

OUR VICAR WRITES

“Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.” Matthew chapter 6 verse 1.

Strong words from Jesus! Almsgiving, prayer and fasting were three expressions of Jewish piety which Jesus assumed his disciples would practise. Note that Jesus says **WHEN** you give alms, pray and fast, not **IF**. There is no suggestion by Jesus that whereas “hypocrites” perform traditional religious practices, “true believers” have no need of them. At the beginning of Lent we are called to renew our commitment to spiritual disciplines such as these, but Matthew chapter 6 reminds us **WHY** we do so and in particular warns us of wrong attitudes which we need to uproot from our hearts.

We may feel innocent of the gross self-publicity that Jesus criticises, but are there similar (if more subtle) ways in which we draw attention to how “Christian” we would like others to think we are? Perhaps we might make passing reference to a recent retreat, or our spiritual director, our visiting of the sick or a charity we support: all of them things to be doing ... but who are we doing them for? Jesus calls us not to need to impress. Yet more radically, our left hand is not to know what good things our right hand has done: we are not to rehearse to ourselves our acts of generosity; we cannot even be admiring spectators of our own piety. “Dying to self”, that great Lenten challenge, scarcely gets tougher than this.

Lent is a time to consider our Christianity, what does it mean to us? Perhaps we have fallen away from the church – someone has said the wrong thing to us, a sickness or death in the family has challenged our belief – to stop coming to church and make excuses shows our faith to be shallow – seed planted in rocky soil that does not mature but withers; or perhaps our attendance at church has become less regular and we think no one will notice, it doesn’t matter. I have been asked a few times if I expect everyone (yes, I mean everyone) to come to church – the answer is “yes, I do” – is that naïve of me? As a church we must think the impossible, aim for the seemingly impossible, because, if we begin our outreach thinking that to bring all people to Christ is impossible then we might as well shut the doors of the churches now! Remember, all things are possible with God. We must look to God not to man, we must put away childish things

and attitudes and grow to full maturity in the faith. These are the challenges of Lent.

Jesus in Matthew chapter 6 talks of rewards. This can seem difficult: surely Christianity is about grace, not a system of rewards? Indeed so, but the idea of rewards conveys the truth that we are all living towards one goal or another; we have all set our hearts on one form of treasure or another (verse 19 to 21). Jesus warns us that we too easily aim for the lesser reward of other people's opinions of us, which is in reality no reward at all, because other people's affirmation will never quite satisfy us. Three times he reminds us that there is a different reward to be had, given by "your Father who sees in secret".

Jesus forces upon us a choice: what reward do we want? Are we willing to be liberated by him from the need for that false reward and led by him into the secret place where God's reward is to be found? In the secret place we learn that we do not need to impress God to gain his loving acceptance; we therefore no longer need to impress anyone else. Then we might find that we want to pray, to give alms, even to fast, because we love God. Isn't this what Christianity – Faith in God is all about?

Bob Griffiths

MARCH AT A GLANCE

1 ST DAVID:

10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

12noon Holy Eucharist – Chapel of QE Court

12noon to 1pm Frugal Lunch – SP Church Hall

2pm "Oasis" – bereavement group – SP Church Hall

7pm Holy Eucharist – SD

2 10am Holy Eucharist – SD

2.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service - SD

7pm Youth Group – Cinema Visit

4 LENT 2

usual Sunday Services

5 3.30pm After School Club

7pm Deanery Lent Service – Llanddoged

6 7pm Baptism preparation – Llanrhos Schoolroom

7.30pm St David's Ladies Fellowship Meeting

7 10am Holy Eucharist – AS

7pm Llanrhos/Llandudno Lent Service – Hospital Chapel

- 8 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
 12noon to 1pm Frugal Lunch – SP Church Hall
 7pm START meeting – SD Church Hall
- 9 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
 12noon Wedding – SH
- 11 **LENT 3**
 usual Sunday Services
- 12 2.30pm St Paul's Mothers Union Meeting
 3.30pm After School Club
 7pm Deanery Lent Service – Glan Conwy
- 13 2.30pm All Saints Mothers Union Meeting
 7pm Meeting of the Parish Education Group (change of date)
- 14 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
 10.30am Kononia – Fellowship Meeting
 2.15pm All Saints Small Saints – AS
 7pm Llanrhos/Llandudno Lent Service – Hospital Chapel
- 15 9.15am Llanrhos/Llandudno Clergy Meeting
 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
 12noon Service in the Chapel of QE Court
 12noon to 1pm Frugal Lunch – SP Church Hall
 7pm START meeting – SD Church Hall
- 16 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
- 17 10.30am to 4pm Deanery Quiet Day at Noddfa, Penmaenmawr
- 18 **LENT 4 (Mothering Sunday)**
 usual Sunday services
- 19 3.30pm After School Club
 7pm Deanery Lent Service – Llandudno Junction
- 20 7pm St David's Annual Church Meeting
- 21 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
 7pm Llanrhos/Llandudno Lent Service – Hospital Chapel
- 22 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
 12noon to 1pm Frugal Lunch – SP Church Hall
- 23 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
- 25 **LENT 5 (Passion Sunday)**
 usual Sunday Services
- 26 **Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 (Lady Day transferred from 25th March)
 9.15am Holy Eucharist – SD
 2.30pm St Paul's Mothers Union Meeting

