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- 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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- 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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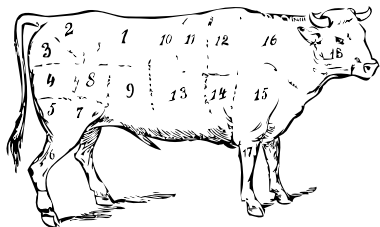
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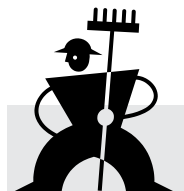
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From the Rectory

With Easter coming early this year Lent is almost upon us – Ash Wednesday is on the 10th February. As I write it seems strange to be preparing for Lent when we have only just finished celebrating Christmas and Epiphany! It's very tempting to wish that Easter could be moved to a fixed day each year (say for the sake of argument, the second Sunday of April) to make life easier and give us time to 'catch our breath' between the various seasons.

Apparently the Archbishop of Canterbury has recently been in discussions with the leaders of other Christian Churches about this very subject – the possibility of agreeing a fixed time for Easter. This would certainly be popular with government, businesses; schools etc, as planning would be so much easier if Easter was always at the same time.

As it happens it's actually very unlikely that all the Churches will agree to a fixed Easter any time soon, although it's possible that the secular powers might decide to do it anyway whatever Christians may think. Remember how some years ago the Spring Bank Holiday replaced the previous Whitsun Holiday – this could conceivably happen to Easter too. If it does, I wonder if the churches will fall into line or will they



continue to keep Easter according to the ancient rules whenever the official 'Easter' Bank Holiday falls?

I have to say that I am not at all keen on the idea of a fixed Easter. It may be tempting to want to tidy things up and make things easier for ourselves – and this year in particular it would be good to have a few more weeks to prepare for the coming of Lent. But Easter is not about our convenience. The passion, death and resurrection of Jesus are simply not tidy and convenient events. Because Christ has died and is risen, **everything** has changed and men and women are invited to respond to Him with the offering of their lives to the Living One who proclaims that He will be with us to the end of time.

Of course we could celebrate all this just as well if Easter was at the same time each year as we do when it continues to be calculated by complicated rules connected with the waxing and waning of the moon. But somehow it would seem as if we were trying to tame the untamable and reduce the greatest event in human history to a convenience.

You may be wondering why I am writing about Easter when Lent has yet to begin. But Lent is, above all, a time of

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preparation for the keeping of Holy Week and Easter – part of the same ‘package’. Originally a time when people were prepared for Baptism at the Easter Vigil and those who had sinned gravely were given an opportunity to do penance, Lent gradually became a time when Christians in general prepared for Holy Week and Easter by a time of penitence and spiritual growth.

Seeing Lent as above all a time of preparation for the keeping of Holy Week and Easter will certainly help to give it focus – in the same way as an approaching examination helps us to learn! I usually approach Lent with a mixture of excitement and fear! Excitement – because I appreciate the opportunity to grow in my spiritual life; fear – because I am lazy and would prefer to be left in peace (especially

when Lent is so early!). Nothing can make me worthy to keep Holy Week and Easter but if I have the courage to ‘gird up my loins’ and enter the desert with the Lord then He can help me to grow closer to him in the mystery of his death and resurrection.

What we actually choose to do in Lent is a secondary matter – we may give things up, take things on, read a spiritual book, attend a Lent course etc etc. You will find suggestions for what we might do elsewhere in this magazine. What really matters is that we make that effort to enter the desert to be with Our Lord and so be made ready to be with him in his passion and to share the joy of the Resurrection, a truly life changing experience.

Fr. John

News and Notices

Lent 2016

As usual there will be events in the parish to help us keep this special season:

- A diocesan Lent book written by Bishop Andy during his recent sabbatical will be available for everyone.
- Once again we will be joining with our friends from the Rhoscystennin parish for Compline and a Lenten discussion group at 7.00 pm on



"But look", said Martin, "Maltesers have hardly any chocolate on"

Wednesday evenings at St David's Hospice.

- Pupils from Ysgol San Sior will be coming to Holy Trinity for Stations of the Cross on Wednesday mornings – parishioners are invited to join them.
- At noon on Fridays there will be 'Prayer through Lent' a time of quiet reflection and prayer.

