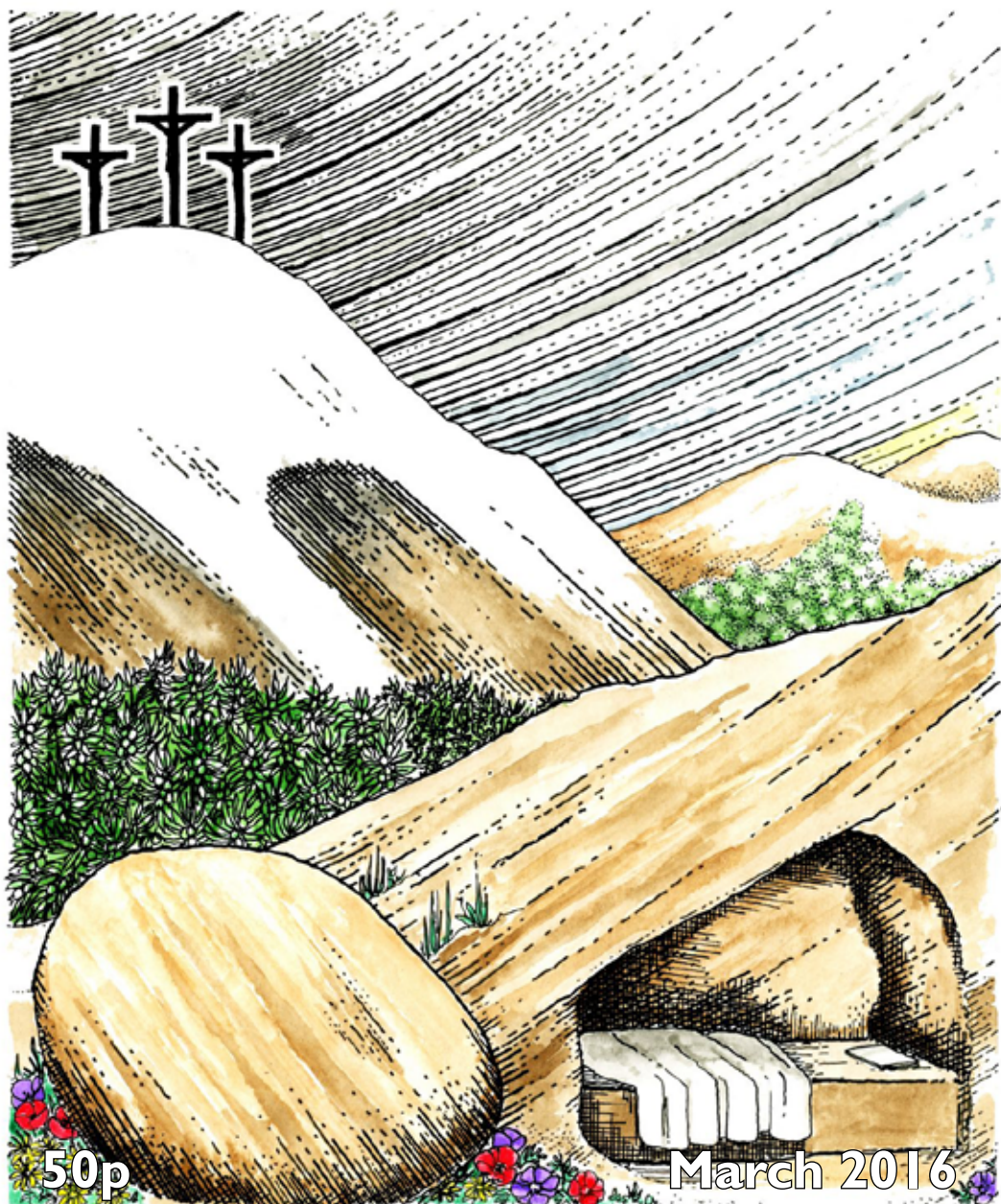


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- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)
- Matins followed by shortened Eucharist (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)
- Family Worship (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday when applicable – Eucharist included in service or follows 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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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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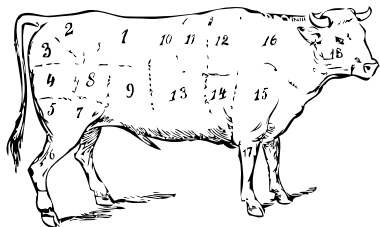
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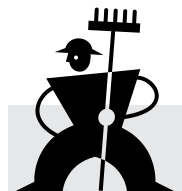
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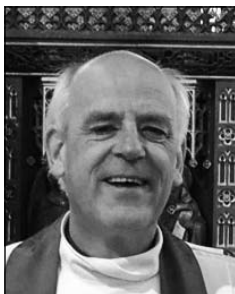
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## From the Rectory

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

### **New Parish Website Launched**

The new parish website was launched after the 10.30 am service on Sunday 7 February. The new site contains a wealth of information including services and events at Holy Trinity and St. Tudno's Churches. There are details of the various groups within the parish and news of the parish's support of local charities and community projects. Other pages give information on the history of the parish and the churches, management of the church grounds

and the wildlife which may be found there.

