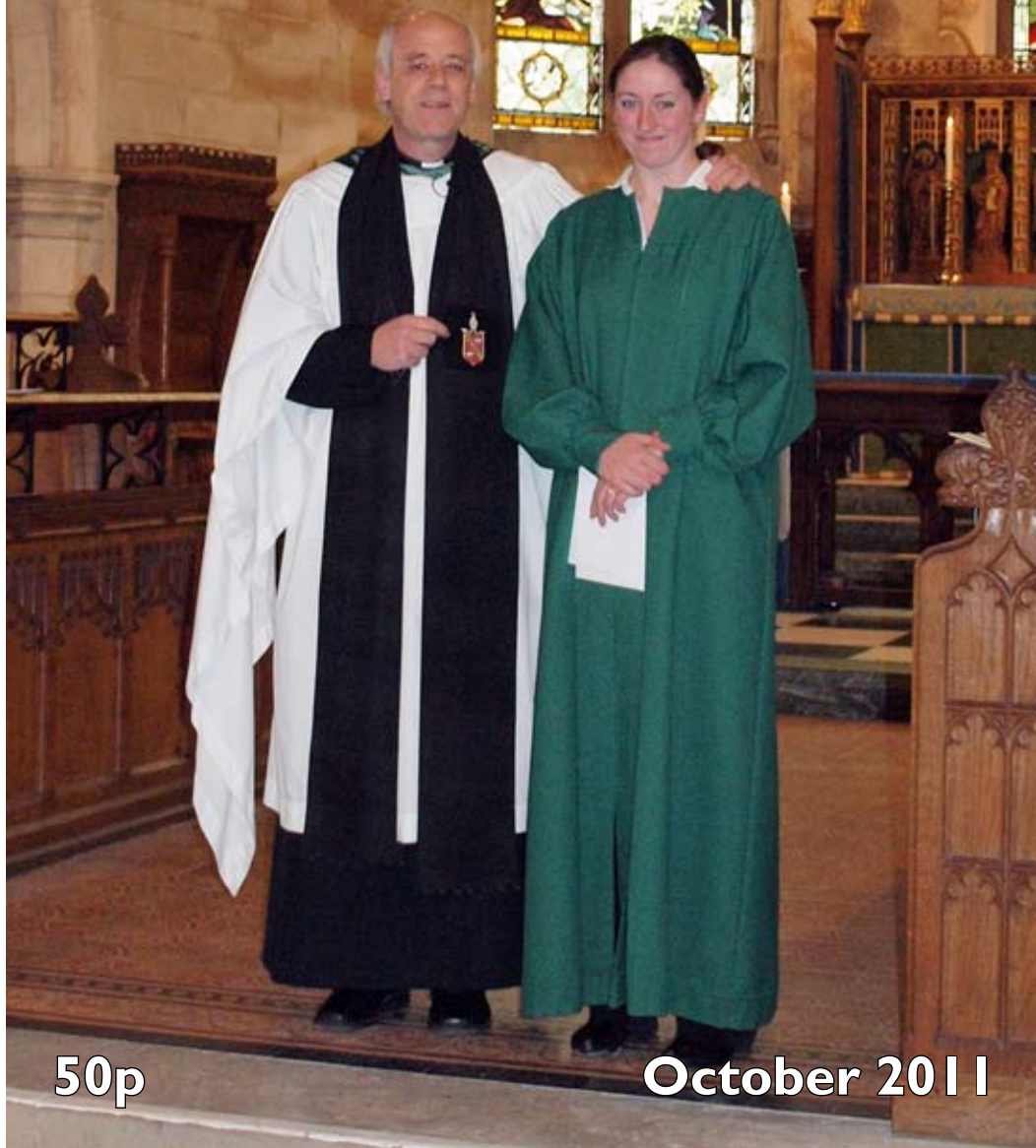


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Services

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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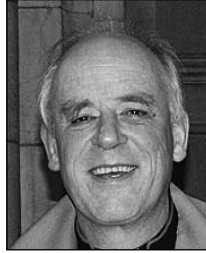
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From the Rectory

For a number of years now the Healing Ministry has been an important part of the life of our parish. We have an active branch of the Guild of St Raphael and offer the Ministry of Laying on of Hands once a month during the Thursday morning Eucharist. Members of the Guild offer regular prayer for the sick, and from time to time they hold services in such places as the Hospital Chapel. They have also established links with other branches of the Guild.



