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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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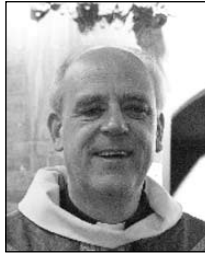
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From the Rectory

I'm sure that, after the excitement of the Olympics and Paralympics, many people will find it quite hard to get back to the normal routines of everyday life this month. It's often like that after any special event in our lives – a birthday perhaps, or a holiday - we might well experience a sense of anti-climax and feel quite flat when the event is over. When a whole nation seems to have had an exciting time things are bound to seem dull, especially considering the present economic problems we are facing.



So maybe you're not looking forward to a return to 'ordinary' life. On the other hand, you might be someone who really prefers the routines of daily life to the turbulence of special times. You might not have particularly enjoyed the Olympics and all the fuss that went with them and are quite glad to be getting back to normality. We are all different, thank goodness!

Olympics or not, September is always a month for getting back to routine: a new school year begins, students prepare to return to college, and all manner of organisations begin a new season of activities. This is certainly true in the life of the parish of Llandudno. Although as a seaside parish we are busier than most churches would be in August,

welcoming visitors to our services and concerts etc., nevertheless September sees many of our organisations meet again after the summer break and a resumption of business meetings such as the PCC. Hopefully, everyone can

enter more fully into the challenges that lie ahead refreshed by the break.

However as we do this, we need to remember that the inner heart of the life of the parish is in fact its routine of worship and prayer. And this goes on day by day, week by week throughout the year, summer and winter. The offering of the Eucharist on at least four days each week, and the saying of the offices of Morning and Evening Prayer are the real beating heart of our parish. Sometimes, like all routine activities, they can seem dull. One can question the point of performing the same actions or saying the same (or at least similar) words, time and time again and long for something different, more exciting.

Yet Christians through the centuries have found that it is precisely when they remain faithful to the daily routines of prayer and worship that they grow in their spiritual lives. When we pray the psalms day by day, when we read and reflect on the words of sacred scripture, when in the Eucharist we are

drawn near to the *'one offering, single and complete'* which Our Lord made on Calvary but which he *'shows forth day by day'* for us – when we do all these faithfully – then Christ is surely being formed in us as individuals and as a parish community.

We have many challenges to face in the years ahead – not least how to attract more folk to share our worship and fellowship. Both William Maidlow and Andy Leitch have been writing about this recently and stirring up much controversy in the process! Whether you agree with what they have been saying or not, it is vital that we at least consider all the options before us. Don't worry – you won't turn up one Sunday morning any time soon and find that all the pews have gone! But we do all have to think long and hard about where God is leading us and what being faithful to Christ means in 2012 and in the future. Please be part of this debate.

However, with all my being I believe that

whatever the future holds for us, and whatever decisions we make, nothing will be of value unless at the heart of our parish life is that faithful attention to God known to us in the *'breaking of bread and the prayers'*. As we return to the routine of life after the Olympics and the holidays, my invitation to us all is to deepen our share in the worship and prayer of the parish – to be present at the Eucharist as often as we can and to enter more deeply into the wonder which is made known to us there – to come to share in the Daily Office (the prayer of God's people) in church whenever we are able, or perhaps to say part of it at home on our own. Although the ordained ministers of the church have an obligation to say the daily offices they are essentially the prayer of all God's people. The more we enter into worship and prayer the more we will grow in grace and also will be more open to where God is leading us in the future.

Fr John

News and Notices

Church in Wales Review

May I remind everyone, and especially PCC members of the special diocesan meeting to be held in the Cathedral on Tuesday 25th of this month to discuss the findings of the Review Team (see last month's magazine for details of this). The meeting will be preceded by

Choral Evensong. I will be attending and could offer a lift to three people.

Holy Trinity Hall

The work is going well and should be finished before the end of the month. We have been informed that we may

indeed be able to use the Hall before the work ends. Look out for information on this in the weekly bulletin. Meanwhile planning is well in hand for the refurbishment of the interior of the Hall which we hope will take place in 2013. This will include upgrades to the kitchen and toilets as well as the re-decoration and general smartening up of the Hall itself. We will let everyone see the plans when they are complete.

Legacy

We are delighted to announce that we have received £20,000 from the estate of the late Margot Hughes towards the refurbishment of the Hall. This was a project close to Margot's heart and we are very grateful that she was generous enough to leave us this wonderful legacy.

We were also very pleased to receive the sum of £324.20 given in memory of Barbara Scott, which will also go towards the refurbishment project.

Welcome

It's good to welcome Revd. Beverley Ramsden, who is to be the new minister at St John's Methodist Church. I shall be representing our parish at Beverley's welcome service which is on 31st August.

We shall also soon be welcoming the Revd Janice Brown to our deanery as

incumbent of the new united parish of Dwylan (Llanfairfechan & Dwygyfylchi). I understand Janice's induction is planned for November.

The West Window at Holy Trinity

As the Hall work draws to a close, essential work on the west window will be starting. As well as repairs to the stonework of the window we will also be installing some 'new' stained glass. Stan Whittaker has written about this project in a previous edition of the magazine. During the work we will probably have to use the Choir Vestry door for access to the church.

Fr John

St. Tudno's News

On July 15th the weather was beautiful. The Revd David Jenkins led the service outside, accompanied by Denis Cartwright on the keyboard. The congregation was increased to 44 in number by a group from an Age Concern outing joining us.

The first Compline by Candlelight was held on Tuesday 17th July. The service was taken by Revd Derek Simpson and there was a congregation of 10.

Again the weather was good on Sunday 22nd July. The service was taken by Canon John Nice, accompanied by Pauline Bigby on the keyboard. The

congregation was 30 plus. The reading and address was on the theme of Mary Magdelene.

