

OUR VICAR WRITES

A little fish once asked an older fish “Where can I find this thing they call the ocean?” The older fish replies that it is the thing they are in now. “But this is water”, the disappointed little fish replies. “What I am seeking is the ocean”, he adds as he swims off to search elsewhere.

We often spend a long time searching for something, which is right in front of us. We also see things without really understanding their significance, just like the little fish who cannot grasp that the water all around him makes up the ocean. Many precious and fundamental things in human life are not easy to observe or describe. Whether or not we perceive them depends less on what we see than how we look at them.

On the first Easter Day, the disciples not only witnesses an event but realised a truth which up until then they had been unable to see. However, this realisation does not occur straight away. When Mary Magdalene goes to Jesus’ tomb at dawn she sees that the stone has been moved away, without discerning the significance of what she sees. “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,” she tells Simon Peter and the other disciple.

It is not until the two disciples run to the tomb to see for themselves that a fuller understanding of what the empty tomb signified begins to dawn. Although their eyes saw only an open door and discarded cloths, their hearts saw the glorious truth that these humble signs added up to: Jesus’ life and his message would go on.

The resurrection does not stare us in the face like the suffering of the cross. What enables us to perceive it lies less in what we see, and more in how we look. Jesus prepares us throughout his teaching for the fact of his resurrection. Time and again he points to the new life, which arises, from endurance and faith. It is the ultimate reward for those who hunger and thirst for what is right.

The resurrection is the most glorious and significant event imaginable, but we can begin to grasp its meaning only if we are prepared to find it at work all around us. How we as a Church and as individuals look at the world affects whether or not the reality of the resurrection transforms our lives as it should. We need to look at our world and our circumstances in the light of what the Word of God teaches. We will not be handed the answers to the most fundamental questions of our life, we need to look with the eyes of faith to discern where God is leading us, and where Christ’s glory can be revealed to the world around us.

I hope you have a wonderful Easter and may I remind you that all confirmed members of the church should make their communion on Easter Day. The clergy team look forward to seeing you then.

Bob Griffiths

WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY EASTER

APRIL AT A GLANCE

- 1 LENT 6 – Palm Sunday**
usual Sunday Services
Palm Crosses will be blessed and distributed at all services
- 2 Monday in Holy Week**
9.15am Holy Eucharist – SD
7pm Deanery Service in St Grwst’s Church, Llanrwst, led by Rev Vittoria Hancock, Diocesan Officer for Evangelism
- 3 Tuesday in Holy Week**
9.15am Holy Eucharist – SH
7pm Compline – SH
7.30pm St David’s Ladies Fellowship
7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting – Llanrhos Schoolroom
- 4 Wednesday in Holy Week**
10am Holy Eucharist – AS
(6.30pm Diocesan Chrism Eucharist – St Giles’ Church, Wrexham)
7pm Compline – SH
- 5 Maundy Thursday**
10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
12noon Holy Eucharist – QE Court
2pm “Oasis” – bereavement group – SP Church Hall
7pm Passover Meal with foot washing and Holy Communion – SD Church Hall
- 6 Good Friday**
10.30am “The Way of the Cross” – SP
2pm Devotional Service – SH, AS & SD
- 7 Holy Saturday/Easter Eve**
5pm Holy Eucharist – Q E Court
7pm The Easter Vigil – SH
- 8 EASTER DAY**

- 8am Holy Eucharist – SH, AS & SD
 9.45am Holy Eucharist – SP
 11am Holy Eucharist – SH, AS & SD
 6.30pm Parish Easter Carol Service – SH
- 9 Easter Monday
 10am Holy Eucharist – SH
- 11 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
 2.15pm All Saints Small Saints – AS
- 12 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
 7.30pm Annual Parish vestry meeting – Llanrhos Schoolroom
- 13 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
 2pm Youth Group – walk & picnic
- 14 12noon Wedding – SH
 7.30pm Conwy Valley Mixed Choir Concert (“Elijah”) – SP
- 15 **EASTER 2**
 usual Sunday Services
- 16 2.30pm St Paul’s Mothers Union
- 18 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
 2pm St Hilary’s Fellowship – Backpacking in India – Llanrhos Schoolroom
 6pm Education Service – St Asaph Cathedral
- 19 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
 12noon Service in the Chapel of QE Court
 7pm START study group
- 20 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
 7pm Wedding Preparation for couples being married in the coming months
- 22 **EASTER 3**
 usual Sunday Services
 8pm meeting of the leaders of Llanrhos Sunday Club at the Vicarage
- 23 2.30pm St Paul’s Mothers Union Afternoon Tea
 7pm deanery Conference at Church House, Llanrwst
- 24 2pm Cytun Council – Stella Maris
 2.30pm All Saints Mothers Union
- 25 **St Mark the Evangelist**
 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
 7.30pm Ysgol Bodafon Governors Meeting (Finance Committee at 6.30pm)
- 26 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