- 3.30pm After School Club
 7pm Deanery Lent Service – Deganwy
- 27 2.30pm All Saints Mothers Union Meeting
 7pm Baptism Preparation Meeting – Llanrhos Schoolroom
- 28 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
 10.30am Koinonia – fellowship meeting
 7pm Llanrhos/Llandudno Lent Service – Hospital Chapel
- 29 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
 12noon to 1pm Frugal Lunch – SP Church Hall
 7pm START meeting – SD Church Hall
- 30 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
- 31 Weddings at 11am & 1pm – SH

Items for the April edition of the Parish Magazine should reach the PARISH OFFICE no later than Wednesday 7th March 2007.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

These meetings are the AGM for each individual church. Members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. At the meeting nominations will be made for church officers, accounts will be presented together with the church report.

ST DAVID’S CHURCH: 7pm on Tuesday 20th March – in church

THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING FOR THE PARISH WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 12th APRIL AT 7pm IN LLANRHOS SCHOOLROOM - the Parish Report will be available in the churches of the parish prior to this meeting.

DEANERY LENT SERVICES

Theme: “Making all things new”

Monday 5th March:

St Doged’s Parish Church, Llanddodog:
Speaker from the Environment Strategy

Monday 12th March:

St Ffraid’s Parish Church, Glan Conwy:
Speakers from Conwy CBC Environment Dept.

Monday 19th March:

St Michael & All Angels Church, Llandudno Junction
Speaker: Liz Gentil, Environment Officer in the Diocese of Chester

Monday 26th March:

All Saints Church, Deganwy

Speaker: Rev Martin Batchelor, Vicar of Bistre

Each service begins at 7pm

There was this truck driver who had to deliver 500 penguins to the state zoo. As he was driving his truck through the desert, his truck breaks down. After about 3 hours, he waves another truck down and offers the driver \$500 to take these penguins to the state zoo for him.

The next day the original truck driver arrives in town and sees the new truck driver crossing the road with 500 penguins walking in single file behind him.

The original truck driver jumps out of his truck and asks, "What's going on?" I gave you \$500 to take these penguins to the zoo!"

The new truck driver responds, "I did take them to the zoo. And I had enough money left over so now we're going to see a movie."

DEANERY HOLY WEEK SERVICE

Monday in Holy Week – 2nd April:

St Grwst's Church, Llanrwst at 7pm

Speaker: Rev Vittoria Hancock, Diocesan Officer for Evangelism

LLANRHOS/LLANDUDNO LENT SERVICES

We join together with the Parish of Llandudno for our Lent Service in the Chapel of Llandudno Hospital at 7pm every Wednesday in Lent the service takes the form of Compline with an address, finishing at around 7.30pm.

Wednesday 28th February:

Rev Ginny Burton – "Called through Baptism"

Wednesday 7th March:

Rev Warwick Jaundrill – "Called to be here"

Wednesday 14th March:

Rev Manon Parry – "Growing in our calling"

Wednesday 21st March:

Rev Jane Allen – "Called to what?"

Wednesday 28th March:

Rev Prebendary John Nice – "Upheld by/in Prayer"

LENT MISSIONARY BOXES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCHES OF THE PARISH

Please take a missionary box and return it at Easter

*There is no point in giving up something for Lent which only benefits us as individuals – whatever we “give up” should benefit others
Perhaps we give up sweets, chocolates, alcohol, cake or perhaps an activity that costs us – the money saved should benefit others – so why not take a missionary box or, if you don’t want to support a mission agency you could put the money aside to benefit a charity – St David’s Hospice, Llandudno Hospital League of Friends, MacMillan or Marie Curie Nurses etc. Or perhaps we should “take on” something extra this Lent?*

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2007

Sunday 1st April: PALM SUNDAY

8am Holy Eucharist – SH & SD

9.45am Holy Eucharist – SP (*Blessing of the Palm Crosses and Procession*)

11am Palm Sunday Family Service – SH

11am Holy Eucharist – SD (*Blessing of the Palm Crosses & Procession*)

11am Holy Eucharist – AS

6.30pm Evensong & Sermon – SH

Palm Crosses will be blessed and distributed at all services

Monday in Holy Week: 2nd April

9.15am Holy Eucharist – SD

7pm Deanery Service led by Rev Vittoria Hancocks, Diocesan Officer for Evangleism, in St Grwst’s Church, Llanrwst.

Tuesday in Holy Week: 3rd April

9.15am Holy Eucharist – SH

7pm Compline – SH

Wednesday in Holy Week: 4th April

10am Holy Eucharist – AS

7pm Compline – SH

(6.30pm Chrism Mass & Renewal of Ordination Vows – St Asaph Cathedral)

Maundy Thursday: 5th April

10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

12noon Holy Eucharist – Chapel of QE Court

7pm Passover Meal – SD Church Hall

Good Friday: 6th April

10.30am The Way of the Cross Family Service – SP

2pm Devotional Service before the Cross – SH, AS & SD

Holy Saturday/Easter Eve: 7th April

5pm Holy Eucharist – Chapel of QE Court

7pm The Easter Vigil – SH

EASTER DAY: Sunday 8th April

8am Holy Eucharist – SH, AS & SD

9.45am Holy Eucharist – SP

11am Holy Eucharist – SH, AS & SD

6.30pm Easter Carol Service for the whole Parish – SH

Easter Monday: 9th April:

10am Holy Eucharist – SH

Those unable to make their communion at Easter in church because of ill health and who would like to receive communion at home should contact the Parish Office – 541615 – for arrangements to be made for communion.

