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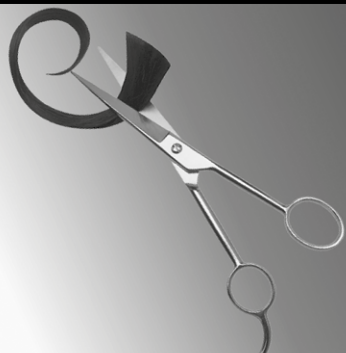
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Holy Trinity Church, Mostyn Street

Sundays

- 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
9.30 am Junior Church
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



*Junior Church Outing to Gypsy Wood.
See page 14.*

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 to 11 for any additional services or amendments.

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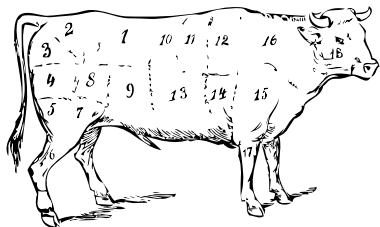
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Calendar for September 2019

The readings for the Sunday 10.30 am and 12.00 noon services will be as printed in **MAKE THE ROAD BY WALKING**. The readings at the Sunday 8.00 am services will be as specified in the Three Year Lectionary for **that Sunday**.

Sun 1	AWE AND WONDER p4 (Trinity 11)	<i>#1 Sept</i>
	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 (No Parent and Toddler Group - School Holiday)	
Mon 2	2.30 pm Mothers' Union opening Eucharist and planning for 2020 (No Hand Bell Ringing)	
Tue 3	6.30 pm Tudno Cycle Club meeting	
	7.30 pm Compline by Candlelight at St. Tudno's	
Wed 4	9.00 am Holy Eucharist	
	10.00 am Coffee Morning	
Thurs 5	10.30 am Guild of Health and St. Raphael Prayers for healing	
	11.00 am Holy Eucharist	
Fri 6	7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice	
Sat 7	11.00 am <i>Yr Offren</i>	
Sun 8	BEING HUMAN p7 (Trinity 12)	<i>#2 Sept</i>
	8.00 am Holy Eucharist	
	9.30 am Junior Church	
	10.30 am Sung Eucharist	
	12.00 noon Outdoor Worship at St. Tudno's	
Mon 9	9.30 am Parent and Toddler Group (No Hand Bell Ringing)	
Tue 10	10.00 am Cytun Open Meeting in St. John's Methodist Church to discuss provision for the homeless this winter	
	11.00 am Cytun Julian Group at Stella Maris	
	6.30 pm Tudno Cycle Club meeting	
	7.30 pm Compline by Candlelight at St. Tudno's	

Wed 11	Deiniol, Bishop	
	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning with 150 Club draw
Thurs 12	10.00 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael meeting
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist with Ministry of Healing
Fri 13	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Sat 14	Holy Cross	
	11.00 am	<i>Yr Offren</i>
Sun 15	A WORLD OF MEANING p9 (Trinity 13)	#3 Sept
	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 16	9.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group
	6.30 pm	Hand Bell Ringing in the Choir Vestry
Tue 17	6.30 pm	Tudno Cycle Club meeting
Wed 18	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Thurs 19	10.30 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael Prayers for healing
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Fri 20	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Sat 21	Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	
	11.00 am	<i>Yr Offren</i>
Sun 22	THE DRAMA OF DESIRE p12 (Trinity 14)	#4 Sept
	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	9.30 am	Junior Church
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	12.00 noon	Outdoor Worship at St. Tudno's
	3.00 pm	Soroptimists' Service for Peace at St. Tudno's
Mon 23	9.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group
	6.30 pm	Hand Bell Ringing in the Choir Vestry
Tue 24	6.30 pm	Tudno Cycle Club meeting
Wed 25	Cadoc, Abbot	
	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning

Thurs 26	Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop	
	10.30 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael Prayers for healing
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	7.30 pm	MAC Meeting at Rectory
Fri 27	10.30 am	World's Greatest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support till 12.30 pm
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Sat 28	11.00 am	<i>Yr Offren</i>
	2.00 pm	Cytun Climate Change Presentation & Seminar at Gloddaeth Church till 4.30 pm

Sun 29 IN OVER OUR HEADS p14 (Michael and All Angels) #5 Sept

	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	9.30 am	Junior Church
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	12.00 noon	Outdoor Worship at St. Tudno's
Mon 30	9.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group
	6.30 pm	Hand Bell Ringing in the Choir Vestry

October

Tue 1	6.30 pm	Tudno Cycle Club meeting
Wed 2	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
Thurs 3	10.30 am	Guild of Health and St. Raphael Prayers for healing
	11.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Fri 4	Francis of Assisi, Friar transferred to following day	
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Sat 5	Francis of Assisi, Friar transferred from previous day	
	11.00 am	<i>Yr Offren</i>

Sun 6 WHAT IS FAITH? p17 (Trinity 16) #1 Oct

	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist (No Junior Church)
	10.30 am	Family Harvest Festival and Eucharist
	12.00 noon	Harvest Festival at St. Tudno's followed by bring and share lunch at the Rectory
Mon 7	9.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group
	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union. Speaker the Rev Charles Stallard
	6.30 pm	Hand Bell Ringing in the Choir Vestry



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On the Bible Readings for 2019-2020

This commentary describes the approach to the Bible taken in *We Make the Road by Walking* by its author, Brian McClaren.

