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Harvest Thanksgiving Service, Sunday, October 6 at 10.30 am

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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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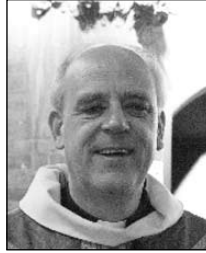
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From the Rectory

Some years ago, when researching family history, I was fascinated to discover the occupations followed by some of my ancestors. I found plasterers, shop-keepers, thatchers, a hydraulic engineer and farm labourers among others. It was strange to think of ancestors of mine following occupations of which I had absolutely no experience and could never imagine myself pursuing. For example I am far too cack-handed to be a plasterer or a thatcher and I doubt if I would have the stamina to be a farm labourer!



As the Harvest Festival approaches I have been reflecting in particular on the fact that some of my forebears worked on the land. Born and bred in the suburbs of London, farming is an occupation which has always seemed rather remote to me, even though I love the countryside and enjoy visiting it. Each harvest time I sing 'We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land' when of course I have never done these things myself. Yet just a few generations ago members of my family spent their whole working lives on the land.

Of course some of you who are reading this will indeed have had experience of scattering 'the good seed on the land'. You may be a keen gardener or have

an allotment, or might even be a farmer. But for many of us the whole business of food production and of bringing in the harvest is something quite remote. For all of us harvest will not have the significance it had to our ancestors or con-

tinues to have for many in third world countries today. If the harvest is bad in Britain we might just have to pay a little more for our food – if the same thing happens in some parts of the world it will mean real deprivation or even death for thousands of people.

It is important for all of us to re-establish our links with the production of our food. We might simply do this by 'growing our own' if that is possible



'All is safely gathered in ...'

for us. We could certainly deepen our understanding of the farming community and its problems. The BBC programme Countryfile has helped me to understand countryside issues more fully as has the Radio programme 'On your farm'.

But it's surely important for us to be re-connected not just with the farming community and the production of our food but also with the world of nature itself. To realise that we are part of a wonderful world brought into being and sustained by God. At Harvest Fes-

tival we are not just thanking God for our food but rejoicing in the wonders of God's creation and thus praising the Lord of that creation:

*Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
O let the earth bless the Lord:
bless the Lord you mountains and hills;
bless the Lord all that grows in the
ground:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
(The Benedicite)*

Fr. John

News and Notices

150 Club

You may remember seeing in the August edition of the Magazine that the Fund-raising Group had come up with the idea of running a '150 Lottery Club' with the purpose of raising much needed funds to contribute towards the costs of celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Holy Trinity Church.

Church members will be aware that many clubs, charities and churches run this type of lottery to raise funds where those joining make a monthly payment, and are entered into a monthly draw. Having put our ideas to the PCC I am pleased to tell you that we will be starting the 150 Club as from 1st November this year.

The idea is that you agree to buy a number at a cost of £2 per month and that number is entered into the monthly draw. You may have as many numbers as you wish, each costing £2. Therefore if you want 5 numbers it will cost £10 each month.

You will keep the same numbers as long as you are paying. The best way of making your monthly payments would be by filling in the form in the centre of this magazine to pay by standing order through your bank. This would solve the problem of remembering to pay each month. You can cancel the order at any time by notifying your bank.

We propose to have two cash prizes each month (paid by cheque). The amount of the prizes will depend on the number of numbers sold.

The draws will take place on the second Wednesday of each month at the Coffee Mornings in the Church Hall at the same time as the raffle is drawn. We will hold the first draw on Wednesday 11th December – just in time for Christmas.

All winning details will appear in the Church Magazine each month. The great thing about this idea is that not only do you have chances of winning but so does Holy Trinity Church. Details have been included in the middle of this Magazine and will also be available at the back of the Church.

Do tell your friends: non-members of the Church are welcome to join in

which will generate more prizes, and raise more funds for the 150th Anniversary.

William Maidlow

Parish Fellowship

The fellowship will begin again on the 22nd of October. Due to the work being carried out on the Hall at Trinity and the subsequent uncertainty of availability your committee have decided on the following:

Tuesday 22nd October Eucharist at Holy Trinity. We will then retire to an Eating place in town for tea and cakes.



Members of the Parish Fellowship on their recent trip up the Conwy Valley.

Tuesday 19th November. Meeting in 'newly refurbished hall'. General Meeting with perhaps a Quiz?

Tuesday 10th December. Christmas 'Party'.