Full details of these events will be given in Lent 2016 leaflet available on the Sunday before Lent.

Confirmation 2016

Our Confirmation this year will be on Trinity Sunday – May 22nd at 10.30 am. A meeting for potential candidates (both junior and adult) will be held on Sunday February 7th after the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist. Please do come along if you are interested in being Confirmed or even if you are just interested in learning more about it.

Congratulations

We congratulate our Organist and Director of Music Norman Rimmer on being awarded the BEM. He certainly deserves this honour for all that he has done for music in North Wales. We look forward to hearing when he will be invested.

Fr. John

Thank you

Thank you to all those who joined us in the vestry on the 20th December for our Golden Wedding Celebration. It made our day that bit more special.

Also, thank you to Geoff and Judith who arranged for the excellent wine and nibbles, also to all those who helped to prepare and serve it and Father John for the toast. It was very much appreciated.

Derek and Marlene Simpson

Holy Trinity Organ Upgrade

The organ is to have a major overhaul starting in February 2016, when the console will be completely rewired and the pistons to each manual will be renewed and a sequencer unit will be



"We reckon that if he plays continuously for 30 years, we might be able to complete the organ rebuild."

added for recital use. This work will be completed before Easter and will be followed by a complete overhaul of the pipework and action which will entail taking the pipes out and renewing the motors, most of which have not been touched since the organ was built in 1926. The work will be done by Eric Newbound, who has maintained the organ for the past 20 years. The cost of work on the console will to a great extent be covered by a substantial gift of a friend of the church who wishes to remain anonymous.

Norman Rimmer

Bellringing

On Saturday 9 January, members of the North Wales Association of Church Bell Ringers rang a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on Holy Trinity's bells, to celebrate the award of the BEM to Norman for service to music.

Stan Whittaker

Christmas Car Park Donations

On Wednesday 13 January there was a presentation of cheques from the Parish of Llandudno to three local charities. The money donated represented



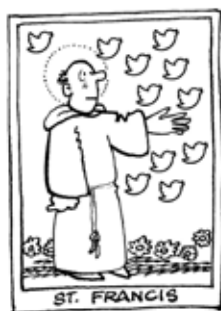
Norman Rimmer (front left) with the bellringers.



The local charity presentation on 13 January.

the takings from Holy Trinity car park during Christmas week and was shared between Ty Gobaith, Mind Aberconwy and CAIS. The presentation was made at 10.30 am, during the Winter Warmers coffee morning in Holy Trinity church hall.

Christine Jones



“He’s been updated. He’s now the patron saint of tweeting!”

St. Tudno’s Church

There were three services of Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 20 December, the number having been increased from two due to concerns about safety if the church were overcrowded and people were standing in the aisle. Extra seats had been fitted in so that about 100 people could be seated and it had been agreed that this would be the limit to the number which could be admitted but we hoped that we would not have to turn anyone away.

The afternoon was rather wet and windy but people still turned out in good numbers – thankfully well distributed between the three services. There were 79 at the 3.00 pm service, including Holy Trinity Choir; 85 at the 4.30 pm service, including the Handbell Ringers; and 60 at the 6.00 pm service.

There was a wonderful atmosphere at each service, the performances by the Choir and Handbell Ringers were much appreciated and the collections raised a total of £330 for the Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children. Many thanks to the Friends of St. Tudno's for all their hard work making the church look so beautiful and enabling the services to run so smoothly.

Shirley Georgeson
Christine Jones

Friends of St. Tudno's Church

The Friends were busy before, during and after the services of Carols

by Candlelight. Preparation began the day before, with moving all the pews and fitting in six of the benches used for open air services, to provide extra seating. That was followed by the annual challenge of assembling the two Christmas trees (one is more difficult than the other!), decorating the church and setting out the candles.

On the Sunday the outdoor lighting team arrived at 10.30 am to set out the path lights, including some additional lights which had been borrowed so that the paths could be marked all the way from the steps and the lych gate to the church. It was too windy to use the west door, so one of the Friends stood outside in the rain to direct people to



Carols by Candlelight at 3.00 pm service.



Anne starts to put decorations on a tree at St. Tudno's.

the porch door, where other Friends waited to greet people and help them up the steps if necessary. The readings were all given by Friends and after each of the first two services there was a rush to fit new hand-held candles in the holders and sort out the carol sheets before people started arriving for the next service.