Many people think there are only two ways to read the Bible: their way and the wrong way. But there are many approaches to the Bible. While some people read the Bible as an academic, political, or intellectual exercise only, many of us read it with personal investment, seeking guidance and wisdom for how we live our lives. We aren't simply seeking information from the Bible: we're seeking inner formation. We may even dare to hope for an encounter with God. Our primary aim in my book is to help seek aliveness together. It will be helpful in different ways especially if people are willing to approach the Bible with an open mind and heart.

We will read the Bible with complete freedom to ask questions about its sources, development, internal tensions, biases, accuracy, cultural context and genre. And we will read the Bible as a library containing poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and other genres. We won't presume agreement among writers; we will allow them to make statements and counter statements, both to agree and to argue. Nor will we assume that the ancient composers held to modern standards of historical or scientific accuracy; we will allow them to speak from within their own contexts with

their own literary protocols which clearly favour deep meaning over factual accuracy. For that reason, we will give the Bible the benefit of the doubt when it comes to meaning. We will work with the hypothesis that where the Bible does not convey accurate or objective history, it still can facilitate the greater goal of helping us seek meaning. If we engage it with vigour, intelligence, honesty, humility, and imagination, with our hearts open wide to the Spirit of God, we can be inwardly formed into better people, and we can be equipped to do more and greater good in our world.

In regard to the violence attributed to God in the Bible, my approach frees us from the need to defend this violence in any way. It also frees us from the opposite extreme: the need to throw out the Bible because it contains this violence. It allows us to trace how violence and the idea of God are in tension in the Bible. And it allows us to see how God and violence are gradually disentangled through the course of the biblical narrative, leading to a gracious, loving, and radically nonviolent vision of God.

In regard to differences or tensions within the Bible, we won't try to avoid them, nor will we try to explain them away or figure out which version was right. Instead, we'll take them all seriously and see what meaning might be conveyed by each version. We can do so

because this approach assumes that the greatest literature was never intended to produce universal certainty or even unquestionable clarity. Instead, great works of literature - including our holy texts - raise questions that need to be pondered, point in directions that need to be explored, surface tensions that need to be grappled with, and inspire the imagination to help us experience true aliveness from one generation to the next.

People hold their views about the Bible passionately. Sometimes people get angry at those who read it differently. In *We Make the Road by Walking*, we will try to create an atmosphere of respect where we can all hold our opinions with an open mind and heart. We'll make room for one another to be honest about where we are, what we think, what we question, what we don't question, and why. We will make this table a safe place to differ graciously, and we will place achieving mutual understanding above achieving agreement. We will work to create and sustain this kind of conversation space because respect, honesty, and learning go hand in hand. And even when we disagree about details, we will gladly agree about one thing: with sincerity, with passion, and with faith, we are seeking aliveness. Together.

This first section, which we'll follow from September to the end of November, sets the audacious goal of giving an overview of the whole Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures in just 13 weeks.

Obviously, deciding what to include and emphasize and what to leave out was a monumental challenge. Those who would want to criticize my choices are free to do so, but it's important to remember that whoever designs a curriculum is making choices. Because this is an explicitly Christian telling of the Biblical story, it is heavily Christ-centered. But Christ-centered tellings run the risk of abusing Jesus' Jewish heritage. Some telling, for instance, can replace Jews with Christians as God's chosen people. Tellings may also be typological, seeing value in the Hebrew Scriptures only to the extent that they elucidate Christian doctrines. In obvious and subtle ways, Christians are made out to be good guys, and Jews, not so good. The results of these approaches have ranged from destructive to tragic. That's why I'm advocating a different approach that might be called "integral." I emphasize the value of the Hebrew Scriptures in introducing themes that point to aliveness and matter to us all. These themes Jesus will himself embody and proclaim. In this way, I would hope that readers/hearers would in these chapters see Christianity and Judaism as colleagues, not rivals, as a daughter and mother who love one another rather than resent one another's existence, as has too often been the case in the past. In short, I try to tell the story of the Hebrew Scriptures in a way that many Jews and Christians (and I hope Muslims too) can appreciate and affirm.

News and Notices

Junior Church Outing to Gypsy Wood

Seven families and a few odd (!) priests recently enjoyed a lovely day out at Gypsy Wood. The children were all exceptionally well behaved and played beautifully with each other. Parents commented, "the day enabled them to get to know other families a bit better and have quality time with their own children." This outing was the culmination of a very successful first year of Junior Church. We have gained some new families and also maintained our core families who support us in the Activity Workshops and Christmas



Rebecca Lloyd Lewis says, "Unfortunately they are all of my lot! I'd have taken other photos of the children, but didn't know they were needed."

Parade, and ensure other families get the information about our activities.