7pm START study group
27 10am Holy Eucharist –SD
28 1pm Wedding – SH
29 **EASTER 4**

usual Sunday Services
30 9.15am Holy Eucharist – SD

9.45am meeting of Readers and Retired Clergy of the Deanery – SD
Church Hall

Items for the May edition of the Parish magazine should reach THE PARISH OFFICE no later than 12noon on Tuesday 10th April 2007.

ANNUAL PARISH VESTRY MEETING

7pm

Thursday 12th April 2007

in Llanrhos Schoolroom

This is the AGM for the parish and all parishioners are encouraged to attend

The Parish Report is available in church – this will form the agenda for the meeting

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

A bad attitude is like a flat tyre – you aren't going to get anywhere until you change it.

Better than counting your years is making your years count.

The time to save money is when you have some.

Prayer is more than asking God to run errands.

Man sees your actions, but God sees your motives.

The longer we dwell on our misfortunes, the greater is their power to harm us.

It isn't easy for an idea to squeeze into a head filled with prejudices.

People nowadays treat the Ten Commandments like an exam – they attempt only three.

Some people are born great, some achieve greatness, other just grate.

The line is often busy when your conscience tries to speak.

EASTER COMMUNION: the rubrics of the 'old' Prayer Book say – ALL confirmed members of the church should receive their communion regularly and WITHOUT FAIL AT EASTER.

If, for reasons of health, you are not able to make your communion in church this Easter and would like communion brought to your home by one of the team, please contact the Parish Office (541615) for this to be arranged.

YOUTH GROUP – WALK TO ABER FALLS AND A PICNIC – Friday 13th April, leaving from the Vicarage at 2pm. *Those young people who wish to go on the walk should let the Vicar know NO LATER than Easter Day (8th April).*

TEENAGERS AND CATS

For all of you with teenagers, you may want to know why they have so much in common with cats.

1. Neither teenagers nor cats turn their heads when you call them by name.
2. No matter what you do for them, it is not enough. Indeed, all human efforts are barely adequate to compensate for the privilege of waiting on them hand and foot.
3. You rarely see a cat walking outside with an adult human being, and it can safely be said that no teenager in his or her right mind wants to be seen in public with his or her parents.
4. Even if you tell jokes as well as the best comedian, neither you cat nor your teenager will ever crack a smile.
5. No cat or teenager shares your taste in music.
6. Cats and teenagers can lie on the sofa for hours without moving and barely breathing.
7. Cats have nine lives. Teenagers live as if they did.
8. Cats and teenagers yawn in exactly the same manner, communicating that ultimate human ecstasy – a sense of utter and complete boredom.

Thus, if you must raise teenagers, the best sources of advice are not other parents, but vets. Remember, above all else, put out food for them and do not make any sudden moves in their direction. When they make up their minds, they will finally come to you for some affection and comfort, and it will be a triumphant moment for all.

A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE CHURCH'S ROLE IN EDUCATION – 6pm on Wednesday 18th April in St Asaph Cathedral. You are invited to attend this service.

TWO CULTURES – ONE MISSION

(The future of the Christian Faith in a Secular Age)

On Wednesday 28th February we welcomed Lord Carey of Clifton (the former Archbishop of Canterbury) to St Paul's Church for the 50th (and last – St Paul's has played host for 49 of those 50 years) J C Jones Memorial lecture organised by the Church Mission Society. The lecture, following a lunch in the Church Hall and chaired by the Bishop of Bangor, was given in church in front of an audience of over 200 people.

