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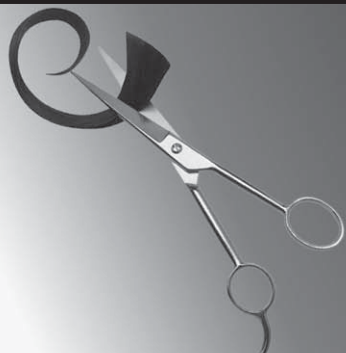
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## Holy Trinity Church

### 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)~~ Cancelled TFN
- 9.00 am Holy Eucharist (Wed)
- 11.00 am Holy Eucharist (Thurs & major saints' days)
- Holy Eucharist in Welsh (Sat)
- 5.00 pm Evening Prayer (Tue, Wed, Thurs & Fri)

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## St. Tudno's Church, Great Orme

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer (Sat)
- 11.00 am Open Air Service (Sun from end of May to end of September)
- On the first Sunday of each month, the service is followed by a shortened Eucharist in the church.

The pattern of Sunday and Weekday services sometimes changes. Please check the calendar in each month's magazine and the weekly bulletin.

The Rector is in Holy Trinity church on most Saturday mornings from 11.30 - 12.00 to see parishioners on any matter – for confessions, spiritual guidance, the booking of baptisms or weddings etc.

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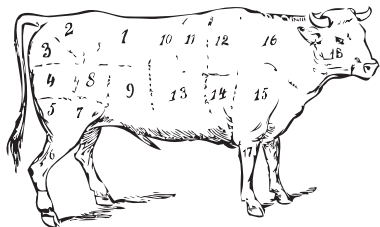
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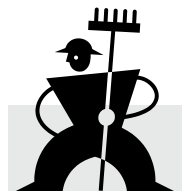
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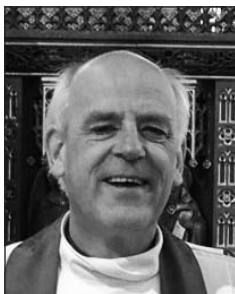
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## From the Rectory

Up at St. Tudno's, visitors often ask 'How old is this church', and they expect to receive a straightforward answer – 'it's 500 years old' or 'it was built 800 years ago'. Unfortunately, it's impossible to give such a simple answer because St. Tudno's, like most ancient churches, has developed organically through the centuries with extra bits being added on occasionally and other portions replaced in a more 'up-to-date style from time to time. The best one can say about St Tudno's is that the oldest part of the building dates from the 12th century but that the church as we see it now is really a creation of the Victorian era. However one then goes on to tell the enquirer that there has actually been a church of one sort or another on the site since the 6th century – a millennium and a half ago. They are usually suitably impressed!

St. Tudno's may have a long and complicated history, but at its heart it is a tale of centuries of faithful Christian worship and service. It all began when Tudno, a monk from the monastery of Bangor, who came to the Great Orme to found a new community – perhaps a 'daughter house' of the Bangor monastery in the sixth century. On St. Tudno's Day we celebrate his coming to this place, the life of prayer that he began



and all the centuries of Christian life here ever since.

But what we must never do on a patronal festival is to just reflect upon the past, however impressive that past has been. For me, St. Tudno is not just a figure from the remote past but a person who is alive within the Communion of Saints. I believe that he prays for us, his sons and daughters – he is truly our 'patron'. And it is vital that we continue the ministry of this ancient church, began by St. Tudno, in a way which makes sense in the 21st century. Our particular calling at St. Tudno's, and indeed throughout the parish, is to minister to the needs of visitors and pilgrims, and to provide a place of silence and prayer in a busy noisy world. We must pursue that vocation prayerfully with renewed energy and St. Tudno's Day each year is a great encouragement to do just that.

Turning to a new subject, but one which is also about looking back and looking forward: I reach a new milestone in my own Christian pilgrimage this month. In June 1976, I was ordained Deacon in Chester Cathedral by Bishop Victor Whitsey. It is amazing to think that I have served for 40 years in the sacred ministry of the church, one just in Deacon's orders, and 39 as a Priest as well. Celebrating this must be a spur to

see how my ministry today and in the future continues to be in the service of Christ, Lord of the Church, who called

me to his service then and continues to call me now.

*Fr. John*

## News and Notices

### Confirmation at Holy Trinity

On Trinity Sunday, 22 May, the Right Reverend Andrew John, Bishop of Bangor celebrated the Eucharist at Holy Trinity Church and confirmed two candidates, Hannah Louise Davies and Susan Gaye Stafford. Bishop Andy was assisted by the Rector, the Rev Prebendary John Nice.

### **St. Tudno's Day Sunday 5th June 2016**

**Services for the feast day of the  
Patron Saint of Llandudno**

**9.00 am Holy Eucharist at Holy  
Trinity Church**

**11.00 am Sung Eucharist at St.  
Tudno's Church, Great Orme**

**There will be a free bus service  
to St. Tudno's from Holy Trinity at  
10.15 am**

**5.00 pm Evening Prayer (said) at  
Holy Trinity**

**Do join us for this special  
celebration**

**(Please note there will be no  
services at Holy Trinity at 8.00 &  
10.30)**



"My vote in the referendum? That's strictly between me and my conscience... er... and the Bishop..."

Celebrating the patronal festival, the setting used for the Eucharist was the Trinity Service by our own organist, Norman Rimmer BEM. Hymns for Trinity Sunday included Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, I Bind Unto Myself Today and Lord We Adore You. The first reading was read by Sandra Davies, grandmother of Hannah Davies.

After the service, many of the congregation went to the Church hall for tea and coffee. Everyone had the opportunity to congratulate the newly

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*Susan and Hannah cut the cake.*

confirmed and meet Bishop Andy. The occasion was celebrated with a magnificent cake.

