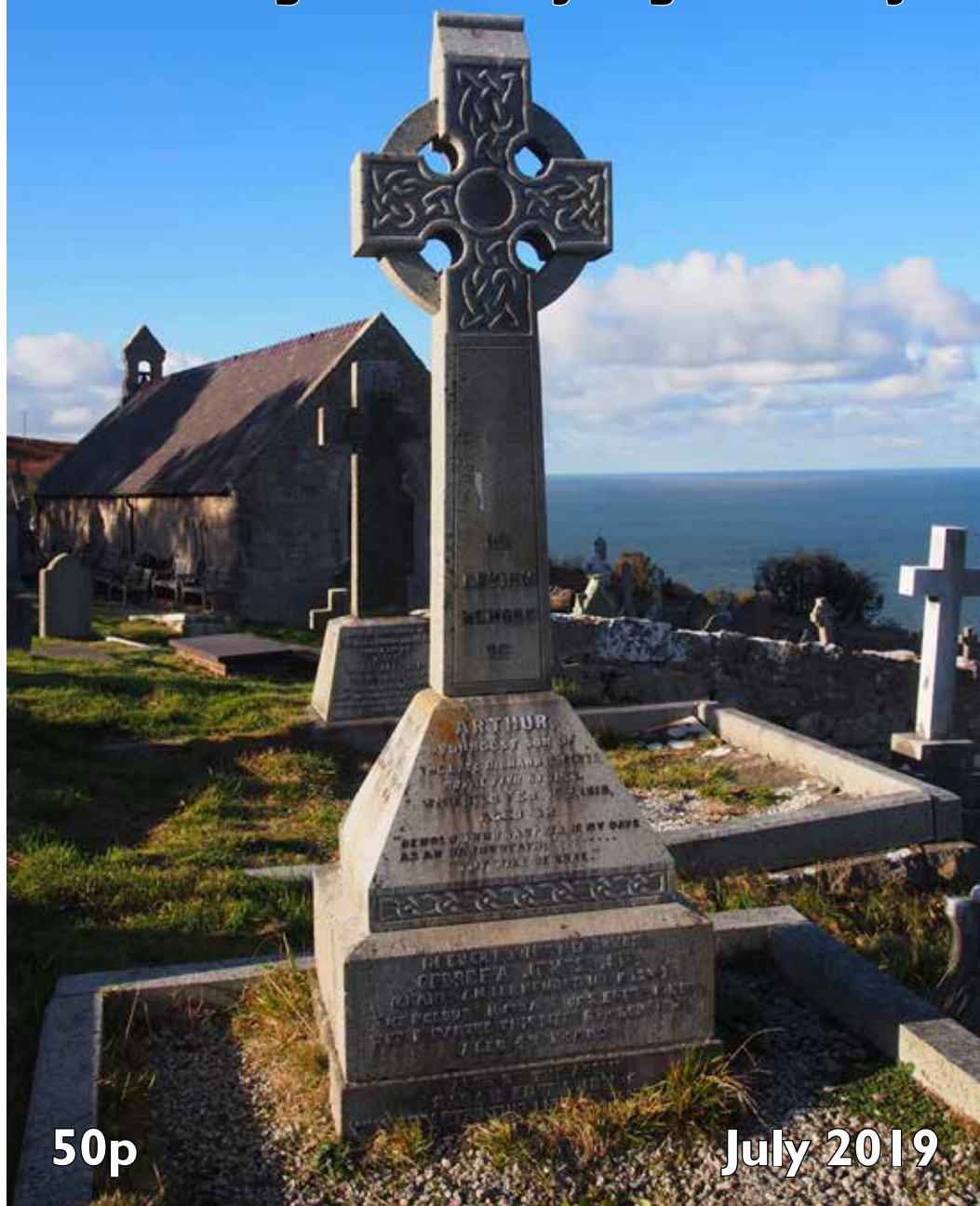


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Sundays

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)

Cover Photo



The grave of Arthur Owen Roberts at St. Tudno's is now an official War Grave. See page 26.

St. Tudno's Church, Great Orme

12.00 noon Open-air Worship (Sun
from end of May to end of
September)

On the first and third
Sundays of each month,
the service includes a
shortened Communion.

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

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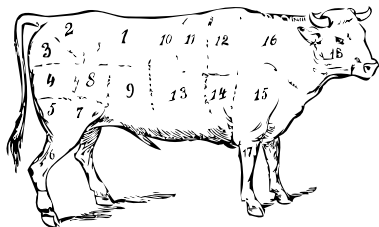
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Calendar for July 2019

Sun 7	Trinity 3	
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	9.30 am	Junior Church
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	12.00 noon	Outdoor Worship at St. Tudno's with Communion
Mon 8	9.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group
	6.30 pm	Hand Bell Ringing in the Choir Vestry
Tue 9	11.00 am	Cytûn Julian Group at Stella Maris
	6.30 pm	Tudno Cycle Club meeting
Wed 10	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning inc 150-Club Draw
Thurs 11	Benedict, Abbot	
	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>
Sun 14	Trinity 4/Sea Sunday (John Keble, transferred to Wednesday 17)	
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	9.30 am	Junior Church
	10.30 am	Eucharist for Sea Sunday (not Matins)
	12.00 noon	Outdoor Worship at St. Tudno's
	7.00 pm	Audley Male Voice Choir concert
Mon 15	9.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group
	6.30 pm	Hand Bell Ringing in the Choir Vestry
Tue 16	6.30 pm	Tudno Cycle Club meeting
Wed 17	John Keble, Priest and Teacher, transferred from Sunday 14	
	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Thurs 18	Elizabeth of Russia, Religious and Martyr	
	10.30 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael Prayers for healing
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist

- Fri 19 **Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop and Macrina, Virgin; Teachers of the Faith, transferred to Saturday 20**
7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice
- Sat 20 **Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop and Macrina, Virgin; Teachers of the Faith, transferred from Friday 19**
11.00 am *Yr Offren*
- Sun 21 Trinity 5**
8.00 am Holy Eucharist
9.30 am Junior Church
10.30 am Sung Eucharist
12.00 noon Outdoor Worship at St. Tudno's with Communion
7.00 pm Parkside Male Voice Choir Concert
- Mon 22 **Mary Magdalene, transferred to Wednesday 24**
(No Parent and Toddler Group - School Holiday)
6.30 pm Hand Bell Ringing in the Choir Vestry
- Tue 23 6.30 pm Tudno Cycle Club meeting
- Wed 24 **Mary Magdalene, transferred from Monday 22**
9.00 am Holy Eucharist
10.00 am Coffee Morning
- Thurs 25 **James, Apostle**
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 **Martha, Mary and Lazarus of Bethany**
11.00 am *Yr Offren*
- Sun 28 Trinity 6**
8.00 am Holy Eucharist
9.30 am Junior Church
10.30 am Sung Eucharist
12.00 noon Outdoor Worship at St. Tudno's
(No Parent and Toddler Group - School Holiday)
- Mon 29 6.30 pm Hand Bell Ringing in the Choir Vestry
- Tue 30 6.30 pm Tudno Cycle Club meeting
- Wed 31 **Ignatus of Loyola**
9.00 am Holy Eucharist
10.00 am Coffee Morning

August

Thurs 1	10.30 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael Prayers for healing
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	12.00 noon	Pilgrim Prayers at St. Tudno's
Fri 2	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	12.00 noon	Pilgrim Prayers at St. Tudno's
Sat 3	Germanus, Bishop	
	11.00 am	<i>Yr Offren</i>
	12.00 noon	Pilgrim Prayers at St. Tudno's
Sun 4	Trinity 7	
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	9.30 am	Junior Church (continuing during school holidays)
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	12.00 noon	Outdoor Worship at St. Tudno's with Communion
	7.00 pm	Macclesfield Male Voice Choir Concert
Mon 5		(No Parent and Toddler Group - School Holiday)
	12.00 noon	Pilgrim Prayers at St. Tudno's
	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union
	6.30 pm	Hand Bell Ringing in the Choir Vestry
Tue 6	Transfiguration of Our Lord, transferred to Wednesday 7	
	12.00 noon	Pilgrim Prayers at St. Tudno's
	1.30 pm	Lunchtime Organ Concert (Charles Jones)
	6.30 pm	Tudno Cycle Club meeting
	7.30 pm	Compline by Candlelight at St. Tudno's
Wed 7	Transfiguration of Our Lord, transferred from Tuesday 6	
	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
	12.00 noon	Pilgrim Prayers at St. Tudno's

A Letter from the Vicar

From the end of August onwards and for the coming year, I would like us to follow a year's course of Bible readings, set out in the book *We Make the Road by Walking* which is a year's worth of reflections on the Bible, each one easily read aloud in ten to twelve minutes. Working with the framework of the church year, they provide a Genesis-to-Revelation overview of the Bible that can be used in a variety of ways: a year of church services, a year of weekly dinner-dialogue gatherings, a year of classes or

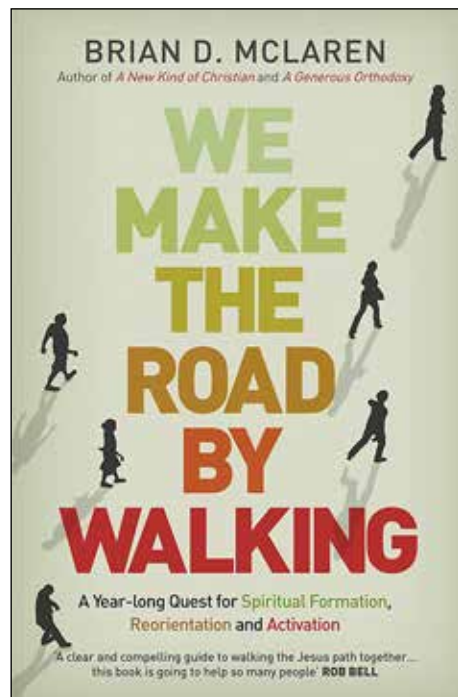


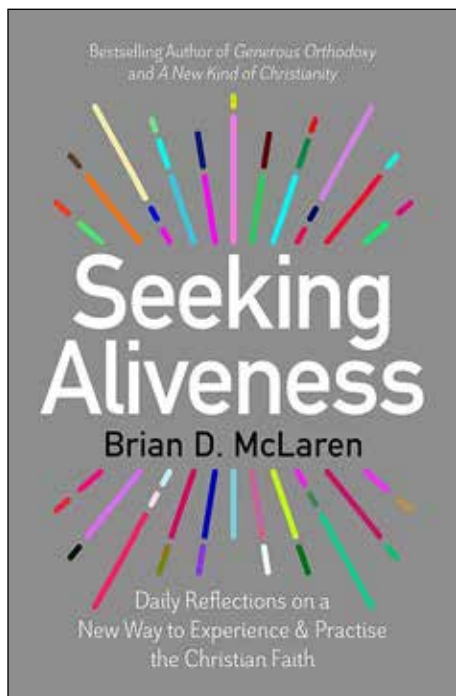
online interactions, a series of retreats, or simply a rich reading experience.

In it Brian McLaren explores what it means to be alive in the way of Christ – reading, praying, meditating, discussing and acting our way through God's word to us: the Bible.

