for the time and effort I gave as Sub-warden of St Tudno's. It wasn't until I was at home later that I opened the card but it wasn't! I had also been given a Gift Voucher, altogether a kind and generous gift, So very many thanks.

**Stephanie Searle**

## Thanks No 2

We would like to thank you all very much for the generous donation of food given to Conwy Food Bank during April.

We have seen a sudden increase in requests for food parcels this month as the new benefit reforms come into place and people find themselves with no money at all.

During April, we have given several family parcels, one for a family sadly bereaved and another for a mother with four young children who had fled from domestic abuse.

We expect to keep getting busier now, so we are very grateful for your support.

Kind regards

**Conwy Food Bank**

## Thanks No 3

As many of you know, circumstances have forced me to take an early retirement from my position as Leader of the Mothers' Union. This was not a decision that I took lightly – indeed, I had previously announced that I would retire at the beginning of next year. However, a recent bereavement and the serious illness of a loved one has made it difficult for me to give the time and commitment that the position required.

I would like to thank everybody for their kind words and understanding at this difficult time and trust that the branch will flourish under a 'new management'.

**Maggie Leitch**



# Attendance Figures

March 1st	10.30 am	Bilingual Service	12
St. David's Day		Other weekday Eucharists	7
March 3rd	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	12
Lent 3	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	103
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	1
March 5th		Eucharist for Parish Fellowship	15
		Other weekday Eucharists	36
March 10th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	16
Lent 4	10.30 am	Family Service	97
Mothering Sunday		Shortened Eucharist	16
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	7
March 14th		Eucharist at Ysgol San Sior	c 25
		Other weekday Eucharists	12
March 16th		Eucharist for Deanery Quiet Day at Stella Maris Centre	20
March 17th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	15
Lent 5	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	76
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	2
	5.30 pm	Exploring Worship Passover Meal	56
		Other weekday Eucharists	34
March 24th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	32
Palm Sunday	10.30 am	Palm Procession and Sung Eucharist	90
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	3
March 26th		Stations of the Cross	c 15
March 27th	7.30 pm	Service of Light and Shadows at St. Tudno's	25
March 28th	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper Vigil	32
	9.50 pm	Compline	8
March 29th	2.00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion	42
		Other weekday Eucharists	24
March 31st	6.30 am	Easter Vigil at St. Tudno's	21
Easter Day	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	21
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	148
	5.00 pm	Choral Evensong	25

# Calendar for May

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

- Weds 1st      **Philip & James, Apostles**  
 9.00 am      Holy Eucharist  
 (please note there is no 11.00 am Eucharist)
- Sun 5th      6th Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)**  
 Services as usual for the first Sunday in the month
- Tues 7th      10.00 am      *'Julian' meditation group at Stella Maris*
- Tues 7th – Fri 10th      Keswick Bible Week at Llandudno Baptist Church**  
*Speaker: Richard Tiplady on 'Isaiah: A prophet for our times? Sessions at 7.30 pm on Tues, Weds & Thurs; and at 11.00 am on Weds, Thurs and Fri*
- Thurs 9th      **Ascension Day**  
 11.00 am      Holy Eucharist  
 7.30 pm      Holy Eucharist
- Sat 11th      10.00 am      Spring Working Party at St. Tudno's
- Sun 12th      7th Sunday of Easter (Ministry & Calling Sunday)**  
**Christian Aid Week begins**  
 8.00 am      Holy Eucharist  
 10.30 am      Sung Eucharist with Baptism & Confirmation  
 (Celebrant & Preacher: Bishop Andrew)  
 3.00 pm      Service of Rededication for the West Window  
 (Preacher: Bishop Andrew) There will be light refreshments in the Hall after this service  
 3.00 pm      *Christian Aid Week Service at Gloddaeth United Church*  
 (Please note: There will be no 5.00 pm Evening Prayer, or 6.00 pm Exploring Worship Service at Holy Trinity today)
- Tues 14th      **Matthias, Apostle**  
 11.00 am      Holy Eucharist
- Thurs 16th      11.00 am      Eucharist with Ministry of Healing  
 7.30 pm      Deanery Conference
- Sat 18th      1.30 pm      Wedding of Thomas Harris & Stephanie Curtis  
 11.00 am      – 3.00 pm *Fun Day at the Cathedral*