On July 29th the service was taken by Revd Peter Plunkett, accompanied by Pauline Bigby. The weather was uncertain but just about good enough for the service to be held outside.

On Sunday 5th August the weather was unexpectedly glorious and the service was held outside, led by Canon John Nice and accompanied by Denis Cartwright. It was good to have a number of the choir in the congregation, having their summer break. They were of great assistance in singing the Peruvian Gloria unaccompanied.

Shirley Georgeson
Stephanie Searle

Friends of St. Tudno's Walk

Saturday 4th August was the annual Friends' walk on the Great Orme. Twelve of us met at the Toll House on West Shore at 2.00 pm. The sun had just come out after an extremely prolonged shower. We travelled in cars down Llys Helig Drive, the private road to the gate which was unlocked by Tom Parry, local historian and our guide. This enabled us to enter the area of the Coast Artillery School, or 'Gun Site' as it is known, used in the Second World War. Tom talked about a number of points of interest. Unfortunately the rain started again, quite heavily for a while, so we mainly kept to the paths instead of walking through the wet bracken. We managed to enter an old gun store and shelter. After a short time



Friends of St Tudno's walk: at the lookout.



Friends of St. Tudno's Church walk: after the rain abated.

the rain abated and the sun came out, so we were able to climb quite a way up to an observation post, from which we enjoyed fabulous views. Tom Parry informed us that CADW is interested in developing the area as a tourist attraction but no firm plans have yet been made. We had a very enjoyable, sociable and informative afternoon.

Shirley Georgeson

At St. Tudno's in September

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 2nd September a shortened Eucharist (in the church) will follow at 11.45 am.

On Tuesday 11th September there will be a service of Compline by Candlelight

at 7.30 pm and this will be the last service of Compline this season.

The annual Friends of St. Tudno's Eucharist will be on Saturday 22 September (see Friends' article) and on the afternoon on Sunday 23 September we look forward to welcoming the Llandudno branch of Soroptomists International for a special service.

The last open air service this summer will be at 11.00 am on Sunday 30th September and on this day there will also be a Harvest Thanksgiving service at 4.00 pm. This will be followed by refreshments and will be the last service of the summer season.

Stephanie Searle
Shirley Georgeson

Friends of St. Tudno's Church

Our next event will be Open Church Day on Saturday 15 September. We will, as usual, be manning the church from 10.00 am – 5.00 pm but this year we will be having a mini fair as well, as the church hall will not be available for our usual summer fair. Please see the advert for more details of this.

The Friends' AGM will be on Saturday 22 August. The day will start with a Eucharist service at St. Tudno's at 11.00 am, at which the preacher will be our Patron, Bishop Andrew. We will then have lunch at the Queen's Hotel at 12.30 pm and this will be followed by the actual AGM at 2.00 pm. Member-

ship renewal is due at the AGM and the day will finish with a slide show of Friends' events and events at St. Tudno's during the past year. If you would like to have lunch at the Queen's, please contact Vernon.

Christine Jones, Secretary

GOES go to St. Tudno's

The Great Orme Exploration Society (GOES) does what its name says, often underground surveying the old mine workings. During the summer, evening walks are held each week on the Great Orme or other areas nearby and anyone is welcome to join these walks. A



GOES at St. Tudno's.

walk around St. Tudno's churchyard had been planned for 16 August and it was suggested that perhaps someone from St. Tudno's could talk about the church and churchyard. The Friends of St. Tudno's are always delighted to welcome people to St. Tudno's and are building up an increasing amount of information on the history, through articles in the Friends' newsletters, and we were looking forward to learning from the GOES members, too.

We began by looking at the development of the churchyard and cemetery, as shown in old pictures, and realised that the mounting block had not been moved into the churchyard but that the wall had been rebuilt outside the mounting block during one of the churchyard enlargements. We then discussed the bumblebee nest (please

see separate article) before exchanging stories on some of the people buried in the churchyard. These included a victim of the Rothsay Castle wreck; two casualties of the First World War; an exhibition diver and swimmer; the architect of Holy Trinity's tower and St. Tudno's 1906 restoration; and the young son of John Bright. By this time we'd covered only half the churchyard but the light was fading and biting insects emerging, so we moved into the church for drinks, cakes and a talk on the church itself.

Many thanks to Dennis Oliver of GOES for the photograph. We look forward to welcoming GOES back next summer to look at the other half of the churchyard.

Christine Jones



The new advertisement for St. Tudno's Church under the colonnade opposite the Grand Hotel (see next page).

New notice boards

The Publicity Committee, particularly Andy, has been planning some new notice boards which will be appearing around the church. There is also, after an absence of several years, a new board for St. Tudno's under the colonnade opposite the Grand Hotel. Instead of replacing the old notice which had weathered away with something similar, it was decided to fit a strengthened lockable aluminium A1 poster case at a fraction of the cost. Inexpensive posters can be replaced as and when .

The parish rents this advertising space from the Mostyn Estate and we are very grateful to Ken Davies for mounting the poster case here as a donation to St. Tudno's and to Andy for designing the eye catching poster. The parish used to rent a second board space for St. Tudno's, described simply as 'On the Orme' but no one, including the Mostyn Estate, seems to know exactly where this was. Does anyone remember where the second board was – might it have been on the hairpin road between St. Tudno's and Marine Drive?

Christine Jones

Thank you No 1

Many thanks to Martin Bastaple, upholsterer in Colwyn Bay, for his repair of the High Altar Rope, Job well done Martin, Thank you from Holy Trinity, Llandudno.

Geoff Howard

Thank you No 2

Dear friends.

