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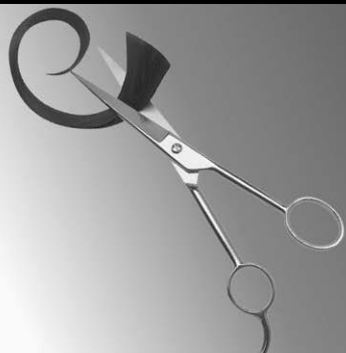
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Holy Trinity Church, Mostyn Street

Sundays

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

10.30 am Sung Eucharist (1st, 3rd &
4th Sundays)

Matins followed by
shortened Eucharist (2nd
Sunday)

Weekdays

9.00 am Holy Eucharist (Wed)

11.00 am Holy Eucharist (Thurs)

Holy Eucharist in Welsh
(Sat)



The church heating fund could only stretch to
buying a copy of 'Boiler Repairs For Dummies'

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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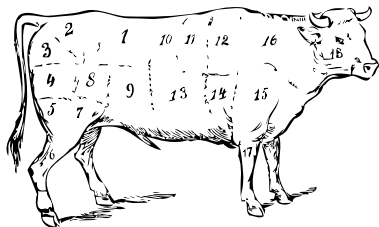
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Calendar for February 2019

Fri 1st	7.30 pm	Bell ringing practice
Sat 2nd	(The Presentation of Christ is transferred to the following day)	
	11.00 am	<i>Yr Offeren</i>

Sun 3rd	The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)		<i>First Sunday in February</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	
	3.00 pm	Candlemas Children's Workshop (there is no 9.30 am Junior Church)	
Mon 4th	9.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group	
	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union with Glennys Roberts – An Anglesey Childhood	
	6.30 pm	Rehearsal for "The Feast of Life" at the Rectory	
Tue 5th	10.00 am	Cytûn Julian Group at Stella Maris	
	2.30 pm	Parish Fellowship with Myfanwy Jones – RNLI	
Wed 6th	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning inc 200 Club Draw	
Thurs 7th	10.30 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael prayers for healing	
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
Fri 8th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	
Sat 9th	11.00 pm	<i>Yr Offeren</i>	

Sun 10th	Fourth Sunday Before Lent		<i>Second Sunday in February</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
	9.30 am	Junior Church	
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	
Mon 11th	9.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group	
	6.30 pm	Rehearsal for "The Feast of Life" at the Rectory	
	6.30 pm	Hand Bell ringing in the Choir Vestry	
Tue 12th	2.30 pm	Parish Fellowship with Vernon Morris – "What the Heck"	
Wed 13th	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
		There will be no Morning Coffee today	
	11.30 am	Bangor Synod meeting in Church Hall	
Thurs 14th	10.00 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael meeting	
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist with Ministry of Healing	

Fri 15th	7.30 pm	Bell ringing practice
Sat 16th	11.00 am	Yr Offeren

Sun 17th	Third Sunday Before Lent	<i>Third Sunday in February</i>
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	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	9.30 am	Junior Church
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
Mon 18th	9.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group
	6.30 pm	Rehearsal for “The Feast of Life” at the Rectory
	6.30 pm	Hand Bell ringing in the Choir Vestry
Tue 19th	10.00 am	“Open the Book” information day. See p 14
	10.00 am	Cytûn Council at St. John’s Methodist Church
	2.30 pm	Parish Fellowship with John Shorney – Wales Air Ambulance
Wed 20th	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Thurs 21st	10.30 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael prayers for healing
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Fri 22nd	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Sat 23rd	11.00 pm	Yr Offeren

Sun 24th	Second Sunday Before Lent/Creation Sunday
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Fourth Sunday in February

	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	9.30 am	Junior Church
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	11.00 am	Morning Service at St. Tudno’s
Mon 25th	Beginning of Fair Trade Fortnight (till Saturday 9 March)	
	9.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group
	6.30 pm	Rehearsal for “The Feast of Life” at the Rectory
	6.30 pm	Hand Bell ringing in the Choir Vestry
Tue 26th	2.30 pm	Parish Fellowship with Fflur Jones (North Wales Police) – Recent Scams in North Wales + Mark Brierley (Senior Trading Standards Officer)
Wed 27th	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Thurs 28th	10.30 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael prayers for healing
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Fri 1st	David, Bishop, Patron of Wales / World Day of Prayer	
	10.30 am	World Day of Prayer Service followed by refreshments
	12.00 noon	Holy Eucharist for St. David’s Day