The course of sermons is accompanied with a book of daily readings which explore that week's theme. *Seeking Aliveness* is a re-purposing of this material for use by individuals, breaking up the text into daily devotions, along with the original suggested Bible readings and with a prayer, thought or action point for each day. Brian's original writing is transformed beautifully into a daily read, for admirers of the original book as well as a new audience. It becomes available in paperback form in October so I'm encouraging people to get hold of a copy which will cost around £10.

Perhaps one of the shortcomings of the three-year lectionary is that we don't get a handle of the way the Bible develops from Genesis through to Revelation. In this course, we will have a chance to see how certain themes of scripture emerge and return throughout the writings, reaching their full expression in Christ.





Seeking Awareness is a book of daily readings of which you are encouraged to obtain a copy. It is presently available in hardback and will be available in paperback on 3 October.

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On Tuesday 18th June Holy Trinity Church met at the Rectory to begin an audit of the Church's priorities in the areas of Mission, Buildings and Finance. In each of these three meetings, the discussion was particularly focussing on people's hopes, dreams and expectations for the three headings.

The next stage of the process is to consult more widely with the full congregation through inviting people

to fill out a questionnaire which will be available throughout July and to post the completed forms in a box at the back of the church. The findings will then be collated and shared in an article form in September's magazine. These findings will then be taken to a meeting of the Ministry Area Council later in September.

It is envisaged that these three groups will continue to meet throughout the year to put flesh on the proposals and to produce them in a written form to the diocese in the form of a Ministry Area Development Plan, which will be presented to Archdeacon Mary sometime in the Autumn.

The hope is that people will feel able to join one or more of these three groups at any time, on the understanding that they exist in an advisory role to the more formal Ministry Area Council.

Yours in Christ

Andrew



News and Notices

Parish Fellowship

The Parish Fellowship outing to Anglesey went ahead on Tuesday 4 June. We set off from Holy Trinity, arriving at our coffee stop – the Holland Arms Garden Centre in good time. From there, we drove in convoy, for most of the way, to St Gwenllwyfo's Church near City Dulas. Here we were told the fascinating history of the church and the amazing stained glass windows. Mrs Avril Lloyd, the church secretary, led us round giving us a detailed description of each window. Her book was for sale and many of us bought a copy.



St. Gwenllwyfro's Church.

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Two Flemish Glass Panels.

From there, we travelled to the Pilot Boat pub for lunch. We were made very welcome, despite being late arriving!

Our next stop was the Seawatch Centre in Moelfre. A fascinating RNLI "museum" with plenty to look at. There are lovely views and the monument to Dick Evans, the lifeboat man who saved many lives. The Royal Charter, a ship that sailed many miles before being wrecked just off the coast here is also remembered. Our final stop for the day was again for refreshments – The Bulkeley Arms Hotel in Beaumaris. Here we enjoyed afternoon tea with delicious cakes.

It poured with rain for most of the day but thanks to Vernon's planning, we all had a good time – with plenty to eat and enjoy! There were several opportunities to chat and deepen our friendships which added to our enjoyment. Thank you Vernon for organizing and planning our day – we all had fun and greatly appreciated all your hard work on our behalf.

Vicky Ford

St. David's Hospice

St. David's Hospice has asked me to thank all those who contributed so generously to the collection taken at our last Compline/Study Group. The amount donated was £165, and the Hospice very much appreciated receiving this contribution to its funds. You may like to know that we averaged 22 people across the five sessions, and I would like to thank Revd Noel Carter for leading us through the discussions after Compline. It is always good to meet "old" and new friends and to come together in this way. Every blessing.

***Revd Jane Allen
Hospice Chaplain***

Betty Plunkett

Last month, the Parish Magazine announced the sad death of Elizabeth Plunkett, known to everyone as "Betty". She died on 15 May peacefully at

home surrounded by her family. Betty was born as Elizabeth Fazakerley in Liverpool on 27 November 1928. She married Peter in 1964 and they had two children, Kathleen and John, born in 1965 and 1967 respectively. On Peter's retirement from the ministry, the couple moved to Llandudno where both were fully active in the activities of this parish.

Betty had been ill for some years and it is an enormous credit to Peter, her family and her carers that she achieved the age of 90. Peter's devotion over the years has been inspirational.

Betty's Funeral Service was on 30 May 2019 at Holy Trinity Church and was officiated by the Vicar, the Rev Andrew Sully. The opening hymn, "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended" was followed by the 23rd Psalm. Yates' poem "The Lake Isle of Innisfree" was read by Kath; a prayer "It's Okay to Go Mum" was read by John. The readings from 1 Corinthians 13 and John 14 were followed by the Thanksgiving given by Peter. The hymn "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" was followed by a Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer. The third hymn was "For the Beauty of the Earth" which was followed by the Commendation and Blessing, and the choir singing "God Be in My Head". The Funeral Service was followed by the Committal at Colwyn Bay Crematorium. A short Memorial Service of Thanksgiving was held at Anfield on 7 June.

Thank You 1

Kath, John and I are very grateful for the sympathy and kindness we have received from so many. It has been a real help and comfort to us.

Thank you,

Peter

Thank You 2

Thank you to all our friends at Holy Trinity especially members of Mothers' Union, Parish Fellowship, Coffee Morning Team and Children and Young Families Group. Thank you too for the lovely cards and presents which we received from you when we left Llan-dudno to live in Sandbach. Most of all we thank you for your friendship over the years, we had sixteen very happy years in Glan Conwy and miss you all very much.

We have been having quite a lot of work done to our new home so have been staying with two of our daughters and have only recently moved into our house. There is still a lot of work to be done but we are getting there. I am still unable to drive but we have a good bus service so I am able to get out more and even managed a bit of gardening.