I was both very surprised and flattered by how many of you sent cards, and in some cases even gifts, on the occasion of my seventieth birthday. I mentioned the date to a couple of friends when considering holding something in the hall, but the hall was likely not to be available so I announced on the day 'cake and free coffee' after the Eucharist on the 5th Aug. You all kindly turned the occasion into a party for me and I was thrilled by your kindness. Thank you all so much.

God bless you

Peter La Trobe

Thank you No 3

We would like thank you very much for your donations of food to Conwy Food Share.

We have had a really busy time recently and received far more calls on our services, particularly providing family parcels, many for parents with young children, and they would otherwise have no food in the house.

We are totally reliant on the goodwill and donations from people such as yourselves and it makes a huge difference to us to receive this.

Thank you so much

Conwy Food Share

A Special Thank You

We would like to thank you all for your condolences, support and prayers following the sudden death of Our Mum, Grannie and Nan, Barbara Scott on July 11th.

We were very humbled to receive such praise for our Mum, as a person, neighbour and member of the Church. She was a very special Mum who we loved dearly.

We would especially like to thank Jonathon, Jane and Judith for their support and guidance in planning the service and for Mum who guided us by noting her favourite hymns prayers and music.

Thanks also to Stan Whittaker and his full team of 8 ringers who tolled out over Llandudno, for Norman and Kay and the Trinity choir who led the congregation through the hymns, To Gwen for the beautiful flower arrangement, for Father John and the Church staff in organising and guiding us in Church. We would also like to thank Jonathon and his team for personalizing the arrangements on the day of the funeral by paying their tribute to Mum.

As difficult as it was special thanks go to Mums dear friends Charles for the splendid reading and Rev Jane for taking the service and the tribute she paid to her dear friend sharing with us some of their good times together.

We would like to thank everyone for their attendance at the crematorium

and at the Queens Hotel and for the donations made in memory of Mum.

To see the Church full with people that Mum touched the hearts of is comforting in our grief and will help us through the next few months, some having travelled a fair distance. We couldn't start to thank you all individually so please accept this submission to the Parish Magazine as Your personal Thank You and expression of our deep gratitude.

Diolch yn fawr - Thank You

Brenda, Julie and Families

Summer Season Coffee Morning

Due to the essential work having to be carried out on the hall roof, we have unfortunately only been able to have 16 coffee mornings this season.

Thanks to our wonderful team who have all worked extremely hard again; we have been able to realise £3650. This amount is to be shared equally between the PCC and the Hall Fund.

We were, however, able to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by having a red white and blue theme on our stalls and in the hall.

During the year we have given £250 to the PCC and £250 to the PCC for the Hall Fund, and £15 to the Ty Gobaith Fund – a grand total of £4500.

Our gratitude and thanks must go to Joyce, who works extremely hard on her own, preparing the hall and shop-

ping etc.

My thanks again to a wonderful team and I hope that we shall all see each other in 2012.

Dorothy Trent

Bellringing News

On 27 July Holy Trinity's ringers joined others around the UK, to ring bells for 3 minutes at 8.12 am. This was part of the Martin Creed project to welcome the London 2012 Olympic Games.

On 31 July a visiting band of ringers from around the UK rang a peal of Stedman Triples in 2 hrs.45mins. This was also to mark the London 2012 Olympic Games.

This year 2012 marks the 10th anniversary of the re-hanging and refurbishment of our bells. Work started to remove the bells in August 2002, they were returned in November 2002 and rededicated at a service on 15 December 2002 at which the Bishop of Bangor was in attendance. A short DVD has been produced of the background, the money raising, the work etc of the project and if anyone would like to view it, please let me know.

Stan Whittaker

Mothers' Union

Mary Sumner Day Afternoon Tea

Mary Sumner Day is on August 9, the anniversary of the founder of the



The ringers on 27 July who welcomed the Olympic Games.

Mothers' Union death in 1921. Our afternoon tea celebrating her life and work was held on Monday, August 6 at the Meirion Hotel. Work had just begun on the roof of the Church so it was more pleasant to hold an anniversary tea elsewhere. Sixteen members were expected together with Father John and Andy Leitch. However, the evening before I was asked if Cameron Philip and Mrs Janet Cousins could join us as they were visiting Llandudno.

Consequently, Maggie's first task at our celebration was to welcome Father John and Canon Philip, our former Rector and his wife. Our members were delighted to see Canon Philip who recently celebrated 50 years since his

ordination. Maggie then gave a synopsis of the life and work of Mary Sumner. I then read a prayer to celebrate the Olympic and Paralympic Games and Father John gave the collect for Mary Sumner Day after which we said Mary Sumner's own prayer which she used daily.

Then the tea party began. In a relaxed and chatty atmosphere everyone tucked into sandwiches, bara brith and cake accompanied by tea and coffee. Conversations and laughter continued for the next hour while we enjoyed the Meirion's hospitality. After an enjoyable afternoon, we reluctantly said our goodbyes at around 4.30 pm.

Barbara Hughes



Members and guests of the Mothers' Union at the Merion Hotel on August 6.

I would just like to add my great thanks to Barbara for organising this splendid occasion.

The yearly programme as published will recommence on 15 October.

Maggie Leitch

Parish Fellowship

The Parish Fellowship is a very happy group of people who meet to worship God, listen to a speaker, have a cup of tea and biscuit and a good chat. Renewing and making new friendship in a Christian setting. Our meetings open with a simple Act of Worship. Members take it in turn to select hymns and readings, not necessary bible readings, and read their chosen reading. We spend a short time in prayer. Our Programme

Organiser, Vernon Morris, provides a balanced diet of serious, happy and sometimes hilarious talks from Speakers who love coming to Llandudno Parish Fellowship.

