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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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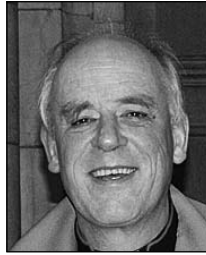
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## From the Rectory

During 2011 many celebratory events are taking place up and down the land to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, usually known as the 'Authorized Version'. You may indeed remember that I wrote about this in my letter earlier in the year. In the autumn we will have the opportunity to take part in a number of local events to celebrate this important anniversary.



I return to the subject now because recently we heard of a most bizarre event held in the parish of Pennal in our diocese to commemorate the AV's 400th anniversary. During this event the Vicar of the parish cut up pages from the AV and stuck them up on a board and also burnt some of the remnants. His motive was to show that despite the beautiful language of the AV many parts of the Bible reflect in his words '*a cruel and vile God*'.

Now I am sure that most of us are very aware that there are parts of the Bible, particularly in the Old Testament, which may seem difficult to square with the God of love we believe to be revealed in Our Lord Jesus Christ. In my view the way this was done in Pennal was very childish and offensive and in a way insulting to people's intelligence.

For surely most of us are quite able to

understand and accept that the more '*bloodthirsty*' and violent parts of the scriptures, and those which appear to show God as angry and vengeful, came from a society very different from our own and that we have to read them

in this context. As Anglicans we are not committed to a '*fundamentalist*' or '*literalist*' way of interpreting the Holy Scriptures. In other words we don't have to accept that every word, dot and comma in the Bible is directly inspired by God. Rather, it is the Bible as a whole which is God's word, and we have to understand the difficult passages with reference to the nature of the God revealed in Christ.

God can only reveal Himself to men and women to the extent that they are able to receive that revelation; and so in the pages of the Old Testament we can see a usually gradual, though occasionally sudden, development of their understanding of God which comes to a climax in the person and the teachings of Our Blessed Lord.

The process of understanding God and his demands on us have gone on developing even since New Testament times. For example, it took until the 19th century for Christians to realise that slavery was totally unacceptable. Our difficulties with some of the issues

which bitterly divide Christians at the present time I believe to be part of this same process of growing in our understanding of the nature of God and his purposes for us.

If the Vicar of Pennal's actions last month inspire us all to grapple more effectively with these issues then he has done us a service. However I cannot condone his rather juvenile stunt of tearing up and burning of pages of the Bible. As our Bishop said this is disrespectful and will give offense to many

folk. Common sense too surely teaches us that you can't simply cut out parts of the Bible you don't like and sanitize it in your own image as it were, rather it is the process of discernment and interpretation I spoke of earlier which helps us to understand the 'difficult' bits and put them in their proper context. Then we can see more clearly the person of Christ shining out from the pages of scripture.

*Fr John*

## News and Notices

### Deanery News

We have arranged a very special pilgrimage walk for members of our parishes to take place on Friday 26th August. It will begin at 9 30 am in the Chapel in Abergwygregyn village with a short act of worship. Cars may then be taken to the car park for Aber Falls from where we will then walk across the hills to Llanbedr ending the day with a hot or cold meal in the Bull Hotel. Walkers will have to arrange their own transport home from there.

I do hope that a number of us from the parish will take part in this walk. As well as an enjoyable day out it will be a great opportunity to meet members of other parishes in the Deanery. If there are a few of us we can pool transport arrangements. There will be

a sheet at the back of Holy Trinity for folk to indicate if they intend to be part of this day.

This month Canon Carol Evans, Rector of Llanfairfechan, well known to many readers of this magazine, retires from the stipendiary ministry. She has served as Rector in that parish since 1997. Before this she served a curacy in the parish of Llanbeblig (Caernarfon) and was then in charge of the parish of Bodedern on Anglesey. For a short time before moving to Llanfairfechan she was Area Dean of Llifon and Talybolion. Since 1998 she has been a Canon of the Cathedral and member of the Chapter.

We will miss Carol as a member of the Deanery Clergy but are glad to know that she will still be living in the area. We

thank her for her contribution to the life of the Deanery and Diocese.