### **Bible Society Coffee Morning**

There will be a coffee morning on behalf of the Bible Society between 10.30 am and 1.30 pm on Saturday 11 June.

Please support this Holy Trinity contribution to the Bible Society.

Any offers of help either on the day baking be gratefully received.

**Angela Pritchard**

### **Meet Reaksa Himn**

Come and join us for afternoon tea and meet Cambodian-born Reaksa Himn on Thursday 9 June at 2.00 pm at Holy Trinity Church.

Here his incredible true story of how he suffered and survived the horrific genocide of the Pol Pot regime. Thirteen members of his immediate family, including his parents, were brutally murdered by the Khmer Rouge and severely wounded himself,

he survived hidden under the bodies of his family.

Discover how he escaped capture and how, years later, he travelled back to his village to meet and forgive his family's killers.

Reaksa demonstrates just how love can triumph over hatred and how forgiveness can set you free.

For further information, please contact Angela Pritchard on (01942) 878579 or dugang4c@talktalk.net or Barbara Hearty Home on (01352) 721128.

You are all very welcome.

**Angela Pritchard**

## **Thank You**

With thanks to Fr. John, the Wednesday coffee morning team, and all at Holy Trinity, for the two lovely bunches of flowers, delivered by Judith and also for your love, thoughts, prayers and best wishes at this time.

**Fr. Derek and Marlene Simpson**

## **150 Club Report**

The April draw was held during the coffee morning held on the 11th May 2016 and it was conducted by Father John.

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

1st.	Number 056
Doreen Megson	£90.00p

2nd	Number 058
Rev. Peter Blunkett	£40.00p

3rd	Number 090
Chris & Iris Forsbury	£20.00p

Congratulations to all the winners.

An 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 £4060.00p in prize money.

You could be one of our lucky winners.

The next draw will take place on Wednesday, 8th June 2016 during the coffee morning about 11am.

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)**

## **Eileen Joyce**

On 28th April our dear friend Eileen Joyce passed away.

For most of her life Eileen lived in Howard Road, Llandudno and taught piano and singing at Lyndon School in Colwyn Bay for several years and of course from home where she taught

until she was well over 80 years old – quite a few of her pupils were from our Parish. Eileen loved her pupils and many of them kept in touch with her well after leaving Llandudno. In fact quite often when we were in town shopping some of her old pupils would recognise her and would come up and speak to her – obviously delighted to see her.

Eileen was a member of Holy Trinity Sunday School as a child and had happy memories of being in the care of Mrs. Seage – a formidable Superintendent. Eileen was also a member of the Parish Guild as it was known in the 1930's and 40's – and would play the piano for them on occasions. She would often talk of the happy times she enjoyed with the Guild and the friends she had there. Later on Eileen became Organist and Choir Mistress at St. George's Church where many of us were choir members and indeed later on our children too. She was organist at St. George's for well over 30 years and at one time had a very strong choir.

One very amusing account Eileen gave was when Walter Jones, the then Organist at Holy Trinity Church asked Eileen if she would put on a Recital to raise funds. Eileen eventually agreed as she enjoyed playing the piano and organ very much, particularly Chopin. Walter put lots of notices outside church that Eileen Joyce would be giving a recital on such and such a day at Holy Trinity – this being in the middle of the Summer when lots of tourists were in town. On the night in question Eileen was aghast

to see these notices all over the place and also to see that the church was full and that there were queues all around the church. People thought you see that it was the well known concert pianist Eileen Joyce giving the recital and not our Eileen! Eileen said she processed down the aisle, being short like the other Eileen Joyce and tried to ignore the comments from the audience as she looked a little different from the well known Eileen Joyce. Eileen just had to go along with it and proceeded to play Chopin. The other Eileen Joyce did not play Chopin as well as our Eileen so she was extremely well received and this caused her great amusement.

Eileen often played the organ at St. Tudno's Church and really enjoyed spending time up the Orme. Sadly Eileen's sight began to fail and she was very reluctant to give up teaching and playing her piano and also of course to lose the company of her pupils.

Eileen has been a long standing friend of our family and I have known her since I was a girl in her choir. She will be sadly missed by a number of us. She was such a good listener and always interested to hear what people had to say and had an amazing memory. She had a strong Christian faith and very much missed coming to church. Fr. John took Communion to her regularly and she thoroughly enjoyed having a cup of tea and a chat with him afterwards. She also attended the services Jane took at the Hospice with Sandra when afterwards she would enjoy tea with

other members of Holy Trinity. She kept up-to-date with what was happening in the world and was a passionate fan of Liverpool Football team. Her infectious laugh and quirky sense of humour will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

RIP dear Eileen.

*Jennifer*

## **Conwy Food Bank**

We would like to thank all our supporters for your regular donations of food which enable us to provide the Food parcels to the local community.

We are grateful for all donations of food but at this time of year, we run low on certain food items as it is mid way between the main donation periods of Harvest Festival and Christmas.

We are finding that we have a surplus of certain items but are very short of others so we would be grateful if you could consider the following lists when deciding what food to donate to us.

Any other food items not mentioned remain at a steady level so are also still needed.