We meet on eight Tuesdays in Autumn and again eight weeks in early Spring. The meetings commence at 2.30pm and our first meeting this Autumn is scheduled for 16th. October. At the time of writing the Parish Room is closed for roof repairs. We hope that by 16th. October the room will again be available and that we will be able to retire there for afternoon tea. In any event the first meeting will be a Holy Communion in the Memorial Chapel and we look forward to meeting once more in Friendship.

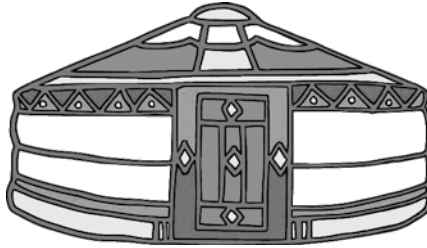
Michael Tattersall, Leader

Forthcoming Parish Fellowship Meetings

16th Oct	Open Meeting	
23rd Oct	Mrs Sandra Tighe	Court Witness Assistance
30th Oct	Mrs Barbara Lawson-Reay	The Other Olympics
6th Nov	Mr Nick Rushbrooke	Water Aid in India
13th Nov	Mrs Emerson	Northern Opera and Dramatic Arts
20th Nov	Mrs Pat Griffith	Colwyn Link Magazine for the Blind
27th Nov	Mr Keith Harrison	Reflections on Advent in Words and Music.
4th Dec	Members Participation	A Christmas Cracker
11th Dec	Closing Meeting	

A Yurt in Mostyn Street? 3

This is the third 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 the second part some of the energy saving schemes that have been adopted by Churches in Wales (and beyond) were explored. In this concluding article ethical and spiritual aspects of sustainability will be explored. As with the previous articles some questions have been added at the end of this article for readers to consider.

When considering ethical and spiritual dimensions of sustainability, the message from the Conference was that Christians *ought* to be considering sustainability as a matter of faith and conscience in a world increasingly beset by materialism, climate change, and individualism. Is the Church content to sit on the sidelines while the planet hurtles towards self destruction? The

ethical and spiritual dimension of sustainability embraces both global and local issues, and perhaps one of the problems is the tendency for people to distinguish in their

minds between the global and the local. Water shortage may be a problem in parts of Africa, but it's not a problem that needs concern us in Wales....or is it?

Despite the damp and dismal summer of 2012, water conservation remains a critical issue in a society that uses water with profligate disregard for this precious resource when, globally, many communities face a daily battle to survive on what little water is available. Also in the global context, greater support for the work of Christian Aid was urged. Alex Glanville, the Conference Director, noted that sustainability is a central organising principle of the Welsh Government where happiness and well being take precedence over wealth as the linchpins of society in Wales, a message that should be embraced warmly by the Church in Wales.

At the local level sustainability could include supporting farmers' markets and encouraging farmers to speak to congregations. The issue of GM crops springs to mind. Currently the hot topic

for dairy farmers is the collapse in the price of milk, should not consumers be paying a fair price for milk? What has happened to our values when people spend freely on the National Lottery, but appear to begrudge any proposals to increase the price of milk?

Alex Glanville also advocated increasing the availability of allotments as a means of connecting more people directly with the land, and with the food we eat. If working an allotment is treated as a family activity, it has the added benefit of encouraging young people to consider issues relating to sustainability and, hopefully, to bring pressure to bear on the decision makers who produce policies for the next generation.

Safeguarding our water resources reminds us of the value attached to water by medieval society in the tradition of blessing wells, as we do on the annual pilgrimage to St. Tudno's. Local food initiatives, the homeless in our community and much, much more, all raise ethical and spiritual questions relating to sustainability.

This year marked the twentieth anniversary of the inaugural Earth Summit Conference held in Rio de Janeiro. Many readers will remember the high hopes and aspirations of the 1992 Conference with its commitments to reduce carbon emissions, deforestation, and over fishing among others. As the delegates reassembled in Rio twenty years later the same questions remain, and the same pitiful progress has been

made. It seems so sad when scientists have identified the key issues surrounding sustainability, that the ethical and spiritual arguments have yet to reach the crescendo needed to influence the policies of governments in any meaningful way.

The Conference issued a stirring call to Church members everywhere to discuss, engage, and campaign tirelessly to raise the profile of sustainability if we are to hand over our local community, and a global future for future generations to enjoy.

A Yurt in Mostyn Street? Why not?

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)

Questions

- Alex Granville, the Conference Director, cited Leviticus 25: 2-5 as a direct instruction about farming sustainably, a practice followed closely in the Middle Ages. Church members are invited to reply to the Magazine Editor with their own Bible passages, and especially the words of Jesus, relating to issues of sustainability.
- Do you think there has been any progress towards living more sus-

tainably since the Rio Earth Summit of 1992?

- If these articles have caused you to reflect on issues relating to sustainability – as Christine Jones did with regard to St. Tudno's in last month's magazine – what would you like to see, or discuss, at Holy Trinity? Do write to the Magazine Editor with your views.

Responses

William's article on sustainability in the July magazine suggested that a compost toilet might be suitable for St. Tudno's. At the moment we are fortunate that the public toilets near the church are still open but if these ever closed a compost toilet could definitely provide an alternative. St. Tudno's position in the Country Park doesn't really lend itself to installation of solar panels or a wind turbine (though there is rarely a shortage of wind) but as St. Tudno's doesn't have any heating we don't have to worry about insulation. Before the Celtic harp concert last year, a representative from the sponsors (Noson Allan) came and quizzed us about all sorts of things, including sustainability and energy use. I suggested that our candlelit services should score some points – but apparently we'd need to use beeswax candles for that as low energy light bulbs may be more environmentally friendly than petroleum based candles!