Guild members do these things because they believe that the healing Ministry should be at the heart of the life of the parish. The Gospels show us quite clearly that healing was a vital aspect of the earthly ministry of Jesus. Our Lord healed people as a compassionate response to the needs of the sick but also as a powerful sign that he had come to offer men and women life in all its fullness. The early Christians continued this healing ministry believing that the risen Christ continued to be active in the life of his Church. This surely must continue to be so today. Members of the Guild of St Raphael are among those who believe that we can continue to experience the Healing work of Christ in the Church of the 21st century. Their mission is to make the Healing Ministry a vital and normal part of church life.

This ministry may take various forms. The sacrament of anointing with oil is available for those with serious healing needs. Laying on of hands, performed publicly during a 'Healing Service' or given privately is an important sign of Christ's healing touch. Faithful prayer for those who are in need of healing is also an important aspect of this ministry. The Eucharist is itself a powerful sacrament of healing in which we all share on a regular basis.

We must remember, of course, that 'Healing' may not always mean that there is a physical cure – it may sometimes result in a person being strengthened to cope with disease rather than having it taken away. And 'healing' is, of course, not restricted to physical illness but can mean the healing of memories or of relationships, or the restoration of fractured communities. In all these ways the fullness of life offered by Christ can be experienced.

On Monday October 24th the Guild celebrates the feast day of its patron, the Archangel Raphael (depicted in the reredos behind the High Altar of Holy Trinity Church). On Sunday 23rd we are going to offer the Ministry of the Laying on of Hands during the 10.30 am. Sung Eucharist in Holy Trinity Church, to give everyone the opportunity to

experience this ministry or at least (if you don't want to receive it yourself) to observe it taking place. I hope that you would wish to be present at that service. Most of us have healing needs

of one kind or another and by sharing in the Ministry of healing at that service you may indeed know Christ's healing presence in your life in a new way.

Fr John

News and Notices



Eleanor Hodkinson, pictured above with Organist Norman Rimmer (and on the front cover with Fr John), after her last appearance with the choir on Sunday 11 September before beginning her studies at the Birmingham Conservatoire.

St. Tudno's news

The Open Air Songs of Praise service on Sunday 28 August was actually held in the open air, though the morning's "open air" service had to be held in the church. This year there had been

an open invitation for anyone who wanted to choose a hymn and give a brief introduction to it but all those taking up the challenge were Friends of St. Tudno's Church.

After an opening hymn, prayer and welcome, Sue chose "From heaven you came, helpless babe" and Stephanie then introduced "When a knight won his spurs". Rob gave the reading from Colossians (3, 12-17) and this was followed by Roger's choice of "Eternal Father, strong to save". Chris chose "Hills of the north rejoice" (original words), after which "All creatures of our God and king" was introduced by Shirley. After the prayers, Christine's choice was "We plough the fields and scatter", and the service finished with "For all the saints", introduced by William.

The hymns were all well known and well loved and those attending the service remarked on how interesting

it was to hear other people's reasons for choosing hymns. It is hoped that this will be repeated next year and that other people will also offer to introduce their favourite hymns.

On Sunday 18 September we were pleased to welcome member of Sopotomists International to St. Tudno's for a special afternoon service to celebrate the International Day of Peace.

The summer service season has now finished and with the rather poor weather during the summer about half of the "Open Air" services had to be held indoors. The church remains open every day until the end of October,



William, John, Marie and friend at St. Tudno's Summer Fete.

at then weekends, Wednesdays and bank holidays over winter. The autumn working party will be held on Saturday 15 October: please meet at St. Tudno's at 10.00 am to put away the benches and clear litter from the churchyard. Morning Prayer is said at St. Tudno's at 9.00 am each Saturday throughout the year, so if you are joining the working party you might like to attend this short service too.

Many thanks to everybody who has helped at St. Tudno's during the season: the openers and those taking part in the working parties and helping with maintenance of the church and churchyard; people who clean the church or provide and arrange flowers; everyone

who takes part in services or helps with preparation and clearing away; the clergy, organists and all who attend services.

Christine Jones
Stephanie Searle

Friends of St. Tudno's Church

The Friends' summer fair was held at Holy Trinity Church on the Saturday of the August Bank Holiday weekend. Unfortunately, the weather was inclement, with wind, then rain, then both wind and rain together. The soft toy bungee jump had to be cancelled and the sides were put on the parish



Carys at work.

gazebo for the first time, giving the stall holders outside some protection from the elements, though there was also a time when they all had to hang on to the gazebo for fear of it blowing away. Despite the bad weather and consequent lack of crowds the fair raised another £650 towards re-roofing St. Tudno's and all those taking part must be congratulated on their hard work and thanked for this splendid effort. We were delighted to be joined by art student Carys, who as well as selling pictures and prints of local views managed to complete a painting during the fair, despite having to relocate from the gazebo to the hall when the rain threatened her work! At the end of the fair, the covering of the gazebo was wiped down to remove as much water as possible and it was then spread out in St. Tudno's shed to finish drying.

