

## **OUR VICAR WRITES**

The gospels were written in a time of uncertainty and fear. They were written for the benefit of a new Christianity, finding its feet in the world of empires and religions. The new faith faced hostility from its Jewish parent faith, and also from the Roman empire, wondering how much of a threat it might pose to the fragile stability of the eastern Mediterranean. The early Christians needed to learn about Jesus, and about the meaning of his life, death and resurrection. They also needed advice on how to live their new faith, and reassurance when things were hard. They needed to be helped to face up to the possibility of persecution, and to develop strategies for dealing with it.

In a time of fear, of emergency, of battle against the forces of darkness, both Jewish and gentile, the new Christians needed above all to learn to unite. Some were Jews some Gentiles. They were from different social classes. Some were slaves, others free people. They had many reasons to distrust one another, many old enmities which could emerge. A divided church will be destroyed. Only a church united in action against the common enemy can survive.

St John in his gospel uses the picture of the vine to tell Christians that they ARE united. The branches do not have a choice about being part of the same plant, they just are because they are all attached to the same stem. Those who have attached themselves to Christ have also attached themselves to one another whether they like it or not. There is an organic unity for those who have chosen Christ. Friends of Christ are also friends of one another. The well-being of one is the well-being of all, a disaster for one is a disaster for all. Any who pull themselves away from their fellow branches detach themselves from the stem and no longer count; it is those who stay together who produce the grapes.

In the church today we face a similar crisis to that of the early Christians. It is not persecution that threatens us, but indifference. We have become irrelevant to the majority of our society. The Church is fractured, broken into denominations and factions. Even within the Anglican Church, there are deep divisions over matters of

doctrine, ethics and church practice. We cannot mend these deep historic divisions easily. What we can do, however, is to seek to understand our fellow Christians and work with them, remembering that we belong together even with those with whom we disagree or whom we do not like, because we all belong to Christ. If the Church can relearn that lesson, perhaps it will survive after all in this age of indifference.

Bob Griffiths

## **NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE**

### **1 FEAST OF ALL SAINTS (page 277 in the Prayer Book)**

10am Holy Eucharist – AS

7.30pm St David's Ladies Fellowship

### **2 The Commemoration of All Souls (page 306 in the Prayer Book)**

10am Holy Eucharist – AS

7pm Requiem Eucharist – SH

### **3 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP**

12noon Holy Eucharist – Q E Court Chapel

7pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting

### **4 10am Holy Eucharist – SD**

7pm Youth group

### **5 10.30am to 12noon St Hilary's Autumn Fayre**

### **6 KINGDOM 2 (Trinity 24)**

usual Sunday Services

### **7 7pm Baptism Preparation Meeting – Llanrhos Schoolroom**

8pm Evening Koinonia – Llanrhos Schoolroom

### **8 7pm for 7.30pm Deanery Conference at Llanrwst**

7.30pm Parish Men's Group

### **9 10am Holy Eucharist – AS**

### **10 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP**

### **11 10am Holy Eucharist – SD**

### **13 KINGDOM 3 (Trinity 25 – Remembrance Sunday)**

usual Sunday Services

*SH, AS & SD 11am service begins at 10.55am today*

### **14 2.30pm St Paul's Mothers Union**

- 15 11.45am Deanery Staff meeting
- 16 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
- 17 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP  
12noon Service in the Chapel of Q E Court
- 18 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
- 19 12noon Diocesan Mission Festival Service – St Asaph Cathedral  
10am to 4pm Llandudno Cytun Conference
- 20 **FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (Sunday before Advent)**  
usual Sunday Services  
plus 3.30pm Service of Light – SP
- 23 10am Holy Eucharist – AS  
12.15pm Craig y Don Community Lunch – SD Methodist Church  
7pm Parochial Church Council Meeting – Llanrhos Schoolroom
- 24 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP  
10am to 1pm St Paul's Christmas Fayre
- 25 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
- 26 2pm St David's Christmas Fayre
- 27 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
usual Sunday Services
- 28 2.30pm St Paul's Mothers Union
- 30 **FEAST OF ST ANDREW (page 219 in the Prayer Book)**  
10am Holy Eucharist – AS  
7pm Advent Eucharist – SH

***Items for the December issue of the Parish magazine should reach the PARISH OFFICE no later than midday on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005.***

Why not come along to St Paul's Church Hall **every Thursday** for a cup of coffee, a chat and fellowship – cake stall twice a month.

**COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS:** If you wish the name of a departed loved one to be remembered at the Requiem Eucharist in St Hilary's Parish Church at 7pm on All Souls Day (Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November) please make sure their name is placed on the lists in church. *We hope that if you put a name on the list you will join us for*

*the service.* The names of all those whose funerals we have taken in the parish over the past twelve months will be remembered.

The **PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE** (*churchwardens, church secretaries & treasurers, PCC secretary and treasurer, Lay Readers*) meets at 7pm in Llanrhos Schoolroom on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

The **YOUTH GROUP** meets at the Vicarage on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 6.45pm before going Ten Pin Bowling – cost £2.50 plus money for a visit to MacDonalads!

**St Hilary's Parish Church**

**AUTUMN FAYRE**

**10.30am to 12noon in Llanrhos Schoolroom**

**on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

**various stalls – raffle – cup of coffee/tea & biscuits**

***PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH CHURCH***

**BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING:** The November meeting for parents who are seeking Baptism for their child will take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in Llanrhos Schoolroom.

*All Baptisms should be booked through Mandy at the Parish Office – 541615.*

**EVENING KOINONIA MEETING:** The evening group for Bible Study, discussion and prayer meets at 8pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November in Llanrhos Schoolroom.

Deanery of Llanrwst

**DEANERY CONFERENCE**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – 7pm for 7.30pm**

**Church House, Llanrwst**

***speaker: Rev Chris Webb, Diocesan Officer for Evangelism***

We extend an invitation to anyone interested in the subject of evangelism to come along

## **What if God had an answering machine?**

*Imagine praying and hearing this .....*

Thank you for calling my Father's house. Please select one of the following four options:

Press 1 for requests; Press 2 for thanksgiving; Press 3 for complaints; For all other enquiries press 4.

What if God used the familiar excuse:

All the angels are helping other customers right now; Please stay on the line; Your call will be answered in the order it was received.

Imagine getting these kind of responses as you call on God in prayer:

If you'd like to speak to Gabriel press 1, for Michael press 2, for any other angel press 3. If you want King David to sing you a psalm, press 6. For reservations at my Father's House simply press the letters J-O-H-N on the keypad, followed by the numbers 3-1-6-; for answer to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth and where Noah's ark is, wait until you get here. Our computers show you have called once today already, please hang up immediately. This office is closed for the weekend, please call again on Monday.

End of message.

Thank God, you call Him too often. You only need to ring once and God hears you; because of Jesus, you never get a busy signal. God takes each call and knows each caller personally. When you call, the Lord will answer. You will cry for help and He will say:

Here am I.

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 13<sup>th</sup> November**

8am Holy Eucharist – AS & SD

9.45am Holy Eucharist & Act of Remembrance – SP

10.45am Holy Eucharist & Act of Remembrance – SH, AS & SD

3.30pm Evening Prayer – SP

6.30pm Evensong & Sermon – SH

**NEW ROTAS IN THE CHURCHES:** shortly the new rotas for 2006 in each of the churches will be being put together for readers, intercession leaders, sidespeople, flower arrangers, polishers, servers at the altar. If you would like to be included on any of the rotas please have a word with one of the churchwardens in the church you attend in the parish.

**St Paul's Church, Craig y Don**

**SERVICE OF LIGHT**

**3.30pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

**(Feast of Christ the King)**

*join us for a very meaningful service*

This Sunday is also "Music Sunday" when we pray for

and support the work the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM)

There will be a meeting of the **PAROCHIAL CHURCH**

**COUNCIL** at 7pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November in

Llanrhos Schoolroom.

**ADVENT EUCHARIST**

**7pm every Wednesday in Advent**

30<sup>th</sup> November, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> December

**in St Hilary's Parish Church**

*make attendance at these services part of your*

*preparations to celebrate Christmas*

**DECEMBER DIARY DATES:**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>: join us at 10.30am in All Saints Church to make CHRISTINGLES – come "armed" with an apron, sharp knife and patience!

