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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Those sending greetings below in lieu of sending cards have made a generous donation to the Church Hall Redecoration Fund.

Wishing all parishioners a
Happy and Peaceful Christmas.
Vernon Morris.

Denis and Barbara Cartwright
wish all their friends a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New
Year.

Wishing you a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New
Year. **Eurig and Jen.**

Charles and Wendy wish all
our Church friends a Joyful and
Peaceful Christmas.

We wish all our friends a Happy,
Blessed and Peaceful Christmas
and New Year. **Derek and
Marlene Simpson.**

Geoffrey and Trish Howard
wish all their friends at Holy
Trinity and St. Tudno's a Joyful
Christmas and a Peaceful and
Happy New Year. God Bless.

Dear Friends – wishing you
every blessing this Christmas
and in the New Year. **Joan
Colligan.**

Season's Greetings to all
members, friends and supporters
of our Coffee Morning Team
and to everyone in our Church
family. **Dorothy.**

Winter Wishes and Warm
Greetings. May Christmas and
the New Year be especially happy
for all friends at Holy Trinity.
From **Betty Dodd.**

Christmas Greetings and Blessings to all our friends at Holy Trinity and St. Tudno's.
From **Betty and Peter**.

Joan E Jones wishes all her friends at Holy Trinity and St. Tudno's a Blessed and Joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to everyone in the Parish. **Eileen Joyce**.

Terry Dewar (Sub-warden) would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you all for your support during this year.

Gwilym, Sandra and family, wish all our Church friends a Very Happy, Blessed and Peaceful Christmas.

Jennifer and Toni wish all friends and Church family a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Sarah Dean wishes all her friends at Holy Trinity a Very Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Norman and Anne Rimmer would like to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Ray and Gaynor Stythe-Jones send the Church family Every Blessing for Christmas and wish all a Happy New Year.

Rob and Shirley Georgeson wish all our friends a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Peggy and Christine Jones wish everyone from Holy Trinity and St. Tudno's a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Mrs Margaret Sawyer wishes all her friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Andy and Maggie Leitch wish all their friends a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.

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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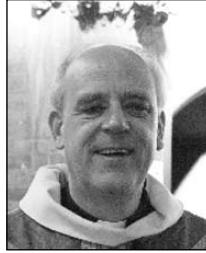
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From the Rectory

The fine east windows of Holy Trinity Church tell the story of the birth, infancy and childhood of Christ. From left to right, beginning with the nativity itself, we see the visit of the Magi, the presentation of Jesus in the Temple and finally two scenes from the childhood of the Lord.



Many of you, I am sure, will remember the two wonderful '*son et lumiere*' evenings we have had in recent years during which, light shining through each window in turn, brought the narrative of the birth of Our Lord to life in a very moving way. Although we are not having a *son et lumiere* this year, I hardly need to remind you that when the sun shines through these windows, even on a winter morning, the effect can be equally as stunning.

I'm glad that these windows, visible to the congregation as they worship, tell of Christ's coming to our world. They could have represented the crucifixion, the resurrection, Christ in glory or some other aspect of our faith as is the case in many other churches. But the coming into our world of the incarnate Son of God is the first and fundamental event in the Christian narrative. It was obviously the first to actually happen in time, but it is also fundamental in the sense that, without the incarna-

tion, the life and ministry of Christ and His saving death and resurrection could not have happened. 'The Word became flesh' is among the most important verses in the whole of the Bible. So it's good to have the most fundamental of

Christian doctrines portrayed before our eyes not just at Christmas but throughout the year.

At Christmas we are able to see the nativity made visible for us in many different ways: on Christmas cards; in countless Crib scenes and, of course, in nativity plays (think of all those reluctant shepherds and giggly angels etc. who are going to be performing



'... and if you scan it with a QR code-reading mobile phone, it takes you straight to the diocesan website.'

in the next few weeks!). But at Holy Trinity we also have our windows. In them, 'craftsman's art' and the glorious beams of the sun combine to light up the word made flesh for us.

But to me it's interesting that the sequence of these windows doesn't stop at the actual nativity and the events surrounding it but goes on to show two moments in the boyhood of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke – when he was 'lost' in the temple in Jerusalem and a depiction of Jesus in the carpenters shop with Joseph at work in the background and Our lady there too busy with her own work. It is important to see the story of the birth of Jesus in context and not as an isolated event. Parents today will have photos of their children not just as a new born infant but showing every stage of their development as they grow. Our windows show that the word made flesh born in Bethlehem was a very real little boy who grew and developed like any other human child in a real human family. The Saviour of

the world who brought us the Good news of the Kingdom and died and rose again for us knew what it was to live a human life.