You will notice I have not engaged any speakers. We shall commence again in January and hopefully fit in extra speakers for the Spring Programme

Vernon Morris

HOST

Could you offer someone a home far from home for just a day or two? HOST, a well-established charity, is hoping to hear from people who enjoy making others feel at home, and who would love to meet interesting young adults from other parts of the world who are currently studying at universities in the UK, and who want to understand this country better.

One host wrote: 'It is a great to welcome these students and make them feel wanted. They get to see a good side of life in Britain in contrast to what they might learn from the media. It is also fun getting to know someone from another country.'

Invitations can be for a day, a weekend, or 3 days at Christmas. Sharing Christmas with someone who has little idea what Christmas is can be really special – and for the guest, much better than being on a deserted university campus. Invitations are urgently needed from

volunteer hosts, no matter how far they live from a university. To find out more, please see www.hostuk.org or contact local organiser Ceris Owen on 01978 361230.

Ceris Owen

St. Tudno's

On 25th August, Bank Holiday Sunday, the weather was fine and breezy. Revd Mike Harrison led the service accompanied by Pauline Bigby playing the keyboard. The readings and address were on the theme of Sundays and holidays being special, a time to rest and re-balance our personal lives in a way that is honourable to God.

The annual Songs of Praise service on Sunday 25 August was very enjoyable and it was interesting to hear the reasons for choosing the different hymns. Shirley Georgeson chose one of the great Lent hymns, My song is love unknown, and dedicated it to a friend who had recently died of cancer but who had worked tirelessly for others. Rob Georgeson chose Immortal, invisible, God only wise, for its powerful words and descriptions. Gay Stythe-Jones introduced a Welsh hymn, *Wele sefyll rhwng y myrtwydd* (Lo amid the myrtles standing), by the Welsh hymn writer Ann Griffiths and which reminded Gay of her grandmother giving a recitation in Ann Griffiths' chapel. One of the verses of this hymn was sung in Welsh. Ray Stythe-Jones' choice was a hymn

which he associated with some of his earliest memories of singing in a choir as a boy: Dearest Jesu, we are here. The tune by JS Bach was a 'chorale' and so offered a different style to many of the Victorian hymn settings. Readings from Psalms 95 and 96 spoke of singing to the Lord and the theme was continued in an extract from Commentary on the Psalms by St. Augustine of Hippo, whose feast day was celebrated at this time. If this has inspired you to choose a favourite hymn, there will be another chance to take part next year.

On 1st September the weather was quite chilly and very windy, so we held the service inside. Revd Peter Plunkett led the service accompanied by Pauline Bigby playing the organ. The readings and address were on the theme of choices. There was a congregation of 29 and a shortened Eucharist followed at 11.45 am.

On Sunday 8th September there was unexpected rain following a sunny early morning. Revd Mike Harrison led the service inside, accompanied by Michael Thomas playing the organ. The readings and theme of address were on being Christ's disciples. There was also a marriage blessing for Carl and Mandy Szuba, who were celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary. The couple from Bedford had enjoyed visiting St. Tudno's on a regular basis over the years and this was a poignant and moving time in the service.

The last Compline of the year was

on Tuesday 10th September, which 14 people came to. Revd Derek Simpson led this lovely, quiet service.

Sunday 15th September was a wild, blustery day and only 14 people braved the elements. The service was led by Revd Peter Plunkett and accompanied by Pauline Bigby on the organ. The readings and address were on the theme of the parable of the lost sheep, lost coin and the prodigal son.

***Shirley Georgeson
Christine Jones***

At St. Tudno's in October

St. Tudno's will be open every day during October, then weekends and Wednesdays during winter. Although the summer season of services has ended, Morning Prayer is still said every Saturday at 9.00 am and there will be services once a month over winter, on the fourth Sunday of the month. October's service, on the 27th, will be a celebration of All Saints' Day.

The autumn working party will be on Saturday 12 October at 10.00 am and will include putting away the benches, wobbling the headstones and tidying the church and churchyard.

Friends of St. Tudno's

The Friends held a successful open day and mini-fair at St. Tudno's on Saturday 7 September. Plenty of people visited

the church and enjoyed learning about its history, watching a slide show of old pictures of the church and sampling the refreshments. However, due to the rather inclement weather there were no requests for churchyard tours! A highlight of the day was a visit by the boys and young men of Broughton Church Choir, from near Preston, who called in at St. Tudno's on their annual visit to Llandudno and sang Lord of the Dance from the chancel to a very appreciative audience.

