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Services

Holy Trinity Church, Mostyn Street

Sundays

- 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays)
- Matins followed by shortened Eucharist (2nd Sunday)
- Combined Matins and Eucharist (5th Sunday)
- 5.00 pm Evening Prayer
- 6.00 pm Exploring Worship - in Church Hall (2nd Sunday)

Weekdays

- 8.30 am Morning Prayer (Tue, Wed & Thurs)
- Holy Eucharist with Morning Prayer (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)

St Tudno's Church Great Orme

- 9.15 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.

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.

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Letter from The Rectory

Where do you 'see in' the New Year? Is it at a party with lots of friends, or at an event in a hotel, pub or club? Perhaps you prefer to celebrate it quietly at home with your family, or maybe circumstances mean that you have to see in the New Year on your own.



At one time many churches had 'Watchnight' Services on New Year's Eve and they encouraged their members to prepare for, or to 'see in', the New Year with an act of worship. For the most part these services seem to have died out and very much doubt if many would want to come to such an event these days. But although we no longer have a special service on New Year's Eve there are still opportunities to celebrate the beginning of a New Year with special acts of worship.

New Year's Day is actually the feast of the **Naming of Jesus** also known as the 'Circumcision'. On this day the Church remembers the occasion when, in obedience to the Law, the infant Jesus received the outward sign of the Covenant in his flesh and was also officially given His name. Our Lord's name has a tremendous significance. It means 'Yahweh saves'. Indeed we know that Jesus *is* the one who saves! So on New Year's Day why not come along to the Eucharist to honour the name of Jesus

and to dedicate the New Year to His Holy Name, acknowledging Him afresh as Lord and Saviour.

Then on the Sunday after Epiphany (13th January), we celebrate the **Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord**. For

Christ this event marked the beginning of His Ministry and as He entered the waters of Jordan He was able to identify with the sinful humanity that He had come to save. When we celebrate Christ's Baptism we are given a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for our own Baptism, the beginning of our life in Christ. At the 10.30 am service on that day we bless water and are invited to use it to mark ourselves with the sign of the cross on our foreheads so renewing our baptismal covenant with Christ. This lovely ceremony, which is a fairly recent one in Anglican liturgy, had a truly ecumenical inspiration being based partly on the Eastern Orthodox custom of blessing the waters at Epiphany and the Methodist Covenant Service which takes place every January.

What better ways than these could there be of beginning 2008 and dedicating the New Year to the glory of God? I wish you all a very happy New Year!

Fr John

Rector's Notes

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

As usual we will be marking the week with a daily series of services at various churches throughout the town. The theme for this year is 'Pray without ceasing'. Please support as many of the services as you can (see the calendar for details) but please note especially the President's Service which this year is of course being held at Holy Trinity on Sunday 20th January at 5 pm. The services of Unity Week are a wonderful opportunity to get to know our brothers and sisters in the other congregations in our town better.

Lent 2008

Lent begins remarkably early this year – Ash Wednesday is on the 6th February. You will see in the calendar details of the services on that day. Events for Lent will include:

- Our usual series of Wednesday services of Compline with Address in the Hospital Chapel (jointly with Llanrhos parish). This year the addresses will be on the theme of best loved hymns.
- There will be a series of Cytûn 'Prayer Workshops' designed to help us to grow in silent prayer. These will be held on Tuesday mornings beginning on 12th February.

- On Saturday 16th February we will be holding our Lenten Quiet Day at Loreto.

Full details of all these events will be in next month's magazine.

The Parish Share

Parishioners will be glad to know that we paid our 2007 Parish Share of £65,455 in full in early December. Despite this, the Diocesan authorities are very concerned that we did not pay any of this money until so late in the year. They have to send quarterly payments to Cardiff to fund the payment of Clergy stipends and so request that parishes pay their Share in instalments throughout the year – preferably in four equal payments. If this doesn't happen it puts a major strain on diocesan finances.

