

WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

OUR VICAR WRITES

Put people on pedestals and we often put them out of reach. Canonise someone and he or she is likely to become removed from our ordinary world and seem remote. We do not expect a saint to sit next to us on a train or to stand beside us at the supermarket checkout. We consider the saints and probably say: “Well I can’t be like that – no one can expect me to be. My life is ordinary, not the stuff of saints”. As soon as we put “holy” into the equation we find a “them and us” dimension in our thinking. “They” represent the great and good and holy, “we”, the ordinary folk who lead unexceptional lives.

Is this what we do to the Holy Family? Is it possible that we make them so remote that they do not touch our everyday existence? We know so little and imagine so much. The Holy Family presented to us in the Gospel of Matthew is a truly human family, experiencing in their time what so many of us experience in ours.

It was in the ordinary, obscure life of Nazareth that Jesus, the Son of God, was prepared for his public ministry. Joseph was a craftsman. Mary would have prepared meals, woven garments, taught her son, socialised with the extended family and neighbours. God’s plan was fulfilled through the ordinary events of everyday life within a family. It was in this unspectacular realm that Jesus and his parents grew in holiness and in knowledge of God’s will.

Today in our own families we fulfil God’s will as we go about our ordinary tasks. The family, I believe, remains important because it is within this loving, trustworthy group that we learn about relationships. It is by facing life’s joys and problems together that we grow in understanding, trust and wisdom. We become more holy – more authentically human – as each day we treat each other with courtesy and kindness in an atmosphere of affectionate humour and goodwill. Then we are strengthened to carry these positive attributes into the wider family of the world around us.

As we begin 2006 let us promise to try to truly be the Family of God in this parish and deanery. Let us come together, as families do, to learn from one another and share our joys and sorrows. Let us uphold one another when someone finds it difficult to cope or is anxious. Above all, let us trust, as

Mary did – a woman with no home, in an alien place, she had to rely upon her trust in God that, having kept her pledge, God would provide for her – in God’s plan for us as individuals and as a parish. God has richly blessed us in the past year, let us pray He will do so again in 2006. Let us go forward in faith into 2006, knowing that God is on our side for we are His family and He is our Father.

Bob Griffiths

JANUARY AT A GLANCE

- 1 **THE NAMING OF JESUS (page 230 in the Prayer Book)**
There is ONLY ONE SERVICE in the Parish today
10.30am Holy Eucharist – SH
- 4 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
- 5 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
12noon Holy Eucharist – Chapel of QE Court
- 6 **THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD (page 47 in the Prayer Book)**
10am Holy Eucharist – SD
7pm Cytun Epiphany Service – SH
- 8 **EPIPHANY 1 (The Baptism of Christ)**
usual Sunday Service
8pm meeting of the Llanrhos Sunday Club leaders at the Vicarage
- 9 12noon Deanery Clergy Chapter Meeting
7pm pre-baptism meeting – Llanrhos Schoolroom
8pm Evening Koinonia – Llanrhos Schoolroom
- 10 7.30pm Parish Men’s Group
7.30pm St David’s Ladies Fellowship
- 11 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
7pm St David’s Church Committee Meeting
- 12 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
- 13 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
- 15 **EPIPHANY 2**
usual Sunday Services
- 17 2.30pm All Saints Mothers Union – Bethel Schoolroom
- 18 ***Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins***
10am Holy Eucharist – AS
10.30am Week of Prayer Service – Our Lady Star of the Sea
7pm St Hilary’s Parish Church Committee Meeting
- 19 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

- 10.30am Week of Prayer Service (Communion)– Gloddaeth United Church
- 12noon Service in the Chapel of QE Court
- 20 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
- 10.30am Week of Prayer Service – Llandudno Baptist Church, West Shore
(Church of our Saviour)
- 21 10.30am Week of Prayer Service – Emmanuel Christian Centre
- 22 **EPIPHANY 3**
usual Sunday Service plus
6pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service – AS
- 23 10.30am Week of Prayer Service – Seilo Chapel
- 24 10.30am Week of Prayer Service – Holy Trinity Church
11.30am Society of Anglican Catholic Priests Eucharist – SD
- 25 **THE CONVERSION OF PAUL, APOSTLE (page 232 in the Prayer Book)**
10am Holy Eucharist – AS
10.30am Week of Prayer Service – St David’s Methodist Church
7pm St Paul’s Church Committee Meeting
- 26 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
7pm All Saints Church Committee Meeting
- 27 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
- 29 **EPIPHANY 4**
Homelessness Sunday and World Leprosy Day
usual Sunday Services
4pm to 6pm Parish Childrens Party – SP Church Hall
- 31 2pm Cytun Council at Stella Maris
2.30pm All Saints Mothers Union – Bethel Schoolroom

Items for the February issue of the Parish Magazine should reach the Parish Office no later than Tuesday 10th January 2006.

