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Services

Holy Trinity Church, Mostyn Street

Sundays

- 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (1st, 3rd, 4th
& 5th Sundays)
- Matins followed by
shortened Eucharist (2nd
Sunday)
- 5.00 pm Evening Prayer
- 6.00 pm Exploring Worship - in
Church Hall (2nd Sunday
unless notified otherwise)

Weekdays

- 8.30 am Morning Prayer (Tue, Wed
Thurs & Fri)
- 9.00 am Holy Eucharist (Wed)
- 11.00 am Holy Eucharist (Thurs &
major saints' days)
- Holy Eucharist in Welsh
(Sat)
- 5.00 pm Evening Prayer (Tue, Wed,
Thurs & Fri)

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The Rector is in Holy Trinity church on most Saturday mornings from 11.30 - 12.00 to see parishioners on any matter – for confessions, spiritual guidance, the booking of baptisms or weddings etc.

St. Tudno's Church, Great Orme

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer (Sat)
- 11.00 am Open Air Service (Sun
from end of May to end of
September)
- On the first Sunday of
each month, the service is
followed by a shortened
Eucharist in the church.

The pattern of Sunday and Weekday services sometimes changes. Please check the calendar in each month's magazine and the weekly bulletin.



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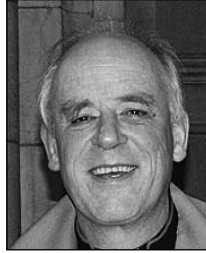
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From the Rectory

Certain images of the recent riots in our cities will stick in my mind for a long time: the burning furniture store in Croydon, the Malaysian boy being robbed by youths pretending to help him, the woman in Tottenham who had been burned out of her home and had lost all her possessions, and the many scenes of rampaging mobs smashing the windows of shops and running off with looted goods. When I first saw these images it was difficult to accept that they were happening in Britain, sometimes in places I knew; they were truly shocking and evil.



In the weeks since the riots there has been much anguished and heated debate on the reasons for these disturbances, what should be done about them and how the perpetrators should be treated. Politicians have rivalled each other in trying to sound tough. There has been talk of a 'sick society', the breakdown of family life, and too much stress on people's rights rather than their responsibilities. Stiff penalties have been demanded for the rioters, not just long prison sentences but the possible withdrawal of benefits and even the ending of tenancies. What should our reaction as Christians be to all this?

It seems to me that there are a number of things we need to bear in mind when

considering the riots and how we should react to them:

1. In the heat of the moment we often forget that reaching simplistic conclusions and making knee-jerk reactions seldom helps in the long run. Recently Tony Blair has commented on how he now regrets his reaction to the James Bulger murder. It might have been good for him politically but, as he now acknowledges, it did not lead to good policy. Present day politicians take note! We need to take a good, hard and very considered look at the situation before making important policy decisions. True wisdom is more likely to make itself known to cool reflection rather than emotional reactions.
2. A Christian response to talk of a 'broken society', the growth in selfishness etc., as reasons for the riots should be to point out that the whole of human society at all times and in all places is affected by the sinfulness of human beings. The recent riots are just one symptom of something that affects all of life and manifests itself in many different ways. We are all capable of doing terrible things in the right circumstances
3. When it comes to how we deal

with the rioters as individuals perhaps we need to ask ourselves how Our Lord would deal with them. We see from the Gospels that whilst he never condoned sin he never rejected the sinner. The way in which he dealt with the woman caught committing adultery is an example of this. He did not condemn her but his very presence brought her to repentance and to a new life. It would be naive to think we can apply this directly to those responsible for the riots but it may lead us to wonder if very harsh punishments are more likely to lead to reformation or perhaps

more likely to a deeper alienation from society.

I can't hope in a magazine letter to deal properly with this complex subject and in any case I don't have all the answers. All I can do is to help the debate by suggesting certain basic principles which might aid our thinking. At all events we need to pray that God will enable the healing and rebuilding of the communities so badly affected and to bring those responsible to an awareness of the evil they have committed and to the possibility of a new life.