May I suggest that a good preparation for Christmas might be to spend some time simply looking at these windows and reflecting on the story they tell? Choose a sunny morning and go into church and do just that! And maybe, just maybe when we are at worship this Advent and Christmas the sun will shine reminding us that:

*'By the tender mercy of our God,
The dawn from on high will break upon
us.*

*To give light to those who sit in the
shadow of death,
And to guide our feet into the way of
peace.'*

(Lk 1:78-79 part of the Benedictus.)

A very joyful Christmas to you all!

Fr. John

News and Notices

Bangor Diocesan Plygain Service

On Friday January 4th at 7.00 pm, Holy Trinity Church will host the annual Diocesan *Plygain* service. It is a great privilege to be chosen to host this service and I hope that everyone will do their best to support it. People will be coming from all over the diocese

and I understand that Bishop Andy will preside over the proceedings.

Plygain is a Christmas service which at its heart consists of a number of traditional Welsh carols sung unaccompanied by small music groups. The word *Plygain* may come from the Latin *pulli* (cock) and *cantus* (song) ie cock crow.

So the '*Plygain*' was originally a service held early in the morning. It seems to have developed as a post-reformation replacement for the traditional Mid-night Mass. Essentially it was an abbreviated service of Matins beginning before daybreak and accompanied by the singing of unaccompanied carols by various families from the parish. This tradition lasted longest in parts of mid-Wales and in recent years there has been a great revival of the tradition. In modern times *Plygain* services tend to be held on an evening during Christ-mastide rather than on the morning of Christmas Day itself.

On January 4th our diocesan *Plygain* will begin with a short service of light. 'Light' has been associated with this service for many centuries. When *Plygain* services were held before daybreak on Christmas Day in churches with only limited lighting, it was sometimes the custom for everyone to bring their own candle. This led to the church being filled with brilliant light – a worthy welcome to the Christ-child, 'the true light which gives light to everyone' (John 1:9) who has come into our world.

The service will then continue with the traditional carols sung by the various groups, interspersed with congregational carols. It ends with the 'Supper Carol' which gets its name from these words in the last verse: 'Today is a day of reconciliation, and supper is ready. The table is set, O let us hurry. Well, we won't exactly be providing the congregation with supper but there

will certainly be a welcome cup of tea or coffee and biscuits to follow the service.

This service will be entirely in Welsh but if you are not a Welsh speaker please don't let this put you off. The atmosphere will speak to you even if you don't understand the words – and after all everyone knows what the theme is! Perhaps these words from a website called 'All about Wales' will encourage you: 'This is music sung with a full voice and a full heart. It has a renewing and life-enhancing effect on both singers and listeners. It is lovely to see the happy smiles on most faces at the end of a *Plygain* session.....' Let's all make this part of our Christmas celebrations.

Remembrance Sunday

It was good to see such a full church at the Civic Service on Remembrance Sunday this year. I was especially impressed with the large number of young people present at the service; it is so important that the tradition of remembering and commending to God those who died in war is kept alive. It was also good to welcome the Mayor's Chaplain, the Revd Beverley Ramsden who is the new minister at St John's Methodist Church. Remembrance Sunday is one of the occasions when Holy Trinity fulfils its vocation to be the Church for all the people of Llandudno.

What we do on occasions like these



The Remembrance Sunday parade. Also on cover page.



is appreciated. I have just received a letter from the Deputy Town Clerk Louise Morris 'I write on behalf of the Town Council and the Mayor, Cllr Mrs Myra Wigzell, to thank you and your Church Wardens for the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday and for such an excellent and well received service.....please convey our gratitude to the wardens who always do such a wonderful job'.

Fr John

Daffodils at Holy Trinity

A big thank you to everyone who donated bulbs for the Holy Trinity contribution to the Llandudno Daffodil Campaign. Most of the bulbs have been planted in the grass area parallel with Mostyn Street, with others planted at the foot of the trees. I hope they make a colourful display for visitors and shoppers in town, as well as creating a welcoming greeting from Holy Trinity encouraging more people to come and join us in worship.

William Maidlow

Choir

I'm sure that members of the congregation will have noticed that the choir member numbers have fallen quite dramatically during the past couple of years.

At present we have two sopranos plus

Lynne Williams who comes from the other side of Ruthin once or twice a month, two altos, two tenors and four basses.

We are lucky that some members can sing in more than one register but it is a struggle to keep up the wide variety of music and many of the pieces we used to sing are no longer possible.