The following is a list of items of which we have plenty of stock for the time being

Soup  
Baked Beans  
Meat Pies  
Tuna & all tinned fish

Tea bags  
Tins of spaghetti in sauce  
Tins of kidney beans & other pulses  
All toiletries (apart from toilet rolls)

The following is a list of items we need

Breakfast cereals  
Snack size instant noodles  
Tins of Chicken in White Sauce  
Tins of Meat Balls in Sauce  
Tins of Chilli con Carne  
Tins of Meat Curry  
Tins of Ravioli/ Spaghetti Bolognese  
Tins of Sausage & Beans  
Cheese Sauce powder  
Savoury Rice  
Rice  
Microwave Rice  
Instant mashed potato  
Biscuits  
Tins of Rice Pudding  
Angel Delight or similar  
Coffee  
Sugar  
Crisps & Snacks  
Cereal Bars  
Baby wipes  
Toilet Rolls

With many thanks

*All at Conwy Food Bank*

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

On Sunday 24th April there was a service of Stations of the Resurrection. The Rector led the service and Michael Thomas played the keyboard





*Resurrection Service at St. Tudno's.*

for the congregation of 15. The service started inside with the opening hymn Love's redeeming work is done. We then proceeded outside for a prayer walk around the churchyard. At each Station there was a prayer, a verse of a hymn, a reading by a member of the congregation and a short time of quiet reflection. The service finished back inside the church with the hymn We have a Gospel to proclaim. Happy birthday was then sung to Christine, followed by hot drinks and cakes including a birthday cake made by Shirley.

The church is open every day and Morning Prayer is said most Saturdays at 9.00 am (please check with the Rec-

tor). Open air services are held each Sunday at 11.00 am and a free taxi for these departs from Holy Trinity at 10.30 am. On Tuesday 7 June there will be a service of Compline by Candlelight at 7.30 pm; this is a lovely, quiet service to end the day. On Sunday 26 June there will be an afternoon service at 3.00 pm – this will be a joint service with St. Cystennin's Church entitled "God in Creation". Weather permitting the service will be in the open air and it will be followed by refreshments.

St. Tudno's Day is on 5 June and as the Patronal Festival of our church, and indeed of the town, is on a Sunday this year there will be a special celebration

for the whole parish at St. Tudno's. There will be a Parish Eucharist at 11.00 am at St. Tudno's, instead of the open air service and the 10.30 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity. Free buses to St. Tudno's will depart from Holy Trinity from 10.15 am and as there is very limited parking at St. Tudno's we do request that everyone uses the bus service if possible. The service will be followed by the annual Pilgrimage to St. Tudno's Well which we will visit by kind permission of the landowner. If you would like to take part, please bring a picnic to eat before we set out (tea and coffee will be provided) and wear stout shoes.

We look forward to seeing you at St. Tudno's.

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

## Friends of St. Tudno's Church

The spring working party was held in glorious weather on Saturday 14 May. Shirley and Rob had already dusted and vacuumed the church, so everyone was able to take part in the outdoor jobs. We began with taking out the benches ready for the open air services and Vernon persuaded some visitors to help with this! Mr. and Mrs. Stoneham



*Vernon and William with Mr and Mrs Stoneham.*

were on holiday from Rochester, while Luke and Imee, students of the Royal



*The Working Party.*



*Vernon with Imee and Luke.*

College of Music in Manchester, were in Llandudno for the weekend to take part in a concert. Once the benches had been moved everyone enjoyed a break in the sunshine with a drink and some cake, as shown in the photo. After this we raked and removed the cut grass to encourage wild flowers, cleared litter and fitted a new rope to the flagpole and members of the Churchyard Committee discussed the churchyard tour which is being prepared. Many thanks to everyone for their help with all the work.

The Friends of St. Tudno's Pilgrimage will be on Thursday 30 June and we will be visiting Bala and Pennant Melangell. We will travel in cars, leaving Holy Trinity at 9.00 am. We will spend the morning at Mary Jones World, Bala, where we will learn how Mary's quest to buy a Bible inspired the formation of the Bible Society.

For lunch we will be going to the delightful Jetty Gallery café, overlooking Llyn Tegid. After lunch we will drive through some spectacular countryside and up the remote Cwm Pennant to Pennant Melangell for a Quiet After-

noon. We will spend the first part of the afternoon in the beautiful garden of Shepherd's Stream Retreat Centre (or in the house if the weather is bad) and finish with a short service in St. Melangell's Church. In addition to the interesting features in this lovely church, including the unique Romanesque / Celtic shrine of St. Melangell, there is an archaeological exhibition in the church tower.

The plan is to return to Holy Trinity by about 6.00 pm but some may choose to stay a little longer at St. Melangell's to learn about the Bronze Age origin of the site and the ancient yew trees. The day will cost £10.00 each, plus lunch, plus a share of the travel costs. Please would you let Vernon or Christine know if you would like to take part.

**Christine Jones**

## **Easter Vestry**

In addition to the usual business and elections, the Diocesan CYFME (Children, Youth and Family Ministry Enabler), Jennifer Roberts, gave a short talk on youth work in the Diocese. She was very enthusiastic about Holy Trinity's Sunday School and school links, particularly the family involvement in the Sunday School, and made suggestions for future activities.

Two birthdays were being celebrated that day, so happy birthday was sung to Shirley and to Eurig and each was presented with a cake with candles





*Eurig and his birthday cake.*

to blow out, before the cakes were shared out amongst those present. Shirley stood down as a Warden at St.



*Shirley and her bouquet.*

Tudno's, though she will continue to be involved as much as possible, and she was presented with a big bouquet of flowers.

## **“Eggsellent” School Report, May 2016**

Last year we produced over 17,000 eggs - definitely something to celebrate. Please support your church school and buy your eggs from the school.

The school hatched their egg enterprise with an incubator and a stock of eggs bought through eBay, to help pupils learn about animal welfare and food production. San Sior now has a growing flock of hens – many of them rare breeds – which are cared for by children as part of their weekly lessons, plus a small group of students who give up their break time to help clean out nest-boxes and collect eggs.