The difference between a dream and a goal is a deadline.

CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETING IN JANUARY

Wednesday 11th January – St David’s Church – 7p in church

Wednesday 18th January – St Hilary’s Parish Church – 7pm in Llanrhos Schoolroom

Wednesday 25th January – St Paul’s Church – 7pm in the Church Hall

Thursday 26th January – All Saints Church – 7pm in church

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Services for the Week of Prayer will be held at 10.30am on:

18th – Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea

19th - Gloddaeth United Church (Eucharist)

20th – Llandudno Baptist Church, West Shore (Church of Our Saviour)

21st – Emmanuel Christian Centre

23rd – Capel Seilo

24th – Holy Trinity Church

25th – St David's Methodist Church, Craig y Don

The Week of Prayer service on Sunday 22nd January will take place at 6pm in All Saints Church, Deganwy.

LAWS OF THE NATURAL UNIVERSE:

Law of Mechanical Repair: After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch.

Law of the Workshop: Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Law of the Telephone: When you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal.

Law of the Alibi: If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tyre, the very next morning you will have a flat tyre.

Variation Law: If you change lines or traffic lanes, the one you were in will start to move faster than the one you are in now.

Law of the result: When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of the Biomechanics: The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Theatre Law: At any event, the people whose seats are farthest from the aisle arrive last.

Law of Coffee: As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something that will last until the coffee is cold.

Law of Logical Argument: Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Oliver's Law: A closed mouth gathers no feet.

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Friday 6th January

There will be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10am in St David's Church, Penrhyn Bay.

Llandudno Cytun will be coming together in St Hilary's Parish Church to celebrate The Epiphany of Our Lord at 7pm.

YSGOL BODAFON

Application forms are now available from school (547996) for the admission of children to the part-time Nursery Class as from September 2006. These should be returned by Wednesday 1st March for consideration. A child is admitted to the Nursery Class in the September following their 3rd birthday.

Ysgol Bodafon admits no more than 15 to the Nursery Class. Should there be more applications received than there are places the Admissions Panel will meet to decide who will be offered a place. The criteria for admission include: the commitment of the parents to the life, work and worship of the church in the parish; whether the child has a brother or sister already at the school; the commitment of the parents to the life, work and worship of a church within Llandudno Cytun; the distance a child has to travel to the school; any special needs. Each category carries points and those children with the highest points will be offered a place. *This only happens when there are more applications than there are places – in the last eight years the panel has only met once.*

FIRST CLASS: Overheard in queue at the Post Office:

Woman: "I'd like 100 Christmas Stamps, please."

Clerk: "What denomination?"

Woman: "Has it really come to that? OK, then, I'll take 50 Protestant and 50 Catholic."

PRE-BAPTISM MEETING: The January meeting will be on Monday 9th in Llanrhos Schoolroom at 7pm. The meeting is for those parents considering baptism for their child in the coming weeks. A short video is shown and is followed by a discussion on baptism.

The **EVENING KOINONIA GROUP** will meet at 8pm in Llanrhos Schoolroom on Monday 9th January. This is a prayer/bible study/discussion group to which all are invited.

The **ANNUAL PARISH CHILDRENS PARTY** will take place from 4pm to 6pm in St Paul's Church Hall on Sunday 29th January. The children are asked to return the proforma they have been given to church, Sunday Club, After School Club or Choir no later than Monday 23rd January.

A conference centre, much used by church groups, has as its motto: "There are no problems, only opportunities".

One day a minister who had not long booked in, presented himself at the reception. When he said he had a problem, the receptionist responded with a smile: "Sir, we do not have problems here, only opportunities". "Call it what you like", said the minister, "but there is a woman in my room!"

