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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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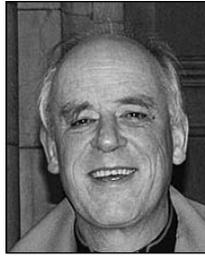
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## From the Rectory

On Sunday July 1st there will be two important but very different events taking place in the parish, unfortunately at more or less the same time. Both events, however, are central to the mission of our parish.



At 2.00 pm there will be a **Messy Church** afternoon at Holy Trinity. The two previous Messy Church sessions we have held have been very successful, attracting a goodly number of children and their parents, and so we have great expectations for the third.

But what is Messy Church? The term 'Messy Church' conjures up all sorts of images of chaos and devastation. I can assure you that our MC sessions are nothing like this at all! 'Messy' in this context means that everybody gets involved in arts or crafts or other activities of one sort or another – and this might involve getting a bit messy if you're not careful, and it certainly won't be quiet or tidy!

'Messy' also means that an experience of worship is offered which is very different from the ordered and dignified services which are our normal fare. Messy Church worship is geared very explicitly to children and may involve story-telling, with puppets, with simple choruses and prayers.

It is vital that as a parish we explore different ways of experiencing what it means to be part of the church and to come together as the family of God to worship him. Don't worry – we aren't going to abandon the liturgical worship

which is at the centre of the life of our parish. At least while I am parish priest here the ordered celebration of the Eucharist – the sacrament which Our Lord gave to us as the main focus of his presence with us – will always be the principal act of worship. But if we want our parish to thrive and to grow, and, more importantly, if we want to bring many folk into a relationship with Our Lord in the fellowship of his Church, then we must provide 'ways-in' which are appropriate to the needs of different groups. *Messy Church* is one way of doing this, *Exploring Worship* is another. No doubt others will come along and we must be open to them as well. Meanwhile if you wish to get involved with Messy Church, especially if you are good at arts and crafts etc and get on well with children, have a word with Sandra Davies.

The other event on July 1st is the **Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication** at St. Tudno's at 3 pm. At the time of writing I have only seen the newly renovated St. Tudno's from the outside and have yet to venture within.

The outside looked impressive enough but I am told that the inside is splendid too. An ancient building has been given a new lease of life!

For large numbers of people today, ancient churches in beautiful surroundings such as St. Tudno's, are a powerful witness to the presence of God in a noisy and busy world. The great spiritual tradition of this place stretching right back to the time of Tudno himself is part of the appeal of this special place. So St. Tudno's is a vital part of our mission as a parish.

The service on the 1st is designed to be one of thanksgiving. We will thank all those who supported our sponsorship appeal and so helped to make the renovation possible; we will also thank the members of the *Friends of St. Tudno's Church* who do so much to raise funds and to help the Wardens with the

running of the church, and of course our architect and the contractors who carried out the work and have done a magnificent job. More importantly we will give thanks to God who has given us this wonderful church.

The service will also be one of re-dedication. On July 1st those who worship regularly at St. Tudno's and hopefully many others from the parish and our family of Friends will come together to re-dedicate themselves to the service of God in this holy place. The Deputy Mayor of Llandudno will be present to represent the Town and the patron Emeritus of the Friends – the Very Revd Alun Hawkins has kindly agreed to come and preach. We look forward to a moving and splendid act of worship.

**Fr John**

## News and Notices

### **Renovation Work on Holy Trinity Hall**

Monday July 16th is the projected date for work to start on essential repairs to the roof of the Hall/Kitchen/Choir Vestry area. At the time of writing it seems that despite the work we will still be able to use the Hall until Monday 6th August, although there may be a certain amount of dust to cope with.

After 6th August the Hall will be out

of bounds probably until the work is complete at the end of September. Organisations which use the hall will be contacted and we apologize to everyone for the disruption which will be caused by this essential work.

### **Congratulations**

We send our congratulations to Peter Plunkett who celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Ordination very quietly last

month. Peter is a very valued member of our team of retired priests without whom our pattern of worship would be impossible to maintain. We are grateful for his ministry of care and friendship which is appreciated by so many folk in our parish. Peter's contribution to the life of the parish extends far beyond priestly duties – he is one of the few who understands how to operate the dishwasher in the kitchen at Holy Trinity!

We also send our congratulations to Canon Philip Cousins, my predecessor as rector of this parish who also celebrated his Golden Jubilee last month. We are glad that a number of parishioners were able to go over to York to share in the celebrations.

Last, but certainly not least we send our love and congratulations to Peggy Jones who celebrated her 90th birthday last month and so joined our growing parish band of nonagenarians. I was sorry to miss her party due to being away on holiday, no doubt there will be some lovely photos of the occasion in this magazine.