After the last service all the candles had to be put away and some more Friends joined the lighting team to pack away the lights, finally locking the church at 8.30 pm. The Friends returned on Saturday 10 January to put away the decorations, take the benches back to the shed and return the church to normal.

Christine Jones

Parish website

The new parish website will be launched on Sunday 7 February, during refreshments after the 10.30 am service, and I would like to thank Andy Leitch for all his hard work setting up the site. The original website was looking rather dated, having been launched just before Christmas 2006, and was due for a facelift. The old website was set up with the help of the late Noel Walley, who had set up the first Cytûn website, amongst others.

I took on the role of website coordinator, not because I had any skills in this area but because I was keen to have a go, and Stan Whittaker has always been a strong supporter of the website, providing news of all the bellring-

ers' activities. However, getting up to date information for other pages was sometimes a bit of a struggle, so I am delighted that the new website will enable other people to update their own pages and I would like to thank those who will be doing so, such as Mike Harrison who will be responsible for all the Young Families pages and the Exploring Worship page. Not everybody will want to do this themselves, so if you have any news or photographs you would like to have included, please send them to me and I will put them on for you.

Andy has done a marvellous job, selecting appropriate software and doing all the clever, technical work of structuring the website, while I have just been filling in the spaces – a bit like “painting by numbers”. Do have a look at the website – there is a lot of information there on the parish, the churches, groups, events and activities, as well as the Great War project and an archive of past events from the old website. The work will not stop once the website is launched, as it will be very important to keep it up to date and if you have suggestions for anything to add to the site we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Christine Jones

We'll keep a welcome

In 2015 St. Tudno's was again awarded a Certificate of Excellence from Trip Advisor, the Internet site with world-

wide travel information. Visitors write reviews of their experiences and give the place they have visited a rating from 0 (terrible) to 5 (excellent), the Certificate of Excellence being based on the number of good ratings. St. Tudno's has an overall rating of 4.5, as has Holy Trinity though the latter has not yet gained enough reviews for a Certificate. It is instructive to see how other people view their visits to our churches and gratifying that they have been so positive.

Most visitors have simply come in and had a look around the churches and have been impressed with the beauty, the peace and the information available. A number have attended concerts at Holy Trinity and a few have attended services at St. Tudno's. When visitors meet people at the churches, getting a friendly welcome obviously makes a big impression, so let's all make an effort to keep welcoming the strangers in our midst – a smile may make a big difference to someone else's day.

Christine Jones

150 Club

We held the November draw during the coffee morning on Wednesday the 13th January.

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

Parish Fellowship Programme

(Spring 2016 – All Tuesdays)

26th January	2.00 pm	Opening Meeting	(Eucharist and AGM)
2nd February	2.30 pm	Time in Rhyme	(Wendy Raffles)
9th February	2.30 pm	Support Dogs	(Laura Crawford)
16th February	2.30 pm	Parrot Rescue	(Joan Rakhra)
23rd February	2.30 pm	Polar Bears	(Gwyneth Peters)
1st March	2.30 pm	Snowdonia Scenes	(Paul Kay)
8th March	2.30 pm	Men who crossed the River Conwy	(Vicky MacDonald)

1st	Number 062 William Maidlow	£90
2nd	Number 097 Marian Lewis	£40
3rd	Number 147 Pauline Bigby	£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.

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.

Terry Dewar (Promoter)

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

January 17th: Gilbert Michael Silcock

News from the Parish Pump

Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday – special book

The Queen has served the country and Commonwealth for more than 60 years. From 10-12 June 2016 her 90th birthday will be celebrated.

To mark the unique occasion, HOPE, Bible Society and the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity are publishing a 'very special', 64-page book focusing on the Queen's Christian faith as a tribute to her life of service.

The Servant Queen - and the King She Serves is a beautifully illustrated short book, which uses the Queen's own words to draw out the central role of her trust in Jesus Christ, offering an inspiring, multi-faceted insight into a life well-lived for others.

In her 2014 Christmas broadcast the Queen described Jesus Christ as 'an anchor in my life' and a 'role-model'. It is the most recent of many public references the Queen has made to her Christian faith.

