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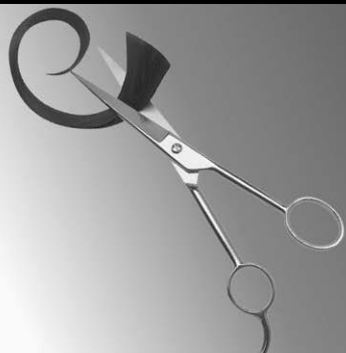
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### Sundays

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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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*They could have either a procession of crosses,  
or a donkey. But not both.*

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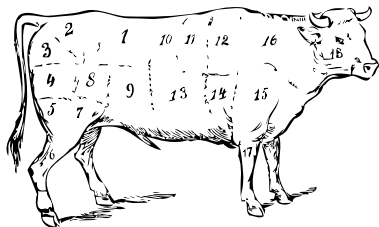
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# Calendar for April 2019

Mon	1	9.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group	
		1.00 pm	Mothers' Union Passover Meal	
		2.30 pm	Bible Society AGM at Seilo Welsh Chapel	
		6.30 pm	Rehearsal for "The Feast of Life" at the Rectory	
		6.30 pm	Hand Bell Ringing in the Choir Vestry	
Tue	2	11.00 am	Cytun Julian Group at Stella Maris	
Wed	3	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
		10.00 am	Coffee Morning	
		7.00 pm	Lenten Course at St. David's Hospice	
Thurs	4	10.30 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael Prayers for healing	
		11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
Fri	5	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	
Sat	6	11.00 am	<i>Yr Offren</i>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent: Passion Sunday</b>		<i>First Sunday in April</i>
		8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
		9.30 am	Junior Church	
		10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	
Mon	8	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	9			
Wed	10	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
		10.00 am	Coffee Morning and I50 Club Draw	
Thurs	11	10.00 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael Meeting	
		11.00 am	Holy Eucharist with Ministry of Healing	
Fri	12	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	
Sat	13	11.00 am	<i>Yr Offren</i>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Lent: Palm Sunday</b>		<i>Second Sunday in April</i>
		8.00 am	Holy Eucharist and Blessing of Palms	
		9.30 am	Junior Church	
		10.30 am	Palm Procession and Sung Eucharist	
Mon	15	<b>Monday in Holy Week</b>		
		Holy Trinity Car Park now managed by Euro Car Parks (No Parent and Toddler Group [school holiday]) (The Eucharists for Holy Week begin on Wednesday)		

	6.30 pm	Rehearsal for “The Feast of Life” at the Rectory	
	6.30 pm	Hand Bell Ringing in the Choir Vestry	
Tue 16		<b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b>	
Wed 17		<b>Wednesday in Holy Week</b>	
	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
	10.00 am	Quiet Day at the Rectory (till 4.00 pm) (No Coffee Morning)	
	7.00 pm	Service of Light and Shadows at St. Tudno's Church	
Thurs 18		<b>Maunday Thursday</b>	
	10.30 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael Prayers for healing (No 11.00 am Holy Eucharist)	
	7.00 pm	Choral Eucharist of the Last Supper including the Washing of Feet and Stripping of the Altars	
Fri 19		<b>Good Friday</b>	
	10.00 am	Children's Workshop	
	12.00 noon	Cytun Act of Witness outside Holy Trinity Church	
	2.00 pm	Liturgy of the Day (No Bell Ringing Practice)	
Sat 20		<b>The Saturday before Easter</b>	
		(No Yr Offren)	
	7.00 pm	Easter Vigil, Baptism and Renewal of Baptismal Vows	
<b>Sun 21</b>		<b>Easter Day</b>	<i>Third Sunday in April</i>
	5.00 am	Easter Vigil at St. Tudno's	
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
	9.30 am	Junior Church	
	10.30 am	Festal Eucharist	
Mon 22		(No Parent and Toddler Group [school holiday]) (No Hand Bell Ringing)	
	6.30 pm	Rehearsal for “The Feast of Life” at the Rectory	
Tue 23		<b>George, Martyr</b> (Transferred to following day)	
Wed 24	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist inc Celebration of St. George	
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning	
Thurs 25		<b>Mark, Evangelist</b> (Transferred to Saturday 27)	
	10.30 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael Prayers for healing	
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
Fri 26	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	
Sat 27	11.00 am	Yr Offren inc Celebration of St. Mark	

