

OUR VICAR WRITES

Those of us who have children will remember the overwhelming feeling of love that filled our whole being. Love such as we have probably never felt before. This deep, unconditional love never leaves us, even though our children grow up, move away from home and make a new life away from us. But with this love comes worry. We can be hurt by our children and sometimes we may wish we could turn off our love, but we can't. Our children are our flesh and blood, we love them utterly and completely, no matter what they do!

I would suggest this is the relationship God has with us!

Those who learn to love in this life also experience pain, for pain is the flip side of love. In St Luke's Gospel (Chapter 2) when Mary and Joseph present the baby Jesus in the Temple, obeying the Law of Moses, they are greeted by Simeon and Anna, and Simeon warns Mary that "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too." This baby's passage through life would not be easy.

The birth of a new baby into any branch of the family is a time for great rejoicing and excitement. Yet Mary and Joseph discovered quite soon that bringing up children is fraught with anxiety and pain amidst all the love and happiness, for the very next story in Luke's Gospel is of the occasion when Jesus went missing and caused his parents three or more days of agonising worry.

This worry and agony was to intensify once Jesus started on his ministry, culminating in the anguish of the crucifixion. Raising children is never easy and sometimes parents' hearts are pierced by swords, because love is always accompanied by some degree of pain. But, as Mary and Joseph showed, unconditional love is the greatest gift that parents can give to their children. And God showed in raising Jesus from the dead that love will always have the last word.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...." This is how much God loves each one of us. How much do we love God?

Bob Griffiths

FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

1 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

- 12noon Holy Eucharist – Chapel of QE Court
2pm “Oasis for Peace” (Bereavement Group) – SP Church Hall
- 2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**
10am Holy Eucharist – SD
7pm Youth group – Ten-Pin Bowling
- 4 THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
USUAL Sunday Services
- 5 3.30pm Parish After School Club – Ysgol Bodafon
7pm Baptism Preparation Meeting – Llanrhos Schoolroom
- 6 7.30pm St David’s Ladies Fellowship
7 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
7.30pm Ysgol Bodafon Governors Meeting (Finance Committee
6.30pm)
- 8 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
9 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
- 11 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
usual Sunday Services
- 13 Clergy School at Mold (all parish clergy attending)
2.30pm All Saints Mothers Union
7pm Royal School of Church Music Evening – SP
- 14 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
15 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
12noon Service in the Chapel of QE Court
- 16 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
- 18 SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
usual Sunday Services
plus: 4pm Service of celebration of marriage and the renewal of
marriage vows –
Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea – a Cytun Service
- 20 7pm A Cheese & Wine Evening – SP Church Hall
- 21 ASH WEDNESDAY (first day of Lent)**
10am Holy Eucharist – SH & AS
7pm Choral Eucharist – SP
7pm Sung Eucharist – SD
- 22 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
12noon Frugal Lunch – SP Church Hall
- 23 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
- 25 LENT 1**
usual Sunday Services

27 2.30pm All saints Mothers Union

28 10am Holy Eucharist – AS

2.30pm J C Jones Memorial Lecture – SP Church Hall

7pm Lent Service – Llandudno Hospital Chapel

Items for the March issue of the Parish magazine should reach THE PARISH OFFICE no later than Wednesday 7th February 2007.

LENT FRUGAL LUNCHESES

join us every Thursday in Lent

from 12noon to 1pm

in St Paul's Church Hall

in aid of various charities & St Paul's Church

£2.50p

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

HOME COMMUNIONS: Communion is taken regularly to the Nursing and Residential Homes in the parish and also to the homes of those now unable, because of ill health, to attend church. If you are unable to come to church because of ill health and would like to receive communion at home please contact the parish office of 541615 for this to be arranged.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

07.01.07 Brandon Jack Lee Hudson (SH)

Thomas Alun John Hudson (SH)

Lowri Grace Hudson (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.

FUNERALS

13.12.06 Keith Robert Oliver (Colwyn Bay)
15.12.06 Margaret Mary Woodhouse (Colwyn Bay)
Iorwerth Roberts
19.12.06 Gwendoline Mary Bennett (Colwyn Bay)
Robert Williams (Colwyn Bay)
Muriel Thomas (Colwyn Bay)
20.12.06 Robert (Bob) Jones (Colwyn Bay)
04.01.07 Diane Mary Goddard (SH & The Lawns)
05.01.07 Arnold Emery (Colwyn Bay)
09.01.07 Patricia Daphne Boryn (Colwyn Bay)
Winefride Shae (Colwyn Bay)
11.01.07 Patricia Wincup (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.

