

OUR VICAR WRITES

A lady said to me a few weeks ago, “Why are churches closing down?” I replied, in my own inimitable way, “Because people like you don’t go to them or support them!” The conversation changed! There used to be a saying with the Post Office – use it or lose it. This is true of any “service” – the local shop, bus service, even church! Once, in a previous parish an elderly lady said of my predecessor, “we used to go to church, despite the vicar” (perhaps some of you have that feeling too!). I thought that showed great faith, after all we go to church to worship God in fellowship with other Christians not because of personalities. We cannot make people go to church; we cannot make people support the church. The parable of the Sewer tells us what happens when we scatter the seed. We can only hope that our faith will enable some people to see what it is to be a Christian, and let’s be honest, sometimes we fail miserably, I know I do.

There is a story about a young girl called Estelle. She was a bolshy, rather plain child from the Care Home who believed that being a princess was her destiny. She was sent to the Flint family who gave her everything, clothes, posh food, a super bedroom but did not communicate with her much and tried to make her into something different. Estelle became awkward and “mouthy” and found herself back at the Home labelled “difficult”. The Gregory’s invited her to stay with them, she sneered at their terraced miner’s cottage, their plain food and her bedroom with its faded wallpaper and view over a dusty backyard. Not what princesses expect! She gave the Gregorys a bad time. But they took it. They talked to her and listened a lot and even bought her a party frock. They stuck by her. She blossomed under their acceptance and respect. She did not have to be a princess, or even nice. Being valued felt good. She began to relax, to grow. By the time the adoption was finalised she had begun looking at everything differently.

We often want what is inappropriate. We want signs to reassure us, food to sustain us and status to affirm us. We want to be princes and princesses, even though such status is irrelevant to God or the world.

Just being who God made, authentically living according to his Word is sufficient. Let our hunger be for our essential daily food, his Word in Jesus, who asks us each day to consider all aspects of our lives and to make those choices which most accord with his teaching.

Regardless of how the world tempts us, despite what influences our superficial desires, we can safely hold fast to the certainty that God knows our true needs. He will meet them in the way which is best for our present and future lives and, in being moulded according to his will and not our own, we shall find the answers which lead to life.

So we give thanks for the teaching of Jesus and pray that the Church lives up to its mission to spread the Good News, the best news of all, which leads to fullness of life for the whole world.

Bob Griffiths

AUGUST AT A GLANCE

2 10am Holy Eucharist – AS

3 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

12noon Holy Eucharist – Chapel of QE Court

4 10am Holy Eucharist – SD

5 3pm Wedding – SH

Llandudno Hospital League of Friends Summer Fayre in Holy Trinity Church Hall

6 **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

usual Sunday Services

9 10am Holy Eucharist – AS

9 2.15pm All Saints' Small Saints Service for preschool children

10 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

6.30pm St Hilary's Churchyard Worknight

11 10am Holy Eucharist – SD

13 **PENTECOST 10 (Trinity 9)**

usual Sunday Services

15 **Mary, Mother of our Lord (page 264 in the Prayer Book)**

10am Holy Eucharist – SH

16 10am Holy Eucharist – AS

17 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

12noon Service in the Chapel of QE Court

- 18 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
1pm Wedding – SH
- 20 **PENTECOST 11 (Trinity 10)**
usual Sunday Services
- 23 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
- 24 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
10am to 4pm Christian Aid Market in Holy Trinity Church Hall
- 25 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
- 27 **PENTECOST 12 (Trinity 11)**
usual Sunday Services
- 30 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
- 31 9.15am meeting of the Llanrhos/Llandudno Clergy
10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

Items for the September issue of the Parish Magazine should reach THE PARISH OFFICE no later than noon on Tuesday 8th August 2006.

A man walks into a dentist's surgery and says, "Excuse me, can you help me. I think I'm a moth."

Dentist: "You don't need a dentist. You need a psychiatrist."

Man: "Yes, I know."

Dentist: "So why did you come in here?"

Man: "The light was on..."

YOUTH GROUP

There will be NO Youth group during August – we will resume activities programme in September.

PROM PRAISE with the Orchestra of All Souls Church, London – Saturday 16th September at 7.30pm at the North Wales Theatre. Tickets available now from the theatre - £8 to £12 each.

Laurence recently passed his driving test and decided to ask his father, a Salvation Army Officer, if there was any chance in getting a car for Christmas, which was some months ahead.

“OK,” said his father, “I’ll tell you what I’ll do. If you get your ‘A’ level grades up to As and Bs, study your Bible and get your hair cut, I’ll consider the matter more seriously.”

Two months later Laurence went back to his father who said, “I’m impressed by your commitment to your studies, your grades are excellent and the work you have put into your Bible studies is very encouraging but I am disappointed that you have not had your hair cut.”

Laurence was a smart young man who was never lost for an answer. “Look Dad, in my studies I have noticed that Moses, John the Baptist, Samson and even Jesus had long hair.”

“Yes,” replied his father but did you also notice that they walked everywhere?”