If you think you can help, we really need sopranos and altos. Some music reading ability is necessary but I'm quite prepared to put in extra rehearsals for anyone who finds things difficult.

Why not come along and give it a go? Rehearsals are for 45 minutes before the morning service on Sundays

Norman

St. Tudno's News

An 'All Saintside' service was our first regular 'out of season' service, held on Sunday November 4th at 11.00 am. It was a beautiful sunny day and not too cold. Revd David Jenkins led the service, accompanied by Michael Thomas playing the organ at St. Tudno's for the first time. The congregation was 19 in number, which was very encouraging for the beginning of November. Hot drinks and home made cakes, together with plenty of chatting, followed the service.

On Saturday November 10th 16 people attended a short service at 9.00 am to remember the men from this area



Boer War service at St. Tudno's on 10 November.

who died during the Boer War and to lay wreaths at the Boer War Memorial in the churchyard. The wreath laying is organised each year by the Llandudno Lions Club, who were responsible for restoration of the Memorial, and this year we were delighted to be joined by the Mayor of Llandudno, Cllr Mrs Myra Wigzell, who laid a wreath on behalf of Llandudno Town Council.

Over winter, St. Tudno's is open weekends, Wednesdays and bank holidays, weather permitting. Morning prayer is said each Saturday at 9.00 am but if the weather is very bad please phone the Rector to check that there will be a service.

The next Sunday service at St. Tudno's will be Carols by Candlelight on Sunday

December 23rd at 3.00 pm and at 5.00 pm. Please note that there is no heating in the church, though the welcome will be warm. The paths will be lit, weather permitting, but a torch may still be useful, particularly if attending the later service. We look forward to seeing you at Carols by Candlelight and we wish everyone a very happy Christmas.

Stephanie, Shirley, Christine and the St. Tudno's team

Friends of St. Tudno's Church

The Friends will be preparing St. Tudno's Church for Carols by Candlelight, by decorating the church and setting out the candles on Saturday 22 December, starting at 10.00 am. The path lights

will be set out (weather permitting) on Sunday 23 December, starting at 11.00 am. If you would like to come and help, please dress very warmly as there is no heating in the church, though hot drinks will be available. If the weather is bad and you are not sure what will be happening, please contact me. We look forward to seeing you at Carols by Candlelight. Happy Christmas from all the Friends.

Christine Jones

Messy Church

Messy Church took place on Sunday 4th November. The theme was Darkness into Light and was our response to some of the more negative Halloween activities that take place in October.

It was lovely to welcome the Llandudno Town Band Starters Group once again,



who with their leader Susan, provided us with some lovely music to accompany the craft activities.



Both photos: Messy Church activity in the church hall.

The afternoon began with songs. The singing was led by Gaynor Stythe-Jones and was accompanied by Ray Stythe Jones and Ruth Hodginson on the guitar.

The craft sessions were led by Mike and Roz Harrison, Caroline Race, Kristina Birchall and Ray and Gaynor Stythe Jones. We also appreciated

ESGOBAETH BANGOR DIOCESE

Plygain 2013

Nos Wener, 4ydd Ionawr
7.00 o'r gloch

Eglwys y
Drindod Sanctaidd
Llandudno

*The annual diocesan 'Plygain'
- Welsh Carol Service -
7.00 p.m., Friday, 4th January 2013
at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*

Croeso cynnes i bawb ~ A warm welcome to all

Trefnir gan Grŵp Datblygu Addoliad Cymraeg

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Puppet theatre in the church.

the craft work prepared by Amy, a Sunday School parent.

We later moved into the church where the children and parents listened to stories, sang songs and were entertained by Hannah's puppets.

The afternoon ended with a scrumptious tea in the hall, prepared and served by our hard-working team of helpers – Kristina, Angela Pritchard, Cynthia Poyser, Judith Williams, Jennifer Fossi, Eira Jones, Christine Jones and Jean Griffiths. Jean also arranged the toddlers' activities. Our thanks to Doug Pritchard for preparing the hall for Messy Church.



The scrumptious tea.

We are so lucky to have such a dedicated band of people who are committed to supporting Holy Trinity's ministry to children and families. Many thanks to you all.

Sandra Davies

Christmas Fayre 2012

The Parish's Christmas Fayre was held on Saturday, 17 November. The day was very successful and over £1000 was raised towards the redecoration of the church hall. Various stalls had been set up in the hall and the choir vestry and I would like to thank all those who participated and helped raise this fantastic sum.

Judith Williams



No shortage of fayre at the Fayre.



Enjoying a paned and a natter.



Hand bell ringers at the Christmas Fayre.



