

graves or memorials of soldiers killed during this war. Find a war grave. Take a photo of the grave, and see if you can work out how old the soldier was when he died.

7. Children's graves (18)

Some graves are for very young children, reminding us that in the past a great many children died at a very young age. Why do you think this was? Find the grave of a child and work out how old the child was when he / she died. Could you write a poem (and send it to us) that shows how you feel about this?

8. Rubbing grave inscriptions (18)

Some of the slate graves with flat tops are ideal for making rubbings of the inscriptions. Can you do a rubbing and make the lettering on the grave come out on your paper? Try using different coloured crayons to create a special effect. When you do the rubbing, also write down the name, age, and date when the person died.



9. Looking at plants

There are lots of different plants in the churchyard. Draw or take a photo of your favourite. Look out for flowers in spring and

summer, or ferns and mosses in autumn and winter, but please don't pick the flowers.

10. Who was Saint Tudno? (1, 7)

Have a look in the lych-gate or in the church. What can you find out about St. Tudno?



We do hope you enjoyed your visit, and doing the activities. If you have taken a picture of your activity, or written a poem, do send it to us, together with your comments, and we will put it on our website.

We look forward to hearing from you and we hope you will come again soon – why not bring a friend with you?

Please send your pictures and poems to:
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**CHILDREN TAKING PART IN
THESE ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**



The Secret Churchyard

An activity guide for children to help them discover some of the secrets of St. Tudno's Churchyard on the Great Orme



Which is the oldest grave you can find? Are people still being buried here? How did that massive pink grave get here? Why is the grass so long? Did you know that, like an iceberg, there is more of an ant heap below the ground than above it. How many ants is that? Who was St. Tudno? There are so many questions. We hope that by doing these activities you will have fun. Find some of the answers and discover more about this ancient churchyard along the way.

All we ask is that you **do not climb** on the graves and, for your own safety, **PLEASE keep to the paths** because the ground in the long grass is very uneven.

Helpful hints

The activities are designed on a mix and match basis: you choose which ones you want to do, and how much time you want to spend. It's up to you but we suggest that choosing one or two of the activities is better than trying to complete all of them. You can always come back again another time. Perhaps you could use your mobile phone camera to create an album based on these questions.

Paper and crayons can be found in the box at the back of the church. To help the next person who visits the churchyard, please do not take more paper than you need and please put the crayons back in the box afterwards. Thank you.

Now it's time to get started. The numbers [(1)(2) etc] refer to the numbered white stones in the churchyard. This will help you find things more easily.

1. Making things (near the pine trees) (1)

Create a collage or model using a pine cone, pine needles, twigs, and grass. Can you make a picture or an animal with these materials? Take a photo of what you have made.

2. Looking for animals

The grass is allowed to grow to help wildlife. As you go around, look out for animals. There may be different types of birds, butterflies, bees, snails, insects and other creatures; perhaps you might even spot some rabbits. What can you see?

3. Find and draw the mounting block (2)

Can you work out what it was used for? Think about how people got here before cars. A clue is in the name.

4. Find the huge pink grave (3)

Who is buried here and what is special about one of the names? How do you think this big grave stone got here?



5. Looking at the gravestones

The materials

The graves in the churchyard are made of different types of material. Some are made of wood, some of limestone, some of slate, some of other types of stone such as marble. Find a grave made from each of these types of material and take a photo or draw a picture of it.

The carvings (10 - 14)

Some of the gravestones have elaborate carvings that required great skill and precision. Find the carving you like best and take a photo or draw a picture of it.



6. War graves (15)

Over a hundred years ago in 1916, the Battle of the Somme took place during the First World War. The British Army suffered the most number of killed and wounded soldiers in one day in its history. Almost every churchyard has