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL CONFIRMED PERSONS TO MAKE THEIR COMMUNION AT EASTER.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – PASSOVER MEAL

7pm Thursday 5th April in St David's Church Hall

including footwashing & Holy Communion

The meal will be followed (for those who wish to stay) by

THE WATCH OF THE PASSION

For 1 hour in St David's Church

To assist with the catering PLEASE OBTAIN A TICKET for this service from the churchwardens or from the Parish Office (541615). Tickets are free – there will be a collection to cover the cost of the meal etc. The meal is provided by caterers and it is suggested that a minimum donation of £7 per adult be made.

**TICKETS MUST BE OBTAINED NO LATER THAN
THURSDAY 29TH MARCH 2007**

An anagram, as we all know, is a word or phrase made by transposing or rearranging the letter of another word or phrase. The following examples are quite astounding:

Dormitory = Dirty Room: The Morse Code = Here Come Dots: Snooze Alarms – Alas!
No more Z's:

Alec Guinness = Genuine Class: A Decimal Point = I'm a Dot in Place: Eleven plus two – Twelve plus one: Contradiction = Accord not in it.

And lastly, from the moon, Neil A Armstrong: "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." Becomes: "A thin man ran; makes a large stride; pins flag on moon, left planet. On to Mars!"

PARISH HOLIDAY 2007

Monday 15th to Friday 19th October to

NORWICH

£270 per person (£70 single room supplement)

the cost is based on:

- two sharing a twin/double room with en-suite facilities, TV & tea and coffee making facilities at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Norwich
- full English breakfast
- 3 course evening meal
- visit to Ely and Cambridge
- a trip on the Norfolk Broads
- coach travel to and from Llandudno

Information regarding the holiday can be obtained from church or the Parish Office. A deposit of £65 (non-returnable) is required when booking together with the travel insurance premium (if required).

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW

PARISH HOLIDAY 2008 to the Holy Land – we hope to have details available soon

LENT FRUGAL LUNCHESES

**Every Thursday in Lent from 12noon to 1pm
in St Paul's Church Hall**

£2.50

profits to various charities and St Paul's Church

March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

WEEKLY GIVING: It is more important than ever now that giving to the church in the parish should be weekly. With a Quota of just short of £93,000.00 and ever rising domestic bills we need everyone to give weekly to the church. The easiest ways to do this is:

- a. through the weekly envelope scheme – ask the churchwardens
- b. through a bankers order

If you pay income tax we ask you to consider signing a Gift Aid declaration, which would mean that the church would receive 28p for every £1 you give (you must then give through one of the above schemes).

Some ask what the average weekly giving should be? This is difficult as the church has always said individuals should give according to their means. This is still true. A guide would be an average giving of £5 per person per week – this average means that some would give more and some less but each according to their means. A small coffee in M&S and in Costa Coffee is £1.90, a cup of tea is around £1.30. The reality of the situation is, that without generous giving of more than the cost of a cup of coffee (or two) a week the church will not be able to continue into the next decade!

DEANERY QUIET DAY

At Noddfa, Penmaenmawr

10.30am to 4pm

Saturday 17th March

There will be a small charge for the day

Book your place NOW as there are a very limited number of places

Advance Notice: **THE ANNUAL PARISH VESTRY MEETING will take place at 7pm in Llanrhos Schoolroom on Thursday 12th April 2007.** The Parish report will be available in church a week before the meeting.

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State police officer sees a car pattering along at 22mph. He thinks to himself, “This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!” So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies – two in the front seat and three in the back – wide-eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him, “Officer, I don’t understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?”

“Ma’am,” the officer replies, “you weren’t speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers.”

“Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit – exactly 22 miles an hour!”, the old woman says a bit proudly.

The officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains that the “22” was the highway number, not the speed limit.

A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

“But before I let you go, ma’am, I have to ask, is everyone in this car okay? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven’t muttered a single peep this whole time,” the officer asks.

“Oh, they’ll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Highway 119.”

ARTICLES FOR SALE – COMPUTER/PRINTER/DESK

Pentium 100, 8 megs of ram, 1 gigabyte hard drive. Quad speed, C D Rom. 16 bit s/card – Windows 98. Hewlett Packard DJ607C Printer included with new desk. £50 ono – please phone 01492 545340.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

21.01.07 Lois Alan Evans (SD)

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

09.03.07 Simon John Selby & Jane Louise Jones (SH)

31.03.07 Osian Owen Jones & Sian Eleri Evans (SH)

Christopher Edward Lambe & Laura Elizabeth Hume (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

15.01.07 Edward Richard Davies (SH & The Lawns)

16.01.07 George Edward Lee (Colwyn Bay)

19.01.07 John Robert Owen (Colwyn Bay)

Helga May Marshall (Colwyn Bay)

