

Services

Holy Trinity Church, Mostyn Street

Sundays

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

10.30 am Sung Eucharist (1st, 3rd, 4th

& 5th Sundays)

Matins followed by shortened Eucharist (2nd

Sunday)

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

6.00 pm Exploring Worship - in

Church Hall (2nd Sunday unless notified otherwise)

Weekdays

8.30 am Morning Prayer (Tue, Wed

Thurs & Fri)

9.00 am Holy Eucharist (Wed)

II.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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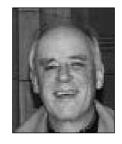
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From the Rectory

This month there are a number of matters I want to bring to your attention and so rather than write my usual letter I have decided to deal with them in some...

...Rector's Notes



maintain such a high standard of music. Fewer and fewer parish churches have a traditional Anglican choir these days, so we should treasure them indeed! Meanwhile on the Wednesdays of August we can enjoy the concerts by

distinguished organists which Charles Jones has arranged once again. Please do support these.

The 10.30 am Service during August

During August there will be a change to our normal pattern of Sunday worship. We shall celebrate a 2004 Rite Eucharist at 10.30 am on every Sunday of the month, including the 2nd Sunday when there would normally be Choral Matins, followed by a shortened Eucharist. As the Choir will be on holiday throughout the month the 10.30 am Eucharist will take a slightly different form and we will be using some special order of service leaflets.

Thanks to our Choir!

The fact that the Choir are taking a well-earned break this month gives me the opportunity to thank Norman and all our choir members very warmly for their commitment throughout the year. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated band of singers, who, despite their small numbers, manage to

Holy Trinity Hall

By the time this magazine is published the work on Holy Trinity Hall will be well underway. We are still able to use the hall for the present but from Monday 6th August it will have to close, probably until the work is finished at the end of September. If this situation changes in any way we will let everyone know as soon as possible.

Barbara Scott

We were all shocked at the news of Barbara's death last month. She has played such an important role in parish life for so many years that it will be really strange not to have her around; there will be a real gap in the life of our church. I'm sure that there will be other tributes to her in this edition of the magazine, but as parish priest I want

to acknowledge the contribution she has made to the life of our parish in so many different ways. We commend her to the love of God her creator praying that she will share the joy of Christ's Kingdom, and we extend our love and the assurance of our prayers to her daughters, Brenda and Julie, and their families.

Children and Young Families Group

At the last meeting of the PCC it was decided to set up a committee to co-ordinate our work with children and young families. This body already existed in embryo as the organising group for the successful Messy Church sessions that we have been having over the past year; now we are making it official. The group will be chaired by Sandra Davies and its remit will be to oversee all aspects of our work with children and young families. Its membership will include our Sunday School leader and helpers, our Toddler and Parents group leader and those who have been helping with Messy Church.We expect that their first meeting will take place next month.

Our relationship with the homeless and rough sleepers

For some years now we have joined with the other town centre churches in Cytûn to provide sandwiches etc for

rough sleepers and other needy people. Our day for doing this is Wednesday and Sandra Davies and Jennifer Fossi provide the food at their own expense. Some of the other churches do much more than us – for example Gloddaeth United Church runs a drop-in centre on several days in the week.

Coping with rough sleepers is not an easy ministry; they can be challenging and difficult people to deal with, for instance one young man has repeatedly blocked the toilet in the Choir Vestry passage with papers towels, despite being asked not to do so, leaving us with the unpleasant task of having to unblock it. It's an understandable reaction to feel somewhat unsympathetic to many of those who come, seeing them as likely to be scroungers or in some way responsible for their own situation.

However, although there might be the odd scrounger among them, the majority are very needy indeed; they often have major mental health problems, are addicted to drugs or alcohol, come from dysfunctional families, or have had other major problems to face in their lives which most of us can't begin to imagine. They can be very vulnerable indeed. I believe that it is our task to care for them despite the difficulties involved - remember Our Lord's words 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' (Matt 25:40)

The Church in Wales Review

You will probably be aware that last year the Church in Wales appointed a group led by the former Bishop of Oxford, Lord Richard Harries, to conduct a review of its life and work. The report of that group was published last month and attracted much attention by the Welsh media. Recognising that the position of our Church is quite precarious the report makes a number of important recommendations which if implemented would bring major changes. If you wish to read the report it is easy to access on the Church of Wales' website. The report will, of course, go to the Governing Body for its consideration. But in the meantime our Bishop has arranged a diocesan meeting to discuss the findings and recommendations of the Report which will be held at the Cathedral at 5 30p.m. on Tuesday 25th September. All members of the Church in Wales in the diocese are welcome to attend.

Have a happy holiday month and enjoy the Olympics.

Fr John

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Radical Vision for Church

A radical new vision for the future of the Church in Wales was set out in a report launched on 20 July.

Supersize parishes run by teams of vicars and lay people, creative ideas for

ensuring churches stay at the heart of their communities and investing further in ministry to young people are among the report's recommendations following an independent root and branch review.

The Church in Wales commissioned the review a year ago to address some of its challenges and to ensure it was fit for purpose as it faced its centenary in 2020. Three experienced people in ministry and church management examined its structures and ministry and heard evidence from public meetings across Wales attended by more than 1,000 people.

On the Review Group were: Lord (Richard) Harries of Pentregarth, former Bishop of Oxford, who chaired it; Professor Charles Handy, former professor of the London Business School; and Professor Patricia Peattie, first chairwoman of the Lothian University Hospitals NHS Trust and former Chair of the Episcopal Church in Scotland's Standing Committee.

Their report will now be presented to the Church's Governing Body for consideration.

