

**We wish you all**  
**A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**OUR VICAR WRITES**

The hymn “Amazing Grace” is still a very popular and well-loved hymn. The words date back some two hundred years. They were written by Rev John Newton (1725-1807) during the time he served in the parish of Olney in Buckinghamshire. But this was in later life. As a younger man, he had made his money in the slave-trade as captain of one of the ships used as transports. By his own confession, he had spent his money as “an infidel and libertine”. Then came a remarkable conversion. He dedicated his life to God, and entered the ordained ministry. “Amazing Grace”, therefore, describes something of Newton’s spiritual journey.

“I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.”

In similar vein, St Paul wrote in his letter to Christians in the Roman province of Galatia: “You have heard, no doubt, of my former life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the Church of God and was trying to destroy it.” His message was the same as Newton’s, so much later in time: “Amazing grace ... that saved a wretch like me”.

Do you, like Paul and Newton, consider yourself “a wretch”? What kind of person are we? How would you describe yourself?

In essence we are probably not very different from the people Paul was dealing with as his Christian converts, and to whom he wrote his letters. For example, he writes to the church at Corinth: “Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.” They had divided in faction (in a way like us – St Hilary’s, St Paul’s, All Saints, St David’s). There were quarrels among them (not like us, I hope!!). In other words, though, the people that Paul was dealing with, and the issues he had to tackle, bore distinct similarities to those, which are to be found in the average church today. Nevertheless, he can say to them, “Consider your call, brothers and sisters”. And he seems quite confident in using this phrase. The words seem to bear the mark of positive encouragement, rather than that of a desperate rallying-cry, when all else had failed.

Jesus appeared to call very ordinary people to follow him. The apostle Peter said, in typical fashion, “Lord, we have left everything to follow

you”, adding, no doubt with an eye to the future, “What then will we have?” The answer was not perhaps what he expected. Jesus promised no tangible reward in this life, but “eternal life ... a hundred-fold ... at the renewal of things”. The key was then, as it still is now, self-giving and personal commitment.

As we begin another year, let us look once more at our commitment to God and His Church. In 2006 have we been a bit lax in our attendance at church? Have we cut down on the number of times we come to church – did we once come every Sunday but now it’s once or twice a month? Did we used to come once or twice a month and now it’s every so often, when we feel like it, or have we stopped coming altogether (its so easy to ‘get out of the habit and so difficult to get back into it)? Have we stopped going that “extra mile” for God and His church? In 2006 did we find time to go to a local club, the theatre or just out and about but could not find time for God, even for one hour on a Sunday? In 2007 let us re-commit ourselves to God (make it a resolution that we keep), for God calls each one of us, to follow Him. He has a purpose for us to fulfil.

Bob Griffiths

## **JANUARY AT A GLANCE**

### **1 The Naming of Jesus**

10am Holy Eucharist – SH

3 10am Holy Eucharist – AS

4 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

12noon Holy Eucharist – Chapel of QE Court

5 10am Holy Eucharist – SD

6.45pm Youth Group

### **7 EPIPHANY 1 – The Baptism of Christ**

usual Sunday Services

plus: 6.30pm Evensong & Sermon for Epiphany at St David’s Church  
when the

preacher will be Rev John Harvey, Rector of Llangystennin

8 7pm Baptism Preparation Meeting – Llanrhos Schoolroom

9 7.30pm St David’s Ladies Fellowship

10 10am Holy Eucharist – AS

11 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

12 10am Holy Eucharist – SD

13 2pm Service at St Asaph Cathedral to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the

ordination of women to the priesthood

14 **EPIPHANY 2**

usual Sunday Services

16 2.30pm All Saints MU Opening Service

7pm St David's Church Committee Meeting

17 10am Holy Eucharist – AS

18 *beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

12noon Service in the Chapel of Q E Court

19 10am Holy Eucharist – SD

21 **EPIPHANY 3**

usual Sunday Services

22 7pm All Saints Church Committee Meeting

23 12noon Deanery Lunch for clerics, retired clerics and readers

24 10am Holy Eucharist – AS

7pm St Paul's Church Committee Meeting

25 **The Conversion of Paul, Apostle**

*end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

10.30am Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Llandudno

Hospital Chapel

7pm St Hilary's Parish Church Committee Meeting

26 10am Holy Eucharist – SD

28 **EPIPHANY 4**

usual Sunday Services

29 & 30 Area Deans Conference at the Loreto Centre

30 2pm Llandudno Cytun Council Meeting

2.30pm All Saints Mothers Union

31 10am Holy Eucharist – AS

***Items for the February issue of the Parish Magazine should reach the PARISH OFFICE no later than Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007.***

Eighty year old Derek was driving down the motorway when his mobile phone rang. On the line was his daughter, who sounded worried: 'Dad, I've just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on the M25. Please be careful.'

