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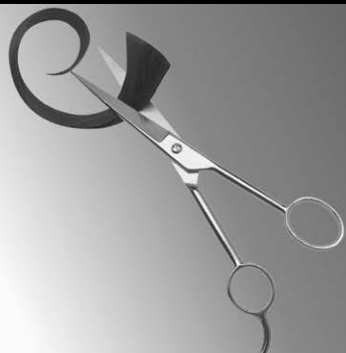
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Holy Trinity Church

Sundays

- 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays)
- Matins followed by shortened Eucharist (2nd Sunday)
- 6.00 pm Exploring Worship – in Church Hall (2nd Sunday unless notified otherwise)

Weekdays

- 9.00 am Holy Eucharist (Wed)
- 11.00 am Holy Eucharist (Thurs & major saints' days)
- Holy Eucharist in Welsh (Sat)

St. Tudno's Church, Great Orme

- 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.

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INTERREGNUM LATEST

To avoid any uncertainty, please consult the monthly calendar on page 8 which highlights all the services scheduled to be held at Holy Trinity and St. Tudno's this month. Consult the weekly bulletins for the very latest situation.

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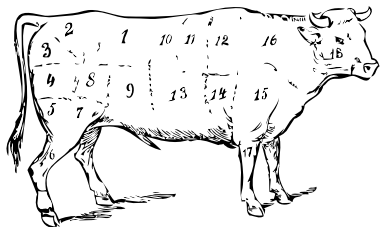
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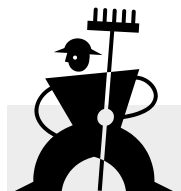
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Calendar for January 2018

All services and activities take place in Holy Trinity Church or Church Hall except where stated. The Parish of Llandudno is not responsible for the services and activities printed in grey. Please consult the organisers for further information.

Mon 1st	The Naming of Jesus	
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Tue 2nd	10.00 am	Cytûn Julian Group meeting at Stella Maris
Wed 3rd	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Thurs 4th	10.30 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael prayers for healing
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Sat 6th	The Epiphany of Our Lord	
	11.00 am	Bilingual Eucharist
Sun 7th	Epiphany 1 / The Baptism of Christ	
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist <i>1st Sunday in January</i>
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist (Sunday School term begins today)
Wed 10th	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00 am	Coffee Mornings recommence (inc 150 Club Draw)
Thurs 11th	10.00 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael meeting
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist with Ministry of Healing
Sat 13th	11.00 am	<i>Yr Offeren</i>
Sun 14th	Epiphany 2	
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist <i>2nd Sunday</i>
	10.30 am	Choral Matins (Sunday School in Church Hall) followed by shortened Holy Eucharist
	6.00 pm	Exploring Worship
Mon 15th	9.30 am	Parents and Toddlers' Group restarts today
	7.00 pm	PCC Standing Committee
Tue 16th	10.30 am	Bangor Synod at Pro Peblig Ministry Area Designate (see <i>Diocesan Diary</i> p 74)
	12.00 noon	Mothers' Union late Christmas Lunch at Llandrillo
	for 12.30 pm	College (see p 16)
Wed 17th	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Thurs 18th		No Guild of Health and St. Raphael prayers today
	10.30 am	Cytûn Unity Service at Egyptian Coptic Church
	11.30 am	Holy Eucharist (note time)
Fri 19th	10.30 am	Cytûn Unity Service at Seilo Welsh Chapels

Sat 20th	10.30 am	Cytûn Unity Holy Communion at Gloddaeth United The 11.00 am <i>Yr Offeren</i> is cancelled today
Sun 21st	Epiphany 3	<hr/>
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist <i>3rd Sunday</i>
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist (Sunday School in Church Hall)
	6.00 pm	Cytûn President's Service at Gloddaeth United
Mon 22nd	9.30 am	Parents and Toddlers' Group
	10.30 am	Cytûn Unity Service at St. Paul's, Craig-y-don
Tue 23rd	2.30 pm	Parish Fellowship AGM (see p 15)
	7.30 pm	Cytûn Unity Service at the Lighthouse Community
Wed 24th	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
	10.30 am	Cytûn Unity Service at Stella Maris
Thurs 25th	The Conversion of Paul, Apostle	
	10.00 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael prayers for healing
	10.30 am	Cytûn Unity Service at St. David's, Craig-y-don
	11.30 am	Holy Eucharist (note time)

Sat 27th **Holocaust Memorial Day** (see 6.00 pm tomorrow)

11.00 am *Yr Offeren*

Sun 28th Epiphany 4

8.00 am Holy Eucharist *4th Sunday*

10.30 am Sung Eucharist (Sunday School in Church Hall)

11.00 am Holy Eucharist at St. Tudno's

6.00 pm Cytûn Holocaust Memorial Service, St. David's
Methodist Church, Craig-y-don

Mon 29th 9.30 am Parents and Toddlers' Group

Tue 30th 2.30 pm Parish Fellowship

Wed 31st 9.00 am Holy Eucharist

10.00 am Coffee Morning

February

Thurs 1st 10.00 am Guild of Health and St. Raphael prayers for healing

11.00 am Holy Eucharist

12.00 am Mothers' Union AGM

7.30 pm PCC meeting

Fri 2nd The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas) is transferred to next Sunday

Sat 3rd 11.00 am *Yr Offeren*

Sun 4th Lent -2 / Candlemas (transferred) / Creation Sunday

8.00 am Holy Eucharist *1st Sunday in February*

10.30 am Sung Eucharist with Candlemas ceremonies (Sunday School
in Church Hall)

Special Interregnum Arrangements

Governance

The parish is under the care of Canon Robert Townsend (Area Dean). The churchwardens aided by their deputies are in charge of day to day matters.

Pastoral Emergencies

Contact the Revd Noel Carter of the Aberconwy Mission Area (01492 339521).

House Communion

Contact a warden who will arrange this for you.

Sacramental Ministries (Anointing of the Sick, Confession etc)

Either speak to a priest after a service, or ask a warden to arrange this for you.

Baptisms, Weddings, etc

Make enquiries with the churchwardens who will consult the Area Dean.

Funerals in Church

Funeral directors contact the wardens who will liaise with the Area Dean.

Magazine, Calendar and Bulletin

Father John must be enjoying his retirement if only because he does not have to compile the monthly calendar and the weekly bulletin any more. Father John asked Terry Dewar to produce the weekly bulletin during the interregnum but no one seems to have been asked to produce the monthly calendar so, as

Editor of the magazine, it fell upon me to compile it.

Compiling the calendar is not easy – it normally takes me a couple of days to produce the magazine but the calendar adds at least another day. Terry is having problems with the bulletin because he is not always getting the announcements to put in it.

The monthly calendar is now intended to be fully inclusive. Therefore all diary announcements will appear in both the monthly calendar (which also appears on the parish website) and the weekly bulletin. The latter will serve to remind parishioners of the coming week's events and list any changes.



...he's great at organising; but just not so good at delegating!

Please send all diary items for both the calendar and the bulletin to me – the details and deadline is the same as for magazine articles – see page 3. Terry will simply copy details into the weekly bulletin. I will publish a provisional copy of the monthly calendar before going to press so that you can check and ensure that your diary requests are printed accurately.

Any amendments or additions to announcements for the bulletins should be sent **both** to me and to Terry. This will ensure that the bulletins and the website are fully up-to-date.