Saturday 21 September was the Friends' AGM, beginning with a Eucharist at St. Tudno's at which Canon Bob Griffiths

was the guest preacher. Lunch at the Queen's Hotel was followed by a short business meeting and a slide show of Friends' events and other events at St. Tudno's or on the Great Orme during the past year. As this was the Friends' fifth anniversary the afternoon finished with a 'birthday' cake and tea.

The Friends' Christmas card for 2013 is now on sale and features a painting by one of the Friends, Yvonne Freyer-King, showing St. Tudno's in the snow with one of the Great Orme goats. Previous years' cards are also available, please contact me if you would like some.

Christine Jones



Friends' Committee members blowing out the candles on the cake.

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

August 11th: Jensen James Miller

August 11th: James William Miller

August 11th: Keri Michelle Miller

August 18th: Ava Lily Abed

September 1st: Freya Violet Thomas Jones

*September 8th: Amara-Lily Heather Frances
Roberts*

September 8th: Chantell Marie Wood

September 15th: Josie Louise Lawer

Holy Matrimony

*August 31st: Matthew James Satterthwaite
and Sandra Michelle Davies*

The Departed

*August 20th: Charles Roberts age 82
Service at Holy Trinity Church followed by
Internment at Great Orme Cemetery*

Harvest Festival & Family Eucharist

Holy Trinity Church

Sunday 6 October at 10.30 am

Your thanksgiving gifts will be given to Conwy Food Bank

Attendance Figures

Holy Trinity Church

August 2nd		Eucharist at the home of Dennis Wiley	6
		Eucharists to August 3rd	20
August 4th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	16
Trinity 10	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	85
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	6
		Other weekday Eucharists	31
August 11th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
Trinity 11	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	76
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	2
		Other weekday Eucharists	23
August 18th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	15
Trinity 12	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	71
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	4
		Other weekday Eucharists	25
August 25th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	19
Trinity 13	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	82
		No Evening Prayer	
		Other Weekday Eucharists	34

St Tudno's Church

Sunday 4 August	11.00 am	Morning Service	42
Sunday 4 August	11.45am	Shortened Eucharist	23
Sunday 11 August	11.00 am	Morning Service	39
Tuesday 13 August	7.30 pm	Compline	10
Sunday 18 August	11.00 am	Morning Service	31
Sunday 25 August	11.00 am	Morning Service	39
Sunday 25 August	4.00 pm	Songs of Praise	35

The Blind Men and the Elephant

by John Godfrey Saxe (1816-1887)

It was six men of Indostan
To learning much inclined,
Who went to see the Elephant
(Though all of them were blind),
That each by observation
Might satisfy his mind.

The First approach'd the Elephant,
And happening to fall
Against his broad and sturdy side,
At once began to bawl:
'God bless me! but the Elephant
Is very like a wall!'

The Second, feeling of the tusk,
Cried, -'Ho! what have we here
So very round and smooth and
sharp?
To me 'tis mighty clear
This wonder of an Elephant
Is very like a spear!'

The Third approached the animal,
And happening to take
The squirming trunk within his hands,
Thus boldly up and spake:
'I see,' quoth he, 'the Elephant
Is very like a snake!'

The Fourth reached out his eager
hand,
And felt about the knee.
'What most this wondrous beast is like
Is mighty plain,' quoth he,
'Tis clear enough the Elephant
Is very like a tree!'

The Fifth, who chanced to touch the
ear,
Said: 'E'en the blindest man
Can tell what this resembles most;
Deny the fact who can,
This marvel of an Elephant
Is very like a fan!'

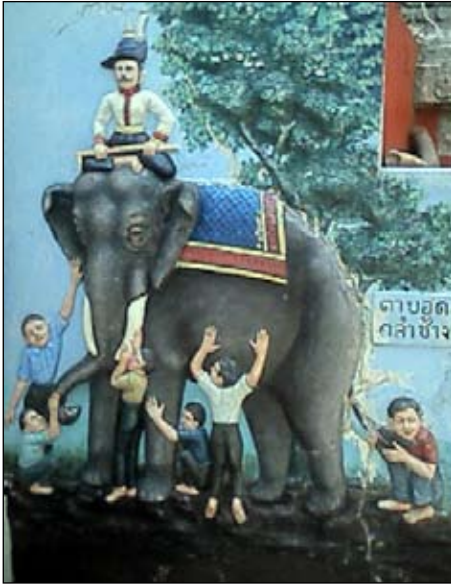
The Sixth no sooner had begun
About the beast to grope,
Then, seizing on the swinging tail
That fell within his scope,
'I see,' quoth he, 'the Elephant
Is very like a rope!'