On a typical Sunday morning we say our special prayer together and we are learning to be still(ish!) while Mary or Andrew pray and tell the story. We have fun activities directly linked to the readings of the day and finish with The Lord's Prayer, Blessing and refreshments. One parent commented, "this half an hour is an oasis of calm for me."

All parishioners are welcome to join us and get to know our lovely families. If you can't attend, please pray for us and especially Andrew and Mary as they build the Kingdom of God with our precious families.

There will be a family Harvest Festival service on Sunday 6th October, where we will not meet at 9.30 am but join everyone for the 10.30 am service.

Roz Harrison

Thanksgiving for the Harvest

There has been some confusion about the dates of our Harvest Festivals this year. Normally, our two festivals, one at Holy Trinity and the other at St. Tudno's, are on different dates. However, this year both festivals fall on the first Sunday in October, the 6th, which may come as a surprise to some who had expected the service at Holy Trinity to

fall on the following week. Notwithstanding, the dates are not completely etched on pillars of stone for August being August means that not every stakeholder knows about the situation.

Your Editor can remember from his childhood when his church was groaning with apples from the orchards, marrows and other produce from the allotments, and loaves in the shape of a wheatsheaf baked at the local bakery. (When did you last see one of those?) Unfortunately, the Conwy Food Bank, which we support at this time and throughout the year, can only accept nonperishable items and

these would be gratefully received as your Harvest Thanksgiving gift. You can read the Food Bank's letter of thanks on a subsequent page.



Mary Sumner's Day

The children and myself had a wonderful time celebrating Mary Sumner's Day. There was plenty to entertain them, including a bouncy castle, arts and crafts, face painting, and a sand pit. We also enjoyed candy floss which provided many with a nostalgic feel! Thank you to the ladies from Mothers' Union who provided a wonderful buffet lunch with delicious cakes to finish. In addition, thank you to all those who were involved in providing the fantastic

entertainment. Florence and Beatrix were very reluctant to leave once it finished, but they said they had the best time and were asking when the next Holy Trinity event is on!

Rebecca Lloyd Lewis

Pilgrim Prayers

During August Pilgrim Prayers were held at 12.00 noon every day except Sundays at St. Tudno's Church, with different people taking it in turns to lead the prayers. The number of people joining in the prayers varied from day to day and all were very appreciative, though some preferred to just sit in the nave and listen. Jennifer and Tony Fossi and their friend Sheila met a very enthusiastic group of visitors one day and this is Jennifer's account.

"On Monday 19th August Tony and I were running a little late and arrived at St. Tudno's just in time for Tony to ring the bell and me to put the books out. To my amazement a circle of nine chairs near the Altar were full of "Pilgrims", holding large sticks!

"I apologised for being last minute and gave a short history of St. Tudno's. I then asked if anyone would like to do a reading from the Pilgrims Prayer Book – they ALL offered to participate. They were Americans from Sarasota, Florida and they read both reverently and beautifully. They sang for us the Doxology after the blessing – it was like truly listening to



The Pilgrims with their “Ezekiel Sticks” with Jennifer (front) and Tony Fossi (right).

a choir of angels. They said the visit to St. Tudno's and participating in the Pilgrim Prayers was the highlight of their trip.

“I asked them what brought them to the church. Apparently, they had been looking for it for a few days and found it this morning – they had no idea there would be any sort of service taking place.

“Their leader, Pastor Steve Coder heads the “Hand to Plow Ministry”. They travel the World with their ministry and carry large wooden sticks called “Ezekiel Sticks.” These sticks are a sign of unity and one has very kindly been left for the Ministry Area. There is small leaflet is

attached to the stick so that others can read a little about the Hand to Plow Ministry.

“We feel truly blessed to have shared Monday's Pilgrim Prayers with these nine, amazing people”

Afterwards, Pastor Steve e-mailed Jennifer to express their appreciation and said: “We too have been given a memory of a lifetime! God's working today was so very evident and we all were overwhelmed at His great Presence among us. You read with such an anointing of the Holy Spirit that we just wanted it to go on! Our time with you all will be forever treasured!”

Charles Lonsdale

Charles and my late husband, Bert, were churchwardens together at St. George's Church. They called themselves the "A-Team". Both worked very efficiently together. On Sunday mornings when they were setting the numbers on the hymn-boards before the congregation arrived for the 9.45 service, they would be singing aloud: Charles – bass and Bert – baritone. Wonderful!

Charles was a perfect gentleman and will be remembered for his dedication, knowledge, and the time he had for other people. Both Charles and his wife Wendy enjoyed entertaining at their home.

He was also a wonderful chef and baked mince pies for our coffee mornings and for other special occasions when raising funds at Holy Trinity.

It has been a great privilege to have



Charles Atherton Lonsdale, 1931-2019.

known Charles, and to call him my friend.

We extend our sympathy to Wendy and her family.

Charles was a Christian gentleman. May he rest in peace and rise in Glory.

Joyce Smith

When I took over as Peoples' Warden from Angela she told me how valuable guidance from Charles would be. She was right, of course. His kindly advice as to how things were "done" was invaluable.