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>: 3.30pm PARISH CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at All Saints Church

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>: 6.30pm Ysgol Deganwy Christmas Service in All Saints Church

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>: 2pm St David's College Christmas Service in St Paul's Church

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>: 3pm we hope to hold a "Live" Nativity at Bodafon Farm Park

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm Conwy Valley Mixed Choir Concert in St Paul's Church

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>: 11am Family Service for Christmas at St David's and  
11am A service of Readings and Carols for Christmas at All Saints  
Church.

3.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St Paul's  
Church

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols by  
Candlelight at St Hilary's

Parish Church

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>: 12noon Holy Eucharist – QE Court Chapel

5pm Family Service for Christmas – SP

7pm Holy Eucharist – AS

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist – SH & SD

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>: 8am Holy Eucharist – SH, AS & SD

9.45am Holy Eucharist – SP

11am Holy Eucharist – SH, AS & SD

There is NO afternoon service at SP and NO evening  
service at SH

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>: 10am Holy Eucharist – SH

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>: 10am Holy Eucharist – AS

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>: 10am Holy Eucharist –SD

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006: 10.30am Parish Eucharist in St Hilary's  
Parish Church – THIS WILL BE THE ONLY SERVICE IN THE  
PARISH ON THIS DAY.

Lead you life so you won't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.  
A depression is a period when people do without the things their parents never had.  
Golf liars have one advantage over the fishing kind – they don't have to show  
anything to prove it.

You can't fool all the people all the time, but most of us try.

Seen it all, done it all, can't remember most of it.

Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you  
hear them speak.

Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves, for they will never cease to be  
amused.

Everything has beauty but not everyone sees it.

No husband ever shot her husband while he was washing the dishes.

I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.

He who laughs last, thinks slowest

**St Paul's Church**

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**10am to 1pm in St Paul's Church Hall**

**on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005**

*usual stalls – raffle – coffee & biscuits – light lunches from 12noon*

**please support St Paul's at this fayre**

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Confirmation classes will begin in January in preparation for the Deanery Confirmation Service that will take place at 3.30pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2006 at one of the churches in the deanery.

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

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

**St David's Church**

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**2pm in St David's Church Hall, Penrhyn Bay**

**on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2005**

*usual stalls – tea & biscuits – raffle*

**please come along and support St David's Church**

People gather bundles of sticks to build bridges they never cross.

**FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

**HOLY BAPTISM**

10.09.05 Gabriella Grace Thoburn (AS)

18.09.05 Jack Carl Boyle (SH)

16.10.05 Charlotte Carys Wood (SH)

23.10.05 Ryan William Ehlke-West (AS)

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

#### **FUNERALS**

12.09.05 Elsie Lavinia Hope-Terry (Colwyn Bay)

13.09.05 Ethel Greatore Thompson (SH & The Lawns)

14.09.05 Gladys Wooley (Colwyn Bay)

16.09.05 Joyce Susan Williams (Colwyn Bay)

Amelia Webb (SH & The Lawns)

19.09.05 Doris Daile (Colwyn Bay)

20.09.05 Ken Fowler (SP & Colwyn Bay)

Cheryl Hughes (Colwyn Bay)

21.09.05 Patricia Ann beverage (Colwyn Bay)

22.09.05 Alexander Ritchie (Colwyn Bay)

Margaret Annie Green (Colwyn Bay)

28.09.05 Richard Wiliams (Colwyn Bay)

03.10.05 Norman Roberts (SP & Colwyn Bay)

*O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered, accept our payers 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**

Trials of a new design of carriage-launched lifeboat and its associated equipment began recently at the RNLI's Poole headquarters, and 3 representatives from Llandudno travelled to Dorset to take part in initial tests. The new boat, as yet un-named, has been developed to eventually replace the RNLI's fleet of Mersey-class boats (like Llandudno's 'Andy Pearce'). Longer, wider and heavier than a Mersey, the new craft is also much faster; her water-jets can propel her at around 25 knots as against the Mersey's 16 knots.

Llandudno's 2<sup>nd</sup> coxswain joined colleagues from a number of other stations to sample the prototype boat's handling and other capabilities, whilst the station's Head Launcher and Tractor Driver

attended trials of the associated new launch and recovery equipment before providing feed-back to RNLI project engineers.