<b>Sun 28</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	<i>Fourth Sunday in April</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist (No Junior Church)
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist (No Parent and Toddler Group [school staff training day])
Mon 29	6.30 pm	Rehearsal for “The Feast of Life” at the Rectory
	6.30 pm	Hand Bell Ringing in the Choir Vestry
Tue 30		

## May

Wed 1	<b>Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</b>	
	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Thurs 2	10.30 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael Prayers for healing
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Fri 3	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Sat 4	<b>Llandudno Victorian Extravaganza Weekend</b>	
	11.00 am	<i>Yr Offren</i>
<b>Sun 5</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	<i>First Sunday in May</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	9.30 am	Junior Church
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist (No Parent and Toddler Group) (No Mothers’ Union) (No Hand Bell Ringing)
Mon 6	6.30 pm	Rehearsal for “The Feast of Life” at the Rectory
Tue 7		
Wed 8	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Thurs 9	10.00 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael Meeting
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist with Ministry of Healing
Fri 10	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Sat 11	11.00 am	<i>Yr Offren</i>



## Letter From the Vicar

I am looking forward already to spending my first Holy Week and Easter in Llandudno. The media and the advertising world in general doesn't quite know what to do with Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter. Shrove Tuesday is nowadays replaced with Pancake Tuesday and Mothering Sunday with Mothers' Day. In reality, the events of the last week of Jesus' life are a real marketing challenge, especially when hot cross buns are now sold all year round, and the cream egg goes on sale soon after Christmas.

For the Church, 'marketing Christ' is no less difficult: how do we talk about a young Jewish man's sudden and violent death at the hands of the powerful Roman empire two thousand or so years ago in a language that is in any real sense good news to today's Brexit-weary world. How on earth to we preach Christ crucified these days?

Nonetheless, it's one of my most strongly held convictions that the observance of these last days of Jesus' life every year can be transformational for



Christians in opening us up to the power and mystery of divine love. I would like to keep the Wednesday of Holy Week special as a Quiet Day for people here at the Rectory from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. I would like to help people prepare spiritually for these three days between Maundy

Thursday and Easter Day by leading three meditations during the day and sharing food and silence together. This will be followed later that evening with a service of light and shadow at St Tudno's on the Orme.

On Maundy Thursday the usual morning Eucharist will be replaced by a Choral Eucharist at 7.00 pm in Holy Trinity with a special service of readings and symbols between 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm on Good Friday. On Saturday night, also at 7.00 pm, there is a service to receive into an unlit the church the Resurrection light, the Paschal candle, in which we renew our baptismal vows and celebrate together the Easter joy.

Try your best to journey with the Church over these three special days – the Triduum. Open your hearts to the mystery of divine love and of the power of the resurrection light.

Yours in Christ

**Andrew**



# News and Notices

## IMPORTANT

### Holy Trinity Church Car Park

As from 15 April, the car park in the churchyard of Holy Trinity Church will be managed by Euro Car Parks. The decision has not been taken lightly. There are perhaps two main reasons: firstly, the machines take a great deal of cash and need to be emptied on a regular basis; since the car park was opened, the cash was collected by volunteers who, because of the sums involved, have become increasingly vulnerable when collecting it; secondly, there have been and continue to be many who blatantly abuse our terms and conditions either by underpaying or by not buying and displaying a ticket at all.

The decision does of course create a moral dilemma: it is certainly not our policy to charge people a car parking fee should they wish to attend a service, seek some peace and tranquillity in the Church, or have legitimate business with us. This has to be balanced with the car parking underpayment that the Ministry Area experiences and it must be noted that income from the car park effectively pays most of our contribution to the Bishop's Ministry Fund which, this year is over £85,000. If it was not for our car park income, then as a Ministry Area we would neither be able to contribute fully to the Fund nor would we be able to finance

vital building maintenance, such as the current works to replace the boiler chimney.

If you use the Holy Trinity Church car park on a Sunday morning to attend a service and/or Junior Church, then no parking fee will be required. Although a vehicle's registration number will be recorded on entering and leaving the car park, provided it is removed before 1.00 pm (on Sundays only), then it would not incur a Parking Charge Notice (PCN) should a parking fee have not been made. This concession applies only to worshippers at Holy Trinity Church (or those who take the transport to St. Tudno's).

If you use the Holy Trinity Church car park regularly because you have official business at Holy Trinity Church, then please register your car registration number with one of the churchwardens which will ensure that it does not incur a PCN, irrespective of which car parking area you use. Please note that you must be on official church business when using this concession. Otherwise, you must pay the charge required and use the main car parking area.