Advance orders for *The Servant Queen* have already reached more than 60,000 with Anglican dioceses and denominations ordering copies to give away.

Samaritan's Purse to 'partner' with Spring Harvest

If you go to Spring Harvest this Spring, you will have a chance to learn more about Operation Christmas Child. That is because the relief agency which sends the Christmas 'shoe boxes' to needy children in developing countries has just begun a partnership with Spring Harvest.

And so it is that Samaritans Purse will share stories from a recent shoebox distribution in Liberia, and how it has been working with families there following the Ebola crisis last year. A Rwandan Christian, Alex Nsengimana, will also tell his story of survival, transformation through a shoebox gift, and forgiveness following the 1994 Rwandan Genocide.

The theme of the 2016 Spring Harvest is Game Changers – exploring what it means to transform the communities we live in. Prices start at just £139 per person. Samaritan's Purse supporters can get a special discount. When booking before 31 January you'll receive £10 off per person at Skegness, Minehead One and Minehead Two and £15 off per person at Minehead Three. Just enter the discount code SAMARITAN when asked.

Sunday Rota

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 Cath Lloyd

Ministers John Riddler

Sidespersons

Linda Blundell

Sandra Davies

Annabel Jones

Cath Lloyd

Eucharistic

Angela Pritchard

Ministers

Stan Whittaker

Sunday 28 Feb

8.00 am

Sidesperson Gwen Robinson

10.30 am

Reader Peter La Trobe

Sidespersons Joyce Crosby

Ron Illidge

Doug Pritchard

Barbara Yates

Eucharistic

Marion Heald

Ministers

Cath Lloyd

Sunday 14 Feb

8.00 am

Sidesperson Gwen Robinson

10.30 am

Readers Pat Riddler

John Riddler

Sidespersons Wendy C-Stewart

Marion Heald

Vernon Morris

Angela Pritchard

E' Minster Marion Heald

Sunday 6 Mar

8.00 am

Sidesperson Gwen Robinson

10.30 am

Reader Norman Rimmer

Sidespersons Wendy C-Stewart

William Maidlow

Pat Riddler

Marion Heald

Eucharistic

Angela Pritchard

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John Riddler

Sunday 21 Feb

8.00 am

Sidesperson Gwen Robinson

10.30 am

Reader Vernon Morris

Attendance Figures for December 2015

		Eucharists to December 5th	32
December 6th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	15
Advent 2	10.30 am	Family Eucharist with Holy Baptism and blessing of tree	93

	4.00 pm	Christingle	88 + children
December 7th	2.30 pm	MU Quiet Afternoon	10
December 10th	12.00 noon	Prayers for Refugees	3
		Weekday Eucharists to December 12th	27
December 13th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	12
Advent 3	10.30 am	Choral Matins	102
		Shortened Eucharist	22
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	2
	6.00 pm	Exploring Worship	33
December 18th	10.00 am	Opening Service for Christmas Tree Festival	30
		Other Weekday Eucharists	24
December 20th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	17
Advent 4	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	101
December 24th	5.00 pm	Crib Service	93 + children
Christmas Eve	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	144
December 25th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	17
Christmas Day	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist with Carols	105
		Other weekday Eucharists	22
December 27th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	8
Christmas I	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	51 + 3
		Other weekday Eucharists	20

Calendar for February 2016

Tues 2nd 10.00 am Julian Meditation Group - Stella Maris

Sun 7th Sunday before Lent

Services as usual for the 1st Sunday. The 10.30 am Eucharist will be followed by the launch of the new website.

Wed 10th 12.00 noon Meeting for potential Confirmation Candidates
Ash Wednesday

9.00 am Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

11.00 am Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

12.00 noon Lenten Lunch

7.30 pm Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Thurs 11th	10.00 am	Guild of Health & St. Raphael meeting
	11.00 am	Eucharist with Ministry of Healing
Sun 14th	Lent 1	
		Services as usual for the 2nd Sunday including:
	6.00 pm	Exploring Worship in hall
Wed 17th	7.00 pm	Compline & Lent Group at St. David's Hospice
Fri 19th	12.00 noon	Prayer through Lent
Sun 21st	Lent 2	
		Services as usual for the 3rd Sunday
Tues 23rd	11.00 am	Cytûn Council at St. John's Methodist Church
Wed 24th	9.40 am	Children's Stations of the Cross
	7.00 pm	Compline & Lent Group at St. David's Hospice
Fri 26th	12.00 noon	Prayer through Lent
Sun 28th	Lent 3	
		Services as usual for the 4th Sunday plus:
	11.00 am	Lenten Service at St. Tudno's

The Great War – July 1916 part 1

Fought between 1 July and 1 November 1916 near the Somme River in France, the Battle of the Somme was one of the bloodiest military battles in history. On the first day alone, the British suffered more than 57,000 casualties, and by the end of the campaign the Allies and Central Powers would lose more than 1.5 million men.