The **LLANDUDNO CYTUN COUNCIL** will meet in Stella Maris at 2pm on Tuesday 31st January.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

27.11.05 Lucas Rayner Anderson (SH)

11.12.05 Madison Lucy Williams (SH)

11.12.05 Kasey, Kodie, Korey & Kadie-Marie Dutton (AS)

Grant O Lord, that all who are baptised into the death of Jesus Christ, your Son, may live in the power of his resurrection and look to Him to come in glory. Amen.

FUNERALS

04.11.05 Fred Thoburn (AS & Colwyn Bay)

07.11.05 Baby Noel Bradbury (Colwyn Bay)

08.11.05 Audrey Wilson (Colwyn Bay)

09.11.05 Winifred Doreen Pengelly (Colwyn Bay)

Keith Humphreys (Colwyn Bay)

10.11.05 Pauline Edwards (Colwyn Bay)

16.11.05 Jean Elizabeth Jones (SH & Colwyn Bay)

17.11.05 Gladys Spencer (Colwyn Bay)

18.11.05 Allan Moss (Colwyn Bay)

Horace Norman Taylor (Colwyn Bay)

21.11.05 Errol Arthur Dean (Bangor)

22.11.05 Alice Elizabeth Wright (Colwyn Bay)

25.11.05 John Derek Parkes (AS & Colwyn Bay)

28.11.05 Florence Elizabeth Leedham (Colwyn Bay)

Robert Ingram Brydon (Colwyn Bay)

30.11.05 Irene Joan Rutter (Colwyn Bay)

05.12.05 Valerie Bruckshaw (SH & The Lawns)

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered, accept our prayers on behalf of these your servants and grant them an entrance into the land of light

*and joy, in the fellowship of your saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes begin this month in preparation for the deanery Confirmation Service that will take place at 3.30pm on Sunday 2nd April 2006.

If anyone would like to be considered for presentation before the Bishop for Confirmation they should complete and return, as soon as possible, one of the forms that can be found in church.

We do expect confirmation candidates to be regular in their attendance at both the classes and church/Sunday School whilst being prepared for confirmation and afterwards too!

The Vicar hadn't been in the parish long when he needed his car servicing. he said to the garage owner 'Keep the cost down as I am only a poor preacher.' 'I know that', said the garage man, 'I heard you last week.'

PARISH HOLIDAY 2006

Newcastle-Gateshead

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October

£280 per person (*single room supplement £80*)

based on

- 4 nights accommodation in a 4* Hotel in Newcastle-Gateshead
- two people sharing a twin/double room with private facilities, TV, tea and coffee making facilities, hair dryer etc
- use of the hotel Leisure Facilities which include an indoor swimming pool
- Full English Breakfast
- 3 course Evening Meal
- coach travel to and from Newcastle-Gateshead
- Day Trip to Durham and Beamish Open Air Museum
- Alnwick Castle and Gardens
- Day free to explore Newcastle-Gateshead

Booking forms are available from church, the Parish Office or the Vicar. A £60 non- returnable deposit is required when booking (seats on the coach are allocated as deposits are received). *The number of SINGLE ROOMS available is VERY LIMITED.*

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS:

From the feast of Pentecost 2005 to the Feast of Pentecost 2006 all churches in the diocese are encouraged to pray for VOCATIONS - that people will be called, and will respond, to serve God in the various ministries of His Church. Each one of us is called by God to follow Him and some are called to specific ministries within His Church. Every church in the diocese has been allocated a day when people should come together or in their homes to pray for VOCATIONS. The churches in our parish have been allocated:

St Hilary's Parish Church - Thursday 5th January

St Paul's Church - Wednesday 8th March

All Saints Church - Monday 3rd April

St David's Church - Tuesday 25th April

On these days we will be praying for VOCATIONS - to the ordained ministry and the many lay ministries within God's Church. The diocese has prepared a "Service of the Word" for use on these days - copies can be found in church for your use.

WHAT IS VOCATION?

Vocation simply means 'calling'. All Christians are called to God to serve. At Baptism we are called to be disciples of Jesus and to continue his mission in the world. There are many opportunities for service in the church and elsewhere. There are a great variety of recognised lay ministries including; Evangelists, Readers, Pastoral Assistants, Worship Leaders and Lay Eucharistic Assistants. There are also the ordained ministries of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. Some people feel called to the Religious Life and belong to a Religious Order, either as lay people or as ordained members of a community. Many people work out their vocation while serving faithfully as a member of a local church. They might take on roles or duties in their church for a period of time or they might find their vocation as a prayerful member of a congregation. There are varieties of levels of commitment in all callings and there is a great diversity of opportunity to explore discipleship.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT WHAT MY VOCATION IS?