The RNLI's other new lifeboat design, the slip-way launched Tamar-class is starting to enter station service, with the first going to Tenby, and others to Peterhead and Longhope, Orkney.

### **MUSIC SUNDAY – 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November we will be remembering in our services the work of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM). Music is one of the gifts, which God gives us to enhance our worship. The Christian message has inspired many great composers and the church has been a great sponsor of the arts throughout the centuries. Many of the great pieces of music were written and first performed in churches. Today, the Christian message still inspires people to write hymns and music to the glory of God. On this Sunday in November we will be giving thanks for the gift of music, and in particular remembering the work of the RSCM.

Please remember in your prayers and thank God for all who work so hard in the churches of our parish to enhance our worship through the gift of music – our organists, who give of their time and talents week after week, our choirs and music group, we have much to be thankful for in this parish.

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

#### **ROTAS AT THE PARISH CHURCH**

<b>Readers:</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
November 6 Family Service		N Thomas
13 J Narey		T Faulkner
20 Val Jones		P Jones (W)
27 I Webster		G Williams
December 4 Family Service		A Jones
11 A Wild		A Russell
18 O Wakefield		Carol Service
25 Phyl Evans		-

*Anyone wishing to add their name to the readers rota for 2006 should have a word with Miss Nora Thomas as soon as possible (582032)*

<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
Nov 6 & 13	Mr D Evans Mrs P Evans	Mrs A Jones
Nov 20 & 27	Dr R Hughes Mr J Boole	Messrs Faulkner
Dec 4 & 11	Mrs A Wild Mr Leighton Davies	Mr A Russell
Dec 18 & 25	Mr P Dent Mr D A Jones	Mr H Gent (not 25 <sup>th</sup> )

*We need volunteers to be sidespeople at the 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve. If you can help please have a word with the churchwardens.*

*If you would like to be on the regular sidespersons list in 2006 please let Mrs Doreen Owen know as the new rotas will be drawn up shortly.*

**WHAT A MONTH OCTOBER WAS!!!** THANK YOU to everyone who gave generously towards our Harvest Thanksgiving at the beginning of October. We were able to send a good quantity of items to Save the Family and Women's Aid together with a financial contribution to the Church in Wales Jubilee Fund and the local churches outreach project at Ty Llewelyn.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has come along each week in October to clean the church, after the work on the roof, to get the church clean and tidy for the weekend. You really wouldn't believe how much dust and debris could come down, but then, it was 1872 when the roof was last completely re-slatted!

### **FLOWER ROTA**

A few people have volunteered to 'job share' the task of co-ordinating and Arranging the flowers in the Parish Church from January 2006 onwards. If anyone else would like to volunteer for this task would they please contact Mrs Doreen Owen, our churchwarden. A meeting will be arranged as soon as possible for all volunteers to discuss how to proceed

and to look at how the rota will work,

**ALTAR FLOWER LIST**

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> – Vacant

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – Mrs P Evans

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – Mrs P Evans

Nov 27<sup>th</sup> – Advent Sunday

Thank you to all who gave donations towards the cost of flowers for the Harvest Thanksgiving, and many thanks to the ladies who came along to decorate the church, it looked lovely and very much in keeping with Harvest.  
Alice

**COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER:**

Cash: £420.07 FWO: £819.50 Total: £1239.57

**A report from the Parish church Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2005:**

The Vicar reported that the planning application for the rebuilding of part of the boundary wall, incorporating disabled access, had been turned down by the County Council. We were now in the process of making an appeal to the Welsh Assembly Government.

The 'new' Baptismal Policy had resulted in a few new children at Sunday Club and some new families attending the monthly family service.

The Vicar thanked Mrs Doreen Williams and everyone at the St Hilary's Fellowship which had, this year, raised in the region of £1000 for Parish church funds.

The Treasurer reported that the balances at the bank were healthy and the money to cover the cost of phase one of the restoration programme was available in the bank, due to legacies received. The Vicar said that if it were not for the legacies the congregation of St Hilary's would have had to work very hard to meet the costs of the restoration.