**Fr. John**

### **St. Tudno's**

We held the first service of the season on Sunday 27th May. Fortunately the weather was glorious and we were able to have the service led by Revd Mike Harrison outside, accompanied by Pauline Bigby who played the key-



*The Rev Mike Harrison in his Pentecost sun visor on 27 May at St. Tudno's.*



*The Rev Derek Simpson in the 'shed' on 3 June.*

board. We were not able to use any amplification equipment but we managed well and a 40 strong congregation sang heartily and heartfelt to a lovely Pentecost service.

The second week was quite different

as the weather was wet but 12 people braved the rain to gather in the shed. We thoroughly enjoyed the service led by Revd Derek Simpson. We sat quite comfortable on benches, holding candles, and singing hymns unaccompanied.



Tuesday June 5th, St. Tudno's Day, began with a Eucharist at Holy Trinity. A number of extra people joined in, to set off on the annual pilgrimage. The weather stayed dry and warm but cloudy throughout the walk. Prayers and readings were given at various stages. At St. Tudno's Well (visited by



*At St. Tudno's Well.*

kind permission of the landowners) Fr. John blessed the water and signed each of us with a cross. Packed lunches were consumed when we reached the benches at St. Tudno's Church. The rain then began to fall and we all made a quick descent.

On Sunday 10th June the church was ready for use, earlier than anticipated, and looks stunning. The weather was unexpectedly equally beautiful, so the actual service was outside, led by Revd David Jenkins. Pauline Bigby played the keyboard and a congregation of 22 sang to a very meaningful service. The church is now open every day.

### **St. Tudno's in July**

The open air services continue at 11.00 am each Sunday and a taxi for these leaves Holy Trinity at 10.30 am. On

the first Sunday in the month the open air service is followed by a shortened Eucharist service in the church.

On Sunday 1st July at 3.00 pm there is a service of Thanksgiving and Rededication to mark the re-opening of the church after the work of restoration. The preacher will be the Very Revd Alun Hawkins, Dean Emeritus of Bangor and Patron Emeritus of the Friends of St. Tudno's Church.

On Tuesday 10th July at 7.00 pm there is to be a Concelebrated Eucharist for the Society of Catholic Priests, which everyone is welcome to attend.

On Tuesday 17th July at 7.30 pm there will be Compline by Candlelight.

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

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

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the working party on 25 May. Most of the benches were set out close to the pulpit as the sound system would not be available for the first services. However a few benches were left in the shed for a while and with these, a cross and candlesticks, the shed was transformed into a small chapel until the church was re-opened.

The Sponsor-A-Slate forms have now been beautifully bound into four Books of Sponsors which will be on display for the first time after the Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication on 1 July, which we hope many of the sponsors will be able to attend. The Friends will be serving refreshments after the service, so there will be plenty of time to look at the books. The books will be kept at St. Tudno's during the summer, so that any sponsors attending services at St. Tudno's will be able to see them. The books will then be transferred to the drier atmosphere of the parish archive at Holy Trinity.

The Friends' outing to some of the Pilgrim Churches on the Llyn Peninsular will be on Saturday 14 July. If you have not yet put your name on the list, please would you contact me as soon as possible.

The annual guided walk on the Great Orme will be on Saturday 4 August and will be led by local historian Tom Parry. We will be visiting the 'Gun Site', where the Coast Artillery School was

based during the Second World War and will be meeting by the West Shore Toll House at 2.00 pm. This will be a fairly level walk, led by a very knowledgeable guide, and anyone is welcome to attend what should be a fascinating afternoon.

***Christine Jones***  
**Secretary**

## **Diamond Jubilee Service**

On 3 June, a special service in thanksgiving of her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was held at Holy Trinity Church. This service was a joint service between the Parish of Llandudno and our neighbouring parish of Rhos-Cystennin. Officiating were the Rev Prebendary John Nice and the Rev Prebendary Robert Griffiths, the rectors of the two parishes. The preacher was the Right Rev Andrew John, the Bishop of Bangor.

A choir, formed of choristers from Holy Trinity Church and St. Paul's Church, Craig-y-don was conducted by Deborah Patterson-Jaap. The organist was Norman Rimmer.

The bilingual service included four hymns: All people that on Earth who dwell; Glân Gerwbiaid a Seraffiaid; Arglwydd, trefni mewn doethineb; and Lord for the years.

The Te Deum was sung to the setting 'Stanford in B flat' by Sir CV Stanford and the anthem was 'O thou the



*After the Diamond Jubilee service in a suitably-decorated church hall.*

Central Orb' by Charles Wood. The voluntary was Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No 4 arranged by George Robertson Sinclair ('GRS').

### **Sea Sunday: Say 'thank you' to seafarers on 8th July**

Seafarers transport more than 90% of the food and goods we use every day, and yet these 1.2 million hardworking men and women are often forgotten.

On Sea Sunday, the Church comes together to remember seafarers and to pray for them, their families and the ministry of The Mission to Seafarers to crews around the world. As well

as raising money to help those who work at sea, the day is sometimes celebrated with services, parades and ship blessings.