He was also much appreciated in the Winter Warmers kitchen. On my arrival each Wednesday he would already be preparing vegetables for his famous leek and potato soup. His attention to detail was much admired.

I will miss you Charles, your kindly smile will always be remembered.

Marion Heald

Wendy Lonsdale and family would like to thank all their friends in Holy Trinity for their kindness and generosity during their recent bereavement. It gave them great comfort to know how Charles was so greatly loved.

There is love that will live forever.

And there are memories that will shine through the sorrow.

Parish Fellowship

The Parish Fellowship Autumn Programme will commence on Tuesday 22 October 2019 with an Eucharist at 2.30 pm in Holy Trinity. The details of Speakers will be published in October's edition of the Parish Magazine. The meetings will be every Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 pm in the Church Hall until the closing meeting on Tuesday 10 December. All are welcome.

Vernon Morris (Secretary)

Thanks from Marion

Many thanks to everyone for their kind enquiries, flowers and cards following my recent stay in hospital. I hope by the time you read this, I shall be back among my Church Family.

Marion Heald

Happily, Marion is back with us because she writes:

World's Greatest Coffee Morning

The World's Greatest Coffee Morning for the Macmillan Cancer Support will be held in Holy Trinity Church Hall on Friday 27 September, 10.30 am till 12.30 noon. We were thrilled to have raised £531 last year and, as always, hope to better this figure this year.

I ask again, please, for your support in the form of cakes or donations, and look forward to welcoming you to this once a year worthy event.

Any further information from Marion Heald. Tel 871916

St. Tudno's Church

The weather was mixed for the Sunday services during late July and August and not all could be held in the open air. On 21 July Andrew and Siôn celebrated Communion in the open air but the following week Mary led the morning service inside. The poor weather continued for the next couple of Sundays, with Martin celebrating Communion inside and Siôn leading an indoor service of morning worship. On 18 August the weather was much better, bright and sunny – but very windy. Mike was celebrating Communion that day and we agreed that it would be best to begin outside and then move into the church at the Peace, for more practical conditions for preparation of Communion. After this service we were very pleased to welcome Sue and John Lees and their family for a renewal of wedding vows to celebrate Sue and John's marriage 35 years ago that day; the service was held in the open air and led by Andrew. St. Tudno's annual open-air Songs of Praise service was due to be held that afternoon but it was again agreed that it would be better indoors, due the very strong wind. We were delighted to be joined by the Mayor of Llandudno, Cllr Angie O'Grady, Mayoress, Cllr Janet Groom and Miss Alice, while Charles Jones played the keyboard. Members of



Sue and John Lees renew their wedding vows at St. Tudno's.

the congregation introduced favourite hymns on the theme of love, while Andrew added extra information on the

hymns and their writers. Mayor Angie spoke of loving kindness, while Shirley's and Rob's choices both reminded them



The Vicar with the Mayor of Llandudno, Councillor Janet Groom, Miss Alice, and Councillor Angie O'Grady, Mayoress.

of family love. Angela had been thinking about a love of hymns, and how this can change with deepening faith, and quoted the hymn writer Stuart Townend. Christine, whose favourite hymns usually include mountains, thought this time about the sea and God's love "vast as the ocean". Vicky's hymn was one which she and Harry had chosen for their wedding and which reminded them that God protects us and keeps us safe. After the thoughtful introductions and rousing singing we ended the busy day with tea, coffee and cakes. On Sunday 25 August the open-air service led by Martin started in beautiful sunshine but a sea mist suddenly swept in during the service and the temperature dropped quickly, so blankets were offered around to keep people warm till the sun reappeared!

Compline by Candlelight was held on Tuesday 7 August and there will be one more of these services during the summer season, on Tuesday 4 September at 7.30 pm. Compline is a quiet, meditative service and a lovely way to end the day. If you have not been before, perhaps you might like to come and experience this.

The open-air services continue at 12.00 noon each Sunday till the end of September and will include Communion on 1 and 15 September. A free taxi will depart from Holy Trinity at 11.30 am. On Sunday 22 September we look forward to welcoming members of the Llandudno branch of Soroptimists International for their annual service for

peace at 3.00 pm. St. Tudno's "winter" season begins in October and services will then be held in the church on the first Sunday of the month at 12.00 noon. The first of these will be Harvest Festival on 6 October and will include a collection of tins and packets of food for Conwy Food Bank and will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch at the Rectory.

Christine Jones & Vicky Ford

Conwy Food Bank

Once again we would like to thank everyone who continues to show such generosity to the work of the Food Bank.

The total number of parcels issued during July was 102. The moving average has now exceeded 100 for the first time. The total for the six months February to July is 58% higher than last year.

During July we helped 40 families, involving 99 children, 52 single people and 10 couples. Consequently, due to the high demand, our stocks run low and we are so grateful to you all for your regular contributions. As well as nonperishable goods, cash donations enable us to purchase items for the freezer and items urgently needed in the store.

It is heartening to know that so many people care about their community.

We are also glad to hear from anyone able to give a few hours a week to help

us in our store and drivers to collect and distribute donations.