<b>Sun 19th</b>	<b>The Day of Pentecost</b>	Services as usual for the third Sunday in the month
Sun 26th	Trinity Sunday	(Patronal Festival of our Parish Church) Services as usual for the fourth Sunday
Mon 27th (Bank Holiday)		Well Walk – see separate article on page 9
Tues 28th	7.30 pm	Friends of St Tudno's Church Committee meeting

## June

<b>Sun 2nd</b>	<b>Trinity I – Sunday nearest to St. Tudno's Day</b>	
8.00 am	Holy Eucharist – at Holy Trinity	
11.00 am	Sung Eucharist at St. Tudno's. A minibus service will be available from Holy Trinity – details of this will be given in the June magazine and in the Weekly Bulletins. (Please note that there will be no 10.30 am service at Holy Trinity today)	
5.00 pm	Evening prayer – at Holy Trinity	

# *PARISH REGISTER*

## *The Departed*

*April 8th: Vivien Joan Reese  
Service at Holy Trinity Church followed by  
cremation at Colwyn Bay*

*April 15th: Mary Hancox aged 98  
Burial in Great Orme Cemetery after funeral  
service in Shropshire*

*April 17th: Dilys Margaret Stonehouse aged 83  
Service at Holy Trinity Church followed by  
burial at The Lawns, Llanrhos*

# Sunday Rota

## 5th May

Reader Christine Jones  
 Sidespersons Terry Dewer  
 Sandra Davies  
 Cath Lloyd  
 Stan Whittaker  
 Eucharistic Ministers Marion Heald  
 John Ridler

## 12th May

Readers Ray Stythe-Jones  
 Gay Stythe-Jones  
 Sidespersons Vernon Morris  
 Joyce Crosby  
 Doug Prichard  
 Barbara Yates  
 E Minister Stan Whittaker

## 19th May

Reader Eileen Box  
 Sidespersons Pat Ridler  
 Judith Williams

Ben Edwards  
 Dorothy Trent  
 Cath Lloyd  
 Angela Pritchard

## 26th May

Reader Angela Prichard  
 Sidespersons Terry Dewer  
 Ron Ildige  
 Wendy Stewart  
 Annabel Jones  
 Eucharistic Ministers Maggie Leitch  
 John Ridler

## 2nd Jun

Reader Stan Whittaker  
 Sidespersons William Maidlow  
 Marion Heald  
 Sandra Davies  
 Ray Millington  
 Eucharistic Ministers Angela Pritchard  
 Cath Lloyd

# Christian Aid Week

## 'We work together, we share the land'

This Christian Aid Week, we're standing with poor communities to help them bite back at hunger. If a community has land to live on and farm, it can provide enough food for its people. In the Beni region of Bolivia, one community faces a much more secure future, thanks to a Christian Aid partner organisation helping them acquire land rights, previ-

ously under dispute for decades.

When Elmy Ymarnarlico lists the things that she is most proud of, her woolless sheep and chickens come in close to the top. But it is the sense of ownership of her homeland that has really changed Elmy's life.

Elmy lives in the community of Alta Gracia, deep in the Bolivian rainforest. But despite making up the majority



of the population, indigenous communities like Elmy's have struggled for years to have reliable access to their own land.

Threats and intimidation from prospective landlords were common, and many fathers and young people left to search for work elsewhere because they couldn't make a living from their land. This left families to struggle with the other perils of drought, floods, forest fires and hunger.

Christian Aid partner Centre for Research and Training of Peasants (CIPCA) has since helped to secure land for more than 1,000 families.

CIPCA has also given the community training in crop diversification and how to improve their harvests. It has pro-

vided woolless sheep to breed from, sell on and eat, and chickens to produce eggs to eat and sell.

Now the men can stay and farm their own land without the threat of cattle ranchers and big businesses taking it, and people like Elmy can provide more nutritious diets for their families.

There is now a future for young people, too. 'We are now the owners of our land... we work the land together, we share the land,' Elmy explains.

