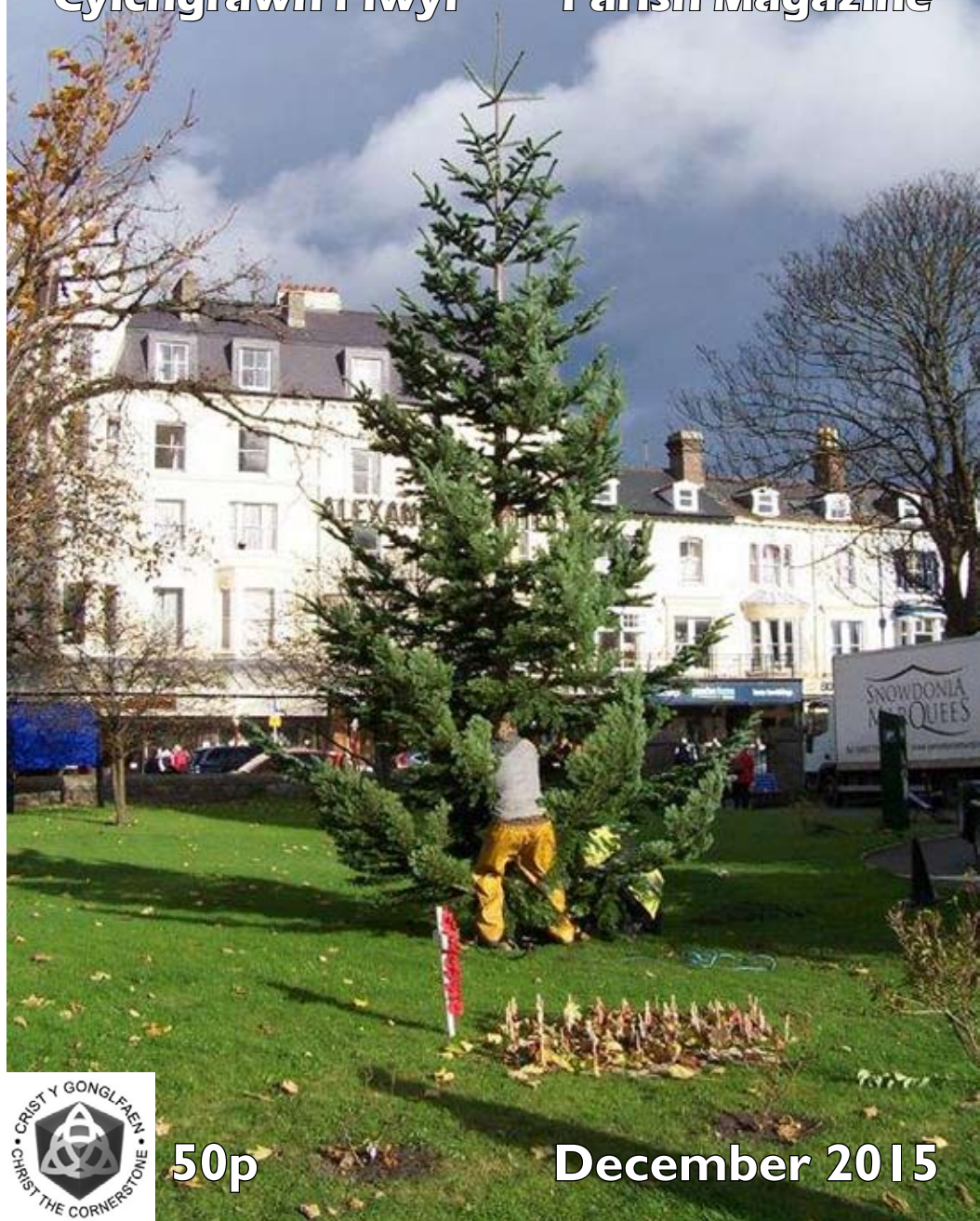


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Services

Holy Trinity Church

Sundays

- 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays)
- Matins followed by shortened Eucharist (2nd Sunday)
- Family Worship (5th Sunday when applicable – Eucharist included in service or follows it)
- 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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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.

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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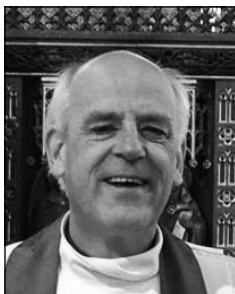
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From the Rectory

This month brings us to the end of our 150th anniversary year at Holy Trinity. And what a wonderful year it has been! Everyone will have his or her own special memories – but the event which made the most impression on me, apart from the Anniversary Service itself which was of course very special – was last month's All Souls' Requiem Eucharist accompanied by the wonderful music of Fauré. To celebrate the Eucharist is always a powerful experience but to do it accompanied by such profound music at a service to commemorate the departed in Christ was particularly moving. It would be good to hear what you found most memorable about the year's events.