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Bell Ringing

What a pleasure to be able to arrange something so simple during our weekly practice but which meant so much to one local lady.

Kylie had a tough time as a youngster after being diagnosed with a serious illness but this day (16 August) was the anniversary of her being clear. Thirty years ago a bell was not rung to mark such a landmark but tonight she achieved her ambition and did ring a bell at Holy Trinity.

It was wonderful to see the smile on Kylie's face and we were delighted to help Kylie to achieve her quest to ring a bell. It was also good that some of her relations and friends came along to witness the moment.

Kylie, we all at Holy Trinity bell tower, wish you well in the future.

Stan Whittaker, Tower Captain

Cytun

There is a special open meeting hosted by Llandudno Cytun at 10.00 am on Tuesday 10 September in St. John's Methodist Church Mostyn St, Llandudno to decide whether we can

mount a popup shelter project for the homeless in Conwy County Borough this winter in cooperation with Housing Justice Cymru. Sharon Lee, Housing Justice Cymru, will attend.

Mike Harrison

Friends of St Tudno's Church

The Friends started August with our annual open day at St. Tudno's on Saturday 3rd. We served refreshments to a steady stream of visitors, who enjoyed looking at the displays in the church. Between talking to visitors we also carried out some jobs in the churchyard, such as weeding the steps and tidying some graves and ashes plots.



Tidying St. Tudno's Churchyard.



St. Tudno's Open Day.

On Tuesday 6 August the Friends welcomed the two Britain in Bloom judges to St. Tudno's, as part of their tour of Llandudno. The judges were friendly and enthusiastic and seemed impressed with our wildlife conservation and with the year-round activities in the churchyard shown by the displays in the church.

On Friday 16 August the Friends hosted an excellent concert by guitarist Stuart Ironside, a recent music graduate from Cardiff University. The weather had been very bad that day, with some forecasts suggesting thunderstorms for the evening, so the audience was smaller than expected but those present made up in enthusiasm anything which may have been lacking in numbers. Stuart



Judging Britain in Bloom.



Stuart Ironside at St. Tudno's.

played a wonderful range of music, from Bach to West African, via a modern Welsh composer and it sounded beautiful in the lovely acoustics and atmosphere of St. Tudno's. Stuart gave interesting introductions to each piece and everyone enjoyed chatting with him during the interval, when the Friends served hot drinks and cakes.

The Friends' AGM will be held at the Rectory on Sunday 6 October at 2.30 pm, following Harvest Festival at St. Tudno's and a bring-and share lunch at the Rectory. We hope that as many Friends as possible will be able to attend and if you are not yet a Friend you are equally welcome to come along and learn a bit more about us.

Christine Jones

I50 Club Report

The draw for July was held during the coffee morning on Wednesday, 14th August 2019.

The following three winning numbers were drawn:

1st	£90	Number 49 Terry Dewar
2nd	£40	Number 40 Roz Harrison
3rd.	£20	Number 26 Angela Pritchard

The August draw will take place during the coffee morning on Wednesday, 11th September 2019.

We would like to thank everybody for

their support in this venture and hope that next month your name will be listed as above as a winner.

It is not too late to join. New forms can

be found at the back of the Church or in the Church hall.

Terry Dewar (Promoter)

Sunday Rota

Sunday 1 September

Flowers	Anne Rimmer
Reader	Cynthia Poyser
Sidespersons	Cynthia Poyser Doug Pritchard Sue Stafford Wendy C-Stewart
Collectors	Linda Blundell Ron Illidge
Eucharistic Ministers	Judith Williams Cath Lloyd

Sunday 8 September

Flowers	Barbara Williams
Reader	Ruth Hodgkinson
Sidespersons	Terry Dewar Angela Pritchard Sue Stafford Marie Evans
Collectors	Joyce Smith Annabel Jones
Eucharistic Ministers	Marion Heald Maggie Leitch

Sunday 15 September

Flowers	Barbara Williams
Reader	Adrian La Trobe
Sidespersons	Cynthia Poyser Wendy C-Stewart Sandra Davies Doug Pritchard
Collectors	Joyce Crosby Cath Lloyd
Eucharistic Ministers	Angela Pritchard Geoff Howard

Sunday 22 September

Flowers	Angela Pritchard
Reader	Gay Stythe-Jones
Sidespersons	Terry Dewar Sandra Davies Angela Pritchard Adrian La Trobe
Collectors	Annabel James Cath Lloyd
Eucharistic Ministers	Judith Williams Terry Dewar

Sunday 29 September

Flowers	Angela Pritchard
Reader	Sandra Davies
Sidespersons	Cynthia Poyser Wendy C-Stewart Adrian La Trobe Doug Pritchard
Collectors	Linda Blundell Joyce Crosby
Eucharistic Ministers	Marion Heald John Ridler

Sunday 6 October

Flowers	Team (Harvest)
Reader	Charles Jones
Sidespersons	Terry Dewar Sandra Davies Sue Stafford Marie Evans
Collectors	Joyce Smith Ron Illidge
Eucharistic Ministers	Cath Lloyd Maggie Leitch

Attendance Figures for July 2019

		Weekday Eucharists to July 6th	14
July 7th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	18
Trinity 3	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	66
		Other weekday Eucharists	32
July 14th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
Trinity 4	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	73
Sea Sunday			
		Other weekday Eucharists	27
July 21st	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	14
Trinity 5	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	86
		Other weekday Eucharists	26
July 28th	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist	17
Trinity 6	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist	63
		Other weekday Eucharists	7

Robert's Corner

Help with the World's (Probably) Least-read Best Seller?