The Architect had been in touch with the vicar to reassure him that the church would be available for services every weekend despite the look of the interior of the church during the week. Funeral Directors had been informed that the Parish Church was not available for funerals for the month of October. The architect had reported that the copingstones

were on the roof “by the grace of God” with each corner stone to which the lower coping stone was attached were loose! The downspouts also needed to be realigned as there were some very strange configurations! The vicar asked for volunteers each weekend at 3.30pm on a Friday and 9.30am on a Monday to make sure the church was ready for the weekends.

Arrangements were made for the Autumn Fayre on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

The Vicar outlined the Advent and Christmas Services for 2005.

The Vicar said that Mostyn Estates had pruned the trees within the grounds of the Schoolroom along Cae Rhos. He had sent a letter of thanks.

The Parish Church Charity giving for 2005 was discussed.

The next meeting of the Parish Church Committee will be at 7pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

## **ST PAUL’S CHURCH**

### **A report from the Church Committee Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2005:**

The treasurer reported that bank balances were slightly up from when he last reported. This was thanks to people’s generosity at the annual Gift Day and Summer Fayre. The Vicar expressed his gratitude to everyone for their generosity and commented that the congregation at St Paul’s probably had the highest “overheads” because of the size of the church building and maintenance of the hall.

It was agreed to have a thorough “Winter Clean” of the church from 10am to 12noon on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Volunteers will be sought to come along and help with many tasks.

**BUILDING REPAIRS:** when it rained recently the “drip” near the Chapel became a “waterfall”. It was agreed that something should be done immediately. A quotation for just under £1000 had been received and it was agreed to go ahead with this repair.

In addition we have been replacing slates very regularly on the roof over the choir and also on the vestry roofs. Slates are slipping regularly and creating large holes in the roof. This shows that the nails are beginning to go (after 100 years)! A quotation had been

received for re-slating these roofs as an indicator of what we were looking at – the total cost is in the region of £38,000.

We have already been told that the organ, again nearly 100 years old, is in need of a major overhaul that will cost in the region of £35,000.

It was agreed to look at this matter at our January meeting and to discuss what we do and where we go. Do we begin a fund raising campaign?

A letter had been received from the Historic Churches Preservation Trust who gave a grant of £5000 to St Paul's in 1995 stating that the agreement with them was to make seven annual donations to the trust in thanks for the larger grant. However, according to their records nothing had been given. It was agreed to send £350 to the Trust being £50 per year for the seven years agreement.

**CHURCH HALL:** The entrance steps are now causing great concern as their condition is deteriorating fast. Quotation had been received last year to replace them with non-slip tiles. The lowest quotation was for just under £850. The secretary was asked to contact the firm to get an up to date cost and the church officials were given permission to get on with the work should the cost be "reasonable".

The Vicar thanked everyone for their work and support for the Summer Fayre. This was very much appreciated.

The annual giving to charities was agreed.

The Vicar outlined the Christmas Services for this year.

The Harvest Supper would be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

The Christmas Fayre would be on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 10am to 1pm.

The next meeting of the Church Committee will be at 7pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

**GRAND "SPRING" CLEAN (in the Winter) of the Church – CAN YOU HELP!** Volunteers, please, on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 10am to 12noon. Please come along "armed" with dusters, polish, floor cleaners, long handled brushes to get to those parts of the church rarely reached, vacuum cleaners, "beaters" for the kneelers.

We need your help to give the church and vestries a thorough clean.

**THANK YOU:** Mrs Margaret Fowler and family would like to express their sincere thanks for the messages received and prayers said following the death of Ken, and to those who came to give thanks for Ken's life at the funeral service in St Paul's. This has been very much appreciated.

*Ken will be sadly missed by all of us in St Paul's. A churchman, man and boy, Ken rarely missed a Sunday. He has been a member of the Church Committee, a sidesman and reader. We will miss him from the back row and especially his cheery personality. We send our love and prayer to Margaret and family.*

**DON'T FORGET TO COME ALONG AN SUPPORT  
OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE from 10am to 1pm on  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November in the Church Hall.**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to our Gift Day in September. The final total raised is £1354.00. Thank you so much for your generosity.

We also thank the Bryn Consort for the sum of £205.00 following their concert in St Paul's in September. We thank them too for such a wonderful concert.