But the year is not quite over – we still have one anniversary event ahead of us: the Christmas Tree Festival. This will hopefully bring many folk into Holy Trinity in the run up to Christmas and be a great conclusion to the anniversary year as well as helping us to prepare for Christmas.

Christmas Tree festivals are quite common these days but this is the first time we have had one in our parish as far as I am aware. Some have questioned if a church full of trees is indeed an appropriate way to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord.



They point to the probable pagan origin of the Christmas tree. However, whatever its origin, the Christmas Tree does actually have a respectable Christian pedigree. St Boniface, at the time of the conversion of the German people to Christianity, is said

to have cut down an oak tree used in pagan worship and to have replaced it with an evergreen tree. He told his converts that the evergreen's triangular shape spoke of the Holy Trinity and that it also pointed to heaven. In the 16th century the reformer Martin Luther is said to have added lighted candles to an evergreen tree; and more recently Pope John Paul called the Christmas



"I'm sorry Michael – even if you **have** changed your ring-tone to 'Away in a Manger', it's still **all** mobiles **off**!"

Tree a symbol of Christ. He spoke of it exalting the value of life, as in winter what is evergreen becomes a sign of undying life. It also reminds Christians of the 'tree of life' (Genesis 2.9), an image of Christ, the supreme gift of God to humanity. *"Beside the crib," Pope John Paul said, "the Christmas tree, with its twinkling lights, reminds us that with the birth of Jesus the tree of life has blossomed anew in the desert of humanity. The crib and the tree: precious symbols, which hand down in time the true meaning of Christmas."*

So as we come to the end of a truly memorable year we look forward to a church full of beautiful trees, many no doubt with 'twinkling lights', trees which will bring us joy and prepare

us to welcome Christ the Light of the World into our hearts this Christmas-tide. For me Christmas really begins at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve during which we sing: *'O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, your beauty green will teach me, that hope and love will ever be, the way to joy and peace for me. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, your beauty green will teach me.'*

The hope and love to which the Christmas tree witnesses is due wholly to the coming into our world of Christ the Cornerstone on whom the whole of our anniversary year has been based.

May I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christ-Mass.

Fr. John



The Christmas tree for 2015 being erected outside Holy Trinity Church.

News and Notices

Eileen Box

For some months now Eileen Box has been missing from the congregation of Holy Trinity Church due to ill health. After a spell in hospital she is now being well cared for in the Moorcroft Residential Home in Craig-y-Don. She receives Communion there regularly and is visited by quite a few members of the congregation of Holy Trinity. Over the years her quiet prayerful presence has been an important part of our parish life. She has combined this quiet prayerful wisdom with a humorous and joyful outlook on life and she has meant a great deal to me and indeed to many others. She has been one of our best readers and a very devoted member of the Mothers Union and the Guild of St. Raphael. We send her our very best wishes and the assurance of our prayers and hope that she might be able to come to church again in due course.

The Bible Reading Fellowship

For many years Eileen has been parish secretary of the Bible Reading Fellowship and has enabled members of our church to read the scriptures with deeper understanding through the notes provided by the Fellowship. Sadly due to her ill health she has had to relinquish that role. We thank her for

all that she has done as BRF secretary over the years.

I am delighted to report that Joan Conning has agreed to take on this role – you can find her contact details in the opening pages of this magazine. Joan is a member of the 8.00 am congregation at Holy Trinity and a member of our Mothers' Union branch. I am sure that Joan will want to remind everyone of how important it is to read the Bible regularly with understanding and discernment and will be encouraging more of us to take BRF notes to help us to do just that.

Fr. John

St. Tudno's Church

On Sunday 25th October the first winter service of the season was held for Bible Sunday. It was a lovely mild day and a congregation of 26 attended, with a wonderful surprise visit from Denis and Barbara Cartwright. Some of the Friends of St. Tudno's led the service, which included reflections on the theme of the Bible being a book of healing and wholeness. Tea, coffee and cakes were served afterwards. As we were finishing a group of Scouts arrived and were given a guided tour by Revd Derek Simpson.

The annual service of remembrance

for the Boer War was held on Saturday 7th November. Despite very wet weather, 14 people attended the service, including the Mayor and Mayor-ess of Llandudno, Cllr and Mrs Frank Bradfield, and members of the Lions Club of Llandudno, while young people were represented by one of the Sea Cadets and the Mayor's granddaughter. A short service was held in the church, during which the Rector said that it was important to remember the men from Llandudno who had died in South Africa, though this conflict had been overshadowed by the Great War which started little more than a decade later.