Eurig, our treasurer, has had very good reasons for not wishing to pay the whole parish Share until the end of the year. The way things work in this parish means that things are tight from the monetary point of view early in the year and it is much easier for us to pay in one go at the year's end. Eurig also reminds us that we have only been able to pay the Share in full by raiding our reserves. We can't continue to do this for much longer as they will be exhausted.

On the other hand we do need to see the picture from the Diocesan point of view and appreciate the situation they are in. Eventually there may simply not be enough money to pay the stipends of Church in Wales Clergy.

At the time of writing we do not know what our Share for 2008 will be – it will certainly be more than 2007's £65,000! What everyone has to accept is that we must somehow find ways of raising this money. If we can't then ultimately even a parish like Llandudno will not have a stipendiary priest or perhaps will have to share one with an-

other parish. Unthinkable! It may well happen.

So the challenge is: 1) To try to pay at least some of our Share earlier in the year in 2008; 2) To continue to be able to pay our Share in full every year. Our plans for Pay and Display Car Parking at Holy Trinity will certainly help towards this in the long term (if they come to fruition). But we will still need to think of ways to increase the income of the parish through direct giving and money raising. Please pray about these matters and think about them in the weeks ahead.

From the Parish Registers

The Departed

2nd Nov: Catherine Christina Bailey (85)
of St Michael's Nursing Home, Rhos-on-Sea
(Cremation at Colwyn Bay)

6th Nov: Dilys Eileen Hughes (59)
of Howard Road, Llandudno
(Service at Holy Trinity followed by burial at The Lawns,
Llanrhos)

9th Nov: Terance Parry (56)
of Maelgwyn Road, Llandudno
(Service at Holy Trinity followed by burial at Capel-y-
ddol Churchyard, Gwynfryn, Llanbedr)

May the souls of the righteous rest in peace and arise in glory

Calendar for January 2008

Tue 1st **The Naming of Jesus** (New Year's Day)
11.00 am Holy Eucharist

Sun 6th Feast of the Epiphany
Services as usual for the 1st Sunday

Wed 9th 7.30 pm 'Year of Matthew' Bible Study Session

Thur 10th 9.45 pm Guild of St Raphael meeting
11.00 am Eucharist with Ministry of Healing
(Transferred from the 1st Thursday this month)

Sun 13th The Baptism of Christ
Services as usual for the 2nd Sunday. A 'Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism' will take place during the 10.30 service

Wed 16th 7.30 pm 'Year of Matthew' Bible Study Session

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Friday 18th – Friday 25th

Fri 18th 10.30 am Unity Service at Llandudno Baptist Church

Sat 19th 10.30 am Unity Service at Emmanuel Christian Centre

Sun 20th Third Sunday of Epiphany
Morning services as usual for the 3rd Sunday
5.00 pm *President's Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

Mon 21st 10.30 am Unity Service at the Coptic Church, Trinity Avenue

Tue 22nd 10.30 am Ecumenical Service of Holy Communion at Gloddaeth United Church

Wed 23rd 10.30 am Unity Service at St David's Methodist Church, Craig-y-don

Thur 24th 10.30 am Unity Service at Seilo

Fri 25th The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle
9.00 am Holy Eucharist
10.30 am *Unity Service at Our Lady Star of the Sea*

Sun 27th Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
Services as usual for 4th Sunday

Thur 31st 7 30 pm PCC Standing Committee

Calendar for February 2008

Sun 2nd **The Presentation of Christ**

Services as usual for the first Sunday. Candlemass Ceremonies will take place at the 8.00 am & 10.30 am services

Weds 6th **Ash Wednesday**

9.00 am Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

11.00 am Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

7.30 pm Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

A New Parish Logo

An internet picture search of 'Holy Trinity Logo' brings up numerous hits. By far the most common theme is the use of a 'triquetra'. The triquetra design predates Christianity but it was readily adopted by the early church. Not only does the design represent the three



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entities in one but it also forms three overlapping ichthys (fish) symbols.