'I know,' said Derek. 'It's not just one car going the wrong way ... it's hundreds of them!'

**CHANGE OF DATE:** The meeting of the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> June is now on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

**YSGOL BODAFON** – our church school – is being inspected on 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> January. Please remember the school in your prayers – the staff, pupils, governors and parents.

*This can be quite a stressful time to the staff of a school. We ask for your prayers over the period of the Inspection. This would be very much appreciated by everyone at our church school.*

### **PARISH QUOTA FOR 2007**

This year Quota/Parish Share, which we will be required to pay to the Diocese, will be:

**£93,036**

This is a rise of 4.9% on 2006 and is paid to the diocese to cover clergy stipends, housing, pensions etc. On top of this each of our churches will need to find money to meet their “domestic” bills – clergy expenses, heating, lighting, insurance premiums, repairs and maintenance, printing, candles, altar breads and wine, parish office etc. To divide the Quota up into the year it means we need to find (just for Quota/Parish Share) £7753 per month, £1789.16 per week or £255.60 per day plus meeting our “domestic” bills.

Our collections in the churches over the last few years have averaged (very roughly) £6000 each month (including tax returned under the Gift Aid Scheme). As you can see, what we put on the plate doesn't even meet what is required to meet our share of the diocesan Quota. The difference and the “domestic bills” are met from donations, fund raising, fees from funerals and marriages.

We need to ask you in 2007 to consider what you give to the church each week on the plate. Could you afford to increase your giving? Do you pay income tax and have not signed a Gift Aid declaration – could you? Do you have the weekly envelopes? If not – please ask for them.

We still need to undertake some restoration work on each of the churches. At the Parish Church and All Saints we have been able to meet this work through past legacies. What about the future? Have you remembered the

church you attend in the parish in your Will? Have you updated your Will recently?

On behalf of the church and parish treasurers, thank you for reading this and thank you for your consideration of all that is printed above.

This year the individual churches in the parish will need to pay into the Parish Account, each month, to cover Quota, Clergy Expenses and the Parish Office:

St Hilary's Parish Church - £3097.00

St Paul's Church - £2131.00

All Saints Church - £1542.00

St David's Church - £2267.00

If you look at the monthly collections published in this magazine you will see that our collections are far short of these sums which do not take into account heating, lighting, insurance and other "domestic" costs!

We know that you will meet the financial challenges in 2007 as we have done in the past and with everyone's help and focussing on what the church is, reaching out in and to our communities, we will meet these challenges so that God's work can continue.

At 4, success is: Not needing nappies.

At 12, success is: Having friends.

At 17, success is: Having a driver's licence.

At 20, success is: Having sex.

At 35, success is: Having money.

At 50, success is: Having money.

At 60, success is: Having sex.

At 70, success is: Having a driver's licence

At 75, success is: Having friends.

At 85, success is: Not needing nappies.

## **CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

St David's Church – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in church

All Saints Church – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7pm in church

St Paul's Church – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the Church Hall

St Hilary's Parish Church – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in Llanrhos Schoolroom

## CYTUN NEWS

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>  
January

The theme of our devotions for this year's gatherings was chosen by the Churches in South Africa and is "Open our ears and loosen our tongues" (Mark 7: 31-37). Each daily service is in a different church and, except on Sunday and Tuesday, will last about half an hour. The dates and locations this year are as follows, weekdays at 10.30am, Sunday at 6pm.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>: Llandudno Baptist Church, Bryniau Road, West Shore.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>: Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>: Emmanuel Christian Centre, Lloyd Street.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> (at 6pm): The President's Service – Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>: St Mary and Saint Abasikhiron Church, Trinity Ave (Coptic Orthodox Church).

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>: (Holy Communion) St John's Methodist Church, Llandudno

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>: St David's Church, Penrhyn Bay.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>: Eglwys Unedig Gymraeg – Seilo, Gloddaeth Ave.

Advance Notice: The annual Cytun service of celebration and renewal of Marriage vows will be on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm in the Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Lloyd Street, Llandudno.