LENT SERVICES

join us every Wednesday

at 7pm in

the Chapel of Llandudno General Hospital

for our Lenten Service

with our sister Parish of Llandudno

Theme: “Behold, I make all things new”

Feb 28th: Baptism - Rev Ginny Burton

Mar 7th: Called to be here – Rev Warwick Jaundrill

Mar 14th: Growing in our calling – Rev Manon Parry

Mar 21st: Called to what? – Rev Jane Allen

Mar 28th: Upheld by prayer – Rev Preb John Nice

Our **DEANERY LENT SERVICES** will be held on the four Mondays in March – 5th 12th 19th & 26th – and as usual, these will be held in the churches of the deanery. The theme for the services will be: “Making all things new”.

The **YOUTH GROUP** will meet at 7pm at Llandudno Ten-Pin Bowling Centre on Friday 2nd February. The cost will be £3 (plus McDonalds).

Please inform the Vicar (876152) if you are coming along no later than Tuesday 30th January.

LLANDUDNO CYTUN

A SERVICE IN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE and the renewal of Marriage Vows

4pm on Sunday 18th February

at the Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, “Why are some of your hairs white, mum?”

Her mother replied, “Well every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.”

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, “Mum, how come ALL of grandma’s hairs are white?”

St Paul’s Church

CHEESE & WINE EVENING

Tuesday 20th February at 7pm

in St Paul’s Church Hall

Tickets available NOW!

in aid of St Paul’s Church

A young man fell asleep in the Sunday morning service, and began to snore. The preacher stopped and impatiently motioned to the young boy beside the man to wake him up. The boy said: “Wake him up yourself, you put him to sleep.”

ASH WEDNESDAY

21st February

10am Holy Eucharist – St Hilary’s Parish Church

10am Holy Eucharist – All Saints Church

7pm Choral Eucharist – St Paul’s Church

7pm Holy Eucharist – St David’s Church

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a church school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The teacher made a note, and placed it on the apple tray: “Take only ONE. God is watching.”

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want, God is watching the apples."

THE ANNUAL (50th) J C JONES LECTURE 2007

will take place in St Paul's Church Hall

on Tuesday 28th February at 2.30pm

The lecture will be given by the former Archbishop of Canterbury

Lord Carey of Clifton

*This is the 50th and very last J C Jones Memorial Lecture
we hope a good number will be present*

You are invited to come along to St Paul's Church Hall

at 1pm for a shared lunch. Please bring a contribution

for a buffet lunch. Tea, coffee & soup will be provided

The retiring sidesman was instructing his youthful successor in his Sunday morning duties. "And remember, my boy," he said, "that we have nothing but good, kind Christians in this church – until you try to put someone else in their pew."

PARISH HOLIDAYS 2007 & 2008

The **2007** Parish Holiday will be to the Norwich/Cambridge area and at the time of going to press with this magazine details are being worked out. Leaflets will be in the churches soon. The date of this holiday will be from Monday 15 October to Friday 19 October (avoiding both the Welsh and English half-terms. The delay in making the arrangements for this holiday has come about because the coach company we have used for all our parish holidays is to become part of Alpine Travel here in Llandudno.

The **2008** Parish Holiday will be to the Holy Land. We have been promised a definite costing for this holiday which will take place after Easter (March 23rd) 2008 and will be for 9 days. The estimated cost is between £900 and £980 – half board, coach travel, flights, guide throughout the tour and admissions to all sites. We hope to have further information about this holiday available in the churches some time in March/April.

A certain local Councillor was shopping in Asda after Christmas and found the toilet rolls on the bottom shelf inaccessible. They were right at the back under the shelf and her arthritic knees prevented her kneeling down to get them., She looked round for a likely person who could help and spied the local vicar doing his

weekly shop with his wife. She seized the opportunity and asked for his assistance in retrieving the elusive pack of necessities. When the vicar duly obliged by kneeling down and then handed her the goods, she thanked him profusely, to which his wife quickly replied- 'Don't worry about it - he spends most of his time on knees anyway!'

In the year 2006, the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in England and said, "Once again, the earth has become wicked and over-populated, and I see the end of all flesh before me. Build another Ark and save 2 of every living thing along with a few good humans."