During the daytime, an alternative to electrical lighting could be the relatively new system of fibre optic lights, which bring daylight inside. A receptor, a bit like a solar panel, is mounted outside the building and the light captured is directed along fibre optic cables to special bulbs inside the building. Again, it could be difficult to find somewhere discrete to site one of these at St. Tudno's but perhaps there might be a suitable spot amongst Holy Trinity's roofs. However, like all new technologies the equipment isn't cheap and when comparing the energy use and sustainability of different systems, manufacture of the equipment should be taken into consideration, too. Perhaps clear glass is more sustainable!

Christine Jones

The following responses have been received to the Editor's thoughts pertaining to an article related to the above which also appeared in last month's magazine.

My response to the suggestion in the August magazine that Holy Trinity's pews should perhaps be replaced by chairs, is an EMPHATIC 'NO'.

Many parishioners (myself included) regard the pews as a lasting legacy to the memory of the late Rev Canon Derek Richards, who was our Rector from 1983 - 1990, and to the memory of many of our parishioners' loved ones. It was the Rev Canon Richards

who initiated the pews replacing the old, worm-ridden chairs, much to the relief of everyone at the time.

The upholstered seating is also a legacy to very generous benefactors, the late Major Jordan and his wife of Garth Court.

Stan Whittaker

I understand that there has been a suggestion put forward to remove the pews from the church and replace them with chairs. I believe that pews are the correct seating for inside a church and are much better for older people. I would find it most uncomfortable to have to sit on a chair or two hours during the service. There is also the cost to consider. Is it really necessary?

Ron Illige

To the PCC

I have just heard today that you are considering removing the pews in church and replacing them with chairs. Why? It doesn't make sense and at what cost?

You are having to pay for the roof of the church Hall at the moment and there must be other more pressing needs to be seen to! It won't be the same walking through the doors and into the church. That quietness and stillness – it will just become another Hall!

Adele Arrowsmith

The pews are a legacy of the late Canon Richards and Major Jordan, replacing chairs which didn't look right. Pews look right in our church.

The pews have also been purchased by church members remembrance of loved ones and plaques were placed for them on purchase of same.

To me personally, pews give strong support which chairs do not. We are lucky to have a hall with chairs – so why not make use of this. Definitely pews not chairs.

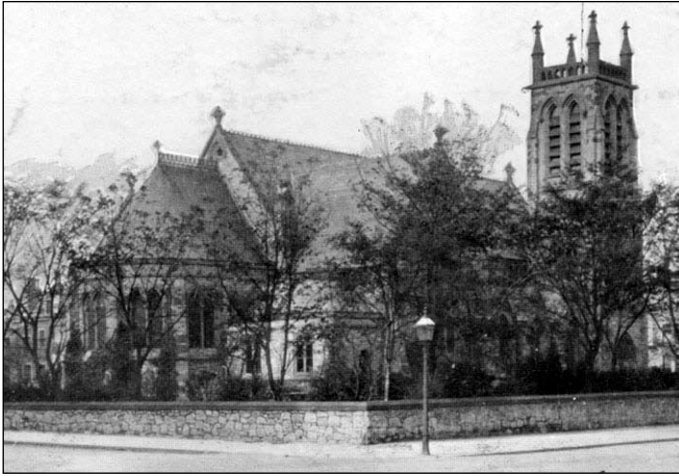
Dorothy Trent

Reordering the Church

I seem to have disturbed a hornets' nest last month when I suggested that the pews in Holy Trinity Church might be replaced with chairs. (These were my own personal opinions and are by no means under active consideration by the PCC.)

Therefore, it is with some trepidation that I go further and suggest that a more-lasting legacy to the church, both building and congregation, would be to reorder the interior.

Reordering the interior of the churches is not a new concept. It has been going on for centuries. Even in its relatively short life, Holy Trinity Church has been altered. Though the addition of the bell tower, the addition of the Memorial Chapel, and the extension of the chancel were significant enhancements both



An old post card of Holy Trinity Church shows the original short chancel and the vestry located externally between the chancel and the north transept.

externally and internally, other changes are of note. The Memorial Chapel is on the site of the original vestry. This explains why the present vestry is internal, occupying part of the south transept. The carving and style of the partition between the vestry and the rest of the church is identical to much of the carving around the east end of the church which puts it in the same period.

Photographs of Holy Trinity taken before the Memorial Chapel was built and the chancel was extended show a stone pulpit on the north side of the chancel steps. Indeed, if you examine the slightly-raised wooden platform at the east end of the nave, you can still easily see where this pulpit was located. It seems probable that the present wooden pulpit on the south side of the chancel steps was constructed in a style to match the internal vestry.

So even in its relatively short life, Holy Trinity Church has been subject to alteration. No doubt the introduction of pews by Canon Richards was then regarded as a significant alteration and much welcomed. However, this alteration did not materially change the function of the church and any replacement of the pews by chairs will not materially change

the function of the church in itself.

There is plenty of material to read on the Internet about the reordering and refurbishing of churches. The reasons given are very similar. For example:

- *'The aim of the Re-order project was to attempt to realise the full potential of the Bellie Parish Church building and provide improved facilities and meeting space for all church-based organisations and for wider use by the local community' and*
- *'In the late 1990s, the decision was made to reorder the church, with a view to making it more suitable for modern worship styles and to increase the building's suitability for other activities, now seen as part of the role of the church in the community.'*

When Holy Trinity Church was built, some foresight was given by the inclu-

sion of an attached church (or was it school?) hall. The hall is a considerable asset and it fulfils a need for community use. Nevertheless, I would argue that in the present situation, we would opt for a smaller place of worship and a larger church hall.