The very last thing that the Ministry Area needs is for headlines screaming that we "fined" a pensioner £100 for attending a church service. There are inevitably going to be some issues over the next few weeks and we require

your help and assistance in making the transition go as smoothly as possible. Please exercise caution and remove your car from the car park before 1.00 pm on a Sunday and register your car's registration should you be eligible for this concession. Do not take a chance as the management of the car park will have been transferred and Euro Car Parks' terms and conditions will apply to you. We would not wish you to receive a PCN in the post.

Inevitably, some might feel that as long-standing congregants, they should have the freedom to use the car park at Holy Trinity Church without charge at any time. This is a legitimate point of view and as long as the Parish/Ministry Area was running the facility, then it took a relaxed position on the matter. How-

ever, now the decision has been made to hand the management to another party, then the new terms and conditions will need to be complied with. If you feel very strongly about this, then please express your point of view.

## **Mothers' Union**

On Monday 4 March, Jenny Bicknell arranged for our branch to enjoy an afternoon of Circle Dancing.

Our hosts for the afternoon were Jenny and Lynn . Angela welcomed our Diocesan President Anne Members of the Union of Catholic Mothers, Members of the Colwyn Bay Circle dancers and members of our own Church plus our own MU members.



*Members of the Mothers' Union and friends circle dancing.*

Jenny and Lynn jointly conducted a short service ending with our own MU prayer.

Jenny introduced us to Sr. Bernadette from Noddfa together with Janice Allan from the Colwyn Bay Circle Dancing Group who had come along to demonstrate and teach us the basic steps of Circle Dancing. Circle Dancing is not at all like country dancing or Swirling Dervishes! - Circle Dancing is fairly slow and has precise movements. The nice thing is all can join in - one doesn't need a partner. Concentrating on the steps and music is quite meditative. Indeed Sr. Bernadette was asked by a Priest to devise a dance with music to say the Magnificat. We all joined in this special meditative movement at the end of the afternoon. After a good 45 mins

of dancing Jennifer gave Sr Bernadette and Janice a vote of thanks.

Angela had prepared pancakes for everyone and Lynn, Sandra, Angela and Jennifer served tea and pancakes to all.

We all agreed that we had enjoyed a very special afternoon.

On 28 March a group of MU members attended a special service at Bangor Cathedral where officers were appointed for the new triennial. Bishop Andy was the celebrant and Dean Kathy was in attendance. Some members used their bus passes to get to the cathedral while Lynn Wooding kindly transported the MU Banners in her car. When we arrived at the Cathedral we were welcomed with a cup of tea and shared a packed lunch and fellowship



*Mothers' Union members at Bangor Cathedral.*

before the service.

During the singing of the first hymn, clergy and officials processed from the vestry with MU banners from across the diocese following behind - Jenny Bicknell carried our Holy Trinity Banner.

Bishop Andy paid tribute to the work of Mothers' Union in our diocese and in our churches and wider communities, Speaking about the terrible act of terrorism in Christchurch where he still has family living, Bishop Andy said we can barely comprehend the evil of that sinful act and reminded us of why on Ash Wednesday we receive the sign of the cross and acknowledge our own sinfulness. Bishop Andy went on to reflect on Gospel readings as he urged us to be as salt and light in the world today.

Neil Ridding, MU Chaplain, Jenny Lane, Diocesan President and Kay Warrington, Provincial President also took part in the service.

In traditional Mothers' Union fashion the afternoon ended with tea and cake and more fellowship.

Our next meeting will be on 1st April and will be a Passover Meal at 1pm in Holy Trinity Hall. Roz and Mike Harrison are organising this for us. Please see Roz or Mike re tickets as numbers are limited.

***Jennifer Fossi  
Angela Pritchard***

## **Parish Fellowship Spring Programme Report**

We began our programme with a Eucharist, led by Andrew and our Annual general Meeting. Vernon distributed the new programme to us all and it looked really interesting. Our first speaker was Myfanwy Jones from the RNLI. She told us about the history of the charity and described some of the rescues. Our own new lifeboat is the very latest design – it is a Shannon Class and cost in the region of £2.2 million! It is made from plastic and fibre glass and is water jet propelled. It should last for approximately 50 years, assuming a couple of refits! We also have the inshore boat which is a rib design.

Vernon Morris spoke to us about his early life at home until he was 17. He called his talk “What the Heck!” as this was a favourite phrase, often said by his mother. He told us about his life on the farm and how World War II affected his family as they lived close to the railway from Fishguard to London – a target for the German bombers. He has three siblings – Valerie, Violet and Victor. The farm had no running water although it did have electricity. The English and Welsh speaking farmers all helped each other out but there was sometimes confusion in the translation. He studied at the Grammar school but left after taking his O levels. They had prisoners of war helping on the farm and the Germans wept when his mother bought a record of Brahms Lullaby and played it for them.