As a welfare agency with more than 150 years' experience of caring for seafarers, the Mission is there to support mariners in need in 254 ports around the world. Away from family and friends for many months at a time, in multi-national crews with others who may not speak the same language, seafaring can be a tough, lonely and hazardous career. A life at sea involves working long hours and navigating some of the world's most dangerous waters. Many risk shipwreck, storms, injury, and

pirate attack without a single friend on board with whom they can share their fears.

BBC *Songs of Praise* presenter Pam Rhodes, who comes from a family of sailors, is supporting this year's campaign. She recalls a prayer she heard as a child which describes the isolation and vulnerability of the seafarer as something we can all relate to:

'My favourite prayer is a very small one which seems to sum up so much – not just for seafarers, but for anyone who feels at sea in their own lives. It is this: "O God, thy sea is so great and my boat is so small."

'I first heard this prayer when I was at school, and as I come from a naval family which travelled from one port to another, this prayer said in assembly had a very special meaning for all of us. To think that those we loved were out on the huge ocean in relatively tiny vessels was a frightening thought – unless you believed that God was with them, protecting and guiding, wherever they were.'

Today, Mission to Seafarers' chaplains provide a global network of Christian welcome and support so that seafarers can unload their heavy cargo of worries. Our seafarers' centres offer a 'home away from home', enabling mariners to contact their loved ones through telephone and email, seek counselling, spiritual support or a welcome break from the routine of life on board. For those who are unable to come ashore

due to port duties or short turnaround times, our ship visitors bring low cost phonecards and Internet-linked laptops on board so that crews are not completely cut off.

The Mission is a friend in a foreign port to hundreds of thousands of seafarers every year, and in an emergency, we are often the only help on offer. No matter what problem a seafarer is facing, be it piracy, shipwreck, injury, non-payment of wages or abandonment in a foreign port, they know they can turn to the local Mission to Seafarers for help. Our chaplains and volunteers offer practical and financial support, advocacy services, and access to legal advice, family liaison or simply a space to talk.

Here in Llandudno we will be keeping Sea Sunday on July 8th with a special Family Service at 10.30 am. There will be an opportunity to donate to the work of the Mission to Seafarers on that day.

## **Mothers' Union**

On Sunday, 27 May, Father John enrolled Ivy Brett and Betty Perrin as members of the Mothers' Union. At the same service, Maggie Leitch was formally appointed as the Branch Leader. The branch also has a new Secretary: Margaret Rostron has unfortunately been unwell and had to resign from the post. Mrs Barbara Hughes was elected unanimously as the new secretary. We thank Margaret for her hard work and



*Photos of the 'Ascot Gavotte'.*



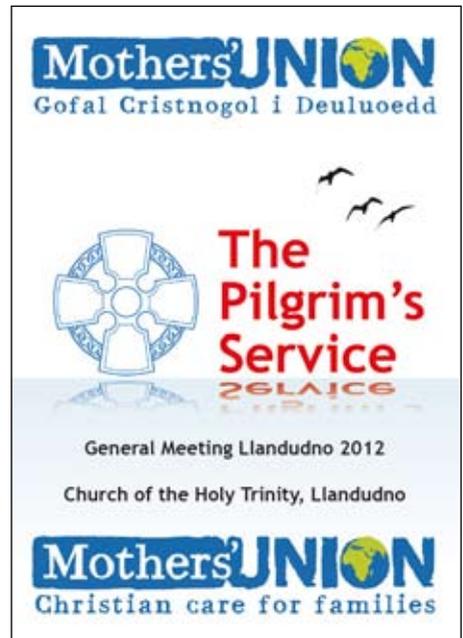
wish her well; we also thank Barbara for volunteering to take on the task.

On Monday, 11 June, the afternoon meeting was joined by members of the Parish Fellowship for a talk from Bill Bleasdale about the charity 'Victim Support'. We thank Mr Bleasdale for standing in at short notice.

On Tuesday, 12 June, the evening meeting was again joined by members of the Parish Fellowship and others to be trained and choreographed into giving a performance of the Ascot Gavotte from the musical *My Fair Lady*. In charge was Anne Rimmer who was ably supported by Ray Stythe-Jones on the piano. Those attending were split into two: the performers on one side and

the audience on the other. The performers were ably taught by Ray to sing the song after which Anne drilled them into their stage movements. It was all hugely enjoyable. Virtually everyone dressed for the occasion in their best Cecil Beaton-inspired finery. After the final performance, the performers and the long-suffering audience enjoyed drinks and a buffet. Many thanks to the performers and their tutors.