The Friends "manned" St. Tudno's for Open Church Day on Saturday 17 September and for most of the day we were very busy welcoming visitors, serving refreshments and telling them about the history of the church. While few had come specifically for the open day, they were all glad of the welcome and interested to learn more about the church, even if they had originally come in to shelter from the heavy showers! A slide show of old pictures and postcards of the church proved very popular and some of the Friends watched it a few times during the occasional lulls between groups of visitors. This picture is an old postcard of St. Tudno's by an unknown publisher, which was posted in September 1906, and shows the early development of the cemetery adjoining the churchyard.

Christine Jones



Summer Refreshments

I would like to thank all who helped with the Summer Refreshments held to raise funds for the redecoration of the Church Hall. The sum of £3000 has been raised. This would not have been possible without the help of those who have baked scones and cakes, helped with the tombola and raffle, served at the counter, took the money and, of course, prepared the food and helped in the kitchen. A big thank you too to Barbara and all the helpers.

Judith

Mothers' Union Christmas Lunch

The MU's Christmas Lunch for those who attend both the afternoon and evening meetings will be held on Monday 5th December at the Queen's Hotel at 12 noon for a 12.30 pm serving time.

The menu is on the MU notice board in the Church Hall. Please contact Dorothy or me for further details or if you wish to attend.

Maggie Leitch

Attendance Figures for August

August 4th		Eucharist at Trinity Centre	8
August 7th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	22
Trinity 7	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	78
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	10
		Total other weekday Eucharists	33
August 14th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
Celebration of	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	74
Mary, Mother	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	4
of the Lord		Total other weekday Eucharists	30
August 21st	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	26
Trinity 9	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	81
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	6
		Total other weekday Eucharists	23
August 28th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	18
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	81
		No Evening Prayer	
		Total other weekday Eucharists	28

Achieving recovery in the community *Cyflawni adennill yn y gymuned*

What do ARC Communities do?

They provide services for the homeless and socially disadvantaged in North Wales in partnership with local churches and communities.

Since September 2008, the primary concern has been to provide for the basic needs of some of society's most vulnerable social groups by providing respite from the streets, sustenance, shower and clothing facilities and advice, guidance and signposting through the drop-in provisions.

The success of ARC Communities is very much grounded in the relationships that have been built with the faith-based communities in North Wales which have partnered with ARC to provide premises, volunteers and donations of food, clothing and funding.

The Drop-ins are manned almost entirely by teams of volunteers who undertake a whole range of duties. Users can also volunteer and, in some cases, have used the experience to progress into training and employment.

Local communities have supported the work as have the local authorities and a variety of professional organisations.

Where are the Drop-ins?

The ARC Llandudno: Gloddaeth United Church – open on Fridays.

The ARC Colwyn Bay: Eglwys Dewi Sant, Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay – open Monday – Friday, five days a week.

There are also Drop-ins in Bangor and Rhyl.

The Drop-ins are all open from 10am to 2.30pm. In general, participants are usually able to access hot food and refreshments, showers, fresh clothing, support, guidance and signposting as well as being able to chill out and socialise with their peers. They are also able to take part in a variety of activities, if desired.

The Drop-ins are all 'open access'; no referral is needed. A variety of different support agencies attend and hold regular surgeries providing invaluable professional input into the lives of participants and volunteers.

On the whole, nobody chooses to become homeless or find themselves addicted to drugs or alcohol with lives spiralling out of control. Nobody enjoys sleeping in shop doorways, on a park bench or under a pier, vulnerable

to the elements and unsympathetic passers-by.

We don't choose to find ourselves in a position whereby because maybe of bad choices or circumstances beyond our control, we have nowhere to go, no one to turn to or anyone who cares about us, where we are or what we are doing.

Conwy Food Share operates under the umbrella of ARC Communities and we would like to thank you on behalf of Conwy Food Share for supporting the Holy Trinity Food Share bucket that is placed at the back of the church every Sunday morning.

More and more local people are living on the edge of poverty.