He gave Noah the CAD drawings, saying, "You have 6 months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights. " Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard - but no Ark.

"Noah!" He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark ?" "Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah, "but things have changed. I needed Building Regulations Approval because the Ark was over 30m2. I've been arguing with the Fire Brigade about the need for a sprinkler system.

My neighbours claim that I should have obtained planning permission for building the Ark in my garden because it is development of the site even though in my view it is a temporary structure, but the roof is too high.

We had to go to appeal to the Secretary of State for a decision. The Local Area Access Group complained that my ramp was going to be too steep, and the inside of the Ark wasn't fully accessible, then the Department of Transport demanded a bond be posted for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the Ark 's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it.

Getting the wood was another problem. All the decent trees have Tree Preservation Orders on them and we live in a Site of Special Scientific Interest set up in order to protect the spotted owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls - but no go!

When I started gathering the animals, the RSPCA sued me. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodation was too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space.

Then the County Council, the Environment Agency and the Rivers Authority ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood.

I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Equal Opportunities Commission on how many BMEs I'm supposed to hire for my building team. The trades unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only CSCS accredited workers with Ark-building experience.

To make matters worse, Customs and Excise seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species. So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this Ark. "

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. Noah looked up in wonder and asked, "You mean you're not going to destroy the world?"

"No," said the Lord. "The government beat me to it."

THE RNLI IN LLANDUDNO

The last few weeks of 2006 saw the continuation of crew familiarisation training with the station's new inshore lifeboat. The all-weather boat was launched on service once in December, following a report of red distress flares seen offshore from Colwyn Bay. A comprehensive radar and visual search offshore by the crew of the 'Andy Pearce' revealed nothing amiss and the incident was regarded as a well-intentioned false alarm. In all, the 'Andy Pearce' was launched to 10 incidents in 2006, and the inshore lifeboat to 48.

Whilst the station has been experiencing a relatively quiet period in recent weeks, local RNLI activity has centred on Conwy Marina, with a number of lifeboats visiting for maintenance tasks to be carried out by RNLI engineers and local firm TLC Boat Repairs. Station Lifeboats from Barmouth and Lytham St Annes have both spent time at Conwy for this purpose, as have a relief fleet lifeboat, which arrived from Newcastle,

Northern Ireland and another form Pwllheli, the latter boat brought to Conwy by a Llandudno crew.

Looking ahead, it is anticipated that the naming ceremony for Llandudno's new inshore boat will take place in the resort in the spring; details will be publicised locally well beforehand.

PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE – LIST OF THE 12 SYMBOLS AND THEIR MEANINGS!

1. *Partridge in a pear tree – The One true God revealed in the person of Jesus Christ*
2. *Turtle Doves – the Old and New Testaments*
3. *French Hens – Faith, Hope and Charity*
4. *Calling Birds – the 4 Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists*
5. *Golden rings – the first 5 books of the Old Testament, the Pentateuch, which contain the law condemning us of our sins*
6. *Geese A-laying – the 6 days of creation*
7. *Swans A-swimming – the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit, the 7 sacraments of the Catholic faith*
8. *Maids A-milking – the 8 beatitudes*
9. *Ladies Dancing – the 9 fruits of the Spirit*
10. *Lords A-leaping – the 10 commandments*
11. *Pipers Piping – the 11 faithful apostles*
12. *Drummers Drumming – the 12 points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed*

ST HILARY'S PARISH CHURCH

Rotas at the Parish Church:

Readers:	11am	6.30pm
February 4	Family Service	E Williams
	11 V Jones	A Jones
	18 A Hutchings	G Morris (W)
	25 O Wakefield	T Faulkner
March 4	Family Service	A Russell
	11 I Webster	E Williams
	18 P Evans	G Williams (W)
	25 A Hutchings	A Jones

Sidespeople:	11am	6.30pm
Feb 4	Mr P Dent	Mrs A Jones

	Mr D A Jones	
Feb 11 & 18	Mr D Evans	Mr A Russell
	Mrs P Evans	
Feb 25 & Mar 4	Dr R Hughes	Messrs Faulkner
	Mr J Boole	
Mar 11 & 18	Mr B Ashley	Mrs A Jones
	Mr Leighton Davies	
Mar 25 & Apr 1	Mr P Dent	Mr A Russell
	Mr D A Jones	