It makes 50 recommendations which include:

 Parishes replaced by much larger 'ministry areas' which would mirror the catchment areas of secondary schools, where possible, and be served by a team of clergy and lay people;

- Creative use of church buildings to enable them to be used by the whole community;
- Training lay people to play a greater part in church leadership;
- Investing more in ministry for young people;
- Developing new forms of worship to reach out to those unfamiliar with church services;
- Encouraging financial giving to the church through tithing.

The Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan, welcomed the report. He said, 'We are enormously indebted to the Review Group because it has absorbed a great deal of information about us as a church in a short period of time and

has made some very perceptive and insightful comments and recommendations. I am also grateful to members of the Church in Wales who in large numbers have enthusiastically engaged with the process. We, as a church, will have to give serious consideration to this report and its recommendations from parish up to province and decide where we go from here.'

Lord Harries said, 'The Review Team found the Church in Wales to be very warm and welcoming and there are many good things happening. But in order to serve the people of Wales effectively, particularly its young people, we believe some radical re-thinking is necessary.'

The full report is online at http://www.churchinwales.org.uk/review.

News and Notices

Barbara Scott (1934-2012)

It is of great regret to have to report the death of one of the parish's most stalwart parishioners, Barbara Scott.

Maggie and I are relative newcomers, but it was obvious from the start just how involved and dedicated she was. If you had any uncertainty over any matter parochial, then the answer was simply 'Ask Barbara.'

Barbara's image has appeared many times in these pages. Recently she was pictured on her retirement from the



PCC and only last month was shown photographed with the Olympic Torch, which, at the time of writing, still has not arrived at the London stadium.

The picture that I have printed on the previous page is no more than a quick snap-shot but it does show Barbara as we will all remember her working tirelessly in the kitchen of the church hall

We send our deepest sympathies to her daughters and their families.

Rector on the Radio

At the end of June the Daily Post ran a good story on the Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication at St. Tudno's, which certainly helped to publicise the service. BBC Radio Wales noticed the article and conducted a telephone interview with Fr. John for Good Evening Wales, talking about St. Tudno's, Sponsor-a-Slate and the renovation work.

New Parish Website

We are presently developing and testing a new parish website. The development URL is **www.llandudno-parish/joomla**. One of the conclusions of the Review Team of the future of the Church in Wales was that young people have to be served more effectively. Their primary method of communication is the mobile phone and the 'smart' phones available nowadays are fitted with Internet browsers

Unfortunately, websites designed to be used by desktop or laptop computers do not present happily on mobile devices with their much smaller screens. A full-width page is so small that text is unreadable and zooming in and panning is fiddly. The solution is to reformat any web page and optimise it for a small screen. Fortunately, there is no need to run two parallel sites as modern techniques detect what sort of device is requesting a page and will format the page accordingly.

This has all been made possible because of an advance in website creation technology. Traditional websites are typically built on a single computer and then uploaded to the computer connected to the web known as a 'server'. The modern way is to build the website directly onto the server, the only software being required by the developer being an Internet browser. This means that more than one person can develop the site and anyone with Internet access can help to maintain it, given the appropriate permissions.

We would urge everybody who does have Internet access to explore the new site and let us know how it might be improved. If you are responsible for a parish activity or group, then you will most likely find a sample page on your interest though you would most likely wish to amend it. Ideally, you should request permissions to enable you to do this yourself. It really is not very difficult. If you are involved in an activity which is not covered, please let us know.



A specimen page formatted for a computer (left) and reformatted for a mobile 'phone (right).

We can offer two types of page. The first is a static page of information which can be updated (but not created) by the user from time to time. The second type of page consists of news items, each separate articles, the latest usually being added to the top. A variation is to have the news articles listed on one page with links to the articles on their separate pages. Users can create new news items to add as required.

Christine Jones
Andy Leitch

St. Tudno's News

The last service that was held outside at St. Tudno's was on 17th June, the weather that day being reasonable. On 24th June the weather was definitely inclement and the service was held in the church for the first time since

the restoration, led by Revd David Jenkins.

At the II o'clock service on Ist July the weather was cold and windy and we were therefore again inside. Revd Peter Plunkett officiated and the first shortened Eucharist of the season followed.

People started arriving at 2.00 pm for the Thanksgiving and Rededication service. The weather was by now sunny but quite windy. Some sat outside whilst others stayed in the church until 3.00 pm. The service began outside so that the restored roof could be admired and the introduction was given by the Rector (Chaplain to the Friends of St. Tudno's). Then everyone formed a procession led by Chris Fosbury (Chairman of the Friends of St. Tudno's) as crucifer and encircled the church, singing the hymn Now thank we all our



St. Tudno's Church after refurbishment. Note the new pointing on the upper gable.



Awaiting the start of the rededication service.



Standing room only.



Rev John Nice, Very Rev Alun Hawkins and Chris Fosbury.

God. The church was then entered and very quickly filled, with a number of people having to stand outside.

The rest of the service continued and included readings from Stephanie Searle and Vernon Morris (Warden representative and Vice Chairman of the Friends, respectively). The address was given by the Very Revd Alun Hawkins, Dean Emeritus of Bangor and Patron Emeritus of the Friends of St. Tudno's. This included a description of the style of faith of the first Christians who worshipped at St. Tudno's, of how God was seen to be at work in the natural world and in their everyday lives. A new hymn for St. Tudno (As the morning sun which rises) was sung to the tune Hyfrodol. An act of offering then took place which involved the bell (in its refurbished turret) being rung by Barbara Cartwright (Minutes Secretary of the Friends) while a representative slate (carried by Mr. Ken Davies of Furlong and Davies) and the Books of Sponsors were carried through the church, the latter by Iris Fosbury (Friends' Membership Secretary) and Anne Gibson (Friends' Committee member).