The service concluded at the Boer War Memorial in the churchyard, where wreaths were laid by the Mayor and the President of the Lions.

Over winter, St. Tudno's is open on Wednesdays, weekends and bank holidays, weather permitting, and Morning Prayer is said most Saturdays at 9.00 am. If you would like to attend this service please see the weekly Bulletin or contact the Rector, to check that there will be a service that week.

Carols by Candlelight will be on Sunday 20 December and this year there will be three services: at 3.00 pm, 4.30



Laying wreaths at the Boer War Memorial.

pm and 6.00 pm. For safety reasons, entry to each service will have to be restricted to the number of seats available, which with additional seating will be about 100. We therefore hope that the three services will enable everybody to attend in safety and comfort and we look forward to seeing you at St. Tudno's. The paths should be lit but a torch may still be useful if attending one of the later services and please note

that there is no heating in the church – but the welcome will be warm!

Shirley Georgeson
Christine Jones

Friends of St. Tudno's Church

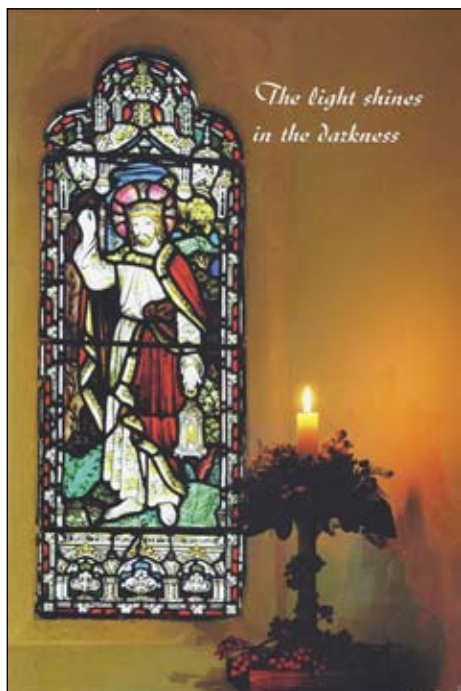
Some of the Friends manned the church on Sunday 15 November, when large crowds were expected in the area



One of the cars in the Wales Rally GB rounding the bend below St. Tudno's Church in rather challenging conditions.

for the Great Orme Stage of the Wales Rally GB. We arrived at the church in good time but the expected crowds did not appear, so some of us were able to join a small group of spectators at the bottom of the hairpin bends below the church, where we had good views of the passing cars. We discovered afterwards that the Great Orme Stage had apparently been closed to spectators because of the high winds.

The Friends will be preparing the church for Carols by Candlelight, starting at 10.00 am on Saturday 19 December and continuing at 11.00 am on the following day. On the Saturday will do some furniture moving to fit in extra seats, before decorating



The new Friends of St. Tudno's Christmas card.

the church and setting out the candles. On the Sunday we will set out the path lights, which will have to be put away again after the final service, so anyone who would like to come along and help will be very welcome.

The Friends' Christmas card for 2015 is now available and features the Light of the World window in the church, lit by a candle and with the message "The light shines in the darkness". Previous cards are still available, including the church in the snow, the Nativity scene and a painting of the church with one of the Great Orme goats. Cards cost £5.50 for a pack of 10 and packs can be made up with a mixture of designs. If you would like some cards please contact one of the Committee members, eg me, Shirley, Vernon or Terry, whose contact details are in the front of the magazine.

Christine Jones

Requiem Eucharist

The Requiem Eucharist for All Souls' Day was a beautiful and moving service and included a liturgical performance of Gabriel Fauré's Requiem as part of Holy Trinity's 150th Anniversary celebrations. Norman Rimmer conducted the choir, which was joined by soloists Sioned Terry, soprano, Jeremy Honeybun, baritone, and other guest singers, while the organist was Graham Eccles. After Communion there was an opportunity to light a candle as a sign



Fauré's Requiem at Holy Trinity.



of prayer for a departed loved one and the service concluded with singing of Thine be the glory.

Christine Jones

Conwy Food Bank

We would like to thank you for your recent kind donations. In October 72 parcels were delivered, which involved 64 children. It is clear from the statistics, nearly half the reason for referral is due to difficulties with the benefits issue.

Other reasons include problems with debt, financial hardship, homelessness and accommodation, domestic violence and employment issues.

Your kindness makes a difference to people in crisis

Thank You

Everyone at Conwy Food Bank

Christian Aid

This year, the theme for Christmas is fighting malaria in Nigeria.

Malaria is a leading cause of death with an estimated 250,000 children dying every year. It is particularly dangerous for pregnant women, with the disease contributing to an estimated 11% of maternal deaths.