The Mothers' Union cake stall raised over £175 towards the redecoration of the hall.

New Piano

Holy Trinity Church has recently benefited from the donation of a grand piano. The piano was surplus to requirements of a church in Conwy and replaces our previous 'baby grand' instrument.

Children's Area

A children's area has been created in the south aisle next to the vestry by the rearrangement of a few pews. This supplements the existing area at the baptistery and has the advantage of creating a space for children much closer to the focus of worship. The rearrangement is on trial and will be reassessed after a few months.



Organist Norman Rimmer gives an impromptu performance on the new grand piano.



The new children's area in the south aisle. Note the new piano in the background.

Exploring Worship Remembrance Day 2012

Revd. Jane Allen welcomed Mike and Roz Harrison who have joined Judith and Eileen's team, the team who were leading the worship on a theme of peace and reconciliation.

After the opening songs, Mike told the story of Phan Thi Kim Phuc, (born 1963) Kim, who is now a Vietnamese-Canadian, best known as the child depicted in the Pulitzer-Prize winning photograph taken during the Vietnamese War on June 8th 1972. The iconic photo shows her at about nine years of age running naked on a road after being severely burned on her back by a South Vietnamese napalm attack. Mike continued to tell how in spite of years of suffering both physical and emotional, Kim overcame her dreadful experience and now, through her charitable foundation, helps children affected by war.

Below is a 2008 quote from Kim which sums up her belief:

'Forgiveness made me free from hatred. I still have many scars on my body and severe pain most days but my heart is cleansed. Napalm is very powerful, but faith, forgiveness, and love are much more powerful. We would not have war at all if everyone could learn how to live with true love, hope, and forgiveness. If that little girl in the picture can do it, ask yourself: Can you?'

Eileen, Roz and Judith read from scrip-

ture, sharing our Lords words on love and forgiveness, they each followed this by sharing their moving and beautiful reflections then Judith read a lovely poem continuing the theme.

Mike introduced a sketch of an international peace tree and invited the congregation to decorate the tree selecting a peace topic with coloured leaves which Judith had prepared.

A balanced and beautiful selection of hymns and worship songs were played by Kay while the amazing graphics were the combined efforts of Mike and Andy.

The final hymn, 'Crown him with many Crowns' was sung with lively fervour, the verse below summing up all our hopes for the future.

*Crown him the Lord of peace, whose
pow'r a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end, and round
his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their
fragrance ever sweet.*

Exploring Worship concluded by the sharing of fellowship and refreshments.

If you are interested, services are held on the second Sunday of each month in Holy Trinity, Church Hall, at 6 pm where a warm welcome is assured.

Angela

Thanks

I would like to thank my friends in the Mothers' Union for the lovely flowers and cards they very kindly gave me when I moved into my new home, and also for the many kind words which were very comforting and helped me through a difficult time. The flowers certainly brightened up the house after being surrounded by boxes, bags and builders' debris, and were much appreciated.

Jenny Bicknell

Thank You

I would like to extend my thanks to all those who have sent me cards, letters and their good wishes during my recent stay in hospital. Both Stan and I are extremely grateful and also wish to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Jean Whittaker

Conwy Food Share

To everyone at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno

We would like to thank you all very much for the generous donations of food that you collected for Conwy Food Share. We are very grateful for your continuing support in helping us provide food parcels for people in this community.

October was another busy month for us and November is even busier so we are very glad of all food received to stock our shelves. During the last few weeks we have helped many young people, a homeless man living in the woods and several families including a victim of domestic abuse with children.

Your kindness is much appreciated.

All at Conwy Food Share

Strawberry Tree

I read Christine Jones' article on the Strawberry Tree (*Arbutus unedo*) with interest (October issue) because she refers to the specimens in Haulfre Gardens.

Not many readers will know that Henry Davies Pochin who bought the Bodnant Estate in 1874 actually lived in Haulfre and developed the gardens there, which were subsequently acquired by the Town Council for the enjoyment of residents and visitors.

There is a very lovely specimen of *Arbutus andrachnoides* (which is a hybrid of the above-mentioned tree) on the terrace at Bodnant which was planted in 1905, when Bodnant and the Estate was owned by Pochin's daughter Laura who had inherited on the death of her father. I am one of many volunteers at Bodnant and feel very fortunate and privileged that I can enjoy a garden that was planted so long ago for one family and is now enjoyed by all. I am

looking forward to the opening of the new Winter Garden at Bodnant on December 27th which promises new delights.

Wendy Lonsdale

Men Who Sing Concerts 2012

Peter and I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Sunday night concerts this year. We managed to make a net profit of over £4200 thanks to all who contributed by giving up their time in making tea for the choirs, in announcing them and helping in any other way.