And so these men of Indostan
Disputed loud and long,
Each in his own opinion
Exceeding stiff and strong,
Though each was partly in the right,
And all were in the wrong!

MORAL

So oft in theologic wars,
The disputants, I ween,
Rail on in utter ignorance
Of what each other mean,
And prate about an Elephant
Not one of them has seen!

This amusing poem, though well known,
should be taught in schools for its
message far more. Then perhaps there
would be less wars and hatred because
stupid mankind would spend far less
time killing each other to prove their
loyalty to a God of love as they see
him.



Wall relief in North-east Thailand. Public domain – Wikipedia.

Saint Paul in 1 Corinthians 13 v 12 says 'For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.' When considering this we must remember that most mirrors in that time were made not of silvered glass like ours but of beaten and polished materials with enough distortions in them to be nearing circus joke mirrors.

When we consider the mass murder done in the middle east in the name of Christ by the crusades, or say, at the hands of the Spanish inquisition we, as Christians, should hang our heads in shame. Were those actions what Our Lord meant by love our neighbours as ourselves.

No wonder some hard line Muslims

with long memories and a distorted understanding of what the Koran was getting at, treat us the way they do. Especially sad when their Allah and God the Father are said to be the same God.

I will stick to the faith I believe in, stick to my view of elephants and not condemn other elephant viewers for theirs. Let God sort that out in his good time, He really knows.

Thanks for reading if you were.

Peter LT



Matthew Satterthwaite and Sandra Davies who married on 21 August.

Sunday Rota

6th Oct

Reader Eira Jones
 Sidespersons Dorothy Trent
 Terry Dewer
 Ron Ilidge
 Wendy Stewart
 Eucharistic Ministers Angela Pritchard
 Cath Lloyd

13th Oct

Readers Ray Stythe-Jones
 Gay Stythe-Jones
 Sidespersons Pat Ridler
 Judith Williams
 Vernon Morris
 Ben Edwards
 E Minister Marion Heald

20th Oct

Reader Sandra Davies
 Sidespersons Joyce Crosby
 Doug Prichard

Barbara Yates
 Angela Pritchard
 Maggie Leitch
 John Ridler

27th Oct

Reader Eileen Box
 Sidespersons Annabel Jones
 William Maidlow
 Marion Heald
 Sandra Davies
 Eucharistic Ministers Stan Whittaker
 Cath Lloyd

3rd Nov

Reader Eira Jones
 Sidespersons Cath Lloyd
 Mary Rees
 Ray Millington
 Gwen Robinson
 Eucharistic Ministers John Ridler
 Angela Pritchard

The Llandudno Bible Society Action Group invites you to **The Annual Quiz** on Wednesday, October 16th, 7pm at St. John's Methodist Church, Mostyn Street. £2 per person; you're welcome to come as a team or individually - for fun & fellowship!

The Llandudno Bible Society Action Group invites you to **The Annual Bible Society Service** on Sunday October 27th, 6.30pm at St. John's Methodist Church, Mostyn Street. Led by Rev. Beverley Ramsden, "The Bible's Message of Freedom". We hope to see you on Bible Sunday.

From Conway to Llandudno ...

... and the Orme's Head (1868)


From *A Handbook for Travellers in North Wales*.

A branch line, the St. George's Harbour Railway, has been opened from Conway to Llandudno, which has proved a great source of convenience to passengers from a distance, though for short trips between the 2 towns many prefer going by road. The watering-place of *Llandudno* (*Hotels: Adelphi, Queen's, St. George's, all good.*) was only 20 years ago an insignificant village, known to and resorted to by a few families who were content to rough it for the sake

of the delicious air. It has now become the Welsh Brighton, not only from the abundance, but the excellent quality of the accommodations offered to the visitor; and it possesses this superiority over other places of the sort, that it has not been added to at different times, but has all sprung up as parts of a definite architectural system. Its main features are a handsome crescent, following the sweep of the bay, with parallel streets running across from it to the Conway sands; the town thus possesses the unusual advantage of 2 bays, each with a different aspect, and allowing the enjoyment of bathing in almost any weather. The two drawbacks are the want of vegetation that characterises the scenery, and the very high (indeed we may say exorbitant) prices often demanded for lodgings; this latter defect will probably pass away as soon as the novelty of a new and fashionable watering-place has worn off.