CHURCHYARD WORK-NIGHT

at St Hilary’s Parish Church

on Thursday 10th August

from 6.30pm

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO

*tidy paths, trim bushes, cut back the ivy etc
please bring the necessary equipment for the tasks*

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

09.07.06 Iwan Hughes (AS)

16.07.06 Bryn Owen Roberts (SH)

23.07.06 Rhodri Wyn Anthony Darwent (SH)

30.07.06 Joseph Cai Jones (SH)

Grant O Lord, that all who are baptised into the death of Jesus

Christ your Son, may live in the power of his resurrection and look to Him to come in glory. Amen.

HOLY MATRIMONY

05.08.06 Andrew Guy Waldron & Catherine Dawn Owens (SH)

18.08.06 Llyr Wyn Jones & Bethan Naomi Davis (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:

07.06.06 Alister AcCall (Colwyn Bay)
09.06.06 Peter Richard Mock (Colwyn Bay)
John Wright (Colwyn Bay)
12.06.06 George Herbery Jones (SH & The Lawns)
15.06.06 Harold Salmon (SH & Colwyn Bay)
20.06.06 William Clare (SH & The Lawns)
22.06.06 Mary Ruth McKenzie (Colwyn Bay)
30.06.06 Dorothy Clement (Colwyn Bay)
Millicent Breuton (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.

CHRISTIAN AID MARKET

Thursday 24th August

10am to 4pm

in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Llandudno

please support

KOINONIA/FELLOWSHIP meets twice a month in Craig y Don for Bible Study, prayer, discussion and fellowship. If you would like to know more of this group please have a word with Rev Pam Wright (541552).

THE INTERVIEW WITH GOD

I dreamed I had an interview with God.

‘So you would like to interview me?’ God asked.

‘If you have the time,’ I said.

God smiled, ‘My time is eternity.

What questions do you have in mind for me?’

‘What surprises you most about humankind?’

God answered...

‘That they get bored with childhood,

they rush to grow up, and then

long to be children again.

That they lose their health to make money...

And then lose their money to restore their health.

That by thinking anxiously about the future,

they forget the present,
such that they live in neither
the present nor the future.
That they live as if they will never die,
and die as though they have never lived.’
God’s hand took mine
and we were silent for a while.
And then I asked ...
‘As a parent, what are some of life’s lessons
you want your children to learn?’
‘To learn they cannot make anyone
love them. All they can do
is let themselves be loved.
To learn that it is not good
to compare themselves to others.
To learn to forgive
by practising forgiveness.
To learn that it only takes a few seconds
to open profound wounds in those they love,
and it can take many years to heal them.
To learn that a rich person
is not one who has the most,
but is one who needs the least.
To learn that there are people
who love them dearly,
but simply have not yet learned
how to express or show their feelings.
To learn that two people can
look at the same thing
and see it differently.
To learn that it is not enough that they
forgive one another, but they must also
Forgive themselves.’
‘Thank you for your time,’ I said humbly.
‘Is there anything else
you would like your children to know?’
God smiled and said,
‘Just know that I am here ... always.’

Author unknown – found in a Warwickshire country church magazine

SPONSORED WALK: The Vicar and Mr David Jones (organist at the Parish Church) will be undertaking a sponsored walk in the Holy Land in November (the Vicar and David are paying for their own

fares and accommodation). They have pledged to raise £4000 – can you help them meet this target? Sponsor sheets are at the back of church. Could you take a sponsor sheet and get your friends, family, neighbours or work colleagues to sponsor them? Could you hold a small coffee morning or afternoon tea in your home with the proceeds going towards the walk?

PLEASE HELP

HOSPITAL VISITING: the clergy endeavour to visit parishioners admitted to hospital at least once during their stay. However, it does help if they know someone has been admitted to hospital! It would also help a great deal if the clergy could be informed when people return home from time in hospital or are admitted to a Nursing/Residential Home, so that a visit can be made.

MINISTRY TO CHILDREN – LLANRHOS PARISH AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Our After school Club has had another good year, with excellent attendance and commitment from the children, who have enjoyed a variety of themes and activities whilst they learn.

Our team leaders have continued to show great loyalty and dedication and I would like to express my thanks to all of them, especially our ‘regular’ group leaders – Sandra Williams, Pay Hay, Nicky Jones, Nesta Reid, Joy Green, Ann Hughes and Freda Ashley. Their hard work goes far beyond the hour of so on a Monday afternoon, as they all spend a great deal of time during the week preparing materials for the Monday session. Most have been with the After School Club since it started over 3 years ago! Thanks also to Stephanie Faulkner and Maria Townley for their help during this year. We are also extremely grateful to our ‘occasional’ assistants, Doreen Owen and Anne Roberts, who are, more than ‘occasionally’ called upon to cover when regulars are on holiday or when sickness strikes. We could not manage without them, because we cannot

operate without the ratio of leaders to children required by law and by child protection measures. I would also like to thank our young assistants Gareth Williams, Abi Groom, Ben Tooth and Cassie Noyes. Our very best wishes go with Cassie, as she goes to college, as well as our thanks for her help during this year. You can see how many people it takes to keep the 'show on the road'!!