John Shorney from the Wales Air Ambulance spoke to us about the work that the charity does in getting ill and injured people, including babies, to hospital as quickly as possible. They are based in Llanelli but now have bases in Caernarfon, Y Trolwyn and Welshpool and Cardiff. The helicopter in Cardiff has a special incubator for young babies – it can fly to any part of Wales very quickly. The aim is to get the patients to the nearest hospital in order to give the doctors as much of the Golden Hour as possible to treat them. The famous red helicopters can land anywhere, without asking for permission. The paramedics and consultants on many flights, improve the chances for the patient.

Mark Brierley together with our PCSO Fflur Lloyd Jones, spoke to us about safety and protection from scams. Mark is the Trading Standards manager and explained to us how devious the scammers can be. He spoke about rogue traders and warned us of the many different ways that they operate. He described several different scenarios that could affect us from roofers to gardeners to postal scams, money laundering and email scams. I think we all felt safer for having heard him speak.

Mike Harrison spoke to us about “In the Woods, Build Me A Nest” – a line from the song O For The Wings of A Dove. He showed us amazing photographs that he had taken in the Holy Land and spoke about the inhospitable desert where Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights. He spoke about how unclut-

tered the desert is and how it is possible to get close to God. He reminded us that in Exodus, the people who set out from Egypt never saw the Promised Land and it was after 40 years that they finally arrived. If you are in a desert, God will appear to you, you can trust Him – It is always easy to blame others when things go wrong! He showed us photographs of the St Anthony’s Monastery which was founded by the Desert Fathers in 3rd – 4th century. Despite the heat, monks still live there and grow crops, using their meagre daily water ration very sparingly. He showed us photographs from Iona where St Columba sailed – the island is famous for the natural stones in a myriad of colours. The custom is for pilgrims to take 2 stones, throw one away, representing life left behind and to keep the other representing the life to come. He also spoke of places closer to home – Aber Falls, the various tracks up Snowdon and the beach between Barmouth and Shell Island. These are all places where we can experience peace and quiet and get closer to God.

Colin Price played some beautiful music for us and described the events up to Easter through the eyes of different people. He wrote the stories in verse which made them even more special. I think we were all touched by his powerful delivery.

Our final meeting for this programme was on 19th March. We enjoyed our usual short service followed by one of Vernon’s famous quizzes! We all really

enjoyed our time together and finished with a cup of tea and a hot cross bun – why not!

I would like to thank Vernon for organizing what has been one of our very best programmes and also Marion for keeping the money organized and a never ending supply of biscuits. Our annual day out is on Tuesday, 4th June – we are going to Anglesey. The actual programme for the day has not yet been finalized but I am sure we will all really enjoy our time together.

## **The Churchyards**

Those who have followed my ramblings and whims about events in the three Churchyards may have heard by now that I have made the difficult decision to leave Holy Trinity Church to support St. Ffraid's, my local church in Glan Conwy. As I will be stepping down from my role as Chairman of the Churchyards Committee (not nearly as grand as it may sound!) I will no longer be providing these periodic reports in the Magazine...which may come as a relief to some readers! I would like to thank everyone who has put on their gardening gloves and helped out. I do hope that others will step forward to maintain the momentum achieved last year with the Llandudno in Bloom Gold Star award. Appreciative comments from church members, coupled with those from visitors, have been a great source of encouragement, so if you would like to get involved, or perhaps

have a friend who would like to get involved, please have a word with Terry, or Christine if you would like to help at St. Tudno's, or Jennifer Fossi if you would like to help at St George's.

In the week of the Vernal Equinox it seems appropriate to turn our thoughts to gardening as the days lengthen. Occasionally you may find me pottering about trowel in hand. May I wish you all a joyful Easter, and repeat my thanks to all who help to make the Churchyards look the places they do today.

God bless you all.

***William Maidlow***

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

On Sunday 24 February Mary celebrated the Eucharist at St. Tudno's and Daphne Balchin played the keyboard. This was Daphne's last service as an organist at St. Tudno's and after the service she was thanked for all her help and presented with an orchid and some cards. It was a beautiful day and warmer outside the church than inside, so most people took their refreshments outside to enjoy in the sunshine.