Lord Carey said that “at one time to be Welsh or English was to be a Christian, it was an aspect of our nationality. To ‘belong’ to these nations meant acknowledging that. Yet this is now surely not the case. In a

remarkably short period the United Kingdom has gone from being an explicitly Christian nation to a nominal one. The old signposts of faith have largely gone. Church attendance has diminished calamitously. Indeed, a new Dark Age appears to beckon. And with a faith that seems to be increasingly alien goes apathy towards its ethic; few children know the Lord's Prayer, fewer still are aware of the Ten Commandments and are certainly not taught them at home. The result is that whole communities have little sense of shared values or moral vision.

Yet while faith is being banished from the public square and religious ideas only reported if they contain enough controversy to titillate the average reader, or are deemed newsworthy, another faith is rapidly making headlines and that is Islam. The growth of Islam in Western Europe is surely an extraordinary phenomenon.

It is undeniably the case that we are living in a missionary situation....we are living in-between different cultures and must rise to the challenges that confront us.”

Archbishop Carey went on to talk about the Christian Faith in secular times, the need for preaching intelligently, having a life of prayer and “being deeply anchored in the faith of the universal church and unwavering in doctrine...focuses not on media personalities entranced by the limelight, but on men and women in love with God and committed to his truth.” He addressed the challenge we face of other Faiths and then went on the look at our Christian Mission today.

“We live in times when the ‘feel good factor’ plays an important part in sport and public life. Organisations that lack confidence in its abilities and future will continue to do less well. Judged by this criterion the Welsh Church does not feel good about itself; it is unconfident, ill at ease with the fast changing culture around it and ill-equipped to face the pressure coming from secularism on the one hand and others faiths on the other.”

“We must acknowledge that we are far behind some other churches in our commitment to making disciples. I hope I am not too unkind in noting that most Welsh churches are poor at evangelism. ...We are living at a time when it is necessary to exercise courageous leadership. Saints are those who blaze a trail. There can be no effective leadership – in dioceses, in parishes, in any lay organisation – that is immune from difficulty, hard decisions and disagreement. While the future of the Welsh Church in its organisation may be in some doubt there can be no question concerning its long term life. The Kingdom of God is greater than the Church and faithful, loyal and unswerving commitment to the task of living and

proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ will ensure that the church will not be without its witnesses and saints.”

Lord Carey gave us much to think about and many challenges for the time ahead. The lecture was a most fitting end to the series of lectures over this past 50 years.

DEANERY CONFERENCE

**7pm on Monday 23rd April
in Church House, Llanrwst**

There will be a meeting of the **Llandudno Church Together – Cytun** at 2pm in Stella Maris, Llandudno, on Tuesday 24th April.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

18.02.07 Tommy Matthew Edwards (SD)

11.03.07 Aaron John Sheldon (SP)

Milly Ella Jones (SH)

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.

HOLY MATRIMONY

14.04.07 Gavin James Mart & Philippa Carol Burdin (SH)

28.04.07 Mark Stephen Brown & Revecca Dawn Adamson (SH)

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation and giver of all grace. Look with favour upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon those you make one flesh in Holy Matrimony. Amen.

FUNERALS

08.02.07 John Steven Gleave (Colwyn Bay)

14.02.07 Mervyn Roberts (SH & Great Orme)

15.02.07 Margaret Dewhurst (Colwyn Bay)

Norma Birchall (SH & Liverpool)

16.02.07 Baby Ethan Clarence McLeod (SH & The Lawns)

19.02.07 Albert Hodson (Colwyn Bay)

Rhona Kinghorn (Colwyn Bay)

22.02.07 Robert James Flanigan (SP & The Lawns)

Doris Chapman (Colwyn Bay)

27.02.07 Philip Hughes (Colwyn Bay)

Pat Halsall (Colwyn Bay)

Ronald Stanley Roberts (Colwyn Bay)

David Higham (The Lawns)

28.02.07 Dorothy Lawry (Colwyn Bay)

Ruby Margaret Mercer (Colwyn Bay)

01.03.07 Gillian Ruby Walsh (SH & The Lawns)

05.03.07 John Richard Southall (SP & Colwyn Bay)

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.