Through our partners, we are tackling malaria via education and prevention programmes, training volunteer com-

munity health agents and government nurses. We are involving communities at all levels in health response, like setting up committees to ensure people can access free malaria treatment. Partners are providing lifesaving mosquito nets, where vulnerable families have been missed by state distributions. Education work is key to bring about behaviour change in using the nets. We urgently need more funds to reach vulnerable families across Nigeria.

Christian Aid reminds us that, **for unto us, a child is born.** Love came down and dwelt among us. Born in the darkness and the dirt, giving up everything for the poor, the weak and the broken.

Can we remember to pick up an envelope or donate by the text number on the Christmas posters? This will give Christian Aid the means to show our love and give hope to families in Nigeria and let us remember them in our prayers.

Any donations made this Christmas will be match funded pound for pound by the government.

A prayer for our world

*Lord Jesus Christ, child in a manger,
Thank you for your gifts of peace, hope,
love and joy.*

*We pray for the world into which you
were born.*

*We lift to you those living in poverty,
Those who are oppressed and those forced
to flee their homes*

Christmastide Services 2015

Sunday 6th

4.00 pm Christingle Service

Friday 18th

**10.00 am Opening Service of Christmas
Tree Festival**

**6.00 pm* Carols around the outside
Christmas Tree
(* time to be confirmed)**

Sunday 20th

**3.00 pm Carols by Candlelight at
St. Tudno's**

4.30 pm ditto

6.00 pm ditto

Christmas Eve

11.00 am Holy Eucharist

5.00 pm Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

**10.30 am Christmas Day Eucharist
with Carols**

Recognising their stories, in the tale of your nativity.

Amen

Christian Aid also has an ongoing Refugee Crisis Appeal to bring humanitarian relief to those fleeing conflict in Syria and Iraq. Donations can be made on line at christianaid.org.uk/refugees

Our Flag day in September raised £355 and many thanks to all who took part. Since the beginning of April the Churches and Chapels in this area have raised around £9500, a wonderful sum.

Thank you for your support of Christian Aid over the year and the Llandudno committee wish you a Happy and Blessed Christmas time.

Jeannette Bennett-Williams

1st Llandudno Guides & Trinity Senior Section

We are very happy to announce that the PCC has agreed in allowing us to use the garden behind the kitchen for us to grow fruit and vegetables. This work will be part of our Bronze and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and will cover our skills section where we learn a new skill. We would like to ask for your help. If you have any gardening equipment you could kindly donate to help and support us in our project, we would be very grateful.

We meet on Monday evenings between

5.30 and 7.30 where you could drop them off, or if you would like us to call and collect them, please ring Sandie on 07780980479 and we can arrange this too.

Thank you in advance from us all, and we look forward to building the garden.

The 1st Llandudno Guides & Trinity Senior Section would like to wish a **very** Happy Christmas to all of the church members, congregation & PCC. They would like to thank Geoff, William and the lovely bell-ringers for being so wonderful this year and helping them in more ways that they could count. Also...to everyone who has dropped in to visit us and share tea and cake, we have loved your company and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year (for more cake).

1st Llandudno Guides & Trinity Senior Section

150 Club

I am finding it very hard to believe that the 150 Club has now been running for two whole years. It is also great that so many of you want it to continue for at least another year. In the past two years we have paid out an amazing £3,370 in prize money – something I had not dreamt about when we first started this wonderful club.

We held the October draw during the coffee morning on Wednesday the

11th November 2015. The draw was conducted by Father John following the holding of a two minute silence in memory of the many that have lost their lives defending our future. With the prize fund standing at £150, the following three winning numbers were drawn:

1st	Number 037 John & Mary Evison	£90
2nd	Number 040 Valerie Thomas	£40
3rd	Number 093 Wendy Lonsdale	£20

An updated list of all the winners is always on display on the notice boards in the Church hall and inside the main Church entrance.

The next draw will take place on Wednesday, 9th December 2015 during the coffee morning about 11am.

I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous new year.

Terry Dewar (Promoter)

Mothers' Union

Thank you to everyone who supported a Play Reading and Cheese and Wine evening and Coffee Morning in aid of Mothers' Union, £300 was sent to the Mothers' Union, Harvest Appeal and the remainder to Branch expenses.

Angela Pritchard

Thank you 1

Just a thank you to all that helped during the rally. Judith and Joyce worked their socks off making over 100 drinks for the marshals and Terry did his usual marvellous job at organising the car park. All in all we are expecting over £500 for this effort for church funds.

Geoffrey Howard

Thank you 2

I would like to say a great big thank you to all at Holy Trinity Church for making Geoff's birthday such a memorable occasion, I have never seen him stuck for words before in my life but the rendition of happy birthday by everybody certainly did it. It was most certainly the best birthday he has ever had.