Martin celebrated the Eucharist on Sunday 24 March and instead of refreshments after the service everyone went to the Rectory to enjoy a bring-and-share lunch following a St. Tudno's Congregational Meeting. The meeting discussed St. Tudno's ministry and how this could best be served. It was agreed

# HOLY WEEK APPEAL



Do you remember Lent boxes? Well this Holy Week, in a similar way, we need your help to raise money for a campaign in our Diocese, the Dr James Appeal.

Dr James is a doctor in Lango, Uganda. A former Bishop of Bangor and other people contributed to the costs of his original medical studies and now we are contributing to the cost of his studies to become a Paediatrician. His intention is to return to serve his home area when the next three year course is completed in June next year.

So .....

- take a tube of Smarties
- eat and enjoy or keep in a bowl until Easter day!
- replenish the tube with money (Coins, Paper or Cheques fit fine)
- then bring the full tubes back to us on Easter Sunday.



**It is always important to remember other people who are less fortunate than ourselves.**

**Please help us to help others.**

**Collect as many tubes as you like.**

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**Llandudno - Keswick**

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**7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> May**

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It would be nice if anybody was available to volunteer to be a steward for any of the events; if so please ask people to contact me and I will put their name forwards. Martin Pritchard.

that St. Tudno's has an important ministry to visitors and that as well as having suitable services this includes opening the church as a welcoming place where people can find peace and somewhere to pray. Messages in the Visitors' Book show how much this is appreciated and the most frequent comment is "peace". The pattern of services for the summer was discussed and it was agreed that some changes would be made which, it is hoped, will extend St. Tudno's ministry. The time of the open-air service will be changed from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon, to allow the stipendiary clergy to take some services at St. Tudno's as well as at Holy Trinity and we hope this will enable some of the Holy Trinity congregation to join us, too. It was also agreed that there would be more Eucharist services. Instead of a shortened Eucharist following the open-air service once a month, twice a month there will be a simple, accessible, Eucharist service which will be celebrated in the open air. The pattern of regular services during the summer will therefore be as follows.

Every Sunday from the end of May till the end of September at 12.00 noon: open air service (in the church in bad weather). On the 1st and 3rd Sundays this will be a Eucharist, on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays it will be Morning Service.

One evening a month from June to September at 7.00 pm: Compline by Candlelight.

Every day (except Sundays) during August at 12.00 noon: Pilgrim Prayers.

The change to the time of the open-air service will need to be well advertised to make sure that regular visitors are informed and it is hoped that this will also give us opportunities to let other people know what is happening at St. Tudno's. A group will get together to plan publicity, including making use of social media, and if you have any suggestions of ways / places to promote St. Tudno's we would be very pleased to hear from you.

From 1 April St. Tudno's will be open every day, thanks to our team of volunteers who have an important role in enabling the church to provide its welcome to visitors.

There will be two special services at St. Tudno's during Holy Week and Easter. The service of Light and Shadows will be on Wednesday 17 April at 7.00 pm. This is a joint service with Aberconwy Ministry area, with whom the Lent Complies at the Hospice Chapel are shared, and we look forward to welcoming our friends from "across the border"! If you have not been to the service before it is a beautiful, quite service, ending with the church in darkness in preparation for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The wonderful Easter Vigil service will be at 5.00 am on Easter Day, Sunday 21 April, and will include the first Eucharist of Easter. After the service the Friends of St. Tudno's will serve a breakfast of bacon baps and

there will be lists in both churches to sign if you would like breakfast or can offer or would like lifts to St. Tudno's.

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

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

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

The Friends' Committee is planning the programme for the summer. This will include the spring working party in May, a geology walk around the churchyard in June, a pilgrimage to the Harlech area in July and a solo guitar concert in August and details will be published in May. On Saturday 13 April the Friends will be having an additional working party to tidy the sheds and get rid of accumulated odds and ends; this will start at 10.00 am and refreshments will be provided. The Friends will also be cooking the breakfast of bacon baps after the Easter Vigil service on 21 April and details of the service are given in the St. Tudno's article. On 1 May we look forward to welcoming the Green Flag judge who will be visiting the churchyard as part of our application for a Community Green Flag Award for 2019. Our current Green Flag suffered rather badly in the winds and entangled itself around the flagpole; it broke free long enough to be taken down and the Green Flag organisers have kindly provided us with a replacement to put up once the weather improves. A Green

Flag is for green spaces what a Blue Flag is for beaches and indicates that the area has achieved high standards. If you are interested in joining the Friends please get in touch with me or come along to one of our events.