Fr John

News and Notices

Sunday School

At the time of writing it seems unlikely that there will be Sunday School at Holy Trinity this month. This is because two of our three leaders are unable to continue. We are most grateful to Sandie Cox and Julie Harvey for their commitment to the Sunday School over a number of years and are sorry that they are unable to continue.

It's very sad that probably for the first time in its history Holy Trinity Church will have no formal ministry to children. It's also frustrating because there are children willing to come – but at present not enough leaders to teach them. To nurture children in the Christian faith

ought to be a central commitment of any Christian community and so I hope that in the weeks ahead we can think of a way to revive our Sunday School. Of course not everyone is capable or suitable for this ministry and we have to be very careful to whom we entrust this ministry but surely there must be folk in our parish family with the right gifts and sense of vocation from God. Let me know if you have any ideas.

Eleanor Hodkinson

This month Eleanor starts her college course in Birmingham and we wish her every blessing as she begins this new stage in her life. Eleanor has been such

an important part of our choir for so many years that it is difficult to imagine the choir stalls without her on a Sunday morning. We'll miss her voice but also her friendly and lively personality. Of course we will hope to see her during holiday periods, but for now her last Sunday will be September 11th. I hope everyone will be in church to wish her Godspeed on that day.

Fr John

Hall Restoration Fund

As you may be aware the Hall is in need of repair and a faculty has been applied for to cover the repairs to the roof. When this is completed the interior of the Hall, Kitchen and Toilet areas will require refurbishment. It is for this reason that Miss Judith Williams has organised a series of Coffee Mornings on Tuesdays to raise funds. In addition the Mustard Seed Shop has donated £4,000 to the fund.

If you wish to make a donation please contact Miss Judith Williams or the treasurer Eurig Jones. Cheques should be made payable to Llandudno PCC Hall Restoration Fund.

Eurig Jones

Barnabus Fund Appeal for the Horn of Africa Crisis

Thank you to all who supported the Saturday Refreshment Day, which was

held on 23rd July, £433.82 was raised on the day and a further donation of £20.00 was received. A very big 'Thank You' to the people who made lovely homemade cake, it was a busy week when these generous people made cakes for two, three and even four separate events. Special thanks to two young people from our Parish, to TJ (Tryphena Cox) who made a beautiful sponge cake and to Ben, who sold toys, books and clothes.

The Barnabas Fund, is directing emergency food relief to the drought ridden areas of North East Kenya and Ethiopia, to help Christians affected by the crisis.

The International Community is providing relief, but there are fears that Christians, as a minority group in parts of the region, will miss out in the distribution.

The Barnabas Fund has people in the region who can direct our money to buy food for those who need it.

With your support, our Parish can continue sending money to The Barnabas Fund for food relief with a similar event in September.

Angela

Friends of St. Tudno's Church

Friends' Outing

The Friends' annual outing was on Saturday 16 July and travelling by

minibus and car we visited the beautiful Wybrant and Penmachno valleys. Our first stop was Ty Mawr Wybrant, birthplace of Bishop William Morgan who first translated the Bible into Welsh. The Warden of Ty Mawr, Mr. Will Edwards, gave us a fascinating account of Bishop Morgan's life and of the way of life of people in the Wybrant Valley at that time. Far from being the remote place it seems today, this was on the main road to London, as the drovers used this route. The house has been restored to its 16th century condition but also holds a collection of rare Bibles and prayer books, including a copy of Bishop Morgan's edition.

We returned through the valleys to the

Conwy Falls Cafe, where we enjoyed an excellent lunch in a building designed by Sir Clough Williams-Ellis, the creator of Portmerion. After this most of us walked down through the woods to view the Conwy Falls, while the others relaxed in comfy chairs in the cafe. Recent rain, including some that day, had contributed to the flow of water in the river and we marvelled at the force of the water cascading over the Falls into the gorge below us.