Significant in the carnage was the attack on Mametz Wood by the 38th (Welsh) Division on 10/11 July amongst which were the Service Battalions of Kitchener's New Armies formed at Llandudno.

Trevor Arthur Manning Davies

Lieutenant, Royal Field Artillery

Killed in action, 1 July 1916, aged 23

Buried at Gommecourt British Cemetery No.2, Hebuterne, France

Trevor Arthur Manning Davies' name appears on neither the Llandudno Roll of Honour nor the War Memorial. However, his name does appear on the tablets in the Memorial Chapel of Holy Trinity Church. This is unusual because the lists are largely identical with the same criteria for inclusion.

Trevor Davies was born in Walsall, Warwickshire in 1893. He was the son of Arthur Manning Davies and his wife Ada Rose (née Jenkins). The Census for 1901 records the family living at Handsworth in Staffordshire, Arthur Davies being described as a colliery agents' manager. Arthur Davies established a wholesale coal business in 1908. Trevor attended King Edward's School in Birmingham and then Clifton College, Bristol (1909-1912) where he was recorded aged 17 in the 1911 Census. In the same census, the family, including a second son Horace (16) still lived at Handsworth, Arthur Davies now described as a wholesale coal factor. Trevor was later senior classical scholar at Corpus Christie College Cambridge where he was a member of the Officers' Training Corps.

On 29 August 1914, Trevor Davies was gazetted as a second lieutenant in the 4th North Midland (Howitzer) Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, Territorial Force. This brigade was part of the North Midland Division (later 46th) and was the first Territorial Force division to arrive in France, serving initially in the Ypres salient. Trevor Davies disembarked on 24 February 1915. He was killed in action aged 23 on 1 July 1916 on the first day of the Battle of the Somme having been attached to the 1/5th Sherwood Foresters as a liaison officer between the artillery and infantry for a diversionary attack on Gommecourt. He was initially buried in Gommecourt No 1 Cemetery when

the battlefield was cleared and reinterred in the extended No 2 Cemetery after the war. Probate on Trevor's estate was granted to his father; in the *Probate Calendar*, Trevor's last address was given as "Aragon House", Sutton Coldfield which was his parents' home.

Electoral rolls for Edgbaston give a little information as to the Davies' association with Llandudno: in 1920, their abode was given as "Llys-Helyg", Abbey Road, Llandudno; and in 1922 and 1925 as "Hafod", Church Walks, Llandudno – the same address as recorded by the War Graves' Commission. It seems probable that the Davies' were too late to have their son entered in the town's Roll of Honour or on the Cenotaph but were able to have his name put onto the tablets in the Memorial Chapel of Holy Trinity Church which was constructed in 1924.

Known memorials:

- *Parents' headstone, St Tudno's Churchyard, Great Orme's Head*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *St. Peter's Church, Maney*

George Davies

20018, Serjeant, 14th Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Killed in Action, 6 July 1916, aged 25

Buried at Dantzig Alley British Cemetery, Mametz

George Davies was born in Llandudno

in 1890. He was the son of Henry and Ellen Davies of 69 Mostyn Street, Llandudno. Henry Davies was a print compositor. In 1901, the family was living at 2 Glan-y-mor Villas, Trevor Street. Ten years later, the family's address was "Chyne (?) House", Bryniau Road; George worked as a shop assistant to a stationer.

George Davies volunteered to join the Royal Welch Fusiliers in November 1914. He enlisted at Llandudno and was given the regimental number 20018. He joined the 14th (Service) Battalion that had formed at Llandudno on 2 November 1914. The battalion moved to Winchester in August 1915 and disembarked at Le Havre on 2 December 1915.