The title poem from the booklet Step Though the Narrow Door (available from the church) was read by Shirley Georgeson (Warden representation of the Friends) and the prayers by Christine Jones (Friends' Secretary). A message of thanks was given by the Deputy mayor of Llandudno, Cllr Garry Burchett. After the service the Books of Sponsors were perused by many and refreshments were served outside by the Friends, to end a very special and



Members of the Society of Catholic Priests at St. Tudno's on 10 July.

wonderful afternoon.

On Tuesday 10th July St. Tudno's welcomed members of the Society of Catholic Priests (SCP) of the Bangor and St. Asaph Dioceses, who held their annual concelebrated Eucharist at St. Tudno's. It was the Eve of the Feast of St. Benedict, Abbot, Patriarch of Western Monasticism and Patron of Europe, whose guiding principle was 'Prefer nothing whatever to Christ' (Rule of St. Benedict).

Shirley Georgeson Stephanie Searle

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 Sunday 5th August a shortened Eucharist (in the church) will follow at 11.45 am.

On Tuesday 14 August there will be a service of Compline by Candlelight at 7.30 pm.

On Sunday 26th August there will be a service of Songs of Praise (open air, weather permitting). If anyone has a favourite hymn they would like to introduce, please would they let Christine Jones or one of the Wardens know by Sunday 12 August.

Stephanie Searle Shirley Georgeson

Plane on the Prom

As a retired airline employee, I was very interested in the Adain Avion exhibition in Llandudno. So on Sunday 8 July I missed some of the Wimbledon final match to see a DC9 aircraft fuselage being pulled up the promenade to Venue Cymru by public volunteers, including the former Mayor Cllr Greg Robbins. It was a grand affair, watched by hundreds in the rain. In front of the aircraft the Town Band played, followed



by six 'stewardesses' and the 'Captain'. Running behind the plane were children from local schools, including Ysgol San Sior, dressed in yellow and red representing runway lights.



Adain Avion is a mobile art space event and part of the London 2012 Festival and is Wales' major contribution to the Cultural Olympiad. The fuselage



was prepared by Spanish sculptor and designer Eduardo Cajal, who invited Welsh artist Marc Rees to develop the inaugural exhibition, which has been across Wales with a varied collection of art, music and sporting events, encouraging local talent.

My personal favourite events in the plane were a sculpture by our own acclaimed sculptor, Nick Elphick, and a series of concerts. Nick had made a bust of the band Motorhead's singer, Lemmy, and carved it into sections, while I enjoyed concerts by the Coastal Voices, the Ghostbuskers and the George Formby Society.

At the same time, there was also the 'Cysgod' exhibition of images of people looking out to sea, shown in shelters on the prom and at the Mostyn Art Gallery.

Rob Georgeson

Handel Edwards

It is with some sadness to discover recently that the 'carver' of The Angel, Handel Edwards from Skewen in South Wales, died on 8th September 2011.1



is a remarkable piece of his skill that will continue to remind us all of him.

Mr Edwards was a plasterer by trade and took up carving as a hobby. He had always wished to carve something along a religious theme and after a lot of thought carved the Angel in the 1970's. It took him about five long years he told me.

The Angel was brought to Holy Trinity in the late 1980s by the then Rector, the late Rev Canon Derek Richards, who knew Mr Edwards.

If anyone would like further information about Mr Edwards, please contact me. An article about him did appear in the January 2011 edition of this magazine and can be accessed through the Parish website www.llandudno-parish. org.uk/parish_magazine.html on pages 16 and 17.

'May he rest in peace and rise in glory'.

Stan Whittaker

Candles and Compline

Up at St.Tudno's we hold an occasional service of Compline. It is the last service of the day and has been in use for over a thousand years. I love being in the church, lit only by candles, being part of something that has lasted for years. I find it soothing for the soul.

I know it is difficult for people to get up to the church for 7.30 pm but if it is

possible the two remaining services are on August 14th and September 11th.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

Stephanie Searle

Wanted

Two volunteers on a rota basis, to help with the servicing of the Pay & Display machines. For more information give me a ring on 01492 596796.

Stan Whittaker

Friends of St. Tudno's Church

As Stephanie and Shirley have said in their article, the Friends' Committee members were busy during the Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication, which marked the end of our Sponsor-a-Slate initiative. The four Books of Sponsors have been beautifully bound and will be kept up at St. Tudno's till the end of September. Anyone attending a Service at St. Tudno's will then be able view the books, which have indexes to help locate specific entries. After the summer the Books will be brought down to the drier atmosphere of Holy Trinity, where arrangements can be made to view them after services. Now that most of



St. Beuno's, Clynnoig Fawr.

the church looks so beautiful, one or two other things can be seen to be in need of attention, so the Friends will resume fundraising in September.

Saturday 14 July was the annual Friends' outing, this time to some of the pilgrim churches of the Lleyn Peninsular and

we made our own pilgrimage with a short service in each of the churches visited. After an ominous cloud burst while travelling along the A55, the weather improved to beautiful sunshine and we were treated to clear views along the Lleyn, across to Snowdonia and to Holyhead Mountain. Our first stop was the splendid Church of St. Beuno at Clynnog Fawr, where we were met by the Churchwarden who showed us around the church. This would have been the site of St. Beuno's Clas (monastic settlement), founded in the early 7th century, and later his shrine. The present church dates from about 1480 and owes its large size to the number of pilgrims

who visited in the Middle Ages.

From Clynnog we continued to our lunch stop at Nant Gwrtheryn, which is set in a spectacular valley overlooking the sea. Nant Gwrtheryn is best known for the Welsh Language Centre but has recently undergone an exten-



At Nant Gwrtheryn.