WHAT DO I MEAN WHEN I SAY

“I AM A CHRISTIAN”

When I say “*I am a Christian*”,

I’m not shouting “*I’m clean living*”

I’m whispering “*I was lost, now I’m found and forgiven*”

When I say “*I am a Christian*” I don’t speak this with pride

I’m confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say “*I am a Christian*” I’m not trying to be strong,

I’m professing that I’m weak and need his strength to carry on.

When I say “*I am a Christian*” I’m not bragging of success,

I’m admitting that I have failed and need God to clean up the mess I’ve made of my life.

When I say “*I am a Christian*” I’m not claiming to be perfect,

My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say “*I am a Christian*” I still feel the sting of pain,

I have my share of heartaches, so I call on His Name.

When I say “*I am a Christian*” I’m not saying I am holier than you,

I’m just a simple sinner who has received God’s grace, somehow!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Bishop will be in the Deanery to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 2nd December. Any young people or adults who wish to be considered for confirmation should complete one of the

confirmation forms and return it to the Parish Office. Classes will begin in September.

KEYS: Our churches have recently undergone (or are undergoing) inspections by our insurers. One recommendation they have made in the case of each church is that we should have a register of key holders. To this end we have placed a sheet in each of the churches for you to put your name on if you have a key either to the church or church hall or both. We need to know for insurance purposes so it is important for you to let us know if for some reason you have a key to the churches or church halls and if you no longer require your key/s because you have ceased to be an office holder please return them as soon as possible.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND – provisional information is available in the churches regarding this tour in 2008. In addition to the information on the leaflet we have been informed that the best date to leave on would be Thursday 27th March 2008. The direct flight with British Airways leaves London Heathrow at 0830 meaning an overnight coach journey from here! The alternative to this is to catch the later flight but not arriving in Tel Aviv until 0535 on the Friday morning and beginning the tour straight away rather than having a night in a hotel before the tour begins! We have not yet been given an idea of the flight times back.

THE RNLI IN LLANDUDNO

Lifeboats have been launched on service twice in recent weeks. The Andy Pearce carried out a lengthy search in thick fog between Colwyn Bay and Llandulas after coastguards picked up an apparent distress beacon transmission, but nothing was found. The inshore boat searched in darkness for a woman who had walked into the sea at Colwyn Bay and disappeared from view. She was later found on the beach, unharmed, by police patrol.

Crewmembers have continued to attend courses at the RNLI Lifeboat College in Poole. Subjects covered have included boat handling, engineering, inshore lifeboat operation, and sea survival procedures.

As has been reported in the local press, a number of RNLI lifeboats have visited Conwy marina for maintenance during the past few months.

Centrally placed for a number of lifeboats stations in Wales, Wirral and the Isle Of Man, and for RNLI engineers at the Divisional Base in St Asaph Business Park, the marina has facilities to lift boats out of the water for maintenance ashore. During the winter lifeboats from Barmouth, Porthdinllaen, Moelfre, Hoylake and Lytham, together with lifeboats from the relief fleet have all spent some time at Conwy.

The 2007 edition of the free leaflet 'Llandudno Lifeboats' contains full descriptions of both boats, information on the station and notes on maritime activity off North Wales. Copies are available at the reception desk, Llandudno Tourist Centre, in the Mostyn Street Library building.

The Deaneries of Rhos and Llanrwst - 'XY' – A special group for young people who want to find out more about being a Christian. We meet every month, for Bible study and discussion, to chat about things that matter to us and to get to know more about our faith. If you know anyone who would like to join us, please contact Ceri Cooper (Rhos Deanery) or Tom Burton (Llanwrst Deanery) or ask one of the Clergy.