	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	
Sat 2nd	11.00 pm	Yr Offeren	
Sun 3rd	First Sunday Before Lent		<i>First Sunday in March</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
	9.30 am	Junior Church	
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	
Mon 4th	9.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group	
	2.30 pm	Mother's Union – Circle Dancing	
	6.30 pm	Rehearsal for "The Feast of Life" at the Rectory	
	6.30 pm	Hand Bell ringing in the Choir Vestry	
Tue 5th	Shrove Tuesday		
	2.30 pm	Parish Fellowship with Michael Harrison – "In the woods build me a nest"	
Wed 6th	Ash Wednesday		
	The 9.00 am Eucharist will not take place		
	The Coffee Morning today is cancelled		
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes followed by a Frugal Lunch in the Church Hall	
Thurs 7th	10.30 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael prayers for healing	

Letter From the Vicar

We've recently started work on the musical 'The Feast of Life' (see next page) which was written in the year 2000 by the American composer Marty Haugen and reminds us of the fourteen banquets mentioned in Luke's Gospel. I'm very taken by the central image in Luke's Gospel of the Kingdom of God as being like a banqueting table, to which both the first and the least are equally invited. Paul Bayes, the Bishop of Liverpool has just written a book, called 'The Table: Knowing Jesus: Prayer, Friendship, Justice.' The



blurb about it offers a radical vision of the Church as a table, built by Jesus the carpenter and stretching down every street and into every home. At this table, everyone sits, eats, worships, agrees and disagrees together, as equals. The Anglican Church, Bishop Bayes suggests, used to be 'a spiritually dangerous place: cushioned by privilege, in the middle of our society, and at the top.' Today, however, it is more often 'on the edge and underneath: marginalised, not always taken seriously and sometimes mocked.'

But that, he argues, is the Good News, because on the edge and underneath is where the people are. Equality and also justice are at the heart of his book 'The Table' – justice that does not come without struggle, patience and quiet perseverance. A Church that knows justice and Jesus is a Church that can best accommodate our rich and diverse communities and embody the hopes of future generations.

The other week I was playing to the Mothers' Union a hymn written by composer Lori True with words written by the New Zealand hymn words writer, Shirley Erena Murray. I first heard it on Iona some 20 years ago and find its vision of the Kingdom both a challenge and an inspiration:

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and
bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for grow-
ing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.*

*And God will delight when we are crea-
tors
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are crea-
tors
of justice, justice and joy!*

*For woman and man, a place at the
table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the
power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair.*

*For young and for old, a place at the
table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are
wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.*

*For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live.*

*For gay and for straight, a place at the
table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of grace and gender and
colour,
for gay and for straight, the chalice of
grace.*

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and
worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.*

Yours in Christ

Andrew

The Feast of Life

Stories from the Gospel of Luke

If you are a performer and would like to participate in this production, then it is not too late. Note that rehearsals are being held in the Rectory. See pp 8-10. Contact Andrew or Martin – Telephone numbers at top of p 6.

News and Notices

Services for February and Early March

Candlemas



The Presentation of Christ, also known as Candlemas, this month will be transferred from Saturday 2 February to Sunday 3 February. Services will be at the usual times. There will be a Candlemas Children's Workshop in the Church Hall at 3.00 pm on 3 February – the 9.30 am Junior Church will not take place.

Second Sunday

The 10.30 am service on Sunday 10 February will be a Sung Eucharist and not a Sung Matins as would be usual for the second Sunday in the month.

March 1st

There are two services in Holy Trinity on Friday 1 March. At 10.30 am, there is a service celebrating the World Day of Prayer: this will be followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. At



12.00 noon, there will be a Eucharist commemorating St. David, Bishop and Patron of Wales. Please note the unusual time for this service.

Parish Fellowship

There have been some amendments to the Spring Programme of the Parish Fellowship which can be seen on the page. In particular, please note that on Tuesday 26 February, Fflur Lloyd Jones of the North Wales Police will be joined by Mark Brierley, a Trading Standards Officer. They will be giving a talk on Recent Scams in North Wales. Because of the importance of the subject, it has been decided to make this an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.

Vernon Morris

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union held two special events to bring 2018 to a close. Revd Jane led her usual Advent Quiet Evening on 18th December which was attended

REVISED Parish Fellowship Spring Programme. Start at 2.30 pm.