George Davies' service record is scant but he must have proved himself to be a good soldier for he achieved the rank of serjeant. George Davies was killed in action on 6 July 1916. The battalion was preparing for the attack on Mametz Wood which happened four days later. The war diary for the 14th Battalion mentions no casualties for 6 July. George Davies is interred at Dantzig Alley British Cemetery, Mametz, France.

Known memorials:

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

William Edward Clarke Jones

14801, Sergeant, 9th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

Died of wounds, 9 July 1916, aged 25

Buried at Puchevillers British Cemetery

William Jones was born in Llandudno Junction in 1890. He was the son of John William Jones and his wife Martha Emily. John Jones was a plumber and glazier; the 1891 Census records the family boarding at 4 Tudno Street, Llandudno. Ten years later, the family was living at 2 Jubilee Street, Llandudno. By 1911, the family had moved to 23 Lord Duncan Street, Salford. William was employed as a brass turner. He also served a four-year engagement with the 7th Lancashire Fusiliers, a Territorial Force battalion based at Salford.

On the outbreak of war, William's engagement with the 7th Lancashire's had been completed. He re-enlisted at Manchester on 8 September 1914 into the Reserve Battalion of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. He rejoined the colours on 22 September and on 26 September he was promoted to serjeant and posted to the 9th (Service) Battalion, part of Kitchener's 3rd New Army – no doubt the recruiters were seeking experienced soldiers to become NCOs for the new battalions. By December 1914, the battalion had moved to billets in Christchurch, later transferring to Southbourne, Romsey and Aldershot (June 1915). On 26 September 1915, the battalion landed

Boulogne.

William Jones was accidentally wounded in action on 21 October 1915 but remained at duty. He was wounded again by a mine explosion on 3 December 1915 and sent to hospital at Dieppe. He returned to duty on 16 December 1915. He was wounded in action for the third time on 7 July 1916 with gunshot wounds near Ovillers-la-Boisselle during the Battle of the Somme. He died two days later at the 44th Casualty Clearing Station at Puchevillers aged 25. He is interred at Puchevillers British Cemetery, France.

Known memorials:

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

Thomas Allen Jones

37044, Private, 15th Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Killed in action, 10 July 1916, aged c28

No known grave

Thomas Allen Jones was born in 1888 in Dodleston, near Chester. He was the son of Thomas and Anne Jones. In 1891, the family lived at Lower Kinnerton and Thomas Jones Snr was described as a labourer. Ten years later, the family was living at Waen near St Asaph; Thomas

Snr was described as a farm bailiff. In 1911, Thomas Jones Jnr was a grocer's assistant and worked and boarded at EB Jones & Co, Pioneer Stores, 2 Gloddaeth Street, Llandudno.

On 22 November 1915, Thomas Jones joined the 20th (Reserve) Battalion of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers at Conwy. The battalion was based at Kimnel Park. He gave his home address as "Fachwen Farm", Waen, St. Asaph and his occupation as a manager of a grocery. He disembarked at Boulogne on 26 May 1916 and arrived at the 38th Infantry Base Depot at Étaples the following day. He joined the 15th (Service) Battalion (1st London Welsh) on 19 June 1916. The 15th Battalion had been in France since December 1915. Thomas Jones was reported missing in action on 10 or 11 July 1916 during the attack on Mametz Wood during the Battle of Albert, a phase of the Battle of the Somme. For official purposes, his date of death is given as 10 July. He was about 28 years of age.

Thomas Jones left his effects and estate of £133 1s 4d (over £10,000 in today's money) to Miss Nellie Roberts of Llandudno.

Known memorials:

- *Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France*
- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Waen War Memorial*

John Richard Owens or Owen

20016, Private, 14th Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Killed in action, 10 July 1916, aged 28

No known grave

John Richard Owens was born in 1887 at Llandudno. He was the son of Owen and Elizabeth Owens of 1 Dulas Cottages, Back Madoc Street, Llandudno; Owen Owens was a labourer. The 1911 Census records John (as John Richard Owen) living with his widowed mother at the same address. He was a single man working for a coal merchant.

John Owens volunteered to join the Royal Welch Fusiliers in 1914. All his military records use the surname "Owen". He enlisted at Llandudno and was given the regimental number 20016. 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.