The superimposition of a circle on a triquetra is common feature. Indeed, Holy Trinity church has such a design on a banner in the north aisle of the nave. (left) The circle represents God, having neither beginning nor end.

Drawn as a Celtic knot, this design has been adopted as the parish logo. The triquetra represents the Holy Trinity. The circle, also a symbol for saintliness, represents St Tudno.

Editorial

If you are a regular reader of this magazine, then you will have noticed that this edition looks a little different. Your new Editor has a little experience of what is rather incorrectly termed 'desktop publishing'.

Though I volunteered to 'edit' the magazine, my primary role is to typeset and design the contents from what has been provided by you, the contributors. I regret that I have neither the time to instigate content nor write lengthy articles. I would much rather not scour the Internet to find an interesting article just to fill up space.

The magazine that I inherit has 28 pages of which 10 are of advertisements. Of the remaining 18 pages, some change little from month to month whilst others contain necessary notices and information. Less than half the magazine contains news and features for subscribers to read. This is an enormously busy Parish. The list of officers in this magazine relates to many activities though it is by no means exhaustive. The parish bulletin is crammed with the week's activity and much else goes on routinely and unannounced. But not everything gets recorded in the magazine. So please supply me with reports of all the activities and please attach any appropriate photographs and logos.

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Sidesmen

- Jan 6th Kath Lloyd, Mary Rees,
Judith Williams,
Joyce Crosby
- Jan 13th Dorothy Trent, Roy Rees
Jones, Sandra Davies Doug
Pritchard
- Jan 20th Barbara Scott, Angela
Pritchard, Annabel Jones,
Eira Jones
- Jan 27th Pat Ridler, Margot Hughes,
Stan Whittaker,
Ray Millington
- Feb 3rd Kath Lloyd, Mary Rees,
Judith Williams, Joyce
Crosby

**WINTER
WARMERS**



**Wednesday lunches in
the church hall**

The Parish Share or Quota for 2007 was

£65,445

The Quota is the sum of money that we give the diocese each year to forward to the Church in Wales to pay the stipends of our clergy. We have been able to pay this sum this year by using our reserves. This year the Quota will be more and it seems certain that we will not have the reserves to pay it.

Please consider revising your regular giving so that the Parish can pay its dues.



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If you are a payer of income tax or capital gains tax, please declare your regular giving and donations as 'Gift Aid'. This is a scheme where HM Revenue and Customs refunds the tax you paid on earning your gift.

So if you make a donation of £10, the Parish receives an extra £2.80 at no cost to you.

Please contact Stan Whittaker, the Gift Aid Secretary. (Tel:596796).

Attendance Figures for November

Holy Trinity

Thursday 1 st	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	26
All Saints' Day	7.30 pm	Holy Eucharist	3
Friday 2 nd	11.00 am	Requiem Eucharist	29
All Souls' Day	7.30 pm	Requiem Eucharist	37
		Total of other Weekday Eucharists	8

Sunday 4th

All Saints' Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	20
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	124
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	10
		Total of other Weekday Eucharists	28

Sunday 11th

Kingdom 2	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	20
Remembrance Sunday	10.00 am	Civic Service	c400
	10.50 am	MP/Eucharist	45
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	5
	6.00 pm	Exploring Worship	26
		Total of other Weekday Eucharists	26

Sunday 18th

Kingdom 3	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	21
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist with laying-up of Burma Star Standard	120
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	5
		Total of other Weekday Eucharists	28

Sunday 25th

Christ the King	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	21
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	69
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	8
Friday 30 th	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	6
St Andrew, Apostle			
		Total of other Weekday Eucharists	27

Marion Heald, on behalf of her granddaughter Harriet, would like to thank everyone who expressed sympathy and sent cards following the sad and sudden death of her much loved mother. The love and concern shown at this time is very much appreciated.