Llandudno is sheltered from the N.W. and E. by the *Great and Little Orme's Head*, both of them, but especially the former, being enormous masses of limestone rock, rising precipitously from the sea for several hundred feet, and forming striking objects in the coast landscapes for miles around. A very pleasant walk 6 m. in length has been made round the Great Head, which contains in its rocky fastnesses several places of interest, as the Telegraph Station (750

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ft.), from which there is a magnificent “birdseye view of Llandudno beneath, while the bright blue waters of the sea on either-hand, the hills of Gloddaeth, the conical rock of Maelgwyn towering as it were in isolated prominence in the centre of the plain, the gables of Bodyscallen peeping through their ancestral trees, the majestic ruins and bridges of Conway, combine to form a prospect of wondrous beauty, which, bounded by the undulating outlines of the mountains, is worth a pilgrimage to contemplate.”—*Hicklin*. There are also copper-mines which have been worked for ages past, as traces of Roman workings have been discovered; a cromlech of 5 upright stones surmounted by another transversely; and the British fortress of *Pen-y-dinas* overlooking the town, and still preserving portions of wall and numerous circular houses; at one corner is a rocking-stone, known as *Cryd Tudno*, the cradle of *Tudno*. The secluded parish ch. of *St. Tudno* lay for many years in a neglected and ruinous state, but was thoroughly restored in simple taste by the liberality of H. Reece, Esq., of Birmingham, in 1855. As early as the 7th cent., it is supposed that *St. Tudno* founded on this spot an oratory on which the original ch. was erected in the 12th cent., and a subsequent Perp. chancel added. In the interior are an ancient circular font and 2 incised coffin-lids of the 13th cent. A short distance to the W. of the ch. are the remains of an avenue of upright stones, called by the Welsh “The high road of the deer.”

The precipitous cliffs of the Great Orme’s Head have obtained melancholy notoriety as having been the scene of the shipwreck of the *Hornby* in 1824, when all on board but one perished.

In the rocks at the extreme point of the headland is the cavern of *Llech*, of difficult access from the summit. On the S.E. side is *Gogarth*, where the remains of a large building still exist, partly of early and partly of medieval character, said to have been a palace of the Bishops of Bangor or a monastic institution subject to the Abbey of Conway. *Leland* mentions it in his Itinerary, but little is known of its history. The whole of the area extending from hence to *Puffin Island* is the theatre of a legend similar to that of the Lowland Hundred in *Cardigan Bay*, viz., that a rich and fertile country lies underneath the sea, which suddenly engulfed it, a condition of things by no means improbable, though easily accounted for by well-known geological phenomena. The geologist will find on the Orme’s Head many good casts of fossils. On the top of the head, N.W. of the copper-mine, is a bed of brachiopodous shells, *Producti*, *Spiriferæ*, &c. From thence “let the collector’s walk be extended down the slope that, leaving the telegraph to the rt., leads to the sea, and let him notice the shale-bed about 6 ft. below, which is little else than a mass of delicate fossils, exquisitely preserved through chalcidization, and comprising the rarest and most beautiful forms of corals and

sponges, Encrinites of several species, but chiefly Rhodocrinus, Brachiopodous and Lamelli-bmachiata shells, and many species of Gasteropoda.”—*Roberts*.

The botanist will find plenty to occupy him in the uncommon plants that grow in the neighbourhood; as *Arabis hispida*, *Saponaria officinalis*, *Triglochin palustre*, *Chenopodium*, *Serratula tinctoria*, *Anacamptis pyramidalis*, *Medicago maculata*, *Coloneaster vulgaris* (rare), on the rocks “situated at some distance to the W. of the old mine above the road which passes the farm-house of Tyn-y-Cae.”

Excursions may be made from Llandudno to the various objects of interest in the peninsula of Creutldyn to the N. of the Chester and Holyhead Railway.

The scanty remains of *Castle Diganwy*, once called *Castle Gannock*, occupy an eminence just above the branch rly. It was formerly a British station of the Ordovices, subsequently to which period a castle of considerable importance was erected by Hugh Lupus, Earl of Chester, which, after undergoing considerable mutations during the stormy times of the 13th cent., was eventually demolished by Llewelyn in 1262. Previous to its destruction Henry III. was shut up here, and experienced within his garrison great distress, as appears from a letter extant: “We fast for want of meat, for a halfpennie loafe is worth 3d.; we starve for colde, wanting our winter garments, having no more than a thin linnen cloath

betwixt us and the winde.”—*Powell*. On a hill to the N.E. is a ruined tower, supposed by some to have been an outpost of Diganwy. In the valley beneath is the cruciform ch. of *Eglwys Rhos*, containing an oak roof and stained glass.