Thanks also go to the ladies coffee morning group who have given us a further £150.00 from an afternoon tea held in September.

By the time you read this the replacing of the church hall steps with non-slip tiles and the repair to the leaky roof over the Chapel will have been completed (we hope). These were estimated to be costing us just short of £2000.00.

**COLLECTIONS; (September)**

Cash £304.61 FWO. £1110.00. Total £1414.61.

We regret to note the passing of Mr. Ken Fowler. He had been a faithful member of St. Paul's for many years as sidesman and reader. He had been a fervent and active supporter of St. David's Hospice from the beginning of its inception. We shall miss Ken and we send

our sincere condolences to Margaret and Family. They will be in our thoughts and prayers.

### **GIFT DAY**

A big thank you to all who contributed to our Gift Day(s) This year held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September. A grand total of £1363.00 was raised towards ever increasing demands for repairs restoration, Organ repairs etc. Well done everyone!

**The Christmas Fayre will be held on Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup>**  
10.00 am to 1.00pm. Gifts and Donations for stalls and raffle will be gratefully received. Please do your best and come and support our Fayre – buy your Christmas Presents! - and bring your friends. We shall be pleased to see you all.

### Dates for your diary.

Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>. Spring Cleaning Day at St.Paul's  
Dusters and Vacs to the fore!

Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>. Service of Light 3.30pm. Venue to be decided.

When fruit has ripened on the tree  
And grain is gathered from the field,  
We place our offerings in the church  
In thanks for one more season's yield.

(Anon)

JSW

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

The Afternoon Tea held on September 26<sup>th</sup> was again a great success - the food was good as were the stalls and Raffle. Again our thanks to Alice and all the ladies for their help – in the kitchen, on the stalls and raffle.

### **EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER.**

Corporate Communion for all members on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at

10 30am. Reader:- Mrs Alice Wild

Coffee Mornings every Thursday from 10am to 12 noon  
Coffee and biscuits 60p. All are welcome.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. Speaker:- Mr.Michael Clutton.  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. Informal Meeting.

Prayer Group meet on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov.at 1.45pm

**ST.PAUL'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE** will be held on Thursday  
November 24<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am to 12 noon. There will be the usual  
stalls etc and gifts for the stalls and raffle will be gratefully received  
by our members, but most important of all, please bring yourselves  
and your friends on the day.  
Audrey Williams.

**ST PAUL'S ALTAR FLOWER ROTA – NOVEMBER**

Date	High Altar	Chapel	Mem.Book
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Carr	D Pritchard	D Pritchard
13 <sup>th</sup>	Vacant	Mrs M Parry	Alice & Beryl
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Benson	Miss Walton	Mrs Mee

ADVENT – NO FLOWERS

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – TO CLEAN THE BRASSES in the church.** If you could help please telephone Peg Murphy on 581462.

**ROTAS AT ALL SAINTS**

**Readers at the 11am service:**

November 6 Mr J Wright & Mrs D Laight (Mr G T Havard)  
13 Mr B Roberts & Miss M Worthington (Mrs B Reggett)  
20 Mrs S Crawford & Mr G T Havard (Mr J Wright)  
27 All-Age Worship  
December 4 Mr N Reggett & Mrs B Regett (Mr B Roberts)

11 Mr J Wright & Mrs D Laight (Mrs S Crawford)  
18 Mr B Roberts & Miss M Worthington (Mr N Reggett)  
25 Mr J Wright & Mrs D Laight (Mrs S Crawford)

**Intercession leaders at the 11am service:**

November 6 clergy	December 4 Mr Havard
13 Mr N Reggett	11 clergy
20 Mrs S Crawford	18 Mr J Wright
27 clergy	25 clergy

**Sidespeople:**

	<b>8am</b>	<b>11am</b>
November 6	-	Mrs P Reed & Mrs B Hasprey
13	Mrs E A C Doyle	Mr T Teixeira & Mrs S Crawford
20	Mrs M Meldrum	Mrs J Lancaster & Mrs H Brookes
27	Mrs B Thoburn	Mr B Roberts & Mrs M Roberts
December 4	-	Mrs A Cross & Mrs T Teixeira
11	Mr P Brown	Mr N Reggett & Mrs B Reggett
18	Mr D Parkes	Mrs P Reed & Mrs S Oldfield
25	Miss P Murphy	Mr G havard & Mrs B Havard

**COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER:**

Cash: £232.08 FWO: £909.80 Total: £1141.88

**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Thanksgiving. We were able to send the sum of £178.50 to Ysgol Deganwy for its project to provide a library for their link school in Africa.