Please let us know of everything that is being held within the parish, be it in Holy Trinity, St. Tudno's, the Church Hall or anywhere else. The more notice we are given, the better publicity we can provide. **In addition, please supply the magazine with a report and any photographs of the activities you sponsor or support.**

May I take this opportunity to wish all our readers a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Andy Leitch
Editor

News and Notices

Exploring Worship

Exploring Worship offers ecumenical, contemporary worship prepared and led by groups of participants. Exploring Worship experiments with different worship patterns and tries to stimulate reflection on a wide range of issues.

The new season of Exploring Worship will begin on Sunday 14 January at 6.00 pm in Holy Trinity's Church Hall. Everybody is welcome to join us.

Week of Christian Unity

The Week of Christian Unity (technically eight days) runs from Thursday 18 to Thursday 25 February. Services in our town are organised by *Cytûn*

Llandudno (Churches Together) and the full programme of services can be seen on pages eight and nine.

Cytûn unites in pilgrimage those churches in Wales which, acknowledging God's revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures; and, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit, commit themselves to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is his body, and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world, to the glory of the one God Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Important. Because the scheduling of

the church unity services and our own regular services clash somewhat, there are a few changes to the weekly Holy Eucharist services in Holy Trinity:

- The service on Thursday 18 January will begin at 11.30 am,
- The service in Welsh on Saturday 20 January is cancelled. If you wish to receive the Eucharist, a Eucharist for Christian Unity will be celebrated at Gloddaeth United Church at 10.30 am,
- The service on Wednesday 24 January at 9.00 am is unchanged, and
- The service on Thursday 25 January (Conversion of Paul, Apostle) will begin at 11.30 am.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



"Given the state of our heating system, your name seemed rather appropriate."

Coffee Mornings

The winter Coffee Mornings will recommence on Wednesday 10 January beginning at 10.00 am. The team looks forward to seeing you all again.

Parish Fellowship

Our opening meeting was on Tuesday, 17th October where we enjoyed a Eucharist with Father John. It is always special to have a Eucharist at our meetings and this one was even more special as it was our last one with Father John before he retired. Vernon also introduced the new programme of speakers to us and we closed the meeting with a cup of tea and a chance to chat and catch up with all our news.

Our first meeting with a speaker was Tuesday, 24th October when Dafydd Price spoke to us about his early life as a baker in Aberfraw on Anglesey. The many experiences he and his family had shared were varied – sometimes sad, sometimes funny and sometimes fascinating! His anecdotal accounts kept us all enthralled.

Our second speaker was someone well known to us all – Yvonne Mason. Yvonne spoke about Richard III – Victim or Villain. Yvonne is a master of delivery and everyone was captivated by her knowledgeable and intuitive talk.

November, 7th we were delighted to welcome Anna Williams from The Wildlife Trust. Anna told us about the

work of the trust and how important it is to “connect wildlife and people.” The trust relies heavily on its 5,000 volunteers nationwide and has very few paid employees. She described to us the work that she is involved in locally and we are hoping to visit one of these areas for our annual day out next May.

Our next meeting was an unusual one in that there was no speaker and we decided to meet for a quiz and a bit of fun. Barbara came to our rescue with a quiz based on Christmas Carols and another based on the local area. There was fierce competition between the two teams and as each team won a quiz, Barbara very generously provided us all with a prize! Thank you Barbara.

Geraint Griffiths was our speaker on Tuesday, 21st November talking to us about “Walking to Remember.” He told us about some fascinating local walks in addition to some from much farther afield. He gave us some amazing facts about events that happened such as the last invasion of Britain – not 1066 as we thought but 1797 when the French, led by an Irish American tried to attack Bristol. They were blown off course and eventually landed in Fishguard. There wasn’t much food or discipline and they were soon repelled and held captive in Haverfordwest. The woman who led the soldiers to capture them was a local woman, the wife of a shoemaker who rounded up 12 soldiers and led them, armed with a pitchfork! She died in Fishguard aged 82, 35 years after the invasion.

Our next speaker on 28th November was Carol Marrubi – our ex Mayor, who spoke about “My Time as Mayor.” Carol told us of her many exploits and hard work for the local community both as mayor and as a councillor. She told us a little about herself and the very interesting and very worthwhile causes that she is involved in. She also brought her chain of office as “Ex Mayor” to show us. Apparently, you serve a year as deputy mayor, a year as mayor and then a further year as ex mayor – a tremendous commitment by anyone’s standards. Carol told us about many of the events that she had attended in this area and abroad, giving us a unique insight into how much preparation and sheer hard work they involved. We very much enjoyed meeting Carol and have invited her back as part of our Spring programme.

Our final meeting was 5th December – our Christmas party! We had our usual short service followed by a delicious party tea prepared by Marion and finally Christmas Carols accompanied by Ray. There was a lovely atmosphere throughout and I’m sure everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

As always, so many people have contributed to our meetings and helped to make them so enjoyable. Vernon always manages to book interesting and insightful speakers, we can always rely on Marion to provide our tea and biscuits and it made such a difference having Ray to accompany us for our carols. Thank you to everyone who has

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come along each week and made the meetings special. I hope we can carry on enjoying our meetings into 2018. I would like to wish all our members a Very Happy Christmas and hope to see you all at our first meeting – our AGM on 23rd January. If anyone would like to join us, this would be an ideal time to come along and see what we are about!

Vicky Ford

Mothers' Union

At our monthly meeting of the afternoon branch of MU on Monday 6th November we were given a superb demonstration of Floral Art by Mrs. Betty Raggett, a member of All Saints MU in Deganwy. Betty participated in the Flower Festival that took place earlier last year at the Marble Church in Bodelwyddan. Betty made seven arrangements depicting some of Jesus' Parables.

Prior to the demonstration Angela welcomed us all and was delighted to welcome some of the members from the United Catholic Mothers from Our Lady Star of the Sea. We are particularly pleased that we are forging a strong friendship with them. It was really good to see 30 very enthusiastic ladies enjoying the afternoon of beauty and friendship.

Jennifer then led the meeting assisted by Sandra who conducted our short service so beautifully and included some really inspiring readings. Roz gave

the vote of thanks to Betty. We were able to raffle off the floral arrangements and seven people were thrilled to take home the fabulous arrangements. Tea, coffee, biscuits and mince pies (courtesy of Angela) were enjoyed by all. Many thanks to our very willing band of helpers who ensured the afternoon flowed so smoothly.

On Monday 27th November we held our Annual Wave of Prayer which took place in the Church Hall. Angela welcomed everyone and it was lovely to see so many of us on such a cold and wet afternoon. She thanked Barbara for arranging the beautiful service which was so meaningful when we prayed for our branches and leaders in South Africa (Zululand) - Tay; Kenya (Lodwar) - Dina & Everlyne; Nigeria (Isiala Ngwa South) - Hope; Ghana (Accra) - Sarah, & Beatrice; Wales (Bangor) - Jenny; Sri Lanka (Colombo) - Roshini.

The three candles were lit by Jennifer, Jenny and Angela.

After our service, we had a lively discussion about the many roles MU members play in the life of the church. We always try and encourage young and old members of the community to become involved in Church life. Angela particularly mentioned the work that both Sandra and Roz do with the Sunday School - Sandra mentioned that there are now over 40 names on the register.

We finished our afternoon with fellowship enjoying tea and mince pies,

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The Advent Reflective Afternoon was led by Rev Mike and Roz Harrison and began with a very moving orthodox call to Christians at Christmastide. The reflection was based on Nia Higinbottom's nativities of which she has collected about 200 from all over the world and members enjoyed seeing photographs of a few of them. We sang Advent hymns to well-known tunes but with nontraditional words. We saw heart-rending images of a divided Bethlehem and were challenged by pictures of refugees fleeing across the desert in their thousands as the Israelites did three thousand years ago. We made our confession using a Peruvian prayer. We heard Mary and Joseph's stories and tried to put ourselves in their places. A welcome opportunity to take time out and make our own preparations during this busy time of year.