The community of Alta Gracia has also discovered the value of the wild cocoa trees around them, thanks to CIPCA. Owned by the whole community, the trees are now lovingly looked after. Locals work in protective clothing provided by CIPCA, and CIPCA buys the



*Elmy and her woolless sheep.*

cocoa from them for a fair price.

‘CIPCA helped so much,’ Elmy says. ‘It has got people inspired to look after, protect and get the best from the cocoa trees.’

### Key costing

£125/€155 could provide one male and two female woolless sheep to a com-

munity in Bolivia, providing them with meat when food is scarce and income when lambs are sold.

One in eight people in the world are desperate for food. Bite back at hunger and show your support for Christian Aid Week (12-18 May) at [www.caweek.org/article](http://www.caweek.org/article)

## How Precious is Your Bible?

As Christians, we place a great emphasis on the importance of the Bible in our daily



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lives. Have you ever thought how impoverished our lives would be without the Bible – what our lives would be like without the teachings of God’s Holy Word? Yet, we take for granted that we have easy access to it. Perhaps we are one of those privileged few who has more than one Bible on their shelves – different translations of it. Yet, did you know that there are millions of people who have no access to a Bible – a Bible in their own language – who would exchange their most treasured possession to have one? Did you know that you could help in changing this situation? And it doesn’t need to cost you the earth.

You are probably aware of the Bible Society – formerly known as the British and Foreign Bible Society – who have teams of translators working

on translating the Bible, printing copies and distributing them to different people groups and tribes the world over. You may even be aware that The Bible Society is represented in Llandudno and in your own church by what is known as The Llandudno Bible Society Action Group. This Group is busy throughout the year organising fund raising events such as Coffee mornings, Strawberry Teas, Plant sales, Quiz Nights, etc. and is always looking for volunteers to help. Maybe this is something you’d be happy and willing to do.

Or you might think you’d like to help in other ways in getting a Bible into the hands of one of these impoverished people who have no Bible of their own. For a mere £4.00 per month, you can belong to a plan run by the Bible Society, called ‘Bible a Month’, and receive regular updates of how your money is being used.

Why not give this some thought – some prayerful thought – and wait upon the Lord to help make your decision? If He prompts you to say, ‘Yes’, and you’d be willing to help in any way, your church Bible Society representative (Peter

Plunkett) or Kay Morris – 875008 – the Group’s Secretary, would be glad to hear from you.

**David Morris**  
**The Llandudno Bible Society**  
**Action Group**

## From the Parish Pump

### **Pakistan Violence**

Hundreds of Christians have been left homeless in Pakistan after a 3,000-strong mob of Muslims torched their houses and shops and a church over a false blasphemy accusation against a Christian man.

The Christians of Joseph Colony in the Badami Bagh area of Lahore had fled in fear of their lives ahead of the violence in March, after hearing calls from the mosque loudspeakers that urged Muslims to ‘kill the blasphemers’. A total of 178 houses and 75 shops were looted and destroyed, leaving hundreds of Christians homeless and with nothing. Bibles were also burnt. Barnabas Fund is working with local partners on plans to help the homeless Christians of Joseph Colony rebuild their lives.

### **Help Children**

The Church of England is calling on churches to support The Children’s Society’s partnership with Traidcraft – one of the UK’s leading suppliers of fair

trade products – to help tackle child poverty and neglect.

Through the partnership, 10 per cent of all products purchased from a dedicated website will be donated to The Children’s Society. Money raised will support the charity’s work with child refugees, young runaways, disabled children and young carers. If you want to help, visit [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/childrenssociety](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/childrenssociety) or call 0845 330 8900, stating you are supporting The Children’s Society.

### **Grandpa Ted**

A new Christian sitcom, ‘*Grandpa Ted*’ went on air on TWR UK in April. It will run on Saturdays at 11.00am (repeated at 11.00pm) through to July 2013. The first of the 13 episodes is available as a preview on request. The series follows the life of Grandpa Ted, a likeable old gentleman who wants to enjoy a quiet life, but rarely succeeds, as he tries to live out God’s principles.