Sadly, we are having to say goodbye to 2 of our regular leasers. Ann Hughes, who left us at Easter, owing to family commitments, has looked after our 'little ones' for the past 3 years and we are very grateful for the expertise she brought to the club over this time, with her experience as an infants teacher. Joy will be following her husband Robin as he is ordained and moves to his new ministry in our neighbouring parish of Llangystennin. Joy has brought her love and commitment to leading the middle group over these 3 years. We will miss them both, but wish them well for the future.

Some of our leaders come and go, as other demands are made on their time. We look forward to welcoming Sandra Back soon, when her work commitments allow her to come on a Monday. We are grateful for her continuing role as treasurer and all the work that this has involved, even whilst she has been unable to lead a group. We will miss Freda for a few months whilst she fulfils a work contract, but are delighted that she is planning to rejoin us in time for Christmas. This level of interest and commitment among our leaders is a joy. We really do enjoy being with the children and it is a privilege to minister among them in this way. We welcome to our group Pat Hillman, who will be leading the youngest children, but we do need more helpers, especially to work with the 9's. If you feel that you can offer your gifts in this way, please give me a ring via the Parish Office. We look forward to hearing from you!

ST PAUL'S SUNDAY CLUB

As you may of heard, Maria Townley, who has been helping us with After School Club during this year, has offered to start a Sunday Club at St Paul's, as from September this year. The club will run

simultaneously with the 9.45am service and will take place in the hall. I know that everyone at St Paul's will be delighted about this and welcome Maria and her young daughter Jennifer and make sure that word gets around the parish about the new club, so that we can reach the children and families living around St Paul's. We do need some helpers – either regular or perhaps on a rota basis, since it will involve being out of church during that hour. Please let us know via the Parish Office if you feel you can help Maria in any way as we build up our ministry to young families in Craigydun.

UNDER 5'S MINISTRY

Stephanie Faulkner and Maria Townley are working together to build up our ministry to families and children under 5. This will involve, among other things, following up families who have come to us for baptism and working with parents and toddlers' groups and those who come to our family services. Above all, they will aim to make sure that families and young children are made to feel welcome in all our churches. Stephanie and Maria may well be contacting you and asking people to help in various ways – for example, finding young people to act as 'family welcomers' at our services. Please support them in any way you can, as we reach out to the young families in our parish and try to show them that the Church is very much alive here in Llanrhos and cares about them.

THE RNLI IN LLANDUDNO

Llandudno's lifeboats have been called out on a number of rescue missions in recent weeks.

The inshore lifeboat brought to safety an adult, 2 children and their dog who had been marooned on the westshore sandbanks by the incoming tide, and a couple of weeks later rescued a jet skier whose machine had broken down in choppy conditions some way west of the Rhosneigr buoy at Rhos, leaving him in the water.

The crew were also called out to rescue 2 children adrift in a dinghy off Colwyn Bay pier, but the youngsters managed to reach shore before the lifeboat arrived.

The all-weather lifeboat rescued 5 people whose rigid inflatable boat had suffered engine trouble 2 miles east of Puffin Island. Four of the occupants were taken on board the lifeboat and landed later at Llandudno. One man remained on board while the lifeboat towed the disabled craft to the Conwy channel, where Conwy inshore lifeboat took over to take it to Conwy marina.

Just a week later the 'Andy Pearce' brought to safety a 25' auxiliary yacht with 2 people on board which had broken down in the Conwy channel.

The station will, as usual be participating in Llandudno's Emergency Services Day during August, and later in the month an RNLi mobile training unit will be in the resort to provide radar and navigation training for crewmembers.

'There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle'.

Albert Einstein

Mothers' Union Festival 2006

So what was I, a mere male, doing on a Mothers' Union event? Well my mother was meant to be accompanying my wife Anne but when she didn't feel well enough to do so I was called in as first reserve!

On a pleasant day the coach full of Llanrhos representatives left St Paul's and was soon headed for the first temple on our journey – the Grosvener Garden Centre at Chester! After a comfortable refreshment stop we continued our journey with the luggage space in the coach bearing more than a passing resemblance to the Garden of Eden!

Soon we were on the outskirts of Wrexham from where eventually, with the help of a skilled navigator (!), we arrived close to St. Giles Parish Church where the crowds were already beginning to gather. This is a church which the whole of North Wales can take pride in with its tower being one of the Seven Wonders of Wales. The tower was designed by the same architect responsible for the Victoria

Tower of the Palace of Westminster (The Houses of Parliament) and the resemblance is very striking (take a bottle of HP sauce and have a look!) There is also a replica of the tower in Yale University in USA and Elihu Yale is buried in St Giles' Churchyard. On the following Saturday there were to be special events celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the tower.

It was in these auspicious surroundings that members of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of St Asaph were to hold their annual Festival.

The Rector of Wrexham Rev. Geoffrey Marshall welcomed the congregation and the bi-lingual service included readings in both Welsh and English by Mothers' Union members from the Archdeaconry of Monmouth and Intercessions in both languages by members of the Mothers' Union in St Asaph Archdeaconry.