Head teacher Ian Keith Jones said: “Our little business venture is no yoke and since we began producing the eggs almost three years ago things have gone from strength to strength. We now have a flock of 156 chickens at the school who between them laid around 17,000 eggs last year, compared to just over 15,000 in 2014. We're able to sell most of them to our parents but during the school holidays, of course, the hens still keep laying so we sell to Bodnant Welsh Food Centre and Edwards of Conwy. Egg production in April 2016 reached an incredible 600 a week!”



*Pupil and hen at Ysgol San Sior.*

Amongst the San Sior hen flock are a number of rare breeds capable of laying eggs in different colours, including blue from the lavender auracanas and chocolate brown from copper-blue marans. Eggs of two or three assorted colours are sold in transparent boxes of seven, with labels designed by the children, which retail for £1.75. Each egg is individually stamped for quality control and the school has been passed as an official packing station complete with its own special code.

The school also sells chutney made using Mr Jones' special recipe and this is also sold at Bodnant Welsh Food Centre. Profits from selling eggs went to set up an apiary and so we will soon be selling honey.

### ***Ysgol San Sior***

## **Charity Presentations**

On Wednesday 18 May presentations of cheques were made to representatives of three local charities and the presentations were made by Churchwardens and the Treasurer. Each charity received an equal share in the income from Holy Trinity car park during Holy Week, which amounted to £512 each.

Judith presented a cheque to Lyn Brown, Secretary of Llandudno Lifeboat Guild. Lyn said that the donation would be put towards the cost of the new lifeboat station which is being built and which would house the new inshore boat and the new Shannon Class lifeboat which is expected this year. The new location of the lifeboat would speed the launch of the boats working in the waters around Llandudno.



*Lyn Brown and Judith Williams.*

Eurig made the presentation to Sylvia Chadwick, Scheme Manager of Home Start Conwy. This is a national charity with schemes in local communities to support families with young children. The scheme assists families who are finding it hard to cope for many reasons and offers practical and emotional sup-



*Sylvia Chadwick and Eurig Jones.*

port. Sylvia said that as a small, voluntary organisation funds were precious and the donation would help in the direct care of families, e.g. helping with necessary transport costs which they could not afford or enabling some to have an outing or a party which they could not otherwise manage.

Colin Evans, Fundraiser for Action on Hearing Loss Cymru, received a cheque from Cynthia. Colin explained that the charity provides local services including hearing aid clinics for the 1 in 6 people who are suffering from hearing loss or tinnitus. The charity also offers a service helping deaf and hard of hearing people



*Colin Evans and Cynthia Poyser.*

back into work and the donation would support this project, which is funded by donations,

Anyone who like to learn more about these charities can find more information here.

Llandudno Lifeboats: Tel. 01492 874415,  
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*After the presentations.*





*Fred discovers evidence of his visit to the belfry in 1962.*

## Ringer Returns

On 6 May six visiting ringers from Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire joined us for our weekly practice. One of them Fred, said he had rung a quarter peal in our tower some fifty years ago.

Our records showed the date to have been Saturday 28 July 1962 and it was then realised that the visit was recorded on a peal board hanging on our chamber wall. What a surprise for Fred and us all!

We hope it will not be another 50 years before Fred visits us again.

**Stan Whittaker**

## Stations of the Resurrection at Liverpool Cathedral

During May I made an unplanned visit to Liverpool Cathedral when attending the passport office. While wandering around the cathedral I discovered a wonderful set of paintings depicting the Stations of the Resurrection. These had been commissioned from spiritual artist Rob Floyd and had been completed in time for a service of Stations of the Resurrection after Easter and were remaining on display till the middle of May.

The paintings are all life size and glow with light and life. The series begins with Jesus awakening in the tomb and



follow encounters with his disciples, the Resurrection, the coming of the Holy Spirit and ends with the conversion of Saul. As I had limited time, and did not get a copy of the trail leaflet until I was leaving the cathedral, I unfortunately missed a few of the paintings.

I hope that the Stations of the Resurrection will be exhibited each year, as I would like to return to complete the Stations and I would recommend this to anyone who has an opportunity to visit Liverpool during the Easter period. Rob Floyd had previously completed a set of paintings of the Stations of the Cross for Manchester Cathedral and both sets of these very powerful paintings can be seen on the artist's website (<http://www.robfloyd.co.uk/fine-art/>) – even at this scale one can really feel the weight of the cross.

**Christine Jones**



Justin was invested as a Royal Chaplain

## *PARISH REGISTER*

### *The Departed*

*May 20th: Eileen Elizabeth Joyce aged 93  
Service in Holy Trinity Church followed by  
cremation at Colwyn Bay Crematorium*

*May 20th: Jean Amelia Yendall aged 97  
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## News from the Parish Pump

### Remember the Battle of the Somme

Communities across the UK are to hold vigils to mark the centenary of World War I's terrible Battle of the Somme, in which a total of 1.5 million men died. The Government and the Royal British Legion are inviting villages, towns and cities to organise their own remembrance events alongside national and international commemorations.

It is hoped that evening vigils will be held on 30 June or on 1 July. There were more than 600,000 British and French casualties in the battle. The Somme Offensive of July to November 1916 was meant to be a decisive allied breakthrough, but turned into a horrendous stalemate that became a byword for indiscriminate slaughter. By the end of just the first day, 1st July, the British had suffered 60,000 casualties, of whom 20,000 were dead.

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### The Archbishop of Canterbury finally finds out who his real father was...

In April the Archbishop of Canterbury discovered that his father was not Gavin Welby, as he had always believed. Instead, DNA testing confirmed that his real father was the late Sir Anthony Montague Browne, a personal aide of Winston Churchill.