## **A REPORT FROM HOUT BAY – THE LOVE PROJECT**

World Aids Day is always on 1<sup>st</sup> December and in 2006 we reproduced a report from "The Love Project" in our sister parish of Hout Bay telling of the work done with people with HIV/Aids. It is to this project that we have

sent 50% of our Harvest Collection. Here is a supplemental report sent to us by Margaret Whiteing in November:

In our recent report we added a PS about the death of one of the group. This is the first regular member (not one of the transient ones) we have lost which is pretty amazing because so many are dying. Her name was Yahyah and I knew her as a skinny, rather cantankerous little person with a drinking problem. But she obviously had a dry sense of humour because she used to make the rest of the group laugh. Her comments were lost to me because they were in Xhosa – in particular, when she led prayer they used to laugh, and we were told that when she prayed she spoke to God as though he was standing next to her as an equal. She was certainly a character and the group obviously miss her.

I would like to share with you the events of last Tuesday when the group went to pay their respects to her family. I came away very moved. She lived with her sister, and goodness knows how many other family members, in a shack way up at the top of the township. There was a sort of a road leading to the shack (in some places up there roads just don't exist) and the shack looked tiny from the outside – more like a garden shed. When you got inside it seemed much bigger and we all managed to cram into the lounge. There were doors leading into other mysterious areas and it was very cosy. Spotlessly clean, as are so many of the homes I have visited. The group had obviously prepared for the visit – the two leaders played a minor role and left it to elected others to talk about her and lead the prayers and bible reading. Quite an eye opener for me because they usually say very little at meetings. The singing was wonderful – as only African singing can be. It was just so moving. On the wall was a picture of Yahyah, taken quite a long time ago I would guess, and she was really striking before she got sick – quite beautiful.

Two of the group members are leaving on Friday to go to the funeral in Tarkastad, in the Eastern Cape. They will be taking with them one of our T-shirts to place on the coffin (in lieu of a flag or banner which we don't have). The rest of us are praying for safe travelling. This business of having to take the bodies home to bury worries me. For one thing the idea of the taxi driver travelling through the night, arriving in the early hours of the morning and then doing the whole thing in reverse the following day does not seem a good one to me – it is a long way. And it happens every weekend!! To me cremation would be the answer but that is totally not on in their culture. It also upsets me that they spend so much money and they are so poor! But I just have to accept it.

Anyway, that fact that we were able to help them go and that we will be able to make a contribution to the person who is rearing Yahyah's son (once they come back with bank details) is very satisfying. I am the treasurer and they all know what a skin-flint I am (put it down to being reared by two canny Scots) so I think they are a bit stunned that I was prepared to part with the money for all this. It seemed worth it to me and Love have been well blessed by our donors. We will still have enough to carry on the feeding and pills for a good few months.

Well, I think I've bumbled on long enough. I just thought you might like to have this account.

God bless

Margaret

### **You know when you are old when....**

You run out of breath walking DOWN the stairs.

Your knees buckle but you're belt won't.

The waiter asks how you'd like your steak and you say: 'Pureed.'

You can't get your rocking-chair started.

'Getting lucky' means finding your car in the Asda car park.

The Rolling Stones still look young to you.

You enjoy hearing about people's operations.

The names in your little black book all belong to doctors.

You need two attempts to drive over a speed-bump.

Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes when you're barefoot.

You'd like to be nostalgic but you can't remember anything.

Your easy chair has more controls than your car.

You look both ways before crossing a room.

You need your false teeth and your hearing aid before you can ask where you left your glasses.

Your actions creak louder than your words.

You and your teeth no longer sleep together.