Dates for your diary:

On Tuesday 16 January at 12.00 noon we are holding our delayed Christmas Lunch at Llandrillo College. There is scope for other parishioners who support the Mothers' Union to join us. Anyone who is interested in coming along with us must send in their £5.00 deposit (meal £12.50) to either Angela or Jennifer by 7 January at the latest.

On Thursday 1 February, we are holding our branch's Annual General Meeting. We will be attending the scheduled Holy Eucharist in the Memorial Chapel

at 11.00 am and the AGM will begin in the hall at 12.00 noon. Anyone wishing to join the Union is most welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you.

May we wish all members and parishioners a Very Happy New Year.

***Jennifer Fossi
Roz Harrison
Angela Pritchard***

Sunday School News

We have many children and their families attending Holy Trinity Sunday School at present, including several babies and two sets of twins.

There are usually six activities available for the children to do when they arrive and these are all directly linked to the lectionary theme for the week. We keep it very relaxed and informal, the children often have a drink and a biscuit they have iced themselves. After about 20 mins we all get together and talk about what we have been doing and help the adults and children make the connections with the theme and the children join in with the actions to the Bible story for the morning.

We come into Church for Communion or a blessing then it's back to the hall for a final prayer and goodbyes. It would be wonderful if some of you could pray every week for a particular family or come and help us out occasionally. If you think you could do something please speak to Sandra or Roz we

would love to hear from you.

On 3 December, Advent Sunday, the Sunday School remained in Church at the end of the Eucharist and one of our two sets of twins lit the Advent Candle. It was lovely to have so many children and their families in Church with us.

Later that day, the annual Christingle was held. Lucas and Gianluca explained the significance of the Christingle to Rev Mike. There was a lovely atmosphere in Holy Trinity when all the lights were put out and out Christingles were lit and we sang *Away in a Manger*.

On 10 December, we lit the second Advent Candle. We were very depleted in Church that morning due to



Both images this page: Advent Sunday.





Christingle, Advent Sunday.

the snow but we joined in the Advent Family worship and good fellowship in the hall afterwards over coffee, juice and biscuits.

We were delighted to welcome the pupils in year two from Ysgol San Sior for our Christmas Wrapped up Workshop at the end of November. The children were very knowledgeable and participated in all the activities. They all went home with a Christmas card and a Christmas biscuit. Thanks are due to Jennifer Roberts and the members of the Children and Young Families Committee, without whose help this excellent workshop would not have happened.

School Visit

Year three pupils from Ysgol Tudno visited Holy Trinity at the end of November as part of their RE curriculum. The children were extremely interested in



Advent Family Service.

everything Fr. Mike had to tell them and asked lots of questions. Roz told them that when Fr. Mike put his robes on, he was God's Special Agent!

Roz Harrison



AFTER SEVERAL SLEEPLESS NIGHTS,
THE VICAR LOOKED BADLY DRAWN



Judith and Florence.

Llandudno Christmas Parade

From 3.00 pm on Saturday 2 December, there were various seasonal entertain-



Skylar with Santa and his helper.



Frankie and Theo meeting Santa.

ments outside the Town Hall. At 4.00 pm, the Christmas Parade travelled from the Railway Station, along Vaughan Street, into Mostyn Street, Lloyd Street, Madoc Street and returned to the Station. The Parade featured Father Christmas as well as members of our congregation and Sunday School.

St. Tudno's Church

At 11.00 am on Sunday 26th November there was a Holy Eucharist at St. Tudno's, led by Revd Dr John Prysor-Jones. It was quite a cold, breezy day but there was a keen congregation of 14, plus a lovely, well behaved dog called Titch. Daphne Balchin played the keyboard and hymns included Crown him with many crowns and Dear Lord and Father of mankind. The sermon



Carols by Candlelight at St. Tudno's with the Holy Trinity Choir...

was on the theme of how we can all
take part in the kingdom of Christ and

that this is evident wherever caring and
compassion is shown. Hot drinks and



...and the Handbell Ringers.

cakes were enjoyed after the service.

The three services of Carols by Candlelight were held on Sunday 17 December and were led by Revd Mike Harrison. Holy Trinity choir took part in the 3.00 pm service and sang two anthems and the keyboard was played by Norman Rimmer. During the 4.30 pm service Ray Stythe-Jones played the keyboard, the handbell ringers played two carols and ended the service by playing We wish you a merry Christmas. The 6.00 pm service included more readings and Good King Wenceslas sung in parts by the gentlemen and ladies and the keyboard was played by Daphne Balchin. Retiring collections were taken for the Archbishop of Wales' Fund for Children and the services were much enjoyed by all who attended.

We were delighted to see a scene from Carols by Candlelight illustrating the

Bishop's written Christmas message on the Diocesan website – but you will have to read the message to learn the relevance of the other photos!

The next service at St. Tudno's will be Holy Eucharist at 11.00 am on Sunday 28 January and hot drinks and cakes will be served afterwards. During winter, St. Tudno's is open weekends, Wednesdays and bank holidays, weather permitting.

***Shirley Georgeson
Christine Jones***

Friends of St. Tudno's Church

The Friends were busy during the Carols by Candlelight weekend. Preparation began on Saturday 16 December with cleaning of the church and rearrangement of the furniture to allow some benches to be brought in from





All images: Candles by Candlelight preparation.



the shed to provide additional seating. The church was decorated, the Nativity scene arranged and candles set out.

Work continued on the Sunday morning when the path lights were set out and battery lanterns hung on the gates

to help everyone move safely through the churchyard. Friends took part in the services, lighting candles, reading lessons and prayers – and then did all the clearing up of candles and path lights.

Christine Jones

150 Club

The draw for November was held during the Coffee morning on the 13th December 2017.

The prize fund stood again at £150 and the following three winning numbers were drawn:

1st	Number 38	
	Jean Roberts	£90
2nd	Number 4	Donated to St.
	Tudno's Church	£40
3rd	Number 109	
	Christine Jones	£20.

We would like to congratulate all the winners.

We have now paid out £7120 in prize money since the Club was started.

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

The next draw will take place on Wednesday, 10th January 2018 during the coffee morning about 11.00 am

Should you want more details of the 150 Club, you can find forms at the back of the Church or in the hall.

May I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and that the New Year brings you happiness and great joy?

I again thank everyone for your continuing support in this project.

Terry Dewar (Promoter)

From the Parish Pump

British want cathedrals and churches protected

Castles, cathedrals and churches and royal palaces are the historic buildings that the British think it is most important to protect for future generations. These are the findings of a recent opinion poll, carried out for the National Churches Trust, the UK's church buildings support charity, by ComRes.

Out of ten key types of historic buildings, British adults are most likely to say that castles should be protected for future generations (34%). This is closely followed by cathedrals and churches (20%) and royal palaces (18%). Other building types and their ranking in the poll included country houses (4%), transport buildings and structures (4%) and government and civic buildings (3%).

Claire Walker, Chief Executive of the National Churches Trust, said: “At the heart of communities in cities, towns and villages, cathedrals and churches are a treasure trove of architecture, history and faith.”

With 42,000 church buildings, the United Kingdom’s religious heritage is a unique part of its national story, with 45% of all England’s Grade I listed buildings cathedrals and churches.