Some of those enjoying the Ascot Gavotte were from other branches who were in town for the General Meeting of the Mothers' Union which was held at Venue Cymru on Saturday, 16 June. Because services at St. Asaph and Bangor Cathedrals on 15 June were oversubscribed, an additional



*The service booklet from 15 June.*

service was held at Holy Trinity. Over 110 people attended. The service had been constructed for us by the Rev Ruth Moverley, Provincial Chaplain to the Mothers' Union in Wales to which we added another three hymns. Both Barbara Hughes and I welcomed the visitors. The leader was Eileen Box and Sandra Davies read the prayers. Readings were given by Jennifer Fossi; Monica Dodds, the Wakefield Diocesan President; and Eira Jones. The Rev Peter Plunkett made an address and gave the blessing. Charles Jones played the organ and Stan Whitaker and his team of bell-ringers rang before the service. I would like to thank all those mentioned above

as well as Barbara Yates and Sarah Dean for the wonderful welcome they gave to our visitors which was very much appreciated.

*Dear Maggie,*

*My members and I were in Holy Trinity last night; we all want to say a huge 'thank you' to you and everyone involved. I understand you were instrumental in the organisation and your husband in the booklet production.*

*We were so appreciative of your efforts and I imagine you gave up a seat in the Cathedral to be with us. The service was beautiful, gentle and spiritual and led us so well into the Annual Meeting.*



*After the Mothers' Union service on 15 June.*



*A packed Holy Trinity Church after the 10.00 am service on 17 June.*

*People in Holy Trinity were very welcoming; please thank them all and the clergy who helped in any way.*

*Dioch and many blessings,*

*Jean Carleton, Diocesan President, Durham Mothers' Union*

On Saturday, 16 June, I attended the General Meeting at Venue Cymru. This was the first General Meeting that I have attended and the theatre was completely full with 1500 members attending. It was very enlightening and I came away with many good ideas. The General Meeting next year will be in Bath.

With so many people members attending and being accommodated in the town, it was inevitable that a number were going to turn up for Holy Eucharist at our churches the following day. Nevertheless, the number who did

attend did take us a bit by surprise! There were about three times as many people present at both our 8.00 am and 10.30 am services. The latter could have proved a challenge for our new church warden, Geoffrey Howard, who was on his first solo and for the Rev David Jenkins who was substituting for the Rector. However, both took this in their stride and it took ages to clear the Church Hall after tea and coffee had been served to our visitors. Many thanks to Judith and Linda and team for their hard work.

There have been a couple of other unexpected windfalls from the week. I am informed that the Male Voice Choir concert attendance on Sunday evening was the best ever and Joyce Crosby reports that the Mustard Seed Shop has done exceptionally well. Thank you everyone who played their part in mak-

ing members of the Mothers' Union so welcome in our church.

With the church hall becoming available because of essential repairs, the programme for the summer needs to be amended. The meeting on on 16 July (Stan Whittaker and handbells) will take place but maybe held at the back of the church. The Mary Sumner Day afternoon tea on 6 August will take place but at a venue to be decided. Regular meetings will recommence when the work is completed. Please see future editions of the magazine for details.

**Maggie Leitch**

## Exploring Worship

The theme of the Exploring Worship service on Sunday, 10 June was 'Thy word is a lantern unto my path'. The service took the form of three readings, each followed by a reflection. The first reflection was given by the Rev Peter Plunkett, the second by the Rev Neil Kirkham of Gloddaeth United Church, and the third by the Rev Jane Allen.



*The Rev Jane Allen and Judith Williams fit lanterns to the cross.*

The next Exploring Worship service is scheduled to take place on Sunday, 9 September. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please check with the August and September editions to confirm this date.

**Maggie Leitch**

## Bell Ringing

On Monday 11 June, a quarter peal of 1260 Plain Bob Doubles was rung to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

The ringers were: 1. Elizabeth Curtis, 2. Lynn Ferriday, 3. Linda Fraser, 4. Gillian Blackwell, 5. David Raggett (C), and 6. Chris Wheatley.

Congratulations to all especially Linda and Gillian for whom this was their first quarter peal.

**Stan Whittaker**

## Thank You No 1

A very belated but heartfelt thanks for the beautiful flowers and gift token I received for my retirement as a sub-warden at Holy Trinity.

I was on holiday and missed the Easter Vestry which was why I had my presentation separately.

I have enjoyed my 12 years as sub-warden which I shall surely miss but I still will be concerned with the Mustard Seed Bookshop and one or two other

things.

Thank you all once again for your support over the years and please welcome and support my successor Terry Dewar and keep him in your prayers.

**Barbara Scott**

*Editor's note: Barbara was recently taken ill and after a short time in hospital is now at home. Everyone from the Parish wishes her a very speedy recovery.*

## **Thank You No 2**

Firstly, thank you so much for appointing me as your People's Warden, what an honour !

By the time you read this, we – Peter and I – shall have been to Bangor to see Bishop Andy for our official 'Admission to Office'.

I want to say a big thank you to so many of you: Marion, for her patience and guidance; Barbara, Judith, Jenny, Angela, Eira and Terry for their help and support; and so, so many others for their kind words and offers of help whenever I need it; oh yes and to Father John for just being there.

