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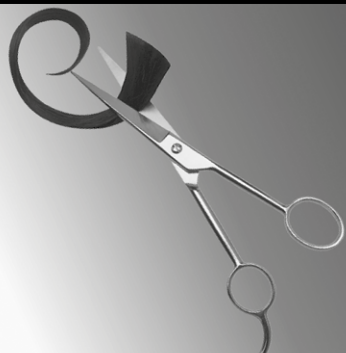
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### Sundays

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)

### Weekdays

9.00 am Holy Eucharist (Wed)

11.00 am Holy Eucharist (Thurs)

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.

**Please check the Calendar for  
the month on pages 8, 9 and 10  
for any additional services or  
amendments.**

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*Last year's Carols around the Christmas Tree service in Holy Trinity's Churchyard. This year, the service will be held on Thursday 20 December at 7.00 pm. See the calendar for full details of services.*

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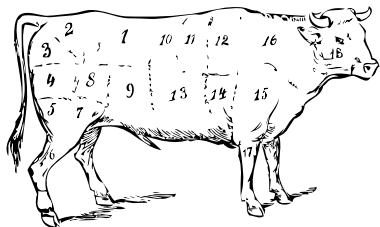
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# Calendar for December 2018

Sat 1st 11.00 am Yr Offeren

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**Sun 2nd Advent Sunday** *1st Sunday in December*

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

9.30 am Junior Church in Memorial Chapel

10.30 am Sung Eucharist

Mon 3rd 9.30 am Parent and Toddler Group

2.30 pm Mothers' Union Advent Special with Roz Harrison

6.30 pm Hand bell ringing in Choir Vestry (visitors welcome)

Tue 4th 10.00 am Cytûn Julian Group

11.00 am Bangor Synod Advent Quiet Day at Betws-y-coed

2.30 pm Parish Fellowship – Fiona Braithwaite – Gardening at Bodnant

Wed 5th 9.00 am Holy Eucharist

10.00 am Coffee Morning

Thurs 6th 10.30 am Guild of Health and St. Raphael prayers for healing

11.00 am Holy Eucharist

Fri 7th 7.30 pm Bell ringing practice

Sat 8th 11.00 am Yr Offeren

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**Sun 9th Advent 2** *2nd Sunday in December*

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

9.30 am Junior Church in Memorial Chapel

10.30 am Sung Eucharist

Mon 10th 9.30 am Parent and Toddler Group

6.30 pm Hand bell ringing in Choir Vestry (visitors welcome)

Tue 11th 2.30 pm Parish Fellowship – Carols and Christmas Cake

Wed 12th 9.00 am Holy Eucharist

11.00 am Coffee Morning (last till 9 January)

Thurs 13th 10.00 am Guild of Health and St. Raphael meeting

11.00 am Holy Eucharist with Ministry of Healing

Fri 14th 7.30 pm Bell ringing practice

Sat 15th 11.00 am Yr Offeren

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**Sun 16th Advent 3** *3rd Sunday in December*

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

9.30 am Junior Church in Memorial Chapel

10.30 am Sung Eucharist

Mon 17th	9.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group
	6.30 pm	Hand bell ringing in Choir Vestry (visitors welcome)
Tue 18th	7.00 pm	Mothers' Union Quiet Evening
Wed 19th	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Thurs 20th	10.30 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael prayers for healing
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	12.00 noon	Mothers' Union Christmas Dinner at Llandrillo
	for 12.30	College
	7.00 pm	Carols around the Christmas Tree in Holy Trinity Churchyard
Fri 21st	7.30 pm	Bell ringing practice
Sat 22nd	11.00 am	<i>Yr Offeren</i>
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<b>Sun 23rd</b>	<b>Advent 4</b>	<i>4th Sunday in December</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	3.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight at St. Tudno's
	4.30 pm	Carols by Candlelight at St. Tudno's
	6.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight at St. Tudno's
Mon 24th	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
	5.00 pm	Crib and Christingle Service
	11.30 pm	Carols and Midnight Eucharist
Tue 25th	<b>Christmas Day, The Nativity of Our Lord</b>	
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.30 am	Christmas Family Eucharist
Wed 26th	<b>Stephen, Deacon and First Martyr</b>	
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist (note time)
		No Coffee Morning today
Thurs 27th	<b>John, Apostle and Evangelist</b>	
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Fri 28th	<b>Holy Innocents' Day</b>	
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	7.30 pm	Bell ringing practice
Sat 29th	<b>Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr</b>	
	11.00 am	<i>Yr Offeren</i>
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<b>Sun 30th</b>	<b>Christmas I</b>	<i>5th Sunday in December</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist

*For January, see overleaf*

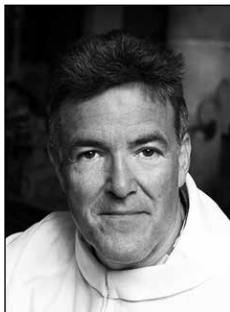
## January

Tue 1st	<b>The Naming of Jesus</b> (transferred to following day)	
	10.00 am	Cytûn Julian Group
Wed 2nd	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist (The Naming of Jesus – transferred from previous day) No Coffee Morning today
Thurs 3rd	10.30 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael prayers for healing
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Fri 4th	7.30 pm	Bell ringing practice
Sat 5th	11.00 am	<i>Yr Offeren</i>
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<b>Sun 6th</b>	<b>The Epiphany of our Lord</b>	<i>1st Sunday in January</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist

## Letter From the Vicar

In The Royal wedding this year, Bishop Michael Curry of the Episcopal Church of America sounded the right note in his words to the Royals on God's love. Afterwards people were talking about the sermon as much as about Meghan Markle's dress! He quoted from the French Jesuit Priest, mystic, and palaeontologist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955):

"The day will come when, after harnessing space, winds, the tide and gravitation, we shall harness for God the energies of love. And, on that day, for the second time in the history of the world [humanity] will have discovered fire.



"God created this evolving universe because God is Love and each of us is God's gift to the world. Our life purpose is to make a difference in transforming that world...."

For Teilhard, "love is the most universal, the most tremendous and the most mysterious of the cosmic forces." Love is both human and divine. Divine love is the energy that brought the universe into being and binds it together. Human love is whatever energy we use to help divine love achieve its purpose....

Love of God and love of one another lies at the core of every traditional religion. Love not only permeates those religions, it transcends them and binds



them together. Divine love embraces everyone and everything. There is nothing outside the divine embrace.

From Teilhard's perspective, then, helping the human family move toward the next step of human evolution in love is the most urgent and challenging task of contemporary spirituality.

For Teilhard, love is the essential nature of God, and the best name for God (see 1 John 4:8). As Teilhard envisioned it, divine love is the self-expressive creative force that gave birth to our evolving universe. It is that same divine love that continuously keeps every atom of creation existing and moving forward on its grand evolutionary journey back to God.

It was for the love of all created beings that God the Father sent his Son into the world that we might learn of God's

love for us and that he might show us how to live "The Way" of love.

I think it's time we talked more about God's love in Church and to the world God loves. Too many people have a view of God that doesn't set them free but is based on fear and an understanding of a God who thinks we have to be better or different than who if we are to be lovable by God. So I make no apology if I seem to be going on a bit about this in the pages of this magazine and in sermons. Christmas time of course is an especially important time to meditate upon the subject of Love Incarnate, of God being with us and amongst us in Jesus his son. Let's share the good news this Christmas by giving people we know a service postcard of the times of services in the Ministry Area over the festive season.

**Andrew**

### **Services at Christmas**

**Thursday 20th** *(in addition to our usual service)*

7.00 pm Carols around the Christmas Tree

**Sunday 23rd** *(in addition to our usual services)*

3.00, 4.30

& 6.00 pm Carols by Candlelight at St. Tudno's

**Christmas Eve**

5.00 pm Crib and Christingle Service

11.30 pm Carols and Midnight Eucharist

**Christmas Day**

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

10.30 am Christmas Family Eucharist

**Wednesday 26th to Saturday 29th** *(no 9.00 am Eucharist on Wed)*

11.00 am Holy Eucharist

## News and Notices

### Peter La Trobe

The death of Peter La Trobe on 6 November saw the passing of one of the stalwarts of our Church family. Peter, his wife Wendy and his son Adrian began to attend St. George's Church in the mid-1980s. Peter was a giant of a man, towering over everyone. Wendy, on the other hand, was diminutive but whilst she lacked stature, she made up in other ways. Peter enjoyed a variety of jobs; on one occasion he completely baffled the inquisitors on TV's "What's My Line" when miming his occupation as a maker of handcuffs. He worked in Venue Cymru for some time after



*Peter La Trobe.*

his official retirement attending to the lighting and public address systems.