The process of discerning vocation is one that should always begin with prayer. Then to find out how God is calling you, there needs to be a process of listening to; what you believe God is asking of you, what you are willing to offer and the ministry that the church needs and can affirm. All licensed ministries have to be agreed upon by the Bishop as well as by

the local parish. Ordained ministries involve a process of selection in the diocese and the province.

The best place to start to seek advice about your vocation is probably your local parish church. Many churches run discipleship courses, which can help you with this. Your Vicar or chaplain can help you to find advice or training that you might need and together you discern what gifts you have and where God is calling you.

WHO CAN HELP?

After you have spoken to your local clergy you might contact one of these people for further advice and information:

EVANGLEISTS – THE REV'D CHRIS WEBB, DIOCESAN

EVANGELISM OFFICER 01938 811335 chris@livingflame.org.uk

LAY READERS: - CANON DR RAYMOND BAYLEY 01824 702068

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LAY MINISTRY ADVISOR – THE REV'D JOHN BARDEN

DAVIES 01824 704866 jbd@boyns.net

FOR ORDAINED MINISTRIES – THE REV'D JAMES HARRIS –

DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF ORDINANDS 01352 740111

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FR. JOHN NICE (RECTOR OF LLANDUDNO) WRITES: HEALING GROUP NEWS

Our small group, consisting of members from both Llandudno and Llanrhos parishes have been meeting regularly on the first Thursday of the month for some months now.

Most members of the group have now agreed to join the Guild of St Raphael and indeed to form a Llandudno branch of the Guild. This will keep us in touch with the Healing ministry in the wider Church and enable us to deepen our knowledge of many aspects of the Church's work of healing through the Guild's journal *Chrism*.

The centre of our life as a group is the monthly Healing Liturgy, which has been held on the first Thursday of each month immediately before the 11am Eucharist in Holy Trinity Church. During this short service the Laying on of Hands is offered to those who would like it for a healing need of their own, as a prayer for healing for someone else, or as a sign of solidarity with all who come for healing. The homily at the liturgies have been on such subjects as the healing power of laughter and humour (reflecting on the life of Ronnie Barker around the time of his death) and

the place of water as a sign of healing (on the feast of St Winifred of Holywell)

We have a number of plans for the future, which include teaching sessions on the ministry of healing and services in the hospital chapel. We would love to see more folk join us for our healing services and our meetings. Do come along. In January (on Thursday 5th) we are to experiment by having the Laying on of Hands during the 11am Eucharist instead of a separate service before it.

AN AFTERNOON WITH A CHRISTIAN AID PARTNER FROM MALAWI – AT ST DAVID’S, CRAIG Y DON – 30.11.2005

On the eve of World Aids Day, December 1st, we were privileged to hear a presentation by Pastor Ephraim Disi from Malawi. He works for ANERELA (African Network of Religious Leaders living with or personally affected by HIV/AIDS)

Pastor Ephraim was introduced by Branwen, Christian Aid’s Youth Worker in Wales. We heard that 42 million people are living with HIV/AIDS in the world today. In Malawi life expectancy is down to 38. , 15% of the population of 12 million are HIV positive. There are 1 million orphans in the country. We also heard that the incidence of HIV in Wales has risen by 16% in the last 2 years. Pastor Ephraim and Branwen were to be at a 6th Form conference at Ysgol Trefor in Bangor that weekend. There are so many factors common to both countries. ANERELA has a network of 40 minister and it is an Inter Faith support group. We were told of 6 challenges, Stigma, Silence, Denial, Discrimination, Action, Wrong Action. Pastor Ephraim was living testimony having been HIV positive for many years before he was honest with his congregation about his situation. He certainly looks strong and moved tables and chairs both before and after the meeting. We were very grateful for his sharing. He said it was important to live positively and to be an agent of change. In Lesotho 30% of the population of 1.9 million are HIV positive, in South Africa with 36 million the figure is also 30%. In Uganda the ABD message (Abstention, Be loyal to your partner, and use a Condom if you must) has had considerable success in reducing the incidence of HIV. There is a need to empower woman who are faithful but still are affected. Young people are encouraged to be faithful, but are often enticed into casual sex, particularly by older men, who tempt girls with ‘cash, cell phones and cars’. The young are told that they have only ONE LIFE and to make it count. However, it is stressed that there CAN be

'Life; after an HIV positive diagnosis; after acceptance and treatment, the young can be a force for change.