Tue 29 Jan	AGM and Eucharist	
Tue 5 Feb	Myfanwy Jones	RNLI
Tue 12 Feb	Vernon Morris	"What the Heck"
Tue 19 Feb	John Shorney	Wales Air Ambulance
Tue 26 Feb	Fflur Lloyd Jones (North Wales Police) & Mark Brierley (Senior Trading Standards Officer)	Recent Scams in North Wales OPEN MEETING
Tue 5 Mar	Michael Harrison	In the woods build me a nest
Tue 12 Mar	Colin Price	Reflections on Easter
Tue 19 Mar	Closing Meeting	

by 19 people. This was a very pleasant event, taking us into some quiet, reflective time to prepare spiritually for Christmas, away from the hustle and bustle of the practical preparations. Jane began with an Advent Prayer, followed by a piece of music she always uses, Gabriel's Oboe, one of my favourites. There were also readings from

Isaiah, Matthew and Luke, reflections and prayers, and we listened to some carols. Finally we all said an Act of Contrition together, finishing off with tea, coffee and mince pies after the service. We thank Revd Jane for this.

On 20th December we held our Christmas lunch at Llandrillo College, which was attended by 32 members



Mothers' Union Christmas Lunch at Llandrillo.

and guests. The food was excellently prepared and beautifully presented by the students, and Angela has written to thank them. We finished off the afternoon with some entertainment, poems were read by Revd Jane and Roz Harrison, and Revd Andrew then led us in singing several Christmas Carols. This made for a very pleasant afternoon and we thank all those involved.

Jenny Bicknell

ing is missing, then why not consider playing your part and come along to the information session on Tuesday 19 February from 10.00 am till 1.00 pm to find out more and explore to consider if God is calling you to this low level commitment yet wholesome ministry. If you are interested and cannot make the information day then do speak to me.

Martin Pritchard

Reprinted from last edition

Open The Book...



...is an ecumenical charity which is now run by the Bible Society. It involves thousands of Christians all over the UK telling Bible stories to children regularly at Primary schools in dramatized form.

We are holding an information and recruitment session for a new team to be launched for the Llandudno area. For those who enjoyed good Christian input such as hymns, prayers and teaching in their Primary school years and fear that this quality aspect of upbringing

Carols around the Christmas Tree at Holy Trinity Church

Due to inclement weather on 20 December carols were sung around the tree in the church in Holy Trinity, rather than the churchyard. A good crowd had gathered to join the Mayor and Mayoress of Llandudno, singing to the accompaniment of Beulah Brass and listening to some carols played by Holy Trinity handbell ringers.

Christine Jones

Crib and Christingle service

The service at Holy Trinity on Christmas Eve was well attended, with 45 children, their families and friends and others who enjoyed the simple, late afternoon service. The service included a no-rehearsal Nativity, in which any children who wanted could take part. As well as Mary and Joseph there were groups of angels, shepherds and wise



Photographs this page: Carols around the [indoor] Christmas Tree at Holy Trinity.





Crib and Christingle Service at Holy Trinity on Christmas Eve.





Christmas Flowers at Holy Trinity Church.



people, directed by Mary and Martin, while Andrew narrated the Christmas story. The rest of the congregation also had an opportunity to participate, responding when prompted with calls of “Amazing! Wow!” and waving their hands in the air. After singing a number of carols the service ended with lighting of the Christingles in the darkened church.

Christine Jones

St. Tudno's Church

The three services of Carols by Candlelight were held on Sunday 23 December. Revd Andrew Sully led the 3.00 pm service and Norman Rimmer played the keyboard. Everyone had a hand held candle which was lit in the first carol,



The tree and crib at Holy Trinity.





The 3.00 pm Carols by Candlelight at St .Tudnos.

Once in Royal David's City. There was a reading from Isaiah 9 by Vernon Morris in Welsh and then in English by Gail Morris. Holy Trinity Choir sang two pieces, and William Maidlow read the poem Eddi's Service by Rudyard Kipling. There were a number of other rousing carols including Hark the Herald Angels Sing.

Archdeacon Mary led the 4.30 service and Ray Stythe-Jones played the keyboard. After a bidding prayer, While Shepherds Watched was sung during the lighting of the candles. The hand-bell ringers played Mary's Boy Child and on See Amid the Winter's Snow. Carys Stallard read from Luke 2 in Welsh and Joanna Stallard, sang Ser y





The 4.30 pm and 6.00 pm Carols by Candlelight services.



Nadolig. A poem, The Inn Keeper's Son, was read by Shirley Georgeson. Other carols included The First Nowell and The Holly and the Ivy.