Another trip up the valley took us back to Penmachno and St. Tudclud's Church, where the Vicar, Fr. Clive Hillman, gave us warm welcome. St. Tudclud and St. Tudno are said to have been brothers and Fr. Clive gave us a very interesting



At Ty Mawr.

history of Christianity in that area and of the church in Penmachno. Inside the church is a collection of ancient inscribed stones inscribed with Christian symbols and memorials, while more recent graves in the churchyard include that of Owen Gethin Jones. A Penmachno man, he became unpopular in his home town when the railway line which he was constructing passed through Betws-y-Coed instead of Penmachno!

Fr. Clive led us in a short service after which we had a look around the church and took advantage of the tea and coffee making facilities available in

the church. The church was re-opened in 2009, after being closed for 15 years, and once again forms an important part of village life. The church is open every day and provides a meeting point for the community, while a village fair is held in the church on the first Saturday each month from 10.30 am – 1.00 pm (the Friends' Committee can recommend this, as we visited it on our reconnaissance trip). The day we were visiting was also the Penmachno School fair, so we to end our day we called in at the fair to listen to the choir and band, while shopping at the stalls and chatting to the locals.



At Conwy Falls.



St. Tudclud's Church.

We had a thoroughly enjoyable day and would recommend all the places which we visited, if you have the opportunity to visit them too.

Great Orme Walk

Another annual Friends' event is a guided walk on the Great Orme. This year it was a natural history walk with the Country Park Warden, Sally Pidcock, on Saturday 6 August. We met at the Summit Visitor Centre, where Sally told us about some of the rare Great Orme plants which can be seen in the garden there. We then did the walk "around the wall", which surrounds Parc Farm at the summit. This is a familiar walk for

many people but with an expert there is always something new to learn. As we went around, Sally pointed out some of the signs of ancient habitation as well as telling us about the plants and animals and the management of the Country Park. The Great Orme has the greatest amount of limestone pavement in Wales and Sally explained how this formed and pointed out how the plants within the pavement differed from those in the surrounding grassland. At a small quarry Sally showed us where to look for a very rare plant which flowers in February and we also had a "fly past" by a group of nine choughs, which are rare members of the crow family. Choughs have bright red beaks and legs and very acrobatic flight and



Examining the limestone pavement.

we are lucky to have some nesting on the Orme. The morning had been wet and the weather was still threatening at the beginning of the walk but by late afternoon the sun came out and we had beautiful views over the Conwy Estuary as we completed the walk.

Vernon (874571) to book your meal at the Queen's. Friends are reminded that membership renewal is due at the AGM, while our new Christmas cards and our other souvenirs will also be on sale.

Christine Jones

Friends' AGM

The Friends' AGM will be on Saturday 24 September, beginning with a Eucharist service at St. Tudno's at 11.00 am. We will then go to the Queen's Hotel for lunch, which will be followed by the AGM itself and the afternoon will end with a slide show of Friends' events and events at St. Tudno's during the past year. If you have been thinking about joining the Friends but have not yet got around to it, why not come and join us on the 24th? Please contact

Celtic Harp Concert at St. Tudno's

On Thursday 11 August we were delighted to welcome Delyth Jenkins to St. Tudno's. Delyth is one of Wales' foremost players of the Celtic Harp and she chose St. Tudno's Church as one of the venues for her "100 Best" tour. Inspired by and based on the book *Wales' Best One Hundred Churches* by T.J. Hughes, Delyth Jenkins has been undertaking a concert tour of buildings of architectural, historical and spiritual significance



Delyth Jenkins at St. Tudno's.

and the concert was supported by the Arts Council of Wales as part of the Night Out / Noson Allan scheme.

St. Tudno's provided a wonderful setting for Delyth's beautiful music and her programme included traditional tunes and her own compositions, as well as one by her violinist daughter, Angharad. The day had been very wet and thick mist persisted into the early evening but 40 people braved the weather and formed a very enthusiastic audience and many took home a copy of one of Delyth's CDs – and the weather even cleared during the evening!