24.01.07 Phyllis Grundy (Colwyn Bay)

Constance Stelfox Williams (Colwyn Bay)

26.01.07 Patricia Ann Donaldson (Colwyn Bay)

Moira Mallindine (Colwyn Bay)

29.01.07 Iris Audrey Jones (Colwyn Bay)

31.01.07 Violet Mary Jones (SH & The Lawns)

02.02.07 Alan Moors (Colwyn Bay)

Menna Hopkins (SP & The Lawns)

01.02.07 Simon Robinson (Colwyn Bay)

02.02.07 Betty Warle (SH Memorial Service & Churchyard)

05.02.07 Francis Mary Evans (SH & The Lawns)

Elsie Rogers (Colwyn Bay)

Brian Robert Hughes (Colwyn Bay)

Valerie May Gregory (SP & Colwyn Bay)

- 06.02.07 Grace Megan Jones (Colwyn Bay)
07.02.07 Oswald Edward Hanson (Colwyn Bay)
Victoria Jane Foster (The Lawns)
George Penketh (Colwyn Bay)
08.02.07 Rosaline Mary Rees (Colwyn Bay)
Margaret Cross (SP & Gt Orme)

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.

THE RNLI IN LLANDUDNO

The station's lifeboats have been launched on service 3 times so far in 2007. In January, the all-weather boat took part with Moelfre Lifeboat in a search off the north of Anglesey for a life raft from a fishing boat which had allegedly been stolen from Amlwch harbour. The signal from the life raft's automatic distress beacon had been picked up by coastguards. Whilst Moelfre's lifeboat soon found the wrecked fishing boat nothing was seen of the life raft despite a thorough search in darkness and heavy seas, during which waves over 4 metres in height were encountered.

The station's new inshore lifeboat was launched a week later to investigate reports that 2 children with a dog were in danger of being marooned on the westshore sandbanks by the flood tide. An extensive search round the banks revealed nothing amiss and the lifeboat was recalled. A second search for a transmitting emergency radio beacon, this time off the Pensarn area was carried out by the all-weather lifeboat in early February. Launching in near-freezing conditions and fog, the crew carried out a 3-hour search using direction-finding equipment and radar, with no result. The operation was later called off by coastguards.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY 2ND MARCH.

Services will be held at **ST DAVID'S CHURCH**, Penrhyn Bay at 2.30pm
– speaker Rev Sheila Cairns
and also at **CAPEL BETHANIA**, Craigydun, Llandudno at 2.30pm –
speaker Mrs Jean Fleming

and also at **LLANDUDNO BAPTIST CHURCH**, Great Orme's Rd, Westshore, Llandudno at 3pm – speaker Mrs Kim Platt
and also at **ST JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH**, Mostyn Street, Llandudno at 7.30pm – speaker Mrs Renee Hilton.

News from the After School Club February 2007

Now that the After School Bible Club has been running for over three years this would seem to be a good time to write a report about our activities. No doubt, the atmosphere at the Club is a bit different to what some of us would remember from the Sunday Schools of our youth but that is essentially what we are, a sort of “Monday-Sunday-School”.

Our weekly meetings are held at Ysgol Bodafon although some children do come from other schools. A shortage of leaders has made it difficult to accommodate all those who would like to join and numbers on the role have therefore fluctuated between twenty and thirty but it is encouraging for the helpers to know that the interest and enthusiasm of the children has been maintained.

Each session starts with a snack, which, in these days of healthy eating, consists of fruit with bananas, grapes and apples being the favourites. We try to make this into a social time when the children are encouraged to tell their news. Listening to what others have to say is the hard bit. The younger children then have a short sing-song led by Pat Hillman on the piano before going off to their groups for Bible Study. We use the Scripture Union programme and usually manage time for a Bible story followed by a related activity, which may be craft based, written work or drama. Ginny, Sandra, Pat Hay and Nicky have been learning how to present an aspect of Christian Worship called Godly Play. Sometimes the three groups get together for this. It's difficult to describe the technique but it really is most moving to watch the wrapt attention on the faces of the children as they watch and listen to the message unfold.

A subscription from the parents covers the cost of the fruit and teaching resources. The human resources are given free. The adult team of leaders led by Ginny and Sandra Williams consists of Pat Hay, Nicky Jones, Pat Hillman and Nest Reid. We are very fortunate in having valuable and consistent help from our young student leaders, Gareth Williams, Abi Groom and Ben Tooth. Their loyalty and enthusiasm is greatly

appreciated. Gareth's Brother Matthew and Cassie Oates were also involved until they went to University. During the course of last year, Ann Hughes, Freda Ashley and Joy Green left us because of the pressure of other commitments. We were sad about this, as all three had been leaders since the Club first started as had Patrick Rohde whose help and company we also miss. However, we shall still see Freda as she is going to be a replacement standing in during absences.

With the lighter evenings and spring just around the corner, the Club has re-started after our Christmas break. We pray that our meetings will continue to be happy times providing the children with a positive experience of the Christian Faith.