Trish Howard

Thank you 3

Many thanks to Joyce S and her team for the beautiful roses – and everyone who sent cards for my birthday. Much appreciated.

Joyce Crosby

And finally

Congratulations to Derek and Marlene Simpson, who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary this month.

Calendar for December

Tuesday 1st 10.00 am *Julian meditation Group at Stella Maris*
 Saturday 5th Town Christmas Procession (includes Cytûn Nativity Float)

Sunday 6th Advent 2

8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.30 am Family Eucharist with Holy Baptism followed by the
 blessing of a tree donated by the Parish Fellowship
 4.00 pm Christingle Service (No 5.00 pm Evening Prayer)
 Monday 7th 2.30 pm Mothers' Union Quiet Afternoon
 4.00 pm Old School Nursery Nativity
 Thursday 10th Day of Prayer for Refugees
 10.00 am Guild of Health & St. Raphael meeting
 11.00 am Eucharist with Ministry of Healing
 12.30 am Service for the Day of Prayer for Refugees

Sunday 13th Advent 3

Services as usual for the 2nd Sunday plus
 6.00 pm Exploring Worship

Friday 18th - Tuesday 22nd Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 18th 10.00 am Opening Service
 6.00 pm* Carols around the outside Christmas Tree (*time
 to be confirmed)

Sunday 20th Advent 4

Morning Services as usual for the 3rd Sunday
 3.00 pm Carols by Candlelight at St. Tudno's
 4.30 pm Carols by Candlelight at St. Tudno's
 6.00 pm Carols by Candlelight at St. Tudno's
 (The congregation at each of these services will be
 limited to 100 persons) No 5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 24th Christmas Eve

11.00 am Holy Eucharist
 5.00 pm Crib Service
 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Friday 25th Christmas Day

8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.30 am Christmas Day Eucharist with Carols

Saturday 26th **Stephen, Deacon & first Christian Martyr**

11.00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 27th Christmas I

Morning Services at the usual times

No 5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Monday 28th **Holy Innocents**

11.00 am Holy Eucharist

Attendance Figures for October 2015

October 2nd	2.00 pm	Eucharist at Brompton Lodge for Denis Whiley	5
		Other Eucharists to 3rd October	24 + 2
October 4th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	19 + 3
Trinity 18	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	77
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	8
October 10th	11.00 am	Bilingual Eucharist to mark the end of the Arllechwedd Deanery	33
		Other weekday Eucharists	13
October 11th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	19
Trinity 19	10.30 am	Harvest Festival Family Service	125
	11.45 am	Shortened Eucharist	c20
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	1
	6.00 pm	Exploring Worship	23
		Other weekday Eucharists	23
October 18th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	18
St. Luke's	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	70 + 12
October 20th	2.00 pm	Eucharist for Parish Fellowship	20
		Other weekday Eucharists	23
October 25th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	17
Bible Sunday	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Ministry of Healing	70
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	2
		Other weekday Eucharists	30

Sunday Rota

Sunday December 6

8.00 am

Sidesperson Gwen Robinson

10.30 am

Reader Vernon Morris

Sidespersons Joyce Crosby
Marion Heald
Annabel Jones
William Maidlow

Eucharistic Cath Lloyd

Ministers John Riddler

Sunday December 13

8.00 am

Sidesperson Gwen Robinson

10.55 am

Readers Ray Stythe-Jones
Gay Stythe-Jones

Sidespersons Joyce Crosby
Barbara Yates
Pat Riddler
Vernon Morris
E Minister Marion Heald

Sunday December 20

8.00 am

Sidesperson Gwen Robinson

10.30 am

Readers Stan Whittaker

Sidespersons Wendy C-Stewart
Pat Riddler
Annabel Jones
William Maidlow
E' Minister Angela Pritchard
Stan Whittaker

Christmas Eve

11.30 pm

Reader Anne Rimmer

Sidespersons William Maidlow

Ron Illidge

Doug Pritchard

Pat Riddler

Eucharistic John Riddler

Ministers Angela Pritchard

Marion Heald

Christmas Day

10.30 am

Reader Roz Harrison

Sidespersons Linda Blundell

Wendy C-Stewart

Sandra Davies

Annabel Jones

Eucharistic Judith Williams

Ministers Marion Heald

Sunday December 27

8.00 am

Sidesperson Gwen Robinson

10.30 am

Reader Angela Pritchard

Sidespersons Doug Pritchard

Marion Heald

Annabel Jones

Pat Riddler

Eucharistic Angela Pritchard

Ministers Marion Heald

Sunday January 3

8.00 am

Sidesperson Gwen Robinson

10.30 am

Reader Sandra Davies

Sidespersons Joyce Crosby

Marion Heald

William Maidlow

Barbara Yates

Eucharistic Cath Lloyd

Ministers Stan Whittaker

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Holy Baptism

November 14th: Ffion Grace Michaelson Yates

The Great War

Robert Samuel Hughes

My thanks are due to Jennifer Fossi who has informed me that Robert Samuel Hughes, highlighted last month, was her grandfather. She told me that he is remembered as the manager of a skating rink known as 'Catlins'. I had described him as a labourer at the gasworks. Had I got it wrong?