Peter and his family were very social, and the parishioners got to know them very well. They were enthusiastic in amateur dramatics and music and took part in many of the local musical productions. They were active members of St. George's Choir, driving in each Sunday from their home in Penmaenmawr. A couple of years after coming to the Parish, Peter and Wendy were involved in the Cursillo apostolic movement, introduced to the Parish by Ronald Keating, a former Rector; they became very active in the movement and worked extremely hard to keep it going. After the closure of St. George's Church, Peter and Wendy moved to Holy Trinity and joined the Trinity Church Choir; they also sung in the Trinity Players. In 2011, both were awarded the Archbishop of Wales' Certificate of Merit at Holy Trinity Church. Both sat on the PCC for some years and the Rector, John Nice, appointed Peter as his warden. Peter was also the PCC member responsible for health and safety; he represented the Parish at Youth to Christ and he organised the Men Who Sing concerts.

After Wendy's death, Peter moved to the Tan-y-Fron housing development in Llandudno; his contribution to the Parish remained undiminished.

Peter will be very sadly missed by his Church Family. We extend to Adrian our deepest sympathy in his loss.

**Jennifer Fossi  
Andy Leitch**

## **Martin Pritchard**

Last month the Parish Magazine reported that our curate, Martin Pritchard, had been involved in a road traffic accident and had been hospitalised with internal injuries.

We are happy to report that Martin has made a fast recovery and has even returned to some parish duties. Martin writes:

“Firstly could I thank all who contributed to my sponsored swim-run. Altogether, £500 was raised for Level Water. With regards to my

accident, I am recovering and managing some gentle exercise, I will be checked at the hospital in the next couple of weeks to confirm that the internal work they have done has managed to heal properly. Thank you to everybody who has sent cards and for all who have shown concern and most importantly those who have prayed to God who has comforted me so dearly throughout this whole ordeal.”

## **Mother's Union**

### ***Old Time Music Hall***

The Llandudno Branch enjoyed a very enjoyable afternoon on 5 November when we were entertained by our own Charles Jones and the “Trinity Belles” with some Old Time Music Hall. Charles produced song sheets



*Charles Jones and the Trinity Belles.*

for everybody and accompanied the old classics on the piano. Many thanks to Charles and the Belles for a highly successful meeting.

#### ***Christmas Lunch (everybody welcome)***

On Monday 20 December, the Mothers' Union is organising planning a Christmas Lunch at Llandrillo College at 12 noon for 12.30 pm.

The menu is as follows:

- Soup
- Turkey Christmas Dinner or Vegetarian option
- Christmas Pudding or Fruit Salad
- Tea/Coffee

Cost £16.95pp. A deposit of £5pp is required by the end of November. Please contact MU Secretary Jenny Bicknell or Treasurer Maggie Leitch

**All are welcome.** It would be lovely to see representatives from across our Ministry Area.

***Angela***

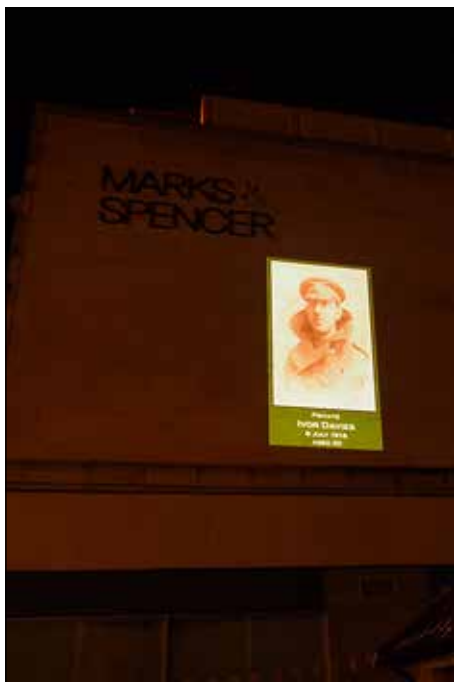
### **Remembrance in Llandudno**

#### ***Faces of the Fallen***

On the evenings of Friday 9 and Saturday 10 November the event "Faces of the Fallen" took place in Llandudno. Adrian Hughes of the Home Front Museum projected photographs from the grounds of St. John's Methodist Church on to the Wall of Marks and Spencer's, while collections were taken in aid of

the British Legion. Adrian had spent the last four years collecting photographs of the men of Llandudno and Penrhyn-side who had died in the First World War but where no photograph was available a silhouette of a soldier was shown. Each photograph or silhouette was accompanied with details of the man's name, rank, date of death and age – which ranged from 17 to 50 – and Nurse Aldwyth Williams was also included (see St. Tudno's article).

As the evening grew darker the photographs became clearer (each cycle of more than 200 photographs lasted about 30 minutes) and people stood quietly watching. Some had come to pay their respects to all who had died, others were looking out especially for



*The Faces of the Fallen.*



*A packed Holy Trinity Church on Remembrance Sunday.*

a family member but all were moved by the display.