Cut stake on fixed odds betting urges bishop

The Bishop of St. Albans, Dr Alan Smith, has responded to the Government’s recent announcement of The Triennial Review of Stakes and Prizes. He said: “The Triennial Review of Stakes and Prizes has proposed a range of possible stakes for fixed-odds betting terminals. While a reduction in stakes is welcome, any stake higher than £2 does not go far enough to address the harm these machines cause to families and communities around the UK.

“In our broader response to the consultation, the Church of England will urge the Government to consider the experiences of those affected most by these machines, and to choose to lower the stake to £2.

“This will bring order to the regulatory scheme and improve our high streets. At present, FOBTs are the only betting machines on the high street which take a stake of more than £2.

“The £100 stake has been a disastrous anomaly. I urge the Government not to replace one harmful anomaly with another at the expense of the poorest and most vulnerable.”

Countries where it is most difficult to be a Christian

If you’ve ever felt that being a Christian in the UK is not easy, spare a prayer for Christians in North Korea, Somalia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Yemen, and Eritrea. These ten countries (in that order) have topped the 2017 Open Doors World Watch List for the ten most difficult places on earth to be a Christian.

In these countries Christians must keep their beliefs hidden, for to be known as a Christian means beatings, imprisonment, discrimination and constant abuse.

Open Doors has found that, for the fourth year in a row, the level of overall persecution has risen worldwide, with Asia in particular showing a rapid rise. While North Korea is still number one, India went up to a ranking of 15, as Hindu nationalists batter the churches. Elsewhere, Islamic extremism continues to strangle the expression of the Christian faith, fuelling persecution in 14 out of the top 20 countries, and 35 of the top 50. Millions of Christians around the world now live their lives against varying levels of discrimination, discovery, violence and arrest.

Malaria on rise in Burundi

More than six million cases of malaria were recorded in Burundi last year, and up to a million more children are at risk of getting the disease right now, World Vision has warned.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), more than 2,800 people died last year as a result of the epidemic. Traditionally, malaria cases spike in December and January.

Frontline health workers in one province are reporting that up to 90 per cent of malaria cases are in children under the age of 18.

World Vision is responding to the malaria epidemic, but needs more assistance. The child-focused humanitarian organisation has so far reached more than 1.1 million people in its malaria response by distributing mosquito nets, spraying homes with long-lasting insecticides, training community health volunteers to identify and treat moderate cases of malaria as well as providing health clinics and hospitals with malaria treatment medication

Intense rains cause famine

According to the World Food Programme, about 87 million people in Indonesia face food insecurity. This is especially evident in the Indonesian province of Papua, New Guinea, where at present about 29 villages are suffering from a famine, caused by excessive rain and flooding. Bringing food in by road is almost impossible: Papua New Guinea is marked by steep mountains and plunging valleys, and many of the villages don't even have roads. The few that do exist get clogged by landslides.

No wonder that for some time now, MAF has been flying food and aid into the area affected by famine. There are a number of churches near a place called Bugapa, which is where MAF lands with the supplies. Then the church leaders from these villages send in folks from their church and then they pick up the food and they hike over the mountains. Such a journey can last days. In addition to rice, the MAF pilots also fly in seeds for corn and spinach to replant gardens.

Attendance Figures for November 2017

Eucharists to 4th November			33
November 5th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	8
All Saints	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	92
	8.00 pm	Requiem Last Service of Archdeacon Paul in Bangor Diocese	92
		Other Weekday Eucharists	17



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November 12th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	12
Kingdom 2	9.45 am	Civic Remembrance Service	488 + 60
	10.55 am	Remembrance Sung Eucharist	25
	6.00 pm	Exploring Worship	18
		Other Weekday Eucharists	23
November 19th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	9
Kingdom 3	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	75
		Other Weekday Eucharists	21
November 26th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	10
	10.30	Sung Eucharist	82 + 20

Sunday Rota

Sunday 7 January

Reader	Vernon Morris
Sidespersons	Joyce Crosby
	Marion Heald
	William Maidlow
	Joyce Smith
Eucharistic	Cath Lloyd
Ministers	Stan Whittaker

Sunday 14 January

Readers	Ray Stythe-Jones
	Gay Stythe-Jones
Sidespersons	Annabel Jones
	Vernon Morris
	Angela Pritchard
	Pat Riddler
E Minister	Marion Heald

Sunday 21 January

Reader	TBD
Sidespersons	Ron Illidge
	Doug Pritchard

Sue Stafford
Barbara Yates
Geoff Howard
Angela Pritchard

Sunday 28 January

Reader	Marion Heald
Sidespersons	Cath Lloyd
	Linda Blundell
	Joyce Smith
	Wendy C-Stewart
Eucharistic	John Riddler
Ministers	Stan Whittaker

Sunday 4 February

Reader	Stan Whittaker
Sidespersons	Joyce Crosby
	Marion Heald
	William Maidlow
	Doug Pritchard
Eucharistic	Terry Dewar
Ministers	Angela Pritchard

The Great War – August 1918

James Alexander McDonald

1687, Private, 59th Australian Imperial Force

Died of wounds, 6 October 1918, aged 40

Buried at Tincourt New British Cemetery, France

James Alexander McDonald, the son of Thomas McDonald and his wife Margaret, was born in Belfast on 22 July 1878. The first known census return for the family dated March 1901 recorded that it lived at Castle Street in Dundalk, Co Louth, both Thomas and James McDonald being recorded as builders. James McDonald married Martha Hughes (b 1880, Llandudno), the sister of Daniel Hughes (qv) at Llanrhos Parish Church on 20 February 1911. James gave his address as Iona Castle Road, Dundalk. The Census of Ireland for the same year records the couple living at Castle Street in Dundalk with James' parents. James and Martha McDonald emigrated to Australia; their son Claude Melbourne Alexander was born in Melbourne on 27 July 1912, followed by their daughter Mary Victoria on 19 July 1914. The electoral roll of 1915 indicates that the family lived at 362 St. Kilda Road, South Melbourne; James was employed as a carpenter.

On 28 July 1915, James McDonald joined the Australian Imperial Force at

Melbourne with a service number of 1687. He served in a number of local units until being transferred to the 59th Battalion 1st Reinforcements at Broadmeadows on 31 March 1916. He sailed for Suez on HMAT A-17 Port Lincoln, disembarking on 10 June 1916. He embarked from Alexandria on 2 August 1916 on the SS Franconia, disembarking at Marseilles on 8 August. He arrived in England on 21 August.

At this time, Martha and the two children were returning from Australia. Having sailed from Sydney on the SS Malwa, they arrived at London on 8 September 1916 and took residence at 10 Winllan Avenue, Llandudno.

On 11 November 1916, James McDonald sailed from Folkestone to France on the SS Golden Eagle, joining the 5th Australian Division Base Depot at Étaples the following day. He joined the 60th Battalion AIF on 2 December 1916. His daughter Margaret D McDonald was born in 1917. When James made a will in June 1917, his family's address was given as "Ty Aildro", Hill Terrace, Llandudno. James spent two weeks on leave to the UK in January 1918 and was transferred to the 59th Battalion AIF on 25 September 1918, only to receive gunshot wounds to the abdomen and left foot four days later during the Battle of St. Quentin Canal.

On 7 October 1918, James Alexander

McDonald died of his wounds aged 40 at 12 Casualty Clearing Station, Tincourt. He was buried following day at Tincourt New British Cemetery, the funeral being led by the Rev H Griffiths.