The 6.00 pm service was led by Revd Martin Pritchard, and Daphne Balchin played the keyboard. Candles were again lit to an opening carol, this time O Come all ye Faithful. Further carols included Silent Night, In the Bleak Mid Winter and God Rest You Merry Gentlemen. The Welsh reading was from Isaiah and was read by Martin. The poem, I Want to Be Joseph by Roger Hurn was read by Rob Georgeson, who embraced the part by dressing up as a schoolboy.

It was wonderful to see so many people at the services which were very well attended, with 89 people at the first service, 94 and the second and 56 at the third. There were retiring collections which raised a total of £350 for the charity Red Box scheme, thanks to everyone who contributed to this very good cause.

Over winter the church is open on weekends and Wednesdays and there are services once a month. The service in February will be on Sunday 24th at 11.00 am. Please note there is no heating in the church but hot drinks and cakes will be served afterwards. We look forward to seeing you.

***Shirley Georgeson and
Christine Jones***

150 Club Report

The draw for December was held during the coffee morning on the 9th January 2019 by Rev Andrew and witnessed by Warden Geoff Howard and Deputy Warden Terry Dewar.

The prize fund was £150 and the following three winning numbers were drawn:

1st	Number 051	
	Rev. John Nice	£90
2nd	Number 109	
	Christine Jones	£40
3rd	Number 009	
	Gwilym & Sandra Jones	£20

Congratulations to all the winners.

Since the club was started, we have now paid out £9070 in prize money.

When I first started the 150 Club, I never thought that it would be such a great fund raising event as it has turned out to be.

I do not have the figures of the amount of profit that we have made so far, but hope to let you all know in my next report.

I wish to thank everyone that have joined in with use for this event and hope that you can support us in the future.

Sorry, but you will have to buy the February issue of the mag to find out how much we have raised so far. (Another way to raise much needed funds.)

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

The next draw will take place on Wednesday, 6 February 2019. Please note that this is one week earlier than usual.

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

I again thank everyone for your continuing support in this project and would like to wish everyone a very happy new year.

Terry Dewar (Promoter)

Friends of St. Tudno's Church

The Friends prepared St. Tudno's for Carols by Candlelight, beginning the Saturday by putting up and decorating the Christmas trees and setting out the candles and Nativity scene. The work continued on the Sunday morning, before the services, setting out the path lights. However this was delayed for a while as the weather was so wet but the cloud eventually began to lift and the work was completed just in time. When it was time to put everything away after the last service the lights and cables were still so wet that they had to be left in the church to dry and a couple of the Friends returned Christmas morning to pack them away.



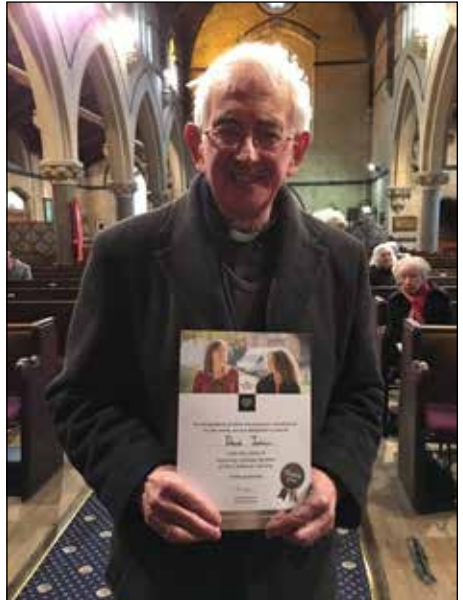
The Friends of St. Tudno's Carols by Candlelight working party.

The Friends are always pleased to welcome new members to join us helping to look after St. Tudno's and supporting the ministry of the church. If you are interested, please contact me.

Christine Jones

Keeping the Best till Last

We have all always known that the Rev'd Canon David Jenkins is an absolute treasure, but now there's an official certificate to confirm this! David was honoured by the Children's Society for his work with children and families and for many years of tirelessly arranging prayers and Christingle services to support the work of this amazing charity



The Revd Canon David Jenkins.

which helps young people and vulnerable children who are in great need, the Children's Society also educates church members and others about issues relating to children, poverty and neglect. Their tag line is: We listen. We support. We act. Because no child should feel alone.

It is great that David has been recognized in this way. His certificate arrived just as we were preparing for

the Christingle service at Holy Trinity on Christmas Eve. Typically shy and self-effacing David didn't want any fuss, but I whipped out my phone and took a snap of him before he could protest. I thought the parish would be glad to hear about this well-deserved recognition.

Isn't it great to have good news like this!