Also on the website is The Great War Project, which is part of the parish's commemoration of the centenary of the First World War and includes biographies of the local men who died in that war. Launching the website, the Rector thanked those responsible for developing the new site and said "The website provides an excellent facility for anyone to learn about the life of the parish and we invite everyone to



*Father John and the new website.*

take a look at [www.llandudno-parish.org.uk](http://www.llandudno-parish.org.uk)". Andy Leitch who built the Website added that if anyone made the "Latest" page their Internet home page they would automatically see the latest news from the parish every time they logged on. A link telling you how to do this is on the home page.

The website is far more interactive than the old one and on many of the pages there is scope to add questions and comments.

**Christine Jones**



"... remember that you can read my monthly letter on your smart phone or tablet."

## Christmas Tree Festival

I would like to thank all those involved in the Christmas Tree Festival.

It was a success in both bringing people into our lovely church and creating a wonderful enhanced atmosphere to our Christmas services.

Thanks to all our sponsors for the trees; thanks to the stewards; Joyce and her team on refreshments; and Terry's entertaining train display.

The grand sum of £388 42p was raised which is to be shared between the Archbishop's Fund for Children and the 150th Anniversary Fund.

**Judith**

## Button Cross

The buttons on the cross display at the back of church has raised over £750 for our 150th Anniversary Fund.

**Judith**



The rector realised that deciphering and trying to make sense of esoteric texts was still an important part of the job.

## St. Tudno's Church

A Eucharist for Candlemass Sunday was held at St. Tudno's Church on 31 January. Storm Gertrude had come and gone a couple of days before and there was just drizzle remaining throughout the morning. The Revd David Jenkins led the service and Michael Thomas was the organist.

The church felt cold and damp and

### MEN WHO SING

It has become very obvious that choirs, who give out advert leaflets for their concerts in town, during the afternoon prior to them, usually nearly double the size of their audiences. This of course not only increases their take home fee, but very much increases our own takings. If we had a few people willing to do this on Sunday afternoons, (and pick up any of our leaflets dropped by careless recipients), We would probably increase our annual takings from £3000 to £4000. A very worthwhile figure for an hours work on a Sunday afternoon.

### ANY TAKERS!

Peter La Trobe (Tel 870709)

quite a few of the congregation of 17 made use of the bag of fleeces to sit on or wrap around themselves. The theme of the readings and address was looking back at Christ's birth and his presentation at the temple. After the Eucharist, everyone had a hand held candle lit and blessed and there was a procession to the font at the back of the church. Hot drinks and cakes were enjoyed after the service.

The Easter Vigil will be held at St. Tudno's at 6.00 am on Sunday 27 March. This wonderful service starts with lighting of the new Paschal Candle from a new fire and includes singing of the beautiful Exsultet, the Vigil readings, the first Communion of Easter and renewal of Baptismal vows. After the service the Friends of St. Tudno's will be serving bacon baps and there will be lists in the churches to sign if you would like breakfast or if you need or can offer a lift to St. Tudno's.

During March the church will be open weekends, Wednesday and bank holidays but from 1 April the church will open every day, thanks to the team of volunteers who open and close the church each day. If you would like to join the team who help to look after St. Tudno's we would be delighted to hear from you – there are many ways in which people can help.

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

## **Thank You**

Thank you once again for all your kind donations during the past month. We distributed 77 parcels in January, involving 32 families including 75 children. This last year has again seen a rise in the number of deliveries.

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## **Food needed**

We would like to update you with our latest needs to keep up with demand after a very busy period. We have plenty of tinned soup and baked beans, and would be grateful for donations of the following items which are running short:

- Breakfast Cereals
- Packets or tubs of instant mashed potato
- Jam, Marmalade, Peanut Butter etc
- Tins of meat based meals
- Hot dog sausages
- Tins of Sausage & beans
- Small tins of ham or corned beef
- Tinned carrots
- Instant noodles, mug shots etc

- Cheese sauce powder
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Angel Delight, Jelly
- Fruit juice
- Crisps, snacks, treats
- Nappies sizes 3,4 & 5
- Toilet rolls

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### **Messy Church**

Our first Messy Church of 2016 took place in the afternoon of Sunday 24th January and in keeping with the season, our theme was '2016 – Let's Celebrate!' This gave us the opportunity to celebrate the New Year underpinned by Epiphany.

We hope you have noticed the beautiful new banner displayed in church. This was designed by Gwilym and prepared by the talented Barbara Yates who worked so hard with the children to complete the banner and proudly display it for us all to see the following Sunday.