Very relevant at this time for the campaign to 'Make Poverty History' was the link between Poverty and HIV/AIDS. Mothers whose children are starving are tempted to sell their bodies to get food for their family. They need empowering to get work. There should be stiffer sentences for rape. Sadly incest is on the increase to avoid infection from outside the family. Churches taught the importance of abstinence, but 'there was a monster at home'. For some women the choice between saving your life or your marriage.

In Africa 1% of those HIV positive have access to drugs that are available here in Wales, where pregnant mothers HIV positive will have a Caesarean birth and be told to bottle feed their baby, so that it is not infected. This is not the culture in Africa. We were told that in Lesotho the King was leading a campaign to get all the population tested. In Uganda they are forming 'Post Test' clubs to support those who were tested positive. As a retired teacher I felt I had been on a steep learning curve that afternoon. Many thanks to Christian Aid and particularly to Padtor Ephraim and Branwen. (Patrick Rohde)

A DAY CONFERENCE FOR CHRISTIAN MEN

St Michael's Church, Aberystwyth, on Saturday February 4th 2006, 10am to 6.30pm. Main speaker – Rico Tice. Topics include 'Man of Faith – Being a Christian man today', The Man of the World – Evangelism with men in mind and The man in the pew – preaching and teaching with men in mind. Anyone interested in more details or who would like a booking form, please contact Mandy at the Parish Office 541615.

LLANDUDNO HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Many of us know, and some will have personally experienced the facilities and renowned expertise of Llandudno hospital and its staff. A smaller number of residents will be aware that the hospital was built entirely from funds raised by the general public of Llandudno and district on land within Llanrhos parish given by Lord Mostyn, and opened its doors in August 1939.

In 1976 a group of public spirited persons formed the League of Friends with the concept of both raising awareness of the Hospital and collecting moneys to provide additional comforts for patients with the growth of the Hospital services (which now includes 2 modern wards specifically

provided for the needs of the elderly who would previously have been in the care of the 'old' Conwy hospitals), the efforts of the friends has increased so that additional equipment has been produced when needed rather than awaiting the availability of funds from the NHS budget.

Over the past 30 years the friends have raised in excess of £500,000, which has been spent on expensive items such as pressure relieving mattresses, dynamap blood pressure monitors, an echocardiograph machine costing £25,000 and a major contribution towards the Aberconwy ward refurbishment costs.

Raising funds does not come easily in these days when there are so many demands on people income, especially those on fixed incomes, nether the less, local people have been very generous and the League of Friends has also benefited from some bequests and legacies, but the annual street collections and summer fair are major sources of finance,

Church people play a prominent role in the Llandudno League. At least 5 members of Holy Trinity, including Chairman Mrs Cath Chapman, are involved in committee affairs but we need more volunteers to help with the collections and fairs, and would appeal to anyone from Llanrhos Parish to come forwards and support (Y)our local hospital. It is also our aim to attract younger generation to our ranks. **IT IS YOUR HOSPITAL AND WE NEED YOUR TIME AND TALENTS!** It could be that amongst your New Years Resolutions YOU include some time for the 'FRIENDS'. To join costs only £1 per annum or £10 life membership, and this, or donations, can be sent direct to Mrs Pat Pearson, 10 Taliesin Street, Tel 01492 878859.

To volunteer to help, or find out more, contact the President vice Chair of the League, Clive Blackburn, either after Sunday Service at St Paul's; or telephone him on 01492 581860.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Thank you to everyone who came along and made our annual Parish Christingle such a wonderful service. We raised £317.93 for the charities we supported. This was divided as follows: Ty Gobaith £158.00; Archbishop of Wales' Childrens Fund £79.96; NSPCC £79.67. In addition the sum of £184.40 was sent to the Archbishops of wales Childrens Fund from our home boxes - £125.80 from St Paul's and £59.00 from the Parish Church.