Known memorials:

- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *English Presbyterian Church, Llandudno*
- *Ireland, Casualties of the Great War*
- *Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance*

Llewelyn Roberts

21378, Private, 14th Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Killed in action, 6 October 1918, aged 25

Believed buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Gouy, France

Llewelyn Roberts, the son of a plasterer William Roberts and his wife Eliza, was born at Llandudno on 30 January 1893. Living at "Craig-y-Orsedd", Maelgwyn Terrace, Winllan Aveue, Llewelyn attended Lloyd Street School and transferred to the new Dyffryn Road School in 1905 which he left in April 1907. In the Census of 1911, Llewelyn (18) was described as a grocer's assistant.

It would appear that Llewelyn moved to Sale in Cheshire and at the beginning of 1915, he enlisted at Manchester into the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He joined

the 14th (Service) Battalion that was forming at the time at Llandudno. His regimental number was 21378. The 14th RWF was a formation within the short-lived "Welsh Army" which eventually became the 38th (Welsh) Division. After initial training at Llandudno, the division moved to Winchester in August 1915 but not before Llewelyn had married Dorothy Anne Jones of Penrhynside. Llewelyn Roberts disembarked in France on 2 December 1915. Llewelyn and Dorothy's daughter Dorothy Eliza Roberts was born at Penrhynside on 27 January 1916.

Sadly, Llewelyn's army record no longer exists and little is known about his particular three years of hard fighting on the Western Front. His regiment suffered severe casualties during the action at Mametz Wood during the Battle of the Somme and did not return to action for over one year. In 1917, the battalion fought at the Third Battle of Ypres and in 1918 it was back on the Somme fighting the battles of the Hindenburg Line and the final advance in Picardy.

Having advanced into recently-evacuated German trenches on 5 October 1918, the 38th (Welsh) Division found it could advance no further because the Germans had reorganised themselves into another defensive line which ran through Mortho Wood near the village of Bony. The war diary for the 14th RWF describes how on the following day it sent out a patrol to force away through Mortho Wood but it came

back reporting that it was strongly held. No casualties were recorded in the diary but it was on this day that Llewelyn Roberts was killed in action aged 25. Two days later, the wood was taken.

Whether or where Llewelyn Robert's remains were buried is somewhat uncertain. A special memorial in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Gouy reads: "Believed to be buried in this cemetery".

After the war, Dorothy Anne Roberts lived at her parents' home of No 1 Mount Pleasant, Penrhynside. She died in 1979.

Known memorials:

- *Prospect Hill Cemetery, Gouy, France*
- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Penrhynside War Memorial*

John Stanley Levis

*Wireless Operator, SS Mahana,
Merchant Marine*

Died of illness, 8 October 1918, aged 20

*Buried at Suez War Memorial Cemetery,
Egypt*

(John) Stanley Levis was born at Llandudno on 13 September 1898. He was the son of John William Levis, a bath attendant, and his wife Annie Sofia Levis (née Lyne). When Stanley was Baptised at St. Paul's Church, Craig-y-Don on 23 October 1898, the family's address

was 6 Pleasant Street, Craig-y-Don. Stanley had an elder brother George and a younger sister Evelyn. In 1901, the family lived at 7 Woodland Terrace, Llandudno. In 1904, Stanley was recorded as a pupil at Lloyd Street School, his address being "Camscot", Winllan Avenue. The record indicates that he left Lloyd Street School for the new Dyffryn Road School in September 1905. It was recorded that he left to join John Bright County School. In 1911, Stanley Levis (12) was described as a scholar. The family now lived at "Islwyn", Trinity Street.

In 1916, Stanley was certified as a wireless operator by the General Post Office and by 1918 was serving on the SS Mahana. The Mahana, completed in 1917 and operated by the Shaw, Savill & Albion line, had been chartered to carry Australian troops between Australia and Egypt. Stanley Levis died of fever whilst at sea in the Suez Roads on 8 October 1918 aged 20 and he was buried at Suez War Memorial Cemetery.

Known memorials:

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

William Thomas Williams

*43901, Private, 17th Royal Welsh
Fusiliers*

*Killed in action, 8 October 1918, aged
37*

*Buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Gouy,
France*

William Thomas Williams was born on 15 December 1880 in Salford, Lancashire to Welsh parents: Thomas Williams and Margaret Williams (née Roberts). The Census for 1881 records the family of three living at 5 Bradshaw Street, Salford – Thomas Williams was employed as a railway labourer. The Census of Wales for 1891, taken on the night of 5/6 April, records William (10) residing at the home of his grandparents, William and Elizabeth Roberts and his aunt Jane Roberts: “Gale House”, Tyn-y-Coed Road, Llandudno. Interestingly, the register of St. George’s National School dated 21 April 1891 records William living at the same address naming his father as his parent/guardian. There appears to be no record of when William left school though he was appointed as a postman in Llandudno/Llanrhos in 1900. The Census of 1901 records William living at the home of his aunt Jane Roberts at “Thorn Lea”, Tyn-y-Coed Road. On 6 November 1907, William Williams married Annie Hughes at St. George’s Church, Llandudno; he gave his address as 4 Ormonde Terrace, Llandudno which was his aunt’s address as recorded in the Census of 1911. The

same census recorded William, Annie and their son Arthur Gilbert Williams, born in April 1909, living at “Gwalchmai”, Tudno Road. In 1913, the family was recorded as living at “Silverdale”, Lloyd Street.

William Williams enlisted at Llandudno and though his army record no longer exists, his regimental number of 43901 in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, his age and marital status indicate that he may have enlisted at the end of 1915 and was called up in mid-1916. Where he carried out his infantry training is unknown but his service in France is unusual in that he spent six separate periods with the 17th (Service) Battalion RWF as well as time on the strengths of the infantry base depot, the railhead (postal work), Headquarters 38th Division and the brigade school headquarters. These periods away from the front line indicate that he may have been ill and/or wounded and thus carrying out light duties.

Having advanced into recently-evacuated German trenches on 5 October 1918, the 38th (Welsh) Division found it could advance no further because the Germans had reorganised themselves into another defensive line which ran through Mortho Wood. The 17th RWF attacked at 01.00 on 8 October with the objective of the Beaurevoir Line and high ground in front of the village of Villers Outreau. Although the objectives are taken as well as 50 prisoners, the battalion suffered some casualties – 10 officers and 100 other ranks in-

cluding William Thomas Williams who was killed in action aged 37. William Williams was buried near where he fell but in 1920, his body was exhumed and he was reburied at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Gouy.

Annie Williams died in 1927; Arthur Gilbert Williams died in 1970.

Known memorials:

- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Grandparents' headstone, St. Tudno's Churchyard*

Thomas Nathan Kimberley Moss

*8470, Acting Corporal, Depot Battalion
Royal Welsh Fusiliers*

Formerly 2nd RWF

*Died of wounds (gas), 30 October 1918,
aged 30*

*Buried at Manchester Southern
Cemetery*

Thomas Nathan Kimberley Moss was born in Manchester in 1888. He was the son of a Canadian-born musician, Tom Moss and his wife Sarah Ann Moss (née Kimberley). He had two elder brothers: Harry Edwin G Moss (1872-1941) and John Frederick Moss (1877-1962) and an elder sister Elizabeth Kimberley Moss (1874-1904). The Census of 1891 records the family living at Moss Side in Manchester. However, from 1879, Llan-

dudno newspaper reports had glowed upon Tom Moss' skill on the euphonium and the family later had a residence at 10 Pleasant Street, Craig-y-don. Tom Moss died in 1894 and the following year, his wife travelled to Manchester to nurse her son Harry Moss, ill with pneumonia. Sadly, she was infected and died.