COLLECTIONS IN DECEMBER:

Cash: £712.51 FWO: £1158.40 Total: £1870.91

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

ST PAUL'S ALTAR FLOWERS

Date	High Altar	Chapel	Mem Book
4 th	Mrs I Heywood	Mrs I Williams	Vacant
11 th	Mrs D Roberts	Mrs M Cross	Vacant
18 th	Mrs D Roberts	Mrs Boule	Miss Monks

LENT BEGINS – NO FLOWERS

MOTHERS' UNION NOTES

Our Christmas lunch was held at the Four Oakes Hotel on 6th December. The meal was most enjoyable and our thanks go to Mrs Claire Taylor for all her hard work in making the arrangements,

The Rev Glyn Price was our speaker for December, his talk on 'Celtic Crosses' took us down memory lane and gave us an insight into the beautiful area we live in. We are most grateful to him for coming to share his knowledge of the area with us.

Our Christmas party was held on 18th December, a great time was had by all and once again a big thank you to Alice and her helpers for the lovely spread and all the arrangements made for a successful afternoon.

The AGM meeting was held on 22nd January when officials for the year were elected. Mrs Audrey Williams relinquished her position as Secretary of the Branch, having served for a period of over 30 years. Alice thanked Audrey for all she had done over the years and on behalf of members made a presentation to her.

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY:

Monday 12 February – Rev Trevor Davies – ‘A scrapbook of my life’

Monday 26th February – Informal Meeting

Corporate Communion – Thursday 1st February at 10.30am – Reader Mrs Roz Holland

We send our love and good wishes to all members who are not well at this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Menna Hopkins who is a patient at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd, we have missed Menna at our meetings and we hope that it won't be too long before she is fully recovered and back amongst us.

SHROVE TUESDAY – CHEESE AND WINE EVENING AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY AT 7PM

Tickets £5 – all proceeds to St Paul's Restoration fund – please come along and support this event!

COLLECTIONS FOR ST PAUL'S CHURCH – DECEMBER 2006

Cash £1041.12 FWO £1217.50 Total £2258.62

What a funny old Christmas it was this time round! It seemed odd having Christmas Eve on a Sunday! Anyway we hope you all had a merry old time – and wish you all a happy and peace New Year.

The Floral decorations and the lovely Christmas tree were beautiful to behold and we thank everyone who helped to decorate the Church over Christmastide – and thank you too to our Clergy who officiated at all our varied services.

The weather forecasts' gloomy,
More blizzards still in store,
When suddenly you notice,
Though winter winds still roar,
A miracle in the garde –
It's snowdrop time once more! Anon.

JSW

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Readers at the 11am service:

February 4 Mr B Roberts & Mrs S Crawford (Mr N Reggett)
11 Mr G T Havard & Mrs B Reggett (Mr J Wright)
18 Mr N Reggett & Mrs D Laight (Miss J Preece)
25 All-Age Worship

March 4 Mr J Wright & Miss M Worthington (Mrs S Crawford)
11 Mrs J Preece & Mr B Roberts (Mrs B Reggett)
18 Mrs S Crawford & Mr G T Havard (Mrs D Laight)
25 All-Age Worship

MOTHERS UNION NOTES

Mrs Desire Blease will be our speaker on the 13th February and on the 27th
Rev G Prices will talk about 'Celtic Crosses. Both meetings start at 2.30pm
in Bethel Schoolroom and everyone is very welcome to come along and
enjoy our fellowship and a cup of tea/coffee.
Our corporate communion will be 7th February.

ST DAVID'S CHURCH

**There will be an Service of Holy Eucharist on Thursday 1st March in
St David's Church at 7pm – come and celebrate our Patronal Festival
(St David's Day) with us here at St David's.**