Keeping a promise made to Vicar Andrew, who had hoped one or more of us retarded clergy would host sessions exploring the new “We Make the Road by Walking” course of week-by-week Bible readings (to be used at the Holy Trinity 10.30 am and St. Tudno's 12.00 noon Sunday Services beginning 1 September), I am arranging fortnightly “slots”, beginning in September, at my house (14 Trinity Avenue – almost opposite both the Coptic Church and Ysgol Tudno, next to the Ashlawn guest house – Tel 874340.)

The times I am offering are: 10.30 on Monday mornings; and/or 7.00 on Thursday evenings. Anyone and everyone who might be wanting to learn and understand more of the Scriptures (particularly those passengers set to be read on Sundays), you are all warmly welcome.

Quite a lot of you may have been at the launch of the planned Sunday Bible passage series a couple of Sunday afternoons ago and may have picked up one of the handbooks. But it doesn't matter if you weren't – and didn't! I know some folk are hesitant, perhaps even nervous, about coming to any

kind of Bible “class”. I hope I can be reassuring in saying that you needn’t do any homework, nor come with any “skills”. If you want to come and just listen, that’s fine. If you want to discuss or, indeed, challenge or contradict any of my “input”, that’s also fine. I should say that you, of course, don’t need to come to both the Monday morning and Thursday evening sessions – but you may if you wish! Sometimes there is not much on the television at these times. If you need a lift, do let me know.

Lastly, Edna (Weaver) has kindly offered to provide a *paned*/cuppa and a biscuit or two at the sessions. One more last thing: folk who usually go to the weekly daytime Eucharists or the Sunday 8.00 am service are also invited to come along.

Just turn up. Bring yourself. Bring a friend. Bring your Bible but only if you want to.

PS. I nearly forgot. The first few dates are: September 2nd, 16th, 30th (Mondays) and September 5th, 19th, October 3rd (Thursdays).

Reflections on the National *Eisteddfod*

I can’t imagine it will have escaped anyone’s attention that this week-plus-long event was held this year on the outskirts of Llanrwst at the beginning of August.

A fellow English person comment-

ed to me: “Amid all the crowds of Welsh-speaking people, I feel like an outsider in my own country.” I must say, I felt very differently (not that I speak Welsh fluently). We are, after all, and have been for centuries, a multi-cultural and multilingual nation. People have been speaking, and using Welsh and Scots Gaelic in Britain far longer than English.

The number of folk for whom Welsh is their first, native and cherished language is considerable – particularly by contrast with the tiny numbers of people in the Emerald Isle who speak Irish. Anyway, there were huge numbers of folk at the *Eisteddfod* on the two days when I attended and there was much more to encounter than just the language. The whole culture of the Welsh nation almost certainly gets no better airing than at this annual event which, of course, moves its venue around alternating between North and South Wales. It was a wonderful, if challenging, experience for me to sing in the 100-plus choir at the *Cymanfa Ganu* (the hymn-singing “splurge”) which lasted for over an hour and a half on the Sunday evening, being broadcast live on S4C. And on Tuesday, Vernon (Morris) and I sang in the contest between four “pensioners” choirs. (We weren’t quite generous enough to get all our rivals beat us, but – yes – we came third.)

There is so much to see, hear and experience in a whole variety of ways and at different media at the I said one that it is no wonder that many people “booking”

for the whole duration – as witnessed fields upon fields packed with caravans. As someone who has lived in Wales for only 25 years, I nevertheless bumped into quite a number of folk I know from different places where I have worked. Talking about work, an absolutely huge amount of talent and effort on a voluntary basis goes into making such a vast occasion so successful and memorable, and it was gratifying, for instance, and a person very familiar to Holy Trinity's Wednesday Coffee Morning habitués, Buddug Jones, always working each week in our church hall kitchen, and sister of churchwarden Judith, was at last recognised for her many years of hard work and commitment behind the scene for so many *Eisteddfodau* by being admitted to the robed *gorsedd* of bards – sadly the ceremony was not televised.

Perhaps one other incident to relate. In the pavilion of Cytun (Churches Together in Wales) I came across to ordained ministers are very different traditions, one of whom I had met just once before and the other I knew quite well: Father Deiniol, the Russian Orthodox priest based in Blaenau Ffestiniog, and the Rev Iorweth Pierce-Jones, a Presbyterian minister lived in Ruthin. I was quite amazed to learn that they are blood relatives.