We hope to see you soon.

God Bless

Barbara and Paul Yates

Thank You 3

It was a real privilege to celebrate the Holy Eucharist at Holy Trinity on the 2nd June and I am most grateful to Revd Andrew Sully for inviting me to do this. Also, it was very special to be able to enjoy my Birthday Celebrations afterwards in the Church Hall with so many friends. May I thank Judith and Joyce for help with arrangements, and a very sincere thank you also for many cards and kind wishes. What a delight also to hear Norman's wonderful playing of the "Sortie" at the end of the service. I can't believe I am now an Octogenarian – will really have to start acting like a grown up!

(Revd) Jane

St. Tudno's Church

On Saturday 25 June we were delighted to welcome Sarah and Frank to St. Tudno's for their wedding, accompanied by their families and friends. St. Tudno's is a special place for Sarah and Frank and they are the first couple to marry there since St. Tudno's received a licence for weddings.

The "summer" season of open-air services began on Sunday 26 May – with an indoor service due to inclement weather! This was the first service at the new time of 12.00 noon and Andrew was multitasking, leading the service and playing the keyboard. The Ascension Day Eucharist was well attended, with 16 people travelling up the



The pilgrims assemble in the Memorial Chapel of Holy Trinity Church.

hill for the 8.00 am service. On Sunday 2 June the Eucharist service led by Martin started outside, with Robert playing the keyboard, but a heavy shower during the first hymn drove everyone

inside. Compline by Candlelight was held on Tuesday 4 June and the church looked lovely by lit by candles, while the service was held in the chancel.



At the laburnum arch.



Cllrs Angie O'Grady and David Hawkins with the Vicar at St. Tudno's Well.

St. Tudno's Day on Wednesday 5 June was celebrated with the annual Pilgrimage Walk from Holy Trinity to St. Tudno's, for which we were joined by the Mayor of Llandudno, Cllr Angie

O'Grady and last year's Mayor, Cllr David Hawkins. After prayers at Holy Trinity at 9.30 am, a dozen Pilgrims set off on the walk, though the town, along the Prom and up to the Camera



Made it!

Obscura, where we stopped to say prayers for the town of Llandudno and its people. Continuing the walk through Happy Valley we had a look at the extended laburnum arch, which was still impressive though flowering was coming to an end. The rain began as we resumed the walk and continued intermittently until mid-afternoon. The second stop for prayers was made beyond the top of the ski slope, with the town out of sight but St. Tudno's in the distance. St. Tudno's Well was visited by kind permission of the landowners and the Pilgrims were sprinkled with water from the well. The final Pilgrimage prayers were said in St. Tudno's churchyard, where we were joined by some visitors. More of the congregation joined us for the Patronal Eucharist at

12.30 pm, which was led by Andrew and celebrated by Martin, while Ray played the keyboard. A number of people had brought a picnic to eat after the service but as the weather was still damp, we picnicked in the church – though the sun was coming out as everyone left!

The Pentecost service on Sunday 9 July was blessed with good weather for the entire service, which was led by Martin. During the service everyone was given the opportunity to make a paper dove, to represent the Holy Spirit. The following week, Sunday 16 July, Mary celebrated Communion during the open-air service but the service ended slightly abruptly when a heavy shower sent everyone rushing inside instead of singing the last hymn.



Paper Dove at St. Tudno's on the day of Pentecost.



Pentecost at St. Tudno's on 9 June.

On Sunday 23 June the midday service was led by Andrew and the weather remained fine throughout the service. In the afternoon Mary led a special service at 3.00 pm to celebrate the Great Get Together. This is a series of nationwide events organised through the Jo



Great Get Together service on 23 June.

Cox foundation, to bring communities together and promote Jo's ethos that "We have far more in common than that which divides us" and we were pleased to be joined by several visitors, the Mayor and Mayoress of Llandudno and last year's Mayor and Mayoress. To show how something beautiful and united can be made from different individuals, Mary taught us how to make friendship bracelets from seven strands of wool and a simple cardboard tool – and this also resulted in some working together as those who understood first time helped those of us who didn't! The service was followed by a lovely bring-and-share picnic, with the food set out on tables below one of the trees – and only one herring gull tried to join in. Everyone was enjoying a good chat when the rain began, so there was again a rush for the church, taking everything with us, and the now familiar task of



Great Get Together picnic.

drying the equipment began.

Open air (weather permitting) services continue at midday each Sunday and a free taxi departs from Holy Trinity at 11.30 am. On the first and third Sundays in the month the service will include a simple celebration of Communion. The next service of Compline by Candlelight will be on Tuesday 2 July at 7.30 pm. The church is open every day during summer and visitors are also welcome to explore the churchyard by following the self-guided trail.

Vicky Ford and Christine Jones

Friends of St. Tudno's Church

On Wednesday 12 June the Friends welcomed a group from Rode Heath School in Cheshire. The Year 2 children with their teachers and helpers were

spending two days exploring Llandudno and the Great Orme and included a visit to St. Tudno's. It was a rather wet day, so activities in the churchyard were not possible and "Plan B" was put into action. With the children divided into three groups for a round-robin, William and Vernon were stationed at the west end of the church with activities including taking rubbings from plaques. Vicky and Sue took the middle part of the church, with some extension to the east end, looking at the windows and colouring in outlines of stained-glass windows. I had the east end, showing the children the various carvings there and talking about St. Tudno. They were a delightful group of children and the teachers are talking about returning next year with another Year 2 class. We hope to have some photographs from the school to include in the next magazine.

The next day the Friends welcomed members of the Great Orme Exploration Society (GOES) to St. Tudno's for an evening tour of the churchyard. The weather was still not very good, being cold and drizzly, but we introduced them to some "tales from the churchyard" and finished with hot drinks and cakes in the church. We hope to have some photographs from GOES to include in the next magazine.