I will try my best to uphold the high standards of previous Wardens; I know the last two were of a very high standard, so I have my work cut out ! When I make mistakes, don't be afraid to come and tell me, then I can learn. I don't mind being called Geoffrey or Geoff, but as my Gran used to say, please don't

call me too late for my dinner!

See you all on Sunday, and God Bless you all.

Diolch yn fawr

**Geoffrey Howard**

PS: thank you also to my darling wife Trish, for all of her support and love.

## **A Celebration of 50 years in the Ordained Ministry**

June 17 2012, marked a special day in the life of Canon Philip Cousins, former Rector of Holy Trinity, as he celebrated 50 years as a priest. Many of you who remember Philip and his wife Janet, sent cards and good wishes with those of us who were privileged to travel to York to be there.

A celebration service took the form of Choral Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer, and Philip had chosen the canticle settings, anthem and hymns which were sung or led by the choir of his church in York, St. Edward the Confessor. We sang the very beautiful hymn, 'How shall I sing that majesty?'

Members from almost every one of his previous parishes, including Malta, were present, the only exception being Cairo, and had travelled not only from North Wales, but from Devon, Cornwall, Salisbury and Blackpool. Philip and Janet's family were also present, and daughter Rachel read the first lesson and son Paul the second. Revd, Jane Allen gave

the address, telling how she first met Philip and Janet in Addis Ababa and later worked alongside him in Holy Trinity.

Jane linked aspects of Philip's life and ministry to the Old Testament reading from Nehemiah, Chapter 8, recalling that Philip was always faithful to his calling, wherever he might be: 'They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.'

After the service, we enjoyed a 'Champagne Reception' in the Church Hall; ladies from the church had prepared lovely homemade food, constantly replenishing the dishes as the crowd of people filed in, filling the hall and adjoining scout hut!

Nehemiah said, 'Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

A cake cutting ceremony followed at which Philip gave a short speech and presented Janet with a beautiful bouquet of flowers for – as he said – 'supporting and putting up with him all this time.' I know Philip was very touched by the fact that people from Holy Trinity had sent cards or made the journey to York to be with him on his special day.

From what he told us, he continues to have a very much valued ministry as

part of the retired clergy in his area so I think Janet will have to continue 'putting up with' his full diary and its effects on the household for some time to come!

**Angela, on behalf of, Jane, Barbara, Marion, Vernon, Doug and Ben**

### **Congratulations Peggy**

We send Congratulations to Peggy Jones who has recently achieved her 90th birthday. Peggy with her family and friends celebrated the event with a party in Holy Trinity Church Hall on Saturday 16th of June.



Peggy says: 'I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and those who came to my 90th birthday party for their presence, their cards and their gifts. With very many thanks.'



*Peggy photographed with her friends and family.*

## **A Yurt in Mostyn Street?**

On Wednesday 23rd May, on behalf of the PCC, William Maidlow attended the Welsh Historic Places of Worship annual conference, at St Giles' Church, Wrexham. Delegates attended from churches across Wales, as well as architects and others with an interest in the maintenance and conservation of our places of worship. A number of exhibitors also attended, see below. The Welsh Historic Places of Worship is part of the Church in Wales, but maintains close ties with places of worship of other denominations.

The theme of this year's conference

was Sustainability, and this is the first of three articles based on the conference. The conference hoped that churches across Wales would respond to the topics discussed so, with this in mind, a number of questions have been added at the end of this article, and your Magazine Editor invites your thoughts and comments on the issues raised.

In his opening address the Bishop of St. David's, Wyn Evans, referred to 'mutual sustainability', laying particular emphasis on the need for churches to develop closer links with the communities in which they exist, such as making greater

use of our church halls. Later speakers elaborated on this theme, showing how their churches had developed innovative schemes to reach out to their communities, swelling their congregation in the process. Listening to the speakers it was difficult not to be swept along by the boldness of the vision, the hurdles (especially the faculties) that had to be surmounted, and the enthusiasm with which, usually after initial misgivings, the schemes had been pursued.

At the URC Chapel at Libanus, near Brecon, green options had been adopted with ‘intelligent’ radiators installed (don’t ask!), asbestos removed, pews replaced and, in a really bold move, the old chapel had received a timber cladding. The result – a warm, welcoming place of worship that now sits comfortably in its surroundings overshadowed by the Brecon Beacons.

St. Peter’s Church, Ruthin, embarked on a rather different journey. St. Peter’s features prominently in a new community trail in Ruthin, and the church decided to develop this by emphasising its role in the musical and artistic life of the town, both areas where the church knew it possessed rich gifts. St. Peter’s has committed itself to commissioning art and sculpture, and made it clear that it plans to contribute fully to the cultural heritage in Ruthin.