In a personal statement Justin Welby spoke of his complete surprise at the news (confirmed by a DNA test following a Telegraph investigation)

and said his mother has been a wonderful part of his life and continues to be so, praising her determination for overcoming alcohol addiction.

“My own experience is typical of many people. To find that one’s father is other than imagined is not unusual. To be the child of families with great difficulties in relationships, with substance abuse or other matters, is far too normal.”

But, the Archbishop went on: “I know that I find who I am in Jesus Christ, not in genetics, and my identity in Him never changes. Even more importantly my role as Archbishop makes me constantly aware of the real and genuine pain and suffering of many around the world, which should be the main focus

of our prayers.

“Although there are elements of sadness, and even tragedy in my father’s (Gavin Welby’s) case, this is a story of redemption and hope from a place of tumultuous difficulty and near despair in several lives. It is a testimony to the grace and power of Christ to liberate and redeem us, grace and power which is offered to every human being.

“At the very outset of my inauguration service three years ago, Evangeline Kanagasooriam, a young member of the Canterbury Cathedral congregation, said: ‘We greet you in the name of Christ. Who are you, and why do you request entry?’

*Best of the Male Voice Choirs*

# MEN WHO SING


Holy Trinity Church  
Llandudno

8pm Sundays\*

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*2016*

\* Sunday 29 May - Sunday 25 September inclusive



## MEN WHO SING

### Choirs for 2016 Season

29 May 16	Cor Meibion Hogia'r Ddwyllan
05 Jun 16	Cor Meibion Dyffryn Peris
12 Jun 16	Cor Meibion Bro Aled
19 Jun 16	Cor Meibion Dinas Bangor
26 Jun 16	To be Announced *
03 Jul 16	Cor Meibion Hogia'r Ddwyllan
10 Jul 16	Cor Meibion Dyffryn Nantlle
17 Jul 16	Cor Meibion Brythoniaid
24 Jul 16	Cor Meibion Dinas Bangor
31 Jul 16	Cor Meibion Dyffryn Nantlle
07 Aug 16	Orthopaedic Male Voice Choir
14 Aug 16	Stoke on Trent Male Voice Choir
21 Aug 16	Audley Male Voice Choir
28 Aug 16	Cor Meibion Dyffryn Nantlle
04 Sep 16	Cor Meibion Dyffryn Nantlle
11 Sep 15	Cor Meibion Dyffryn Peris
18 Sep 15	Cor Meibion Bro Aled
25 Sep 15	Cor Meibion Dinas Bangor

\* See [www.llandudno-parish.org.uk](http://www.llandudno-parish.org.uk) for details

“To which I responded: ‘I am Justin, a servant of Jesus Christ, and I come as one seeking the grace of God to travel with you in His service together.’ What has changed? Nothing!

### **New resources published to help encourage vocations**

There is now real support and a range of resources that church leaders can offer to anyone in their congregation who is seeking to discover God’s call in their lives. The new set of resources, recently published by the Church of England, has combined research and good practice guidelines for a range of vocations, from lay and ordained ministry to religious life.

The Church is currently hoping to increase the number of minority ethnic vocations, young vocations, and also to encourage women to take up more leadership roles. And so it is that parish and diocesan leaders are being encouraged to grow a pro-active culture of vocation by providing opportunities to pray and learn about vocation. More details at: [www.churchsupporthub.org](http://www.churchsupporthub.org)

### **China tears down crosses**

The Chinese authorities have been tearing down thousands of crosses from buildings. It has been described as a crackdown on the country’s growing Christian minority. Officials in the coastal province of Zhejiang say the

crosses are being forcefully removed because they violate regulations against ‘illegal structures’.

One pastor caught up in the action is Pastor Bao Guohua and his wife Xing Wenxiang, whose peaceful opposition to the cross removals has just resulted in them being convicted of ‘disturbing social order’, and sentenced to 14 and 12 years in prison respectively. Bao Guohua is pastor of Jinhua Christian Church in Jinhua City.

### **The threat of radical Islamists – and what the Church should do**

Radical Islamist ideologies are threatening not only to world peace and national security, but the very survival of Christian, Yazidi, Jewish and other minorities throughout the Islamic world and beyond. So says the former Bishop of Rochester, the Rt. Revd Michael Nazir-Ali, in a new book.

In *Faith, Freedom & The Future; Challenges for the 21st Century* (Wilberforce Publications, £12.99), the Bishop – from both a Muslim & Christian background – also claims that “here [in the UK] the abandoning of the Christian faith by large numbers of people, the continual secularising of the state, and the large-scale rejection of Christian teaching in the mainline churches themselves has left the West unprepared to understand and meet the challenge from a religiously-inspired ideology.”

The Bishop argues that it is only through a renewal of the vision of the Bible that the West will be able to strengthen its own moral and social basis and to counter the challenges being posed from outside. He says “It may be that God, in his mercy, will renew and revive the existing denominations or, if not, it may be in fresh ways that the Spirit will blow over parched lands and dry bones. Whichever it is, we must pray urgently for the Spirit’s refreshment and for not only spiritual but moral renewal. The one must lead to the other.”

Prior to becoming Bishop of Rochester, Bishop Michael was Bishop of Raiwind, Pakistan, and formerly General Secretary of the Church Mission Society

(CMS). His concern over the growing rise of Islamism led him to resign from his diocesan responsibilities in Rochester, to help develop Christian Leadership in the persecuted church.

### Shrine at Holy Sepulchre

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem has started some major repairs and renovation. The work will cost nearly £2.5million, but will see the shrine at the centre of the church, which dates back to 1810, completely rebuilt. The Greek Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches will each pay a third of the cost.

