

# **LLANDUDNO**

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# Services

## Holy Trinity Church

### Sundays

- 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)
- Matins followed by shortened Eucharist (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)
- Family Worship (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday when applicable – Eucharist included in service or follows it)
- 5.00 pm Evening Prayer
- 6.00 pm Exploring Worship – in Church Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> 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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# LLANDUDNO CYTUN DIARY

*Items in italics are organised by member churches, affiliated groups and others and are not the responsibility of CYTUN. Details of these events should be sought from the sponsoring organisations.*



## CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30am	Egyptian Coptic Church, Trinity Avenue, Llandudno
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7.30pm	Gloddaeth United, Gloddaeth Avenue, Llandudno
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30am	Our Lady Star of the Sea, St Mary's Avenue, Llandudno
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10.30am	Llandudno Baptist Church, Gt. Ormes Rd, West Shore, Llandudno
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	10.30am	Seilo Welsh Chapels, Arfon Avenue, Llandudno
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	10.30am	Holy Communion at St. David's Methodist Church, Mostyn Avenue, Craig-y-Don
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6.00pm	President's Service at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Mostyn St, Llandudno

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Feb**      **12 - 4.00pm**      *Syria Day at Canolfan Iman Centre, Llandudno Junction*

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Feb**      *Poverty Sunday - resources from  
[www.church-poverty.org.uk/](http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/)*

Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb      10.30am      CYTUN Executive at St. John's Methodist Church, Mostyn St

11.00am      CYTUN Council at St. John's Methodist Church

22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - 5<sup>th</sup> Mar      *Fair Trade Fortnight 01492 877026*

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> March      *Women's World Day of Prayer*

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> March      Good Friday Witness

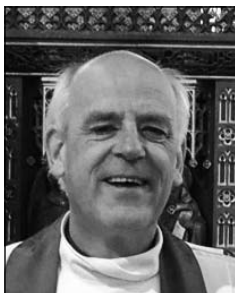
3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> May      *Llandudno : Keswick Bible Week  
[kmorris2011@btinternet.com](mailto:kmorris2011@btinternet.com) or 01492 875008*

## From the Rectory

2016 has been designated a 'Year of Mercy' (technically an 'Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy') by Pope Francis. The Year actually began on December 8th 2015 – the Feast of the Immaculate Conception – and will end on the Feast of Christ the King, November 20th 2016. The Pope inaugurated the Year by opening the Holy Door of St Peter's in Rome, a door normally only open only during such years of Jubilee.

This Year of Mercy is of course an observance of the Roman Catholic Church and as Anglicans we are under no obligation to pay it any attention at all. However, Christians of all denominations could surely gain a great deal by joining Roman Catholics in keeping this year – or at least reflecting on its theme. The **Mercy of God** is a major theme in the Bible and in an age in which hatred and brutality seem so prevalent and when unspeakable acts of violence are perpetrated in the name of God it is a theme the world desperately needs to hear.

In the formal papal announcement of the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis reminded Christians that Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy and that in His conversations and actions, recorded in the Gospels, we can see that mercy



powerfully displayed. We are encouraged to see this mercy of God at work in our own lives and of course we should extend that mercy to others. Susan Heuver in *The Holy Year of Mercy* writes: 'In a world that is so filled with turmoil and suffering, we need to experience God's mercy to others. Pope Francis reminds us that God never stops or goes halfway in showing mercy to his children, and he calls us to do the same.'

Last year we chose to mark the 150th Anniversary of Holy Trinity Church with a year of celebration rather than just having a series of isolated events. This gave a real shape to the whole



"The Rector's New Year Resolution is to attract more people by implementing a less-formal approach to church-going."

of 2015. By joining our RC brothers and sisters in keeping 2016 as a year to reflect upon the mercy of God we can have another ‘special’ year, one which would build upon last year’s anniversary year and one in which, most importantly of all, we might all grow in our understanding of God’s mercy to us in Jesus Christ.

I therefore intend to inaugurate our keeping of the ‘Year of Mercy’ on the Feast of the Baptism of Christ (Sunday

10th January). We won’t necessarily be slavishly following the RC pattern of keeping this year – though I suspect that they will also be following it in a variety of ways – but I hope that this act of solidarity will enable us, together with so many others to experience afresh the mercy and love of God and to be able to extend it better to others.

**Fr. John**

## News and Notices

### The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

As usual we will be taking a full part in the Week of Prayer for Unity. Please try to attend as many of the events as possible.

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Sat 23rd Jan	10.30 am	Holy Communion at St. David’s Methodist Church, Mostyn Avenue, Craig-y-Don
Sun 24th Jan	6.00pm	President’s Service at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Mostyn St, Llandudno

We are delighted to be hosting the President’s Service at Holy Trinity this year.

The reason the service is at Holy Trinity is that the Revd. Mike Harrison has been elected as President for the coming year. We congratulate him on this appointment and wish him well.