It was a busy week for the Friends as the Saturday, 15 June, was one of our own activities. Each year we arrange a guided tour on the Great Orme led

by a local expert. This year the walk was around our churchyard, studying the geology of the various stones with Martin Trevelyan-Jones, geologist and GOES member. This was a fascinating afternoon – and even sunny – and again we finished with drinks and cakes.

The churchyard gates have been in need of some attention and we are grateful to John for taking on this job and rubbing down and repainting them.

The Friends prepared for the Great Get Together picnic on Sunday 23 June by decorating the sycamore tree with some official Great Get Together bunting, trimming grass and nettles from an area below the tree and setting out tables for the food. As one of the team was delayed in getting to St. Tudno's, some visitors very kindly helped to carry the heavy tables out of the shed!

By the time you read this, the Friends' Committee members will have been on a "recce" to plan the Friends' Pilgrimage. This will be on Friday 19 July and we will be visiting some churches and other places of interest in the Harlech area. We will be travelling by car and the day will include stops for coffee, lunch and tea (trying out suitable places is an important part of the "recce"!). There will be lists in both churches to sign if you would like to come on the Pilgrimage – everyone is welcome – or please speak to Vernon at Holy Trinity or me at St. Tudno's.

Christine Jones



John paints the gates.

Sunday Rota

Sunday 7 July

Flowers	Val Thomas
Reader	Angela Pritchard
Sidepersons	Cynthia Poyser
	Doug Pritchard
	Sue Stafford
	Wendy C-Stewart
Collectors	Joyce Crosby
	Pat Ridler
Eucharistic	Terry Dewar
Ministers	Stan Whittaker

Sunday 14 July

Flowers	Maggie Leitch
Reader	Ruth Hodgkinson
Sidespersons	Terry Dewar
	Adrian La Trobe
	Angela Pritchard
	Sandra Davies
Collectors	Cath Lloyd
	Vernon Morris
Eucharistic	Marion Heald
Ministers	TBD

150 Club Report

The draw for May was held during the coffee morning on Wednesday, 12th June 2019.

The following three winning numbers were drawn:

1st	£90	Number 03
		John & Mary Evison
2nd.	£40	Number 93
		Wendy Lonsdale
3rd.	£20	Number 89
		Eurig Jones

Sunday 21 July

Flowers	Maggie Leitch
Reader	Anne Rimmer
Sidespersons	Cynthia Poyser
	Doug Pritchard
	Sue Stafford
	Wendy C-Stewart
Collectors	Linda Blundell
	Joyce Smith
Eucharistic	Judith Williams
Ministers	John Ridler

Sunday 28 July

Flowers	Gay Stythe-Jones
Reader	Dianne Salisbury
Sidespersons	Terry Dewar
	Adrian La Trobe
	Angela Pritchard
	Sandra Davies
Collectors	Annabel Jones
	Pat Ridler
Eucharistic	Geoff Howard
Ministers	Angela Pritchard

Sunday 4 August

Flowers	Gay Stythe-Jones
Reader	Edna Weaver
Sidespersons	Cynthia Poyser
	Doug Pritchard
	Sue Stafford
	Wendy C-Stewart
Collectors	Joyce Crosby
	Ron Illidge
Eucharistic	Marion Heald
Ministers	Maggie Leitch

The June draw will take place at the coffee morning on Wednesday, 10th July 2019.

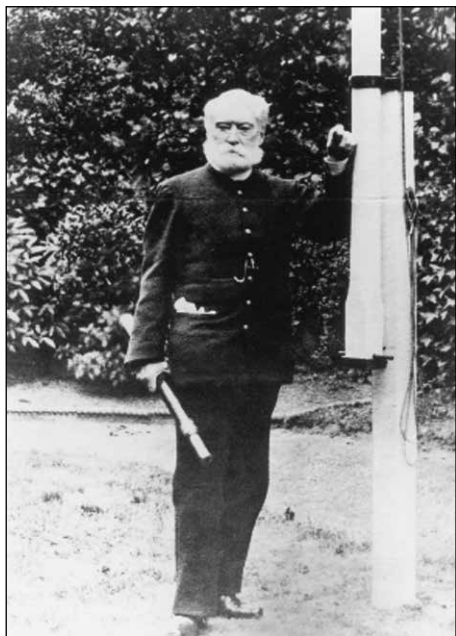
Terry Dewar (Promoter)

The visionary John Ashley

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Revd John Ashley.



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Attendance Figures for May 2019

		Week Ending June 1st	28
May 5th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
Easter 3	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	51
		Weekday Eucharists	19
May 12th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
Easter 4	10.30 am	Matins	73
	11.45 am	Holy Eucharist	27
		Weekday Eucharists	14
May 19th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	12
Easter 5	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	70
		Weekday Eucharists	26
May 26th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	15
Easter 6	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	63
	3.00 pm	Feast of Life	53 + 22
		Weekday Eucharists	10

Robert's Corner

Yes! Still More on “B-WORDS”

I think I need to expand this month on BELONGING. For most, perhaps all, of us, belonging happens earlier in our personal Christian life journey than, for example, believing. We get caught up in the local life of a church or chapel or Sunday school or church school by going along or being taken along – if only occasionally with a friend or family member. I seem to remember that Robert Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, dated the beginning of his involvement with the Anglican Church to when he turned up at a confirmation

lesson in his parish because he fancied one of the girls in the class!