I have discovered Robert Hughes' marriage certificate. He married Winifred Alexandra Lewis on 26 October 1905 at St. George's Church, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire. Both claimed as being residents of Forest Green of the Parish Nailsworth, banns having been called over the previous three weeks. Robert's Father was Alfred Samuel Hughes, a theatrical manager and not as stated last month. Robert's profession was that of a confectioner.

I have also discovered a baptismal record for their first child, Victoria Alexandra who was born on 27 December 1908 at Forest Green and baptised

at St. George's Church Nailsworth on 7 February 1909. The family's address was 56 Hilton House, Llandudno, Robert being described as the manager of a skating rink. The 'Hippodrome' roller skating rink had indeed recently opened in Llandudno (Robert was not the general manager) and when it had a change of use some years later, it became 'Catlin's Arcadia'. Their second child, Alfred Hughes, was born at Llandudno in 1910. Notwithstanding this information which confirms the family's account, there is no doubt that the 1911 record of Robert working at the gasworks is correct.

Jennifer also tells me that Robert was a bell-ringer at Holy Trinity Church and that his photograph is in John Horsefield's anniversary book.

I am very happy to add this further information about Robert Samuel Hughes. It just goes to show how little we know about some of the men remembered in our Memorial Chapel and how difficult it is to create fuller pic-

tures of them. The sad reality is that the majority of those named died without issue and have no direct descendants to remember them.

March 1916

March 1916 saw the first casualties in action of those battalions of the New Armies that were raised at Llandudno. The first five Service Battalions (8-12) of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers were raised by the War Office at the Wrexham depot. (The 12th became a Reserve Battalion, its subalterns and men and men being used to reinforce other battalions.) The 13th (Service) Battalion was raised at Rhyl by the Denbigh and Flint Territorial Force Associations in October 1914 but in the next month it was taken over by the Welsh National Executive which also formed the 14th-17th (Service) Battalions at Llandudno, using the numerous guest houses as billets. Many of the volunteers came from England in anticipation of a holiday by the sea which was vastly superior to a draughty hut (if you were lucky) on some rain-sodden moor.

Alfred James Benedict Joseph Allen

2nd Lieutenant (T), 17th Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Killed in Action, 3 March 1916, aged 20

Buried at Le Touret Military Cemetery, Richebourg-L'Avoue, France

Alfred Allen was born at Aston Manor (now part of Birmingham) in 1895. He was the eldest son of Alfred Allen and his wife Jane Monica (née Timmins) who had a pub and off-licence. Alfred attended St. John's Preparatory School at Alton Castle in Staffordshire which was attached to a Roman Catholic convent run by the Sisters of Mercy.

The 1911 Census records the family living at Sutton Coldfield: Alfred Snr being described as a retired house agent. Alfred Jnr is not recorded at that address though a James Allen, 14, born in Aston, is recorded as a visitor at another address at nearby Erdington.

On the outbreak of war, Alfred Allen joined the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He was promoted to corporal and was commissioned as a temporary second lieutenant in the 17th (Service) Battalion (2nd North Wales) on 7 May 1915. The battalion had formed at Llandudno earlier that year.

After training, the battalion left Winchester on 4 December 1915 and landed at Le Havre on the following day. According to the battalion's war diary, Alfred Allen was killed in action on 3 March 1916 when he was shot by a sniper when he lifted his head above the parapet of the trench near Le Touret that he was occupying. He was buried at Le Touret Military Cemetery.

According to local reports, Alfred was resident at Craig-y-Don and that he had intended to become a Benedic-

tine monk having studied at Catholic colleges at Mardesous and Bruges in Belgium. Commonwealth War Grave Commission records indicate that his marker stone is inscribed "Oblate of the Order of St. Benedict" and that his parents lived on the Great Orme.