Just one grace about the event. If you are a pensioner there for the whole day on Sunday, you would pay £19 to get in (a measly £1 reduction from the full charge of £20) and then a further £10 to get into the *Cymanfa Gamu* which is an act of worship, not a concert. Quite scandalous!

Robert Pearce

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

July 28th: Mason James Allen

From the Parish Pump

Royal Welsh Show centenary

Archbishop of Wales John Davies has been at the Royal Welsh Show, to join in its 100th anniversary celebrations. From rural life officers in each

diocese to Tir Dewi, which offers help and support to the farming community, the Church is helping to sustain what makes our rural communities so special. Here, the Archbishop reflects on how two great institutions – the

Royal Welsh Agricultural Society and the Church in Wales – are working together to create a cohesive, supportive and friendly Wales.

Coaching scheme for organists

Once again the Royal School of Church Music in Wales (RSCM) is launching its Complete Church Organist coaching scheme. It's for volunteer organists whether they're leading congregations large or small. The RSCM is offering a short course of lessons spread through the year given by accredited tutors – themselves competent organists – with a friendly approach. The coaching can be given in groups of up to six students with the fee split accordingly.

These sessions (normally six x one hour monthly sessions) are intended for the average player (grade three or four) and focus primarily on playing hymns and songs with confidence, as well as how to deal with stops. Those taking part in groups also gain encouragement and mutual support from each other.

The Archbishop of Wales, John Davies, who was once a church organist himself, said, "We are very grateful to the RSCM for helping to keep that tradition alive with this effective course designed to encourage and nurture our keen amateur musicians. I am delighted to endorse it and I heartily commend it. I hope it will lead to more people becoming church organists and musicians,

which I know from my own experience is a richly rewarding role.

Christian street preacher awarded £2,500 by police for wrongful arrest in London

Christian street preacher Oluwole Ilesanmi, who had his Bible taken from him and was led away in handcuffs by police, has been awarded £2,500 compensation for wrongful arrest, it was reported on 27 July.

Oluwole Ilesanmi will be paid £2,500 compensation after he was wrongfully arrested while preaching the Gospel outside a tube station in London.

The 64-year-old was arrested as he preached the Gospel outside Southgate Tube Station, north London, on 23 February by two officers, who said they were acting "in order to prevent a breach of the peace". However, it is not lawful for a police officer to order someone to stop preaching unless their actions incite violence.

Mr Ilesanmi, a former dentist who moved from Nigeria in 2010, has welcomed the Metropolitan Police payout, which includes compensation for his humiliating and distressing treatment.

He said, "I am glad that the police have recognised that it was not right to arrest me for preaching from the Bible ... It was traumatic being arrested. But I was determined to get back to Southgate and start preaching the

Gospel again.”

Mr Ilesanmi delivered a petition to the Home Office on 30 July, signed by more than 45,000 people, asking for greater protection for street preachers.

More than 50,000 people now attend non-traditional church gatherings

More than 50,000 people are attending non-traditional church gatherings, thanks to the success of a drive to attract worshippers with no previous contact with the Christian faith, the General Synod heard this summer.

And members of the General Synod gave their backing to an expansion of ‘Fresh Expressions’ churches – new forms of church gatherings, meeting often in venues such as cafes, community centres and pubs.

Fresh Expressions churches now account for 15% of congregations in the Church of England and are estimated to attract more than 50,000 worshippers, the equivalent to the size of two new dioceses, the General Synod was told.

To boost the movement, the Church of England is planning for up to 6,000 ‘pioneer’ ministers within the next decade – both lay and ordained – to serve Fresh Expressions churches. There are also plans to give further support for the growth of new forms of church gatherings in 10 dioceses.

Fresh Expressions was called “the most influential missionary movement of the last 50 years, and a significant means of allowing our church to thrive now and in the future.” Mark Sheard, Chair of the Ministry and Public Affairs Council of the Church of England, leading a debate at the General Synod said: “I am firmly of the belief that ... what we are witnessing here is a real and exceptional movement of the Spirit.”

And so the General Synod voted to approve a new motion celebrating the success of the Fresh Expressions movement, and encouraging every parish and diocese to be part of the movement.

Government accepts recommendations on support for Persecuted Christians

The Bishop of Truro has welcomed the Government’s commitment to accepting all of the recent recommendations of the Independent Review into Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) Support for Persecuted Christians.

The Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen, who chaired the review, said he hopes it will now become a significant catalyst for change.

Sir Alan Duncan (who was then the Foreign Office Minister) told the House of Commons that the Government had decided to accept every recommendation in full and outlined how they would take them forward. Sir Alan also said that a bold, whole-government

response was needed.

Bishop Philip said he was: “delighted that Sir Alan has formally recognised the need for a response across the rest of Government.

“Our review was restricted to looking at the support from the FCO, but there was a feeling from the outset that this needs a cross-governmental approach, as this crucial issue traverses many boundaries and is not something that can be neatly compartmentalised.”

The Bishop hoped that there was “a recognition at the highest level that Freedom of Religion or Belief is a fundamental human right - and one that is inextricably interconnected with other basic human rights.”

He hoped that “the report will become a catalyst for change and enable Britain to pursue an aspiration to be the global leader in championing this right.”