In St. Beuno's, Pistyll.

sive redevelopment programme and now also offers a cafe, heritage centre, miner's cottage (the area was quarried for granite), holiday cottages, walks and a new (very steep!) access road. We could have spent more time here but needed to move on to the delightful little church at Pistyll. This is another church dedicated to St. Beuno and it is suggested that the saint used to come here to pray away from the busyness of his Clas. Pilgrims were accommodated in huts at a hospice on a hill overlooking the church. Our final destination was the lovely triple-naved Church

of St. Gwynhoedl at Llangwnnadl, where the Churchwarden John Tierney talked to us about the saint and his church and John's wife Jill very kindly served tea and cakes in the Community Hall (though we couldn't keep Judith out of the kitchen!). The

church was enlarged to its present size, presumably to accommodate pilgrims, just before the Reformation ended the great age of pilgrimages. Like St. Tudno's, St. Gwynhoedl's Church was founded in the 6th century and legend says that these two holy men (and a few others) were

brothers.

On Saturday 4 August the Friends will be having a guided walk around the 'Gun Site' at the end of Llys Helig Drive, led by local historian Tom Parry. This should be a fairly flat walk and Tom is an extremely knowledgeable guide so if you would like to join us for a very interesting afternoon, please meet by the West Shore Toll House at 2.00 pm. If we can then get into as few cars as possible we will be able to drive to the start of the walk.

Christine Jones (Secretary)



In St. Gwynhoedl's, Llangwnnadl.

Mothers' Union

On 16 July the afternoon meeting was given a display of handbell ringing by Stan Whittaker, our Tower Captain, and his team. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and we are very grateful to Stan and his team for taking the time to entertain and educate us.

Before the presentation we reflected upon the life of our friend and member Barbara Scott who had passed away very suddenly. We held a few moments of silence and said a special prayer.

Barbara had been a member for many years and held the position of Secretary until quite recently. She was a great help to me when I took over from Barbara Yates as Branch Leader.

We had no time to say 'Good bye' but peace is yours and memories are ours.

The Mary Sumner Day Afternoon Tea on 6 August will be at the Meirion Hotel at 2.30 pm. If you wish to attend, please contact Barbara Hughes on 868318.

Due to the uncertainty of the availability of the church hall, there will be no meetings in September.

Finally, we all send our best wishes to Dorothy Trent after her nasty fall.

Maggie Leitch



Stan (rear right) and his team.

AYurt in Mostyn Street? 2

This is the second in a three part series of articles on the theme of *Sustainability* based on the annual conference of the Welsh Historic Places of Worship, which took place at St. Giles' Church, Wrexham, on 23rd May.

In the first part some imaginative schemes were explored that have been adopted by churches across Wales to strengthen their links with their communities, described by the Bishop of St. David's as 'mutual sustainability'. In this article some of the energy saving schemes that have been adopted by Churches in Wales (and beyond) will be explored. As with the previous article some questions have been added at the end of this article. Issues relating to sustainability impinge not only on our own generation, but also on future generations. If cost is thought to be a factor, can we afford to do nothing? Your magazine editor welcomes your views on the subject.

At the Conference, energy saving schemes that are both cost effective and designed to promote greater sustainability were described, sometimes in intricate detail. The speakers represented diverse organisations from the commercial sector, to the Diocese of London. The speaker from the Severn Wye Energy Agency strongly advised churches to undertake a Professional Energy Audit. Such an audit would examine:

- External factors, such as the location and grounds;
- Internal factors, such as the fabric and general condition of the interior:
- Behaviours, such as patterns of use, and management of the buildings;
- The preparation of an Action Plan:
- Sources of funding.

However, all speakers also underlined the importance of making basic savings: correct setting of thermostats, switching lights off, draught proofing (including keyholes), carpeting, installing LED lighting, and replacing ageing equipment heavy in repair bills and inefficient in energy use. Multiple meters (and related bills) were also cited frequently in energy audits as a cause of inefficient use of energy.

Highlighting the ever increasing cost of oil as a cause of concern, the speaker from the National Trust commented that Plas Newydd consumes a tankerful of heating oil every ten days. Readers will be aware of the Trust's partnership with Bangor University researching heat exchange using the Menai Strait. How about using tidal energy at Llandudno? Basically, opportunities exist for the church to harness modern technology but, also, every little helps in the pursuit of sustainability and

saving energy. Photo-Voltaic cells are being installed increasingly by churches, concealed on roofs with faculty and CADW blessing.

Many Church members will be familiar with the RSPB Reserve at Llandudno Junction. Many will have enjoyed a coffee and a chat in the coffee shop at the Reserve, but how many visitors have noted the extensive energy saving schemes in place at the Reserve, or the elaborate schemes to reduce wastage, from paper saving to the 'Hippo in the tank' scheme designed to reduce the amount of water used in flushing toilets? As the universal introduction of water metering becomes ever more likely, such issues are assuming ever greater significance.

One of the exhibitors at the Conference specialises in the development of compost toilets. While this might not be so applicable at Holy Trinity, if the Council decides to discontinue the public toilets at St. Tudno's, this might become an issue in the future.

In next month's Magazine, the concluding part of the series will examine some of the moral and ethical issues surrounding sustainability.

Questions

CO₂ emissions contribute to global warming, and climate change.
 By 2020 the Diocese of London is aiming to reduce its CO₂ emissions across all its churches by 42%. Is this something we should

- be considering at Holy Trinity and St. Tudno's?
- What schemes could Holy Trinity and St. Tudno's adopt to save energy, and reduce wastage?
- 'It's not our problem.' 'What's this got to do with religion?' What do you think?

William Maidlow

(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)

Responce to last month

In last month's magazine William's article posed the question: How might St. Tudno's respond to the Bishop's call for small churches to adopt more imaginative uses to guarantee their future?'. My experience in rural Lincolnshire is that small churches in small villages can be very important to the community as a whole (not just the regular congregation), particularly where there is no other public meeting point, e.g. shop, school or pub. If the church is left open and is welcoming, people will come along do a few odd jobs, a bit of cleaning, tidy the churchyard, etc, and fundraising for the church is well supported. After a while, some of the people who've been helping but not attending services may come along to some of the special services and then perhaps the regular services, too.