As usual Messy Church would not happen without our team of dedicated helpers who each time come up with great ideas for crafts and activities. This time Ray and Gaynor helped the children prepare a lovely Church's Year Calendar that was both creative and educational. Elin Jenkins taught the children how to make pretty peace

doves to hang up at home. Jenny Jones produced fantastic stars with the children for them to proudly display. Peter helped create a personal calendar for the children to highlight their own birthdays and other occasions special to them.

Biscuit decorating always goes down well and Kristina had produced a stack



*The new banner.*



*Doves of peace.*



*Biscuit decorating.*

of star biscuits that were iced and decorated by eager little hands. The biscuits were carefully placed in individual bags to be enjoyed later at tea time. Leanne and her friend had fun organizing a game of pinning the tail on a camel – a bit of a change from the donkey.

We are very fortunate to again having the help of our friend Jennifer Roberts who has responsibility in the Diocese for developing work with children and families. As well as having fresh ideas and experience, Jennifer has great skills as a puppeteer so it was good that she opened Messy Church with her fantastic puppets. To set the scene for the activities the children and parents came into church for the puppet show and also to hear Roz's story time about the Epiphany.

We are also so lucky to have the musical talents of Ray, Gaynor and Ruth who lead the singing and help make Messy Church such a happy event.

The afternoon ended with children, parents and helpers sitting down to a lovely hot meal prepared by Angela and Kristina with their helpers, Jennifer Fossi, Eira and Cynthia.

We would still love to see more families come to Messy Church, so please, if you have children, grandchildren of friends with children, please tell them about us.

We do publicise Messy Church dates on posters and hand-outs to schools and Sunday School but it would be good

to welcome more families.

If you would like to help us or have any ideas you would like to share, we would love to hear from you.

***Sandra and the Messy Church  
team***

### **Wednesday Coffee Mornings**

There will be a planning meeting in the Church Hall on Monday 7 March at 2.15 pm for those interested in helping at the forthcoming summer coffee mornings.

Hoping to see you there

***Joyce Smith (875451)***

### **Parish Fellowship**

The Parish Fellowship has reached the mid-term point of the Spring Programme. Father John led us in Holy Eucharist at our first meeting, this was also our AGM. Over the next few weeks we welcomed four new members and they, like the established members, enjoyed the various topics delivered by our invited speakers. Our first speaker was Wendy Raffles who has entertained us many times before with amusing, funny and poignant poetry.

The following week we welcomed Laura Crawford, a local severely disabled person, who for some time gave talks on Support Dogs. Laura has now given up that task but was persuaded



*Vernon gets the bird.*

to bring her dog along for one more time. We saw a video of three examples where dogs aid disabled people, emptying washing machines, opening doors, collecting mail etc.

This week we invited another local speaker/s, they are a married couple from Craig-y-don, Mr and Mrs Rakhra. They run a bird rescue company “Joan’s North Wales Parrot Rescue” at their home. They take in unwanted birds and help people who love their birds and want to change the behaviour of the bird which, for various reasons, the owners struggle with. The main point

made was that parrots are not good presents to give anyone who does not understand them. They are apparently very destructive creatures. It was then with some reservation that I allowed a South American Macaw to rest on my forearm.

**Vernon Morris**

## **A Celebration of Faith**

The above is the title of Mothers’ Union theme for 2016 celebrating 140 years since Mary Sumner founded

the organisation now an International Charity with 4,000,000 members in 83 countries. In the Diocese of Bangor we are celebrating 125 years of membership with Llandudno Branch being one of the first. Member's subscriptions and fund raising support the many Mothers' Union projects, both in this country and abroad all aimed at supporting families and family life. Prayer and action are central to the life and work of Mothers' Union. In spite of an ageing membership and declining numbers, we in Llandudno are still active in our prayer and service. Already this year we have met four times, holding services and supporting projects; currently for the annual "Make a Mothers' Day Appeal."

This year our branch will be celebrating the work, witness and faithfulness of a number of members who have over fifty year service; this will take place on our founders day 9th August 2016 with an Afternoon Tea and invited special guests.

Mothers' Union events can be found on our Weekly Bulletin Sheet or on the 2016 programme to be found on

the notice board in the church hall. On Tuesday 22nd March at 7.30, we meet for "Stations of The Cross" followed by a modern Table Eucharist and our usual tea and refreshments afterwards.

Also in March, we are planning a Coffee Morning on Saturday 12th March where your support will be appreciated.

Across the diocese, a number of special events are being planned, the first will be in Bangor Cathedral on April 5th—starting with a bring and share lunch followed by a Eucharist Service and Commissioning of new officers and members, we would welcome any one considering membership at this service – please get in touch if you are interested in becoming a member.

Plans are in place to make a new Prayer Banner for our diocese, the banner will have pockets representing all of the branches, it will be a colourful item that will form part of our history for future generations. The pockets will contain a favourite hymn and prayer and details of individual branches. We are proud of our Banner making tradition and display two of our own Banners in the

## *PARISH REGISTER*

### *The Departed*

*February 4th: John Douglas Clarke*

*Service in Holy Trinity Church followed by  
interment at Llanrhos Lawn Cemetery*

Memorial Chapel.