**Christine Jones**

## **150 Club Report**

The draw for February was held during the coffee morning on the 13th March 2019.

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

1st	Number 083 Betty Perrin	£90
2nd	Number 007 Geoff Howard	£40
3rd	Number 006 Vernon Morris	£20

Congratulations to all the winners.

Since the club was started, we have now paid out £9370 in prize money.

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

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, 10th April 2019.

Should you want more details of the I 50 club, you can find forms at the back of the Church or in the hall.

***Terry Dewar (Promoter)***

## **Red Box Project**

Thank you so much for your incredibly generous donation to the Red Box Project Colwyn Bay and Llandudno of £528.15. It has helped us take a huge step towards keeping young women in education by providing menstrual products. We are now providing products to 15 local schools including the 3 schools in your parish.

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Our work could not continue without your generosity and support.

***Sarah Nightingale-Stevens***

## **Conwy Food Bank**

Once again we would like to thank everyone who is so generous in their support for Conwy Food Bank.

In February we issued 124 parcels which is the highest number ever recorded, with 106 children involved.

46% of requests for help are due to

the issues surrounding Benefits Issues as Universal Credit is rolled out across North Wales. Consequently the demands for stock in our store has increased. With Easter approaching and school holidays on the horizon families will be under pressure to feed their children during the day.

As well as groceries and toiletries we also like to give out treats and cash donations are always gratefully received to buy in fresh food which can be frozen, such as bread and milk.

We are running low on the following items:

- Cereals and porridge,
- jelly and angel delight,
- jam and marmalade,
- small packs of sugar,
- coffee and tea bags,
- tins of rice pudding and custard,
- tinned potatoes,
- tinned fruit,
- tins of cold meats e.g. ham and corned beef,
- tinned chicken in White sauce,
- tinned steak, curry and chilli.

Thank you for your kindness

***Conwy Food Bank***

# Sunday Rota

## Sunday 5 May

Reader	Ray Stythe-Jones
Sidespersons	Sue Stafford Joyce Smith Angela Pritchard Sandra Davies
Eucharistic Ministers	Stan Whittaker Maggie Leitch

## Sunday 14 April

Reader	Edna Weaver
Sidespersons	Ron Illidge Sandra Davies Annabel Jones Angela Pritchard
Eucharistic Ministers	Marion Heald Judith Williams

## Sunday 21 April

Flowers	Team
Reader	Angela Pritchard
Sidespersons	Joyce Crosby Marion Heald

William Maidlow
Pat Ridler
Cath Lloyd
Geoff Howard

Eucharistic  
Ministers

## Sunday 28 April

Flowers	Team
Reader	Rob Georgeson
Sidespersons	Linda Blundell Wendy C-Stewart Cath Lloyd Doug Pritchard
Eucharistic Ministers	Angela Pritchard Terry Dewar

## Sunday 5 May

Flowers	Sue Stafford
Reader	Ray Stythe-Jones
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# Attendance Figures for February 2019

February 3rd	8.00 am	Holy Eucharists to February 2nd	11
Candlemas	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	19
		Holy Eucharist	136
		Other Weekday Eucharists	34
February 10th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
Fourth Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	53
Before Lent			
		Other Weekday Eucharists	31

February 17th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	12
Third Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	69
Before Lent			
		Other Weekday Eucharists	26
February 24th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	13
Second Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	53
Before Lent			
		Other weekday Eucharists	26

## Robert's Corner

Deoxyribonucleic acid? “What on earth...?” Most of us might say. But – oh yes, of course: “DNA.” Well, we all have an idea of what that means. However, initials can also stand for something else. I happened to glance at my dentist’s record card (for me) once, and I saw “DNA” alongside one appointment date. “Did not attend.” Oh dear! And in the office jargon where civil servants used to assess what is now known as Inheritance Tax, IRA was short for Inland Revenue Affidavit.

In the language of Christian Faith, initials are sometimes used and can be helpful. A few years ago, WWJD bracelets were fashionable. (They may reach Llandudno by 2025.) No, these initials do not stand for World Wide Jazz Day but “What Would Jesus Do?” – No doubt to challenge the wearers when faced with a tricky moral situation.

Many people have found the “3 P’s” formula very helpful with their daily Bible reading passages. The repeated letter

“P” stands, in turn, for **Picture, Ponder, Promise**. The idea is that we first **picture** (ie imagine) the situation or passage in our mind’s eye. For instance, try to envisage the action described or the worlds related there, including, where appropriate, the character or characters involved, and the setting. Next, we **ponder**. In other words, we consider the reasons and the motives, and why it might have something to say to us in North Wales in 2019. Finally, we **promise**, because, very hopefully, this Bible excerpt will not leave us unaffected. In other words, we have not just read the passage out of interest. What attitude on our part might God be prompting us to change or at least reinforce – or what new action may we resolve to take in response to what we read?