The keynote speaker was Mr Reg. Bailey, Chief Executive of the Mothers' Union and former Chief Executive of Del Monte and Danish Bacon and currently a Lay Reader in the Diocese of St. Alban's. He challenged us firstly not to fall asleep during his sermon (an unlikely event with a delivery as good as his!) but also, like Samuel, not to fall asleep when God calls us to do His work. A powerful and thought provoking sermon, which perfectly complemented an inspiring service, peppered with uplifting hymns in both languages. The Bishop of St. Asaph gave the blessing.

Bethan Roberts, the outgoing Diocesan President closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their support over the term of her presidency and introduced the incoming President Susan Varah.

Post service refreshments were provided and served by the hostesses from Wrexham Archdeaconry Mothers' Union who looked after us so well throughout the afternoon. Many thanks also to Alice Wilde who arranged the visit for the MU groups in Llanrhos Parish.

Mike Clutton

Diocesan Conference 2006

A small contingent from the parish attended this year's conference which was again held at the Cathedral. Numbers overall seemed down on previous years, which was a shame as the keynote speaker was very good. Perhaps thought needs to be given as to whether a Sunday afternoon is the right day and time for a meeting of this importance, as many of the clergy will have their evening services to consider.

In his opening remarks the Bishop reported that the Diocese were on target for the planned reduction in clergy numbers but there is still a real need to attract young people to vocations. In this regard the Deanery Training day was deemed to be a success.

He then introduced the keynote speaker Rev. Bob Jackson, Archdeacon of Walsall, former Government economist and author of the book "The Road to Growth" on which he based much of his address.

The first part of his talk was a review of statistical data of church attendances and he pointed out that the road to growth is complex but in simple terms churches will grow if they are spiritually healthy. The question is still are congregations still shrinking? Records show that church attendances peaked in 1905 and over the years we have seen shrinkage to various degrees but in recent years this has decreased considerably and last year actually saw attendances up slightly. There has been a significant trend of an increase in attendances at weekday services and the suggestion as made that perhaps Christingle services would be more productive if they were held in Epiphany. To close the section on statistics the speaker suggested that statistics show that attendances have "bottomed out" and that new growth is taking place.

The second part of the talk was centred around "hints for getting rid of congregations" there were so many of these that it was impossible

to make a note of them all but two examples were “Action songs in Family Services” and “Clinging to Traditional Evensong” For the full list you’ll have to buy the book! In a survey of churches 17 churches which had undertaken no innovation showed an average loss of 22% whilst 32 churches which had made just one change showed an increase of 3%. We need to plant new congregations and fresh expressions of faith because we are now a missionary church in a post Christian culture. “The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few”

The third part of the talk was based on the changing patterns of ministry. Vicars are no longer pastors of the flock but leaders in mission and instead of being safe we should be taking risks. We all have a vocation – we must take up that vocation NOW. Not when we have spare time – the need is immediate.

Following this presentation there was an introduction to acti8 and the Rule of Life. These two projects are the response by the diocese to achieve the growth that the previous speaker had been encouraging. Papers concerning these projects are available in your church and it is important that you play your part in taking the plans forward. These include a day conference on “Sharing Ministry” which will take place on November 11th.

An encouraging and challenging conference with a message for all of us – are we going to answer the call as Samuel did? I hope so because the Church is depending on you and Jesus expects it of you!

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL NEEDS YOU

If you have some secretarial skills. The Governing Body at Ysgol Bodafon is looking for a Clerk. The task is to take minutes at meetings of the Governors (once every half-term plus the annual Parents Meeting – 7 times a year, usually), reproduce the minutes, put the agenda together and liaise with the school in sending these to members of the Governing Body. If you feel that you are able to do this please contact the Parish Office on 541615.

PARISH HOLIDAY

There are **STILL PLACES** left on our PARISH HOLIDAY to Newcastle in October. The cost is £280 per person and based on half-board at the 4* Marriott Hotel and includes trips to Durham, Beamish Open Air Museum and Alnwick. Leaflets about the holiday are available in church or from the Parish Office. We are sorry but we have used up our single room allocation. **BOOK NOW.**

CHRISTIAN AID

The house-to-house collections for Christian Aid Week were well supported and our thanks go to our collectors and those who organised in our respective Churches. It is a big effort every year and many of our collectors are quite elderly so we do appreciate their involvement. Our thanks to those who gave so generously to people in countries who have so little.

Our collections were:

St Paul's	£	£523.53
St David's and Penrhynside		£2030.50
St Hilary's		£610.33
All Saints'		£138.00

These amounts are similar to last year giving a total fro our Parish of £3302.16. The total for the whole of Llandudno area including our Parish looks about £9000.00 but is not finalised yet. A wonderful effort.

Our next big event is the **Charity Market held at Holy Trinity Church Hall on Thursday 24th August between 10am and 4pm.** This is for all the Churches and Chapels in this area and we hope you will come along and take part or just support and meet others from other denominations. We do need help, especially at lunchtime, and we are asking for donations for cakes, scones, jams, bara brith and this year if you could look in your cupboards for bric-a-brac and paper backed books for the stalls we would be most grateful. The

hall be open from 9am if you wish to bring anything or contact your Church representatives.