Everything hurts. And what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

## **FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

### **HOLY BAPTISM**

10.12.06 Jamie Scott Price (AS)

Matilda Tudor Owen (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**

26.10.06 Doreen Bentham (Colwyn Bay)

27.10.06 Henry Tierney (Colwyn Bay)  
 06.11.06 John Williams Pratt (Colwyn Bay)  
 07.11.06 Phyllis Fraser (Colwyn Bay)  
 08.11.06 Elizabeth Mary Eaves (SH & The Lawns)  
 09.11.06 Doris Kate Clara Edgerton (Colwyn Bay)  
 10.11.06 John Newman (Colwyn Bay)  
     Alfred Rigby Moulton (Colwyn Bay)  
 13.11.06 Elizabeth Ellen Catherall (SH & St Agnes, Conwy)  
 14.11.06 Harold Torr (SH & The Lawns)  
 15.11.06 Leonora McKay (Colwyn Bay)  
 17.11.06 Eileen Constino Peak (Colwyn Bay)  
 20.11.06 Ronald Atherton (SH & The Lawns)  
 21.11.06 Karl Thompson (Colwyn Bay)  
     Doris Evelyn Jones (Colwyn Bay)  
 23.11.06 Neil Crompton (SH & The Lawns)  
 28.11.06 Elsworth Taylor (Colwyn Bay)  
 29.11.06 Baby Ffion Emma Williams (SH & Bron y Nant, Colwyn Bay)  
 04.12.06 Bernard Beeley Ducker (SH & Colwyn Bay)  
 06.12.06 Hilda Mary Goodrich (Colwyn Bay)  
 08.12.06 Walter Wakefield (SH & Colwyn Bay)  
 12.12.06 Edith Elizabeth Sullivan (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.*

Three local club members, all a little hard of hearing were standing by the bowling green  
 in the park. One remarked to the other: 'Windy, isn't it?'  
 'No,' the second man replied. 'It's Thursday.'  
 The third man nodded in agreement: 'So am I. Let's have a cup of tea.'

## **VISIT TO THE HOLY LAND 2008**

The Vicar is hoping to lead a VISIT TO THE HOLY LAND for 9 days  
 sometime between 25 March and 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008 (date not yet firmly fixed).  
 Whilst in Israel visits will hopefully be made to: Caesarea; Mount Carmel;  
 Nazareth; the Galilee area visiting the Mount of Beatitudes, Tagba, Mensa  
 Christi, Capernaum, a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee; Mount Tabor  
 (Mount of Transfiguration); Cana; Jerusalem – Wailing Wall, the Cardo  
 (Roman street), the Garden Tomb, the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross),

the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Shrine of the Book, the Holocaust Museum; Ein Karem (birth place of John Baptist & the place of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth); the Chagal windows at the Hadassah University Hospital; Bethlehem and the Shepherd Fields; the Dead Sea (time to float!); Ein Gedi visiting David's Valley (where David is said to have hid from Saul) and Masada.

It is hoped to arrange direct flights from London Heathrow with coach travel to and from North Wales (we don't think there are any direct flights from Manchester – we await this information). We hope to stay 1 night in Netanya, 2 nights in the Galilee area and 5 nights in Jerusalem on a half-board basis. We will have the services of a guide throughout the tour. The travel company is unable to give us a firm price for the Pilgrimage until later this month or early in February. They estimate the cost of a 9 day Pilgrimage including flights, accommodation, half-board and all admissions to be between £900 and £980 per person. You would need to add to this travel insurance if you do not already have this and also a single room supplement (single rooms will be very limited). There will be an opportunity to pay for the holiday in 'instalments' but final payment must be made two months before departure. A non-returnable deposit will secure your place.

If you would be interested in joining the visit to the Holy Land please let the Vicar know as soon as possible. Once the details have been finalised booking forms etc will be available in the churches and sent to those who have expressed an interest.

*Some are fearful of travelling to Israel because of the 'troubles' there. The Vicar and all the party who recently went on the Hike for Hospices never once felt insecure but at all times felt they were being 'looked after' and appreciated for visiting. There is no need to be concerned, if there was any chance of danger the Foreign Office would advise against travelling to Israel and the holiday cancelled and money refunded. Tourists are kept well away from any hostilities and many thousands still travel to the Holy Land to experience what is, after all, a trip of a life-time for Christians.*

## **LLANWRST DEANERY MOTHERS UNION**

Mrs Peggy Jones has been Deanery President these last 6 years and at our Deanery meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November she was thanked for all she had done and presented with a lovely cut glass vase by Mrs Daphne Laight. Peggy thanked us all for our support and wished Mrs Anne Clutton our

next Deanery President well. Anne is a member of St Paul's Mothers' Union.

### **ARCH BISHOP OF CANTERBURY**

The following is an extract from what Archbishop Rowan said at a recent meeting of the World Council of Churches: *'When I've said, in the past year or so, that the Mothers' Union is the fifth instrument of Utility in the Anglican Communion, I'm not joking. I think it is the most powerful lay movement in the Anglican World; it is one, which does far more for education and development than any other agency in the Anglican Communion, and, more than any other agency, it builds relationships at grass roots level between believers working for change. If that isn't an instrument of Unity, I don't know what is.'*

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

Shrove Tuesday Cheese and Wine Evening in St Paul's Church Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at 7pm. Tickets £5 – all proceeds to St Paul's Restoration Fund – Please support us!