***Fr John, Area Dean of Arllechwedd***

### **Pet Blessing Service**

Rainy weather on Sunday 10 July meant that the afternoon Pet Blessing Service was held in St. Tudno's Church, rather than in the open air. However, the service was attended by a good number of cats, dogs and their owners.

Once again, one of my cats was the most consistently noisy animal there. She had quietened down briefly after the journey but when I began the first

reading she decided to 'talk' back to me and then continue 'talking' to Fr. John and joining in the hymns!

***Christine Jones***

### **At St. Tudno's in August**

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. There will be a service of Compline by Candlelight at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 2 August.

The annual open air Songs of Praise service will be on Sunday 28 August at 4.00 pm. For this year's service, members of the congregation are invited to choose and introduce a favourite hymn – if you would like to do this, please contact one of us or the Rector as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you at St. Tudno's.

***Christine Jones  
Stephanie  
Searle***



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

**Summer Fair**

**Saturday 27 August**

**10.00 am – 2.00 pm**

**Holy Trinity Church**

**Refreshments Stalls**

**Soft toy bungee jump  
– is your soft toy brave  
enough?**

**In aid of re-roofing St.  
Tudno's Church**

We hope that you will come along and support the fair and perhaps have a go at the bungee jump (well, not personally but there will be soft toys waiting to jump!).

***Christine Jones (Secretary)***

**Society of Catholic Priests**

On Tuesday 12 July St. Tudno's was pleased to welcome members of the Society of Catholic Priests (SCP) of the Bangor and St. Asaph Dioceses, who once again held their annual Concelebrated Eucharist at St. Tudno's. The main celebrant and preacher was Bishop Gregory of St. Asaph and during the service a new member was inducted into the Society.



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

The Friends' Great Orme walk will be on Saturday 6 August, meeting at the summit Visitor Centre at 2.00 pm. This will be a natural history walk, led by one of the Country Park Wardens and you are welcome to join us. We always learn something new on these walks and the walk will probably last about two hours.

The Friends are continuing to raise funds for St. Tudno's roof and on Saturday 27 August we will be holding a fair at Holy Trinity. To make this a success, we would be grateful for any cakes, books, plants, bric-a-brac, raffle prizes, etc that you are able to donate.

**Hall Decorating Fund**

Refreshments are being served between 10.30 am and 2.30 pm every Tuesday until the end of August. Any offers of help with baking or in the kitchen on the Tuesdays would be very welcome.

If you can help, please contact Judith Williams or Barbara Scott.

### Mothers' Union

On Friday 1 July, four members joined members of other branches in a 'Rainbow Sale' at Bangor Cathedral. If this magazine was printed in colour then the photograph below would indicate that all our items for sale were yellow.

Bishop Andrew turned up and contemplated buying a fly-swat to discipline troublesome clerics.

A big thanks to all who contributed to our table which raised over £100. The total sum raised by the diocese was over £1200.

On 11 July I had to leave early. Glenis Roberts did a quiz. I later had a phone



*Bishop Andrew at the sale.*

call telling me everyone had had a lovely afternoon so thank you Glenis.

On 8 August is our Mary Sumner Day Afternoon Tea. Members of both af-



*Angela Pritchard, Sarah Dean and Eira Williams selling anything yellow.*

ternoon and evening groups are very welcome. Father John is joining us.

**Maggie Leitch**

### **Civic Sunday**

The Llandudno Town Council Service was held at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 24 July. The service was attended by the incoming Mayor Councillor Greg Robbins, members of Llandudno Town Council, and other representative bodies and invited guests.

The service was conducted by the Rev Prebendary John Nice, Rector of Llandudno and the preacher was the Rev Philip Barrett O Cist, the Mayor's Chaplain.

### **Letter to the Editor**

I would like to write a belated letter describing how much I enjoyed my Confirmation Service on 15 May with Geoffrey, Luke and Ben. My main concern was how to address the Bishop. I was told that he did not mind being called 'Bishop Andy'.