THE RNLI IN LLANDUDNO

The early winter months brought 4 call-outs for the station, although only 2 of these resulted in a lifeboat being launched. Crews were called out early one morning after it was reported that a person had walked into the sea at Colwyn Bay, and the services of the inshore lifeboat might be required. The person was found ashore shortly afterwards and the crews were stood down. A second call-out for the inshore boat came when a motorist reported that a dingy with 2 occupants was afloat off Rhos on Sea promenade, and making little progress in rough seas. A search ashore by coastguards revealed the 'dinghy' was infact a small-unoccupied boat riding to a mooring off Penrhyn Beach breakwater, so the RNLI crew was stood down.

A third call for the inshore boat arose when a member of the public reported a kite-surfer in difficulties off Llandudno's westshore. The lifeboat was launched to search offshore. At the same time coastguards searched the beach and found the man, who with his gear had managed to reach the shore unaided; the lifeboat was therefore recalled.

The all-weather lifeboat had one service call, to go to the assistance of a motor cruiser with engine failure, 1 mile off the N W tip of the Great Orme. The cruiser, with 2 men on board had been on passage from Fleetwood to Conwy when she lost power in a force 6 westerly wind which was creating a moderate sea and swell.

Whilst the boat had anchored, her anchor had dragged and she was in danger of drifting onto the rocky Great Orme shore. On arrival the lifeboat crew rigged a towline and the disabled craft was taken to the safety of Conwy where she was placed on a mooring.

CHRISTMAS LIVE NATIVITY SERVICE

This was held at Bodafon Farm Park on Sunday 11th December and was a huge success. Nearly 200 people came along and watched the service and sang carols and there was a lovely atmosphere as the nativity was played out. This was followed by coffee and mince pies. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this service possible.

ST HILARY'S PARISH CHURCH

ROTAS AT THE PARISH CHURCH

Sides Persons:	11am	6.30pm
Jan 1 & 8	Mr W Maine	Mrs A Jones

	Mr B Ashley (10.30am on 1 st)	(no evening service on 1 st)
Jan 15 & 22	Mr D Evans	Mr A Russell
	Mrs P Evans	
Jan 29 & Feb 5	Dr R Hughes	Mr H Gent
	Mr J Boole	
Feb 12 & 19	Mr B Ashley	Messrs Faulkner
	Mr Leighton Davies	
Feb 26 & Mar 5	Mr P Dent	Mrs A Jones
	Mr D A Jones	

Readers: 11am

6.30pm

January 1	Irene Webster	no service
	8 Val Jones	T Faulkner
	15 Arthur Hughes	Gwyn Morris (W)
	22 Andy Hutchings	Andy Russell
	29 O Wakefield	E Williams
February 5	Family Service	A Jones
	12 J Narey	T Faulkner
	19 Phyl Evans	Kathleen Roberts (W)
	26 Irene Webster	A Russell

COLLECTIONS NOVEMBER 2005

CASH £449.00 FWO £860.00 TOTAL £1309.00

ALTAR FLOWERS

From January Mrs Doreen Owen will take over the responsibility of the flower rota and receiving the money for flowers. There is now a team of ladies who will arrange the flowers each week. After 15 years I would like to thank everyone who has supported me, helping with the flower arranging at Festivals etc. A very special thank you to Mrs Rhiannon Thomas for helping mw with wedding flowers.

I have passed names and dates onto Doreen of the people who have special Sundays. I hope the ladies who are taking over will have as much pleasure and satisfaction as I have had over the years. God bless you all. Alice

ALTAR FLOWERS ROTA

January 1st – Congregation

January 8th – Mrs Jones

January 15th – Mrs Richardson
January 22nd – Mrs B Jones
January 29th – Mr & Mrs Fawcett

Thank you to all who gave donations towards the flowers for Christmas, also thank you to the ladies who came along to decorate the church. The flower rota for 2006 is up in the porch. There are lots of vacant Sundays, if you would like to add your name to the list, please see Mrs Doreen Owen – church warden.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

ALTAR FLOWERS

DATE	HIGH ALTAR	CHAPEL	MEM BOOK
JAN 1 ST	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
JAN 8 TH	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
JAN 15 TH	MRS CARR	MRS I WILLIAMS	MRS S ELLERTON
JAN 22 ND	MISS E MADEN	MRS I HEYWOOD	VACANT
JAN 29 TH	MRS CARR		MRS I WILLIAMS

COLLECTIONS. (Nov)

CASH £225.82. FW0. £918.11. Total £1193.93.