Churches in villages have the potential to be used in various ways by the local community but a much greater problem is faced by churches whose communities have moved away. This would seem to be the case for the 'Friendless' churches described in the spring edition of Nexus. St. Tudno's sits somewhere between these two: the community has moved away but the church is certainly not without friends.

For St. Tudno's, a local community has largely been replaced by a community of visitors and we must be thankful for its position in the country park of a popular tourist resort. Some of St. Tudno's visitors come specifically to visit the church, some have had the church recommended to them and others chance to find it while walking or driving on the Orme. Those of us who open and close the church meet some lovely people at St. Tudno's and many say that they will return, perhaps bringing family or friends with them. Visitors are generous in their donations but it is the comments in the Visitors' Book which show how St. Tudno's ministry continues quietly through his church. The most frequent comment is 'peace' and people describe how St. Tudno's is somewhere where they can pray, somewhere where they can feel close to God. This is so precious and something which must not be lost.

A church being 'sustainable' and having a 'guaranteed future' tends to imply that it should pay its way financially as well as being important in the community. One of the aims of the Friends of St. Tudno's is fundraising for the restoration and maintenance of the church but the Friends are also involved in the ministry and mission of the church. Some of the Friends live locally, others are scattered throughout the UK and some are overseas but they are all part of St. Tudno's extended family and are committed to supporting the church and its work.

Perhaps an area where there is the greatest potential for development is in reaching out to the local community, after all. St. Tudno's is not so far from the town and the number of people living on the Orme is higher than in many villages. It is sad that many locals have never visited and shocking that some do not even know of the church from which the town takes its name. The Sponsor-a-Slate scheme was successful in gaining publicity as well as funds but approximately half of the slates were sponsored by people from outside the Llandudno area. Similarly, while there is a band of regulars who attend Sunday services, many are holidaymakers. This has probably been the case throughout the 150 year history of the open air services but it's always a pleasure to welcome locals and some of the Holy Trinity congregation, too. Don't forget that the parish pays for a taxi to the open air services, so it's not difficult to get there. If your commitments at Holy Trinity mean that do not have any opportunity to attend St. Tudno's on a Sunday morning, you might like to join

us for Compline or Songs of Praise (see the other articles on St. Tudno's) – if you need a lift, please ask.

Three events have shown some ways in which St. Tudno's could become more involved in the local community: concerts, educational visits and open days. Last year's Celtic harp concert proved very popular and delivering leaflets on the Orme resulted in a good number of locals attending. The Friends have a classical guitar concert planned for next year and it has been suggested that we should make a concert an annual event. Also last year, the Friends welcomed a group of blind and partially sighted people, with sighted guides, to St. Tudno's and gave them a tactile tour of the church and churchyard. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this and the tour could easily be adapted for other groups, including schools. On 16 August we will be giving a short talk on St. Tudno's during one of the Great Orme Exploration Society's summer walks and we would welcome other groups to visit the church and learn about its history and continuing ministry. (As a

slight aside, there's a huge amount of local history in the churchyard.) For a few years now, St. Tudno's has taken part in Open Church Day in September, with the Friends manning the church and providing refreshments, and visitors have always been delighted by the welcome. This year we will also be holding a mini fair, as the church hall will not be available for our regular fair, and we hope that we might attract a few locals as well as visitors.

Another small way in which St.Tudno's could contribute to the local community might be to have a rack of leaflets on local (i.e. Great Orme) tourist information, in the porch for instance, particularly if reciprocal arrangements could be made with the other sites.

These are my personal opinions and the Wardens, Friends and I would be interested to hear any other suggestions for use or outreach of St.Tudno's, while supporting the church's ministry as a place of pilgrimage, peace and prayer.

Christine Jones

HTC 150 Update

At the meeting on 28th June a number of interesting ideas were explored by the group. The group is keen to hear the views of Church members before the PCC meets on

6th September to discuss the 150th Anniversary so, do contact a member of the HTC 150 group, or else talk to a member of the PCC.

Anniversary emblem

A number of imaginative designs have been prepared by Gwilym Davies on the *Christ the Cornerstone* theme adopted for the 150th anniversary. One of Gwilym's designs will become the emblem for the anniversary, appearing as the logo on all publicity material

Anniversary TV and Radio programmes

It is hoped to invite BBC TV Songs of Praise to come to Llandudno. A successful invitation depends on meeting the quite demanding criteria required by Songs of Praise to develop a strong theme for the programme which, as viewers will be aware, covers themes and personalities drawn from the area, as well as Holy Trinity itself. It is also hoped to invite BBC Radio Wales to record a programme for the Sunday morning series, Celebration. Initial enquiries to Radio Wales have received an encouraging response.

Anniversary publication

John Horsfield has been busy delving into the mid Victorian newspapers to unearth news items relating to the Church's foundation and construction. John is keen to receive any items of interest lurking in photograph albums, diaries, or other

personal memories relating to the history of Holy Trinity Church, its members and activities. Photographs are particularly welcome. Please don't think anything you have might not be of interest: have a chat with John and let him be the judge... you might just have that piece of the jigsaw he's looking for!

A lasting legacy?

The group has also engaged in some serious pondering about the lasting legacy of the 150th anniversary. Does this provide us with an opportunity to create something enduring for future generations at Holy Trinity? If so, what sort of lasting legacy would you like to see? Should we consider replacing the pews with chairs, to create more flexible church worship, as well as enabling greater community use, something the Church in Wales ranks high on its sustainability agenda? Should we consider commissioning sculpture(s) in the churchyard, perhaps a Celtic Cross? Readers may tremble at cost implications, but should this deter an outward looking, imaginative Church from seeking to assert itself in the community?