Thank you for all your support and we hope to see you in August
JBW

SOME DATES FOR SEPTEMBER:

3 11am Open Air Service at St David's

7 & 10 St Paul's Gift Days

10 8pm meeting of St Hilary's Sunday Club Leaders at the Vicarage

12 7pm St David's Church Committee Meeting

13 10am Christian Aid Coffee Morning at Gloddaeth United Church

2pm St Hilary's Fellowship meeting in Llanrhos Schoolroom –
speaker Desire

Blease

15 10.15am Battle of Britain Memorial Service – Llandudno
Centotaph

16 7.30pm Concert by the Bryn Consort in St Paul's Church

7.30pm Prom Praise with the All Souls Orchestra at the North
Wales Theatre

17 Harvest Thanksgiving in St David's Church

18 7pm All Saints Church Committee Meeting

22 7pm Holy Eucharist followed by refreshments at St Paul's Church
to celebrate the

50th anniversary of ordination of Chancellor Walter Williams and
Canon Trevor

Davies

24 Harvest Thanksgiving in All Saints Church

6pm "Y Service" at St John's Church, Old Colwyn

25 7pm meeting of the Parish Education Group in the vestry of St
Paul's Church

27 10.30am Llandudno Bible Society Coffee Morning at Gloddaeth
United Church

30 10.30am to 12noon All Saints Autumn Fayre in Bethel
Schoolroom, Deganwy

LLANDUDNO HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

The consultation period for objections to the proposed departmental closures has been extended to the end of July so you may just have time to send your comments to the Community Health Council, 4 Trinity Square, Llandudno.

The friends are holding their **ANNUAL SUMMER FAIR** on Saturday 5th August at Trinity Church Hall from 11am until 3pm. Light refreshments will be available and all proceeds go towards the provision of more 'comforts' for patients.

The recent Street Collection raised a record £715.00

THOUGHTS ON THE LOSS OF LIFE ON THE SOMME

The cry of man's anguish went up unto God, Lord take away the pain. The shadow that darkens the world thou hast made, the close coiling chain.

That strangles the heart, the burden that weighs on the wings that would soar, Lord take away pain from the world thou hast made.

That it love thee more, then answered the Lord to the cry of his world, Shall I take away pain, and with it the power of the soul to endure, made strong by the strain.

Shall I take away pity that knits heart to heart and sacrifice high? Will you lose all the heroes that lift from the fire white brows to the sky? Shall I take away love that redeems with a price and smiles at the loss? Can you spare from your lives that would climb in mine, the Christ on his cross?

HOLIDAYS AT ST DAVID'S COLLEGE

In July 1966, Rev Peter Marshall, fresh from a curacy in Sussex, rented the new St David's College for Scripture Union Holidays for 11-13 year old boys.

This summer, over the weekend of August 5th/6th, 150 or so 'old campers' will gather to celebrate 40 years of Christian activities at Gloddaeth Hall, St David's College.

In those days said Peter Marshall we used to walk the boys down the drive, which was much longer then, to worship at St Hilary's. We had to get up earlier on Sundays to be there for 9.30am.

At the first holiday Miss Janet Holmes did a primary teacher from Hoylake the catering. It was the first Gloddaeth romance and Janet was stuck with the catering for the next 20 years, as Peter's husband. 250 boys and girls, mainly from non-church going homes, will attend the 3 holidays this year. They are run by Mr Graham Hill and the Rev'd Pete Gaskell. Over the years many have responded to the good news of Jesus, finding a personal faith in him. Many have been ordained or taken positions of Christian responsibility at home and abroad.

Praise God with us. Rev'D Peter Marshall.

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM NOAH'S ARK?

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark... **One:** Don't miss the boat. **Two:** Remember that we are all in the same boat. **Three:** Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark. **Four:** Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big. **Five:** Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done. **Six:** Build your future on high ground. **Seven:** For safety's sake, travel in pairs. **Eight:** Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs. **Nine:** When you're stressed, float a while. **Ten:** Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals. **Eleven:** No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

(from Good News" the Additional Curates Society Spring/Summer Magazine).

ST HILARY'S PARISH CHURCH

EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAYS 2006 – Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th September: We have agreed to open St Hilary's Parish Church between 11am and 4pm on the Saturday and between 2pm and 5pm on the Sunday to enable people to come along and see our wonderful gem of a Parish Church.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need two people to be in church to welcome visitors and to "mind" the building. If you can help please complete the forms which can be found at the back of church.

The County Council publicise this weekend and produce a leaflet for their tourist information centres.

**Don't forget our CHURCHYARD WORK-NIGHT
on Thursday 10th August
from 6.30pm**

*Bring the necessary equipment for
tidying paths, trimming bushes, cutting back the ivy etc.*

ROTAS IN THE PARISH CHURCH

Readers:	11am	6.30pm
Aug. 6	Family Service	Elwyn Williams
13	J Narey	G Williams
20	O Wakefield	G Morris (W)
27	P Evans	A Jones
Sept 3	Family Service	T Faulkner
10	I Webster	A Russell
17	V Jones	K Roberts (W)
24	A Hughes	E Williams

If you would like to be added to the readers rota for 2007 please give your name to the churchwardens. We especially need more readers in the evening.