## Attendance Figures for April 2016

		Eucharists to April 2	9
April 3	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	10
Easter 2	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	71
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	3
April 6	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer for the Governing Body of the Church in Wales	155
		Other Weekday Eucharists	17
April 10	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	11
Easter 3	10.30 am	Choral Matins	59
	11.45 am	Shortened Eucharist	15
	6.00 pm	Exploring Worship	26
		Other Weekday Eucharists	25
April 17	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	18
Easter 4	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	95
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	1
		Other Weekday Eucharists	34

April 24	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	15 + 3
Easter 5	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	125
	2.30 pm	Scout Service	c 50 Adults + Children
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	3

## Calendar for May 2016

<b>Sun 5th</b>	<b>St. Tudno – Founder of the Church in Llandudno</b>		
	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist at Holy Trinity	
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist at St. Tudno's (Free bus service from Holy Trinity from 10.15 am) followed by pilgrimage to St. Tudno's Well (No 8.00 am or 10.30 am services at Holy Trinity today)	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Tues 7th	10.00 am	<i>Julian Meditation Group at Stella Maris</i>	
	7.30 pm	Compline by Candlelight at St. Tudno's	
Wed 8th	11.30 am	Carers' Service at Holy Trinity	
	7.30 pm	Friends of St. Tudno's Church Committee	
Thurs 9th	10.00 am	Guild of Health & St Raphael meeting	
	11.00 am	Eucharist with Ministry of Healing	
Sat 11th	<b>Barnabas, Apostle</b>		
	11.00 am	Yr Offeren	
<b>Sun 12th</b>	<b>Trinity 3</b>		
		Services as usual for the 2nd Sunday plus:	
	12.30 pm	Holy Baptism	
Mon 13th	10.00 am	<i>Bangor Synod at Llanberis</i>	
Thurs 16th	7.00 pm	PCC Eucharist	
	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting	
Sat 18th	7.30 pm	Montiverdi Singers Concert	
<b>Sun 19th</b>	<b>Trinity 4</b>		
		Services as usual for the 3rd Sunday plus:	
	12.30 pm	Holy Baptism	
	1.15 pm	Holy Baptism	
Fri 24th	<b>Birth of St. John the Baptist</b>		
	9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	
	11.00 am	Holy Matrimony	

<b>Sun 26th</b>	<b>Trinity 5</b>	Services as usual for the fourth Sunday plus: 12.30 pm Baptism at St. Tudno's 3.00 pm God in Creation' with St. Cystennin Church members
<b>Wed 29th</b>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles</b>	9.00 am Holy Eucharist

Please note: 'Men who Sing' Male Voice Choir Concerts take place every Sunday at 8.00 pm and Showplayers' Concerts at 8.00 pm every Wednesday - both at Holy Trinity.

## Sunday Rota

### Sunday 5 June

8.00 am

Sidesperson

11.00 am

Gwen Robinson

*St. Tudno's Day Eucharist  
at St. Tudno's Church*

Eucharistic  
Ministers

Angela Pritchard  
Stan Whitaker

### Sunday 12 June

8.00 am

Sidesperson

10.30 am

Readers

Sidespersons

E' Minster

Gwen Robinson

John Riddler  
Pat Riddler

Linda Blundell  
Joyce Crosby  
Cath Lloyd  
Vernon Morris

Marion Heald

### Sunday 26 June

8.00 am

Sidesperson

10.30 am

Reader

Sidespersons

Eucharistic  
Ministers

Gwen Robinson

Angela Pritchard  
Marion Heald  
William Maidlow  
Ron Illidge  
Doug Pritchard  
Marion Heald  
Cath Lloyd

### Sunday 3 July

8.00 am

Sidesperson

10.30 am

Reader

Sidespersons

Eucharistic  
Ministers

Gwen Robinson

Stan Whitaker  
Linda Blundell  
Sandra Davies  
Pat Riddler  
Angela Pritchard  
John Riddler  
Stan Whittaker

### Sunday 19 June

8.00 am

Sidesperson

10.30 am

Reader

Sidespersons

Gwen Robinson

Eira Jones  
Wendy C Stewart  
Annabel Jones  
Barbara Yates  
Pat Riddler



# The Great War – October 1916

## Harold Gatley

20039, Private, 14th Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Killed in action, 7 October 1916, aged 20

Buried at Essex Park Cemetery, Boezinge, Ypres, Belgium

Harold Gately, the son of Isaac James Gatley and Ann Jane Gatley (née Rawling) was born in 1896 at Llandudno. The 1901 Census for Wales records the family living at “Spring Grove”, Clifton Road, Llandudno; Isaac Gatley was a cab driver. Ten years later, Isaac was a cab proprietor and Harold (14) a draper’s errand boy.

Harold Gately volunteered to join the Royal Welch Fusiliers at the end of 1914. He enlisted at Llandudno and was given the regimental number 20039. 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.

Harold Gatley was killed in action on 7 October 1916 aged 20. The 14th RWF was part of the 38th (Welsh) Division that had received a severe mauling at the Battle of Mametz Wood in July 1916. On the day Harold was killed, the remnants of his battalion were engaged

in drainage work on a canal in the Ypres sector in Belgium. He was buried at the nearby Essex Park Cemetery.

*Known memorials:*

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

## Robert Frederick Sidebotham

29622, Private, The King’s (Liverpool Regiment)

Killed in action, 12 October 1916, aged 28

No known grave

Robert Frederick Sidebotham was born in Worcester in 1888. He was the son of Frederick Robert Sidebotham and Florence Harvey Sidebotham (née Rickaby). Details of Robert’s early life are scarce. The Census of Wales for 1901 records Robert and his father boarding at 6 Jubilee Street, Llandudno – Frederick was an ironmonger’s assistant and Robert (12) a schoolboy. The record indicated Frederick Sidebotham as being married but the whereabouts of Florence Sidebotham remains unknown. Ten years later, Robert (22) boarded at “The Nest”, Penrhyn Bay: he was described as a conductor on the electric tramway.