The next meeting of the HTC 150 group is scheduled for 27th September, at 7.30 pm. The group is keen to hear your views, and warmly

welcomes any Church member who would like to join the group. We will soon start to designate areas of responsibility to group members, so do come along and help us organise a celebration that befits the key role that Holy Trinity Church has played in the life of Llandudno.

William Maidlow

Editor's thoughts

I am not a fan of pews and I brought up the subject at the meeting. It is often said that pews are a Victorian invention but a document dated 1844 - Church Pews, their origin and legal incidents, with some observations on the propriety of abolishing them, in three chapters, by John Coke Fowler, Esq. of the Inner Temple, Barrister at Law – clearly proves in its title alone that this is a myth. Pews actually began to be installed after the Reformation (with its lengthened services and sermons) and were often private property; used by their owners or by those who could afford the rent and resulted in reinforcing the class barriers (anglicanhistory.org/misc/freechurch/ fowler pews 1844.html).

Later, pews were installed by the churches themselves of uniform design and theoretically class-less. Nevertheless, it became inevitable that families 'bagged' their own pew. The pews in Holy Trinity arrived relatively recently being recycled from a church in Cheshire. Old photographs of Holy Trinity appear to show well-over 600 chairs

whilst today's capacity is just over 350. It seems pretty obvious that the reason why our church was not originally fitted with pews is because fitting them would have severely restricted the capacity.

Today in Holy Trinity, the facility of the church is restricted because the seating cannot be removed or reordered. Although the church is used for concerts and performances using the existing pews as seating, imagine how much more attractive a venue it could be.

Perhaps my main gripe is because the existing pews do not match the colour of the woodwork that dominates the east end of the church, being a shade or two darker. Even worse, the pews in the side aisles appear to be totally out of place. Old photographs show the side-aisle seating facing east but the present pews face inward and not in an orderly way, necessitated by being too long. Holy Trinity is certainly an attractive church and while the fitting of second-hand pews was an economic solution to an existing problem, it proved no lasting legacy.

Exchanging the nave pews and the rickety chairs in the Memorial Chapel would be expensive. Even if standard furniture were adopted and not bespoke designs, then the cost would be in the order of £100/chair. Such a move might invite criticism of unnecessary expense and the feelings of those who generously sponsored individual pews when they were fitted would have to be obtained. Another complication is the



Nave altar and seating at St. Asaph Cathedral.

largely unauthorised attachment of *In Memorium* brass plates to the pews.

The first photograph shows the seating in St. Asaph Cathedral which utilises a standard design of upholstered seating. Of course, you cannot help to notice the use of a minimal and portable nave altar and matching communion rail. The

choir facilities to the east of the altar are shown in the other photograph. The re-ordering of a church where the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is celebrated closer to the congregation and not at the High Altar can be divisive but is surely an option. I will address this next month.



Nave choir stalls at St. Asaph Cathedral.

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

July 15th: Molly Isla Evans, Tilly Louise Evans & Henry Eric Roberts

The Departed

July 16th: Stanley Charles Littlewood (80) Service in Holy Trinity Church followed by cremation at Colwyn Bay

July 20th: Barbara Scott (78) Service in Holy Trinity Church followed by cremation at Colwyn Bay

Calendar for August

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

Wed 1st Fri 3rd	1.00 pm 1.00 pm	Lunchtime Organ Concert Wedding	
Sat 4th		Friends of St. Tudno's Church walk (see separate article for details)	
Sun 5th	Trinity 9	•	
		Services as usual for the 1st Sunday	
Mon 6th	_	ation of Our Lord	
	11.00 am	Eucharist	
	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union Mary Sumner Day Tea (see MU notes for details)	
Tues 7th	10.00 am	Julian Meditation Group – Stella Maris	
Wed 8th	1.00 pm	Lunchtime Organ Concert	
Sat 11th	1.00 pm	Wedding	
Sun 12th	Trinity 10		
		Services as usual for the 2nd Sunday with the following exceptions: a Eucharist replaces Choral Matins at 10.30 am and there is no Shortened Eucharist or Exploring Worship	
Tues 14th	7.30 pm	Compline by Candlelight at St. Tudno's	
Weds 15th	Mary, Mother of Our Lord		
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	1.00 pm	Lunchtime Organ Concert	
Sun 19th	Trinity II	Ü	
		Services as usual for the 3rd Sunday	
Weds 22nd	1.00 pm	Lunchtime Organ Concert	
	7.30 pm	Friends of St. Tudno's Church Committee Meeting	
		(at Rectory)	
Thurs 23rd	7.30 pm	Standing Committee (at Rectory)	
Fri 24th		new, Apostle	
	11.00 am	Eucharist (1662 Rite)	
Sun 26th	Trinity 12		
		Services as usual for the 4th Sunday	
Wed 29th	1.00 pm	Lunchtime Organ Concert	

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Attendance Figures

Holy Trinity Church							
. ,		Eucharists to June 2nd	8				
Trinity Sunday I	3.00 am 10.30 am 5.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung Eucharist Service of Thanksgiving for the Diamond Jubilee of HM The Queen. Service organised jointly with Rhoscystennin RB	17 69 132				

June 5th St. Tudno, Founder and Patron of the Church in Llandudno					
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	20		
		Other weekday Eucharists	34		
June 10th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	15		
Trinity I	10.30 am	Choral Matins	74		
		Shortened Eucharist	17		
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	2		
	6.00 pm	Exploring Worship	31		
		Other weekday Eucharists	37		
June 17th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	39+1		
Trinity 2	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	240+12		
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	6		
June 20th		Carers Llandudno Annual Service	25		
		Other weekday Eucharists	28		
June 24th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	17		
Trinity 3	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	93		
•	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	8		
		Other weekday Eucharists	21		
St.Tudno's Church					
3 June	11.00 am	Morning Service	12		
10 June	11.00 am	Morning Service	21		
17 June	11.00 am	Morning Service	24		
24 June	11.00 am	Morning Service	32		

From the Parish Pump

Leading Olympians

Leading Olympians will be recognised for their outstanding character at a unique event during the London 2012 Games. The setting is the first More Than Gold Legacy Breakfast, an event established to 'honour character and influence in the world of sport'. The Legacy Breakfast takes place on Friday

I0th August at London's Westminster Central Hall. The centre piece is the presentation of the Eric Liddell Award to one male and one female Olympian for their outstanding character at home, in their community and on and off the field of competition.