Sidespeople:	11am	6.30pm
Aug 6	Mr B Ashley Mr Leighton Davies	Messrs Faulkner
Aug 13 & 20	Mr P Dent Mr D A Jones	Mrs A Jones
Aug 27 & Sept 3	Mr D Evans Mrs P Evans	Mr A Russell
Sept 10 & 17	Dr R Hughes Mr J Boole	Mr H Gent
Sept 24 & Oct 1	Mr B Ashley Mr Leighton Davies	Messrs Faulkner

If you would be willing to act as a sidesperson in church in 2007 please give your name to the churchwardens. The task is to give out 'Pew News' at the door and welcome people. After the service the

sidespeople count the collection and help the churchwardens tidy the church and/or set up for baptisms.

Report from the Church Committee meeting held on Thursday 8th June 2006:

The finances of the Parish Church were reported to be healthy but that we would need some substantial sums of money to complete the repair and restoration on the church in the coming few years.

The roof, re-pointing and porch repair and restoration had now been completed. And the Vicar had asked the contractors to make sure the area was tidy and electrics re-connected. We await quotations for the re-wiring and updated quotations for the windows. It was estimated that these works would cost in the region of £65,000.00.

The boundary wall (from the lay-by to the middle gate on Conwy Road) was a great concern. Test holes had been dug, the ground could take piling. However whilst the holes were being dug the wall was seen to visibly move. Some temporary buttressing was being looked at as a matter of urgency. Advice is being sought as how best to tackle the problem of the wall since the County Council had turned down our application to incorporate disabled access into the rebuilding programme. The two trees which it was thought were the major part of the problem (pushing the wall over) need to be taken down, advice would be sought on this.

Observance of Saints Days and other Major Festival (Mid-Week):
The Vicar stated that on Ascension Day if people from St David's Church were not present only four people from St Hilary's would have been there. Also that on major Saints day when they fall on a Monday or Tuesday no-one had come along. It was decided, reluctantly, that the only mid-week service for a major festival that we would retain would be for Ash Wednesday. It would seem that the congregation of St Hilary's do not want such services. Matins would continue to be said on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9.15am.

The Vicar stated that groups using the SCHOOLROOM were not tidying up after themselves. Bins needed to be emptied and floors swept. It was agreed to bring this to the attention of the groups.

Mrs Doreen Owen had attended a meeting in Abergele for church officers. She reported that most of the information is what we have previously received from the Vicar and published in this magazine and elsewhere. One concern was a statement made that some parishes have good financial reserves and Quota for these parishes should be 'weighted'! It was also said that a new formula for assessing Quota was being looked at which took into account the cost of housing in a parish!!

The meeting had begun with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist using the 2004 Church in Wales Rite. Discussion followed. Some felt that the change of words would not bring people to church and could, in fact, put some older people off coming. The words of the 2004 Rite were felt to be more 'accessible' for younger people but as our congregations are mainly elderly and our younger families don't, on the whole, come to services other than the Family Service there was no point in alienating our older members.

The Vicar reported that the Rev Warwick Jaundrill would be joining the clergy team as of 1st September.

Harvest Thanksgiving would be on Sunday 1st October. The preacher at the 6.30pm service would be Rev Michael Williams, Vicar of Llanrhaeadr, Prion and Nantglyn and a former curate here in Llanrhos.

Our harvest gifts will once again go to Aberconwy Women's Aid and Save the Family with our financial donations to St David's Hospice and our partner parish of Hout Bay in South Africa in support of their "Love Project" working with people with HIV/Aids.

The Vicar said that we needed coffee makers for the August Family Service.

The Vicar reminded the committee of the forthcoming Churchyard Worknights

The Church committee will meet next on Thursday 14th September 2006.

COLLECTIONS – JUNE 2006

CASH £379.40 FWO £775.50 TOTAL £1154.90

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAYS – Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September:

We have agreed to open St Paul's Church between 11am and 4pm on the Saturday and between 2pm and 5pm on the Sunday to enable people to come along and look at and admire our lovely church.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need people to “mind” the church and welcome visitors. If you can help please complete the rota which can be found at the back of church.

The County Council promote the weekend and produce leaflets for their tourist information centres.

Report from the Church Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21st June 2006:

The meeting began with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist using the 2004 Rite.

During the meeting the Vicar thanked the Thursday Coffee Group for meeting the cost of the non-slip tiles at the entrance. Mr K Hind said that we needed to place strips of wood along the walls in the hall to give protection as people were banging chairs and table up against the wall and causing damage to the decoration.

The Summer Fayre would be on Thursday 27th July and there would be the usual stalls and refreshments together with a raffle.