We human beings are all social creatures even if, like me, we count ourselves as individuals who like to spend quite a lot of time “with our own company” – something I personally am needing to learn to adjust! There is a lot of talk about the church being a family. Some of the talk, I am bound to say, is sentimental and, frankly, not always honest. That is, unless we candidly admit that like “natural” families, the church behaves as a dysfunctional family. Clearly, on the “mega” front,

the church is dysfunctional because it is shamefully splintering into a whole awful range of divided denominations. And – don't we regretfully tend to regard the separateness and wastefulness of bunches of Christians every Sunday as normal?

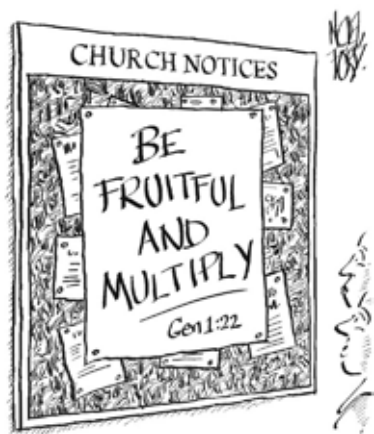
Over two centuries ago, the great British essay writer William Hazlitt said. Some words that are both witty and challenging, even disturbing: "Man is the only animal that laughs and weeps; for he is the only animal that is struck with the difference between what things are and what they ought to be." And don't those words apply to what we belong to as Christians – yes, that dysfunctional family, the church?! And I must say, if anyone is inclined to protest that any such criticism does not apply to their own local church, be it Holy Trinity, St. Tudno's or wherever, then they really ought to look more closely both at their church and the Gospels.

However, for all of us as individual Christians, we are, all of us without exception, in enormous debt to the church, both locally and universally for the immeasurable resources (in terms of fellowship, friendship, teaching, sacramental and spiritual sustenance) that everyone of us as imbibed and continues to imbibe. And let's not overlook the awareness of what we each owe, not just to members of our local congregation in the immediate past and present, but also to the countless Christians from so many different places, times and traditions whose example,

insights and influence have nourished – and continue to nourish – that individual, still learning and maturing Christian person that is you and me, today and tomorrow.

So... belonging is crucial to the growing and developing life and faith, whatever our age, of every single one of us. I know of two people who were sitting round and open coal-fired having a conversation about being a Christian. One challenged the other: "surely you can be a Christian without joining a church." The other did not immediately reply with words, but, with tongs in hand, took a piece of red glowing coal from its place nestling amongst a hot burning group of coals and placed it out of the fire on the tiles in front, where it gradually turned cold, grey and lifeless. And the second person merely commented: "You see what happens."

Robert Pearce



The vicar's attempts to increase the number of children attending services were becoming less and less subtle...

Update on WWI Project

Grave of ex-soldier officially adjudicated as a WWI War Grave

The grave of an ex-soldier who was buried in St. Tudno's Churchyard almost a century ago has been officially accepted as a War Grave and the ex-soldier is now recorded in the National Debt of Honour and commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The serviceman was Arthur Owen Roberts, the son of Richard Roberts, owner of Llandudno's Royal Fish Stores, and his wife Jane, who was discharged from the army on 18 January 1917 and who died in Llandudno on 18 February 1919 aged 32.

The deaths of servicemen who died after being discharged during or after the Great War had to meet certain criteria before the serviceman was included in the National Debt of Honour: the death had to be between 4 August 1914 and 31 August 1921 due to an injury or illness caused by or exacerbated by their service. Retrospective applications can qualify only if it is proven to the service authorities' satisfaction that deaths were service-attributable. Since the majority of the service records of the soldiers of the Great War were destroyed during the Second World War, then obtaining such proof can be difficult or impossible.

Arthur Owen Roberts was buried in

a grave 50 yards or so east south-east of St. Tudno's Church. On top of the grave is a large headstone in the form of a Celtic Cross upon which is inscribed, **IN LOVING MEMORY OF ARTHUR YOUNGEST SON OF THE LATE RICHARD ROBERTS, ROYAL FISH STORES, WHO DIED FEB 18TH, 1919, AGED 32.** There is nothing on the monument to indicate that Arthur Owen Roberts had served in the army.

When the Imperial War Graves Commission surveyed St. Tudno's Churchyard after the Great War to register the graves that qualified for War Grave status, it originally identified five graves though one was dismissed because the deceased had been a civilian. Whether or not Arthur Owen Roberts' headstone and its inscription had been in place when the Churchyard was surveyed is unknown but, in any event, it would appear the surveyors overlooked Arthur's grave.

The anomaly only came to light recently when I was researching the names which are commemorated on the Marble Tablets in the Memorial Chapel of Holy Trinity Church and on the town's War Memorial. Just as there are several names apparently missing from the local memorials which appear in the National Debt of Honour, there are also names which appear on

local memorials which do not appear in the National Debt of Honour. This is not as surprising as it sounds because the service authorities and the local committees which drew up the selection lists for local memorials did not use the same criteria for inclusion. For example, there are several men named locally who are not included in the National List because they died after being discharged of causes which were not deemed attributable to their service. However, the case of Arthur Owen Roberts is different: his army record survives, and it is recorded that the illness for which he was being discharged was attributable to the stress and strain of active service. Because his death certificate names the same condition as the primary cause of death, then the case is proved.

Last year, I sent the paper trail of evidence to the CWGC which it forwarded to the Ministry of Defence for adjudication, a task carried out by the National Army Museum under contract. The result came back a few days ago with the news that Acting Serjeant Arthur Owen Roberts of the Army Service Corps has passed the acceptance criteria and his grave at St. Tudno's is now an official War Grave. The records of the CWGC have already been updated though Arthur Owen Roberts is presently officially commemorated in the United Kingdom Book of Remembrance, pending an inspection of his grave. Whether or not the existing headstone will be deemed

sufficient commemoration or whether an additional CWGC headstone in Portland stone will be commissioned is presently unknown.