**FREE TO A GOOD HOME!!** – 5 step wooden and metal ladder – will extend double – tel 01492 875891 – buyer collects

### **THE RNLI IN LLANDUDNO**

Llandudno's lifeboat crew said farewell in November to the D-class inshore lifeboat JOHN SAUNDERSON which has been retired from operational service by the RNLI after serving at the station for over 10 years. She has been replaced by the new, state-of-the-art inshore lifeboat WILLIAM ROBERT SAUNDERSON which is now on station in the resort. As is well known, the RNLI depends entirely on legacies and voluntary contributions; each boat was financed by savings over a period of many years by a North Wales lady. The new boat is named after the donor's father, who was Lay Reader at Llanfairfechan before his death. The retiring lifeboat was named after the same donor's great-uncle.

The crewmembers are looking forward to getting to know their fine new lifeboat. Compared with her predecessor the new boat's features include a more powerful electric-start engine giving improved performance and a higher top speed of 25 knots, upgraded navigation equipment, and superior on-board stowage facilities. They are, of course a little sad to see the JOHN SAUNDERSON go. She has given sterling service at Llandudno,

and ironically her last few months on station have been particularly busy, with 48 emergency call-outs this year.

Over the last ten years she has carried the crews on hundreds of rescue missions, enabling them to rescue large numbers of people from a wide variety of situations, many of which were life threatening.

Those rescued or otherwise assisted by the retiring lifeboat have included: canoeists, dinghy sailors, jetskiers, windsurfers, swimmers, occupants of inflatable dinghies, casualties from falls on cliffs, lost children, people marooned on sandbanks by the tide, a whale entangled with a mooring buoy and medical emergencies on boats offshore.

## **ST HILARY'S PARISH CHURCH**

**PROGRESS REPORT ON BUILDING WORK:** Following a visit of a Conservation Officer from CADW in November 2006 the Vicar received a letter on 25 November stating that our grant application for the repairs and restoration to the windows at St Hilary's has been turned down. The reason being, that the windows were not deemed to be urgent or in need of immediate repair.

However, there is some 'good news'. The CADW officer looked at the boundary wall and in the same letter stated that it was felt this work was indeed urgent and that they would now be willing to consider a grant towards repairs. An application is therefore being made. This will, of course, delay the work, yet again, as the application is considered. The Conservation Officer indicates that the whole length of the wall from the Lych Gate to the lay-by needs to be looked at and that the gate on the Conwy Road should be restored as part of this work. This will give us costs in excess of the estimated £96,000.00 for the section from the middle gate to the Lay-by! We need to weigh up whether accepting grant aid will be to our financial advantage or disadvantage. At a meeting with the architect and builders the Vicar was told that the extra work would be in the region of £25,000.00 (because it only needs repointing, ivy and growth removed – there is no danger of this section falling into the raos as with the other section). It would therefore be to our advantage to have the whole length of the wall repaired and restored. However, there is a catch. The contract for the rebuilding of the section of wall from the Conwy Road gate to the lay by has been awarded. CADW usually expect competitive tendering. We have asked if they will accept this. We await the result of

discussions and the application for grant aid and will make a final decision once we have received word from CADW! We must decide by mid-January!

**Collections in November 2006:**

Cash: £417.15 FWO: £801.45 Total: £1218.60

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH**

**COLLECTIONS.**

Cash: £355.89 FWO. £982.90. Total £1338.79

With Christmas Festivities, Carol Services etc behind us here we are in January 2007, and incidentally we would like to thank our hard working Clergy for all the services at which they officiated.

January 2007 – another year to make or break resolutions! Time marches on – welcome to year 2007 and we wish everyone a happy and peaceful New Year.

What a lovely Christmas Tree we had in St. Paul's – certainly the tallest we've ever had – which posed problems for decorating it for Miss Betty Walton and her helpers. Fortunately help was at hand in the person of Mr John Davies whom we would like to thank most sincerely for helping to decorate the topmost branches of the tree. Of course he is not a stranger to St. Paul's having been instrumental in bringing his expertise to repairing windows and fabric of St. Paul's Church and Hall over a few years- so thank you Mr. John Davies.