In 1901, Thomas was living at the home of Harry at Broughton, Lancashire. Three years later, in September 1904, he joined the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, enlisting at Llandudno. Thomas Moss' army record no longer exists and his date of recruitment has been estimated from that of other soldiers with close numbers (8466 and 8469 both joined in September 1904) suggesting that Thomas was aged 16 when he signed up. The Census of 1911 records him as being with the army in India – the 2nd RWF was billeted at Quetta (now Pakistan) in 1911.

Whether or not Thomas Moss was still a regular soldier or had been transferred to the Reserve by the outbreak of the Great War is unknown. In any event, he disembarked in France on 13 August 1914 with the 2nd RWF. The extent of Thomas Moss' service on the Western Front is also unknown.

Soldiers Died in the Great War records that Thomas "died" in "home" service though an entry in the CWGC register states that he "died of wounds (gas)." From circa June 1918, Thomas was said to be suffering from melancholia. He

entered a coma and 14 days later died at Nell Lane Military Hospital, West Didsbury on 30 October 1918 aged 30. His death certificate states that his address was “Belmont”, North Parade, Llandudno and that his rank was corporal. The certificate records Thomas’ age as 32 which perpetuated the discrepancy of his age when he joined up. Thomas Moss was buried in the same grave as his mother at Manchester Southern Cemetery.

Records give Thomas’ final unit as being the Depot Battalion of the RWF. This posting was for administrative purposes – the date he left the 2nd Battalion is unknown as is the date he was promoted to acting corporal.

Thomas Moss’ effects were received by his brother, the aforementioned John Frederick Moss. Sometime before 1901, John Moss had become a tobacconist at Llandudno. His address in 1911 was “Belmont”, North Parade (Thomas’ given address on his death certificate) – he still lived at Llandudno in 1939.

Known memorials:

- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Stretford War Memorial*
- *Mobberley War Memorial (possible – as Nathan Moss)*

John (Jack) Williams

44005, Private, 9th Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Died of illness after discharge, 22 October 1918, aged 31

Buried at Llanrhos Churchyard

Jack Williams, the son of William and Ann Jane Williams, was born in Llanrhos in November 1886. The Census of Wales for 1891 describes William Williams as a grocer’s assistant – the family lived at 2 Adelphi Street, Llandudno and Jack had five siblings. Early in 1911, Jack married Sarah Ellen (Nellie) Davies and the census for that year records the couple living with Nellie’s parents at “Riviera”, Trinity Street, Llandudno. Jack was described as a house painter. Jack and Nellie’s daughter Ann Gertrude was born later that year though their twins, Robert and Lily, born the following year did not survive infancy. To compound the tragedy, Nellie Williams died in 1914.

Jack Williams was conscripted under the Military Service Act of 1916 and was enlisted into the Royal Welsh Fusiliers on 30 June 1916 at Wrexham. He gave his address as “Alexandra Villa”, Caroline Road, Llandudno which was also the address of Jack’s mother who was his daughter’s guardian. Jack’s initial posting, with a regimental number of 44005, was to the 12th (Reserve) Battalion RWF at Kinmel Bay though he was posted again on 23 August 1916 to the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion at Litherland near Liverpool. He was

posted to France on 15 November 1916 and disembarked at Rouen on 20 November. However, illness and hospitalisation delayed his posting to the 15th (Service) Battalion RWF until 5 April 1917 although a month later he was attached to the 113 Brigade Trench Mortar Battery. Jack was hospitalised again for various ailments from 2 July 1917 and joined 5 Infantry Base Depot at Rouen on 27 August 1917. His subsequent posting was to the 9th (Service) Battalion RWF which he joined on 8 September 1917 though he was at 58 Field Ambulance just three days later with disordered action of the heart. On 21 September 1917 he was had admitted to No 2 General Hospital, Abbeville with vascular heart disease. He was evacuated to England on 27 November 1917 and admitted to the General Military Hospital at Edmonton the following day and was put on the strength of his regiment's depot on 12 January 1918. A medical board at Wrexham Military Hospital on 1 February 1918 judged that his condition was due to excessive weather conditions whilst on active service and recommended that he be discharged from the service as being unfit for duty. Jack's discharge date was 22 February 1918. He was awarded the Silver War Badge No 333154.

Sadly, Jack William's retirement was to be a short one for he died on 22 October 1918 aged 31 of lobar pneumonia. He died at his home address of "Alexandra Villa", his death being witnessed

and reported by his brother William. He was buried at Llanrhos Churchyard.

Ann Gertrude Williams married Bernard Arthur Rathbone in 1932. She died in 1987.

Known memorials:

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

Reginald Reece

*L/5838, Officer's Steward 2nd Class,
HMS Victory, Royal Navy*

*Died of illness, 24 October 1918, aged
21*

Buried at Haslar Royal Naval Cemetery

Reginald Reece was born in London on 10 December 1896. Born William Reginald Oscar Reece, he was the son of William Rosenburgy (Robert) Reece, an American citizen and his wife, Dora Reece (née Zachari). William Reece was a New Yorker who by 1887 had arrived at Bristol (via Chicago and Melbourne, Australia) where he married Dora. The Census for 1891 records the couple living at Islington with their son Lewis (11 months). William Reece was described as a general broker. Daughters Dorothea and May (Miriam) were born in 1891 and 1893, the latter at Hastings. The electoral registers for the years 1895-1900 record William Robert Reece as resident at four addresses in Marylebone West – the fam-

ily's address when Reginald was born was 28 Loudoun Road. By 1901, the family had moved to Hove in Sussex and William Reece was now described as a licensed valuer.

In 1904, William Reece was tried for perjury and fraud at the Old Bailey. As well as evidence of the offence, additional evidence given gave numerous examples of passing dud cheques as well as three occasions of bankruptcy and being in possession of a "second establishment" – a euphemism for the home of a mistress. He was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment with hard labour at Wormwood Scrubs. On 3 August 1905, William Reece described as a merchant departed Liverpool for Cape Town, South Africa. On US consulate documents dated 1907 and 1909, he claimed that his wife Dora and his children were living at "Breathwaite", Wilton Road, (Victoria,) London. On the latter, he gave his son Lewis, now resident in Toronto, Canada as his nearest relative. Seemingly, William Reece had abandoned his wife for the Census of 1911 recorded Dora (now called Dorothy) as the "wife" of George Price, a commissioning agent and turf accountant, who lived at 58 St. James' Street, Brighton. Included in the family were George Price's sons Thomas and George as well as "Reggie" Price (14). The marriage index for Steyning, Sussex for 1913 records the marriage of Dora Reece and George C Price. George Price accepted bets at Llandudno and Colwyn Bay, certainly

from August 1914 and perhaps earlier. He died at Llandudno on 22 December 1914 at "The Avenue", Arfon Avenue, Llandudno. Local newspaper reports state that he left a wife and one son (presumably Reginald).

In the meantime, in October 1914, Reginald Reece had joined the Royal Navy. Previously employed as a steward, his rank in the Navy was officer's steward third class. His service number was L.5838 and his initial posting was to HMS Victory (ie Portsmouth). From 5 November 1914 he served on HMS Emperor of India, a recently-commissioned battleship of the Iron Duke-class, based at Scapa Flow. From 19 November 1916, he was on the crew of HMS Campanula, a mine-sweeping sloop based at Malta. Reginald was promoted to officer's steward second-class on 13 February 1917 and remained at Malta until 5 September 1918.

Reginald Reece died of pneumonia on 24 October 1918 at Haslar Naval Hospital, Portsmouth. He was buried at Haslar Royal Naval Cemetery, Gosport. Naval death records record his mother's name and address as Dorothy Price, "Sandy Lodge", West Shore, Llandudno.