Aged 28, John Owens was killed in action on 10 July 1916 during the attack on Mametz Wood during the Battle of Albert, a phase of the Battle of the Somme. He has no known grave.

The Register of Soldiers' Effects records that John had a wife "Mary A" and children. Presuming that they had married sometime after the 1911 Census was taken, the author has discovered a marriage record in the register for

Newtown, Montgomeryshire of a wedding between John R Owen and Mary A Lloyd celebrated in the third quarter of 1911. Further research is necessary to determine if this is the correct record.

Known memorials:

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

Wilfred Brown

19039, Private, 16th Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Killed in action, 11 July 1916, aged 20

No known grave

Born c 1896 in Llandudno, Wilfred Brown was the son of Samuel Aaron Brown and Amy Brown (née Pickup). Samuel Brown was a hairdresser and the family lived in "Court Royal", Vaughan Street, Llandudno. The 1911 Census records the family living at "Avoca", Vaughan Street; Wilfred had joined his father as a hairdresser.

Wilfred volunteered to join the Royal Welch Fusiliers. He enlisted at Liverpool but joined the 16th (Service) Battalion that formed at Llandudno in November 1914 from recruits surplus to the 13th Battalion that had formed at Rhyl in September. The 16th Battalion moved to Winchester in August 1915 and disembarked at Boulogne on 4

December 1915.

Wilfred Brown, aged 20, was killed in action on 11 July 1916 during the attack on Mametz Wood during the Battle of Albert, a phase of the Battle of the Somme. He has no known grave.

Known memorials:

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

Alun Davies Jones

36799, Lance Corporal, 14th Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Died of wounds, 11 July 1916, aged 20

Buried at Morlancourt British Cemetery No.1

Alun Davies Jones was born in Llangystennin in 1896. His father was Robert Thomas Jones, a grocery provision dealer, and his mother was Maria Elizabeth Jones. In 1901, the family lived at 1 Stanley Oak Terrace, Llandudno Junction. The 1911 Census records the family living at Broncoed, St. Mary's Road, Llandudno: Robert Jones was the relieving officer and registrar of the Board of Guardians and Alun was a pupil at the County School (Ysgol John Bright). Alun later became a clerk to the Board.

Enlisting at Llandudno, Alun Jones joined the 20th (Reserve) Battalion

of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers on 9 November 1915. His service number was 36799. The battalion had formed earlier in the year to train subalterns and other ranks as reinforcements for those battalions in the front line. The battalion was based at Kimnel Park. On his attestation papers, Alun was described as the assistant clerk to the Board of Guardians. Alun was promoted to lance corporal on 18 December 1915.

On 29 March 1916, Alun Jones embarked for France at Folkestone. He joined the 38th Infantry Base Depot at Étaples the following day and joined his new unit, the 14th (Service) Battalion near Givenchy on 11 April 1916. The battalion had been in France since December 1915. Aged 20, Alun Jones was wounded by shrapnel on 10/11 July 1916 in the attack on Mametz Wood during the Battle of Albert, a phase of the Battle of the Somme. He died of his wounds aged 20 on 11 July at 21 Field Ambulance. He is buried at Morlancourt British Cemetery No.1. He left his effects to Miss Ceinwen Roberts (b 1895) of "Mor Awel", South Parade, Llandudno.

- *Known memorials:*
- *Ysgol John Bright, Llandudno*
- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Llanrhos Parish War Memorial, All Saints' Church, Deganwy*
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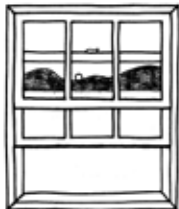


HYMNS

When you come to church you hear hymns. Hymns are songs of praise to God. Some are very old and some, like the ones you may sing at school, are new.

Have you ever wondered who wrote the hymns we sing? For example, one hymn writer was Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, the wife of the Bishop of Londonderry. She wrote a book called 'Hymns for Little Children' which was dedicated to her godchildren. The book was published in 1848 and contained hymns that we know well today; 'All Things Bright and Beautiful', 'Once in Royal David's City' and 'There is a Green Hill Far Away'.

It is said that she wrote the last hymn because of the view from the Bishop's palace. The house looked out over the city walls to the green hills in the distance. So the words we sing today come from the view that Mrs Alexander had from her window.