Known memorials:

- *Roll of Honour, St. John's Preparatory School, Alton Castle*
- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*

Robert Jones

20006, Private, 14th Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Killed in Action, 19 March 1916, aged 32

Buried at Le Touret Military Cemetery, Richebourg-L'Avoue, France

Robert Jones was the eldest son of John Morris Jones and Elizabeth Jones (née Edwards). He was born in 1883 at either Llanrwst or Liverpool – the records are ambiguous. John Morris Jones was a general labourer and in 1891 the family lived at "Bramley Cottage", Craig-y-Don. Ten years later, the family lived at "Golden Grove", Craig Side. In 1911, Robert was still living with his mother at "Park House", Mostyn Street, Llandudno. He was described as a window-cleaner and an employer. On 25 April 1912, Robert Jones mar-

ried Maud Lillian Jessey at St. Leonard's Church, Bootle.

Robert Jones volunteered to join the Royal Welch Fusiliers in 1915. He enlisted at Llandudno and was given the regimental number 20006. He joined the 14th (Service) Battalion that formed at Llandudno on 2 November 1914. The battalion moved to Winchester in August 1915 and disembarked at Le Havre on 2 December 1915.

Robert Jones was killed in action on 19 March 1916 near Festubert aged 32. He was buried at Le Touret Military Cemetery.

Known memorials:

- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Llanrhos Parish War Memorial, All Saints' Church, Deganwy*

David Parry

20441, Private, 14th Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Killed in Action, 19 March 1916, aged 20

Buried at Le Touret Military Cemetery, Richebourg-L'Avoue, France

David Parry was born in Rhyl circa 1895. He was the son of John and Jane Parry. The 1901 Census records the family as being resident at "Pant-y-Fron", Llanrhos, John Parry being described

as a farm labourer. Ten years later, the family lived at "Warkley", Bryniau Road, Llandudno. David was described as a butcher's assistant.

David joined the 14th (Service) Battalion of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers which formed at Llandudno on 2 November 1914. His regimental number was 20441. The battalion moved to Winchester in August 1915 and disembarked at Le Havre on 2 December 1915. David Parry was killed in action on 19 March 1916 near Festubert aged 20. He is buried at Le Touret Military Cemetery.

Known memorials:

- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Llanrhos Parish War Memorial, All Saints' Church, Deganwy*

William James Hobson

15532, Private, 10th Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Killed in Action, 30 March 1916, aged 19

No known grave

William James Hobson, the son of Joseph Hobson and Ellen Hobson (née Jones), was born in Llandudno in 1896. The 1901 Census records the family living at 2 Tan-y-Graig Cottages, Great Orme; Joseph Hobson was a stonemason. Ten years later, William (15)

was still living with his parents and he worked for a grocer as an errand boy.

William Hobson volunteered at Llandudno and joined the 10th (Service) Battalion of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers which formed at Wrexham in October 1914. The battalion moved to Aldershot (June 1915) by way of Codford St. Mary (Salisbury Plain), Bournemouth and Romsey. It landed at Boulogne on 27 September 1915. William Hobson was killed in action on 30 March 1916 near Ypres aged 19. He has no known grave.

Known memorials:

- *Ypres Memorial (Menin Gate), Belgium*
- *Siloh a Hyfrydle, Llandudno*
- *Parents' headstone in the Great Orme's Head Cemetery*
- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*

Horace Illes Powell

13813, Private, 4th Coldstream Guards

Killed in Action, 30 March 1916, aged 25

Menin Road South Military Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium

Horace Illes Powell was born in Llandudno in 1890. He was the son of Henry S Powell and Mary A Powell (née Osborne). The Census for Wales of 1891 records the family living at 10

Nevill Terrace, Henry Powell being a gas fitter. In 1901, Horace was described as “at school” and ten years later, he was working in Nottingham as a draper’s assistant.

At the beginning of the First World War, Horace Powell joined the Coldstream Guards. He enlisted at Hull and his service number was 13813, indicating that he joined in November 1914. His first battalion on enlistment would almost certainly have been the 4th (Reserve) Battalion that had formed at Windsor in August 1914. The bulk of the battalion, 80% being new recruits, was designated as the Pioneer Battalion in July 1915. The Pioneer Battalion was renamed as the 4th Battalion (Pioneers), sailing from Southampton to Le Havre on 15 August 1915.

On 30 March 1916, the battalion was at Brandhoek near Ypres. According to the war diary, Horace’s platoon was employed carrying stores as heavy shelling prevented any manual work. Another account states that the platoon was employed repairing a

trench. In any event, Horace was hit by a shell and died instantly aged 25. He is buried at Menin Road South Military Cemetery.

For some unknown reason, Horace Illes is neither recorded on the Llandudno Roll of Honour, nor on the Llandudno War Memorial, nor on the tablets in the Memorial Chapel at Holy Trinity Church. It is possible that this was at the request of his family but it is just as likely that this was an oversight.