## Applying the ‘Life of Pi’

The Damaris Trust has published a resource for young people to make the most of fantasy adventure film ‘Life of Pi’. The resource guide encourages students to think through the film’s questions about what it means to be human, and how we can know what is true. Resources can be downloaded free from [www.damaris.org/lifeofpi](http://www.damaris.org/lifeofpi)

## Child Protection

Progress is being made on improving online child protection in the UK. Safermedia recently met with Claire Perry MP, an adviser to the Prime Minister, and report that all the major ISPs have agreed that by the end of 2013, they will provide a one-click filter at network level which can block adult content on all internet-enabled devices in the home.

Public Wifi will be ‘cleaner’ as providers are to be offered a package blocking porn, and the Mobile Phone industry is reviewing its current block on adult content to make it more robust.

## Radio to African villages

The ‘Every Village’ Radio Network has installed satellite dishes in villages in South Sudan, with the help of MAF, who flew engineers and equipment to Malualkon and Nasir. The radio network will broadcast programmes in the Nuer language.

## Forgiving

A series of meetings, entitled ‘Power to Forgive’, were held in Erbil, Iraq, earlier this year, initiated by church leaders in Erbil. Erbil is a city of 1.3 million people in the Kurdistan region of Iraq, 80 km from the ruins of Nineveh. SAT-7 broadcast the meetings live across Iraq and the wider region, and for the first time, billboards promoted the Christian message of forgiveness and TV and Radio carried adverts for the event. The website logged 26,601 unique visitors.

## Turn on the Tap

Don’t take the tap in your kitchen for granted: millions of people in the developing world would love to have such access to clean water. Samaritan’s Purse is working to end water poverty in Africa by providing access to clean water, making dirty water safe to drink, and promoting health, hygiene and proper sanitation. In Africa millions of people lack access to clean, safe water. Women and girls walk miles each day (risking sexual attack) to bring back dirty water; children fall sick, latrines are few and very public; and girls walking for water mean they cannot go to school.

On the other hand, some help can achieve so much: £15 can provide an entire family with access to a nearby well; £36 can provide a family with their own latrine; £48 can give a family clean water for life through a BioSand water filter in their own home.

If you would like to help, visit: <http://www.turnonthetap.org.uk/>

## **Rural Communities**

A leading Professor in Social Renewal says the Church has a vital role to play, both locally and nationally, in lobbying on rural disadvantage, with the recent closure of the Government's Commission for Rural Communities.

Professor Mark Shucksmith believes that the Church should be challenging people in rural communities to act in accordance with Christian values. He said that showing leadership, and preaching neighbourliness in action through social justice and compassion, will prove a vital lifeline for rural communities, where housing is generally unaffordable for people on local wages.

He said that the Church could also have an important role in lobbying at national level for action to address rural disadvantage – especially important after the Commission for Rural Communities was abolished on 31st March.

## **Status of Women**

Mandy Marshall, the CofE rep at the recent UN Commission on the Status of Women, UNCSW, says that educating men and boys is key to preventing violence against women, adding that faith groups must lead the way.

Writing in her blog <http://cofeuncsw.wordpress.com/>, Mandy referred to a presentation from the Sonke Gender Justice Network in South Africa outlining 10 points required in engaging men to prevent and end violence against women. But she stressed that there must be 'a focus on including faith leaders, as transformers of cultures, in the process of prevention'. Mandy goes on: 'With one in four women in the UK suffering abuse in her lifetime, and two women a week being killed by their partner or former partner, it is indeed time for action.' Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cofe.uncsw>

## **Responsible Lending**

The Church of England has supported the recent strong stance taken by the Office of Fair Trading in giving the leading 50 payday lenders 12 weeks to change their business practices – or risk losing their licenses.

Malcolm Brown, Director of the Church's Mission and Public Affairs Team, said: 'There are deep-seated problems with the way the whole payday loan market is operating at the moment. Many borrowers are already in a financially precarious position, and all too often payday loans are making their situation worse.'

Too many people are being granted loans that they cannot afford to repay, according to the OFT, and companies are also criticised for using aggres-

sive debt collection practices and not making enough allowances for struggling borrowers. These problems are widespread across the industry, the OFT said.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Justin Welby, a strong supporter of Credit Unions has said he welcomes the action taken by the OFT. 'It will contribute to improved access to affordable finance across England.' Payday loan companies are excluded from the Church of England's investment portfolios.