LLANDUDNO HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

The AGM of the League of friends will be held on Thursday 29th March at the Queens Hotel, Llandudno, commencing at 2.30pm. The guest speaker will be David Owen C.B.E., Q.P.M., and Chairman of Conwy Community Health Council who will be able to provide an insight into the NHS at a local level. Afternoon tea will be served. Existing members are invited to bring a friend who may want to become a supporter – annual membership fee of £1 or life membership of £10.

THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF S.PETER IN RUTHIN

Saint Peter's Concert Society present the 1925 silent film – The Phantom of the opera with organ accompaniment by Donald Mackenzie, organist the Odeon Leicester Square London. Wednesday 21st March at 8pm – Admission £5 – tickets available from the Bookshop Upper Clwyd St, Ruthin or Telephone 01948 666382. A rare opportunity to see this 'Gothic Masterpiece' accompanied by the Willis organ in the candlelit medieval splendour of S. Peter's.

CHRISTIAN AID

The Christmas donations from our Parish were £205 – thank you for your commitment to Christian Aid.

Our first **COFFEE MORNING** of the year will be hosted by our parish with St David's Methodist at **St Paul's Church Hall on Thursday March 8th 10am to 12 noon**. There will be a cake and bric-a-brac stalls, and items for these would be gratefully received. Do try and attend and let's get off to a good start!

Some other dates for your diaries.....

Thursday 12th April – Coffee Morning at Seilo Chapel

Sunday 13th May – Saturday 19th May – Christian Aid Week

ST HILARY'S PARISH CHURCH

| Readers Rota: | | 11am | 6.30pm |
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| March | 4 | Family Service | A Russell |
| | 11 | I Webster | E Williams |
| | 18 | P Evans | G Williams (W) |
| | 25 | A Hutchings | A Jones |
| April | 1 | Family Service | T Faulkner |
| | 8 | A Hughes | Easter Carol Service |
| | 15 | V Jones | K Roberts (W) |
| | 22 | A Hutchings | E Williams |
| | 29 | O Wakefield | A Jones |

| Sidespeople: | | 11am | 6.30pm |
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| March | 4 | Dr R Hughes Mr J Boole | Messrs Faulkner |
| Mar | 11 & 18 | Mr B Ashley Mr Leighton Davies | Mrs A Jones |
| Mar | 25 & Apr | 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 |

What's happening with the wall? As we write this we have no news from CADW regarding our grant application but we do hope to have news of this soon. Once again we are being held up by the red-tape of Conwy County Borough Council! Initially we were told that as we were only rebuilding and re-pointing the boundary wall that permission was needed from the Diocese using the Faculty procedures. This has been done but the diocese referred the matter to the County Conservation Officer who had no objection to the re-building and re-pointing and the removal of the two

sycamore trees. In mid-January the County Planning Department decided we needed planning permission (at a cost of £144 for the application) even though we had a Faculty from the Diocese for the work! As you know we had originally planned ramped access for the disabled along a length of the boundary wall on the Conwy Road but the County Conservation Officer objected. We then asked the Highways Department about the possibility of a pavement because of the risk of an accident to people walking along the roadside from the lay-by (they obviously felt it a risk when they put in the path over their own land into the lay-by). This was referred to the County Conservation Officer who again refused. The Vicar expressed his concern to the Highways Department stressing the risk to people. The reply he received said that should parking in the lay-by be 'formalised' then they would need to enforce certain regulations! We seem to have reached a stale-mate between us and the County Council! We have tried and the Vicar has told the Council that should there be an accident, as the grass verge belongs to them, then we can show we have tried all ways to alleviate this risk to people but that they have blocked everything we have proposed, therefore any claims will be referred to them – we can do nothing more! With luck everything will come together shortly to enable us to re-build and re-point the boundary wall and restore the gate on the Conwy Road. The extent of the work we undertake will depend on whether or not we receive a grant from CADW!

COLLECTIONS IN JANUARY:

Cash: £365.10 FWO: £1151.00 Total: £1516.10

Report of the Church Committee Meeting held on Thursday 25th January:

Mr A Russell gave a financial statement during which he said that last year we managed to keep our accounts 'in the black' even with the expenditure on the roof, external walls and porch. He was concerned for 2007 as Quota had risen sharply for St Hilary's and we would need to keep a close eye on finances.

The Vicar reported on the progress (or lack of it) on the boundary wall (see previous item in the magazine).

The Schoolroom: the Vicar outlined his 'vision' of the future and asked the committee if they thought he was 'on the right track'. He felt that we should be looking to the future and the possibility that the Parish Church might, in 20 to 25 years time, be the focal point of the parish with a need

for a 'parish centre'. If this turned out to be the case then the Schoolroom would need to be in good condition both inside and out. At present the Lease we have on the building from Mostyn Estates (we pay £25 per year rent) states that we are responsible for ALL repairs and renewals both inside and out and including boundary walls. The Vicar had found a lease from 1983 and a more recent lease in the file was dated 2002, both clearly stating this. Mostyn Estates had written to the Vicar offering a 3 year lease which would leave us with the responsibility for repairs and renewals internally but the Estate would be responsible for all external work. The Vicar was asked to write to Mostyn Estates asking if the lease could be longer than 3 years but with the same agreement regarding internal and external work and also to state that we had long-term plans and would need to know that our tenancy of the Schoolroom was secure for the long-term. The church would be re-assessed for insurance purposed on 12 February. Mr Tim Faulkner agreed to arrange for the Fire Risk Assessment to be undertaken.