Maelgwyn Gwynedd, the first who fortified Diganwy, is said to have died of yellow fever in this ch. A.D. 566. Near it are *Bodyscallen* (Miss Mostyn), and *Gloddaeth*, the ancient Elizabethan seat of Lady Augusta Mostyn. It is charmingly situated on the slope of a well-wooded hill, and is a great attraction to the visitors from Llandudno, to whom access to the house and grounds is liberally allowed. In the entrance hall are some fine timber-work and carving.

The ch. of *Llandrillo-en-Rhos* is a handsome double-aisled Perp. ch., with a tower remarkable for having double-stepped battlements. In the interior is a Norm. font. About ½ m. distant is *Capel Trillo*, a rude little building, believed to be of immense antiquity, but according to the Rev. H. L. Jones not older than the 16th cent. *Llys Eurian*, to the S. of Llandrillo, marks the site of an ancient palace of Maelgwyn Gwynedd prior to his residence at Diganwy.

On *Puffin Island* are remains of a ch., said to be one of the oldest in Britain (p. 68).

During the summer months steamers from Liverpool, and occasionally Caernarvon and Beaumaris, call off the landing-stage at Llandudno.

Free Wills Month – October 2013

by Rachel Brown, Swayne Johnson Solicitors

Positive planning is essential if you wish to be the one in control of your affairs after your death but also during your lifetime. This feature focuses on the importance of preparing and reviewing Wills.

The preparation of a Will is often a task that many prefer to avoid. We receive numerous explanations for why individuals have not prepared a Will but the preparation of a Will is crucial if you want to be in control of what happens with your assets in the event of your death.

Whilst it is not essential for a solicitor to prepare your Will, it is strongly recommended. This is because a Will is a legal document that requires considerable thought and care when drafting. If you choose to prepare a Will yourself, it is advisable to ask a solicitor to check that it is valid. This is because it is easy to make mistakes and if, after your death, there is a problem with the drafting and/or the legal formalities of the Will, it may prevent your wishes being carried out. Sorting out misunderstandings and disputes can be expensive and it will reduce the amount of money in the estate.

Circumstances when it is particularly important to prepare a Will include:

if you are unmarried but you want to make provision for your partner; you have children under the age of 18; you have children from previous relationships; you wish to plan effectively regarding Inheritance Tax; you wish to implement care home fee planning; you wish to protect disabled dependents; you are not a British citizen; you have business assets or you wish to support a charity.

Even if you have prepared a Will, it is essential that you review it on a regular basis (for example every 3-5 years). This is the only way to ensure that the document continues to accurately reflect your wishes. Circumstances that should prompt a review include: you marry/enter into a civil partnership; you separate/divorce; you wish to add/remove beneficiaries; your assets/financial circumstances change; your executors are no longer willing/able to act for you; you have had children or there has been a change in the law.

During the month of October, our Llandudno office will be participating in Free Wills Month, which is run by Capacity Marketing for Charities.

If you are 55 or over and wish to prepare a simple Will we can prepare your Will for you, free of charge. If you need to prepare a more complex Will, we can prepare your Will for you for a reduced charge. If you are a couple, only

one of you needs to be 55 or over. To arrange an appointment, please contact our Llandudno office on 01492 550699 and ask to speak with Rachel Brown.

The Free Wills Month Charities hope that individuals preparing or updating their Wills through Free Wills Month will be able to support them, although there is no obligation to do so. The charities involved are: Breakthrough Breast Cancer; Guide Dogs; Prostate Cancer UK; Redwings; Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI); Stroke As-

sociation; UNICEF; and WWF-UK.

This promotion ends on Wednesday 31 October 2013. If you wish to prepare or review your Will during Free Wills Month, please ensure that you telephone our Llandudno office during October.

Our Llandudno office is also holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning on 27 September 2013 between 10:00am and 12:00pm. Please call in for a coffee and a slice of cake.

From the Parish Pump

How Did the Bible Help Our Family in WWI?