It gave us much pleasure during the service on 10th December to be able to
congratulate Mr and Mrs Neville Jackson on their Golden Wedding which
they were to celebrate a few days later. We do very sincerely hope, Beryl
and Nev, that you will spend many more happy years together. The
Family Service on the 17th December was well attended. The children and
young people gave the readings and led the prayers and then entertained us
with a short play, the theme of which was, of course, 'Christmas'. It really
was very nice and we are much indebted not just to the small children and
young people but to the many other people who had worked so hard in
various ways to make it such an enjoyable experience. After the service
was over, a great number of people joined us in the church hall for coffee
and mince pies – a very nice conclusion to a very pleasant morning. On
the evening of Wednesday, 20th December, a good number of people once

again gathered in church for a concert given by Mr Ken Holland, our organist, the choir and various other people, with Christmas music, poetry and readings from the Bible. There were also Christmas hymns in which the congregation joined and before we all departed for home, we were offered mulled wine and more mince pies. It was a lovely evening and, once again, our sincere thanks go to everyone who helped to make it so enjoyable. At the 11am service on the 24th December instead of the usual sermon we all gathered round the chancel. Some of us sat in the choir stalls but most of us in the front pews while Mrs Nikki Jones described the events of Advent and the Nativity, illustrating her talk with the little figures Ginny, we understand, uses in her Godly play sessions. It was lovely. Nikki speaks so well and held our attention throughout her talk. Maybe we can look forward to similar events in the future. At our 11.30pm service the lights were switched on the Christmas tree and the church looked beautiful having been decorated with many lovely floral arrangements and little candles alight everywhere. We held our midnight Eucharist – the first of Christmas. It was a very impressive service – well attended – and we are sure everyone must have enjoyed it. For the first time – at any rate for a good long while – we held a Family Service at 10am on Christmas Day morning. The Rev John Hillman took the service and Mrs Pat Hillman played the organ. Ginny spoke to the children of which there were quite a number there and afterwards refreshments were served at the rear of church. What a very nice service that was – friendly and happy and a lovely start to the Christmas festivities. Although there was no service in St David's on 31st December about nine or ten people from our church joined members of the other 3 churches in the parish for a service of Holy Eucharist at 10.30am in St Hilary's – our Mother Church. St Hilary's was pretty well full and it was very nice to take part in this service with an opportunity afterwards to mix with and talk to people from the other churches over a very welcome hot cup of coffee in their schoolroom – it being a rather wet and cold morning – and some problem with the heating in church!

The service at 11am on 7th January was Morning Prayer using the prayer book version and was conducted by Ginny but the address was given by Rev Warwick Jaundrill who spoke very well indeed and we look forward to further visits from him in the future.

HELP! – We do really need one or two more people to help with the cleaning of the church. It's just a matter of dusting some of the pews and

maybe sweeping beneath the pews. It isn't a job which requires to be done every single week but Mrs Kathleen Evans who sees to the flowers every week, with some help, wishes to discontinue doing the dusting as well, which she has been doing for a good long time now. We are very grateful to Kathleen for all her help but can understand her reluctance to continue so, of you feel you can help at all, please do have a word with Kathleen and she will be able to tell you exactly what is required and will, obviously be very glad of any help you can offer.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Feb 4th – Vacant

Feb 11th – Vacant

Feb 18th – Miss J Cooper

Feb 25th – no flowers in church during Lent

BRASSES – MRS M JONES

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER

Cash £508.01 FWO £1117.25 Total £1625.26

ST DAVID'S LADIES FELLOWSHIP

As the notes for this magazine had to be in the Parish office before our January meeting took place, we shall have to report on that in March. The date of our next meeting will be 6th February when the speaker will be our old friend, Mrs Ceanne Harper, who has called her talk 'Memories of Italy'. Sounds Lovely!

SIDESPERSIONS' ROTA

	8AM	11AM
Feb 4 th	Mrs D Darby	Mr P Williams, Mrs D Wilson Miss J Cooper
Feb 11 th	Miss J Cooper	Mr & Mrs R Coates, Mrs K Evans
Feb 18 th	Mr D Cuttell	Mrs J Davies, Mrs A Rowland Mrs N Reid
Feb 25 th	Mr J Jones	Mr G Williams, Mrs S Williams Mrs Dorothy Evans

OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE CHURCH ROTA

Feb 5th - Miss G Owen

Mar 5th – Mrs A Chatfield

Feb 12th – Miss J Cooper
Feb 19th – Mrs M Gregory
Feb 26th – Mr R Coates

Mar 12th – Miss G Owen
Mar 19th – Miss J Cooper
Mar 26th – Mrs M Gregory

LENT SERVICES

Details of the Lent services will be shown elsewhere in this magazine.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 2ND MARCH 2007

This year, the Women's World Day of Prayer has been organised by the women of Paraguay. Our service on that day will take place at 2.30pm, when our speaker will be Rev Sheila Cairns. Do come and join us – everyone will be very welcome!