Six finalists for the award have been announced:

- Bryan Clay, United States, Olympic decathlon gold and silver medalist
- Steph Cook, Great Britain, Olympic modern pentathlon gold medalist
- Debbie Flood, Great Britain, twice Olympic rowing silver medalist
- Brandon Slay, United States, Olympic freestyle wrestling gold medalist
- Laura Wilkinson, United States, Olympic diving gold medalist
- Nick Willis, New Zealand, Olympic track and field silver medalist

The Eric Liddell Award has been established in memory of Olympian Eric Liddell, who won gold and bronze medals for Great Britain at the 1924 Paris Olympics.

Don't blame the poor

The Methodist Church, Baptist Union of Great Britain and United Reformed Church are accusing the Government of continuing a trend of blaming the poor as new proposals to redefine poverty have been announced.

'These proposals risk further stigmatising the poor in the eyes of voters and the media,' said Paul Morrison, Public Issues Adviser for the Methodist Church. 'It is universally acknowledged that poverty is a relative concept. These proposals seek to undermine the idea that relative poverty matters, by focusing on other issues. At its worst it will

seek to measure the 'faults' of the poor, further blaming them for poverty.'

Helping Syrian refugees

The Bible Society is helping thousands of Syrians who are taking refuge in Jordan. Every day more come across the border, as the conflict in Syria deepens.

Bible Society has provided a team to meet refugees at the border to provide food, blankets and spiritual support. Thousands of desperate families are without the most basic essentials. If you can help Bible Society to help them, please visit: www.biblesociety.org.uk.

Korean missionaries 'go into all the world'

According to The Future of Global Christianity, South Korea is the third largest sending country for missionaries in the world – coming after the United States and India. At the end of 2011, the Koreans had sent 19,373 missionaries from 168 mission agencies (53% of which were interdenominational), and were working in a total of 177 countries.

National Day of Prayer at Wembley Stadium, 29 September

Several Christian Broadcasters in the UK are partnering to support the National Day of Prayer and Worship,

being planned for 29 September at Wembley Stadium. God TV, Revelation TV, UCB and Premier Christian Media are working together for the occasion. The aim of the day is to mobilise the UK Church to pray together for national transformation. For more details, visit www.ndopwembley.com

SEAN on the Zambezi

SEAN International has established 'The Bible School of Marcacao' in the Portuguese-speaking town of Marcacao, near the Zambezi river. SEAN's 'Abundant Life' Course is used to teach people to read and write and learn from the Bible. In 2011, 147 people completed their first course and over 200 have enrolled for the literacy and Bible study classes in 2012. The church in this deprived area is served by Christians from Spain and Colombia. If you can help in any way, please contact Tony Thompson at contact@seaninternational.com.

Pray for the Christians of Mali

Christians living in the north of Mali have been facing uncertainty and disruption since the government was overthrown in March. Tuereg rebels in the north want to establish an independent Islamist State and have attacked and looted property and made threats to individuals. Many Christians have fled to Mali's capital Bamako in the south. Plans to proclaim northern



The new pews had the required effect

- people stopped sleeping during the

sermon

Mali as an Islamist State have reached an impasse.

Only 100 Chechen believers in all Russia?

Estimates indicate that there are only 100 Chechen Christian believers throughout Russia. Nearly all 1.4 million Chechens are Muslims – and Christians and Christian organisations have mostly been expelled from Chechnya. TWR Europe is producing and broadcasting a 15 minute weekly programme, 'Mighty in Spirit' in the Chechen language.

Kazakh Church is growing

The Kazakh Church is growing, and now some Kazakh Christians are now beginning to reach out further into central Asia. As there are very few Bible Colleges, Christian training is provided through long-distance learning models and radio broadcasts. Currently TWR is broadcasting 17.5 hours of Kazakh language programming per week. It is estimated that there are now 1.9 million Christian believers, (12.1%) and 8.5 million Muslims (53%) in the Kazakh

population.

Egyptian Christians in need as economy falters amid political turmoil

'You came at just the right time for us... my family had no food to eat for dinner. Thank you for coming at the right time.' So said an Egyptian Christian mother who received a food package from Barnabas recently.

But she is only one of thousands of poor Egyptians whom Barnabas Fund is currently helping. Thousands of poor Christian families in Egypt have been struggling to make ends meet as the country's economy falters amid intensifying political turmoil.

Many of Egypt's sizeable Christian minority, an estimated eight million people



"You should have a motto for your sermons, dear - Better, Clearer, Shorter ."

(ten per cent of the population) were already extremely poor, as a result of discrimination, before the revolution. But their plight has worsened in the fallout from that tumultuous event, which has seen the economy – particularly the tourism industry – near collapse, resulting in soaring prices and food scarcity.

Barnabas Fund is helping Egyptian Christians in a number of practical ways. This support has proved to be a lifeline for those at the end of their own resources. One family in Minya, whose sole breadwinner lost her job in a clothes shop when it fell victim to the economic crisis, received a food package from Barnabas Fund just as they had spent their last few Egyptian pounds. Our partners encouraged them, saying: 'When you have a really difficult time, God will show up.'