Known memorials:

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

Note: Royal Naval records give Reginald Reese's birthday as 10 December 1895. However, the birth index for

Marylebone gives his actual date of birth as 10 December 1896. When he joined the Navy in October 1914, Reginald was still aged 17. Though the Royal Navy accepted boy sailors, they had to be aged 18 before they could go to sea.

Jack Jones

20032, Private, 14th Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Died of wounds, 25 October 1918, aged 21

Buried at Étaples Military Cemetery

Jack Jones, the son of Thomas and Catherine Jones was born at Llandudno on 3 December 1896. In 1901, the family lived at 35 Jubilee Street, Llandudno, Thomas Jones being described as a gas stoker. Jack attended Lloyd Street School, leaving on 2 December 1910. The Census of the following year records Jack as a milkman, as were his two brothers Harry and Thomas.

Jack Jones enlisted into the Royal Welsh Fusiliers in November 1914 still aged 17. His regimental number of 20032 indicates that he should have been in a batch of volunteers destined for the 14th (Service) Battalion. However, the 14th RWF landed in France in December 1915 and Jack's medal index card notes that he was not in receipt of the 1915 Star which means he disembarked in France in 1916 or later. The medal index roll shows that his first posting

on disembarkation was to an infantry base depot (as a reinforcement) and his first battalion on the Western Front was the 15th RWF (which had also landed in France in December 1915). Why Jack Jones' posting to the Western Front was delayed is unknown: it could have been because he had been taken ill or perhaps that it had been discovered that he had joined up underage. Nothing is known about Jack's army career in France except that he was fatally wounded in action at a time and a place unknown.

Jack Jones died of wounds on 25 October 1918 aged 21. He was buried at Étaples Military Cemetery. Étaples is a town on the French coast and was the site of numerous British and Empire infantry base depots and hospitals. Both the 14th and 15th RWF were components of the 38th Welsh Division which saw heavy fighting at Mametz Wood in 1916 during The Battle of The Somme. The division was also involved in the Third Battle of Ypres in 1917, and in 1918 was again in action on The Somme in the Battles of The Hindenburg Line and the final advance in Picardy.

Known memorials:

- *Llandudno Roll of Honour*
- *Llandudno War Memorial*
- *Memorial Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno*
- *Llanrhos Parish War Memorial, All Saints' Church, Deganwy*
- *Tabernacle Welsh Baptist Chapel, Llandudno (as John Jones of 3 Kings Road)*

John (Jack) Stallard

*310159, Gunner, 1st/1st (Carnarvon)
Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery
(Territorial Force)*

*Died of illness after discharge, 26
October 1918, aged 26*

Buried at Llanrhos Churchyard

*CWGC registered (Son of Frederick and
Rose Stallard, of 1, Victoria Yard, Back
Madoc St, Llandudno)*

John Stallard was the son of Frederick Stallard and his wife Rose Stallard (née Jones). John was born in Llandudno in 1892. Fred Stallard worked as a barman and the family lived at 7 Dylys Cottages (downstairs), Back Madoc Street, Llandudno. John was seemingly the third child but by the 1901 Census, he had another four siblings and the family had moved to 3 Jones & Owen's Yard, Back Madoc Street. John attended Lloyd Street National school but transferred to the new Dyffryn Road Council School when it opened in September 1905, his address now being "Conway View", Alexandra Road. He left school on 16 March 1906. The Census for 1911 records Fred Stallard as a railway porter and John as a hotel porter. It would appear that John Stallard became employed by the London and North Western Railway because by 1913 he was working as an engine cleaner at Hillhouse Sidings, Huddersfield.

It was in the May of 1913 when John joined the 5th Battalion of the West Riding Regiment (Territorial Force)

with a regimental number of 2263. However, less than a year later, he transferred to the Welsh (Carnarvonshire) Heavy Battery Royal Garrison Artillery (Territorial Force) with headquarters at Bangor which suggests he had moved back to North Wales. His new regimental number was 446. John was mobilised on 5 August 1914. Part of the 53rd (Welsh) Division TF, the battery took up defensive positions in England. In July 1915, the 53rd Division departed for Gallipoli but the Welsh (Carnarvonshire) Battery remained in England and proceeded to France on 3 March 1916 joining XXIII Heavy Artillery Brigade. From 27 April 1916 John was attached to the divisional ammunition column but on 23 October 1916 he was injured and concussed by an exploding shell during the Battle of the Somme. On 2 January 1917 he was posted to the 1st/1st Lancashire Heavy Battery RGA but the following month on 25 February 1917 he was returned to England with postings to 221 Territorial Force Depot and X Battery, RGA, Heavy Artillery Reserve Brigade. Having spent some weeks in the military hospital at Magdalen Camp, Winchester, he was discharged at Dover on 7 September 1917 as unfit for wartime duty, the reason being chronic suppuration of the middle ear. His home address was given as 1 Victoria Cottages, Back Madoc Street, Llandudno. Sometime in 1917, John had been given the new regimental number of 310159 – he also received a Silver War Badge number 238067.

On 1 January 1918, John Stallard married Mary Elizabeth Higgins (b. 5 April 1895, Hulme) of the Prince of Wales Hotel, Llandudno at Llanrhos Parish Church; John's occupation was given as a railwayman. Sadly, John Stallard died of pneumonia following influenza on 26 October 1918 aged 26 at 1 Victoria Cottages. His occupation was now recorded as that of a hotel porter. He was buried at Llanrhos (Ss. Eleri and Mary) Churchyard. John and Mary Stallard's child Mary L Stallard was born the following year.

Curiously, the War Graves Commission's family contact was Rose Stallard, Jack's mother, and his wife and daughter do not get a mention. Confusingly, the marriage register for Conway records the marriage of Mary E Stallard to William Evans in 1926 and to Henry Edwards in 1927.

Known memorials:

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

Sidney Albert Edwards

54376, Lance Corporal, 17th Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Killed in action, 29 October 1918, aged 21

Buried at Englefontaine British Cemetery, France

Sidney Albert Edwards, the son of Samuel Edwards, a general labourer, and his wife Eleanor Louisa Edwards (née Williams), was born in Llandudno on 23 November 1896. The Census of Wales for 1901 reveals that the family lived at "Ivy Cottage", Old Road Llandudno though Sidney himself was staying with an uncle in Bootle. Sidney attended Great Orme Infants' School until 1904 when he was transferred to St. George's National School – his family address was then 3 Bryn Gwynt Terrace. Sidney left school in November 1910 and became an assistant fitter for the urban district council for which his father now worked as a pipe joiner. The family's address in 1911 was 3 Tan-yr-Allt Cottages, Cwlch Road.

Sidney Edwards' army record no longer exists. His first known regiment was the Welsh Horse Yeomanry, Territorial Force, his regimental number being 1485. It is most likely that he joined the 3/1st WH, a recruiting and training battalion based at Newtown, in November 1915. By this time, the mounted Yeomanry had become something of an anachronism and with the passing of the Military Service Act of 1916, many men were "converted" to infantry and liable for overseas service. In the summer of 1916, still technically in the Welsh Horse, Sidney Edwards was at an infantry base depot in France. He was posted to the 19th (Service) Battalion of the Royal Welch Fusiliers which had only landed in France in early June 1916 with the 40th Division. His

new regimental number was 54376. The 19th RWF was disbanded on 6 February 1918 and it is not known whether Sidney was transferred to the 17th RWF at this time or if he had been transferred earlier. When he was promoted to lance corporal is also not known.