In our Llandudno Branch, we value the friendship and fellowship we find in our membership which sustains us at difficult times in our lives and the fun we often have in some of our more light hearted projects. We are always pleased to welcome anyone who is interested in helping us to further the work of Mothers' Union.

**Angela Pritchard**

### **150 Club**

We held the draw after the service on Sunday the 7th February 2016 and it was conducted by Father John.

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

1st	149 £90	Susan Stafford
2nd	112 £40	Mrs Peggy Jones
3rd	033 £20	Angela Pritchard

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

Since this Club was started back in November 2013 we have paid out £3670 in prize money.

The next draw will take place on Wednesday, 9th March 2016 during the coffee morning about 11am.

**Terry Dewar**

## **News from the Parish Pump**

### **Archbishops of Rwanda and Uganda back the Raising Families Campaign**

The Archbishops of Rwanda and Uganda have backed the Raising Families initiative being run by Samaritans Purse in both their countries.

Raising Families has been run in Rwanda since early 2013, helping more than 11,000 families in need. The initiative has also resulted in 2,562 Rwandans becoming Christians. Over the next

two years, Samaritan's Purse aims to help another 9,600 families in Northern Uganda, who are also in food poverty.

The Raising Families initiative works by equipping local churches to set up Local Church Action Groups. These train families in conservation farming to improve agricultural practices, and also income generating activities, to enable families to better provide for themselves. Details at: [www.raising-families.org.uk](http://www.raising-families.org.uk)

## How ancient words attract younger worshippers

The Book of Common Prayer, written more than 460 years ago, has been found to have a surprising new use: numerous churches have discovered that it attracts growing numbers of younger worshippers.

The new trend is easily understood, says the Prayer Book Society. Recent decades have brought so much liturgical reform to the C of E that fewer and fewer churches have been using the Prayer Book at all. And so it is only now that the younger people are even getting a chance to encounter it.

‘They are struck by the beauty and relevance of the language, which has inspired writers like Shakespeare as well as churchgoers down the ages,’ says the Prayer Book Society’s John Service, who provides a link between the society, churches and clergy. He goes on: “Unwittingly, many of us use its words and phrases within everyday conversation in the twenty-first century.”



One south Manchester parish who reintroduced the Book of Common Prayer also found that “many of our older worshippers welcome the opportunity to attend services they remember from their childhood.” The parish has seen attendances at Holy Communion increase from around 30 to 50 since the Prayer Book service started.

For any church reconsidering the Prayer Book, John Service suggests “an initial step might be to introduce it just once a month, on a trial basis, so that longer-term decisions can be made on the basis of practical experience.” Details and support at: [www.pbs.org.uk](http://www.pbs.org.uk)

## Release welcomes freedom for Pastor Saeed Abedini

Release International has welcomed Iran’s recent decision to release the Christian pastor, Saeed Abedini. He was set free after more than three years in jail, exchanged as part of a prisoner swap between the US and Iran. This follows a thawing of relations between the two nations over Iran’s nuclear programme.

Saeed Abedini, who is 35, was given an eight-year sentence in 2013 for ‘undermining national security’. He had been in Iran to help build an orphanage – a building project that had been approved by the government.

He was severely beaten and his wounds became infected. But a prison doctor

and nurse refused to give him medical treatment on the grounds that he was an 'infidel' and 'unclean'. He was denied medical care for his internal injuries for almost a year. He was told that if he recanted his Christian faith he would be set free.

Iran is an Islamic republic, where strict Islam and authoritarianism combine. Muslims who change their faith can be sentenced to death. The authorities keep many church services under surveillance.

## Sunday Rota

### Sunday 6 Mar

8.00 am

Sidesperson Gwen Robinson

10.30 am

Reader Norman Rimmer

Sidespersons Ron Illidge  
William Maidlow  
Pat Riddler  
Wendy C-Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers Angela Pritchard  
John Riddler

### Sunday 13 Mar

8.00 am

Sidesperson Gwen Robinson

10.30 am

Readers Ray Stythe-Jones  
Gaye Stythe-Jones

Sidespersons Joyce Crosby  
Angela Pritchard  
Vernon Morris  
Angela Pritchard

E' Minster Marion Heald

### Sunday 20 Mar

8.00 am

Sidesperson Gwen Robinson

10.30 am

Reader Angela Pritchard

Sidespersons

Linda Blundell  
Sandra Davies  
Annabel Jones  
Cath Lloyd  
John Riddler  
Stan Whittaker

Eucharistic Ministers

### Sunday 27 Mar

8.00 am

Sidesperson Gwen Robinson

10.30 am

Reader Ruth Hodgkinson

Sidespersons Wendy C-Stewart  
Marion Heald  
William Maidlow  
Barbara Yates  
Angela Pritchard  
Cath Lloyd