As well as being nationally commemorated, Arthur Owen Roberts other known memorials are the Llandudno Roll of Honour, the Llandudno War Memorial, the Memorial Chapel at Holy Trinity Church, the North Wales Memorial Arch, Bangor, and the John Bright School Roll of Honour.

Andy Leitch

Biography of Arthur Owen Roberts

Arthur Owen Roberts, the son of Richard Roberts, owner of the Royal Fish Stores, and his wife Jane Roberts (née Foulkes) was born on 21 January 1887 at Llandudno. Jane Roberts died the following December and the Census of Wales for 1891 records the family living at "Holyrood House", Lloyd Street, Llandudno; John had three elder brothers Richard, John and William and an elder sister Sarah Edith. Arthur attended Lloyd Street School, transferring to John Bright County School in July 1899. In 1904, the local press reported that Arthur had received senior certificates in composition, English literature, history, arithmetic (with distinction), mathematics (with distinction), Latin (with distinction) and French (with distinction and conversational power). After leaving school, Arthur attended

King's College London and after passing his examination, was appointed in early 1910 to the Education Department of the London County Council. In 1911, Arthur was a boarder at 61 Talfourd Road, Peckham and he was employed by the LCC as a clerk.

Arthur volunteered to join the army on 1 November 1915, and he joined at Aldershot the following day. His home address was 18 Poynders Road, SW. An amazing the survivor in his army file is a 100%-correct arithmetic examination paper which is probably the reason why he was enlisted into the Army Service Corps as a supply clerk with a service number of S4/145194. Just a few weeks later on 16 December 1915, Arthur disembarked in France. He was appointed acting corporal on 13 April 16 and acting serjeant on 5 November 1916. In January 1917, whilst working in the Supplies Purchase Branch, Bouches-du-Rhône (Marseille), Arthur was taken

ill after having had an operation for a hernia – he had also been exhibiting symptoms of dryness of mouth and thirst. He was evacuated to England and diagnosed with diabetes, his general condition being noted as bad. A medical board dated 28 December 1916 recommended his discharge. Arthur was medically discharged at Southport on 18 January 1917. His intended address on discharge was 8 Lloyd Street, Llandudno. Interestingly, his record indicates that his condition was due or partially due to the stress and strain of active service. Arthur was awarded a Silver War Badge number 45489.

Arthur Owen Roberts died on 18 February 1919 at Llandudno aged 32 from diabetes and heart failure. He was buried at St. Tudno's Churchyard. A local newspaper revealed that Arthur was about to take his degree with the University of London.

From the Parish Pump

Appointment of the Assistant Director of Discipleship and Vocations

The Bishop of Bangor - the Right Reverend Andy John - is pleased to announce the appointment of Pam Odam as the Diocese of Bangor's Assistant Director of Discipleship and Vocations. Pam, who ministers in the Bro Ardudwy Ministry Area, will be working alongside the

Diocesan Director of Discipleship and Vocations, the Rev'd Dominic McClean.

Pam's will have oversight of the welfare and development of lay licensed ministers, enabling people to access appropriate support for their lay licensed ministry from the Diocese and Province, as well co-ordinating the triennial reviews for lay licensed ministers and a new annual reflection day.

Looking forward to her new role, Pam said, “Since my licensing as Reader I have had the privilege of serving on both our Diocesan and Provincial Readers’ Boards, as well as on the Executive of Central Readers’ Council, where I have had opportunity to help shape Lay Licensed Ministry in the various guises in which we see it today. I feel privileged to be part of the diocesan team which values the commitment to worship and ministry that Lay Licensed Ministers make. It is also a privilege to offer my time to walk alongside existing, as well as new, Lay Licensed Ministers, who have an important place in the tasks of worshipping God, growing the church and loving the world.”

Commenting on Pam’s new role, Bishop Andy said, “Encouraging and developing the gifts and ministry of all God’s people will be crucial as the Diocese seeks to fulfil the mission which God has given us. Pam brings a wealth of experience to her new role and I know that she will work well with Dominic. Please do pray for Pam and Dominic and all of the Lay Licensed Ministers in our Diocese.”

Sir David Attenborough backs major new report on plastics from Tearfund

A new report has revealed for the first time that one person is dying every 30 seconds in developing countries from diseases and illnesses caused by plastic pollution and uncollected rubbish

dumped or burnt near their homes.

The new figures were released in *No Time to Waste: Tackling the Plastic Pollution Crisis Before it’s Too Late*, by international relief and development agency Tearfund, in collaboration with conservation charity Fauna & Flora International (FFI), the Institute of Development Studies and waste management charity WasteAid.

The report looks at the health impact of plastic pollution and rubbish on the world’s poorest people for the first time.

It found that each year between 400,000 and a million people (at the upper end one person every 30 seconds) are dying in developing countries from illnesses and diseases like diarrhoea, malaria and cancers caused by living near uncollected waste and plastic pollution.

The report calls on multinational companies to fundamentally change their business models by committing to reporting the number of single-use plastic items they distribute in developing countries by 2020, and halving this by 2025.

“This report is one of the first to highlight the impacts of plastic pollution not just on wildlife but also on the world’s poorest people,” Sir David, a vice president at Fauna & Flora International, said.

“It is high time we turn our attention fully to one of the most pressing

problems of today – averting the plastic pollution crisis – not only for the health of our planet, but for the wellbeing of people around the world.”

“We need leadership from those who are responsible for introducing plastic to countries where it cannot be adequately managed, and we need international action to support the communities and governments most acutely affected by this crisis.”