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### The New Dean of Bangor

The new Dean of Bangor (& Bro Deiniol Ministry Area Leader) is to be the Revd. Kathy Jones. Kathy comes to the Diocese from an important Hospital Chaplaincy job in Newcastle. She is however a native of our diocese and

was ordained here. She began her ministry as curate in Holyhead right at the beginning of my time as Rector there – so I am particularly pleased that a former curate of mine is now to be Dean. Following her time in Holyhead Kathy was Chaplain at Ysbyty Gwynedd and then Vicar of the Betws-y-Coed group of parishes. Kathy's installation will be on Saturday 30th January at 2.00 pm and all are invited to attend the service to welcome our new Dean.

### **Congratulations**

We offer our congratulations to Fr. Derek & Marlene Simpson who celebrated their Golden Wedding in December. On the Sunday before Christmas Fr. Derek & Marlene kindly hosted a reception for members of Holy Trinity congregation.

*Fr. John*

### **Thank You 1**

On behalf of SPCK, thank you for Llan-dudno PPE's gift of £300.00 which I was delighted to receive recently.

As a regular supporter of SPCK and a real heart for our mission, thank you for your incredible generosity. Please know that your ongoing support is extremely important to us and that your gift will make a significant difference in driving forward our Christian mission as well as improving the lives of others across the world.

With generosity like yours, the Society will continue to be a strong progressive force championing the Christian faith in the 21st century while at the same time remaining true to its rich history and tradition.

*Dean Gillespie*

### **Thank You 2**

I am writing to thank you for the donation of £100.00 to The Mission to Seafarers, which we have gratefully received. Your ongoing support helps the Mission to continue to be there for the world's 1.5 million seafarers.

Currently based in 260 ports across 71 countries, The Mission to Seafarers is the world's largest provider of port based welfare services for crews. We rely entirely on voluntary support from individuals and the industry and on behalf of the Mission, thank you for your ongoing commitment. Your donation will be used further our work in offering help and support to those who work at sea.

*Nicky Wynne*

### **Thank You 3**

Once again we would like to thank you for your recent kind donations. During November we distributed 66 parcels, an increase on the same period last year and we were able to help 54 children.



The total is 662 parcels so far this year. There are very sad stories ranging from people being discharged from hospital after serious illness with no financial support, to long delays in benefit claims being assessed. Some have been bereaved, some isolated and vulnerable, homeless and in poor health.

Without your generosity we would not be able to help so many people.

***Everyone at Conwy Food Bank***

## **New Parish Website**

At the top of this page, you can see the home page of a proposed new parish website. This is not the first attempt at updating our Internet presence but the new site has to be both fit for purpose

and easily maintained. I would urge anyone with an Internet connection to try out the new site which is located at [www.llandudno-parish.org.uk/wordpress](http://www.llandudno-parish.org.uk/wordpress). It is important to know that the new site formats correctly in the wide number of Internet browsers that are in use on both computers and mobile devices. If there are any problems or comments, please let me know.

I would also be grateful if as many as possible could navigate through the menu bar to consider the choice of menus and pages. If you believe that any activity of the parish has been neglected, or if there is a better way of organising things, please let me know.

Transferring material from the old site to the new is an enormous task. Just as important though perhaps less frenetic

is the maintenance of the new site. The present site is entirely the work of Christine which considering her extremely busy commitments is far too much for one person. Fortunately, the new site lends itself to be maintained by a team. So if you see an “activity” in the menus for which you are responsible, then it would be highly desirable if you or a colleague could take responsibility for that page or pages. For example, Mike Harrison has taken responsibility for the page on Exploring Worship and all the pages in the menu marked “Young Families”. The advantage to you is that you can create/amend these pages yourself at your convenience and not have to rely upon another.

Another possibility is to incorporate links to social media such as facebook and Twitter. But in order to do that, a volunteer who both understands and is familiar with the sites needs to come on board our team.

It is not necessary to have a knowledge of computer programming. All the editing is done using a Web browser such as Internet Explorer or Chrome. Anyone who can use online banking or who shops online would have the necessary skills.

The team presently consists of **admin** (Andy Leitch), **editor** (Christine Jones), **rector** (Father John) and **revmikeh** (Father Mike). If anyone would like to join, please try registering on the new site and I will get in touch with you.

**Andy Leitch**

## **Llandudno Christmas Fayre**

Once again, a big thank you to Judith. Joyce and Terry for all the time and commitment they gave during the four days that the Fayre occupied our hall.

The idea was twofold: to get more people into the church, and that certainly worked, and to raise much needed funds for our on going repairs. I spoke with many local people who had never been into Holy Trinity – amazing. They were struck by its size and its cathedral-like dimensions and its beauty and calm, hopefully they will return in the future to join us in worship.