Next year marks 100 years since the outbreak of the First World War. Delving back over Alliance member organisation the Bible Society's history has uncovered many records listing how they supported soldiers on the frontline.

Might you have a copy of the New Testament & Psalms from these times which has been left to your family? Maybe you have an account of the Bible's words bringing comfort or peace to a soldier in the trenches, or to a family member waiting at home? The Bible Society would love to hear your stories about how the scriptures helped your family through the First World War. Read more at: <http://eauk.co/1b6DABJ>

Pioneering Worship4Today

Worship4Today - a course for worship leaders and musicians, successfully trialled in 100 churches in Sheffield Diocese is being rolled out nationally.

Compiled by Helen Bent and Liz Tiple, *Worship4Today: Part 1: Laying a Firm Foundation* tackles a need for theological training for songwriters and worship leaders and for musical training and effective worship leading for ordinands. It has already been the catalyst for new church services and two contemporary children's choirs as well as giving a boost to existing choirs and music groups.

'The ordering and leading of worship is absolutely vital for the health and vitality of the church,' the Rt Revd Steven Croft, Bishop of Sheffield. 'The Wor-

ship4Today course is a vital resource to train and equip leaders of worship in a mission-shaped church. I have been particularly encouraged by the way in which the course encourages people to use their different gifts and builds up the confidence of those who are initially very hesitant in this ministry.'

Co-author Helen Bent says, 'Worship feeds us. It brings us healing and restoration. In worship, we encounter God and we are slowly transformed into his likeness. The deeper we go, the greater the transformation.' You can purchase Worship4Today from www.chpublishing.co.uk

Christian Bookshops Burned

Two Bible Society bookshops in Egypt have been attacked and burned by angry demonstrators in the recent violence there.

The attacks happened when security forces recently moved in to break up protest camps in Cairo. The bookshops, in Assuit and Minia, two of the largest cities in southern Egypt, were completely destroyed.

Ramez Atallah (General Director of Bible Society in Egypt), explains: 'These were both beautiful, fully-equipped bookshops. The attackers demolished the metal doors protecting the bookshops, broke the windows and set the bookshops on fire.'

Thankfully no staff were injured, but

Ramez said it was 'heartbreaking to watch on TV this bloodshed between fellow Egyptians unfolding before our eyes' – and added that, 'the very vast majority of Muslims are peace-loving people who want the Christians to continue living as co-citizens in Egypt.' Sadly, 15 churches and three Christian schools were also targeted.

But demand for Bibles is still very high, and so Bible Society will continue to trade from local warehouses until the shops are restored. To raise the money to do this, Bible Society has put out an urgent appeal for supporters to raise £12,000 online. If you would like to help, please go to: www.biblesociety.org.uk and click on Appeals.

Myanmar Floods

Christian Aid has sent funds to provide assistance to communities affected by heavy rain and severe flooding which has devastated south east Myanmar since late July, leaving three dead and forcing tens of thousands to flee their homes.

Ramani Leathard, Christian Aid Country Manager of Myanmar, said '23,500 people have been evacuated and are sheltering in one of the 80 relief camps or staying with relatives in nearby villages. However, for those in more remote areas and where local roads have been destroyed by landslides, access to camps is impossible.

'In emergency situations, where the

poorest are most affected, it is important to coordinate relief work as funds are limited. We will be assisting communities not reached by camp-based government assistance.’ she added.

Ten Years Since Covenant

This November will mark ten years since the historic Anglican-Methodist Covenant was signed by the Methodist Church of Great Britain and the Church of England.

There will be feedback and debates next year in the Conference and the General Synod as the two churches respond and explore the next steps in their pilgrimage together. Two years ago, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, told the Methodist Conference that he hoped to see the Church of England and Methodist communities growing much closer together.

Christian Bookshops Boost

A charity that helps churches give good Christian books to libraries in their community is now working through Christian bookshops, giving them a much-needed boost.

Speaking Volumes, an initiative of The Christian Book Promotion Trust, will pay half the retail value of new books that a church or individual wants to give to any library where books are available to a wide readership.

The new partnership with Christian bookshops means that bookshops benefit from increased sales as Speaking Volumes pledges to match-fund any order they take on behalf of the scheme. And it is already proving popular, with churches and shops alike.

Paula Renouf, Director of Speaking Volume, says it’s a two-way relationship that benefits both parties. ‘Bookshops are in touch with churches and can encourage them to reach out to their community through our scheme,’ says Paula. ‘And, at the same time, the bookshops benefit from extra sales, which bring security in these challenging times.’