St. Joseph’s, Cwmaman, faced a future familiar to many urban places of worship. Increasingly marginalised in the town, suffering from decay and vandal-

ism, and needing desperately to ‘re-connect’ with its community, St. Joseph’s embarked on root and branch reform that transformed a valley’s church into a vibrant, smart place of worship determined, as the Vicar put it, ‘not to go the way of the dinosaurs!’ The St. Joseph’s Heritage and Environmental Centre was established with Wi-Fi and all the latest in modern technology and gadgetry, sending out a progressive message but at the same time emphasising tranquillity and relaxation, space and the flexibility to respond to a wide range of community uses. And then there was the Churchyard. An open, under-used urban space, subjected to litter, vandalism, and decay. Yurts were suggested. Why not? They will certainly be a topic of conversation in the valley, as well as guaranteeing the Vicar instant recognition!

‘Greater flexibility’ was the message from St. Giles’ Church, the conference host. The musical director explained how moveable screens enabled them to make greater use of a large side aisle to hold music events designed to reach out to young children and engage them on a journey of faith through music. At St. Giles’ Church, which has close links to Glyndwr University, the Centre for Religious Education and Faith has been established. After some initial misgivings the response has been enthusiastic.

With regard to the many small churches in Wales, the conference director commented that a future conference might deal more directly with their particular

problems. Bishop Wyn, himself a strong supporter of the Friends of Friendless Churches, urged small churches to adopt more imaginative uses to guarantee their future and make them more sustainable. The Friends of St. Tudno is surely a step in the right direction.

Questions – your comments are invited

1. What was your initial reaction to reading about the schemes above?
2. Do you think Bishop Wyn's concept of mutual sustainability has any relevance for Holy Trinity Church?
3. How might St. Tudno's respond to the Bishop's call for small churches to adopt more imaginative uses to guarantee its future?

Next month's article will explore how churches can adopt energy saving schemes to become more sustainable.

(Exhibitors at the Conference included CADW, the Heritage Lottery Fund, Caring for God's Acre, Natsol Compost Toilets, Biofutures energy from green sources. Leaflets and further information available from William Maidlow)

### **Editor's comments:**

*In case you are unsure, a 'yurt' is described as 'a portable, bent wood-framed dwelling structure traditionally used by Turkic nomads in the steppes of Central Asia.' I have no doubt that the planners and those who issue faculties would get very excited if*

*a couple of yurts appeared in the Churchyard around Holy Trinity. This suggestion makes us aware of just how privileged we are to occupy such a green and open space right in the middle of a very busy town. Though only a small minority of those who live or who visit the town might consider venturing inside Holy Trinity Church, everyone benefits from the environs within Trinity Square. Where else the town centre can you hear melodic bird song above the squawking of the seagulls?*

*The parish had a lucky break when it requisitioned some of the Churchyard for a car park. The income from the car park has made a huge difference to the finances of the parish: instead of wondering how to pay the Parish Share and envisaging the depletion of our reserves within two or three years, the situation is much improved. We can concentrate upon planning for the future rather than fretting about the present. Plan for the future we must as the improved finances themselves are not going to help with the problems of falling congregations and a diminishing significance with much of the public. The conference that William attended and his report have given much food for thought.*



# Olympic Torch Relay

Tuesday 29th May was the special day when the Olympic Torch was carried through Llandudno. Shirley and I were very keen to see it. We read the planned route of the torch in the May magazine. We decided that the best place to view it passing by would be at the Queen's Hotel, opposite Clonmel Street. It was a lovely sunny day and we got there in good time, well before 11.00 am. There was already a crowd of people and there was a super carnival atmosphere in progress. There were young men juggling and break-dancing and others selling Welsh and Union Jack flags. Then some young girls gave out

tambourines and streamers to wave at the right moment.

A mixed convoy of police cars and motorbikes, brightly coloured lorries with bands and singers, displaying various advertisements, followed by buses and cars. Then finally Gary Tann, the torchbearer, a resident of Colwyn Bay (who has run in many marathons to raise money for charity) arrived to take over the torch from the last torch bearer. This we soon witnessed and Gary was off, running his bit of the journey to Craigside and then on to the Little Orme, to Penrhyn Bay and the



through to Old Colwyn. We enjoyed the morning events very much and

took lots of photographs.

**Rob Georgeson**



*What must be the only image in existence of a live Olympic torch and Holy Trinity Church.*