Eucharistic Ministers

### Sunday 3 Apr

8.00 am

Sidesperson Gwen Robinson

10.30 am

Reader Marion Heald

Sidespersons Joyce Crosby  
Ron Illidge  
Pat Riddler  
Doug Pritchard  
Marion Heald  
Stan Whittaker

Eucharistic Ministers

# Calendar for March 2016

Tues 1st	<b>St. David, Patron of Wales</b>	
	10.00 am	<i>Julian Meditation Group at Stella Maris</i>
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Wed 2nd	10.45 am	Stations of the Cross with children from Ysgol San Sior
	7.00 pm	Compline & Address at St. David's Hospice followed by Lent Discussion Group
<b>Sun 6th</b>	<b>Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday</b>	
		Services at usual times for the First Sunday There will be a Family Eucharist at 10.30 am
Wed 9th	10.45 am	Stations of the Cross with children from Ysgol San Sior
	7.00 pm	Compline & Address at St. David's Hospice followed by Lent Discussion Group
Thurs	10.00 am	Guild of Health & St. Raphael meeting
	11.00 am	Eucharist with Ministry of Healing
<b>Sun 13th</b>	<b>Lent 5 – Passion Sunday</b>	
		Morning services as usual for the Second Sunday Please check on bulletin sheet if 5.00 pm Evening Prayer is taking place today
	6.00 pm	Exploring Worship
Wed 16th	10.45 am	Stations of the Cross with Children from Ysgol San Sior
	7.00 pm	Compline & Address at St. David's Hospice followed by Lent Discussion Group
Thurs 17th	10.00 am	Eucharist at Ysgol San Sior Please note: there will be no 11.00 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity
	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting
Sat 19th	<b>St. Joseph of Nazareth</b>	
	11.00 am	Bilingual Eucharist
<b>Holy Week</b>		
<b>Sun 20th</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist

	10.30 am	Palm Procession & Son Eucharist
	5.00 pm	Choral Evensong – sung by ‘Laudes’
Tues 22nd		<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b>
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross & ‘Table’ Eucharist
Wed 23rd		<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>
	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	7.00 pm	Service of Light & Shade at St. Tudno’s

## The Sacred Triduum

Thurs 24th		<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
	7.30 pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by Vigil at the Altar of Repose until 10.00 pm
Fri 25th		<b>Good Friday</b>
	10.30 am	Good Friday for Children
	11.45 am	Cytûn Procession of Witness & Outdoor Service
	2.00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy
Sun 27th		<b>Easter Day</b>
	6.00 am	Easter Liturgy at St. Tudno’s
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.30 am	Festal Sung Eucharist
	5.00 pm	Choral Evensong
		Please remember that the clocks go forward today!

## Attendance Figures for January 2016

		Weekday Eucharists to January 2nd	24
January 3rd	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	11
Epiphany	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	83
Sunday	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	3
		Other weekday Eucharists	22
January 10th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	12
The Baptism	10.30 am	Choral Matins and Blessing of Water	71
Of Christ		Shortened Eucharist	20
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	3
	6.00 pm	Exploring Worship	21
January 11th	2.30 pm	Eucharist for Mothers’ Union	12
		Other Weekday Eucharists	25

January 17th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	12
Epiphany 2	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	96
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	2
		Other Weekday Eucharists	27
January 24th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	13
Epiphany 3	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	85
	6.00 pm	Cytun Presidents Service	120
January 26th		Eucharist for Parish Fellowship	13
		Other weekday Eucharists	30
January 31st	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	18
Presentation of Christ	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	73

## The Great War – July 1916 part 2

### Thomas Hugh Roberts

*34674, Private, 17th Royal Welsh Fusiliers*

*Killed in action, 10-12 July 1916, aged 31*

*No known grave*

Born at Llandudno in 1884, Thomas Hugh Roberts was the son of Samuel Roberts and Mary Roberts (née Griffiths). In the 1891 Census, Samuel Roberts was described as a pier porter and Mary Roberts as a lodging house keeper. The family lived at "Oaklands", Caroline Street, Llandudno. Ten years later, the family lived at the same address and Thomas (16) was described as a draper's assistant. However, by 1911, Thomas had left home and gone

to live in London. His address was 34 Eastbourne Terrace, Paddington; he was described as a draper.

Thomas Roberts volunteered to join the army on 1 November 1915. He enlisted at Holborn into the 18th (Reserve) Battalion (2nd London Welsh) of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. His service number was 34674. He gave his address as 29 Bywater Street, Chelsea. The battalion had formed at Gray's Inn in February 1915 as a Service (New Army) Battalion and moved to Bangor in June 1915. However in August 1915, it was converted into a Reserve Battalion and moved to Kinnel Park: its subalterns and men being destined to reinforce other battalions which had suffered heavy casualties.