The Annual Church meeting for St Hilary's will take place on Thursday 15th March at 7pm in the Schoolroom.

The next meeting of the Church Committee will take place on Tuesday 19th June at 7pm in the Schoolroom.

ST HILARY'S PARISH CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday 15th March

At 7pm in Llanrhos Schoolroom

This is the AGM for the Parish Church and members of the congregation are encouraged to come along

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Report from the Church Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 24 January:

Church Hall: the windows were to be looked at as many of those which open were proving difficult to shut! The gas cooker would be inspected as there was a smell of gas. The cleaning and caretaking of the hall was to be divided between Norman and Ken and honorariums were agreed by the committee. There was some damp showing along the floor of the hall in places, this would be inspected further. It was agreed to vary the church

hall licence so that we would be able to hold such events as Cheese & Wine evenings in the hall.

The roof above the vestry door was to be looked at to stop the leak.

Fire Regulations: Mrs Delora Harding was undertaking this task.

The accounts for 2006 were presented by Mr Selwyn Williams in the absence of Mr Trevor Roberts. They showed a surplus for the year of just over £6000. This was due to a legacy of £12,500 received in 2006 without which a deficit of £6,500 would have been shown following the repairs to the church roof.

Future dates:

Annual Church meeting for St Paul's – 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th March

Church Committee - 7pm on Wednesday 30th May

Summer Fayre – 10am to 1pm on Thursday 26th July

Christmas Fayre – 10am to 1pm on Thursday 29th November

COLLECTIONS

Cash £235.10 FWO £1052.40 Total £1287.50

In this season of Lent – the first day of Lent Ash Wednesday 21st February, our thoughts turn to self reflection and penitence and the events leading up to the Resurrection on Easter Day. The hope is that we all feel the benefit of this reflective period – the Lenten Services will certainly help to concentrate our thoughts.

We regret to record the deaths of 2 of our parishioners, that of Mrs Menna Hopkins who was laid to rest on Friday 2nd February and that of Mrs Margaret Cross who died on Monday 29th January and whose funeral service was on Thursday February 8th. They will be sadly missed, may they rest in peace.

Ah, that's the reason a bird can sing –
On his darkest day, he believes in the spring.

MOTHERS UNION NOTES

Our AGM was held on 22nd January 2007. The meeting was opened with prayers, with special prayers being said for Mrs Menna Hopkins who is a patient at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd.

EVENTS FOR MARCH:

Monday 12th March – Speaker Mrs Desiree Blease – ‘A Story of 2 Mothers’

Monday 26th March – Lady Day

CORPORATE COMMUNION – for all members on Thursday 1st March at 10.30am – reader Mrs Dorothy Roberts.

COFFEE MORNINGS – held every Thursday 10am til 12 noon – a warm welcome to all.

FUTURE EVENTS:

10th May – Deanery Festival at St Fraid’s, Glan Conwy at 2.30pm

5th June – Diocese Festival at St Asaph at 7pm

25th June – Outing to St Asaph Cathedral with Afternoon Tea at Oriel House

We send our love and best wishes to all members who are not well at this time. We remember them in our prayers and hope they will be back with us before too long. We also send our best wishes to our indoor members.

ST PAUL’S ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

7.30pm on Tuesday 13th March

in the church vestry

This is the AGM for St Paul’s and all members of the congregation are encouraged to attend

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

TOILET: for many years people have said that there was a need for a toilet at All Saints. We have tried in recent years to provide this within the church and as an extension. The cost would have been great but in each instance the diocese in one case and CADW in the other said ‘no’. Recently we agreed to hire a portable toilet to be placed in the grounds so that, at least, we had a toilet facility. The toilet has now been in place for two months. It’s not the prettiest of things but it does serve a purpose and it is portable – the company from whom we hire the “tardis” maintains it and

we have no responsibility for its cleaning. Those people who say they cannot come to church because there is no toilet can no longer say this!

ROTAS AT ALL SAINTS:

Sidespeople: 8am

11am

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| March 4 | - | Mr G Havard Mrs B Havard |
| 11 | Mrs V Gradwell | Ms J Preece Mrs T Teixeira |
| 18 | Miss P Murphy | Mrs A Cross Mrs H Brookes |
| 25 | Mr/Mrs Doyle | Miss M Worthington Mrs J Lancaster |
| April 1 | - | Mrs S Oldfield Mrs T Teixeira |
| 8 | Mrs M Meldrum | Mr G Havard Mrs B Havard |
| 15 | Mrs B Thoburn | Ms J Preece Mrs P Reed |
| 22 | Mr P Brown | Miss J Barrington Mrs A Cross |
| 29 | Mrs V Gradwell | Mrs S Crawford Mrs H Brookes |

Intercession Rota for the 11am Service:

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| March 4 | clergy | April 1 | Mrs D Laight |
| 11 | Mrs G Havard | 8 | clergy |
| 18 | Mrs S Crawford | 15 | Mr N Raggett |
| 25 | clergy | 22 | clergy |
| | | 29 | Mr J Wright |

Readers at the 11am service:

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

REPORT FROM THE CHURCH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22nd JANUARY.