*Soldiers Died in the Great War* records that Robert Sidebotham enlisted into the The King's (Liverpool Regiment) at Colwyn Bay, his service number was 29622 and he was in the 20th (Service) Battalion (4th City) (formed Liverpool October 1914, disembarked Boulogne November 1915) when he died. His service number indicates an enlistment of around mid-1915 and it is likely that he did his infantry training with one of the Reserve Battalions before embarking for France. Robert was not awarded the 1914-1915 Star so he could not have entered the theatre of war or joined the 20th KLR until 1916.

Robert Sidebotham was killed in action near Eaucourt l'Abbaye during the Battle of the Somme on 12 October 1916 aged 28. He has no known grave.

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

## **John Richard H Williams**

I 3282, Serjeant, 9th Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Killed in action, 25 October 1916, aged circa 23

No known grave

John Richard H Williams, the son of John Elias and Eleanor Williams, was born in Llandudno circa 1893. In 1901,

the family lived at 8 Augusta Street (back), Llandudno. John Elias was described as a railway carter. Ten years later, the family lived at 1 Levern Cottage, Brookes Street, Llandudno, John Richard being described as a butcher's apprentice.

John Williams' service record no longer exists. *Soldiers Died in the Great War* records that he enlisted at Wrexham, his regimental number was I 3282 and that he was in the 9th Battalion of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers when he was killed in action. The 9th (Service) Battalion RWF formed at Wrexham on 9 September 1914; it was the second of the regiment's New Army Battalions and John Williams' regimental number corresponds with this date. The battalion initially moved to Tidworth but was in billets at Basingstoke by December 1914. It returned to Tidworth in March 1915 and disembarked at Boulogne on 19 July 1915.

Nothing is known about John Williams' record in France except that he was killed in action on 25 October 1916 aged circa 23. The war diary records that the battalion was in bivouac at Ovillers Post carrying out working party duties – one officer was wounded and one other rank was killed that day. He has no known grave.

*Known memorials:*

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

## James P Law

22900, Lance Corporal, 7th East Lancashire Regiment

Killed in action, 26 October 1916, aged 37

Buried at Mill Road Cemetery, Thiepval, Somme, France

According to his baptismal record, James Law was the son of John Joseph Law and Mary Ellen Law (née Helsby) of 2 Newton Street, Pendleton. He was born on 22 March 1879. John Law was a stonemason. The 1891 Census records the family living with Mary Ellen Law's widowed mother at St. Helens; James (12) is described as a scholar. James married Emily Ellen Sims in 1901. The 1911 Census of Wales records the couple plus three children, Clara, Violet Ellen and Alice, living at 8 Victoria Avenue, Craig-y-Don, Llandudno, James being described as a bricklayer.

Sadly, James Law's service record no longer exists. *Soldiers Died in the Great War* tells us that he enlisted at Llandudno, his service number was 22900 and that he was in the East Lancashire Regiment. His service number indicates that he joined the regiment circa May 1915 and it was almost certainly to the 10th (Reserve) Battalion at Swanage. The 10th ELR started life at Plymouth in October 1914 as a Service Battalion but became a Reserve Battalion in April

1915, training subalterns and men for the frontline battalions. James Law disembarked in France on 17 December 1915 and joined the 7th (Service) Battalion ELR, probably via an Infantry Base Depot.

James Law was killed in action on 26 October 1916 aged 37. On that day, the battalion had repulsed a strong German attack near Thiepval. A newspaper report of the time tells that he was a member of a patrol sent out to locate the German line. He was shot in the neck helping a wounded man. He was buried near where he fell but now rests at the nearby Mill Road Cemetery.

*Known memorials:*

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

## Thomas John Hughes

14881, Private, 11th Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Killed in action, 28 October 1916, aged 33

Buried at Karasouli Military Cemetery, Polykastro, Greece

Thomas John Hughes is not commemorated on the Llandudno memorials but he certainly should be. However, he is remembered on a family stone in St. Tudno's Churchyard: "In memory of Thomas John, second son of the above

(John Hughes, Hayley Cottage, formerly of Vine House), who was slain in Macedonia, in October 1916, aged 33.”

Thomas John Hughes was born in early 1883 to John Hughes, a joiner, and his second wife Ann (née Jones, married 31 May 1882) in Llandudno. John Hughes’ first wife, Elizabeth, with whom he had at least two children, Margaret, and William, had died circa 1875. The 1881 Census for Wales records John Hughes (51, widower), living at “Vine House & Hayley House”, [adjacent houses on] Church Walks, Llandudno. The 1891 Census records John Hughes (61), Ann Hughes (41) and Thomas J Hughes (8) living at “Hayley Cottage”, Old Road (at the rear of “Hayley House”). Ann Hughes died in 1893 and John Hughes died on 23 March 1900. In 1901, Thomas Hughes (as T J Hughes, joiner, 18) was a boarder at the adjacent “Vine Cottage”.

An entry in the Conway Register of Marriages (which includes Llandudno) records that a Thomas John Hughes married either Williamina Stewart or Elizabeth Williams later in 1901. More in-depth research is required to determine whether this Thomas Hughes is the subject of this article and, if so, which of the named ladies was the bride. In any event, it ended tragically because the next record of Thomas John Hughes to be discovered is the Census for 1911 where he is described as a widower. It is recorded that he was a coal miner, aged 28, and boarding in Porth, Glamorganshire.