ST HILARY'S PARISH CHURCH

Rotas at the Parish Church:

Sides-People:	11am	6.30pm
April 1	Mr P Dent Mr D A Jones	Mr A Russell
Apr 8 & 15	Mr D Evans Mrs P Evans	Messrs Faulkner
Apr 22 & 29	Dr R Hughes Mr J Boole	Mrs A Jones
May 6 & 13	Mr B Ashley Mr Leighton Davies	Mr A Russell
May 20 & 27	Mr P Dent Mr D A Jones	Messrs Faulkner

Readers:	11am	6.30pm
April 1	Family Service	T Faulkner
8	A Hughes	A Russell
15	V Jones	K Roberts (W)

	22	A Hutchings	E Williams
	29	O Wakefield	A Jones
May	6	Family Service	T Faulkner
	13	J Narey	A Russell
	20	I Webster	G Morris (W)
	27	P Evans	E Williams

COLLECTIONS IN FEBRUARY

Cash £372.64 FWO £818.50 Total £1191.14

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

COLLECTIONS. (FEBRUARY)

Cash £759.22 FWO. £1035.35. Total £1794.57.

The Church was full - in spite of the awful weather – for the last in the series of J.C.Jones Lectures. We were pleased to welcome this year's lecturer – Lord Carey of Clifton (the former Archbishop of Canterbury) accompanied by his wife Lady Carey. Lord Carey was introduced by the Bishop of Bangor – Bishop Anthony Crockett. The lecture was preceded by a “Frugal lunch” in the Church Hall – courtesy of the ladies of Mothers Union.

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all who attended the Social Evening in Church Hall on Tuesday February 20th. The food and wine was most enjoyable. Our thanks to the organisers.

The Lentern Services in the Chapel of Llandudno Chapel started on Wednesday 28th February with Rev.Ginny Burton who spoke about “Baptism”. The Rev. Warwick Jaundrill follows on 7th March with a talk on “Called to be here”.

After the rigours of Winter,
 Oh, the pleasure that colour can bring!
 Transparent and gold, a joy to behold;
 Quite suddenly - it's Spring!

JSW.

ST PAUL'S ALTAR FLOWERS - APRIL

	High Altar	Chapel	Mem Book
8 th	congregation	congregation	congregation
15 th			Mrs M Fowler
22 nd		Mrs M Parry	
29 th	Mrs J Parry		Mrs Conlen

ST PAUL'S CHURCH – MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Mrs Alice Wild opened our meeting on 12th February 2007 with prayers. Members were asked to stand and observe a minute's silence in memory of Mrs Menna Hopkins and Mrs Margaret Cross. Menna and Margaret had been faithful members of the Mothers Union for many years and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this sad time.

Our speaker was the Rev Trevor Davies whose talk was 'A Scrapbook of My Life', we were joined by some of our husbands who had been invited to join us for what we knew would be an interesting and amusing afternoon and we were not disappointed. His talk brought back memories of days gone by – what we all refer to as 'The Good Old Days' Our thanks go to him for coming along to entertain us.

An informal meeting was held on 26th February 2007, we enjoyed a pleasant afternoon singing a selection of members' favourite hymns and listening to various readings of stories and verses.

EVENTS FOR APRIL

Monday 16th April – Mrs Phyl Evans – Flower arranging

Monday 23rd April – Afternoon Tea

CORPORATE COMMUNION for all members on Thursday 5th April at 10.30am – reader Mrs Joyce Hind.

COFFEE MORNINGS – every Thursday from 10am to 12 noon, coffee and biscuits 60p, a warm welcome to all.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Rotas at All Saints:

Readers at the 11am service:

April 1 Mrs B Reggett & Mr N Reggett (Miss M Worthington)
8 Mrs D Laight & Mr J Wright (Mr B Roberts)
15 Miss M Worthington & Miss J Preece (Mr G T Havard)
22 All-Age Worship
29 Mr B Roberts & Mrs S Crawford (Mr N Reggett)

May 6 Mr G T Havard & Mrs B Reggett (Mr J Wright)
13 Mr N Reggett & Mrs D Laight (Miss J Preece)
20 Mr J Wright & Miss M Worthington (Mrs S Crawford)
27 All-Age Worship

Intercession Leaders at the 11am service:

April 1 Mrs D Laight	May 6 clergy
8 clergy	13 Mrs S Crawford
15 Mr N Reggett	20 Miss J Preece
22 clergy	27 clergy
29 Mr J Wright	