The Rev Pam Wright opened the meeting with prayer.

The ROOF REPAIRS had been completed and the “trial by rain” in January had proved that the work had achieved its aim – no water inside the church. There remained the roof in the corner near the card stall to be repaired.

The area around the church had been cleared. Everything looked much better. We need to make sure it remains this way.

The portable toilet had been delivered and it was agreed that it needed moving closer to the boundary wall and quotations sought to provide a path to it. The key to the toilet will be kept in the church – it would not be open for general use outside the times of church services.

Mr P Brown gave the treasurers report on 2006 stating that an excess of income over expenditure of £692 in 2005 had turned into a deficit of £781.25 in 2006. Considering the repairs to the roof we had done remarkably well but mainly due to a generous bequest from the late Mrs Florence Hatton.

Mr J Wright reported that the boiler room had flooded and he had been able to get a company to pump it out and rod the drains. This had proved successful but indications were that tree roots were growing through the drains. It would be advisable to have the drains rodded every year to try to alleviate a major problem. The cellar drains into a soak-away in the car park and with the high water-table at present the cellar still has approximately two inches of water in it. The old pump no longer works. It was agreed to purchase a new pump and hose for the boiler room to get rid of any excess water.

The Vicar asked if, with the introduction of a 4.30pm Crib Service on Christmas Eve, the 7pm service was wanted. After a short discussion on numbers it was agreed that this service was no longer needed. It was agreed that the 9am Holy Eucharist on Christmas Day was a good time.

Miss Peg Murphy said that she would be stepping down as Churchwarden at the Annual Church Meeting. Peg said that she had approached some people amongst the 8am congregation to see if they would be willing to come forward as a possible Church Warden. The task of the Warden at the 8am service is to open up the church, set up the altar and clear away after

the service and to stand in for the sidespeople should they not be in church for their duties. The Vicar said that it was important that a Warden was on duty at the 8am service to undertake these duties as the clergy should not be expected to undertake these duties and that if no one comes forward then very serious consideration would have to be given as to the future of the 8am service. *If there is anyone willing to come forward and offer themselves for this role please have a word with Rev Pam Wright or the Vicar.*

FUND Raising was discussed and it was agreed to hold a Garden party at Brackenrigg on the afternoon of Saturday 2nd June and the Autumn Fayre in Bethel Schoolroom on the morning of Saturday 29th September (if the room was available). It was also proposed that we hold a “big” raffle. There was also a suggestion that we have a Gift Day which coincided with the Autumn Fayre weekend.

The ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING will take place in church at 7pm on Thursday 22nd March.

The next meeting of the CHURCH COMMITTEE will take place on Monday 21st March. At 7pm in church.

MOTHERS UNION NOTES

We began the New Year with a Holy Eucharist Service held in Bethel Chapel Hall. Our Vicar took the service and gave us much food for thought in his talk about god's will for us and our response. Our sincere thanks to him. We had a good attendance at this service and it was lovely to welcome Miss Ceri Hughes back with us after her move to Llandudno. It was a pleasure too to welcome her sister Mrs Peggy Jones and we look forward to seeing them in the future.

At our AGM the usual reports were given and the committee all re-elected. Thanks were given to all who have attended the meetings and worked in any way both in the Mother Union and church work. We then had a short time talking about some Old Testament miracles and Mr Jeff Wright followed with a very light hearted talk ‘my childhood’ and other funny stories. Thank you to Jeff for raising a smile!

Meetings in March are on 13th and 27th. All are welcome to come along and join us at 2.30pm in Bethel Chapel Schoolroom. Our 13th March meeting has been changed and instead of ‘Bible Mothers’ we are having Mrs Pat Farnwork to come and speak to us and on 27th Mr and Mrs Hicks are coming to talk to us about the work of the RNLI.

The Corporate Communion is 7th March and Mrs Beryl Hasprey will be our reader. Please continue to remember our house bound members and all who are sick in your prayers.

ALL SAINTS ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Thursday 22nd March at 7pm in church

This is the AGM for All Saints and all members of the Congregation are encouraged to attend

ST DAVID'S CHURCH

FEAST OF ST DAVID

Thursday 1st March 2007

a celebration of the HOLY EUCHARIST

at 7pm in St David's Church

come along and celebrate our Patronal Festival and the Feast Day of the Patron Saint of Wales

ST DAVID'S CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday 20th March

At 7pm in church

This is the AGM for St David's and members of the Congregation are encouraged to attend.

ST DAVID'S CHURCH

It may seem a long time ago now but we must mention our service of Evensong on 7th January. It was a pity there weren't more people there to enjoy the service because it isn't often we get the opportunity to take part in Evensong, but even, so, those of us who did attend found it very refreshing. The speaker was the Rev John Harvey, Rector of Llangystennin Church and it was very nice indeed to be able to welcome him to our church. The choir sang 'We Three Kings' to a setting composed by our organist, Mr Ken Holland, and again, to close the evening we were all offered wine and chocolates – lovely!! Well, that service brought our Christmas festivities at St David's Church to an end – and now we're back to normal.