Christine Jones

At St. Tudno's in September

The open air services continue at 11.00 am each Sunday until the end of

September 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 6 September. On Sunday 18 September we will be joined at the open air service by members of the Llandudno Branch of Soroptomists International, who will be taking part in the service. Everyone is welcome to join the Friends of St. Tudno's for their annual Eucharist service at 11.00 am on Saturday 24 September. The last service of the summer season will be Evening Prayer at 4.00 pm on Sunday 25 September and this will be followed by tea and cakes. We look forward to seeing you at St. Tudno's.

Christine Jones and Stephanie Searle

Open Churches Day

Open Churches Day is an annual event organised by Church Tourism Network Wales and this year will be held on Saturday 17 September. Many of the churches taking part open specially for the day but others take the opportunity to put on special events to welcome the public. St. Tudno's has taken part for the past few years and this year Holy Trinity will be taking part for the first time. At St. Tudno's, the Friends of St. Tudno's "man" the church from 10.00 am – 5.00 pm, welcome visitors, tell them about the church, provide refreshments and sell our cards and souvenirs. Although the number of people visiting specifically for Open Churches Day has been limited, all the visitors have appreciated the welcome and the chance to learn more about the church..

Mothers' Union

On the 8th of August the Mother's Union held its annual Mary Sumner Day Afternoon Tea. Members were joined by Father John who led the prayers and who gave an interesting talk on Mary Sumner, the founder of the Mothers' Union.

The members were also delighted to celebrate the 80th birthday of Eileen Roberts, seen seated below with a birthday bouquet. Eileen brought along her daughter Tina from Portugal (who took the photograph).

The next afternoon meeting will be on the 5th of September. Mrs Nadia Zeb from Pakistan will be talking to us on 'Women of Islam'. This will be a fascinating talk on the insights of another faith.



Members of the Mothers' Union on Mary Sumner Day.

There will be an evening meeting on 13 September at 7.30. There will be a Eucharist followed by a social evening.

The branch is currently without an official Leader. Whilst I have been able and very happy to 'hold the fort' this year, family commitments and other reasons will preclude me from carrying on next

year, officially or unofficially.

Llandudno is a 'flagship' branch of the diocesan MU and it is essential that a new branch leader be found for next year.

Maggie Leitch

Attendance Figures for July

July 3rd	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	19
Thomas	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	80
Apostle	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	7
Trinity 2		Total of other weekday Eucharists	26
July 10th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	16
Trinity 3	10.30 am	Coral Matins	67
Sea Sunday	11.45 am	Shortened Eucharist	26
		No Evening Prayer	
		Total of other weekday Eucharists	25
July 17th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	17
Trinity 4	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	75
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	4
		Total of other weekday Eucharists	33
July 24th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	20
Trinity 5	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist and Mayor's Sunday Service	195
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	7
		Total of other weekday Eucharists	31
July 31st	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	17
Trinity 6	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	90
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	7
St. Tudno's			
July 3rd	11.00 am	Morning Service	36
	11.45 am	Eucharist	24
July 5th	7.30 pm	Compline by Candlelight	8

July 10th	11.00 am	Morning Service	38
July 10th	4.00 pm	Pet Blessing	35
July 12th	7.30 pm	Concelebrated Eucharist	20
July 17th	11.00 am	Morning Service	18
July 24th	11.00 am	Morning Service	37
July 31st	11.00 am	Morning Service	34

Calendar for September

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

Sun 4th Trinity 11

Services as usual for the 1st Sunday.

Tues 6th 10.00 am *'Julian' meditation group at Stella Maris*
7.30 pm Compline by Candlelight at St. Tudno's

Thurs 8th Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
11.00 am Eucharist with Ministry of Healing

Sun 11th Trinity 12

Services as usual for the 2nd Sunday.