*The Churchyard working party
was never seen again*

The Bishop of Coventry, Christopher Cocksworth, said: “The plight of Christians around the world is all too often overlooked. We now expect this important report to provide renewed impetus for the Government to rise to the challenges so clearly identified and for the UK to become, as the report recommends, ‘the global leader in championing Freedom of Religion and Belief for all’”.

Indonesian Christians delighted with twelve new church buildings from Barnabas Fund after quake and tsunami devastation

Congregations at twelve churches devastated by an earthquake and tsunami on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi are delighted with new multipurpose halls provided by Barnabas Fund.

Church hall number eleven hosted its first Sunday service on 4 August and building number twelve is almost complete. The first ten multipurpose halls, which are used for Sunday services, prayer meetings, and women’s and children’s ministries, were completed by the end of May.

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Barnabas Fund set up an appeal to construct the twelve new buildings in the Palu area of Sulawesi shortly after the region was struck by the powerful earthquake and devastating tsunami in September 2018. At least 2,256 people were killed in the disaster and more than 70,000 homes and about 300 church buildings were damaged or destroyed.

As well as providing financial aid to construct new church buildings, Barnabas' ongoing appeal has so far generated enough funds to help build 277 homes for Christian families.

The Salvation Army Church in Lompio, Sigi District, was completely destroyed in the disaster and its congregation had to hold services under a canopy for many months. Pastor Mayor Tule Martina said the new building had helped members of the congregation to slowly overcome their trauma.

A typical interior of one of the twelve multipurpose buildings that Barnabas Fund has constructed for existing congregations to use as churches in Palu, Indonesia after their previous places of worship were wrecked by a powerful earthquake and tsunami

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The vicar was already regretting ordering the new stained-glass window from IKEA

"They feel safe because this building is strong and comfortable," the pastor told Barnabas Fund.

Pastor I Wayan Darmadi of the Filadelfia Lakuta Church, also in Sigi District, said his fellowship was flourishing in their new building and more and more newcomers are attending services.

"Praise the Lord! The life of our church members here was very difficult, especially after the earthquake last year. We were hopeless ... but after we have our new building, we are filled with joy," he said.

After receiving requests from Christian survivors of the disaster, Barnabas Fund initially provided disaster relief such as food, water, medicine and electricity generators, school supplies and, crucially, baby milk powder, which was not available locally.

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The Churchyards in August

In St. George's churchyard the trees were looking healthy after some work to reduce crown sizes earlier in the year and a good crop of beech mast was developing on those trees. Looking up into the trees on a sunny day the intricate pattern of branches and leaves made beautiful patterns against a blue sky. Around the Memorial Garden flowers such as hydrangeas and campanulas made a splash of colour, while St. John's wort attracted insects.

At Holy Trinity the troughs were all full of colour and looking lovely and welcoming to visitors and passers-by and



Flower trough at Holy Trinity.



Bumblebee at Holy Trinity.



Flower trough at Holy Trinity.

it was hard to choose photos of these. The variation in combinations of plants and colours in the different troughs made such an attractive display, which was appreciated by insects as well as people. Insects spotted included buff tailed and red tailed bumblebees, with flowers amongst the grass also helping to provide these important pollinators with nectar and pollen.

In St. Tudno's churchyard flowers such as thistles which had survived the rabbits attracted insects including hover flies, butterflies (painted lady, meadow brown, red admiral and dark green fritillary) and bumblebees (common carder, buff tailed and red tailed) but the "star turn" was a large population of cinabar moth caterpillars. These could be seen busy chomping away on ragwort, their main food plant, and within a few

days a plant could be stripped bare, the caterpillars then moving off in search of another plant. The caterpillars were shown off to visitors during the Friends of St. Tudno's open day and to the Britain in Bloom judges. The orange and black striped caterpillars will pupate in the soil, emerging in spring as equally striking black and scarlet moths which can be seen flying during the day.

We are blessed and grateful to have so many people helping to care for the three churchyards, making them beautiful and welcoming places and supporting wildlife. Anyone else who would like to join the teams would be very welcome – please speak to one of the Wardens to be put in touch with someone working in the churchyard you are interested in.

Christine Jones



Cinnabar moth caterpillars on ragwort at St. Tudno's.



Common carder bumblebee on creeping thistle at St Tudno's.



Painted lady butterfly on ragwort in St. Tudno'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.

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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 "I"

1. Haughty queen in ungodly surroundings. (9)
2. Beyond the solar system, doctor's still aren't without hesitation. (12)
3. Understanding proper view. (7)
4. Battling with leg ring is neither here nor there. (2,5)
5. I turned round to poke my nose in. (7)
6. Disrespectful in no silent way. (8)
7. Politician is about to see little clients. (4)
8. Dwelling in Leipzig, look. (5)
9. I distribute the cards - perfect. (5)
10. Frozen, like a cake. (4)

Results for
August

1. Bittersweet
2. Thistle
3. Tumbleweed
4. Tulip
5. Rose
6. Lupin
7. Heather
8. Violas
9. Iris
10. Cowslip



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