#### ***Peal of Bells at Holy Trinity***

On Saturday 10 November members of the North Wales Association of Bell Ringers rang a peal at Holy Trinity to mark the centenary of the end of WWI.

#### ***Civic Service in Holy Trinity***

There were over 500 present in Holy Trinity Church for this year's Civic Service on Remembrance Sunday which was also, Remembrance Day and the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice of the Great War in 1918.

The Service was led by the Vicar, the Rev Andrew Sully who was assisted by the Rev Neil Kirkham. The first hymn was "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" during which the standards of

the various ex-servicemen's and other organisations were brought to the altar. The lesson was read by the Mayor of Llandudno, Councillor David Hawkins, the intercessions were led by the Rev



*The standards after the Civic Service.*





*The parade to the War Memorial.*

Kirkham and the address was given by the Vicar. The other hymns were “Calon Lan”, “By a Monument of Marble, or a Simple Wooden Cross”, and “O God Our Help in Ages Past”. The organ music before the service was JS Bach’s Prelude and Fugue in E flat major ‘St Anne’. The concluding music was Elgar’s “Nimrod” from the Enigma Variations.

#### ***At the War Memorial***

After the Civic Service on Remembrance Sunday, a parade formed up in Trinity Square and proceeded to the town’s War Memorial. The pavements were lined with people watching the parade to the Cenotaph, where a very large crowd had gathered to observe





*Silence the War Memorial.*

the two minutes' silence at 11.00 am and the laying of wreaths. The formalities at the War Memorial were led by the Rev Beverley Ramsden.

#### ***Junior Church Activity Afternoon***

An excellent Junior Church activity afternoon for Remembrance Sunday



*Making poppies during the Junior Church Activity Afternoon.*



*Double-double trouble after Junior Church.*

attracted 50 children and their parents. Children participated in a number of activities followed by worship led by Revd Mike Harrison concluding with refreshments.

### **Beacon**

At 7.00 pm a beacon was due to be lit on the Great Orme Summit, to mark the end of the First World War Centenary commemorations. The bar and café were open and selling warming drinks of various sorts, the Town Band was playing, cadets and council staff were guiding people in the darkness, the Mayor, Mayoress and Town Crier opened the ceremony, the crowd waited in anticipation – and a strong, cold wind blew.

Unfortunately the wind was too much for the beacon, which flared briefly and then went out! However, everyone there seemed happy enough to have taken part in the event and went off to warm up. At 7.05, to follow the beacon lighting, Holy Trinity bellringers began ringing the bells for 30 minutes as part of the national “Battle’s Over, Ringing out for Peace” event.



*The short-lived beacon.*



## Conwy Food Bank

Once again we would like to thank you for your generosity in donating to the Food Bank.

In October the total number of parcels issued has gone over 100 for the first time ever and the average is rising sharply. What is perhaps more worrying is that there were over 100 children involved this month. Forty-one parcels were issued to families, 52 to single people and 9 to couples.

Without the response of the community we would not be able to continue to help people who are in desperate circumstances and the referral agencies are very grateful for help at sometimes very short notice.

### **Everyone at Conwy Food Bank**

## Sion Rhys Evans

At the beginning of November Sion Rhys Evans began an eight month placement with the parish as part of his final year of training before his ordination in June in Bangor Cathedral. He will



*Sion Rhys Evans.*

accompany the vicar to the hospital as part of his work as chaplain so that he can have some experience of pastoral care and counselling as well as offering occasional Sunday duties.

Sion hails from Llangefni and has worked in a variety of executive roles for Churches Together in Wales and for the Methodist Church. He is currently Diocesan Secretary for our diocese of Bangor.

**Andrew**

## Thanks

I would like to thank the two ladies (you know you are) who came to my aid after I took a tumble during the Christmas Fayre. Fortunately, my pride was dented more than I was physically.

Thank you again

**Maggie Leitch**



It's a letter from your church. They want to know if you've done the flower rota, if you've done the brass-cleaning rota, and have you ordered the mince pies for the carol singers Christmas party?

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## Llandudno Christmas Fayre

Helen Franklin, from the Scripture Union, braved the cold and brought us her nativity clothes for adults and children to wear and be photographed in at the Christmas Fayre. Over 300 adults and children dressed up and were photo-



graphed on their phones. Comments from some of the participants included,



"This is definitely going in our parish magazine", "We can use our photograph for our family Christmas Card" "This is what Christmas is all about". "What a lovely opportunity for families to do something together - and free!"