The Treasurer gave a report. Whilst the bank balances were in credit there was one very big shock. The last quarter's gas bill for the church and hall was £1900 (the previous month being £1400)! Whilst the hall was in greater use it would seem that the promise of a more efficient boiler in the church was costing a great deal. Investigations into the gas consumption and the efficiency of the new boilers would need to be made. However, on the 'plus' side, the electric account, also with British Gas, was £1800 in credit. The treasurer had been trying for a very long time to get this either paid back or transferred to pay the gas bill but to no avail. He had been in contact with British Gas but had found it almost impossible to get a reply or talk to

someone who could deal with this problem. He would continue to try.

Mr Patrick Rohde spoke about the church garden and the wonderful job being done by our volunteer gardeners and the manner in which the lawns are now being kept by Mr Tim Faulkner. Everyone agreed that the garden was looking good.

The Vicar said that we should be excited at St Paul's at the prospect of a Sunday School beginning in September. Mrs A Wild said that members of the Mothers Union would be helping out on a rota basis each Sunday. Consideration would be given at a later date to the possibility of a non-Eucharistic Service being introduced once a month once the Sunday School was established.

The Christmas Fayre would be on Thursday 30th November.

Discussion took place regarding the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, which began our time together. It was the general opinion that we should introduce this Rite, perhaps beginning on a Thursday, once a month, and gradually, perhaps, on a Sunday occasionally.

The next Church Committee Meeting would be held on Wednesday 4th October.

ST PAUL'S ALTAR FLOWER LIST

Date	High Altar	Chapel	Mem Book
6 th	Mrs M Hopkins	Mrs Hopkins	Mrs Hopkins
13 th	Mrs A Williams	Mrs E Benson	Miss E Maden
20 th	Miss B Walton	Miss Lowe	Vacant
27 th	Mrs Clutton	Mrs Carr	Mrs Carr

EVENING PRAYER at 3.30pm: at the request of the 3.30pm congregation Evening Prayer is being discontinued at St Paul's with immediate effect. The congregation has grown very small and they have decided that it would be only right to attend another service. As this request has come from those who attend regularly (a maximum of 4 or 5 – some Sundays it has been 1 or even none) it has been decided to discontinue Evening Prayer. We will continue to hold our "Service of Light" and the Christmas Carol Service at 3.30pm and other services from time to time as announced and advertised.

COLLECTIONS. (June)

CASH £ 298.81 FWO. £908.50. TOTAL £1207.31

During the month of August our Church Hall has a Period of “Shut – Down” so to speak, when Thursday morning Coffee Breaks are suspended; Mother’s Union meetings are “On hold” so to speak. However the Church Hall will be host to the Liverpool Girls Brigade who will enjoy their annual holiday From Wednesday 13th August to Saturday 19th.

Also the Wrexham Brownies will be enjoying a holiday in the Church Hall from August 19th to 24th.

We hope they will all have an enjoyable stay and the weather will be kind for them.

There is a pleasure in the pathless woods,
There is rapture on the lonely shore,
There is society, where none intrudes,
By the deep sea, and music in its roar.
I love not Man the less, but Nature more.

Lord Byron, 1788 – 1824.English Poet. JSW.

ST. PAUL’S MOTHERS UNION NOTES

In June our members enjoyed the coach trip to Wrexham and the Diocesan Festival in St.Giles Parish Church.

Again this was a most uplifting service in a very full Church.

Events for August.

Corporate Communion for all members on Thursday August 3rd
At 10.30am.

Reader :- Mrs Dorothy Roberts.

There will be no Coffee Mornings during the month of August.

We hope all our members will enjoy the Summer Holidays and that the weather will stay good for us – but not too hot! See you all in September.
Audrey Williams.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

INTERCESSION ROTA at 11am service:

August 6 Mrs D Laight

13 clergy

20 Mr J Wright

27 clergy

September 3 Mr G Havard

10 clergy

17 Mrs S Crawford

24 clergy

COLLECTIONS – JUNE 2006

CASH £232.50 FWO £709.30 TOTAL £941.80

ALL SAINTS SMALL SAINTS!

In the middle of June, All Saints' church was blessed by the presence of seven of the most beautiful babies and charming toddlers in the whole world. It was a real privilege to lead our first service for pre-school children with their grown-ups – which we have called 'All Saints' small Saints'. I was ably assisted by Rev'd Pam (she's the one in the funny collar) and Teddy Small-Saint (the brown furry one with a green bow – to match the altar frontal)

Teddy had lost the sheep he was meant to be looking after, but it all turned out alright, because the sheep was only hiding in a sock and we found him in the end. We sang a hymn about losing and finding a sheep, which Rev'd Pam hadn't heard before. A mum said a prayer, we all joined in with a modern version of the Lord's Prayer then Rev'd Pam said the blessing.

Next, the entire congregation moved in train formation, to the refreshments and colouring tables, all chuffing and whoo-oo-ing as it went. There were five families represented at the service and each was give a Good News Bible to read at home.

Please pray for the Small Saints' congregation and for our new outreach ministry to young families in Deganwy. Angela.

MOTHERS UNION NOTES

The Mothers Union Catalogue is at the back of Church and all those who want to order goods please give your order and money to Mrs Daphne Laight as soon as possible but before the end of August latest.