Thank you Bishop Andy, Father John and Peter Plunkett for a lovely day. The cards and cake were appreciated. There was an interesting sermon comparing Christianity with enthusiasm for sport. A big thank you to all for all the help and support given to us on our Confirmation Day. Special thanks to Father John for our lessons which we enjoyed.

**Dave Gilmour**



*The Mayor and Mrs Robbins meet their guests after the Civic Service.*







# Calendar for August

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

Tues 2nd	10.00 am	<i>'Julian' meditation group at Stella Maris</i>
	7.30 pm	Compline by Candlelight at St Tudno.
Weds 3rd	1.00 pm	Lunchtime Organ Recital by Michael Rhodes
Sat 6th		<b>The Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>
	11.00 am	Bilingual Eucharist

## Sun 7th Trinity 7

		Services as usual for the 1st Sunday
Mon 8th	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union Mary Summer Day meeting
Weds 10th	1.00 pm	Lunchtime Organ Recital by Fay Adamson
Thurs 11th	10.30 am	St. Raphael Guild Meeting
	11.00 am	Eucharist with Ministry of Healing

## Sun 14th The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Lord

		(transferred from 15th)
		Services at usual times but the 10.30 am service will be a Sung Eucharist not Choral Matins & there is no Exploring Worship Service this month
	12.30 pm	Holy Baptism
Weds 17th	1.00 pm	Lunchtime Organ Recital by John Hosking
Sat 20th	5.00 pm	Holy Baptism

## Sun 21st Trinity 9

		Services as usual for the 3rd Sunday
Weds 24th		<b>Bartholomew, Apostle</b>
	9.00 am	Eucharist
	1.00 pm	Lunchtime Organ Recital by Charles Jones
Fri 26th		Deanery Pilgrimage Walk (see separate article)
Sat 27th		Friends of St. Tudno's Church Fair

## Sun 28th Trinity 10

		Services as usual for the 4th Sunday
	12.30 pm	Holy Baptism
	1.15 pm	Holy Baptism
	2.00 pm	Holy Baptism

Mon 29th	<b>Beheading of St. John the Baptist</b>	
	11.00 am	Eucharist
Weds 31st	1.00 pm	Lunchtime Organ Recital by Norman Rimmer

## Attendance Figures for June

June 2nd	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	26
<b>Ascension Day</b>	7.30 pm	Holy Eucharist	10
		Total other weekday Eucharists	9
<b>June 5th</b>	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	16
<b>Tudno Patron Saint</b>	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist celebrated at St. Tudno's (below)	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	5
		Total other weekday Eucharists	25
<b>12th June</b>	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	18
<b>The Feast of Pentecost</b>	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	80
		No Evening Prayer	
	6.00 pm	Exploring Worship	35
15th June		Carers' Service	23
		Total other weekday Eucharists	28
<b>19th June</b>	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	17
<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	69
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	5
		Total other weekday Eucharists	38
<b>26th June</b>	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	17
<b>Trinity I</b>	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	77
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	5
June 29th	10.30 am	Eucharist at Ysgol San Sior	40
		Total other weekday Eucharists	21
<b>St. Tudno's</b>			
Sunday 5 June	10.30 am	St. Tudno's Day Eucharist	104
Tuesday 7 June	7.30 pm	Compline by Candlelight	10
Sunday 12 June	11.00 am	Morning Service	17
Sunday 19 June	11.00 am	Morning Service	16
Sunday 26 June	11.00 am	Morning Service	23

## Sidespersons

August 7th	Barbara Yates Eira Jones Annabel Jones Adele Arrowsmith	August 28th	Sandra Davies Mary Rees Stan Whittaker Eira Jones
August 14th	William Maidlow Mary Rees Wendy C Stewart Joyce Crosby	Sept 4th	Barbara Yates Doug Pritchard Annabel Jones Joyce Crosby
August 21st	Dorothy Trent Ron Illidge Terry Dewer Judith Williams		

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#### *Holy Baptism*

*June 26th: Nicole Taylor-Lewis*

#### *Holy Matrimony*

*June 25th: Arwel Steffan Baker and Zoe Lynne Jones*

#### *The Departed*

*June 17th: William (Bill) Roberts aged 89  
Service at Holy Trinity followed by burial at the  
Lawns Cemetery Llanrhos*