It was lovely to hear genuine laughter and so many smiling faces. We can only pray that our little effort to spread the Christmas message bears fruit.

Thanks are due to William, Jennifer Roberts and Sandra who joined Roz and Helen to engage with the families.

The Christmas Fayre brought a lot of people into Holy Trinity, including quite a number of locals who had never been in the church before. Members of the congregation acted as stewards, offering a friendly welcome and leaflets on the church. The Mustard Seed shop was well used and so many votive candles were lit at the weekend that the additional sand tray had to be brought out too. Some families with young children took a break from the Fayre to do some colouring in the children's corner, while other people came to sit in peace of the church for a while. On the Saturday there was a real treat when a lady sat







*Holy Trinity welcomed many visitors ... down near the front of the church and started singing carols and hymns. She had a beautiful voice and many of the other visitors stopped to listen. On the Sunday, visitors included a “Christmas tree!”*



*... including a Christmas tree.*



A Very Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year to our  
readers ...



... from the Magazine Team





*The bara briths awaiting judgement.*

This year's Christmas Fayre was the setting of the World *Bara Brith* Competition. Over 50 entries were received and were placed at the west end of Holy Trinity Church for judging. The winner was our own Joyce Smith who organises our Wednesday coffee mornings who makes a loaf every week which is sold at a pound a slice. No doubt a world championship product could, from now on, command a premium price.

**Roz Harrison  
Christine Jones  
Andy Leitch**



*Champion Joyce Smith (holding bara brith) with Deiniol ap Dafydd (Blas ar Fwyd), Clive Knowles (British Ironwork Centre) and Gareth Wyn Jones*

## St. Tudno's Church

On Sunday 28 October Holy Eucharist was celebrated at St. Tudno's for the first winter service of the season. This was led by Andrew, while Daphne Balchin played the keyboard. Hymns included "All my hope on God is founded" and "Thy hand, O God, has guided". The theme of the address was inclusiveness and the poem "In search of a roundtable" was read. Hot drinks and cakes were enjoyed after the service.

On Saturday 10 November the annual Boer War Remembrance service was held at St. Tudno's. The service was attended the by Mayor and Mayoress of Llandudno, members of Llandudno

Lions Club and representatives of the Sea Cadets, Air Cadets and British Legion and wreaths were laid at the Boer War Memorial in the churchyard by the Mayor and the President of the Lions Club.

On Sunday 11 November we rang St. Tudno's bell at 12.30 pm as part of the national "Battle's Over, Ringing out for Peace" event (there was a choice of times at which bells could be rung). We were joined by another six people and read some appropriate poems and prayers.

Throughout November there was a First World War Commemoration display in St. Tudno's, featuring those buried or commemorated in St. Tudno's