'Top 20' lectionary inspires reflections for today's Christian living

The Common Worship Lectionary from Church House Publishing has appeared at number 13 in the top 20 religious titles for 2011 - as the latest annual edition of Reflections for Daily Prayer (covering Advent 2012 to Eve of Advent 2013) is published, containing useful new features.

Regular Reflections contributor the Rt Revd John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford, says 'I just trust that that which has sustained the Church for so many centuries will continue to sustain the Church now as we take the Bible seriously, use our Bible-reading notes and away we go into Christian living that's relevant to today's world.'

Covering Monday to Saturday each week, Reflections for Daily Prayer - also available as an app for iPhone/iPad and a Kindle e-book - features full lection-

ary details for Morning Prayer and offers accessible daily insights on a Bible reading from the Lectionary, by writers such as the Rt Revd Steven Croft, the Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Dr Jane Williams, the Rt Revd John Pritchard, the Revd Canon Angela Tilby and the Revd Christopher Woods; there is also a Collect for the day.



RUTH

The Book of Ruth is one of the shortest books in the Old Testament and it tells the story of a girl who came from Moab. Ruth married one of 2 brothers, both of whom died. Her husband's mother decided to leave Moab and to return home to Bethlehem. Orpah, the wife of the other brother, stayed in Moab but rather than leave Naomi old and alone Ruth went with her saying, 'Where you go, I will go; your people shall be my people, and your God my God'.

Ruth and Naomi were poor and had to search for food but were protected by Naomi's relative Boaz. In time Boaz married Ruth and they had a son called Obed who in turn was grandfather to King David the founder of the royal line which led to the birth of a another boy at Bethlehem, the baby Jesus.

Naomi and Ruth both knew what it was to be a stranger in a foreign land but they supported each other. The story of Ruth shows us the love and loyalty that can hold a single family together.

RELATIVELY....

How are these people in the Bible related to each other? Answers at the bottom of the page.

- 1. Simon and Andrew (Mark, chapter 1)
- 2. Miriam, Aaron and Moses (Exodus, chapter 2)
- 3. Eunice and Timothy (Acts, chapter 16)
- 4. Lazarus, Mary and Martha (John, chapter 11)
- 5. Boaz and Ruth (Ruth)
- 6. Cain and Abel (Genesis, chapter 4)
- 7. Elizabeth and Zechariah ((Luke, chapter 1)
- 8. Ham and Noah (Genesis, chapter 5)



Did you hear about the little boy that they named after his father?

They called him dad!

 brothers 2. sister & brothers 3.mother & son 4.brother & sisters 5.married 6.brothers 7.married 8.father & son

Bedstraws



Lady's bedstraw.

During August the bright yellow flowers of lady's bedstraw (*Galium verum*) should be evident on the Great Orme. The individual flowers are tiny but each flower spike has many flowers and where these grow in abundance they can make a big impact both visually and for their scent. The 'bedstraw' refers to the use of these plants in the past for stuffing straw mattresses, the sweetly scented *G. verum* being particularly suitable for ladies (sorry, chaps, there is no 'gentleman's bedstraw'!).

Looking at the plants on the Great Orme, it would take a lot of them to fill a single mattress, though the lady's bedstraw can grow up to I m (39")

high. There are also suggestions that the chemical which gives the scent, coumarin, repels fleas, so perhaps lady's bedstraw was added to straw mattresses rather than providing the entire filling. The flowers have been used in the past to coagulate milk in cheese making, while a yellow dye can also be made from the plant.

Lady's bedstraw tends to be found in the drier, grassy areas and will grow in all but very acidic soils. However, there is another species of bedstraw on the Great Orme with rather different requirements. Heath bedstraw, G. saxatile, requires acidic soil and will not grow on soils derived from limestone. As the Great Orme is composed of limestone, heath bedstraw is confined to pockets of acidic soil which support other heathland plants such as heathers and western gorse (Ulex gallii). Heath bedstraw has white flowers and, certainly on the Great Orme, does not bear them in such profusion as does



Heath bedstraw amongst western gorse.

the lady's bedstraw and tends to flower earlier. On the Great Orme, the heath bedstraw grows through the more shrubby plants and in the photograph here it can be seen amidst a clump of western gorse.

Lady's and heath bedstraws are both perennial plants but are related to the annual cleavers, or goosegrass, (*G. aparine*) which can be a weed of gardens and agricultural land. Children enjoy playing with cleavers by throwing pieces of the plant, and particularly the burrs, at each other, as tiny, hooked prickles make these cling, or cleave, to clothing. These prickles also enable the plant to 'climb' by clinging to other plants, while the seeds get dispersed by the burrs clinging to animals' coats. The name 'goosegrass' originates from the plants being eaten by geese and, appar-

ently, the plant can be boiled and eaten as a leaf vegetable if harvested before the fruits appear – though I have never tried this myself.

Christine Jones



Cleavers.

Coffee Time

Cryptics (thanks and courtesy Barbara Cartwright).

All connected with holidays.

- 1. Counting the tress, I saw ten by the roadside. (5)
- 2. VAT files put in order for a holiday. (8)
- 3. What you might need for a broken lock? (3,4)
- 4. Asks if little Leslie is going to the Skerries. (5)
- 5. District water suppliers? (5)
- 6. Partially darken town in English County. (4)
- 7. Seeing some lions afar in African adventure. (6)
- 8. Direction Queen follows to a festival. (6)
- 9. Seaside tools? (6,3,5)
- 10. Communist garment might be entertaining at a holiday camp. (7)

Results for last month:

- I. NAAFI
- 2. Neon
- 3. Notch
- 4. Nervous
- 5 Ninth
- 6. No trace
- 7. Neurotic
- 8. Nudists
- 9. Neatness
- 10. Nerves