Thomas Roberts left Folkestone for Boulogne on 28 May 1916. He held for a while at the 38th Infantry Base Depot at Étaples and proceeded to join the 17th Royal Welch Fusiliers at Chelers on 16 June 1916 and was posted to B Company the following day. The 17th (Service) Battalion had been in France since December 1915. John Roberts' tour of duty was a short one because he was killed in action between 10 and 12 July 1916 during the attack on Mametz Wood, Battle of the Somme, aged 31. His has no known grave.

*Known memorials:*

- *Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France*
- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Family memorial, St. Tudno's Churchyard*
- *Y Rhyfel Mawr, Llandudno*

## **Ivor Jones**

*18835, Private, 16th Royal Welsh Fusiliers*

*Died of wounds, 15 July 1916, aged 22*

*Buried at St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France*

Ivor Jones was born circa 1894. Little is forthcoming about his early life. *Soldiers Died in the Great War* states that he was born at Pontllanfraith, Monmouthshire but census records of him have not been found.

Ivor Jones was recruited into the Royal Welsh Fusiliers at Newport. Why he did not join a regiment which recruited in Monmouthshire is unknown. What is known is that he joined the 16th (Service) Battalion of the RWF and that his service number was 18835. The 16th Battalion formed at Llandudno in November 1914 with volunteers surplus to the 13th Battalion. The 16th Battalion moved to Winchester in August 1915. Ivor Jones returned to Llandudno later in the year to marry Ann Harrison Williams (b 1893, Llanfairfechan) of "Rock View", Victoria Avenue, Craig-y-Don.

Ivor Jones disembarked in France on 2 December 1915, probably with the 16th Battalion's advance party. The main party disembarked two days later at Boulogne. He was wounded in action on the attack at Mametz Wood, part of the Battle of the Somme, on 10-12 July 1916. He was evacuated to a hospital at Rouen, over 100 miles away but succumbed to his wounds on 15 July aged 22. He is buried at St. Sever Cemetery. Sadly, Ivor Jones was never to see his daughter Elizabeth.

*Known memorials:*

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

## William Wood

*26350, Private, 17th Welsh Regiment*

*Died of wounds, 17 July 1916, aged 19*

*Buried at Chocques Military Cemetery,  
Béthune, France*

William Wood was born in 1897 at Levenshulme, Lancashire. He was the son of William and Mary Ann Wood (née Hardwick). The 1901 Census records the family living at 65 Stockport Road, Levenshulme; William Wood Sr was described as a master butcher. Ten years later, the family lived at “Norwood”, Mostyn Avenue, Craig-y-Don. William Wood Sr was now described as a butcher’s assistant.

Regrettably, William Wood’s service record was destroyed. However, *Soldiers Died in the Great War* states that he was in the 17th Battalion of the Welsh Regiment. This appears a little unusual for most of those who enlisted at Llandudno were destined for the Royal Welsh Fusiliers – indeed the Llandudno Roll of Honour actually states this. His service number in the Welsh Regiment was 26350 which suggests an enlistment date of around January 1915 and that he, at 17, was underage. The 17th (Service) Battalion (1st Glamorgan) formed in December 1914 as a Bantam Battalion; it immediately moved to Rhyl. Bantam Battalions were formed of men under the normal regulation height of five foot three inches who were otherwise fit. If William Wood was short of stature, then this could explain how he found himself in the Welsh Regiment.

The battalion later trained at Rhos (February 1915), Prees Heath (July 1915) and Aldershot (September 1915). The battalion left Southampton on 2 June 1916 and disembarked at Le Havre the following day. Aged 19, William Wood died of wounds on 17 July 1916 and was buried at Chocques Military Cemetery, near Béthune. This cemetery was close to the location of No 1 Casualty Clearing Station which in turn was about 10 miles from Calonne, to the west of Lens which is where the battalion had been in the trenches since 8 July, sustaining some casualties from artillery and mortar fire.

*Known memorials:*

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

## William Thomas

*2408, Private, 2/6th Royal Welsh Fusiliers*

*Died of illness, 19 July 1916, aged 19*

*Buried at Great Orme’s Head Cemetery,  
Llandudno*

The son John Thomas and Ellen Ann Thomas (née Roberts), William Thomas was born in 1897 at Llandudno. The 1901 Census records the family living at 5 Tyn-y-Coed Terrace; John Thomas was employed as a bricklayer. Ten years later, the family lived at “Caersalem Chapel

House”, Cwllach Road, Llandudno.