A big thank you to all stallholders, kitchen staff and all the People who came to help and support us at our Christmas Fayre on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. The event raised a total of £1098.00 for Church Funds – an excellent and pleasing result. Thank you ALL.

Let go of the old,  
Reach out for the new.  
For the past is cold,  
And the future is due;  
Each year holds memories,

Some happy – some sad,  
We must treasure the good,  
Let go of the bad;  
Make the most of each day,  
At work and at play,  
For the old year is history,  
The future – a mystery.  
Phyllis Ellison.

JSW

## **ST.PAUL'S MOTHERS UNION.**

Welcome back to all our members to the first meeting of 2007 and a happy New Year to you all.

Our last speaker in November was Mrs Kathleen Smith who shared with us her dilemma when her sister unfortunately died leaving seven young children motherless. Kathleen gave up everything to look after them and give them a home – a good Samaritan indeed and we thank Kathleen for sharing her experiences with us.

St. Paul's Christmas Fayre took place at the end of November. It was well attended and realised the sum of £1098. A big thank you to all stallholders, the people who looked after the raffle and not forgetting Alice and all the kitchen helpers and the ladies who baked.

### Events for January.

Monday January 8<sup>th</sup>. Get together in the Hall.

Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup> A.G.M.

Corporate Communion for all members on Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup>

At 10.30am. Reader – Mrs Alice Wild

Coffee Mornings every Thursday at 10.00am to 12noon.

Coffee and biscuits 60p. ALL are welcome .

Audrey Williams

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

Shrove Tuesday Cheese and Wine Evening in St Paul's Church Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at 7pm. Tickets £5 – all proceeds to St Paul's Restoration Fund – Please support us!

### **ST PAUL'S ALTAR FLOWERS – JAN 2007**

Date	Altar	Chapel	Mem. Book
Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Carr		
Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	Miss E Maden	Mrs I Williams	Mrs S Ellerton
Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>			
Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Carr		Mrs I Williams

Thanks and appreciation to the congregation for the Christmas Flowers – they were really beautiful.

## **ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

### **COLLECTIONS IN NOVEMBER 2007:**

Cash: £273.12 FWO: £732.80 Total: £1,005.92

### **MOTHERS UNION NOTES**

We had a very helpful and interesting talk from a representative from Age Concern who left us with a selection of leaflets explaining their work.

This year's session closed with our Christmas Lunch at the Royal Hotel, Llandudno, when we welcomed our Vicar and Jane. It was a pleasure to see members and friends who were able to join us.

Our opening Service is 16<sup>th</sup> January in Bethel Schoolroom at 2.30pm, all are welcome to come along,

The Corporate Communion will be 3<sup>rd</sup> January, please try and be at the service as a start to a new year.

We wish everyone a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. Please continue to remember all our sick and housebound members in your prayers.

## **ST DAVID'S CHURCH**

Thank you – I would like to thank everyone who made and gave such a lovely selection of cakes to our Christmas Fair, they were a sell-out!

Ann Rowland.

## **A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS!**

On 12<sup>th</sup> November we held a short time prior to our 11am service of Holy Eucharist to remember all those very brave people who have given their lives in several and various conflicts to ensure freedom of our own country and many others enjoy today. Although very short, the Remembrance Sunday Service is always a very moving time which people experience each in their own particular way. May it long continue to be observed. Then, in complete contrast, we held a lively Family Service followed by coffee, biscuits and a chat in our Church Hall, on 19<sup>th</sup> November. The morning of 25<sup>th</sup> November – which proved to be a nice day inspite of the weather forecasts – saw many of our people getting ready for our Christmas Fayre in the afternoon, and what a success that was! It was lovely to see so many people in our church hall on that occasion – and how very nice it looked with decorations and balloons on the walls and holly and flowers on the tables. It was opened this year by the Rev Warwick Jaundrill and how good it was to see visitors from the other churches in our parish. At the time of writing, the exact amount raised is not known but it is known to be somewhere around £852. Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way at all to raise such a welcome and useful sum of money for our Church funds. The following day our 11am service used the 2004 order of the Holy Eucharist which many of us are getting quite accustomed to now and which really is very nice. On Advent Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, our 11am service was the alternative service of Morning Prayer. The first Advent Candle was lit by Chloe Jones - who could just about reach the top of it with her taper – Ginny took the service and our Reader, Mr Alan Price, gave a very interesting sermon based on the meaning of the 5 Advent Candles. We sang the lovely Advent hymns, especially ‘O come Emmanuel’ – a firm favourite and finished the morning off with mince pies (courtesy of Mrs Megan Jones) and coffee! Many thanks Megan, they were lovely, and really it was a very enjoyable morning altogether. It is a real pleasure to have our Vicar back with us, safe and sound after his ‘Hike for Hospices’ in the Holy Land. We haven’t heard any details yet, but no doubt we shall – in time!