I have mulled over the possible reordering of Holy Trinity ever since I began attending just a few years ago. Though I am very aware of the usual arguments in favour, I have always seen it primarily from a different and perhaps more personal viewpoint.

The Last Supper was a very intimate occasion and when we replicate this at the Holy Eucharist then surely this too should also be intimate. I cannot understand why our habit has the Celebrant at one end of a church whilst many of the congregation locate themselves

firmly at the other.

There is a perception by some that the Sanctuary of a church is a 'holy of holies', rather like the innermost confines of the Temple in Jerusalem. This contradicts the Christian teaching that God is everywhere. There are those who support the continued administration of the Sacrament at the rails of the high altar and who regard any other location as anathema. Do they then see the Sacrament administered at any other location (eg in the nave to a person in a wheelchair, at home, or in hospital) as being second class?

A solution might be to construct ramps for wheelchairs to be taken to the High Altar but in my personal opinion, it would be far better to put the Holy Table amongst the communicants.

Andy Leitch



This old image of the inside of Holy at Trinity Church shows (from left to right) a solid wall where the Memorial Chapel is now located, a stone pulpit on the north side of the church, the shortened chancel with the windows in their original locations, a smaller altar and screen, and the south transept before the vestry was moved to that position. The transepts appear to be full of chairs which face inwards. The chairs in the side aisles face forwards.

Calendar for September

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

Sun 2nd	Trinity 13	Services as usual for the 2nd Sunday
Mon 3rd	2.30 pm	No Mothers Union Meeting today
Tues 4th	10.00 am	Julian Meditation Group at Stella Maris
Thurs 6th	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting
Sun 9th	Trinity 14	Services as usual for the 2nd Sunday
Tues 11th	7.30 pm	Eucharist for Evening Mothers Union
	7.30 pm	Compline by Candlelight at St Tudno
Weds 12th	1.00 pm	Wedding
Thurs 13th	10.00 am	Guild of St. Raphael Meeting
	5.30 pm	Governors' Meeting at Ysgol San Sior
Fri 14th	10.30 am	Messy Church Planning Meeting followed by first meeting of the new Children's & Young Families' Group
Sun 16th	Trinity 15	Services as usual for the 3rd Sunday. Sunday School begins again today
Thurs 20th	7.30 pm	Deanery Conference
Fri 21st	Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	
	11.00 am	Eucharist
Sat 22nd	11.00 am	Eucharist for Friends of St. Tudno's Church – at St. Tudno's. Celebrant & Preacher: Bishop Andy. The service will be followed by a meal and the AGM of the Friends in the Queen's Hotel
Sun 23rd	Trinity 16	Services as usual for the 4th Sunday
Tues 25th	5.30 pm	Diocesan meeting to discuss the Church in Wales Review Findings – at the Cathedral
Thurs 27th	7.30 pm	150th Anniversary Planning Meeting
Sat 29th	St. Michael & All Angels	
		The 11.00 am Eucharist will be bi-lingual today
Sun 30th	Trinity 17	Services as usual for the 5th Sunday

Sunday Rota

September 2

Reader	Sandra Davies
Sidespersons	Mary Rees Judith Williams Dorothy Trent Doug Prichard
Eucharistic Ministers	Angela Prichard Marion Heald

September 9

Readers	Pat and John Ridler
Sidespersons	Sandra Davies Barbara Yates Annabel Jones Joyce Crosby
Eucharistic Minister	Angela Pritchard (choral matins)

September 16

Reader	Marion Heald
Sidespersons	Pat Ridler Mary Rees Cynthia Poyser Ron Illidge
Eucharistic Ministers	Stan Whittaker John Ridler

September 23

Reader	Lynn Ferriday
Sidespersons	Wendy C Stewart Judith Williams Eira Jones Joyce Crosby
Eucharistic Ministers	Maggie Leitch Angela Pritchard

September 30

Reader	Ray Stythe-Jones
Sidespersons	William Maidlow Cynthia Poyser Barbara Yates Ron Illidge
Eucharistic Ministers	Marion Heald Cath Lloyd

October 7

Reader	Anne Rimmer
Sidespersons	Dorothy Trent Mary Rees Doug Pritchard Annabel Jones
Eucharistic Ministers	Christine Jones Angela Pritchard

Hello everyone, here we go: with our second attempt at a rota, a form of pre-advising or warning you of what part we would like you to play this month! It has been an eventful two months for me in my new role. I would just like to repeat my thanks to all of you for your guidance and patience, please feel free to telephone me or speak to me over any concerns, over these rotas, that you may have.

Special thanks to Fr. John, Peter, Marion, Judith, Eira and Terry for simply being there.

God Bless

Geoffrey

Attendance Figures

Holy Trinity Church

July 1st	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	12
Trinity 4	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	82
July 6th	9.30 am	Eucharist at Ysgol San Sior	c 35
		Other weekday Eucharists	23
July 8th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	12
Trinity 5	10.30 am	Family Worship	92
Sea Sunday		Shortened Eucharist	23
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	2
		Other weekday Eucharists	24
July 15th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	15
Trinity 6	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	73
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	5+2
		Other Weekday Eucharists	19
July 22nd	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	18
Mary Magdalene	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	91
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	4+2
		Other Weekday Eucharists	26
July 29th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	15
Trinity 8	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	95
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	9+2