We thank you also for the gifts for Women's Aid and Save the Family. We had an array of items from the four churches of the parish for these local charities.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with and supported the recent Autumn Fayre for All Saints' Church. The sum raised was £380.90.

## **MOTHERS UNION NOTES**

As usual the opening service was held in church and was led by Rev'd Pam Wright and Jeff was the organist. Pam's theme was Peace and this gave us much to think about in many ways. It was a pleasure to meet again and welcome friends and members. Our sincere thanks to Pam and Jeff for their services to us. The November meeting will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup>, when Rev'd Ginny Burton will speak to us and 22<sup>nd</sup> when Miss Roselyn Barnes will join us. Both meetings are at 2.30pm in Bethel Schoolroom and everyone is welcome.

Our Christmas lunch date is 6<sup>th</sup> Decembers – more details later.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> is Corporate Communion, please try to attend.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Mrs Rene Ashton, one of our very loyal and faithful members for many years. For as long as she was able, Rene acted as taxi lady for many ladies bringing them to our meetings and also taking people to church. She was also a regular attender at our prayer group, very often taking part in the prayers and readings. She was a loyal and faithful friend and will be missed by many. We send our sympathy to all her friends and her family whom she thought the world of and loved dearly. May Rene now rest in peace.

To all who helped in any way with All Saints Autumn Fayre, a very big thanks you. It was a pleasure to see friends from the parish and also the chapel., we raised £390.00 to date.

A sincere thank you to all those who helped to decorate the church for the Harvest Thanksgiving, many people said how lovely the church looked; thank you all very much.

## **ST DAVID'S CHURCH**

**DON'T FORGET TO COME ALONG AND SUPPORT OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT 2pm ON SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER IN THE CHURCH HALL.**

In the October magazine we mentioned our very nice open-air service and barbeque on September 4<sup>th</sup> – well, a fortnight later we had another treat in store when we held our Harvest Festival on 18<sup>th</sup> September. The church looked lovely, the flower ladies and various helpers had worked so hard and the result was beautiful. We do compliment all the people concerned and are most grateful to them. In the morning it was our Harvest Family Service, at the beginning of which Ginny welcomed Rev Manon Parry who later gave her talk on sharing the world's resources and the use of Fair Trade – partly she spoke to the children but mainly to the adults in the congregation. Manon is now Diocesan Director of Lifelong Learning and is based in our Parish so we shall, hopefully, be seeing her quite often in the future. Ginny then said 'good-bye' on behalf of all of us to one of our young men, Matthew Williams, who, after the service was going to Leeds to start the next phase of his life, reading Chemistry at Leeds University. Matthew later said a very heartfelt prayer of thanks and faith in the future and we wish him well as he takes this big step in his life. The service was a happy occasion, as usual, with the children reading well and leading the prayers. But then, in the evening, we had a service of Evensong with the sermon given by the Rev Mark Chadwick from Western Australia but currently curate at St Paul's Church, Colwyn Bay. The choir sang an anthem 'O Lord how manifold are Thy Works' and it really was lovely to take part in Evensong again. We're sure many of us enjoyed the experience very much. Rev Chadwick spoke very well – though his account of bush fires in Western Australia made Penrhyn Bay seem very attractive! Both services were quite well attended and it was a pleasure to hear the well-loved Harvest hymns once again. We are grateful to Mrs Kath Evans and her helpers, and the people who assisted her the next day to distribute bouquets of flowers to various people in our area, who are not well at this time, for which we were thanked most sincerely.

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> – Mrs J Roe

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Sunday

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – Vacant

Nov 27<sup>th</sup> – Advent Sunday – no flowers in church during advent.