At the outbreak of war William Thomas was too young to enlist in the Regular Army. He joined the 6th (Carnarvonshire and Anglesey) Battalion Territorial Force at Caernarfon which accepted recruits from the age of 17. His Territorial Force service number was 2408. The 6th Battalion split in two in November 1914: the 1/6th destined for overseas service and the 2/6th destined for home service. William, perhaps because of his age, joined the latter. In April 1915, the battalion was at Northampton and it moved to Bedford in July 1915. William Thomas contracted peritonitis and died at hospital in Cambridge on 19 July 1916 aged 19. His body was returned to Llandudno and was buried in the Great Orme's Head Cemetery. His gravestone records his parents' address as 31 Madoc Street, Llandudno and that he was known as “Willie”.

*Known memorials:*

- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Y Rhyfel Mawr, Gloddaeth Street, Llandudno (Address: “St. Leonards”)*

## **Daniel Hughes**

*Temp Second Lieutenant, 8th/10th  
Gordon Highlanders attached 1/4th*

*Killed in action, 23 July 1916, aged 32*

## *No known grave*

Daniel Hughes, known as Dan, was born in Llandudno in 1884. He was the son of Samuel and Mary Hughes. Sam Hughes was the licensee of the “Mostyn Arms” near Llanrhos church and the Census of Wales for 1891 records the family (parents and six children) as resident there: Sam being described as a publican and secretary and Dan a scholar. Dan later attended Ysgol John Bright. By 1901, the business had relocated to what is now Conway Road as the “Mostyn Arms Hotel” (now the “Links Hotel”). Dan was described as an assistant at the electric light company. The minutes of the Llandudno Town Council record that in 1906, Dan's salary was increased from one pound per week to 25 shillings – this was proposed by Councillor WT Griffith. Mary Hughes died in 1909. The Census for 1911 records just three of the family living at “The Rosary”, Abbey Road, Llandudno: Sam (67) described as Secretary of Llandudno Pier (he was also the manager), Dan (27) as an assistant engineer, and Dan's spinster sister Mary (38).

On 28 October 1914, Dan Hughes volunteered to join the army. Though he enlisted at Llandudno, he joined the Gordon Highlanders on 31 October 1914 at Aberdeen, his regimental number being S/6633. He was posted to the 8th (Service) Battalion, the first of the New Army battalions formed by that regiment (August 1914) which had already moved to Aldershot. Dan was promoted to lance sergeant on 1

December 1914 and to sergeant on 16 February 1915. In February 1915, the 8th GH moved from Aldershot to Bordon and on 10 May 1915, it was mobilised for war and Dan Hughes disembarked that day at Boulogne.

A local newspaper dated October 1915 recorded Dan Hughes as being home on leave. On 11 December 1915, he was ordered to attend the GHQ Cadet School and was commissioned as a second lieutenant on 30 January 1916. Though he was commissioned into his old battalion (which merged with the 10th (Service) Battalion on 11 May 1916 forming the 8th/10th GH), at some time he was attached to the 1/4th Gordon Highlanders, a battalion of the Territorial Force which had been in France since February 1915.

The 1/4th Gordons took part in a failed attack on 23 July 1916 at High Wood near Bazentin-le-Petit during the Battle of the Somme. Dan Hughes was reported wounded in a shell-hole but a subsequent search for him proved fruitless and he was recorded as missing – there was some speculation that he might have been captured. However, enquiries through the International Red Cross confirmed that he was not a prisoner of war and his date of death was assumed as 23 July 1916. He was aged 32 and has no known grave. Dan Hughes wrote a “soldier’s will” leaving his estate to his sister Mary. His address in the *National Probate Calendar* was given as “Tyaildro”, Hill Terrace,

Llandudno.

#### *Known memorials:*

- *Thiepval Memorial, France*
- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Ysgol John Bright Roll of Honour*

#### *Notes:*

1. Instead of joining a regiment that recruited in North Wales (the Royal Welsh Fusiliers typically), Dan Hughes joined a Scottish Highland regiment. Why he did this is unknown but it was perfectly within his rights as a volunteer and could only have been refused if that regiment was not recruiting or if he was unsuitable for it.
2. Dan Hughes was not the only Llandudno lad to volunteer for the Gordons as Mervyn Kenyon Griffith, son of the aforementioned Counsellor W T Griffith had also headed north a week or two before Dan having also applied for a commission in the South Wales Borderers. Whether any others from Llandudno joined the Gordons is presently unknown. Mervyn Griffith was also promoted to sergeant and reported whilst on leave around Christmas 1914 that Dan was confined to hospital. Shortly after, Mervyn Griffith received his commission in the South Wales Borderers. Mervyn Griffith was luckier than Dan in that he survived the war but as a private in the Army Service Corps having resigned his commission in 1916. After the war he achieved notoriety as a habitual fraudster.
3. What is unusual in the cases of Daniel Hughes and Mervyn Griffith is how they were both able to secure their NCO’s stripes in a remote Highland regiment with seemingly no previous military experience. It is also curious that, considering Dan Hughes joined the Gordon’s depot at the

end of October 1914, he was immediately posted to the 8th Gordons (formed August 1914 and moved to Aldershot), rather than the 9th - 11th Gordons (forming September/October 1914). The author can only speculate that some experienced men in the 8th Gordons were used to reinforce the regular 1st Battalion that had sustained heavy losses early in the war and the most promising of the new recruits at the depot were sent to replace them. Both Daniel Hughes and Mervyn Griffith were over six feet tall and the latter must have had a certain charm.