Thomas Hughes enlisted at Wrexham into the 11th (Service) Battalion of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers when it formed in October 1914. The battalion moved south and eventually ended up at Aldershot in June 1915. It landed in France in early September 1915 but at the end of the following month it embarked at Marseilles for Salonika, arriving there in November 1915.

Thomas John Hughes was killed in action on 28 October 1916. *Soldiers Died in the Great War* says that Thomas John Hughes was killed in Serbia and whilst the stone in St. Tudno’s Churchyard says “Macedonia”, the *Register of Soldiers’ Effects* helpfully says “France”! He is buried at Karasouli Military Cemetery, Polykastro, Greece. The Register states that his effects were received by his step-brother William. Commonwealth War Grave records indicate that William, who after the war lived at Wrexham, authorised a sentiment on Thomas’ grave: “BACHGEN O LLANDUDNO (Boy of Llandudno)”.

It would appear that with his wife and parents predeceasing him, Thomas John Hughes is one of the neglected Llandudno casualties of the Great War who was forgotten when the town’s Roll of Honour was compiled.



## THE SAINT & THE MONSTER

St Columba, whose feast day is 9th June, was born in Ireland and came to Scotland to be a 'pilgrim for Christ'. He founded a monastery on the island of Iona in 563. The monastery at Iona became a centre of learning and many missionaries were trained there. Columba carried the message of God's love throughout Scotland and monks from his monastery carried the message into England.

St Columba wrote a number of hymns and is said to have transcribed, or written out by hand, some 300 books in his lifetime.

And what has he got to do with a monster? Well, it wasn't the Loch Ness monster but a monster that was living in the River Ness. St Columba is said to have driven away this monster who was attacking a swimmer, with the sign of the cross and the words "Thou shalt go no further, nor touch the man; go back with all speed."

## MONSTER MUNCHIES

75 g (3 oz) margarine  
3 normal size Mars Bars  
(thinly sliced)  
3 large tea cups Rice Crispies  
100 g (4 oz) chocolate cake  
covering (melted)



Grease and line a swiss roll tin. In a heavy based saucepan, gently melt the margarine. Add the Mars Bar pieces and stir until no lumps are left.

Take the pan off the heat and stir in the Rice Crispies – adding more if the mixture will take it. Spread the mixture in the tin and press it down evenly with the back of a spoon.

Cover with the melted chocolate and leave to set. Cut into 24 bars when cold – or cut into less



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We live in an age of complicated financial affairs and intricate family relationships, yet more than two-thirds of people in the UK don't have a Will.

Wills, or the lack of, have formed the basis of many a fascinating story. From Dickens to Eastenders, they have made and broken lives, ripped apart families and created millionaires. But as much as people might be fascinated by others' tales of surprise windfall or bitter disinheritance, when it comes to our own affairs, it seems we suffer a serious case of ostrich syndrome - that is, burying our heads in the sand.

It's a common misconception that if you die without making a Will, then your closest relatives will decide how your assets are divided. This is not the case. There are rigid rules in place as to who inherits your estate when you die - it's called the Rules of Intestacy.

In the event of your death, those you care about will be burdened by unnecessary worries on top of their bereavement. Dying with-

out a Will adds to all sorts of complications to the administration of an estate and can increase cost and work involved for your nearest and dearest.

The cost of making a Will is not as much as you might think. A simple Will can be made by a solicitor quite inexpensively. The cost to those you leave behind may be much greater if you do not leave a Will.

Even if you do have a Will in place, it is advisable that you review your Will regularly. You may feel that you have dealt with all that you need to, and you may be right. However, all our circumstances change from time to time; births, marriages, divorces and deaths are all reasons that may require a review of your current Will.

None of us know what is in our futures and hopefully we'll all live to be a 100 and die happy! But there are no guarantees. By making a Will you are preparing for the unforeseen and provides you with peace of mind that your affairs are in order and that you are in control of who to leave your estate to, and in some cases, who you do not want to leave your estate to!

Finally, as soon your Will is signed, you can put it in a drawer and concentrate on living!

\* 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



## Churchyards in May

At Holy Trinity the Guides have been continuing to look after the troughs and have now planted up the big planter to the north of the church – many thanks to them for keeping these looking so nice. Around the church there were some clumps of bluebells and three cornered leeks by the wall and buttercups and daisies dotted in the grass, reminding one of the old hymn

Daisies are our silver. I'm not usually quick enough to photograph birds but the sparrow pictured here was posing in the berberis.

At St. George's the arum lilies by the Memorial Garden have been looking very stately and there has been a large patch of cuckoo flowers (*Cardamine pratensis*) amongst the grass to the north west of the church. These have delicate pale pink flowers on tall, slender stems and tend to be found in damp areas.



At St. Tudno's the violets and primroses continued flowering and were joined by bluebells and cowslips. After the cold spring the grass had not grown much since its last cut in October, which enabled the working party to rake the whole churchyard. As well as reducing fertility by removing the grass cuttings, the raking helps to open up spaces for seeds to germinate.

**Christine Jones**

*Sparrow at Holy Trinity.*





*Cuckoo flower at St. George's.*



*Bluebells at St. Tudno's.*

## **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 "M".

1. Dreams I looked at wrongly. (7)
2. Dress of the gas-Jet era. (6)
3. The doctor's claim is a handy improvement. (8)
4. Most attractive way to get me acting. (8)
5. Pulped fire residue in Med. (6)
6. Seminar disrupted by sailors. (7)
7. Fungal shape? (5)
8. May have previously been a military force. (5)
9. Average way to assess. (8)
10. Central position of two old pennies in the distance. (6)

Results for May

1. Rustic
2. Apple pip
3. Canal
4. Tree
5. Delta
6. Lime
7. Estuary
8. Ditch
9. Thistle
10. Meadow



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