On a financial note, we negotiated with Barry Mortlock, from the organisers and have received payment of £1200 for the event. Judith and Joyce ran their stall throughout the four days and raised an astonishing £763! Well done.

We can turn the heating up now!

**Geoffrey Howard**

## **Parish Fellowship**

We finished our autumn series of meetings with a Christmas Party. Thanks to all who have helped the meetings go smoothly especially Vernon Morris who arranged a varied and interesting selection of speakers.

The tree planted in the church grounds (our way of marking the 150th Anniversary Celebration) was duly blessed after the service on Sunday 6th of





*Photos taken during Parish Fellowship Christmas Party.*



December.

We meet next on Tuesday 26th of January, why not come and join us.

Happy New Year.

**Michael Tattersall**

## **St. Tudno's Church**

The November service was on the 29th, which was Advent Sunday and was celebrated with a Eucharist. An Advent wreath was put together for St. Tudno's and the first candle was lit at the beginning of the service, which included some favourite Advent hymns, sung unaccompanied. There were very

strong winds that day and few people were expected to attend, so we were delighted when a total of 14 battled with the weather to reach the church. Most were able to stay and enjoy hot drinks and home made cakes afterwards and we were able to share these with some visitors to the church, too.

The next Sunday service will be on 31st January and this will be a Eucharist for Candlemass and will be followed by refreshments. Morning Prayer is said most Saturdays at 9.00 am (weather permitting) but if you would like to attend one of these services, please phone the Rector to ensure that there will be a service that week. During winter the church is open weekends, Wednesdays and bank holidays and is a place of peace, even in the midst of stormy weather.

**Shirley Georgeson**  
**Christine Jones**

## **Friends of St. Tudno's Church**

The Friends decorated a tree for Holy Trinity's Christmas Tree Festival and decided to do this with pictures of wildlife on the Great Orme. A working party was therefore held to make the decorations. Photos of Great Orme plants and animals, including the goats, were printed, cut out and laminated and a few pictures of the church were included, too. In place of an angel at the top of the tree, we had a picture of the St. Tudno icon.



*Preparing the Friends of St. Tudno's Christmas tree.*

If you are interested in learning more about the Friends of St. Tudno's, do get in touch with me.

**Christine Jones**

## **Churchyards Committee**

The Churchyards Committee would like to give you an update on what we have been doing of late. We don't just dig gardens, plant seedlings and bulbs and sweep driveways!

I would like to emphasise that our Committee aims to encourage others, especially young people, to seek ways to include our work in the Churchyards as part of our worship, and to endeavour to reach the highest standards in what we do.

We have received much support from the Town Council to improve Holy Trinity Churchyard – in particular the large planter that is on the Mostyn Street side of the Churchyard. Christine

Jones on our Committee is an accomplished photographer and she is taking regular monthly photographs of our three Churchyards. She is a fountain of knowledge on all things botanical and we are so fortunate to have her on the Committee.

St. Tudno's Churchyard has had new smart wooden self closing gates - they have been installed at the entrance to the Churchyard from the Town Council's graveyard. St. Tudno's iron gates have been left in situ. Wildlife is in abundance up in the Churchyard. During November Christine reports that there have been a variety of toadstools.

St. Georges' Churchyard is full of interest with many old trees around the stone walls. There is a beautiful Copper Beech tree and an old and rare Corsican Pine Tree to mention just two. William was busy in October cutting back many bushes and tidying the overgrowth round the edges of the walls. The Garden of Remembrance is

largely looked after by a resident of Rectory Lane – in Spring it is adorned with beautiful Arum lilies. In November Christine has reported that the fruits are ripening on the strawberry tree and attracting the birds. The winds have left some debris but it is good for the wild life! Ros Harrison and William have done some research into a proposed trail in St George's Churchyard. This remains an objective.

The Christmas tree has been planted at Holy Trinity now and it is looking really majestic. Our thanks must go to Terry for organising this – his many contacts and understanding of council procedures are invaluable and have saved the church considerable amounts of money. The tree is really beautiful and when the lights are on it really confirms what a really wonderful church we have.

William has been asked to help the Girl Guides who meet in Holy Trinity Hall each Monday. Some of the guides are working towards their Bronze and Gold Medals for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. They have expressed interest in helping out with work in Holy Trinity Churchyard as part of their Physical and Skills Activities. William has given them a preliminary talk. The Guides have also expressed a desire to grow vegetables in the enclosed area by the shed. They would also like to help out at St. Tudno's and this has been referred to Christine.

Further involvement would include planning, preparation, planting and

maintaining the proposed wildflower area. It was hoped CBC Parks & Gardens Dept. would provide the seeds. William and Christine have come up with a proposed Management Plan for St. Tudno's Churchyard, among other things to see how the Churchyard is managed for wildlife. Steps need to be taken for the safety of visitors walking along pathways and placing and installing Display Cases in the Lych Gate and signs leading to a guided tour of the Churchyard.