Sides-People: 8am

April 1 -
8 Mrs M Meldrum
15 Mrs B Thoburn
22 Mr P Brown
29 Mrs V Gradwell

May 6 -
13 Miss P Murphy
20 Mr/Mrs R W Doyle

11am

Mrs S Oldfield
Mrs T Teixeira
Mr G Havard
Mrs B Havard
Miss J Preece
Mrs P Reed
Miss J Barrington
Mrs A Cross
Mrs S Crawford
Mrs H Brookes
Mr B Roberts
Mrs M Roberts
Mr N Reggett
Mrs B Reggett
Mrs T Teixeira
Mrs P Reed

27 Mrs M Meldrum Mr G Havard
Mrs B Havard

COLLECTIONS

Cash £242.41 FWO £669.00 Total £911.41

MOTHERS UNION NOTES

'Babies Galore' was the title of the talk given by Mrs Desiree Blease. She told us about her life as a midwife, illustrating her talk with some of the lighter sides of her deliveries.

Rev'd G Price gave us an interesting look at Celtic Crosses and some of the history and customs of Wales. We give both speakers our sincere thanks for 2 interesting and educational talks.

Mrs Joyce Pearce and Mrs Betty Thoburn are unable to attend meetings at present so please remember them in your prayers and we wish them both a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them back at our meetings very soon.

We only have one meeting in April when we welcome Mrs Ceanne Harper on 24th April. All are welcome to come along and join us at 2.30pm in Bethel Chapel Hall. The Corporate Communion is 4th April and Mr Jeff Wright will be our reader.

We wish all members, friends, clergy and all their families a very happy and joyful Easter.

ST DAVID'S CHURCH

We were very pleased to welcome yet another little member into God's family when, during the Family Eucharist Service on 18th February, Ginny baptised 8-week old Tommy Matthew Edwards. He was so good – never cried and was no trouble whatsoever. His older sister, Amara, (who you may remember Ginny baptised about 2 years ago?)_ had a wonderful time 'helping' (??) Ginny! She thoroughly enjoyed herself! We do ask God's blessing on Tommy Matthew, Amara and all their family.

The 21st February was Ash Wednesday when at 7pm the Rev Warwick Jaundrill officiated over a short service of Holy Eucharist followed by the Imposition of Ashes. That service, of course, was the first of our Lenten Services which took place on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout Lent and details of which will have been printed in the March Parish Magazine.

On the last Sunday in February the 25th, we celebrated Holy Eucharist using the 2004 version and then on 1st March at 7pm, we commemorated our Patronal Saint, St David again using the 2004 version of the service. Ginny officiated, helped by our reader Mr Alan Price. The choir sang an anthem for which our organist Mr Ken Holland, had composed the music and it really was a very nice service. The congregation, which unfortunately was small, enjoyed what had been a quiet, peaceful and sincere little service for St David's Day. We had 3 bowls of daffodils for the occasion, which later were distributed to 3 members of our congregation who were not well. We hoped they helped to cheer them up a little!

Then on 4th March our 11o'clock service was Matins – taken from the prayer book! Now, some people don't seem to like Matins and plans are afoot to discontinue this service on the first Sunday of the month some time in the future, but some of us DO like Matins – especially the Prayer Book version – though the modern version is quite good too – so at least some of us were happy with the service on that day. It would of course, be replaced by Holy Eucharist if and when the change does take place. Our good friend, Warwick, took the service and delivered one of his excellent sermons – sometimes humorous but always very sincere and the choir sang the St David's Day anthem again. In spite of the weather – which was awful – we had quite a good congregation, many of whom stayed after the service for coffee or tea and a chat. As ever, we are greatly indebted to those good people who every week provides us with such welcome and much appreciated refreshment. Thank you to all of you on the 'Coffee Rota' very much indeed.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday afternoon we held our service for the Women's World Day of Prayer. This year, as mentioned previously, had been organised by the women of Paraguay and it proved to be very meaningful and sincere and was much appreciated by all of us present. It was very nice to have with us friends for the Presbyterian Church and St David's Methodist Church, Craigydun. We do hope they felt welcome and that they were among friends. May we take this opportunity to thank our guest speaker, the Rev Sheila Cairns, our Leader Mrs Dilys Evans, our organist Mr Ken Holland, and all the people who read various parts of the service so willingly and so well. Thank you everyone – very much indeed. We finished off the afternoon with tea and biscuits in the church hall and we're sure everyone

felt it had been an afternoon very well spent. We took a collection of £78.80 which has now been sent on to the Women's World Day of Prayer in Tunbridge Wells – so than you for that too. It was a very good effort. Next year the service will be arranged by the women of Guyana and will take place on the first Friday of March 2008 to that is something to look forwards to!!