Thank you to all who helped in this year's Christmas Fayre – The Stallholders, helpers. Kitchen staff, raffle and all who gave donations Of cash or raffle prizes and of course all who turned up on the day – in spite of the atrocious weather – to support us.
A grand total of £930.00. was the amount raised. Thank you all.

We very much regret we have to part company with the Llandudno Showplayers who have given weekly concerts in St.Paul's Church during the summer season for the past four years. Unfortunately due to dwindling patrons and similar concerts held in Llandudno town the Showplayers have been forced to find a new venue in Town.
We wish them well and every success in their future endeavours. Meanwhile they have kindly donated a sum of £500. to St .Paul's Church Funds – for which we are truly grateful.

We wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year.

May every day of this New Year
From January to December,
Bring you, as your journey on,
Something lovely to remember.

(Rita F.Snowdon)

JSW.

ST.PAUL'S CHURCH MOTHERS UNION

A happy New Year to you all, members and friends and hope you had a very Happy Christmas.

Welcome back to the New Winter Session - a short service and get together in the Church Hall on Monday 9th January.

Our thanks to Mr.Mike Clutton for giving us such an enjoyable talk in November. Our members appeared to be crying with laughter as he brought so many memories back. Thank you Mike - it was such an enjoyable afternoon.

In spite of a rather wet morning our Christmas Fayre held on 24th November was again a success and the sum of £930.00 was realised. Again we thank all who helped in any way also those who came to support the Branch. Thank you all.

Monday. January 23rd - A.G.M.

Corporate Communion for all members on Thursday 5th January at 10.30am - Reader:- Mrs.Dorothy Roberts.

Coffee Mornings will start again on Thursday 12th January at 10.00am to 12 noon - Coffee and Biscuits 60p. ALL are welcome.
Audrey Williams.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Intercession Leaders at the 11am service:

January 1 No Service	February 5 Mr J Wright
8 Mrs D Laight	12 Clergy
15 Mrs S Crawford	19 Mr N Reggett
22 Clergy	26 Clergy
29 Mr G Havard	

COLLECTIONS – NOV 2005

CASH £184.86 FWO £667.60 TOTAL £852.46

MOTHERS UNION NOTES

We had a very enjoyable afternoon when Rev'd Ginny Burton explained the meaning and reasons of the liturgical colours used in church. Our sincere thanks to her for her time and trouble.

Our thanks too to Miss Roselyn Barnes for her talk about some of the Kings in the Old Testament. It was interesting and very informative.

The corporate communion is 4th January, please try and be there. The new session starts on 17th January with a meeting in All Saints Church at 2.30pm. Our AGM takes place on 31st January but the venue has not been fixed yet. The change is necessary because Bethel Chapel are having building work done and their hall will be out of use.

We wish all members, friends, clergy and all the housebound people along with all the families a healthy, happy and peaceful new year.

ST DAVID'S CHURCH

A happy and peaceful New Year to everyone! We had an eventful November at St David's Church! On the 13th, our Remembrance Sunday Service was well attended. The Rev Ginny Burton officiated, assisted by Mrs Dilys Evans with the Eucharist and Mr Keith Livesey with the conducting of the service. The Rev Ken Bullock read the lesson and led the intercessions and it was very moving to see various people wearing their wartime medals take the poppy wreath to the altar. It was also good to see 2 members of a much younger generation, Mrs Nikki Jones and her young daughter, Chloe, take the wine, water and wafers for Ginny to receive them in the sanctuary. The choir sang an anthem and both the

Welsh and English National Anthems were sung, whilst at the beginning of the service, the 2-minute silence was observed. Altogether it was a very inspiring service.

Then, on the 20th, we held our Family 'Hat' Service, when many people, young and old, wore hats of many shapes, sizes and styles. Ginny incorporated the use of various hats in her talk to the children after which people were invited to make a donation in the Top Hat at the church door on their way out. £35 was raised for church funds, as usual; refreshments were served in the hall after the service, which had been nice, friendly and relaxed. We hope everyone enjoyed it.