William has suggested we keep a Memorial Book of the Churchyards. I have been given the job of compiling this. Over the past 18 months many of you have made donations either monetary or gifts of bulbs, cuttings etc. William and Terry have done a great deal of planting and William has ensured the troughs have been full of colour for most of the year. Even now they are looking good in the middle of winter.

We have received some beautiful photographs of the Churchyards and also of flowers growing in them and I have tried to include them in this new book. I have devoted a page for each donor so far and hope that many of you may be inspired to offer any ideas, help, photographs, cuttings, plants or monetary donations for our Churchyards. Many of the donations have come in memory of a loved one.

We have much talent in our midst with poets, photographers, hymn writers, and of course gardeners.

The Churchyards Memorial Book will be available for you to browse after the 10.30 am services in the Hall during January.

We look forward to hearing from you this New Year.

***Jennifer Fossi***

## **150 Club**

We held the November draw during the coffee morning on Wednesday the 2nd December 2015 and it was conducted by Father John.

With the prize fund standing at £150, the following three winning numbers were drawn:

1st	Number 069 Denise Horswood	£90
2nd	Number 075 Stephen Burgess	£40
3rd	Number 032 Stephanie Searle	£20

Congratulations to all the winners.

Updated list of all the winners are 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, 13th January 2016 during the coffee morning about 11 am.

It is not too late to join the 150 Club. Forms are available at the back of the Church.

The more people involved will mean that we will have bigger prizes and maybe more of them.

Do you know someone who would like to join in this great adventure (Must be 16 years of age or over). Maybe you have a friend or relative who may be interested.

May I again thank everyone for their support in this project and look forward to its continuing success.

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

***Terry Dewar (Promoter)***

# ***PARISH REGISTER***

## ***Holy Baptism***

***November 29th: Riley-James Neil O'Callaghan  
Demi Leigh O'Callaghan***

***December 6th: Caitlin Ivy Beech  
Cooper Alexander Beech***

## Gallery



**Blessing of new tree – Holy Trinity Churchyard, 6 December.**







**Christingle Service, 6 December.**





**Crib Service, 7 December.**







**Christmas Tree Festival, 18-22 December.**









*Louise Morris - Deputy Town Clerk, Cllr Carol Marubbi - Deputy Mayor, Father John and Judith Williams.*