St. Tudno's Church

Sunday 1 July	11.00 am	Morning service	34
	11.45 am	Shortened Eucharist	24
Sunday 8 July	11.00 am	Morning service	33
Tuesday 10 July	7.00 pm	Concelebrated Eucharist	13
Sunday 7 July	11.00 am	Morning service	44
Tuesday 17 July	7.30 pm	Compline by Candlelight	11
Sunday 22 July	11.00 am	Morning service	33
Sunday 29 July	11.00 am	Morning service	28

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

July 15: Henry Eni Roberts

July 29: Oliver Darnell

Holy Matrimony

July 28th: Gari Aled Roberts and Clare Maria Foster

August 11th: Nicholas Garbutt and Amy Elizabeth Roberts

The Departed

*July 30th: Peter Morris Jones aged 63
Service at Holy Trinity Church followed by
interment at Llanrhos Lawn Cemetery*

*July 31st: William Rowland Roberts aged 83
Service at Holy Trinity Church followed by
interment at the Great Orme Cemetery*

*August 1st: Terri Price aged 74
Service at Colwyn Bay Crematorium*

*August 13th: Paul Eccles
Service at Colwyn Bay Crematorium*

St. Tudno's Church - Open Church Day
Saturday 15 September - 10.00 am - 5.00 pm
Church and churchyard tours
Refreshments - Stalls
Consult the churchyard records and Books of
Sponsors

From the Parish Pump

Ever wonder what the Christians did for the Olympics?

This month, don't be surprised if you see people in the pews near you in church dozing off during the service. There are bound to be a lot of very bleary-eyed Christians this month, in churches all over the country.

For this past summer, thousands of Christians across the country have taken part in the Olympic games. They may not have raced, jumped, swam or cycled, but they still gave their all in helping make the event a success. They were working with the Christian umbrella agency for the event, More Than Gold, which created the largest ever inter-church response to the Olympics.

And so it was that Christians from all over the country spent the summer:

- running events for their communities, including large screen festivals (possible total attendance 500,000), family fundays, children's clubs, street parties and more .
- volunteering as Games Pastors (more than 300) to serve those passing through main transport hubs
- offering free accommodation for over 300 family members of competitors who would otherwise

have been unable to attend

- serving in teams giving out water to visitors and spectators – led by The Salvation Army
- welcoming more than 1,500 people – mostly young adults – who came in from 40 countries to support churches as they engage with and serve their communities
- attending almost 700 free performances by international musicians, dancers and visual artists across 30 venues including Southwark Cathedral, Westminster Abbey Green and Methodist Westminster Central Hall
- engaging with young people in more than 300 2012 Youth Café's.

National Day of Prayer and Worship

Thousands of tickets are already been purchased for the National Day of Prayer and Worship at Wembley in late September. The easiest way to buy them is direct from the official event website, www.ndopwembley.com.

Churches from every denomination are making plans to come in their coach loads from across the UK to Wembley for the National Day of Prayer and Worship September 29, 2012.

NDOP Wembley organisers are hoping that the stadium will be completely full on September 29. As well as individual Christians, there are coaches being booked to bring church groups down from Liverpool, Bristol, Manchester, Birmingham, Cornwall and beyond.

There has also been considerable interest from Christians coming from as far as Belfast, the Isle of Man, Jersey, Glasgow and even Indonesia. The latest confirmed artists, which include Matt Redman, Tim Hughes, Noel Robinson, Lara Martin, LZ7, Guvna B and Graham Kendrick.

NDOP Wembley organisers say the event will be an historic opportunity for the church of the British Isles from every denomination, stream, and tradition to unite at Wembley Stadium to pray for our nation. The programme which will run from 2-6:30pm on Saturday September 29, will be full of praise, intercessory prayer for our nation, teaching, and 'spiritual impartation'.

Childrenswork launches

A magazine aimed at helping Christians who work with children in churches across the UK has been launched by Premier Christian Media. *Childrenswork* will aim to help children's workers to present the message of Jesus clearly to children. In America, a study has found that nearly half of all people who become committed Christians did so before the age of 13. The new

magazine will also include 'advice panels' of leading experts, and news of developments in children's ministry. The aim is to 'nurture the incredibly deep, profound, yet fragile faith and spirituality of children'.

Try a copy of *Childrenswork* for free - log on to: www.childrenswork.co.uk.

Christians hit by floods

Barnabas Fund is continuing to help provide emergency aid to Christian families in Bangladesh and India who were hit by devastating floods earlier this year. The floods killed nearly 200 people and forced millions to flee their homes.

Heavy monsoon rains submerged several districts in the east of Bangladesh, and also triggered severe flooding across India's north-east; Assam state has been worst hit, with more than 2,000 villages affected. Some villages were completely cut off. Landslides, collapsing walls, lightning strikes, and surges of floodwater have meant that hundreds of thousands of people have taken shelter in relief camps.

Ghana

HCJB, the Christian broadcasting agency, has donated 1,000 Sonnet solar-powered, fixed-tuned pocket-sized radios to Word FM in Bolgatanga, Ghana, for distribution to local listen-

ers. The radios are digitally tuned to pick up signals from HCJB Global's partner FM radio stations, although new models are being developed with AM and shortwave capability. Demand for these radios is increasing and Word FM has already asked for 1,000 more. Requests are also in hand for 16,400 sets for Niger, Guinea-Bissau, Burkino Faso, Lesotho, Haiti, Panama and Peru. For more info, visit: www.Hcjb.org

Promoting love, in China

Now ALPHA's Marriage Course has been approved for distribution and use throughout China. The course founders, Nicky and Sila Lee, were recently invited to China to run a two-day marriage conference in Beijing for government employees who train foster parents. Zi Wei Li, General Secretary of the Beijing Association of Marriage and Family Department explained: 'A strong society depends on strong families and strong families depend on strong marriages. That is why we are interested in your work'.