On the 27th, apart from our 2 usual services, at 5.30pm we held a Deanery Service for Advent Sunday. It was good to see so many people there from all parts of the deanery. The clergy from several churches took part in what was a bi-lingual service, and so did a number of children who said prayers in both Welsh and English during which they lit the advent candles and then came down the church to light each of the candles the congregation had been given on their way in. Later, refreshments were available in the church hall where it was lovely to see so many people obviously enjoying the welcome and friendship offered to them by the people of St David's.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This took place on Saturday 26th November – a cold, wet and windy day, but that didn't deter people coming to support us and spend a happy, friendly afternoon. Nor did it stop them spending their money and we are delighted to announce that more than £1100.00 (including several donations) was received for church funds. A wonderful result! Very, very many thanks to everyone who helped in anyway at all to make our Christmas Fayre such a success, and especially the people who spend their money so generously.

Once again, a very big 'thank you' to everyone who brought such a lovely selection of cakes to our Christmas Fayre Cake Stall – Ann Rowland

THANK YOU to everyone who sent bottles of wine to me at the parish office for the 'Win a Bottle of Wine' stall – it was a fun stall to do, we had a lot of laughs and quite a few people went home from the Christmas Fayre clutching a bottle of wine or 2!!

THANK YOU!

And whilst thanking people, may we also include everyone – not just our clergy, Mr Price and the church wardens to whom we are always extremely grateful – but all the people who help in any way at all with the work carried out to keep our church and church hall looking so well kept and functioning so smoothly. Thank you to our brass band for keeping the brasses so clean and shiny, the flower guild for their beautiful floral arrangements, the people who dust, polish and vac and keep the altar linen so spotless. Thank you to our organist, Mr K Holland and the choir, the ladies who provide coffee after the services and, in fact, everyone who works to make our church the bright, happy, friendly place it is. And finally, many thanks to Mr Frank Ford who has agreed to make the entries in our Memorial Book, a wonderful job he is making if it too! Many thanks Frank, we certainly needed you, and are very grateful for your help.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 1st – Mrs M Gregory

Jan 8th – Miss J Cooper

Jan 15th / Jan 22nd and Jan 29th - ALL VACANT

Brasses – Mrs Kathleen Evans

COLLECTIONS (NOV 2005)

CASH £337.48 FWO £906.55 TOTAL £1244.03

ST DAVID'S LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting on 6th December was well attended and what an enjoyable evening we had. Jeanette, our chairperson, was back from her holiday abroad and opened the meeting as usual with a prayer and various announcements. She read a letter of appreciation from the local representative of Operation Christmas Child for the shoeboxes and knitted items we had sent to OCC after our November meeting. Then she introduced our speaker Mrs Desiree Blease who demonstrated 'Cloth Sculpture' by making the figure of a lady beautifully dressed – using an empty wine bottle and strips of cotton cloth and cut up nylon tights soaked in polyfilla. She was fascinating and so entertaining too. Then she showed us several completed figures she had made previously and they really were lovely. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the evening tremendously and though

I'm not certain how many of us could emulate Mrs Blease, she was so clever!

We are happy to announce that our Grocery Stall at St David's Christmas Fayre on 26th November together with the raffle, raised the sum of £96.00 which along with the proceeds from our coffee morning in October and a donation, meant we were able to hand over £376.00 to the church, a very welcome addition to their much needed funds. Many thanks to all who supported us at the Fayre on Saturday and helped to make our efforts so successful – over £1132.00 was raised at the Fayre in total!

Our next meeting will, as mentioned, be on the 10th January when the speaker will be Mrs Joyce Hind who is going to talk to us about Burma.

SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

	8AM	11AM
Jan 1 st	Mrs D Darby	Mr J Roberts, Mr P Williams Mrs D Wilson, Miss J Cooper
Jan 8 th	Miss J Cooper	Mrs V Coates, Mr R Coates Mrs K Evans, Mrs V Miller
Jan 15 th	Mr D Cuttall	Mr J Roberts, Mrs J Davies Mrs A Rowland
Jan 22 nd	Mr J Jones	Mr G Williams, Mrs Dorothy Evans Mr N McNulty
Jan 29 th	Mr D Cuttall	Mr R Coates, Miss J Cooper, Mrs V Miller, Mrs D Wilson

OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE CHURCH ROTA

Jan 2 nd – Mr R Coates	Feb 6 th – Mr R Coates
Jan 9 th – Miss M Ridings	Feb 13 th – Miss M Ridings
Jan 16 th – Miss G Owen	Feb 20 th – Miss G Owen
Jan 23 rd – Miss J Cooper	Feb 27 th – Miss J Cooper
Jan 30 th – Mrs M Gregory	