More Dates for your Diary

Mothers' Union

Date	Speaker	Subject
Mon 7 Jan		Eucharist - all welcome
Mon 21 Jan		Wave of Prayer
Mon 4 Feb	Margaret Rostron	Pathways
Mon 18 Feb	John Richards	Bus Users UK in Wales: The Voice of the Passenger - open meeting
Mon 3 Mar	Mrs Glenis Roberts	Quiz
Mon 17 Mar	Revd Jane Allen	Quiet Afternoon - open meeting
Mon 31 Mar	To be confirmed	
Mon 14 Apr		Annual General Meeting
Mon 28 Apr		Annual outing
Mon 12 May		Tea, biscuits and a chat
Mon 9 Jun		Tea, biscuits and a chat
Mon 14 Jul		Tea, biscuits and a chat
Mon 11 Aug		Mary Sumner Day Afternoon Tea
Mon 8 Sep		Tea, biscuits and a chat



Parish Fellowship

Date	Speaker	Subject
Tue 15 Jan		Opening meeting
Tue 22 Jan	Mrs G Peters	Taste of Chile - illustrated talk
Tue 29 Jan	Julian Thomas	Sychnant Park - talk with slides
Tue 5 Feb	Mr Leech	Kinmel Park - talk on the Army Camp
Tue 12 Feb	Mr/Mrs Williams	Entertainment - in the old-fashioned way!
Tue 19 Feb	Gordon Lorenz	The recording of music in the entertainment industry
Tue 26 Feb	Revd JL Dowber	Chaplaincy in sport - a talk
Tue 4 Mar	Mr Clotworth	Marks & Spencer - talk on the store
Tue 11 Mar	Mr Gerry Sweeny	My time with London Underground
Tue 18 Mar		Closing meeting Discussion



News from Uganda

6 November 2007

From Charles Owens

Many thanks for the kind gift from the team at Holy Trinity. Please accept my sincere thanks. This money is going directly into the completion of the girls' safe house at Karadali Primary School.

Many thanks for the invitation to come out and speak to your group in the New Year. In the meantime to bring you up to date, this is where we were following my return from Uganda two weeks ago.

The local Needs' Clinic which also serves our children is 50% complete and open to business with a medical

officer, two nurses and a laboratory technician running it. The Karadali primary school now has eight completed classrooms and to date has 120 pupils ranging from P1 – 7 year olds to P4 – 11 year olds. There are 45 residential children sleeping overnight using a temporary girls' dormitory in the library and a temporary boys' dormitory in the computer room as both these completed rooms are not needed at the moment. However the library will be needed in February when P5 and 6 will be brought on line – 12 & 14 year olds. This means we have to get the girls into the girls' permanent dormitory which we are calling the safe house. The school now has a full time staff of 11 (I enclose pictures of children and staff).



The children of Karadali Primary School.



The staff of Karadali Primary School.

As soon as the three dormitory rooms are completed for February it is hoped that work can start on a similar building for the boys.

All in all I found everything carried out according to instructions and provided funds continue to come, praise the Lord, by the end of 2008 the school should be in full capacity.

There is a general peace in the Lira area at the moment as peace talks with the LRA continue. Please pray that the peace that is there now is sustained. The flooding that we have heard so much about is now receding and people are getting back to some form of normality. Unfortunately those in the East, most hit by the floods were also the ones that have quite recently left the displacement camps and gone back into the area they so hastily fled from

during the LRA activities. These people now have no food in or on the ground and no money to purchase food and are in dire need for financial help to purchase food to take them through the next six months. Planting cannot take place until the rains in April and then it will be August before they can benefit from the crops. Unfortunately most of the neighbours are in the same predicament so help must come from the outside. It is forecast that right across Central Africa and through East Africa, up to 2 million people will find themselves without and at the mercy of this famine caused by the recent disastrous flooding.

Please feel free to contact me should you require further information and once again many thanks for your concern and support for these our brothers and sisters in Uganda.

Christmas Fayre Images





The Christmas Fayre raised £765. We would to thank all those who contributed to, helped, and supported this event.



And Finally ...

These sentences ~~actually~~ allegedly [Ed] appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not Pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5 pm - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They maybe seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 am there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 am. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the BS is done.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 pm. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'