We'd like to give a special thanks to Joyce Crosby who only missed one week during the season and looked after the Mustard Seed Shop and took the ticket money on the door.

Thank you to all of you. You've now got a break until next May but we have to get all the choirs booked before then so if you know any choirs that might be interested please get them to phone us.

Wendy La Trobe

Mothers' Union

I would like to thank all members who baked and donated towards the cake stall that we ran at the parish Christmas Fayre. (See photograph on page 20.) We raised £175. Another £31 was raised for our deanery's fundraising from Roz

Harrison's 'Guess the weight' cake.

Our Secretary, Barbara Hughes, gave two talks in November on her memories of her wartime childhood. Her presentation was illustrated by projected photographs taken at the time. At the time, Barbara lived in Liverpool which was heavily bombed – this contrasted heavily with the times she spent unofficially evacuated to the safety of her wider family. In spite of attending many schools, her education was seemingly not affected. Everyone who attended the talks enjoyed them and it brought back memories too many.

On 19 November, Fr. John held a Quiet Afternoon in the The Memorial Chapel. After his reflections, those present adjourned to the church hall for an afternoon tea.

Dates for your diary:

Glenis Roberts will be leading Advent Carols and Readings on Monday, 3 December at 2.30 pm.

The Quiet Evening with the Rev Jane Allen that was originally programmed for 11 December will now take place on Tuesday, 4 December at 7.30 pm. This will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies. I am unavailable that day and am grateful to Angela Prichard for organising the event.

Our Christmas Lunch is at the Queen's Hotel on Monday, 17 December at 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm.

Maggie Leitch

Sunday Rota

2nd December

Reader	Stephanie Searle
Sidespersons	Cath Lloyd Joyce Crosby Stan Whittaker Marion Heald
Eucharistic Ministers	Lynn Ferriday Marion Heald

9th December

Readers	Ray Stythe-Jones Gaynor Stythe-Jones
Sidespersons	Dorothy Trent Stan Whittaker Annabel Jones Joyce Crosby
Euch. Minister	Marion Heald

16th December

Reader	Angela Pritchard
Sidespersons	Doug Pritchard Cynthia Poyser Judith Williams Wendy C-Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers	Lynn Ferriday Stan Whittaker
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23rd December

Reader	Peter La Trobe
Sidespersons	Barbara Yates Ben Edwards Ron Illidge Eira Jones
Eucharistic Ministers	Cath Lloyd Maggie Leitch

24th December and 25th December to be arranged

30th December

Reader	Anne Rimmer
Sidespersons	Sandra Davies Terry Dewar Joyce Crosby William Maidlow
Eucharistic Ministers	Marion Heald Angela Pritchard

Attendance Figures

Holy Trinity Church

		Eucharists to October 6th	29
October 7th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	18
Trinity 18	10.30 am	Family Eucharist	100
Harvest Festival	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	5
		Other weekday Eucharists	15
October 14th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	18+1
Trinity 19	10.30 am	Choral Eucharist	82
		Shortened Eucharist	30

	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	1
	6.00 pm	Exploring Worship	28
October 16th	2.30 pm	Eucharist for Parish Fellowship	8
		Other Weekday Eucharists	27
October 21st	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	13
Trinity 20	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Ministry of Healing	70
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	4
		Other Weekday Eucharists	24
October 28th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	18
Trinity 21	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	76
SS Simon and Jude	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	4
		Other Weekday Eucharists	3

St. Tudno's Church

Sun Nov 4th	11.00 am	All Saintside Service	19
Sat Nov 10th	9.00 am	Boer War Remembrance Service	16

Calendar for December

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

Sun 2nd Advent 1

		Services at the usual times for the first Sunday
		The 10.30 am service will be a Family Eucharist
Tues 4th	10.00 am	<i>'Julian' meditation group at Stella Maris</i>
Thurs 6th	7.00 pm	Mencap Carol Service
Fri 7th		St. Raphael Guild visit to Chester
Sat 8th	2.00 pm	Blind Veterans' Concert

Sun 9th Advent 2

		Morning Services as usual for the second Sunday
	4.00 pm	Christingle Service
	6.00 pm	Exploring Worship Service (in Hall) (No Evening Prayer)
Tues 11th	7 30 pm	MU Advent Quiet Evening
Thurs 13th	11.00 am	Eucharist with Ministry of Healing