## **Enoch Owen**

*22986, Private, 23rd Manchester Regiment*

*Died of wounds, 27 July 1916, aged 32*

*Buried at Abbeville Communal Cemetery*

Enoch Owen was born in Llandudno in 1885. He was the son of William Owen and Sarah Owen (née Williams). The 1891 Census records the family living at 118 Mostyn Street, Llandudno: William Owen was described as a pier head porter and Enoch a scholar. In 1897 and 1900, Enoch was up before the Llandudno magistrates. He received a birching for the first offence but after the second, he was sentenced to spend up to his 19th birthday in a reformatory school. The local newspapers which reported the cases with some zeal gave his address in 1900 as Prospect Street.

The 1901 Census records Enoch (15) as being an inmate at the Glamorgan County Reformatory School at Neath.

The same census records the rest of his family living at "Haslemere Masonic Cottage", Bodhyfryd Road, Llandudno. Ten years later, Enoch Owen was living in a lodging house at Hay on Wye; he was described as a collier. His family now lived at "Grantton House", Tudno Street, Llandudno.

Enoch's military record has been destroyed but *Soldiers Died in the Great War* records that he enlisted at Manchester into the 23rd Battalion of the Manchester Regiment and that his regimental number was 22986. The 23rd (Service) (8th City Pals) Battalion was raised at Manchester in November 1914 as a Bantam Battalion which indicates that Enoch was less than 5'3" tall. The battalion moved to Morecambe in December 1914 and to Masham, Yorkshire in June 1915. It moved to Salisbury Plain in August 1915 and landed at Boulogne in January 1916, entering the front line near Béthune on 7 March.

It is recorded that Enoch Owen died of wounds on 27 July 1916, aged 32 and was buried at Abbeville Communal Cemetery. This indicates that he probably died at one of the stationary hospitals that had been established at the town having been wounded in action during the Battle of the Somme.

*Known memorials:*

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



## HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the week before Easter Day; it starts with Palm Sunday which is on 20th March this year. Palm Sunday is when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.



The Thursday of Holy Week is called Maundy Thursday which is named for the words that Jesus used at his last meal with the disciples, what we now call the Last Supper. The Latin words are 'Mandatum novum do vobis' – a new commandment I give you'. Do you know what that commandment is? You can read the whole account in St John's Gospel, chapter 13.

Then comes Good Friday - a lot of people can't see why a day that commemorates the trial and crucifixion of Jesus could be called 'good'. It was a black day but Christians know that without what happened that Friday there would be no Easter. Without the death of our Lord there would have been no empty tomb on Easter Day, no glorious Resurrection.

## HOT CROSS BUNS

One of the pleasures of Easter is eating hot cross buns. Like most things they cost more now than they did in this old rhyme...

Hot Cross Buns,  
Hot Cross Buns,  
One a penny, two a penny,  
Hot Cross Buns.  
If you have no daughters,  
Give them to your sons,  
One a penny, two a penny,  
Hot Cross Buns.

If you have some time to spare, see how many words you can make from the letters in the words HOT CROSS BUNS. Words of at least 3 letters, no plurals, proper names or foreign words.



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**What do you get when you pour boiling water down a rabbit hole?**

A hot cross bunny.

**Why couldn't the rabbit fly home for Easter?**

He didn't have the hare fare.

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## Churchyard in February

Those attending or visiting Holy Trinity will have seen the snowdrops, daffodils and crocuses appearing the troughs and the grass, bringing welcome colour and the promise of spring. Flowers were also appearing in the other churchyards, with crocuses, snowdrops and primroses at St. George's and primroses at St. Tudno's, so here is a selection of pictures of them.

**Christine Jones**



*Primrose in St. Tudno's churchyard.*



*Crocuses at Holy Trinity.*



*Daffodils at Holy Trinity.*



*Snowdrops in St. George's churchyard.*

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## **Coffee Time**

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

### **All spring**

1. Endlessly describing horse and bull. (7)
2. Flowers I put before precious metal in a world remote from ours. (9)
3. Garden pests get the bullet. (4)
4. Poulets for Christmas or Easter (4)
5. If such a mistake, it's a bloomer. (7)
6. Flowers came up at start of Spring. (5)
7. Little creature gets a little stick. (7)
8. Outdoor meal to choose and steal, both briefly. (6)
9. Turn it over to start again. (3,4)
10. Often follows route for a month. (5)

### **Results for February**

1. Hawthorn
2. Elm
3. Elder
4. Pear tree
5. Cypress
6. Broom
7. Ash
8. Lilac
9. Planes
10. Beech



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