12.30 pm Holy Baptism
Thurs 15th 7 30 pm Standing Committee
Sat 17th 'Open Churches Day' – St. Tudno's & Holy Trinity taking part
2.00 pm Marriage Blessing Service

Sun 18th Trinity 13

Services as usual for the 3rd Sunday

Weds 21st **Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**
9.00 am Eucharist
Thurs 22nd 7.30 pm Deanery Conference
Sat 24th Friends of St. Tudno's Church AGM
11.00 am Eucharist at St. Tudno's. Followed by Lunch & AGM at the Queens Hotel

Sun 25th Trinity 14

Services as usual for the 4th Sunday

Thurs 29th **Michael & All Angels**
11.00 am Eucharist

Parish Fellowship
Autumn 2011 Programme

Meetings at 2.30pm in Holy Trinity Church Hall

Tue 11 Oct		Open Meeting
Tue 18 Oct	Robert Lewis	“Penmaenmawr Quarry”. Life in a local quarry.
Tue 25 Oct	Wendy Raffles	“Time in Rhyme”. Amusing poetry reading by local poet.
Tue 1 Nov	Mr Leech	“Home Guard”. War time reflections of local activity.
Tue 8 Nov	Mr & Mrs Williams	“A bit of this and a bit of that”. Songs and acts from shows and comedian performances.
Tue 15 Nov	David Bathers	“The Welsh Cliff Mystery”. Mystery of the female “Reggie Perrin”.
Tue 22 Nov	Mrs Garth-Jones	“Two mothers”. How a young child deals with war time evacuation.
Tue 29 Nov	David Griffiths	“Mountain Holidays”. Talk with slides of mountain climbing.
Tue 6 Dec	Vernon Morris	“Surprise Event”. Well It’s a surprise!
Tue 13 Dec		Closing Meeting

Spring meetings commence Tue 10th January 2012.

PARISH REGISTER

The Departed

*July 26th: Agnes Hurst
Service in Holy Trinity followed by Cremation at
Colwyn Bay*

Sidespersons

Sept 4th	Barbara Yates Doug Pritchard Annabel Jones Joyce Crosby
Sept 11th	Sandra Davies Mary Rees Wendy C Stewart Judith Williams
Sept 18th	Dorothy Trent Angela Pritchard Terry Dewar Ron Illidge
Sept 24th	Pat Ridler Ray Millington Stan Whittaker Adele Arrowsmith

Oct 2nd	Barbara Yates Mary Rees Annabel Jones Joyce Crosby
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**The next
Exploring
Worship will
be on Sunday
12 September
at 6pm in the
church hall.**

September Flowers and Insects

By September many of the plants on the Great Orme have finished flowering but quite a number of purple or pink flowers can still be seen, including heathers, thistles and knapweed, all of which can provide late season pollen and nectar for insects. The common, or black, knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*) looks rather like a thistle without the prickles and both thistles and knapweeds are members of the daisy family.

The knapweeds are particularly popular with the vividly coloured six-spot burnet moth (*Zygaena filipendula*), which



Knapweed.

has been mentioned previously in these pages. The adult moths fly during daylight and have black wings with bright red spots.

Bumblebees (*Bombus* spp) will feed on heathers, thistles and knapweeds but male bumblebees tend favour thistles and knapweeds. The males tend to be rather lazy and can often be seen sitting around on these flowers sipping the nectar. As the males do not return to the nest they do not have any shelter during bad weather, when they may be found clinging to the stem below a flower, like the bumblebee on knapweed in the photograph.

Christine Jones



Bumblebee on Knapweed.



Red burnet moth on Knapweed.

Coffee Time

Cryptics (thanks and courtesy Barbara Cartwright).

All begin with 'H'

1. Grating end of Cheddar put in mince (5)
2. Completely drenched punter is put out (7,3,4)
3. Card players do it, but not as affectionately (4,5)
4. Strange thing about it is striking (7)
5. Fancied chow, fast food (3,3)
6. Very warm, the Spanish accommodation (5)
7. Like a mobile worker's release (5,4)
8. Faulty batch loaded into journalist's car (5,4)
9. With a short advertisement, would stick to this place (4)
10. Owns note on speed (5)

Results for last month:

1. Ida.
- 2 Ruth.
3. Olive
4. Anna.
5. Angela.
6. Helena.
- 7 Portia
8. Emma.
9. Abigail.
10. Gloria