**Carols around the Christmas Tree, 18 December.**



# Sunday Rota

## Sunday 3 Jan

8.00 am

Sidesperson Gwen Robinson

10.30 am

Reader Sandra Davies

Sidespersons Joyce Crosby  
Marion Heald  
Barbara Yates  
William Maidlow

Eucharistic Cath Lloyd

Ministers Stan Whittaker

## Sunday 10 Jan

8.00 am

Sidesperson Gwen Robinson

10.30 am

Readers Pat Riddler

John Riddler

Sidespersons Ron Illidge  
Vernon Morris  
Doug Pritchard  
Angela Pritchard

E' Minster

Marion Heald

## Sunday 17 Jan

8.00 am

Sidesperson Gwen Robinson

10.30 am

Reader Eira Jones

Sidespersons Linda Blundell  
Wendy C-Stewart  
William Maidlow  
Pat Riddler

Eucharistic Angela Pritchard

Ministers John Riddler

## Sunday 24 Jan

8.00 am

Sidesperson Gwen Robinson

10.30 am

Reader Christine Jones

Sidespersons Sandra Davies  
Marion Heald  
William Maidlow  
Barbara Yates

Eucharistic Marion Heald

Ministers Cath Lloyd

## Sunday 31 Jan

8.00 am

Sidesperson

10.30 am

Reader Angela Pritchard

Sidespersons Wendy C-Stewart  
Annabel Jones  
Vernon Morris  
Doug Pritchard

Eucharistic

Ministers

Angela Pritchard

Stan Whittaker

## Sunday 7 Feb

8.00 am

Sidesperson Gwen Robinson

10.30 am

Reader Stan Whittaker

Sidespersons Ron Illidge  
William Maidlow  
Pat Riddler  
Barbara Yates

Eucharistic

Ministers

Cath Lloyd

John Riddler

# Calendar for January 2016

Fri 1st		<b>The Naming of Jesus (New Year's Day)</b> 11.00 am Holy Eucharist
<b>Sun 3rd</b>		<b>Epiphany Sunday</b> Services as usual for the 1st Sunday
Tue 5th	10.00 am	Julian Meditation Group - Stella Maris
<b>Sun 10th</b>		<b>The Baptism of Christ (Epiphany I)</b> Services at usual times for the 2nd Sunday At 10.30 am there will be special service for the Feast of the Baptism of Christ which will include the inauguration of our participation in the Year of Mercy. 6.00 pm Exploring Worship
Mon 11th	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union Eucharist & AGM
Wed 13th	5.30 pm	Ysgol San Sior - Governors' Meeting
Thurs 14th	10.00 am	Guild of Health & St. Raphael meeting
	11.00 am	Eucharist with Ministry of Healing
	7.30 pm	Standing Committee
<b>Sun 17th</b>		<b>Epiphany 2</b> Services as usual for the 3rd Sunday plus: 12.30 pm Holy Baptism
Mon 18th	10.30 am	Unity Week Service at the Coptic Church
Tue 19th	7.30 pm	Unity Week Service at Goddaeth United Church
Wed 20th	10.30 am	Unity Week Service at Our Lady Star of the Sea RC Church
Thurs 21st	10.30 am	Unity Week Service at Llandudno Baptist Church
	11.15 am	Holy Eucharist at Holy Trinity Please note that this service will be a quarter of an hour later than usual to allow those wishing to attend the Unity Week Service to get back to Holy Trinity.
Fri 22nd	10.30 am	Unity Week Service at Seilo Welsh Church
Sat 23rd	10.30 am	Unity Week Communion Service at St. David's Methodist Church, Craig-y-Don Please note that the 11.00 am Yr Offeren will take place as usual at Holy Trinity.

<b>Sun 24th</b>	<b>Epiphany 3</b>	Morning Services as usual for the 4th Sunday plus: 2.30 pm Messy Church 6.00 pm Cytûn President's Service at Holy Trinity No 5.00 pm Evening Prayer at Holy Trinity today.
<b>Mon 25th</b>	<b>The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle</b>	11.00 am Holy Eucharist
<b>Thurs 28th</b>		7.30 pm PCC Meeting
<b>Sat 30th</b>		2.00 pm <i>Installation of the new Dean of Bangor in the Cathedral</i>
<b>Sun 31st</b>	<b>The Presentation of Christ</b>	Services as usual for the 5th Sunday plus: 11.00 am Eucharist at St. Tudno's Candlemass Ceremonies will take place at all celebrations of the Eucharist.

## Attendance Figures for November 2015

November 1st	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	17
All Souls Day	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	81
	7.30 pm	All Saints Eve Requiem including liturgical performance of Faure's Requiem	95
November 5th		Holy Eucharist at Ysgol San Sior	26
		Other weekday Eucharists	13
November 8th	9.45 am	Civic Remembrance Service	450 +
Remembrance	10.55 am	Act of Remembrance with Holy Eucharist	36
Sunday	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	5 + 1
(Kingdom 2)	6.00 pm	Exploring Worship	24
		Other weekday Eucharists	30
November 15th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	12
Kingdom 3	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	65
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	6 + 1
November 16th	6.30 pm	Eucharist for Bangor Synod	c30
		Other weekday Eucharists	25
November 22nd	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
Christ the King	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	68
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	1

		Other weekday Eucharists	27
November 29th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	15
Advent Sunday	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	71
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	1
		Other weekday Eucharists	3

## The Great War – April - June 1916

Compared with the carnage that was to come in July 1916 during the First Battle of the Somme, April to June 1916 was a relatively quiet period for the lads from Llandudno with only six unrelated deaths presently known.

### William Henry Pritchard

*25519, Private, 17th Royal Welsh Fusiliers*

*Killed in Action, 15 April 1916, aged 21*

*Buried at Royal Irish Rifles Graveyard, Laventie*

William Henry Pritchard was born in Llandudno in 1895. He was the son of William Henry and Annie Pritchard who in 1901 lived at 16 Council Street, Llandudno. William Snr was a coach builder. When the 1901 Census was taken, William Jnr was staying with his maternal grandparents at Llanelian near Amlwch on Anglesey. In 1911, the family was living at 1 Clarence Street, Craig-y-Don though William Jnr, recorded as "Willie H", was staying with

his grandparents again.

William joined the 17th Battalion of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers on 2 March 1915 at Llandudno. He gave his age as 20 years and 0 months. His address was 11 Alexandra Road, Llandudno and his occupation was tailoring. He gave his father of the same address as his next of kin.

The 17th (Service) Battalion (2nd North Wales) had formed at Llandudno on 2 February 1915. After training, the battalion left Winchester on 4 December 1915 and landed at Le Havre on the following day. William was one of five casualties sustained (one dead, four wounded) on 15 April 1916 when the battalion was in the trenches near Estaires, France. He is buried at the nearby Royal Irish Rifles Graveyard, Laventie.

*Known memorials:*

- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*

## **Bertram Lester Holme MA**

*Lieutenant, 12th (attached 8th) Royal  
Welsh Fusiliers*

*Died of wounds, 25 April 1916, aged 27*

*Buried at Amara War Cemetery, Iraq*

Bertram Lester Holme is not remembered on any of the Llandudno memorials or rolls of honour. However, there is a memorial to him in St. Tudno's Churchyard.