Mary

From the Parish Pump

Archbishop welcomes reprieve for asylum seeker

The Archbishop of Wales John Davies has called for refugees to be treated with dignity and compassion as he welcomed the return of Otis Bolamu to Swansea.

Otis, an asylum seeker from the Democratic Republic of Congo, had been taken from his home in the city in a dawn raid in the run-up to Christmas.

He was held at Brook House Immigration Removal Centre at Gatwick and had been scheduled to be deported on Christmas Day, but has since been released on appeal.

The Archbishop was one a number of faith leaders who wrote to MPs last week, urging the government to rethink its approach to immigration and to move away from a hostile environment

towards a culture of sanctuary.

"It's vital that a country which prides itself on its moral standards, a country such as our own, should be a place of welcome rather than a place where refugees and asylum -seekers are viewed with cynicism," he said.

"It should be a place where people can believe that what they have to say will be heard fairly and that they will be treated justly.

"Too often we hear stories about people who come to us having fled from all manner of problems, and potential persecution, being treated with a huge degree of cynicism, a huge degree of disbelief, so that their stories are just not treated seriously.

"We've also heard of instances where, even if their stories are taken seriously, they are kept waiting for unjustified

periods of time while their applications for asylum are dealt with.”

Otis has now returned to Swansea, where he is a member of his local church and a volunteer in an Oxfam bookshop. A petition to prevent his removal was signed by more than 12,500 people.

“I deplore the fact that people can be snatched from their beds at 4am and whisked away to a detention centre,” the Archbishop said. “It’s an affront to their dignity and says little about our decency when dealing with people who are frightened, displaced and potentially persecuted.

“Fortunately, because of public pressure, that order for removal was not enforced and he’s currently back in familiar surroundings. There are many around who are less fortunate, whose lives remain on the line, who remain fearful and separated from family and friends.”

Among those campaigning for Otis’s release was Hay, Brecon and Talgarth Sanctuary for Refugees (HBTSR), which hosts regular away days around Powys for asylum seekers and refugees across South Wales.

The Archbishop visited the charity’s away day at Tregoyd House Adventure Centre in the summer, when 80 youngsters who have started new lives in Newport, Swansea and Cardiff came together for an activity weekend.

“I am profoundly impressed by HBTSR which treat people with dignity and give them a sense of being welcomed,” he said.

The Archbishop is now calling for urgent action to create a more humane immigration system.

“I’m not suggesting for a moment that we should be a pushover and that we simply accept any story that we are told; but our country should be a place of sanctuary, where people can feel safe and be dealt with in good time and with dignity and fairness.

“I urge all those who have influence in such matters to look on these people as human beings and not just as statistics, and to try and reflect upon not just how draining, how spiritually and physically exhausting it can be, to not to know where your future lies.

“If you have any influence, if you could write to your MP or anybody else who has influence I would urge you to do so. This country needs to be able to look itself in the eye and recognise itself as a place where those who are persecuted, those who are desperately frightened, can be welcomed and treated with dignity and justice and compassion.”

Parishioners praise the roof as historic church reopens

A community which rallied round to help save its local church joined parishioners for a thanksgiving service

on 11 January.

Five years ago, St Peter's Church in Llanwenarth Citra, Abergavenny, was faced with the prospect of closure if it could not carry out essential work to its roof. The 16 or so regular worshippers were told they would have to find nearly £200,000 to carry out the work.

The Grade 2 listed building, parts of which date back to Medieval times, had been deteriorating for years and the stone roof tiles above the nave and chancel were falling off, leading to water damage inside. The tower was also unsafe and needed to be stabilised to hold up the floor and prevent the bells from falling down.

Closure, however, was not an option as far as parishioners were concerned. They organised a fundraising taskforce which set about learning how to secure grants as well as running an imaginative calendar of events to raise money locally.

The hard work paid off and today St Peter's Church re-opened for a service of re-dedication and thanksgiving for the completion of its new roof.

"The cost of the repairs was eye-wateringly beyond our means," says Pip Hassall, a church warden who stepped as a project manager. "However, if we had not been able to get the roofs fixed, the church would have closed – that concentrated peoples' minds,"

"We are a pragmatic congregation which has been fully behind the project.

We moved out into the church hall while the work was being done but no one complained."

While Pip began to learn a lot about filing in forms for grants and funding, other members of the church threw themselves into fundraising events. These included bingo evenings, plant sales, open gardens, a barn dance, hog roast, a promise auction, Yoga taster day and a concert of choral music. They also set up a Just Giving page online and appealed for individual donations. Enough money was raised for work to begin in May 2018 and thanks to the hot dry summer it was completed quickly.