### **Cost of Conservation**

Bat conservation is damaging churches not just physically, but financially, and cannot be sustained, the Environment Minister Richard Benyon MP has been told. The cost of replacing one small piece of a leaded window, for example, increased from £5 using plain glass to £140 when fitting a lead 'bat flap' was required by the Bat Conservation Trust (BCT) - four weeks' collection in the rural parish church of Wiggerhall, St Germans.

Leaving interpretation of the law on bat conservation largely to the BCT is bringing the European Habitats Directive into disrepute to the detriment of endangered species more generally, warned a Church of England delegation led by Second Church Estates Commissioner Sir Tony Baldry MP, with representatives of Natural England. 'I

remain puzzled as to why our churches are treated as if they were uninhabited barns. They are not,' said the Rt Revd Graham James, Bishop of Norwich.

The delegation looked forward to results that would mitigate the impact of bats on buildings. Churches are places of worship, centres of communities and heritage sites, not sites of special scientific interest, they reminded the Minister.

### **Pause for Thought**

The Bishop of Bradford has praised DJ Chris Evans for building his Radio 2 Breakfast Show into Europe's largest radio audience. Recent industry figures give the show, which includes Pause for Thought, an average of 9.5m people tuning in every day.

The Rt Revd Nick Baines, the Bishop of Bradford, is one of the show's regular Pause for Thought contributors. Speaking in a Church of England podcast published today, ([www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/engage-with-us-online/podcasts.aspx](http://www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/engage-with-us-online/podcasts.aspx)) Bishop Nick says, 'You've got to be able to fit in with the medium. It's no good having stuff to say if you don't know how to say it or there is a big 'clunk' between the programme, which is great, fast-moving fun and 'the religious bit'".

Elton John, Barry Manilow, Barbara Windsor, Peter Kaye and Rick Astley are amongst the showbiz names that Bishop Nick's shared a studio with

during the three years he's been on the show. He recalls the morning Suggs, the lead singer with Madness, was Chris' guest. Bishop Nick managed to work sixteen Madness song titles into his Pause for Thought script.

## Visitor Attractions

St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and Canterbury Cathedral are again among the top visitor attractions in the UK, according to the latest statistics from the Association of Leading Visitor Attractions (AVLA).

York Minster attracts more than 490,000 visitors annually, while Durham Cathedral welcomes 600,000 visitors each year and Bath Abbey alone would make the top 50 attractions, welcoming 420,000 visitors a year.

Cathedrals are at the forefront of worshipping churches that generate at least £350 million a year towards the tourism economy. The Association of English Cathedrals and English Heritage have estimated that visitors to cathedrals alone generate £91 million in spend and directly support 2,800 jobs

Approximately 11.3 million people - more than a quarter (27%) of England's adult population - say that they have been to a Church of England cathedral in the last 12 months, according to the Theos think-tank (*Spiritual Capital*, September 2012). These figures exclude visitors and tourists from overseas who visit Church buildings.

## Blood and Organ Donation

A new survey suggests that while individual church members may have a significant interest in donating blood and organs, the bigger picture shows that it is not encouraged by UK churches as part of their committed Christian giving.

The survey was conducted by Christian Research on behalf of Kore as part of the fleshandblood campaign launched earlier this year in partnership with NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT).

The survey shows that close to 10% of Christians have given blood in the last year compared to 4% of the general population who have given blood in the last two years, and almost half of all Christians are registered on the NHS Organ Donor Register compared with 31% of the general population.

Sponsored by Give.net and in association with denominations, organisations and festivals including the Church of England, Salvation Army, Methodist Church, United Reformed Church, Baptist Union of Great Britain, Hope and Evangelical Alliance, the fleshandblood campaign marks the first time NHS Blood and Transplant has worked alongside the Church on a national initiative of this kind.



## St BONA of PISA

May 29th



Bona was born in Pisa, Italy in 1156. When she was 14 she made her first journey, going to see her father who was fighting in the

crusades near Jerusalem. On the way back she was captured by pirates in the Mediterranean. Rescued, she set out again, this time taking with her a large number of pilgrims to make the 1,000 mile journey to the shrine of St James at Compostella in Spain.