Bertram was the son of Geoffrey Gosset Holme, a building contractor, and his wife Jenny Elizabeth Fanny (née Lester). He was born on 22 August 1888 at West Birkenhead. The Census for 1891 records the family of three living in Toxteth Park. Ten years later, Bertram (12) was a boarder at Lime House School, Wetheral, Carlisle; his parents and sister, Gladys (9) lived at Aughton, Lancashire. In January 1902 he went to Marlborough College and in 1906 to Queen's College, Cambridge where he received an MA in 1909.

The Census of 1911 records Bertram's parents living in Liverpool, and his widowed grandfather, George Holme (88) and an aunt and uncle living at Plas Trevor, Abbey Road, Llandudno. George Holme was a retired architect and surveyor and of some means. Of Bertram, there is no census record for he was in Russia, a tutor to the sons of the Admiral of the Black Sea Fleet and Governor of Sebastopol. On the outbreak of war, he was living in Saint

Petersburg, holding a post in the Law School.

Bertram Holme returned to England and volunteered to join the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He was gazetted as a second lieutenant on 18 December 1914 and allocated to the 12th (Service) Battalion that had formed at Wrexham in October 1914. The battalion moved to Tenby in February 1915 but on 10 April 1915, the battalion became a Reserve Battalion and many of its volunteers were sent to other battalions as reinforcements. Bertram Holme was attached to the 8th (Service) Battalion which was engaged against the Turkish Army in the Dardanelles. The War Diary of the battalion records that he joined it on 6 October 1915. On 8/9 January 1916, the battalion was evacuated from Helles to Lemnos, reaching Alexandria on 28 January and Port Said on 30 January.

Whilst in Egypt, Bertram had a temporary appointment as a staff captain but he rejoined his battalion when it was dispatched to Mesopotamia as part of a task force to reinforce troops attempting to relieve the town of Kut. He was wounded in action during the Battle of the Sanniyat on 10 April 1916 and died of his wounds on 25 April 1916. He was buried at Ali-Al-Garbi and reinterred after the war at Amara Military Cemetery. Commonwealth War Grave and other records indicate that his parents had retired to Penmon on Anglesey at the time of his death.



*Known memorials:*

- *Marlborough College Roll of Honour*
- *St. Tudno's Churchyard, Great Orme's Head*
- *Plaque inside Penmon Church*
- *Llangoed War Memorial*
- *Masonic Great War Project (St. George's Lodge of Harmony, No 32, West Lancashire)*

## **John Hughes**

*33316, Private, 3rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers*

*Died from illness, 6 May 1916, aged 40*

*Buried at Great Orme's Head Cemetery*

Born in 1876, John Hughes was the son of John and Margaret Hughes of Bodlondeb, Church Walks, Llandudno. John Hughes Snr was a carter. John Jnr became a professional soldier, serving with the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers during the Boxer Rebellion in China circa 1900. He was invalided out of the army with a wounded knee and gained employment with the Llandudno Urban District Council. In 1911, he lived with his parents at 7 Alexandra Terrace, Llandudno. His job was as a labourer/mason.

On 20 December 1902, John Hughes married Margaret Ann Thomas at Conway Registry Office. The couple lived at Fern Bank, Cwllach Street, Llandudno and a daughter, also Margaret Ann but called Madge, was born in 1906. The couple's second daughter, Mary Jane,

was born in 1907 but died the following year.

John Hughes rejoined the Royal Welsh Fusiliers in October 1914 but was discharged. He attested again on 21 August 1915 and was assigned to the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion. The 3rd Battalion was a training unit administered by the base depot at Wrexham but located at the beginning of the war at Pembroke Dock. It had moved to Wrexham in August 1914 and again to Litherland near Liverpool in May 1915.

Sadly, John Hughes was taken ill and died of pneumonia at Windy Knowe Military Hospital, Blundellsands, Great Crosby on 6 May 1916. His body was returned to Llandudno and was interred at the Great Orme Cemetery.

*Known memorials:*

- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*

## **Robert Sinclair Eccles (Bertie)**

*J/30761, Boy 1st Class, HMS Defence, Royal Navy*

*Killed in Action, 31 May 1916, aged 17*

Robert Sinclair Eccles, the son of Robert Eccles and his wife Elizabeth (née Work), was born at Llanelilian, Amlwch, Anglesey in on 15 November 1898. The family lived at Point Lynas Lighthouse where his father was 2nd Assistant

Keeper (1st Assistant Keeper from 1901), employed by the Mersey Dock Board. The 1911 Census records the family still living at Point Lynas. Robert Eccles Snr became keeper of the Ormeshead Lighthouse, Marine Drive, Llandudno in 1913.

Whether or not Robert Eccles Jnr moved with his parents in 1913 is a little unclear for he gave his occupation on joining the Navy on 17 April 1914 as "Telegraph Anglesey Messenger." He initially served at HMS Powerful, a training establishment at Devonport, as a boy 2nd class. He joined for a period of 12 years, effective from his future 18th birthday (15 November 1916). He trained on the wooden torpedo school ship HMS Defiance, also at Devonport.