When you have no financial safety net, a sudden crisis such as bereavement, benefit delay, redundancy or illness can leave you unable to feed yourself or your family.

Such situations can quickly deteriorate,

leading to relationship breakdown, house repossession or worse. Conwy Food Share is a voluntary association which works to support people who find themselves on the edge of disaster.

Conwy Food Share gives out nutritionally balanced emergency food parcels to people in crisis who have been referred by local organisations, agencies and churches.

Conwy Food Share also signposts people to other relevant groups or agencies who may be able to offer further support and help break the cycle of poverty. Conwy Food Share is an unfunded voluntary organisation, which relies totally on the generosity of its community for food donations and financial help.

If you would like to find out more about ARC Communities, including Conwy Food Share, or about sponsorship schemes and donations, please speak to Gwilym or Sandra Davies at Holy Trinity or look at the website:

www.arccommunities.org.uk

Following its sell-out concert in Llandudno last year, the Rhyl Musical Theatre is delighted to perform once again, this time in Holy Trinity. Saturday 8th October at 8.00 pm.

Lights, Camera, Action

is a feast of song and dance from the movies.

Tickets at £6.00 are available from Anne Rimmer or on the door.

The Exploring Worship service in **November**



The Exploring Worship service on Sunday 11 September was one with a difference as the photograph

r will be on Sunday **6th** November at 6.00 pm.



aph, taken shortly after, proves.

Sidespersons

Oct 2nd	Barbara Yates Mary Rees Annabel Jones Joyce Crosby	Oct 23rd	Pat Ridler Doug Pritchard Terry Dewer Adele Arrowsmith
Oct 9th	Sandra Davies Angela Pritchard Wendy C Stewart Judith Williams	Oct 30th	Barbara Yates Mary Rees Annabel Jones Joyce Crosby
Oct 16th	Dorothy Trent Ron Illidge Stan Whittaker Ray Millington	Nov 6th	Sandra Davies Angela Pritchard Wendy C Stewart Geoff Howard

Calendar for October

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

Sun 2nd	Harvest Thanksgiving/Trinity 15	Services at usual times for the 1st Sunday. The 10 30 service will be a Family Eucharist and will be followed by a 'Bring & Share Harvest meal in the Hall
	8.00 pm	Blagovest Ensemble Concert
Tues 4th	10.00 am	'Julian' meditation group at Stella Maris
Thurs 6th	10.00 am	St. Raphael Guild Meeting
	2.00 pm	Arllechwedd Deanery Clergy Chapter meeting
	7 30 pm	PCC Meeting
Sat 8th	8.00 pm	Rhyl & District MTC Musical Concert
Sun 9th	Trinity 16	Services as usual for the 2nd Sunday
	12.15 pm	Holy Baptism

Sun 16th **Trinity 17**
Services as usual for the 3rd Sunday
12.30 pm Holy Baptism

Tues 18th **Luke, Evangelist**
11.00 am Eucharist

Sat 22nd 2.00 pm '50 Favourite Psalms' from the King James Bible
will be read by members of Llandudno Churches
(Bible Society event)

Sun 23rd **Trinity 18**
Services as usual for the 4th Sunday
The Ministry of Healing will be offered at the
10 30 am Sung Eucharist

Mon 24th **Raphael, Archangel**
11.00 am Eucharist

Fri 28th **Simon & Jude, Apostles**
11.00 am Eucharist

Sun 30th **First Sunday of the Kingdom**
Services at the usual times for the 5th Sunday

November

Tues 1st **The Feast of All Saints**
11.00 am Eucharist

Weds 2nd **All Souls' Day**
11.00 am Requiem Eucharist
7.30 pm Requiem Eucharist

**The Mothers' Union meeting on 3 October
at 2.30 pm is open to all.**

**Vernon Morris and Andy Leitch will be giving
a presentation on what they have discovered
about the life and death of Lieutenant LP
Graves KOSB, who died in December 1918
and is interred in St. Tudno's churchyard.**

From the Parish Pump

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Church leaders and RE experts express concern in light of recent exam results

Religious Education is vital to a healthy society, for it teaches children core values. So argued church leaders and RE experts as this year's GCSE results showed an 8 per cent fall in numbers taking the short course version of the subject, following its exclusion from the EBacc.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Dr Rowan Williams and Dr John Sentamu, have both expressed their concern about the current changes in education and RE. Dr Williams said that the current system had less room for the building of character and virtue. Dr Sentamu said that religious knowledge formed and created a culture and asked the Government how they planned to now fill the void.