Bona became an official guide on this famous pilgrimage route and made the journey 9 times, "full of energy, helpful, and unselfish, ready to reassure with her smile those who were sick."

In recent times St Bona has come to be associated as the patron saint of travellers along with St Christopher; and in particular of couriers, guides and air-hostesses.



## TRAVELLING ON...

There are lots of journeys recorded in the Bible. Can you find the answers to these travel questions? Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. Where Paul was shipwrecked on his journey to Rome (Acts, chapt. 27)?
2. Where was there no room for Mary and Joseph when they journeyed from Nazareth?
3. Which country did Joseph's brothers travel to find food? (Genesis, chapt.42)
4. Why does the Bible always say that people were 'going up' to Jerusalem?
5. When Moses led the people out of Egypt, what did he take with him? (Exodus, chapt.13)
6. Which of the 4 horsemen of the Apocalypse rides a red horse? (Revelation)

**What do you say to a hitchhiking frog?**

Hop in!

**What do you call a penguin in the Sahara Desert?**

Lost.

Answers: 1.Malta 2.in the inns of Bethlehem 3.Egypt 4.because Jerusalem is built on a hill, so whatever direction you come from, you will always be going up to it. 5.Joseph's bones 6. War.



# Bee Flies

With this year's cold spring, emergence of many insects such as bees has been delayed. By mid April the first bees were appearing on the Great Orme and I also spotted this interesting insect, which looks a little like a bumblebee. This is actually a type of fly, the large bee fly (*Bombylius major*), the most common of the ten species of bee fly in the UK and one of the earliest to appear in spring. Bee flies are mimics (animals which have evolved with the appearance of a more harmful species and which consequently gives them some protection from predators) of bees. As well as their furry bodies, bee flies hum as they fly, hover and feed on pollen and nectar from flowers. However, when a bee fly is at rest, like this one, it is easier to see that they are not bees. Bees have two pairs of wings, while bees flies have only one; bee flies also have much longer legs than bees and a very long, straight proboscis – an elongated sucking mouth part. The proboscis makes the bee fly look rather ferocious but is used only for feeding from flowers and while feeding the bee fly hovers in front of the flower, steadying itself with two feet on the flower.

There is a second reason for the name bee fly: these insects are parasites of solitary bees, wasps and some beetles. Female bee flies fly close to the ground, searching for nests of the other insects and then hover close to the nest while depositing eggs in the soil. When the larvae hatch they feed on the pupae of the host insect. Distribution of bee flies is therefore related to distribution of their hosts but they also require warm conditions, needing a temperature of at least 17°C to fly. The adults of the large bee fly are most likely to be seen in April and May, darting about in flight, hovering by flowers or, like the one in this photograph, resting in the sun while they warm up.

**Christine Jones**



## Llandudno - Keswick Bible Week May 7th - 10th

Speaker: Richard Tiplady on 'Isaiah: A Prophet for Our Times ?'

Tues, Wed & Thurs evenings at 7.30 pm  
Wed, Thurs Fri Mornings 10.30 for 11.00 am  
at Llandudno Baptist Church

Please can you help as a steward or to serve tea at 1  
or more sessions?

Help needed 10 - 12 noon & 7.15 - 9.15pm

Please let Kay Morris know when you're available, so  
we can plan rotas. (tel 875008, or  
kmmorris2011@btinternet.com)

Meetings not to be missed. Come, & invite your friends.

## Coffee Time

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

All answers begin with 'S'.

1. Small piece of offal – tiny piece. (6)
2. Single and lonely. (8)
3. Happy beach-based youngster? (4,3)
4. Cause the french to glisten. (7)
5. Cut the verse about. (5)
6. Return the pots and stay a while. (4)
7. Left in with a relative amount. (8)
8. The Pro's son becomes a promoter. (7)
9. Appears to be a singular sort of game. (4)
10. Places in a new setting, though not very quickly.  
(5,4)

Results for April

1. Starling
2. Nestlings
3. Wader
4. Swan
5. Larks
6. Puffin
7. Hens
8. Owlet
9. Heron
10. Eagle

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