Sun 16th Advent 3

Services as usual for the 3rd Sunday

Mon 17th	12.30 pm	Joint MU/Parish Fellowship Christmas Lunch – Queen’s Hotel
Sun 23rd	Advent 4	
		Morning services as usual.
	3.00 pm & 5.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight at St. Tudno’s No Evening Prayer at Holy Trinity
Mon 24th	Christmas Eve	
	5.00 pm	Crib Service
	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass
Tues 25th	Christmas Day	
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist with Carols
Weds 26th	Stephen, first Christian Martyr	
	11.00 am	Eucharist
Thurs 27th	John, Apostle and Evangelist	
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Fri 28th	Holy Innocents	
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Sat 29th	Thomas of Canterbury	
	11.00 am	Yr Offeren
Sun 30th	Christmas I	
		Morning services as usual. No Evening Prayer
January		
	Tues 1st	Naming of Jesus/New Year’s Day
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Fri 4th	7.00 pm	Diocesan ‘Plygain’ Service (see pages 11 & 17 for details)

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Holy Baptism

October 28th: Harley James Hughes

November 4th: Iago Stephen Gareth Hayes

150th Anniversary Group Report

As most readers will know, 2015 is the 150th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of Holy Trinity Church. Amongst the ideas considered by the group responsible for celebrating the occasion is the provision of a lasting legacy. Though some suggestions already made in this magazine have proved controversial, this demonstrates how much parishioners care about their church. As has already been pointed out, no decisions have been taken, or will be taken, without full consultation. Nevertheless, time marches on and the PCC will need to start making some decisions soon.

Since the Group's last report, a number of things have happened. Last month, three members visited the fine churches of St. Peter, Ruthin and St. Giles, Wrexham. Our main purpose was to look at the iron gates at both churches, both made by the same craftsman. Intended to strengthen its link with the town and local community, the gates at St. Peter's have recently been restored as part of its contribution to the town trail. The Group is considering this idea for Holy Trinity Church.

At St. Giles' Church, we were introduced to its vision and shown some of the alterations that have recently been made to a side aisle. Moveable partitions enable it to be used for a wide range of activities, whilst allowing the

side aisle to continue to be used for services when required. This flexibility is of greater significance at St. Giles' than it would be at Holy Trinity because St. Giles' does not possess a church hall. Nevertheless the design of the partitions gave us much to think about.

What really gripped our imagination at St. Giles' was an impressive dais positioned between the nave and the chancel on which stood the altar, placing it at the heart of the worship. The chancel had been converted for use as a chapel. In addition to services, the dais was used for orchestral and dramatic events. It was now far easier for speakers to address a meeting. In this way St. Giles' was making a big effort to overcome the restraints that limited worship and prevented the use of the church in other ways.

Many will be familiar with examples of John Horsfield's historical research. John has been very busy uncovering interesting, and perhaps unpublished, material relating to the foundation and early years of Holy Trinity Church. John is preparing a booklet and still welcomes items that you may have relating to these times. If you have something, do please approach John and allow him to judge whether it might be useful.

At the heart of deliberations, quite rightly, is our concern for worshipping the Lord. In addition to a main anni-

versary service, we propose to spread our celebrations of praise and worship throughout 2015. This will be a year of prayer dedicated to the anniversary, and what, as a church, we should be thinking.

The Group has been in touch with BBC Radio Wales (88.2 MW, or 94.8 FM) with a view to inviting the programme 'Celebration' (7.30 am Sundays). We can only proceed with this if we have the parishioners' full support and commitment to attend the rehearsals that will be necessary, together with the substantial preparation that Norman and the choir will need to do. If we do these things (and an invitation to 'Songs

of Praise' is also under consideration) we have to make sure we do them well, and that means a commitment of time and faith by everybody

As you can see the Group has been busy, but we do need more ideas as we near decision time. Do come to our next meeting; it's on Thursday 17th January, at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall, or speak to the Rector, Jenny Bicknell, John Horsfield, Terry Dewar, or me. We really do hope to celebrate an anniversary that you will all feel is worthy of Holy Trinity, that can be offered up to the Lord we worship in praise and thanksgiving.

William Maidlow

From the Parish Pump

Pray for the folk next door

Have you ever considered praying for your own neighbours? That is the aim of a new national initiative, Neighbourhood Prayer Network (NPN). It was launched at the recent National Day of Prayer at Wembley (which drew Christians from 114 of the 124 post code districts from around the UK).

NPN wants to encourage Christians throughout the country to commit to praying for the people along their own street on a regular basis. Regular prayer for our neighbours, and the willingness to give them practical help where possible, is something any Christian can do. It responds to Jesus' commandment to

'love your neighbour as yourself'. So far over 500 streets across the country are being prayed for each day by the Christians who live on them.