Food for thought this Creation-time

Churches across the country are being encouraged to celebrate the season of Creationtime (1 September - 4 October) by focusing on the role of food in God's creation and everyday lives. Especially Christians are being encouraged

to support food programmes in the developing world and to take a fresh look at everyday food consumption. The subject is reflected in the latest Church of England podcast at: www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/follow-us-online/podcasts.aspx.

The Rt Revd Richard Chartres, chair of Shrinking the Footprint, the Church of England's national environment campaign said: "Human beings, according to the Book of Genesis, are to 'till and keep' the earth. This balance between preserving and developing the creation is reflected in the thanksgiving of the Church for our daily bread as 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands'. The prayer of thanksgiving transforms the fruits of creation into gifts of divine love and Creationtime is a season for contemplating this wonderful mystery."

More ministers

The number of church ministers has increased by +4% in the UK between 2005 and 2010 and if these trends continue could grow again by another +3% between 2010 and 2015. In 2010 there were 37,000 ministers spread across 51,000 congregations.

The number has increased because of the growth in membership of the Pentecostal and New Churches, Fresh

Expressions and the Orthodox, and a growing number of churches in each of these groups. It is quite logical that an increasing number of worship centres requires an increasing number of leaders. However, the increasing number of leaders in New Churches, Fresh Expressions and Orthodox is relatively small (collectively up by +19% between 2005 and 2010). The real increase is seen in the huge number of new Pentecostal leaders (up +39% in the same period).

Not all the Pentecostal leaders are full-time. Many have a day-time job while acting as a church leader in a part-time volunteer capacity. Because that dual role requires much energy, many of the Pentecostal leaders are in their 30s and 40s, often making the clergy younger than their congregations.

In the Church of England too, the average age of a congregation is often greater than the age of the Vicar. This information comes from the new list-

ing of churches by denomination in the book UK Church Statistics 2005-2015.

Over the whole of the UK, one minister in 6 is female (17%). While the Church of England has more women priests than on average (21%), it is not the denomination with the highest percentage. Methodists have 40% women ministers, the Salvation Army 51% and the United Reformed Church (URC) 58%.

Barnabas helping 75,000 Christians in drought-stricken East Africa

Barnabas Fund is now providing emergency food aid to around 75,000 Christians affected by the drought that has devastated the Horn of Africa and other parts of East Africa, from Kenya to Ethiopia, Uganda, Sudan and Tanzania.

In the Dadaab refugee camps in Kenya, Barnabas Fund is helping around 600 Christian families of Ethiopian, Congolese, Sudanese and Burundian backgrounds who were receiving insufficient rations. Christians are a minority in the camps, so they tend to be neglected in the distribution of resources. While many Muslim refugees gained additional support from Muslim NGOs, these Christian families “felt truly forgotten in their plight”, says Omondi, one starving Christian.

Food supplied by Barnabas Fund reached Christian families in Yumbe,



Uganda, just in time. One woman had completely run out of food and had been feeding her family nothing but leaves for four days when a parcel of beans, flour and salt – enough for a month – arrived. Isaac Anguyo, executive director of a ministry team that is distributing food packages to 2,844 Christians in the area, said: Some people responded with tears of joy as they received their share of food. [They] said, “The Good Lord has seen us. The food has come from God himself.”

In East Pokot, Kenya, people were resorting to eating poisonous wild fruits, which are boiled for ten to twelve hours with the water drained several times to reduce the toxins. But now 2,200 Christian families are receiving supplies of maize, beans, cooking oil, milk powder and salt for five months.

The Most Rev. Dr Eliud Wabukala, Archbishop of Kenya, said: “We are very pleased for the continued support from Barnabas Fund especially in those areas that are worst hit by famine.”

In Sudan, Barnabas Fund is helping more than 500 families in displaced person camps in South Kordofan, while in Ethiopia, food baskets are being distributed for 1,000 children. The Fund is providing grain to 520 church leaders in Tanzania so that they can continue serving their churches without having to leave in search of food, as well as 700 individual Christians in the worst-affected areas.

The Food and Agriculture Organisation

of the United Nations has warned that the food crisis is “escalating”, with 12 million people now requiring emergency assistance. The forecasts for the rest of 2011 in the worst affected areas were described as “worrisome” by the World Food Programme (WFP).

The price of food varies from place to place but on average it costs around 25 pence a day (38 AUS cents; 47 NZ cents; 40 US cents; 28 EUR cents) to feed a hungry East African Christian through Barnabas Fund. If you would like to help, please send your donation to the Barnabas Fund. Visit: www.barnabasfund.org.uk for details.