Horace’s father, Henry Powell, had died in 1915 and though Horace’s mother was still alive (in August 1919 she received Horace’s war gratuity), the local press reported that letters of condolence had been received by Horace’s elder brother William who, until comparatively recently, had lived on the West Shore. This newspaper report implies that William had moved and does not even mention the brothers’ mother. Perhaps by the time the Llandudno list of the fallen was compiled, the family had simply moved on.

News from the Parish Pump

Egyptian Christian imprisoned for sharing his faith

An Egyptian Christian has been jailed indefinitely accused of Blasphemy for sharing his faith with Muslims. Release International is asking Egypt to make good its guarantee of freedom

of religion for the declining Christian groups.

Release is calling on the Egyptian government to follow through on changes to the constitution, which guarantees full religious freedom for all its citizens. The Release campaign [#EveryRight](#)

includes an online petition, which can be signed at www.releaseinternational.org. Contact: info@releaseinternational.org

New church legacy film

The Church of England has launched a new, short film which shows how gifts in wills can help to transform the lives of churches and communities. 'A Lasting Difference', features three inspiring case studies from parish churches where gifts have enabled opportunities for mission: from new church halls, to hiring a youth worker, to improving disabled access.

John Preston, National Stewardship Officer for the Church of England, said: "The call to Christian stewardship doesn't just apply to our church and charitable giving – we're called to be generous in all of our giving throughout life and at the end of life. The Church of England encourages its members to give 5% of their income to the local church and a similar amount to charities that the Lord puts on their hearts."

The film provides helpful support and advice to PCCs on how to encourage this area of Christian giving. Certainly gifts in wills are a valuable source of income to parishes, with around £50 million being left to churches each year. Proceeds are used to finance mission projects, maintain church buildings and grow church communities.

The Pope and the Bible

Pope Francis has described his love for his Bible "If you could see my Bible, you would not be particularly impressed," he says. But "it has been with me in my times of joy and times of tears. It is my most precious treasure. I live out of it, and I wouldn't give anything in the world for it." He was writing in the recent prologue of the German edition of the Youcat Bible.



The special silverware only came out once a year

Keep it a surprise

Three-year-old Lily was helping her mother wrap a present for her father. While wrapping, her mother told Lily about keeping the present a secret so it would be a surprise. After the present was wrapped, Lily proudly put it under the tree.

When her father asked her if he could shake it and guess what's inside, she said, very seriously, "No, T-shirts don't rattle."



HOLLY

We sing about the 'Holly and the Ivy' and prickly green leaves and red berries are everywhere in Christmas decorations.

In Scandinavian countries the holly is even known as the 'Christ-thorn' and it seems that the name of the holly actually came from the word 'holy'.

The holly reminds us of the death of Jesus – the sharp prickles on the leaves are like the crown on thorns that Jesus was forced to wear on the cross. The red berries remind us of the drops of blood that came where the thorns hurt his head.



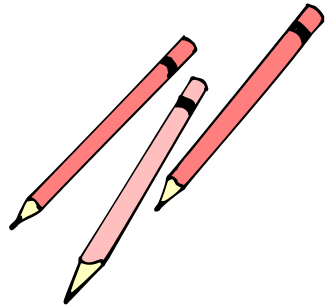
Holly is an evergreen, which means that it does not lose its leaves in the autumn, but keeps them all year round. And because its leaves are always green it is a symbol of eternal life.

SHARP PRESENTS

A quick way to make little presents for all your class and friends.

You will need nice pencils, glue (spray glue is best) and Christmas wrapping paper with a small pattern on it. Choose round pencils rather than the hexagonal type.

Cut a strip of wrapping paper wide enough to wrap around the pencil and as long as the pencil. Put glue on the back of the paper and wrap it around the pencil. When the glue has dried; trim away any excess paper with small scissors.



**What did the werewolf write
on his Christmas cards?**

Best vicious of the season.

**What do
elves sing to
Santa?**

Freeze a Jolly
Good Fellow!



St. Tudno's Churchyard in November

At the beginning of the month the two deciduous trees in the churchyard, lime and sycamore, were showing autumn colours, before the leaves were torn off by high winds. The loss of the leaves and low sunlight allowed the lichen on the branches to be seen more clearly and cup shaped fruiting bodies could be spotted.

Amongst the grass, fruiting bodies of fungi could be seen, as on



Sunlight shining through leaves on the sycamore.



A group of lichen species on a sycamore branch, with cup-shaped fruiting bodies on the lichen in the centre.

many parts of the Great Orme. These sporophytes included some delicate little yellow toadstools, as shown in the photographs at different stages of development during which the cap opens out and loses much of the yellow colouring. This is possibly a *Hygrocybe* species but if anyone can identify it I would be delighted to hear from you.

Christine Jones



The yellow toadstools at different stages of development.