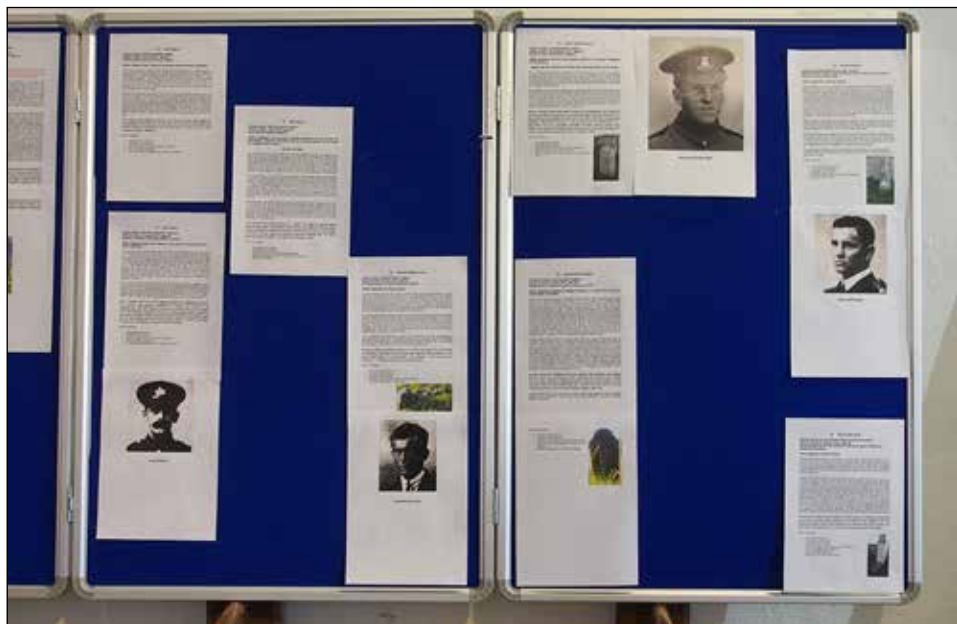


*Boer War Remembrance Service in St. Tudno's Churchyard.*



*Ringing St. Tudno's bell for  
Remembrance*

churchyard. For each of the servicemen the display comprised his biography from Andy Leitch's Great War Project, a photograph where available and a photograph of his grave or memorial. We thank Adrian Hughes of the Home Front Museum for providing a number of the photographs. In addition to the servicemen, VAD Nurse Aldwyth Katrin Williams was included. Aldwyth had worked throughout the War in a Red Cross Hospital in Llandudno but died on 8 November 1918, in the influenza epidemic. One panel of the display showed illustrations of life during the war by artist, silhouettist and serving soldier Harry Lawrence Oakley. After the War Oakley spent many summers working as a silhouette artist from a booth on Llandudno pier and his ashes are interred at St. Tudno's. We thank



*WWI Commemoration display.*



Oakley's great nephew, and Friend of St. Tudno's, Jerry Rendell for permission to reproduce the silhouettes. The display was accompanied by a self-guided tour of the WWI graves and memorials in the churchyard (see Churchyards article). Many thanks to the St. Tudno's openers team for opening the church every day during November to enable visitors to see the display.

For the rest of the winter St. Tudno's will be open weekends, Wednesdays and bank holidays. Carols by Candlelight will be on Sunday 23 December at 3.00 pm with Holy Trinity Choir, at 4.30 pm with Holy Trinity Handbell Ringers and at 6.00 pm with more congregational carols. There is no heating at St. Tudno's and with everybody holding candles it will not be safe to hand out the blankets, so please wrap up warmly! The paths will be lit, weather permitting, but a torch may still be useful if attending one of the later services.

We look forward to seeing you at St. Tudno's and the St. Tudno's team wish everyone a very happy Christmas and new year.

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

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

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the autumn working party in October. In addition to the churchyard jobs mentioned last month, the church was given a very good cleaning. Raking

all the cut grass is more than we can complete within a day, so we thank Cyfle Cymru volunteers for their help with the remaining raking. Terry has been doing a job of cutting out some of the flat headstones which had become overgrown with grass and he spent some extra time uncovering four headstones for the WWI churchyard tour.

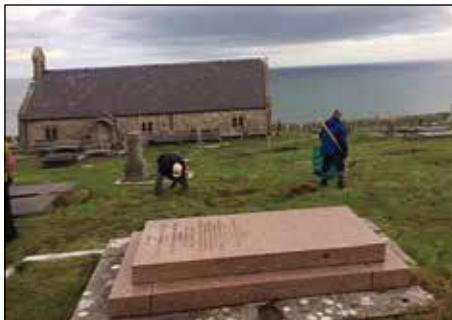
The Friends will start Carols by Candlelight preparation on Saturday 22 December, decorating the church and setting out the candles, and will continue on the Sunday morning by setting out the path lights.

We are always pleased to welcome new Friends, please get in touch with me if you are interested in joining us in the care of St. Tudno's.

**Christine Jones, Secretary**



*Cyfle Cymru volunteers.*



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# Sunday Rota

## Sunday 2 December

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 Sidespersons   Joyce Crosby  
                       Sue Stafford  
                       Barbara Yates  
                       Annabel Jones  
 E' Ministers    Maggie Leitch  
                       Geoff Howard

## Sunday 9 December

Flowers           None  
 Reader           Stephanie Searle  
 Sidespersons    Marion Heald  
                       Vernon Morris  
                       Doug Pritchard  
                       Pat Ridler  
 E' Ministers    Angela Pritchard  
                       Marion Heald

## Sunday 16 December

Flowers           None  
 Reader           Angela Pritchard  
 Sidespersons    Cath Lloyd  
                       Wendy C-Stewart  
                       William Maidlow  
                       Barbara Yates  
 E' Ministers    Terry Dewar  
                       Cath Lloyd

## Sunday 23 December

Flowers           None  
 Reader           Marion Heald  
 Sidespersons    Linda Blundell  
                       Ron Illidge  
                       Angela Pritchard  
                       Joyce Smith  
 E' Ministers    Marion Heald  
                       Stan Whittaker

## Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

To be decided

## Sunday 30 December

Reader           Gay Stythe Jones  
 Sidespersons    Sandra Davies  
                       Annabel Jones  
                       Pat Ridler  
                       Sue Stafford  
 E' Ministers    John Ridler  
                       Judith Williams