### **THANK YOU**

Mrs Kathleen Evans wishes to thank, very sincerely, all those people who supplied flowers or greenery, or gave cash donations, for the Harvest decorations, also for the help she received in decorating the church for the Harvest. We should also like to thank all those generous people who brought gifts for ‘Save the Family’ and ‘Womens Aid’ or gave cash donations, which have been sent to the Cchurch in Wales Jubilee Fund. Thank you, everyone, very much indeed!

**BRASSES** – Mrs Joan Greenwodd

### **COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2005**

Cash £388.40 FWO £1030.35 Total £1418.75

### **PARISH OF LLANRHOS MEN’S GROUP**

An evening of historical interest and pleasant indulgence was enjoyed by the group accompanied on this occasion by the ladies on our visit to Llanwrst on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Local parishioner and historian Tom Carter conducted us first on a tour of 12<sup>th</sup> century St Grwst church. It was of added interest to us all that this was the church where our curate Ginny and our past curate Nia worshipped before their calling to the ministry.

Tom explained to us how the original thatched church was destroyed by fire in 1468 and the present building was substantially restored in 1884. We were very impressed by the intricately carved rood screen, with its loft above, which was reputedly brought from nearby Maenan Abbey. Another feature included the 17<sup>th</sup> century font and several 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries memorial brasses together with the medieval stained glass east window, an 18<sup>th</sup> century painted panel showing the Hanoverian Royal Arms and a recently acquired stained glass window for the Capel Garmon church now known as the Millennium window.

In 1663 the illustrious Wynne family from nearby Gwydir castle erected a beautiful chapel adjoining the church, which for many years was a burial place for the family. On the floor lies a stone effigy of a knight in armour and the large stone under, part of Llewelyn Iorwerth, otherwise known as 'Llewelyn the Great'.

After thanks to Tom for his most interesting and knowledgeable talk we hastened to the nearby old 'Tannery' where a delightful meal awaited us – how Meg got through that huge sweet no one knows! Thanks to Bob Hammond and Ginny for their part in making the evening such a great success.

**NEXT JOINT NIGHT OUT WITH THE LADIES DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> MEAL FOLLOWED BY SKITTLES AT PENRHYN OLD HALL**

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

We held our second meeting of the 2005/06 season on 4<sup>th</sup> October and now we have 58 members. The meeting opened with prayer when we remembered Mrs G Buckham and Mrs J Davenport who are ill at this time and Mrs D Jones whose husband died just shortly before our meeting after a long and painful illness. Our speaker was Mrs Frances Williams who gave a very interesting talk on her pilgrimage to the churches of Rome, beautifully illustrated by many colour slides. Those of our members who are filling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child were asked to bring them to our next meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November when our speaker will be Coun. Philip Evans and the title of his talk 'Street names in Llandudno'. On 26<sup>th</sup> November, St David's Church will be holding their Christmas Fair and the Ladies Fellowship will, as usual, have a grocery stall, so do come and support us and bring whatever you can for sale on our stall. Thank you.

### **SIDESPERSONS' ROTA - NOVEMBER**

	8AM	11AM
6 <sup>TH</sup>	Mrs D Darby	Mr P Williams, Mr J Roberts, Mrs D Wilson, Miss J Cooper

13 <sup>th</sup>	Miss J Cooper	Mrs V Coates, Mr R Coates Mrs K Evans, Mrs V Miller
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mr D Cuttell	Mrs J Davies, Mrs A Rowland, Mr J Roberts
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mr J Jones	Mr G Williams, Mr N McNulty Mrs Dorothy Evans

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

Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> – Miss G Owen	Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> – Miss M Ridings
Nov 14 <sup>th</sup> – Miss J Cooper	Dec 12 <sup>th</sup> – Miss G Owen
Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> – Mrs M Gregory	Dec 19 <sup>th</sup> – Miss J Cooper
Nov 28 <sup>th</sup> – Mr R Coates	Dec 26 <sup>th</sup> – Mrs M Gregory

#### **AND FINALLY!!**

Please don't forget our Christmas Fair on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, during the afternoon. Please do come and support us! There will be various stalls, books, cakes, groceries, etc so anything you can bring, which can be sold, will be most gratefully received. There will also be raffles and light refreshments so do come along and make this a very happy and successful occasion. Admission is free and everyone will be very welcome!