For more details on how to sign up, and to receive a book to help get you started, please visit: www.neighbourhoodprayer.net

Advent purple 'belongs to Cadbury'

The Meaningful Chocolate Company has been forced to redesign its faith based range after it was advised that 'Advent purple belongs to Cadbury'.

Last year the Manchester-based Meaningful Chocolate Company designed chocolate tree decorations to help parents and grandparents share the Christmas story with children. The box they came in was advent purple with a picture of Mary and Jesus on the front. In the box was a copy of the Christmas story and a Nativity character sticker set, used to decorate five blank chocolate discs.

Purple is the colour worn by clergy during Advent (in preparation for Christmas) and Lent (in preparation for Easter). Many bishops wear purple shirts. However, the company has been advised by its legal team that Cadbury has secured the rights to the colour purple in the UK. And so this year the Meaningful Chocolate Company has changed their packaging of religious Christmas Tree Decorations to a warm red.

David Marshall said that in any case, there would have been 'little chance of confusion. Our box of Meaningful Christmas Tree Decorations are very different from Cadbury's own decorations in a number of ways. Our chocolate is Fairtrade, Cadbury's is not. A charitable donation is made from every sale, Cadbury's do not do this. We have Jesus, Mary and characters on the front of our box and a copy of the Christmas story inside, Cadbury have a mostly white box with a snowman on the front and secular tree decorations in a plastic cover. The reason we use purple is that it has been used for centuries by the

church during advent....but apparently no longer...it appears that the association is now with Cadbury.'

New networking conference for Christians in business

Are you a Christian in business? Then you may well be interested in a conference whose speakers will include the entrepreneur Sir Peter Vardy (who sold Reg Vardy plc in 2006 for £506m) and Gary Grant, founder of The Entertainer chain of toy stores. The conference, 'Equipping to Succeed', is the first Christian Business Networking Conference in the UK. It will be held on March 26/27 2013, at the High Leigh Conference Centre.

The two-day programme includes



'For the next part of our carol service, Nigel, the verger's nephew will play his interpretation of Silent Night ...'

seminars on networking skills, time management and strategic planning. Lord Michael Hastings, KPMG's first Global Head of Corporate Citizenship, will speak on Profit and Poverty... from one to the other. Hastings became Vice President of UNICEF in 2011. More details at: www.creonline.co.uk/equip-into-succeed.

SAT-7 and AWM short films

SAT-7 and Arab World Media (AWM) have completed 10 short films, using drama and CGI animation to confront ten of the Arab world's unspoken social problems. The first of the ten 3-minute clips is a re-enactment of a real-life reconciliation that took place between two feuding Arabic families. Others cover subjects like forgiveness, marriage, domestic abuse, child labour and disability. The clips will be uploaded to YouTube and will be suitable for watching on mobile phones and tablets.

Bible in Jamaican will help Christians in the UK

The Jamaican New Testament in Patois has been launched at the Jamaican High Commission in London. Up to 5 million people speak Patois or Creole, half of them in the UK. The Rev Courtney Stewart, General Secretary of the Bible Society in the West Indies said, 'Having the Bible in Patois is a moment of tremendous triumph because God is speaking to us in our own language'.

Christian radio in Chad

A new Christian Radio Station in Moudou, Chad is up and running. The 'Good News' Station is operating in a converted storage room with a mast. The project was launched by the Swedish Pentecostal Mission and its sister church in Chad and training for the Radio Producers was provided by IBRA Media.

Bible iPhone app

Bible Society Australia and Matthias Media have launched a new smart phone app for iPhones and iPads. Called 'XV: the Bible in 15', it is a free app providing 15 stages which each look at one aspect of the story of the Bible. It gives an overview, some Bible verses and points to ponder. A web version is available: <http://25words.biblesociety.org.au/me/#apps>

Helping Christians in Iran

SAT-7 PARS is to expand its Leadership Training through its SOTA (Seminary of the Air) Programming, designed to teach Biblical principles to new believers and house church leaders. It is organising a 'Dish of Hope' campaign to raise funds for SOTA. Visit www.dishof-hope.org for more information.

Sharing Eden - and respect for the environment

A small book featured at the recent Cheltenham Literature Festival has 'brought together' the three Abrahamic faiths which between them involve 54% of the world's population.

Sharing Eden shows how respect for the environment is at the heart of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions and encourages them all to see how this concern is fundamental to their faiths. Sharing Eden has been compiled by a Christian, Muslim and Jew who show how over the centuries Jewish, Islamic and Christian teachings have covered environmental issues which are as relevant now as when they were written.