Robert Eccles joined HMS Defence on 9 January 1915. HMS Defence was an armoured cruiser that had been commissioned in 1909. She had seen service on the Home Fleet, the China Station and in the Mediterranean before joining the Grand Fleet as its flagship at the end of 1914. HMS Defence was lost with all hands, when it blew up during the Battle of Jutland on 31 May 1916. Thought to have disintegrated, the wreck of the Defence was found in 1984 and later designated as a protected place, being the resting place for about 900 men.

*Known memorials:*

- *Plymouth Naval Memorial*
- *Seion Chapel, Llanellian*

- *English Presbyterian Church (Gloddaeth United), Llandudno*
- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Family marker stone in the Great Orme Cemetery (as Bertie)*

## **Edward Owen Jones**

*20163, Private, 14th Royal Welsh Fusiliers*

*Killed in Action, 5 June 1916, aged 33*

*No known grave*

Edward Owen Jones, the son of Joseph Park and Mary Jones, was born in Llandudno in 1882. In April 1891, the family lived at 16 Clifton Road. Joseph Jones was described as a plasterer. Ten years later, the family lived at 14 Council Street – both Joseph and Owen being described as plasterers.

In 1904, Edward Jones married Jane Ellen (Jennie) Owen. It appears that the couple may originally have lived in Bethesda because their two children, Edward and Jennie, were both born there. However, in 1911, the couple lived at 24 Kings Road, Llandudno.

Edward Jones enlisted into the 14th (Service) Battalion of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers which formed at Llandudno in November 1914. His regimental number was 20163. The Battalion moved to Winchester before disem-

barking at Le Havre on 2 December 1915. He was killed in action on 5 June 1916 near Laventie in northern France aged 33. According to the war diary, there were some casualties that day during skirmishes into the German lines. He has no known grave.

*Known memorials:*

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

## **Ellis Williams (Snr)**

*Regimental number unknown, Shoeing Smith, Royal Field Artillery*

*Died, 15 June 1916, aged 53*

*Buried at Glanwydden Cemetery, Llangystennin (assumed)*

Ellis Williams, the son of David and Ann Williams was born in Llangystennin in 1864. The census for 1871 describes David Williams as a blacksmith; the family lived at "Yr Efail", Llangystennin.

In 1888, Ellis Williams married Margaret Owen. The 1891 Census records the couple living with two children at 6 Madoc Street, Llandudno. Ellis was described as a blacksmith foreman and Margaret as a lodging-house keeper. In 1901, the family was living at 26 Alexan-

dra Terrace; ten years later, it was living at 2 Belgium Cottage, Taliesin Street: the record shows that Margaret had had 10 children, three of whom had died. The other seven children still lived with their parents and included Ellis (18) qv who also lost his life during the First World War.

The Roll of Honour in the Tabernacl Chapel indicates that Ellis (Snr) was a shoeing smith in the Royal Field Artillery, his address was "Adelaide Villa" (Trevor Street) and that his date of death was 15 June 1916. The Probate Calendar confirms this. Artillery pieces of the time were hauled by horses and these needed skilled farriers to attend them.

Unfortunately there seems to be no record of any army service undertaken by Ellis Williams (Snr). The author can therefore only assume that he died after being discharged from the army and that his death was not judged attributable to his service. Further research is required.

It is not currently known where Ellis Williams (Snr) is buried but since his son Ellis (Jnr) had been buried just a few months earlier at Glanwydden Cemetery, Llangystennin, then it is probable that Ellis (Snr) was buried there too.

*Known memorials:*

- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*

# News from the Parish Pump

## **MAF's newest programme – Liberia – gets off the ground**

MAF's Liberia programme is now underway, after months of paperwork and awaiting permissions. By the end of last year, the first MAF aircraft had finally arrived in Liberia – a milestone in MAF's preparations to serve around 80 NGOs and mission groups. Now MAF can help them bring hope to Liberia's poorest, including those living in refugee camps along the country's borders.

Liberia's Transport Minister Angela Cassell-Bush praised MAF for investing in Liberia's aviation sector, saying that the MAF planes would provide another means to 'alleviate hardship.'

## **New Bible in Welsh**

The Bible Society has launched a print version of its popular beibl.net. It comes after new research revealed that more than half (54%) of people in Wales think having the Bible available in simple, easy to read Welsh is a good thing.

beibl.net began online as an attempt to express the messages of the New Testament in simple colloquial Welsh, targeting young people and adult learners of the language. Prompted by overwhelming demand Bible Society set about producing the new printed version.

You can buy the new Welsh translation at [biblesociety.org.uk/beibl.net](http://biblesociety.org.uk/beibl.net)

## **Christian Aid's refugee crisis appeal raises £1 million**

Christian Aid's Refugee Crisis Appeal, launched last September to deliver humanitarian aid to those affected by the crisis, has topped £1 million.