Globally two billion people (one in four), don't have their rubbish collected. This often leads to disease and death. When rubbish isn't collected it often builds up in rivers and causes flooding, which can lead to diarrhoea and a host of infectious diseases.

Often the only other way to dispose of waste is to burn it in the streets, with the resulting fumes being extremely damaging to health as well as - in some countries - being the single largest source of carbon emissions, contributing to climate change.

Dr Ruth Valerio, Global Advocacy & Influencing Director at Tearfund said: “Tearfund's new Rubbish Campaign calls for urgent action from four multinationals - Coca-Cola, Nestlé, PepsiCo and Unilever.

“They sell billions of products in single-use plastic packaging in poorer countries where waste isn't collected, in the full knowledge that people will have no choice but to burn it, discard it in waterways or live among it.



Marty Haugen's "A Feast of Life" was performed on 26 May at Holy Trinity Church and on 2 June at Gloddaeth Church. A specially-assembled choir was conducted by Ray Stythe-Jones and accompanied by Norman Rimmer.

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The Churchyards in June



Broomrape at St. George's.

In St. George's Churchyard, the broomrape plants could be found below the trees. These interesting plants are parasitic on the roots of other plants, such as ivy, and so do not contain chlorophyll to produce food for themselves. Without this green pigment the flowering shoots have a reddish-purple colour, while the inconspicuous flowers are a creamy colour tinged with pink. More conventional flowering plants included the native stinking iris (the leaves are a bit smelly if crushed), buttercups and alkanet, all of which were attracting various insects. Many thanks to Jennifer and Tony for keeping the churchyard tidy.



Alkanet at St. George's.

At Holy Trinity, wild flowers amongst the grass were also attracting beneficial insects, with the high protein pollen from clover being particularly important for bumblebees to take back to their nests for developing larvae. An area of grass can therefore be a very valuable resource for insects, if it is



Stinking iris at St. George's.



Geoff watering a trough at Holy Trinity.

not cut too frequently or too short and native plants (not “weeds”, please!) are allowed to grow there. The troughs looked beautiful, thanks to the hard



African daisy at Holy Trinity.

work of those who look after them. They were also attracting insects including different species of bumblebees. Many insect species have been declining as a result of loss of habitat, so gardens can provide very valuable sources of food and even a small container of suitable plants can be beneficial. However, many popular bedding plants provide



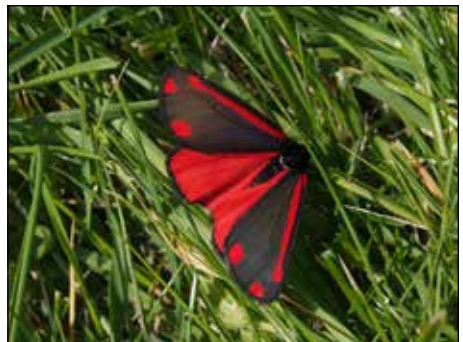
Bumblebee on daisy at Holy Trinity.



little nectar or pollen, or the flowers do allow insects access, so do have a look at the flowers around the church or in your gardens to see which ones are favoured by insects.

At St. Tudno's there is currently an overabundance of rabbits, as a result of which there are far fewer wild flowers than usual. The daisies, buttercups and speedwells have managed to flower, and the thistles and ragwort are developing well (if the goats don't eat them the flowers will support pollinating insects) but many other species, including our orchids, are not flowering. However, help is at hand (or foot?). The Great Orme Country Park Wardens have confirmed that at least one stoat is hunting in the churchyard and cemetery area, so we hope that the rabbit population will be

reduced to a more sustainable level. In addition to eating the flowers, the rabbits are doing rather of lot of digging in the churchyard and visitors are urged to keep to the paths where the holes and "scrapes" can at least be seen. A good number of cinnabar moths have been spotted in the churchyard, which



Cinnabar moth in St. Tudno's Churchyard – the black-and-white image does it no justice.

seems to provide a good habitat for this species. The moths will fly during daytime and are a vivid red and black in colour. They lay their eggs on ragwort, which is the main food plant for their equally vivid orange and black striped caterpillars. The bright colours are warnings to birds that these insects are not good to eat – the caterpillars absorb alkaloid chemicals from the ragwort, and these persist in the adult moths.

The Friends of St. Tudno's will be holding a working party in the churchyard on Sunday 7 July, after the open-air service, to tidy the churchyard before the visit of the Wales in Bloom judge on Tuesday 9 July. This will include clearing plants from the steps and removing

litter (including from the parking area) and anyone who could spare a couple of hours to help will be very welcome.

As mentioned last month, a survey of graves in St. Tudno's churchyard has identified potentially hazardous headstones. A list has been compiled and a stonemason has inspected the graves. Graves are the responsibility of the families but if there is nobody to take responsibility for repair it may be necessary to lay flat some of the stones for safety reasons. If you, or someone you know, has a family plot in St. Tudno's churchyard and it has been marked with tape, please would you contact me or one of the clergy.

Christine Jones



Daisies at St. Tudno's.

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.

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



Coffee Time

Cryptics (thanks and courtesy Barbara Cartwright)

All begin with "H".

1. In the disco, Dicky is fun-loving. (10)
2. Marx, right person held by killer at sea. (9)
3. Fiery chief journalist is rash. (3,6)
4. Musical and party perm. (6)
5. Girls inhale hash, the habit of rock stars. (11)
6. Harasses dogs. (6)
7. Tool in house of Horror. (6)
8. Worker several find good-looking. (8)
9. Welcome that's golden on departure. (9)
10. Lasted or offered. (4,3)

Results for
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1. Cello
2. Scale
3. Bond
4. Bass
5. Oboe
6. Paso Doble
7. Chorus
8. Bassoon
9. Manuscript
10. Timpani



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