*The photographs on this page were taken earlier in the day on the West Shore.*



# Calendar for July

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

<b>Sun 1st</b>	<b>Trinity 4</b>	Morning Services as usual for the 1st Sunday
	2.00 pm	Messy Church
	3.00 pm	Service of Thanksgiving & Re-dedication at St. Tudno's, Preacher: The Very Revd Alun Hawkins. No Evening Prayer
<b>Tues 3rd</b>	<b>Thomas, Apostle</b>	
	10.00 am	<i>Julian Meditation Group – Stella Maris</i>
	11.00 am	Eucharist
Fri 6th	9 30 am	Eucharist at Ysgol San Sior
<b>Sun 8th</b>	<b>Trinity 5 (Sea Sunday)</b>	Services at the usual times for the 2nd Sunday. At 10.30 am there will be a Family Service for Sea Sunday instead of Choral Matins
Mon 9th	8.00 pm	Concert by the Maelgwn Male Voice Choir and a Choir from Slovenia
Tues 10th	<b>Eve of the Feast of St. Benedict, Abbot</b>	
	7.00 pm	Concelebrated Eucharist for Bangor and St. Asaph Chapters of the Society of Catholic Priests at St. Tudno's
Sat 14th		Friends of St. Tudno's Church Pilgrimage/Outing to Llyn Peninsula
<b>Sun 15th</b>	<b>Trinity 6</b>	Services as usual for the 3rd Sunday. Sunday School Prize giving will take place during the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist
Tues 17th	7.30 pm	Compline by Candlelight at St. Tudno's
<b>Sun 22nd</b>	<b>Mary Magdalene (Trinity 7)</b>	Services at usual times for the 4th Sunday
<b>Weds 25th</b>	<b>James, Apostle</b>	
	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sat 28th	1.00 pm	Wedding
<b>Sun 29th</b>	<b>Trinity 8</b>	Services at the usual times for the 5th Sunday

## Sidespersons

July 1st	Sandra Davies Barbara Yates Annabel Jones Joyce Crosby	July 22nd	Cynthia Poyser Cath Lloyd Marion Heald Ron Illidge
July 8th	Pat Ridler Stan Whittaker Mary Rees Judith Williams	July 29th	Mary Rees Judith Williams Dorothy Trent Doug Pritchard
July 15th	William Maidlow Wendy C. Stewart Angela Pritchard Barbara Scott	August 5th	Sandra Davies Barbara Yates Annabel Jones Joyce Crosby

### *PARISH REGISTER*

#### *Holy Baptism*

*June 3: Lucie Leigh Webster & Lola Lee Webster*

#### *The Departed*

*March 21: Ann Hughes  
Service in Holy Trinity Church*

*May 25: Norman Peter Jones (81)  
Service in Holy Trinity Church followed by  
internment at the Lawns Cemetery Llanrhos*

*June 1: Violet Frances May Langham (85)  
Service in Holy Trinity Church followed by  
cremation at Colwyn Bay*

## Attendance Figures

### Holy Trinity Church

		Weekday Eucharists to May 5th	24
May 6th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	17+2
Fifth Sunday Of Easter	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	82
May 12th	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	3+2
		Mass for Walsingham Pilgrims	15
		Other weekday Eucharists	17
May 13th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
Sixth Sunday Of Easter	10.30 am	Choral Matins	92
		Shortened Eucharist	25
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	6+2
May 17	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	31
Ascension Day	7.30 pm	Holy Eucharist	11
		Other weekday Eucharists	17
May 20	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	15
Sunday after Ascension	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	94
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	11+2
		Other weekday Eucharists	25
May 27	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	21
Pentecost	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	94
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	7+2
May 31	7.30 pm	Eucharist for PCC members	18
		Other weekday Eucharists	26

### St. Tudno's Church

Sun 27	11.00 am	Morning Service	40
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## From the Parish Pump

### Bestseller

UK churches of all denominations have bought more than 400,000 copies of the Diamond Jubilee New Testament to

give away to their communities - more than double the expected amount. Produced by the Church of England, HOPE and Biblica, the souvenir Diamond



"Mrs Hargreaves, you've been watching too much of the Olympics gymnastics!"

Jubilee edition of the New Testament was created to be given away by local churches in schools, at street parties and via other Diamond Jubilee events and initiatives. It includes eight pages of images from the Coronation and the Queen's life, linking her 60-year reign and her Christian faith.

### **Diamond Geezer this Jubilee**

Already hundreds of Christians from across the country have pledged to hand write a 'Thank You' letter and take part in Bible Society's new Diamond Geezer campaign.

In the Bible, Jubilee was a special year when wrongs were forgiven and debts written-off. So, on this year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Bible Society is asking Christians across the country:

'to whom are you indebted? – who is your Diamond Geezer?'

It could be an old school teacher, or a midwife who delivered a baby or another person who has been faithful in prayer – just someone to whom a person feels 'indebted' because of their kindness and help.

Bible Society's Richard Franklin says, 'with our busy lives it's often easier to send a quick 'thank you' text, but we thought wouldn't it be great to take the time and hand-write a letter to that person to thank them for everything they've done. After all who gets a hand-written letter these days?'

### **Hundreds Slaughtered**

Around 300 Christians have been killed in one diocese alone, and 27 people died in attacks on just three church services as anti-Christian violence in Nigeria continues unabated.

The Rt Rev Timothy Yahaya, Bishop of Jalingo, Taraba State, in Nigeria's Middle Belt, recently told Barnabas Fund that the first attack happened when people had gathered for worship in two lecture theatres at Bayero University in Kano. Bombs were thrown into the building at around 8.30 a.m. and gunmen fired on worshippers. As Christians fled, the gunmen chased them, firing indiscriminately.