The process is very straightforward. Individuals and churches place their orders from the carefully chosen list of Speaking Volumes titles, paying the bookshop half the shelf price. Speaking Volumes reimburses the bookshop for the rest.

Books and DVDs can be purchased for any type of library – including public libraries, prison and school libraries, even for borrowing within churches, especially if the church hosts groups for the community such as toddler groups, Alpha or senior citizens’ clubs.

Paula adds: ‘It’s good news all round and the biggest winner is your community. They get to borrow great Christian books from their libraries – and they can explore Christianity further at their local bookshop because you’ve helped to keep it on the high street.’

For more details and a list of participating bookshops, visit www.speakingvolumes.org.uk or call 07914301481.

Violence in Egypt

The Bishop of Wakefield, the Rt Revd Stephen Platten, the Church of England's lead Bishop on Foreign Affairs has recently expressed his grave concern over the unrest in Egypt.

'The state of emergency in Egypt following the carnage and increasing death toll of recent days is a matter of grave concern for those within and outside the region. The heavy loss of life is deeply disturbing and points to the urgent need for resolution and restraint from Government forces.

'Of equal concern are the reports that

several Churches across Egypt were attacked, including St Saviours Anglican Church in Suez. These unprovoked attacks are part of an all too familiar pattern that we see repeated across the region where Christian and other minority communities find themselves as collateral casualties in a wider struggle between two increasingly illiberal and repressive forces.

'I very much hope and pray that leaders on both sides of this conflict in Egypt will take the necessary steps to reduce the risk of further violence. If the last few years have shown the Egyptian appetite for democracy, the injustices of recent days and weeks underlines the importance of moving as quickly as possible to inclusive elections that give all Egypt's citizens a stake in the country's future.'

Coffee Time

Cryptics (*thanks and courtesy Barbara Cartwright*).

All relations.

Results for September

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| 1. No traces, there must be one somewhere. (8) | 1. Up in arms |
| 2. Inferior kind of Knot. (6) | 2. Unreal |
| 3. One of a pair seen in the front window. (4) | 3. Units |
| 4. Progress in relation to new parent. (7) | 4. Unerring |
| 5. Tuna salad for a relative. (4) | 5. Underpass |
| 6. French resort accommodating European relation. (5) | 6. Uses |
| 7. The half that's better if we go outside. (4) | 7. Udder |
| 8. Boy who's young relative to four. (8) | 8. Utah |
| 9. Not a monk who practises at the bar!. (7,2,3) | 9. Ungainly |
| 10. Family man helps to keep the fun clean. (5) | 10. Unfit |



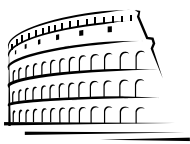
St IGNATIUS

feast day October 17th

Born in Syria, Ignatius converted to Christianity at an early age and eventually became bishop of Antioch. A tradition arose that he was one of the children whom Jesus had taken in his arms and blessed. Ignatius called himself 'God Bearer'.

Ignatius is responsible for the first known use of the Greek word 'katholikos' meaning universal and whole to describe the church, he wrote: "Wherever the bishop appears, there let the people be; as wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church.

In the year 107, the Roman Emperor Trajan visited Antioch and forced the Christians living there to choose between death and denying Christ. Ignatius would not deny his Lord and so was condemned to be put to death in Rome.



Ignatius bravely met the lions in the Circus Maximus in Rome; dying

and living as a witness to his belief.

LIONS in the BIBLE

Not just in the arena in Rome, there are quite a few lions mentioned in the Bible...

1. An angel shut the lions' mouths so that they couldn't eat him (Daniel, chapter 6)
2. Who will lead the lion, wolf, lamb, goat and calf? (Isaiah, chapter 11)
3. He killed the lions or bears that threatened his father's flocks (1 Samuel, chapter 17)
4. Who is like a roaring lion looking for someone to eat? (1 Peter, chapter 5)
5. He killed a lion on a day when it had snowed (2 Samuel, chapter 23)
6. The first creature was like a lion, what were the 2nd, 3rd and 4th creatures like? (Revelation, chapter 4)



On which day do lions eat people?

Chewsday.

What did the lioness say to her cubs when she taught them to hunt?

'Don't go over the road till you see the zebra crossing.'



- 1.Daniel 2.A little child 3.David 4.the devil 5.Benaiah, son of Jehoiada 6. A calf, a face like a man and a flying eagle.