Lord David Rowe-Beddoe, parishioner and former chair of the Representative Body of the Church in Wales

"The fundraising events were brilliant at bringing together people from across the community," says Pip. "People who don't attend our services also got involved, not just supporting events but organising them too. Everyone was very supportive – I think we all value the church which has been in the heart of the community for so many generations."

Once the roof was replaced, the inside walls, damaged by water ingress, had to be re-plastered and repainted with breathable paint

"Raising money for this project has been hard work but worth it to see the beautiful new roof we have and to know that our church is now dry in-

side,” says Pip. “It has been a privilege to meet and work with the skilled people who have worked on this project.”

Grants for the work came from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the National Churches Trust, the Headley Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation, The Church in Wales, The Welsh Churches Trust and the Diocese of Monmouth. It was carried out by conservation builders, Taliesin Conservation under the watchful eye of expert conservation architect Stefan Horowskyj of Morgan Horowskyj Architects.

Before the work was completed, parishioners hid a time capsule in the roof in a tin box which included a Sunday paper, a local paper with the story and picture of the open roof day, a pound coin with leek on it, some photographs of the church, its congregation and events, a copy of the diocesan magazine, a pew leaflet, a green book of common prayer and a note of explanation about the parish and the roof repairs.

The thanksgiving service was led by the Rector, Canon Mark Soady, and the Archdeacon of Monmouth, Ambrose Mason. The preacher was the Revd Dr Jean Prosser, the project advisor.

Fr Mark said, “We have got to this point today because the community rallied round and helped us to raise the monies necessary to match fund the grants we had been promised. It has been great to see how local people have rallied to save their church – I am very grateful to them.”

Dr Prosser said, “This church is for all of us, inside and out. This building is where we celebrate and mourn where we bring our troubles and joys and just by standing here, cared for, filled with light and music, it stands in the community for active Christian belief and life. This project has done more than replace the roof – it has also reached out into the community.”

The work on St Peter’s is not finished yet though. The next phase of the renovation project is to repair the tower, put in an accessible loo and small server, move the vestry and rehang the two bells. Parishioners hope once all the work is done the church will be able to be used more widely by the community, particularly for concerts as it has an excellent acoustic.

Christians in the Middle East face ‘imminent extinction’

Christians have been in the Middle East for nearly 2000 years, but they now face the threat of ‘imminent extinction’, the Archbishop of Canterbury has warned.

In a recent letter to The Sunday Telegraph, Archbishop Justin Welby told of a visit he had made about 15 years ago to the home of an elderly Palestinian Christian man in Galilee. Foolishly, I asked, “How long has your family been Christian?” The man gave me a look and replied, “Since about the time of St Paul”.

Yet, now Christians in the region are facing ‘the worst situation since the

Mongol invasions of the 13th Century', Archbishop Justin said. It is vital that these Christians in the Middle East know 'they are not forgotten by the world, or treated as an irrelevant minority, a societal optional extra, or even a threat'. Archbishop Justin called on the Government to take in more refugees.

According to the Barnabas Fund, following a freedom of information request, the Home Office has not admitted a single Christian among the 1,112 Syrian refugees resettled in the UK in the first three months of last year.

The four Christians out of 1,358 Syrian refugees recommended by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), for resettlement in the UK were rejected. Only Muslim refugees were granted permission to resettle.

Jewish apprehension at growing anti-Semitism

Anti-Semitism is on the rise across Europe. This is the finding of a recent survey of 16,300 Jewish people across 12 EU countries.

France came top, with 95 per cent of the French Jews saying that anti-Semitism is a big problem. In the UK, the figure is 75 per cent. Furthermore, 29 per cent of British Jewish people said

that they had considered emigrating, as they no longer felt safe. This figure is at 41 per cent across all 12 countries. The figures come from a report by the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights.

The survey also found that four in five Jews believe that anti-Semitism is a major problem in British politics. Dr Michael Ipgrave, Bishop of Lichfield and chair of the Council of Christians and Jews (CCJ) said that the report reinforced the 'severity of anti-Semitism as a problem in British society and politics.' He said: 'Churches today have a particular responsibility to address historic Christian anti-Judaism, which in some cases still informs prejudice in our society.'

In a recent letter to The Times, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Chief Rabbi, Ephraim Mirvis, together with other Jewish and Christian leaders, wrote that they were 'concerned where this situation may lead.'