## Sunday 6 January 2019

Flowers           Ruth Hodgson  
 Reader           Christine James  
 Sidespersons    Joyce Crosby  
                       Ron Illidge  
                       Barbara Yates  
                       Doug Pritchard  
 E' Ministers    Maggie Leitch  
                       Angela Pritchard

## PARISH REGISTER

### *Holy Baptism*

*October 28: Mason Thomas Rhys Mure*

*November 4: Thor Alexander Roberts*

## Robert's Corner

### A Little More About Slavery

Of course, the Christian church has not got a very good track record on this issue. The institution of slavery, by which (for example) hundreds of thousands of black people were transported to the plantations of America in the most appalling conditions (in which most of them died) was not condemned by the mainstream churches until the end of the 19th century. And even then, the New Testament hardly mounts a big-time challenge to the evils of the practice, hence (from the letter to the Ephesians): "Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling."

In our current global situation, there are huge numbers of Christians suffering as victims of this inequity. In Pakistan for instance, many Christians there are enslaved for their faith – exploited in the brick kiln industry. And I expect some of you saw one or more of the excellent if horrifying documentaries on BBC 4 highlighting modern slavery in other parts of the world.

Meanwhile, it is unlikely that this town is totally free from slavery. Yes! Llandudno really! Let us all be vigilant. As I mentioned a couple of months ago, nail bars and car washes in the UK have often been sites of this inhuman abuse.

More to mention, I fear, in the New Year.

### A Cry From the Heart

A Llandudno bookshop has recently changed its café's cake supplier. (Obviously, it would be advertising if I identified the shop, and of course you cannot guess – opposite M&S.) Now it continues to sell many delicious cakes, I am sure, but no longer can you enjoy a slice of rhubarb-and-cherry sponge, reckoned by connoisseurs to be the most wonderful cake in the whole world.

There is a fellow who had promised himself just one slice of this ravishing confection when he had obtained a certain interim target in his diet; and he is now quite forlorn. Does anyone know of an alternative supplier? Or perhaps there is a reader who makes (bakes?) such a cake? The undersigned would like to meet your reserve price. Oh, no thank you, do not offer him the recipe. His limited skills do not stretch that far!

**Robert Pearce**



*The place of Robert's dilemma.*

## Attendance Figures for October 2018

		Weekday Eucharists to October 6th	38
October 7th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	16
Trinity 19	9.30 am	Junior Church	38
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	63
		Other Weekday Eucharists	34
October 14th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
Trinity 20	9.30 am	Junior Church	
	10.30 am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service	80
		Other Weekday Eucharists	26
October 21st	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
Trinity 21	9.30 am	Junior Church	23
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	76
October 23rd	2.30 pm	Parish Fellowship Eucharist	12
		Other Weekday Eucharists	43
October 28th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	15
Bible Sunday	9.30 am	Junior Church	
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	69
		Other Weekday Eucharists	9

## From the Parish Pump

### Pakistan's Supreme Court overturns Asia Bibi's conviction

Pakistani Christian mother-of-five, Asia Bibi, who has been on death row since November 2010 after being convicted under the country's notorious "blasphemy law", has been saved from hanging by a three-judge bench of the Supreme Court. The decision to acquit and release her was announced on Wednesday 31 October in a 56-page verdict.

Asia reportedly told her lawyer, "I can't believe what I am hearing, will I go out now? Will they let me out, really? I just don't know what to say, I am very happy, I can't believe it."

### #Christingle50 campaign

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Children's Society bringing Christingle to this country with a service held in Lincoln Cathedral in 1968.



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To celebrate this landmark anniversary, the Children's Society is running its #Christingle50 campaign, which aims to support vulnerable young people through raising funds at Christingle events and a collaboration with The Royal Academy of Music.

Some 200,000 10 to 17-year-olds in the UK are experiencing emotional neglect on a regular basis, and many are also struggling with other difficulties at home. The charity found that:

11% of 10 to 17-year-olds experiencing emotional neglect also do not have their own bed; 21% 10 to 17-year-olds experiencing emotional neglect had also been homeless in the last five years; and 20% of 10 to 17-year-olds experiencing emotional neglect also lived in a household that had used a food bank in the last five years.

Matthew Reed, Chief Executive of The Children's Society explains: 'Too many young people will wake up on Christmas morning like any other - feeling alone and unable to cope.'

The Children's Society has created an original song for schoolchildren, congregations or community choirs to include in their Christingle services. The song, 'Light a Candle', is available to download and listen to or learn for free from The Children's Society website.