If anyone wishes to have a pattern for knitting a vest for the African babies there are still some available.

Our Corporate Communion is 2nd August and Mrs Beryl Hasprey will be the reader.

ST DAVID'S CHURCH

Y WORSHIP AT ST DAVID'S - Sunday 21st May.

Y worship first hit the diocese in January 2005. We have moved on to Y2 now, as deaneries take on the planning of the services themselves. This means more Y services across the diocese, and it's up to the young people in different deaneries to plan the services for themselves.... So that's what happened here in the deaneries of Llanrwst and Rhos!

The theme was chosen by the young people of our parish – 'Caring for Creation'. As we celebrated the Eucharist, our music, readings, prayer stations and address were all linked to the celebration of God's creation and our responsibility to be good stewards of the Earth and the resources with which we have been blessed. Abi Groom and Rachael Wareham performed a sketch, written by Abi and the music group, made up of young musicians from our parish, Colwyn Bay and Llysfaen, really were terrific and thoroughly enjoyed themselves as they played and led the singing throughout the Eucharist.

It was fantastic to see the church so full of young people, although the age range of the 'young at heart ranged from 70+ down to just 5 days! Above all, it was wonderful, at the end of the service, to hear

the young people asking why the next Y Worship wasn't scheduled until September! So, we are planning an extra service in July – by the time you read this, details will be in the churches!!

THANK YOU to all who enabled Y Worship to happen in Penrhyn Bay! During the week before, as well as on the day, Churchwardens found themselves doing things they had no idea were in their job description, as they moved pews and other church furniture and made way for the big screen and the live band! So, many thanks to Ron Jones and to Cliff Rowland for all their help with this and to Cliff for looking after the sound system. Thanks too to Phil and Sandra Williams and their band of helpers for organising the BBQ, which formed an integral part of the Worship event, See YOU next time!

NOTES FOR ST DAVID'S!

Pentecost this year fell on the first Sunday in June so we kept our usual arrangement of having Matins at the 11 o'clock service on the first Sunday of the month. We were rather short of clergy on that day but our Reader, Mr Alan Price, took the service in his usual admirable way and although some people were a bit disappointed that we didn't celebrate Holy Eucharist at 11 o'clock, we're sure everyone must have felt it had been a very worthwhile service, and of course, we did celebrate Holy Eucharist at 8am. Ginny was home again by the time we held our Family Service, which coincided this year with what is now, called 'Fathers Day'. It was very nice to have her back with us and we'd like to take this opportunity to wish her, her husband Mike and son Tom, a very happy time in their new home in Penrhyn Bay. It really will be a pleasure to have them living in our community and so comparatively close to St David's Church and most of its congregation. So, it's love to have you, Ginny, and family in Penrhyn Bay. You are very, very welcome!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Aug 6th – Mrs O Roberts

Aug 13th – Vacant

Aug 20th – Vacant

Aug 27th – Mrs M Gregory

BRASSES – Mrs Laura Melvin

COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE 2006

CASH £344.25 FWO £1058.06 TOTAL £1402.31

ST DAVID'S LADIES FELLOWSHIP

We held our Mystery Trip on 13th June. Well – actually, this year, it wasn't really a mystery – or a trip – because at our Annual General Meeting the wee before, we had felt if necessary to tell our members what we had in mind for this occasion. The result was that 31 of us enjoyed a very nice dinner at Rhos-on-sea Golf Club! It was a beautiful summer's evening and the golf course, which is overlooked from the restaurant window looked lovely. The dinner menu offered us a wide choice and I'm sure everyone enjoyed what they had ordered. We are very grateful to Ann for making the arrangements and to Jeanette and all the other people who very kindly gave lifts to those of us who had no transport. It was a very pleasant evening and mystery or not, very much enjoyed by all of us.

CHURCH FETE ON 8TH JULY

Unfortunately the notes for this magazine had to be into the Parish Office before the Summer Fete took place but we hope to be able to put a report in the September magazine. We certainly hope it will be a great success again this year, as it was in 2005.

SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

Date	8am	11am
Aug 6 th	Mrs D Darby	Mr P Williams, Mrs D Wilson Miss J Cooper
Aug 13 th	Miss J Cooper	Mr R Coates, Mrs V Coates Mrs K Evans
Aug 20 th	Mr D Cuttell	Mrs A Rowland, Mrs J Davies Mrs N Reid
Aug 27 th	Mr J Jones	Mr G Williams, Mrs Dorothy

Evans, Mrs S Williams

OPENING AND CLOSING OF CHURCH ROTA

Aug 7th - Mrs A Chatfield
Aug 14th – Mrs M Gregory
Aug 21st – Miss J Cooper
Aug 28th – Mrs M Gregory

Sept 4th – Mr R Coates
Sept 11th – Mr & Mrs R Evans
Sept 18th – Miss G Owen
Sept 25th – Miss J Cooper

***THANK YOU** to everyone who brought bottles of wine into the parish office for St David's Fete, your generosity was most appreciated and it was lovely to have so many 'visitors' Mandy*