As well as the “3 P’s”, the “3 M’s” are a useful set of initials to have in mind, standing for **Make, Mend and Maintain**. We can also use these to remind ourselves of what God can, and does,

achieve in and for us and our world. So, the **Make** aspect relates to God's **continuing** (and not completed) role in creating the Universe and its whole wonderful range of worlds, stars and creatures... and resources... and invisible things (such as angels)... as well as us humans. If we dare to think of ourselves as God's individual works of art, we are still his work in progress. He is still creating us; we are still growing, still short of perfection and maturity.

Then there is **Mending**. Things go wrong; we go wrong. Damage, harm and evil result. There is always a need for ongoing repairing, forgiving and healing.

And next we think of **Maintaining**. Anything that is useful and good and all, including us, who live owe their continued with what existence to God's sustaining energy and support. These three categories, make, mend, maintain, could be reflected in what is necessary, say, for someone to have and run a car in working order – though some folk might question my personal competence to discuss that!

Up to a point, many Christians tend to focus on God the Father as the Maker, Jesus as the Mender and the Holy Spirit as the Maintainer – though we believers who are less “tidy” in our thinking might regard that as being a too easy and misleading a example of pigeonholing!

Next time, I would like us to think about the “5 B's” which I believe can help us focus on how we experience

and live and share the Christian way of life, both as individuals and as a community (or as communities). You may have your own ideas about as to what some or all of those “B's” should be. I would like to hear them. There really are no “textbook answers”!

**Robert Pearce**

## Caption Competition



This ghostly apparition was last seen haunting the cloister at Chester Cathedral. A bottle of wine will be given to the reader who, in the opinion of the Editor and Deputy Editor, gives the caption that best suits the image. Email addresses at the front of the magazine by Easter Sunday.

## From the Parish Pump

### **'In the face of hatred, offer solidarity' – Christchurch**

Following the terrorist attacks on mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, the Church in Wales' International Group has issued the following statement and prayer:

In common with all people of faith and goodwill, we are horrified by the attacks on worshippers at Mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. In the face of this kind of hatred, it is more important than ever that we reach out in friendship and solidarity to our neighbours. We pray that God will be close to those most deeply affected, and give courage to all those who may now be fearful of showing their faith.

**G**od of compassion and peace, whose Son Jesus Christ wept at the untimely death of his friend: we stand today in solidarity with our Muslim friends, shocked at the deadly attacks on worshippers at mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. Comfort all those injured, bereaved or traumatised; strengthen those who may now fear to show their faith; and turn the hearts of those filled with hate to a better way. Teach us all how to build a world that reflects your Spirit of generosity and reconciliation; for we are all your children, and you call us to love one another as you have loved us.

**Amen**

### **St David's Day message – Archbishop of Wales**

With the eating of leeks – sometimes raw! – the displaying of daffodils and dressing up in traditional Welsh costume or a Wales rugby shirt being, perhaps, the most recognisable ways of marking St. David's Day, Gwyl Dewi, it's sometimes easy to forget not only who David is, but also what he represents.

David is one of the significant saints of our Christian calendar; one of that group of people noted for their faithfulness to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Central to those teachings are things such as the virtues of faithfulness, compassion, the committed service of others and a desire for society to be governed by principles and laws that are just and fair.

The communities which David and his followers established committed to such virtues, and their commitment to them was unwavering. Their concern for the needs of others rather than for them-selves was paramount, and by such standards they lived, teaching and leading others to follow their example.

It's not only at times like the present, times of uncertainty, hostile political discourse and unwelcome divisions, that the example of David and others like him is important. What they teach us is that community, commitment



and concern are things that can make our society strong, robust and caring, and that an ability to live in harmony alongside those with whom we might have significant differences mark us out as decent, honourable, people.

On this St. David's Day and every day, I urge you to be such people for the good of our nation and the good of those around who are our brothers and sisters.

### **Over 300 Nigerian Christians slain**

Barnabas Fund contacts report that nearly 300 people were killed in at least seven predominantly Christian villages across Kaduna State, Nigeria, in February and March 2019; brutal rapes and maiming with machetes were also reported.