You can support young people by donating to the #Christingle50 campaign, or by attending Holy Trinity's service at 5.00 pm on Christmas Eve.

## **First non-British head for Mothers' Union**

A South American woman has made history as the MU's first non-British Worldwide President. Sheran Harper from Guyana is the new Worldwide President of the 142-year-old movement's four million members in 84 countries. She takes over in January 2019 from Lynne Tembey.

Born in the United Kingdom, Harper grew up in Guyana. After her Clinical Practice at Guy's Hospital in London, she worked with the Ministry of Health in Guyana where she opened and managed new physiotherapy departments in hospitals throughout the country.

She stopped working in this area 17 years ago to focus on Mothers' Union. She has served as a volunteer at all levels from parish, diocese and province, and until recently, she was the worldwide parenting trainer where she rolled out Mothers' Union parenting programmes in 23 countries across the globe.

## **Church children's groups are 'failing through lack of prayer'**

Why do many Sunday schools and church groups for children falter, or even close down? Scripture Union thinks it knows the answer.

After conducting a recent poll of more than 1,500 ministries, Scripture Union says that people would be "amazed" by



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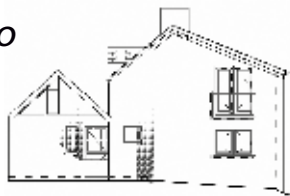
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how many leaders and volunteers set aside "no or minimal" time for prayer. Hence, their ministries simply do not survive.

In a recent interview, SU's national director Tim Hastie-Smith told Premier Christian radio that prayer was "abso-

lutely vital" and needed to be "at the centre" of church ministries in order for them to thrive. The organisation identified prayer and taking time to understand and respond to local needs as "two of the most important factors" in determining success.



## The Churchyards in November

At St. Tudno's our nest of buff tailed bumblebees was still active in mid November and bees were seen feeding on ivy flowers along the Pink Farm path. Where there are nearby gardens which provide flowers throughout winter, nests of this species can sometimes survive through winter but it might be a bit too far for these bees to fly to Happy Valley or Haulfre Gardens. Usually, new bumblebee queens go into hibernation over winter and the old queens, workers and males die off, particularly when the supply of flowers

dwindles and the weather becomes colder. The new queens will then make new nests in spring and we hope to find more nests in the churchyard next year. During November the First World War graves and memorials were marked with red ribbons as part of St. Tudno's WWI commemoration, with leaflets providing a self-guided tour of the churchyard.

At St. George's the deciduous trees had lost most of their leaves, which formed carpets of bronze and gold on the ground and interesting patterns on



*Memorials marked with ribbons as part of the WWI commemoration tour of St. Tudno's churchyard.*



*Fallen leaves making patterns on a gravestone in St. George's Churchyard.*

some of the gravestones, where the leaves were outlined with moisture. Fruits on the strawberry tree were beginning to ripen and there were berries on other trees.

At Holy Trinity we welcome Jenny to the "Troughs Team", joining Wendy, Vernon, Marie, Sue and Geoff, Gay and Ray and Harry and Vicky keeping a supply of colour around the church year round. The church ground were in full use during the Llandudno Christmas Fayre, with stalls selling food and gifts, the Scripture Union Nativity photo booth – and even steam train rides! CAIS / Cyfle Cymru continue to cut the grass and were busy preparing the grounds for the Fayre to set up.

Many thanks to everyone who helps to care for our three churchyards. There are always jobs to do, so if you would like to help in any way please contact William Maidlow, Chair of the Churchyards Committee.

**Christine Jones**





*Flowers in one of the troughs at Holy Trinity. (Also foot of previous page.)*



*A light railway was part of the Christmas Fayre in Holy Trinity Churchyard.*

## The Bishop's Ministry Fund contribution for 2018 is £80136

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*).**

Christmas themed.

1. Christmas tea for recovering druggie? (4,6)
2. Mother and the American soldier visited the stable. (4)
3. Learnt about beginning of light. (7)
4. Sounds like girl lost direction with the French digit. (9)
5. Adores to row back to the boats.(8)
6. Father right to cut vegetable. (7)
7. Tradesman - an unlikely companion for Carroll's Walrus. (9)
8. Secure? (6)
9. Warden follows trendy landlord. (9)
10. Sounds like rain, dear. (8)

Results for  
November

1. Dresser
2. Drench
3. Daubs
4. Do well
5. Denote
6. Deflect
7. Describe
8. Demanding
9. Drum roll
10. Depression





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