## **£30M to resolve VAT concerns**

The Church of England has welcomed the new agreement with the Government over the future funding of alterations and repairs to its 12,500 listed buildings, which will provide £30 million a year extra money. This is on top of the £12 million already in the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (LPWGS).

Despite not persuading the Government that maintaining zero rated VAT for alterations is the best way forward, church leaders today said that the £30 million a year extra money that the Chancellor has committed to the LPWGS will enable the equivalent to the VAT bill to be paid out on all alterations and repairs to listed church buildings.



## St. IGNATIUS of LOYOLA: 31<sup>st</sup> July

The youngest of 13 children, Ignatius Loyola was born in Spain. When a young soldier he was badly wounded by a cannon ball that shattered his leg. As he recovered he asked for a best selling book of the day, a romance, to read to take his mind off the pain but ended up reading about Jesus and the lives of the saints. His life changed as he resolved to continue being a soldier, but now as a soldier for Christ.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and 6 others offered themselves to the service of the Catholic Church. They became the Society of Jesus and Ignatius was elected to serve as their first general. When other Jesuits were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius stayed in Rome founding homes for orphans and colleges all, in the words of the Jesuit motto, 'ad majorem Dei gloriam' - for the greater glory of God.



## BIBLE BOOKS

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

1. ashjou
2. imythot
3. hurt
4. kuel
5. brosprev
6. tonslaminate
7. chaimal
8. theres
9. chainstroin
10. himereaj



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**What kind of man was Boaz before he married?**  
Ruthless.

**Which Bible character had no parents?**  
Joshua, son of Nun.

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Answers: 1.Joshua 2.Timothy 3.Ruth  
4.Luke 5.Proverbs 6.Lamentations  
7.Malachi 8.Esther 9.Corinthians  
10.Jeremiah

# Buttercups

Last month was I delighted to be able to take part in a guided botany walk on the Great Orme, led by Nigel Brown, Curator of Treborth Botanic Garden near Bangor. It was a privilege to be led by such an expert as Nigel, who has a great knowledge of our native plants and their habitats in addition to the more exotic plants in the botanic garden.

One of the groups of plants which Nigel talked about was the buttercups. The creeping buttercup (*Ranunculus repens*) and the taller meadow buttercup (*R. acris*) are commonly found but the bulbous buttercup (*R. bulbosus*) is less widespread and is unlikely to be found where soil fertility has been increased with fertilisers. Botanists are pleased to find the bulbous buttercup as it is an indicator of a botanically rich site and



*Bulbous buttercup.*

it certainly occurs frequently on the Great Orme. A distinctive feature of the bulbous buttercup is the reflexed sepals (the modified leaves which would have enclosed the bud) below the flower, which can be seen quite clearly in the photograph, in comparison with the meadow buttercup.

Buttercups are heliotropes, or sun trackers, and the flowers turn towards the sun. Nigel told us that this warms the bowl-shaped flowers and so makes them more attractive to the insects which pollinate them. The bulbous buttercup may not flower as late in the summer as the other species but if you find it can expect to find a good number of other species in the same area.

**Christine Jones**



*Meadow buttercup.*

# Poetry Corner

## A Rambling Rose

A rambling rose on a journey,  
So fair of face, so full of grace.  
Dressed in all her finery.  
Her colours and clothing are never askew  
As she always washes in the early morning dew.  
Eager to impress, doing her very best  
But not always sure of the way to go.  
Searching and seeking, stretching and yearning,  
Climbing higher to get a better view,  
Over windows and walls to look into sunlit halls,  
Finding mirrors to gaze through,  
Reflections and shadows cause shudders and sighs,  
As she finds herself in a maze, when there's too much haze  
And in the evening begins to long for lazy days,  
But then cares are set aside when the bright morning star shines  
And she can clearly see her way anew.

**Shirley Georgeson**

# Coffee Time

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

All begin with 'N'.

Results for last month:

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|--|---------------|
| 1. A fan vandalised one canteen (inits) (5)          | 1. Camellia   |
| 2. The pipeline only contains gas. (4)               | 2. Petunia    |
| 3. Nick then returns the weight to a church. (5)     | 3. Fuchsia    |
| 4. Somehow the sun gets over anxious. (7)            | 4. Roses      |
| 5. Having that one over the eight. (5)               | 5. Harebell   |
| 6. Form of art once completely vanished. (2,5)       | 6. Gladiolas  |
| 7. Nice tour arranged with abnormal sensibility. (8) | 7. Lilac      |
| 8. Wonky studs in those without clothes. (7)         | 8. Dog Roses  |
| 9. Elegance of Sean's net ruined. (8)                | 9. Aubrietia  |
| 10. Butterflies discovered in cleaner vests. (6)     | 10. Edelweiss |