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> – Miss J Cooper

Jan 14<sup>th</sup> – Mrs M Gregory  
Jan 21<sup>st</sup> – Vacant  
Jan 29<sup>th</sup> – Mrs J Warwick

**BRASSES** – Mrs K Evans

### **COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2006**

Cash £224.33 FWO £900.85 Total £1125.18

### **ST DAVID'S BRASS BAND**

It's time, once again, to say a big 'thank you' to all the members of our Brass Band who have kept our church brasses so clean and shiny all through 2006. We really are very grateful to you all for your hard work but it's very rewarding because the brasses do look so very nice all the time. Incidentally, those ladies concerned will see that we have put up the rota for 2007 in the church porch but, of course, if for any reason you are unable to polish the brasses in your particular month, do let Joan Cooper know, either in church or on 547422, and we'll sort something out. Once again, thank you all very much indeed, and whilst saying thank you to our brass polishers, may we also say thank you, very much, to the people who dust, clean the floors, see to the church linen, and absolutely everything else to keep our church looking no nice and welcoming year by year.  
THANK YOU EVERYONE.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Although, obviously, these notes are being written well before Christmas Day, we know Mrs Kath Evans would wish to thank everyone for their donations of cash, flowers and greenery for the decoration of the church, and also for the help she received in decorating the church. We shall, of course, say more about Christmas in the February magazine.

### **ST DAVID'S LADIES FELLOWSHIP**

Well, first of all, may we thank everyone, very sincerely, who helped at St David's Christmas Fayre on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Not just the very generous people who brought groceries, cakes and books for the various stalls but those who helped to get everything ready and who worked on the stalls during the afternoon – and particularly our customers who spent their money with us! The grocery stall and raffle between them, with some donations, raised £155, the cakes and books stalls between them, also with

some donations, made another £201 and we were able to hand over a cheque for £202.15, (the proceeds from our Coffee Morning in October). I'm sure everyone must be very please with our efforts and we are indeed grateful to everyone who helped in any way at all to raised such a significant amount for church funds.

Our meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December was opened by our chairman Mrs Jeanette Davies who started with prayers when we remembered various members of our Fellowship who were unable to be with us through illness. It was nice, though, to have Mrs Jean Groves with us again after her knee operation and we sincerely hope she continues to make satisfactory progress. Then, after reading out various notices Jeanette introduced our speaker, Mr K Weir, who gave an illustrated talk on his time in Japan. It was very interesting indeed and the slides he showed us were beautiful. It seems the Japanese people are extremely tidy and orderly in everything they do. I couldn't help wondering what they think of us then they visit Britain! Jeanette thanked Mr Weir very much on behalf of all of us. Our next meeting takes place on 9<sup>th</sup> January when the speaker will be one of our members who has entitled her talk 'The Most Beautiful Cape on Earth' I am of course referring to Mrs Pat Hillman who will be talking to us about South Africa! We look forward to that, with pleasure.

### **SIDESPERSIONS' ROTA**

	8AM	11AM
Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs D Darby	Mr P Williams, Mrs D Wilson Miss J Cooper
Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	Miss J Cooper	Mr & Mrs Coates, Mrs K Evans
Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mr D Cuttall	Mrs J Davies, Mrs A Rowland Mrs N Reid
Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mr J Jones	Mr G Williams, Mrs S Williams Mrs Dorothy Evans

### **OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE CHURCH ROTA**

Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> – Miss G Owen	Feb 5 <sup>th</sup> – Miss G Owen
Jan 8 <sup>th</sup> – Mrs M Gregory	Feb 12 <sup>th</sup> – Miss J Cooper
Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> – Mrs M Gregory	Feb 19 <sup>th</sup> – Mrs M Gregory
Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Mr R Coates	Feb 26 <sup>th</sup> – Mr R Coates
Jan 29 <sup>th</sup> – Mr & Mrs R Evans	