HYMN TITLES

All the following hymn titles have some words missing – can you fill in the blanks. All the hymns are from Mission Praise and the answers are below.

1. While ____ watched
2. Lead us, ____ ____, lead us.
3. Away in a ____
4. Forty days and ____ ____
5. Hark! The ____ ____ sing
6. ____ has broken
7. ____ night, ____ night
8. There is a ____ ____ far away
9. We plough the ____ and scatter
10. Amazing ____

Didn't your teacher say your singing was heavenly?

Well, she did say it was like nothing on earth.



- Answers:** 1. While shepherds watched
2. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
3. Away in a manger 4. Forty days and forty nights 5. Hark, the herald angels sing 6. Morning has broken 7. Silent night, holy night 8. There is a green hill far away
9. We plough the fields and scatter
10. Amazing Grace.

Inheritance Tax



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Can I really leave my home to my children free of Inheritance Tax?

The second Budget of 2015 was announced on 8th July, and while there were some surprises, George Osborne also announced some changes that we knew were on their way.

The Conservative party, as part of their manifesto, had announced that they would allow family homes, worth up to £1 million, to be passed free of Inheritance Tax ("IHT") on death, therefore the details concerning this particular proposal were awaited with interest.

It has been confirmed that the IHT Nil-Rate Band ("NRB") will remain at £325,000 until at least 2020/21.

However, from April 2017, a new additional main residence NRB will be phased in, which will apply when the main residence is passed on death to direct descendants.

As with the current NRB, it will be possible to transfer any unused part of the new main residence NRB between spouses.

In 2017/18 the main residence allowance will be £100,000, increasing to £125,000 in 2018/19, £150,000 in 2019/20 and £175,000 in 2020/21. Therefore, from 2020/21, married couples and civil partners will have a

potential total IHT allowance of £1m between them.

Those not leaving their main residence to direct descendants will miss out, but not those who downsize. Those who downsize or sell their main home without purchasing a new one will still benefit from the main residence allowance to the extent that they leave the sale proceeds to their descendants.

However, for estates with a net value of more than £2m there will be a tapered withdrawal of the main residence allowance.

It remains to be seen exactly how the main residence relief will be applied in less straightforward cases such as where the main residence is left to the children on trust to protect from the risk of divorce. As there is nearly two years until the relief will come into effect there is, however, plenty of time to iron out the details.

Whilst this announcement will come as welcome news to many of our clients, until April 2017, if your home and other assets exceed £325,000, there could be an IHT liability at death. Therefore, having an IHT-efficient Will in place is important.

For further information or advice, please do not hesitate to contact Shaun Hughes of Swayne Johnson Solicitors on 01492 876 271. Shaun provides a bilingual service and is more than happy to answer any of your queries.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

St. Tudno's Churchyard in January



Lesser celandine leaf.

The windy weather in December and January brought down a few small branches from the trees but otherwise there was no damage.

The mild temperatures allowed a few daisies to keep flowering, while leaves of some of the early spring flowers could be seen amongst the grass. These included the heart-shaped leaves of lesser celandine and some primroses. The primroses must be cultivated forms which had been planted in the churchyard some time in the past, as they include pink-flowered plants and they bloom earlier than the native primroses on the Orme but they will

still make a pretty sight in spring.

Leaves of bulbs were also starting to appear and the low sun lit up the bright greens of the mosses, which looked luxuriant in the damp weather. Jackdaws could be heard calling as they gathered in the churchyard at dusk before flying off to roost, while a smaller, quieter, visitor was a robin.

Christine Jones



Moss on a gravestone.

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 trees.

1. What strange instrument makes a tree? (8)
2. Tree put back in hamlet. (3)
3. Senior person's tree (5)
4. Conference provider? (4,4)
5. Sounds as if it grows on island. (7)
6. Second-class accommodation for sweeper. (5)
7. Tree has to be chopped up. (3)
8. Cilla daubed colour. (5)
9. They smooth out level pieces of land, we hear. (6)
10. Find this tree by the sea, we hear. (5)

Results for January

1. Kismet
2. Just as well
3. Jail
4. Keg
5. Kidnap
6. Knee deep
7. Keel
8. Knave
9. Kyoto
10. Joan Bakewell



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