Sidney Albert Edwards was killed in action 29 October 1918 aged 21. The war diary for the day records that the battalion was in the line at Englefontaine. Three companies raided the enemy trenches that morning and reported taking prisoners and killing between 60 and 70 Germans though without suffering casualties of their own including 10 other ranks killed. Sidney was buried at Englefontaine British Cemetery.

Known memorials:

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

William Harold Gillett

*140831, Air Mechanic 2nd Class,
Recruits Training Wing, Royal Air Force*

*Died of illness, 31 October 1918, aged
34*

Buried at Llanrhos Churchyard

[William Harold Gillett was born in Yorkshire and lived in Deganwy. He appears in this listing because he was interred in 1918 in Llanrhos Churchyard which was within the boundary of

the Llandudno Urban District.]

William Harold Gillett, the son of William Gillett and his second wife Mary Ann Gillett (née Tate) was born on 5 April 1884 at Greasbrough, Yorkshire. When William Harold Gillett was baptised on 4 February 1887, the family's address was Chapel Street, Greasbrough and his father was described as a gardener. In 1891, the family of three lived at "Mill Cottages", Sandon, Staffordshire. The family moved to Llanrhos for in October 1897, William Harold was recorded at Deganwy National School. In 1901, the family lived at "Marl Cottage", Llanrhos; William Gillett (56) was described as a gardener and William Harold (16) as an apprentice upholsterer. William Gillett died in 1903 and his wife died on 24 March 1908. Probate records indicate that Mary Ann Gillett's address was "Ilygwyn", Marl Lane, Llanrhos; she left her effects of £48 11s 6d to her son. The Census of Wales for 1911 records William Harold boarding at "Belle View", Station Road, Deganwy; he was working as an upholsterer on his own account. Later that month on 27 April 1911, William Harold Gillett married Annie Warner (b 1882) at Llanrhos Parish Church.

On 23 March 1918, William Harold Gillett was enlisted into the Royal Flying Corps which became the Royal Air Force on 1 April 1918. His RAF service number was 140831 and his rank was Air Mechanic 3rd Class. His home address was recorded by the RAF as "Rosebank", Deganwy. The date of his

promotion to air mechanic 2nd class is unknown. William Harold Gillett died of purulent bronchitis at Tarrant Monkton Military Hospital, Blandford Forum, Dorset on 31 October 1918 aged 34. His body was returned to Deganwy and he was buried at Llanrhos Parish Church.

Annie Gillett married John Mills Beddow in 1921. She died on 8 January 1960.

Known memorials:

- *Deganwy section, Llanrhos Parish War Memorial*

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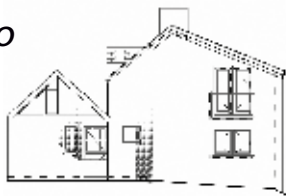
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I HAVEN'T ANYWHERE TO
KEEP ALL THIS FOOD



I KNOW! I'LL PULL DOWN
MY BARN AND BUILD
BIGGER ONES



THE MAN DEMOLISHED HIS
OLD BARN...

...AND BEGAN TO BUILD
NEW ONES.



SOON I'LL BE THE RICHEST
MAN IN THE TOWN!



I'M SO LUCKY - I CAN
EAT, DRINK AND BE
MERRY!



BUT THAT VERY NIGHT,
THE MAN DIED!



WHAT GOOD WERE HIS
RICHES NOW?



JESUS EXPLAINED - IT'S NOT
YOUR WEALTH THAT MATTERS,
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THAT'S IMPORTANT

The Churchyards

By the time you read this the changes in the car park at Holy Trinity should be apparent. While it may take drivers a little while to get used to the new arrangements, we hope you agree that the bollards, and the repairs to the paved areas, should help to make the car park much safer for users. Hopefully you will also notice that the collection of rusting signs have finally been despatched. Cones will remain to protect the newly paved areas, and until we have acquired some more flower troughs, more on that follows.

Members of the Churchyards Group are grateful for the many messages of support we have received. One of the comments that has been taken on board related to the installation of permanent bollards either side of the removable bollards so, instead, the Churchyards Group has decided to place more flower troughs where the permanent bollards would have been installed.

This is where we would like to appeal to Church members – or anyone reading this – for your help. As readers of the Magazine will know, one of the top priorities of the Churchyard Group is enhancing the Churchyard, and making it a more attractive place for visitors and Church members alike. We know also that for many people, Holy Trinity Church holds deep memories of

loved ones. Accordingly, we would like to invite offers to sponsor one of the new flower troughs to be placed either side of the new bollards. These are to be sited on the paved area projecting from the Tower, and on the newly laid strip of tarmac alongside the path leading to Mostyn Street.

If you would like a commemorative plaque to be placed on a trough, and would like to discuss this in more detail, then please speak in confidence to William Maidlow, or any member of the Churchyards Group (Jennifer Fossi, Christine Jones, Terry Dewar, Wendy Campbell-Stuart, Eira Jones).

At St. Tudno's the Churchyard is slumbering through Winter, though we are hoping that work on the sheds will be completed before the Spring. Our Churchyard Trails have now been in place since the end of March last year, and we would welcome any comments you may have, or may have heard from visitors. Favourable comments have been made on Trip Advisor, and we do want to evaluate the response to the trails, and consider any other suggestions you might have.

If you attended any of the Carols by Candlelight services before Christmas, we hope that you enjoyed the illuminations in the Churchyard. We always welcome support for our work in any of the Churchyards, but St. Tudno's is

a delightful place to work at any time of the year (yes, even in Winter!) and I would like to extend our thanks to

the loyal band who came together on the Saturday before the carol services to tidy the Church: Sue, Shirley, Anne,



St. Tudno's Churchyard.



St. George's.

Vernon, Terry and, of course Christine who single-handedly supervised the proceedings. Dreadful pun, I know! To make matters worse, Peggy also had a fall on the Sunday, so a big thank you to all who have rallied to their support. Thanks, too, to the outdoor lighting team on the Sunday: Iris, Chris, Sue and John.

Much still remains to be done at St. George's: despite the noble efforts of Jennifer and Tony, not a lot has changed from comments written last year. Nevertheless, we remain confident that we will get round to giving St. George's Churchyard a little more TLC, and working on the trail that we would like to see set up there, similar to the

trails at St. Tudno's. If you would like to help out at St. George's, we would very much welcome your support – do please speak to Jennifer.

Finally, I would like to thank Terry for all his Christmas connected work in Holy Trinity Churchyard: the Christmas Tree, the lights and, especially, the Carols round the Tree which, inside or outside, does so much to welcome the community to Holy Trinity. Situated as we are on the main street in the town, it is so important that Holy Trinity sends out a warm and welcoming message in the shopping fuelled frenzy leading up to Christmas. Thank you, Terry!

William Maidlow

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.

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



Coffee Time

Cryptics (thanks and courtesy Barbara Cartwright).

All begin with "W"

1. You usually fight made up but this time it's make up and fight. (8)
2. Habit of refusal? (4)
3. Impermeable footwear, designed without publicity. (10)
4. Yarn from most awful journalist. (7)
5. In a job, not returning to small northern port. (10)
6. While bee flies round a rubbish holder. (7,3)
7. US city cleaning a lot. (10)
8. A W.I. lady wrongly attacked. (7)
9. Duke getting the boot. (10)
10. Bandy words in Berkshire town (7)

Results for December

1. Present
2. Manger
3. Comet
4. Virgin Mary
5. Dates
6. Jingle
7. Geese
8. Magi
9. Toy
10. Carol



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