The survey also found that 89 per cent of Jews say that anti-Semitism is at its worst online; that 47 per cent were worried about verbal insults and harassment (with 28 per cent having faced harassment in the past year); and that 40 per cent were worried about physical attack (with two per cent having already been physically attacked).

Sunday Rota

Sunday 3 February

Flowers Wendy C-Stewart
 Reader Anne Rimmer
 Sidespersons Joyce Crosby
 Ron Illidge
 Doug Pritchard
 Wendy C-Stewart
 Eucharistic Judith Williams
 Ministers John Ridler

Linda Blundell
 Sandra Davies
 William Maidlow
 E' Minister Marion Heald

Sunday 24 February

Flowers Jennifer Fossi
 Reader Yvonne Mason
 Sidespersons Annabel Jones
 Angela Pritchard
 Pat Ridler
 Sue Stafford
 Eucharistic Cath Lloyd
 Ministers Terry Dewar

Sunday 10 February

Flowers Wendy C-Stewart
 Reader Charles Jones
 Sidespersons Vernon Morris
 Cath Lloyd
 Barbara Yates
 Joyce Smith
 Eucharistic Maggie Leitch
 Ministers Marion Heald

Sunday 3 March

Flowers Jennifer Fossi
 Reader Vernon Morris
 Sidespersons Joyce Crosby
 Ron Illidge
 Doug Pritchard
 Joyce Smith
 Eucharistic Maggie Leitch
 Ministers Stan Whittaker

Sunday 17 February

Flowers Jennifer Fossi
 Reader Stephanie Searle
 Sidespersons Marion Heald

Attendance Figures for December 2018

		Eucharists to December 1st	7
December 2nd	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	10
Advent Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	67
		Other weekday Eucharists	34
December 9th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
Advent 2	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	75
		Other weekday Eucharists	17
December 16th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
Advent 3	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	58

		Other weekday Eucharists	33
December 23rd	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	16
Advent 4	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	52
December 24th	5.00 pm	Crib and Christingle	93 + 45
Christmas Eve	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	142
December 25th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
Christmas Day	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	145
		Other weekday Eucharists	67
December 30th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	16
Christmas I	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	49 + 8
		Other weekday Eucharists	8

Robert's Corner

“Ah! But you're new!”

This was the response I received from a Holy Trinity stalwart when I ventured to express an opinion on some aspect of church life locally a while ago. I guess the word that some of us might raise an eyebrow to is “but”. In any case, the implication behind that remark might well prompt thoughts of sadness or amusement – or both! Is there the suggestion that to voice an opinion, or at least a “worthy” opinion, one should serve a reasonably/unreasonably long apprenticeship in any organisation? But what did that speaker consider I was new in or to? The (Anglican) Church perhaps, in which case the person was over 70 years too late? Or, as I respectfully suspect, the Holy Trinity “Club”? For all of us, there is always the danger that we can “shrink” our notion of the church, so that we restrict its reality for us to be no more than amounting

to that small local section (even worse, just the building) of organised Christianity which we personally are mostly involved with, week by week.

One of the bonuses of moving round to (short) services in the variety of chapels and churches in our town during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity last month is that it helps to reinforce a larger awareness of what “the church” really is – its breadth and diversity, even as it underlines our shameful disunity.

Particularly in the urban scene, as it seems to me, there is a sizeable risk for us church “regulars” of treating the particular church we attend as our all-encompassing club, where we can, if we are not careful, spend too much – yes – of our time and energy, and indeed money, and where we find and make nearly all our friendships. (In the rural church scene, this hardly ever

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occurs because the local congregation is far too small.)

But another risk of equating Christ's whole church with, say, Holy Trinity Llandudno (or indeed St Tudno's "up the hill") results if, when we are away anywhere over a Sunday and we do not seek out a place for Christian Worship. Again, this would seem to underline the suspicion that we do not "go" because, after all, it is not "our club". Occasionally, when one hears the attempted justification: "well, we were on holiday in Spain (or wherever) and we do not understand the language." I'm inclined to comment, "So what? Words are only one component of the worship experience. Think of all the other aspects you could share in the architecture, music, stained glass and other art, the aroma of incense and, of course, the physical presence of other Christians."

A couple of years ago I happened to be in Poland one Sunday and in Russia on another Sunday. So in Poland I joined a local Roman Catholic mass and in Russia, the Orthodox liturgy, just as I hope, were I to be in a very remote Scottish Highland territory, I would present myself at a Presbyterians service, even if it were in Gaelic!