## In the Churchyard

St.Tudno's churchyard contains a good selection of the wild flowers which can be found on the Great Orme and our grass cutter, Tim, takes care to leave patches of the flowers to set seed or for wildlife to feed on. In springtime primroses (*Primula vulgaris*), cowslips (*P. veris*) and bluebells (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*) appear amongst the graves, while the area with shorter grass used for the open air services can be carpeted in lesser celandines (*Ranunculus ficaria*).

During summer red and white clovers

(*Trifolium pratense* and *T. repens*) come into flower, followed by the delicate blue harebells (*Campanula rotundifolia*) and bright yellow lady's bedstraw (*Galium verum*). By late summer the knapweeds (*Centaurea spp*) and ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*) will appear and we can expect to see bright orange and black caterpillars of the cinnabar moth (*Tyria jacobaeae*) feeding on the ragwort.

Two pyramidal orchids (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*) have flowered for the third year running and it's good to see that



Harebell.



*Lady's bedstraw.*

they survived a sheep attack last year. Sheep are partial to flowers and while they ate the bright pink flowers the leaves were fortunately undamaged. These are not rare orchids but they're not very common plants either and it's lovely to have them in the churchyard.

In July I was excited to find an uncommon bumblebee foraging on white clover in the churchyard. *Bombus monticola* is known as the mountain bumblebee or the bilberry bumblebee and it occurs mainly in the north and west of Britain. The common names indicate the habitats in which it is most likely to be found but neither describes

the Great Orme. Victorians called the Great Orme 'Llandudno's Mountain' and some of the wilder areas are still occasionally referred to by locals as 'The Mountain' but this bumblebee is suggested to be more closely associated with altitudes over 300 m (1000'), while the Great Orme is no more than 207 m (679') high.

Although the Great Orme is lacking in bilberry (*Vaccinium myrtillus*) it does have patches of heathland and white clover on which the bee will also feed and a current survey by the Bumblebee Conservation Trust indicates that the bee is not restricted to upland and bilberry habitats. This is a beautifully coloured bee, which has a bright reddish orange tail and abdomen (the tail end of the body) and two yellow bands on the thorax (the head end of the body) and the males also have yellow hair on their faces. Queen and worker bumblebees



*Pyramidal orchids.*

(all females – the males don't work!) have pollen baskets on their hind legs. In the photograph you should be able to make out a ball of pollen on the bee's leg, which she will have been collecting to take back to the nest, so it is likely

that there is a nest somewhere on the Great Orme.

Aren't we blessed to have all this on our doorstep!

**Christine Jones**



*B. monticola.*

### **The Parish Share or 'Quota' for 2010 is £76111**

The Quota is the sum of money that we have to contribute to pay the stipends of our clergy. For some years, we have partially paid the Quota from our reserves. This is ultimately unsustainable and it is imperative that we maximise our giving.

If you are able, please consider revising your regular giving so the Parish can pay its dues.

If you are a payer of income tax or capital gains tax, please declare regular giving and donations as 'Gift Aid' so HM Customs and Revenue might refund to us the tax you paid on earning your gift.

If you make a donation of £10, the Parish receives an extra £2.50 at no cost to you.

Please contact Stan Whittaker, the Gift Aid Secretary. (Tel: 596796)





## Coffee Time

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

All girl's names

1. Girl from odd parts of India (3)
2. Lady, not entirely truthful (4)
3. Can she exist with nothing? (5)
4. Two-way girl (4)
5. Girl cooked algae around noon. (6)
6. Ethel enabled to hold girl (6)
7. Shakespearean heroine to pair off (6)
8. Girl among them mainly (4)
9. 'One large beer', said woman (7)
10. Gail or different girl (6)

Results for last month:

1. Granny
2. Grandiose
3. Greta
4. Gyrate
5. Gorilla
6. Gadget
7. Gathered
8. Gem
9. Golf Course
10. Garb