Australian Christians in decline

The Australian Bureau of Statistics recently revealed that although Christianity remains the dominant religion in Australia, the percentage has dropped from 63.9% in 2006 to 61.1% in 2011. Meanwhile, the number of Hindus has increased sevenfold and Buddhists have

increased fivefold. The recent trend is attributed to a cultural shift in the birthplace of immigrants to Australia - a phenomenon well advanced in European countries.

World Vision's 'Raw Hope'

World Vision has launched a new initiative called 'Raw Hope', dedicated to protecting children in dangerous areas in Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan and South Sudan. The initiative will aim to provide shelter, training and counselling for children, particularly those affected by war. For more details, visit: www.worldvision.org.uk

Americans, church and the movies

According to Gallup, Variety and Barna Group polls, five times more Americans attend church weekly than attend the movies. In America, weekly church attendance among adults is 43.1%. That could mean that as many as 134.86 million people (out of a total of 315 million) are in church on a Sunday. Of that number, 36.61 million people also attend Sunday school on a typical Sunday - and at least 46.47 million people donate some of their time weekly to helping at a church. This compares with 24.58 million people who went to a movie.



CHURCH

When someone says the word 'church' to you, what do you think of? A quiet building made of stone? A busy place with lots of happy people? Somewhere surrounded by gravestones or busy roads?

The Greek word for the church – ecclesia – comes from a word that means 'called out'. In other words, a church is a group of people called by God. The church is not a bunch of stones or bricks, it is a bunch of us!

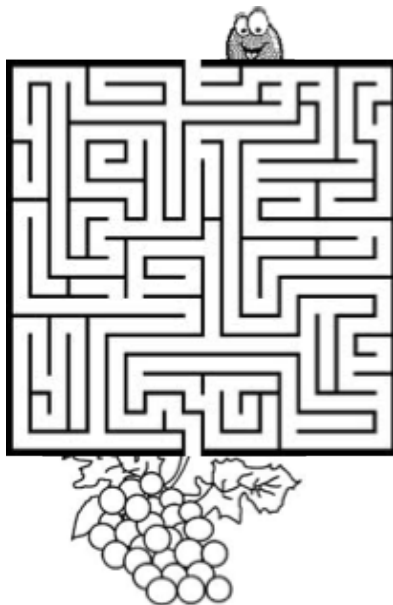
We are all called out to be a part of the Body of Christ and all of us have a job to do. We may not understand what that job is now but we will in time and with help.

In the New Testament, in 1 Corinthians, chapter 12 and again in Ephesians, chapter 4, verse 11, these types of calling or ministry are listed. We may be teachers or healers, prophets or administrators, but whatever role God calls us out to do we are not alone, because God is with us, giving us the strength and the tools to do the job.



JOIN THE BUNCH

Poor little lost grape – can you help it find its way through this maze to join up with the bunch?



What did the green grape say to the purple grape?
"You need to breathe"

A man decided to start a chicken farm and brought 24 to get started. A week later he bought another 24 and another 24 the week after that. When his friend asked how the farm was coming along the man replied, "Not one of them has grown yet. I wonder if I'm planting them too deep?"

Bees at St.T's

We are delighted to have a nest of bumblebees in St. Tudno's churchyard.

If you are visiting St. Tudno's, the entrance to the nest is a hole in the ground between the flat slab and the cross shown in this photo. If you stand quietly on the path you should be able to see and hear the bees buzzing in and out of the nest. Bumblebees are placid and rarely sting but they might sting if the nest is disturbed. If you stay on the path, you and the bees will all be safe.



These are buff tailed bumblebees (*Bombus terrestris*), like the one shown in the photograph. Buff tailed bumblebees nest in holes below ground (eg mouse holes). You might be able to see brightly



Buff tailed bumblebee.

coloured balls of pollen on the legs of bees returning to the nest, this provides food for the developing larvae. Nearly all of the bees going in and out of the nest will be female worker bees and the queen is very much bigger than the workers.

The males appear in late summer and do not gather pollen or return to the nest once they have left it, though they may hang around waiting to meet the new queens. At night and if it is raining, the female bees stay in the nest but the males have to find other shelter, often under flowers which they use like umbrellas.

As summer turns to autumn, the old queen, workers and males will all die and the new queens will each search for another hole in the ground in which to hibernate. The queens emerge again in

spring and each will look for a suitable place in which to make a nest and form a new colony.

The buff tailed bumblebee is one of the more common bumblebees in the UK. However, the numbers of all bumblebees have been declining as the number of wildflower meadows has declined and we are privileged to have a nest here in the churchyard.

Bumblebees are very important pollinators of wildflowers, fruit, vegetables and crops. It is important that we do all we can to help bumblebees survive. Wildflowers and cottage garden plants generally provide more nectar and pollen for bees than do modern bedding plants and even if you have just a patio or window box you can help to provide food for these delightful little animals.

Christine Jones

Coffee Time

Cryptics (thanks and courtesy Barbara Cartwright).

All begin with 'O'.

1. Frank, with some hesitation, is first batsman. (6)
2. Partner gets the remaining 50 per cent. (5,4)
3. At the beginning one gill taken in by mouth (10)
4. Now about things I possess. (3)
5. It's displeasing to find the end in the middle. (9)
6. Moss so I arranged a diffusion of liquids. (7)
7. Nothing before the allowances is all we hear about. (8)
8. Ring a chum for a gem. (4)
9. Rosie's willow form. (5)
10. Exhilarated walking thus, when broadcasting. (2,3)

Results for last month:

1. Tenby
2. Festival
3. New Quay
4. Isles
5. Lakes
6. Kent
7. Safari
8. Easter
9. Bucket and spade
10. Redcoat