MRS JANET KELLY – PENRHYSIDE

If they have not already heard, several people from the 4 churches in our parish who knew Janet, will be very sorry to know that after a long illness, very bravely and patiently borne, she died on 2nd March. Janet was well known through her work for the Aberconwy Talking Newspaper, her membership of various choirs, her connection with Guide Dogs for the Blind and other organisations. In better days Janet was a very lively and vivacious person and she certainly did her best to maintain that outward appearance throughout her illness. She will be very sadly missed by many people, in particular her husband Oakley who we pray God will help and comfort at this very sad time.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The first flowers in Church since the beginning of Lent will be for Easter Sunday on 8th April when, once again, Mrs Kathleen Evans will be very please to receive donations of cash or flowers and greenery, and help with decorating the Church for the lovely festival of Easter. Please do speak to Kath if you can help in any way at all – she will be most grateful.

BRASSES – Mrs Dorothea Darby

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2007

Cash £246.76 FWO £866.80 Total £1113.56

PASSOVER MEAL – THURSDAY 5TH APRIL

We sincerely hope people will join us for our Passover meal at 7pm on Maundy Thursday 5th April. Tickets are available at the rear of the Church and you will see that the meal will be followed by the Watch of Passion in Church. Tickets are free but there will be a collection to cover the cost of the meal, which will be provided by caterers. Do come and join us – it will be quite an experience, we promise!

SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

8AM

1st Mrs D Darby
8th Miss J Cooper
15th Mr D Cuttell
22nd Mr J Jones
29th Mr D Cuttell

11AM

Mr P Williams, Mrs D Wilson Miss J Cooper
Mr & Mrs R Coates, Mrs K Evans
Mrs J Davies, Mrs A Rowland, Mrs N Reid
Mrs S Williams. Mr G Williams,
Mrs D Evans
Mrs R Coates, Mrs D Wilson, Miss J Cooper

OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE CHURCH ROTA

April 2nd – Mr R Coates

May 7th – Mr R Coates

April 9th – Mr & Mrs R Evans

May 14th – Mr & Mrs R Evans

April 16th – Miss G Owen

May 21st – Miss G Owen

April 30th – Mrs M Gregory

May 18th – Miss J Cooper

ST DAVID'S LADIES FELLOWSHIP

It was very nice indeed to have our chairman, Mrs Jeanette Davies, back with us for our meeting on 6th March after her recent holiday. She opened the proceedings, as usual, with prayer when we remembered the families of both Mrs Vera Miller and Mrs Pat Halsall (who died so suddenly and unexpectedly) and also our members who, through illness were unable to be with us.

Jeanette thanked Ann and Joan for 'taking over' during her absence and then she introduced our speaker, the Rev Mark Chadwick, curate of St Paul's Church, Colwyn Bay. The theme of this talk was 'Baptism' particularly that of Jesus as recounted in the 4 Gospels. He talked about the various changes, which have taken place over the years concerning this very sacred sacrament. Mark certainly knew his subject well and kept us interested throughout his talk, answering various questions and discussing different points further afterwards. Jeanette thanked him sincerely on behalf of us all for a very interesting and informative evening.

Our next meeting will take place on 3rd April when the speaker will be Mrs Frances Williams who will tell us about her visit to Obermagau. By that time we shall have put our clocks on one hour and it will be lovely to arrive at the hall in the daylight and know that spring has come.

See you then! Joan Cooper

MOONLIGHT WALK – 13 MILE MIDNIGHT WALK TO RAISE MONEY FOR BREAST CANCER – JUNE 2007

Mandy from the Parish Office and her 3 daughters Emma, Chloe and Abi are all taking part in this event and if anyone would like to sponsor them, or know more about taking part, please give her a ring at the office – 541615 – she would love to hear from you. In June 2006 the first ever Countess Moonlight Walk was a fantastic success with 650 ladies registered to walk the 13-mile route, between them they managed to raise over £100,000.