It was a pleasure to welcome another little member into our church family when during the Family Service on 21st January, Ginny baptised Lois Alaw

Evans, a lively little girl of about 18 months who led Ginny quite a dance, to the amusement of the onlookers, but we were very pleased when, after the service, several of the baptism party joined us in the church hall for coffee and a chat.

The service on the 28th January was, of course, the 2004 version of the Holy Eucharist, which really is a quiet, peaceful service once you become accustomed to the different presentation. Ginny officiated and Mr Keith Livesey gave the sermon. There seemed to be more people there than sometimes for the 2004 service, which was good, and we hope and pray the congregation continues to grow in numbers as time goes on. Our service on 4th February was again the revised more up-to-date version of Matins, Mr Alan Price gave the sermon in his usual impressive manner and the hymns were lovely. We are sure people must have enjoyed it.

MRS VERA MILLER

It was a sad occasion at the Crematorium on 30th January when we said our final good-byes to one of St David's most loyal members, Mrs Vera Miller, who died in hospital in the early hours on Monday 22nd January. Vera was a poorly lady for years but in much happier times and before she was compelled to stop through illness, she worked very hard not just for our church but for various other organisations too. Vera was a sidesperson, saw to the distribution of the parish magazines in our church, was the enrolling members for the Mothers' Union, secretary of the St David's Ladies' Fellowship and the Church Committee and she organised the Christian Aid Week house-to-house collections for the whole of Penrhyn Bay. Vera also organised the service for the Women's World Day of Prayer in our church and through the WRVS she worked in various other capacities. She will be sadly missed by many people including her family and friends to whom we offer our deepest sympathy. We must however be grateful that Vera's sufferings are now over and at last she is at peace. Than you, Vera, for everything. We will never forget you.

ALTAR FLOWERS

There will be no altar flowers in church during Lent except on 1st March when we hold a service of Holy Eucharist at 7pm to celebrate our patron saint. The St David's Ladies Fellowship will provide a lovely vase of daffodils on that occasion to be placed by the altar.

BRASSES – Mrs Maura Gregory

COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 2007

Cash £375.03 FWO £1051.45 Total £1426.48

HELP – AGAIN!

We are again appealing for help. Last month we asked for help with the cleaning of the inside of the church. This month we are seeking help with tending the church grounds! We really do need help in this connection. Mr John Clutton is prepared to continue to cut the lawns, which is a big job but which he has been doing for quite some time now, but he needs someone to trim the edges of the lawns, weed the borders and keep them tidy and generally keep the gardens looking trim and neat. It's certainly too much work for one person so if any one of you feels able to help with this work, please do have a word with John who will be only too pleased to say exactly what is required. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

If you receive your magazine in time, may we remind you that we shall be holding a service in our church at 2.30pm on Friday 2nd March, for Women's World Day of Prayer. This year the service has been organised by the women of Paraguay. Our speaker will be the Rev Sheila Cairns, and we shall serve refreshments in the church hall after the service – do come along – everyone will be more than welcome.

SIDESPERSIONS' ROTA

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

OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE CHURCH ROTA

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| Mar 5 th - Mrs A Chatfield | April 2 nd – Mr R Coates |
| March 12 th – Miss G Owen | April 9 th – Mr & Mrs Evans |
| March 19 th – Miss J Cooper | April 16 th – Miss G Owen |

March 26th – Mrs M Gregory

April 23rd – Miss J Cooper

April 30th – Mrs M Gregory

ST DAVID'S LADIES FELLOWSHIP

In January our speaker was one of our own members, Mrs Pat Hillman, who gave us a wonderfully illustrated talk on South Africa. Maybe several of us had little idea that South Africa was so beautiful and we really are very grateful to Pat and her husband John who operated the projector for sharing its beauty with us. As mentioned above, we have now lost one of our most loyal members, Mrs Vera Miller, who died on 22nd January. She was the secretary of our Fellowship for many years and worked very hard and conscientiously on our behalf. Vera hasn't been fit to attend our meetings for a good while now and had to retire as secretary but she will be sadly missed by the many friends she made in our organisation. Our Secretary, Mrs Ann Rowland, opened our meeting on 6th February with prayer and spoke of Vera's recent death. She was also able to tell our members that the Ladies Fellowship had made a donation to TENOVUS in Vera's memory. Ann then mentioned the Women's World Day of Prayer service, which is to be held in St David's Church at 2.30pm on Friday 2nd March. She also asked if any of our members could possibly spend a couple of hours or so on a rota basis to make tea and coffee for the young mothers during the Parent and Toddler meetings on Thursday mornings. Megan Jones who does this in her turn along with Pat Hillman and Joan Greenwood is ill and unable to help for the time being which leaves just Pat and Joan so even if you are not a member of the Ladies Fellowship about read this and feel you could help, will you please have a word with Pat who will be glad to tell you exactly what it entails or ring Mandy at the Parish Office on 541615 who will pass your details on.

Our speaker for the evening was our old friend, Mrs Ceanne Harper, who took us on a lovely tour of parts of Italy by means of very clever up to date technology, using her and her husband Albert's beautiful photography, but in the form of a DVD. There was appropriate music throughout and Mrs Harper's recorded voice. It really was lovely and she was thanked very sincerely of all of us by Ann. Our next meeting is on 6th March and the talk will be a Lenten Address by the Rev Mark Chadwick.