When we consider the life of birds, we can think of such a feathered creature kept in a cage or one free to take off from a perch. They usually do not have a choice between the two modes of existence. We humans, on the other hand, have got that privilege of freedom.

Do we take full advantage of this gift, or do we, too often, allow ourselves imprisoned by what we call "our church"?

Back, briefly, to "But you are new!" – Which sparked off these thoughts. Would it not be nice and healthier if someone said, "and you are new"? In other words, it is good to welcome a fresh viewpoint from someone who I have not known for years.

What if these words had been spoken to a young person of say 20 or thereabouts? Might he or she take such a negative response as a cue to move on to another, possibly more open, local church? However, perhaps, as someone who is now past the three score years and ten mark, I should take the word "new" as a compliment. Or: be prompted, next month in print, to explore the business of newness and the Christian faith a little more deeply rather than just skim around the edges, as I have here.

On a completely different subject...

... Or is it? Mrs Thelma Owen, as many as you know of 78 Great Orme's Road, reaches a significant milestone in her life on 17 February, and I am sure would be very pleased to receive birthday greetings, and/or, with her husband Canon Dick Owen, a short visit.

Robert Pierce



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The Churchyards in January

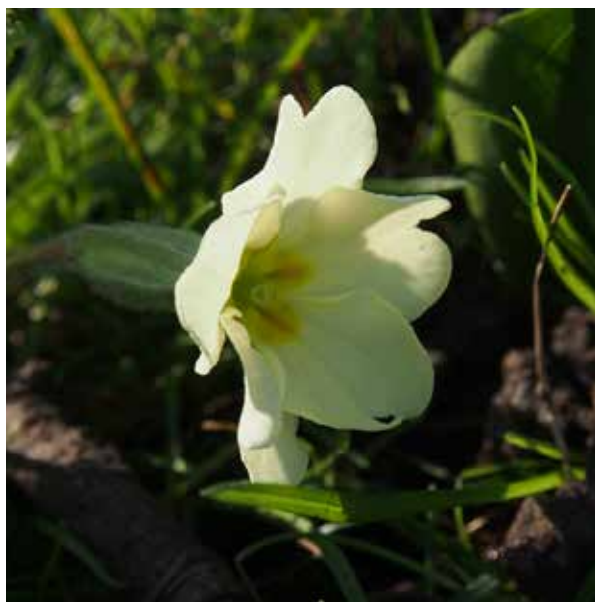


Daisy at St. George's Churchyard.

After the mild winter daisies were in bloom in the grass of all three churchyards and one or two primroses were also flowering at St. Tudno's and St. George's. At St. George's, bright green, heart shaped leaves of wild arum unfurled amongst the grass and moss, while squirrels scampered up and down the



Wild arum leaf at St. George's Churchyard.



Primrose at St. George's Churchyard.

trees. On sunny days at St. Tudno's, new needles on the black pine trees looked fresh against the blue sky. In the grass, grey green patches of a foliose lichen, possibly *Peltigera* sp., were found. Each lichen species is a symbiosis between a fungus and an alga and can require specialised conditions in which to grow, so finding this at St. Tudno's emphasises the conservation value of the churchyard. At Holy Trinity, pansies, heathers, primulas and other flowers filled the troughs while leaves appeared from bulbs, promis-



Patches of lichen at St. Tudno's Churchyard.



Black pines at St. Tudno's Churchyard.

ing a continuation of colour. *Polypodium* sp. ferns grow from walls around the grounds and looking under the fronds showed the developing spores with which ferns reproduce.

Christine Jones



Pansies...



Developing spores on a fern in Holy Trinity Churchyard.



...and hyacinths in the troughs in Holy Trinity Churchyard.

The Bishop's Ministry Fund contribution for 2019 is £85059 (over 6% increase)

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Coffee Time

Cryptics (thanks and courtesy Barbara Cartwright)

Food and drink

1. Food from cottage industry, perhaps. (6)
2. Curio jar contains alcoholic drink. (5)
3. Seafood - some gives us hiccups. (5)
4. Weight in charge? You need a pick-me-up. (5)
5. It's a return to a sparkling drink. (4)
6. Meat for graduate and criminal. (5)
7. Label as firm, pungent sauce. (7)
8. Sweet stuff cure a nag, incredibly (4,5)
9. Swallow one drink. (7)
10. Brian's about to collect English blackcurrant drink. (6)

Results for January

1. Epoch
2. Extract
3. Enlarged
4. Extra
5. Enthral
6. Erupt
7. Either
8. Explain
9. Eager
10. Ended



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