The book looks at: sustainability and waste, water, energy and natural resources, climate change, food, biodiversity and regeneration and includes some of the most beautiful and enlightening texts from Abrahamic scriptures along with a glossary and useful contacts.

Sharing Eden was written by David Shreeve, Rabbi Natan Levy and Harfiyah Haleem. It is published by Kube Publishing in association with The Conservation Foundation. Details at: www.sharingeden.org

Sending love in 100 million shoe boxes

This month hundreds of thousands of

needy children across Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa will be eagerly opening shoe boxes of gifts sent by generous people in the UK, the US, Europe and Australia. Somewhere in the middle of all that there will be an historic shoe box: the 100 millionth shoe box that has been sent since 1990. No one will know quite which one it is, but it is a great milestone to celebrate.

Many local churches in these countries (from Bosnia to Liberia, Montenegro to Swaziland) are also offering the youngsters a short follow-up course called 'The Greatest Journey'. It simply explains who Jesus is, and what Christianity is all about. The literature and the course resources are shared at the invitation of local church leaders, after consultation with other civic leaders. Since 2010, 700,000 children worldwide have accepted an invitation to join the course. Please remember these children in your prayers – they face huge challenges in their young lives.

Operation Christmas Child was started in 1990, in Wrexham, by Dave Cooke, after he saw pictures of appalling conditions in Romanian orphanages on TV. That year he led a small convoy of vehicles from Wrexham to Romania, to help the children. In 1995 OCC merged with Samaritan's Purse.

Homeless Charity's Horticultural Success!

A Christian Leeds-based charity, St

Holly

As one of our few native evergreens, holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) has long been popular in Christmas decorations and the typical image of holly is red berries and prickly leaves. However, not all plants conform to this image. Holly is dioecious, which means that it has separate male and female plants and therefore only the female plants will bear berries. Furthermore, the leaves

are not always prickly and in deep shade, on mature plants or at the tops of trees where grazing would be unlikely, there may be few or no spines. In the photographs the almost smooth edged leaves were on a mature tree in a wooded area of Haulfre Gardens, while the spiky leaves are from a bush in a more open location on the Great Orme. I have recently learnt that an



Spiky holly leaves.



Smooth holly leaf.

individual holly leaf can live for five years, and occasionally up to eight years, but as a Guide I learnt that dead holly leaves are excellent material for tinder when lighting camp fires.

Holly occurs naturally as an understorey shrub in deciduous woodlands but populations in Britain have been declining where holly is in competition with the invasive rhododendron (*Rhododendron ponticum*). More rarely, holly may form true holly woods, in which the trees can grow very large. In the past, slender, pliable branches from coppiced holly were used as horse whips, while the fine, white hardwood is suitable for carving. On a larger scale, North Wales sculptor David Nash currently has



Holly flowers.

Gardens which have reached the ends of their lives.

Holly flowers in spring and while its small, pale flowers may not be very conspicuous to us, they are attractive to the insects which pollinate them. The berries in their turn are attractive to birds and thrushes in particular help dispersal of seeds while feeding on the berries. Flower arrangers may choose to cut some branches with berries and bring them indoors to preserve the berries for Christmas – but do leave some berries on the tree for the birds to have their Christmas feast!

Christine Jones

some work including holly sculpture on display at Kew Gardens, where he has been working with trees from the

mas feast!

Coffee Time

Cryptics (thanks and courtesy Barbara Cartwright).

All answers **seasonal**

Results for November

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| 1. She can be prickly when leaves. (5) | 1. Tartare |
| 2. Former South African place of birth. (5) | 2. Macaroni |
| 3. Contemporary December 25th. (7,3) | 3. Pastry |
| 4. Gushes about opening of rose's buds! (7) | 4. Sago |
| 5. Holly's mate can be poisonous. (3) | 5. Cheese |
| 6. Singers usually score hits round end of December. (10) | 6. Noodles |
| 7. Listen out for decoration. (6) | 7. Elevenses |
| 8. Christmas for boy. (4) | 8. Crepe |
| 9. Panto where a lot of noise follows a boy. (7) | 9. Lemon |
| 10. Its charms vary as an annual event! (9) | 10. Almond |

Holy Trinity Church
Mostyn Street



St. Tudno's Church
Great Orme

Christmastide Services

All services are at Holy Trinity Church except where stated

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Details of our other services and further information can be seen on our website at www.llandudno-parish.org.uk

**Dymuna Blwyf Llandudno Nadolig
Bendigedig iawn i bawb**

**The Parish of Llandudno wishes
everyone a Very Blessed Christmas**