Greece remains the busiest entry point for new sea arrivals, with more than 500,000 arriving on Greek islands in 2015, but the authorities lack the resources to meet the growing numbers.

In Europe, Christian Aid's partners in the ACT Alliance, a global coalition of more than 130 churches and church-related organisations that work together in humanitarian assistance, are providing emergency relief in Greece and Serbia.



*In a tradition dating back to 1977, the churchwardens re-enacted "Star Wars"*



## THREE KINGS

Does Christmas seem long gone? Well, Christmas doesn't really end until Twelfth Night, 6th January. In the past all the 12 days of Christmas used to be celebrated with feasting and parties. January 6th is also the Feast of the Epiphany, which is the day on which the wise men, led by the star, arrived at Bethlehem. At Christmas we sang about Three Kings but we don't really know who they were, kings or wise men or where they came from – you can check the details in St Matthew's Gospel, chapter 2.



We do know that they brought very expensive symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for Jesus, not the usual things that you would give to a small baby. Traditionally the gifts have a special meaning: gold is for a king; frankincense (sweet smelling incense) is for God and myrrh (a spice used to prepare bodies for burial) for mortal man.

## GOLDEN ANSWERS

All the answers to this quiz begin with the letters GOLD (well, can you find any words that began with frankincense or myrrh?). Answers at the bottom of the page.

Can you say which GOLD is ...

1. a small bird?
2. kept in an aquarium?
3. made from sugar and used in cooking?
4. a source of wealth?
5. a tall yellow flower?
6. ate the three bears' porridge?
7. won by a winner at the Olympics?
8. a 50th wedding anniversary?



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**What do you call a camel that's got three humps?**  
Humphrey.

**Who rides a camel and carries a lamp?**

Florence of Arabia.



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Answers: 1.gold finch 2.goldfish  
3.golden syrup 4.goldmine 5.golden rod  
6.Goldilocks 7.gold medal 8.golden wedding

## St. Tudno's Churchyard in December

The churchyard contains some fine pine trees, which are probably about 100 years old. These are not natives (the only native pine tree in the UK is the Scots Pine, *Pinus sylvestris*) but are black pines (*Pinus nigra*), originating from the Mediterranean region.

The natural distribution of black pines is from southern Spain to Turkey and the eastern and western populations form different subspecies, each of which is sub-divided into different varieties. The sub-species *nigra* is found in the

east and the subspecies *salzmannii* in the west, with a difference in the thickness of the needles being one of the distinguishing features. Varieties of the eastern subspecies are the Austrian pine, Turkish black pine, Italian black pine and Crimean pine, while the Corsican pine, Pyreneean pine and Atlas Mountains black pine are found in the west.

The variety names give a better indication of the areas in which these trees are found and suggest that they are

tougher than might first be thought of a plant originating from the Mediterranean. In fact, both sub-species are very hardy and they are suggested to be able to tolerate temperatures of  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$  (subspecies *salzmannii*) to  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  (subspecies *nigra*), as well as being tolerant of heat, drought and salt. These trees are therefore well able to withstand the exposed conditions found in the churchyard but if you study the architecture of the trees you will see the wonderful shapes into which some of the branches have grown in response to this environment.

**Christine Jones**



*Black Pines.*

## **The Bishop's Ministry Fund contribution for 2016 is £75000**

This sum of money or "quotia" (formerly the "Parish Share") is paid by the parish contributing to the costs of clergy stipends across the diocese.

If you have not already and are a payer of income tax or capital gains tax, please consider revising your method of regular giving so the Parish can more-easily pay its dues in the following way: please declare regular giving and donations as 'Gift Aid' so HM Customs and Revenue might refund to us the tax you paid on earning your gift.

If you make a donation of £10, the Parish receives an extra £2.50 at no cost to you.

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



## **Coffee Time**

### **Cryptics (thanks and courtesy Barbara Cartwright).**

All begin with "J" or "K".

Results for December

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|---|---------------------|
| 1. Kim set out to seek destiny. (6)                       | 1. Bell             |
| 2. Preferably and fair too. (4,2,4)                       | 2. Advent           |
| 3. Where old lag going astray is given another spell? (4) | 3. Reindeer         |
| 4. Barrel rolled back in huge kitchen. (3)                | 4. Magi             |
| 5. Snatch sleep after tease. (6)                          | 5. Angel            |
| 6. Want to enter castle, immersed. (4,4)                  | 6. Halo             |
| 7. Part of the ship to turn upside down. (4)              | 7. Gift             |
| 8. Jack could be king with part of church following. (5)  | 8. Family gathering |
| 9. Japanese city - Toyko. (5)                             | 9. Innkeeper        |
| 10. TV presenter playing with banjo all week. (4,8)       | 10. Holly           |