In a dawn attack on Karamai on 14 February, 41 died when some 300 gunmen engulfed the village, chanting "Allahu Akbar!" as they fired their guns and ransacked homes. Almost all the dead were women and children, apart from a few elderly and blind men who were unable to flee.

Up to 71 people were killed and 28 injured in a Fulani militia attack on 11 March in Dogon Noma village, Kaduna State. According to eyewitness accounts, the gunmen were "torching houses, shooting and hacking down anything that moved". Some 100 houses were destroyed in the attack. A further nine were reportedly killed in Nandu

Gbok, also in Kaduna State on 16 March and 30 houses destroyed.

In Kajuru district in February and March, the bodies of about 73 women, some pregnant, and 101 children ranging from babies on their mothers' backs up to 10-year-olds, were interred in a mass-grave. Witnesses said most of the men in the villages fled when the raid started in the early morning in Dogon Noma and Karamai. Others were thought to be assisting in neighbouring villages that had been attacked in the preceding days.

During Nigeria's recent election President Buhari, who was re-elected, campaigned on the promise to "bring permanent peace and solution" to the north east and other regions of "insurgency", specifically mentioning Plateau, Benue and Kaduna States.

Church leaders in Nigeria have also repeatedly called on the President, who is himself a Fulani Muslim, to take decisive action against the scourge of attacks by Fulani herdsman on Christian farming communities.

Attacks by armed Fulani herdsman are a constant threat for the predominantly Christian population of Nigeria's Middle Belt. In the last two years, Fulani militants have murdered more than 6,000, according to church estimates. They also destroy church buildings and homes in their attacks which deliberately target Christian communities. Since 2001 at least 500 church buildings have been razed in Plateau State alone.

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## The Churchyards in March

After the unusually mild weather in February some flowers were out early but March turned cooler and slowed further development particularly in the exposed conditions at St. Tudno's. However, there were many buds on the primroses and the lesser celandine flowers were just starting to open when this magazine went to press, promising a good display when the weather turns warmer. This month's photograph for St. Tudno's shows the dramatic shape of the black pine trees against a blue sky.

In the more sheltered environment at

St. George's there was a lovely display of primroses which have naturalised in the grass and flowers were also opening on the three-cornered leek which forms large patches in the churchyard. The first wild violets were appearing, there were buds on the bluebells and the berberis tree was also in flower. A dying strawberry tree was removed and some of the other trees are awaiting attention to lighten the canopies. Thanks to the volunteers who help to look after the Memorial Garden there were golden clumps of daffodils and other plants showing signs of new growth.



*The black pines St. Tudno's.*

In spring in particular, the churchyard attracts a range of pollinating insects and the churchyard is an attractive place to visit at any time, with a couple of benches, where visitors can sit and enjoy the peace.

At Holy Trinity the daffodils in the grassy areas were showing some effects of the strong winds which swept the town during March but still flowering bravely. The troughs continued to provide welcome colour around the church, with a super range of plants in flower including violas, polyanthus, hyacinths and narcissus, thanks to the team who look after them.

Help with the churchyards is always appreciated, so if you are interested in helping to look after any of our three church grounds, please speak to one of the Wardens, who will put in touch with



*One of the troughs at Holy Trinity Church.*

the Churchyards Committee.

**Christine Jones**



*Primroses at St. George's Churchyard.*



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

This sum of money or "quotia" (formerly the "Parish Share") is paid by the parish contributing to the costs of clergy stipends across the diocese.

If you have not already and are a payer of income tax or capital gains tax, please consider revising your method of regular giving so the Parish can more-easily pay its dues in the following way: please declare regular giving and donations as 'Gift Aid' so HM Customs and Revenue might refund to us the tax you paid on earning your gift.

If you make a donation of £10, the Parish receives an extra £2.50 at no cost to you.

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



## **Coffee Time**

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

#### All trees

- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 1. Wood found in pelmet. (3)                            | Results for    |
| 2. Conference provider? (4,4)                           | March          |
| 3. Sounds like an island. (6)                           | 1. Frappe      |
| 4. Spice, head girl. (6)                                | 2. Flap        |
| 5. Tree has to be chopped.(3)                           | 3. Freemason   |
| 6. She can be prickly when leaves (5)                   | 4. Fetish      |
| 7. Found by the sea, we hear. (5)                       | 5. Fitter      |
| 8. Senior person's tree. (5)                            | 6. Fence       |
| 9. Sounds like this tree could be a coat. (3)           | 7. First Aid   |
| 10. This old tree was fenced around for protection. (5) | 8. Flannel     |
|   | 9. Format      |
|   | 10. Fertiliser |



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