Methodists face problems in Fiji

The Fijian government has banned all Methodist Church meetings except for Sunday worship in an unprecedented crackdown on religious freedom. This includes house groups, women’s prayer fellowship, choir practice, mid-week communion and youth fellowship, as well as the Church’s governance meetings. All Methodist ministers are also forbidden from leaving the country for any meeting.

The Church is responding with prayer and fasting. The Methodist Church is the largest faith group in Fiji and the only group to receive this treatment by the Government.

“We are gravely concerned about how this situation is developing,” said Michael King, World Church Relation-

ships Team Leader for the Methodist Church in Britain. "Our brothers and sisters in Fiji are asking us to keep them in our prayers."

Soldiers baptised in Afghanistan

Four servicemen were recently in the chapel of Camp Leatherneck, a US military base in Afghanistan. Three US personnel and one Briton were immersed in a water tank, watched by a young, multi-ethnic congregation, singing modern worship songs. The US soldiers brought their guns to the service, as they must have their weapons with them at all times – even in church. The sermon was given by a British chaplain from the UK's Camp Bastion, Padre Cole. Each baptism was applauded and photographed on mobile phones. US marine Major Harbour said: 'This deployment has solidified my faith. Our faith helps us get through the tougher times.' Source: The Guardian (23/8).

A Prayer for Peace in Our Communities

The Church of England has published a prayer for peace, following the riots across the UK this summer. It reads:

Gracious God,
We pray for peace in our communities this day.
We commit to you all who work for peace and an end to tensions,
And those who work to uphold law

and justice.

We pray for an end to fear,
For comfort and support to those who suffer.

For calm in our streets and cities,
That people may go about their lives in safety and peace.

In your mercy, hear our prayers, now and always. Amen



There are three religious truths:

- a. Jews do not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.
- b. Protestants do not recognize the Pope as the leader of the Christian faith.
- c. Baptists and Methodists do not recognize each other in the off-license.



THE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE

A bridge needed to be built across a large, busy river so divers were sent to explore the river bed. The divers discovered a wreck of a large old sailing ship buried in the deep mud just where one of the bridge's main piers needed to be built. They used ropes and powerful tugs, but no matter what they did, the wreck would not budge.

Then an engineer had an idea: the river rises and falls with the tide twice a day so why not use the power of the whole ocean to lift the wreck? At low tide ropes were fastened to lots of barges and then they waited. As the barges rose on the ingoing tide so the ropes tightened and pulled. And slowly, the wreck was eased out of the mud. Nothing could resist the power of the rising water.

And so it is with the love of God. Nothing can resist its power or stand against it. When we would give up and say 'it is impossible', God's love is bigger than any ocean and He changes what we believe is unchangeable.

WHAT WATER?

The answers to this Bible quiz are all to do with water...

1. The river where John the Baptist baptised Jesus? (Matthew, chapter 3)
2. The mountain where the Ark landed after the Flood? (Genesis, chapter 8)
3. Where Jesus walked on the water? (John, chapter 6)
4. Who lived by the Cherith Brook and was fed by a raven? (1 Kings 17)
5. Jonah set out from this port. (Jonah, chapter 1)
6. The river where Moses was found in a basket. (Exodus, chapter 2)
7. The island where Paul was shipwrecked. (Acts, chapter 28)



If a whale mummy had a son and a daughter, what relation would they be?
Blubber and sister.



What jungle animal shouldn't get wet?
A rhinocerust.



Answers: 1.Jordan 2.Ararat 3.Sea of Galilee 4.Elijah 5.Joppa 6.Nile 7.Malta

Coffee Time

Cryptics (thanks and courtesy Barbara Cartwright).

Religious Cryptics

1. Get ready to pray when nitrogen enters part of ship.(5)
2. Adores to row back to the boats (8)
3. Peas scattered about part of the Church.(4)
4. Contend, successfully, as cover for the clergy. (4)
5. Some use theology to find Biblical character (4)
6. Fades away when leading apostle's not in. (6,3.)
7. Religious ceremony seen on the tennis court? (7)
8. Person predicting gain, we hear. (7)
9. Money on fire for Churchman. (6)
10. Tries out religious ceremonies (5)

Results for last month:

1. Harsh
2. Hundred Per Cent
3. Hold Hands
4. Hitting
5. Hot Dog
6. Hotel
7. Hands Free
8. Hatch Back
9. Here
10. Haste