

## OUR VICAR WRITES

A burnt-out minibus on the hard shoulder. Fire-fighters grimly cutting free a driver from his crushed car, the man's face bloodied and shocked. A bunch of flowers tenderly placed on the kerb where a child ran too eagerly across the road and died. Through television and perhaps by experience we are familiar with the aftermath of road accidents. For bereaved families the pain goes on and on, long after the media interest and our memories have faded. Most accidents occur because we are not sufficiently alert. It's so easy to relax in our warm cocoon of steel, our senses lulled by music and the thrumming engine. We can lose the battle against sleep and people may die violently as a result. Our Lord's words in the Gospel of Matthew could well serve as the opening phrase on the Highway Code: "Stay awake!" Jesus warns us (Matthew 24) firmly about the consequences of not being sufficiently awake, properly focussed and alert to what is happening in our lives. We often drive through life half asleep, on automatic pilot, our senses lulled by the soothing music of the ordinary and obvious. Wrapped in our warm blanket of self-absorption we are unaware of the coming of God.

Like Noah's flood, his coming may be overwhelming or swiftly out of the blue; when we least expect him, like the burglar in the night, or dramatically like a road accident. But the encounter with the Son of Man will be a life-changing experience. We may be sceptical about any such encounter being available to us. Like road accidents, they only happen to "other people". But Jesus says this is not so, the touch of God is available to all, so "Stay awake!"

We must "stay awake" to the possibility of an encounter with Jesus in the ordinary everyday events of life. He comes through creation, in the delicate scent or texture of a rose, which we may scarcely notice because we are not alert to the presence of God hidden within the beauty of what he has made; through the smile of a child full of promise and hope for the future. He may come to us through the love between two people dedicated to each other, his presence unsuspected because we are not awake to his part in the mystery of their love for each other; through the humble kindness of one person to another. He can come to us in death and bereavement as the One who suffered in order to share our suffering and, thus, console our sorrow. Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist but even in this most sacred encounter we are often asleep to the presence of Christ, the very ordinariness of the

bread and wine soothing us into hazy day-dreaming. We can be certain that Jesus WILL come to us, but not of how or when. If we drive too quickly or too drowsily through life we may be totally unprepared for a sudden encounter with the Son of Man. A brief and vital opportunity to change our lives may be lost forever. We do well to remain alert each and every day to the wonderful possibilities awaiting us. And at the end of life Jesus will come to us and we shall be ready and waiting to take up the challenge he has prepared for us in eternity. Without doubt, this will prove the most important encounter of our lives, so don't miss out, "Stay awake!"  
Bob Griffiths

## **DECEMBER AT A GLANCE**

- 1 10am Holy Eucharist – SD  
7.15pm The Youth group meet at Pizza Hut (£3)
- 3 **ADVENT 1**  
usual Sunday Services  
PLUS: 5pm deanery Advent Service at St Ffraid's Church, Glan Conwy
- 4 7pm Baptism Preparation meeting – Llanrhos Schoolroom
- 5 12noon All Saints MU Christmas Lunch  
7pm Ysgol Bodafon Governors Meeting (Finance Committee at 6.15pm)  
7.30pm St David's Ladies Fellowship Meeting
- 6 10am Holy Eucharist – AS  
12noon St Paul's MU Christmas Lunch  
7pm Advent Eucharist – SH
- 7 10am to 12noon Coffee Morning – SP Church Hall  
10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP  
12noon Holy Eucharist – Chapel of QE Court
- 8 10am Holy Eucharist – SD  
2pm St David's College Christmas Service – SP
- 9 10.30am Making Christingles (volunteers please) – SP  
7.30pm Concert by the Conwy Valley Mixed Choir – SP
- 10 **ADVENT 2**  
usual Sunday Services  
PLUS: 3.30pm Parish Christingle Service – SP
- 11 9.15am Deanery Staff Meeting  
2.30pm St Paul's Mothers Union Meeting
- 12 12.45pm Llandudno Cytun Ministers Fraternal – Stella Maris

- 6.30pm Ysgol Bodafon Christmas Service – SP
- 13 10am Holy Eucharist – AS  
 2.30pm St Hilary’s Fellowship Carols and Readings for Christmas –  
 Llanrhos  
 Schoolroom  
 6.30pm Ysgol Craig y Don Christmas Service – SP  
 7pm Advent Eucharist – SH
- 14 10am to 12noon Coffee Morning – SP Church Hall  
 6.30pm Ysgol Deganwy Christmas Service – AS
- 15 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
- 17 **ADVENT 3**  
 usual Sunday Services  
 PLUS: 3.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – SP
- 18 2.30pm St Paul’s MU Christmas Party – SP Church Hall
- 20 10am Holy Eucharist – AS  
 6.30pm Music, Carols, Songs and Readings for Christmas – SD  
 7pm Advent Eucharist – SH
- 21 10am to 12noon Coffee Morning – SP Church Hall  
 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP  
 11.30am “Bears & Prayers for Christmas” - SD  
 12noon Carols & Readings – Chapel of QE Court  
*(The Parish Office closes today for the Christmas Holiday and re-opens on  
 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007)*
- 22 10am Holy Eucharist – SD  
 2.30pm Ysgol Bodafon School Eucharist
- 24 **ADVENT 4**  
 8am Holy Eucharist – AS & SD  
 9.45am Holy Eucharist – SP  
 11am Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – SH  
 11am Christmas Readings & Carols – AS  
 11am Holy Eucharist – SD  
 12.15pm Holy Eucharist – Chapel of QE Court  
 4.30pm All Saints- Small Saints Christmas Service – AS  
 5pm Family Service for Christmas – SP  
 7pm Holy Eucharist – AS  
 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist – SH & SD
- 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
 8am Holy Eucharist – SH & SD  
 9am Holy Eucharist – AS

9.45am Holy Eucharist – SP

10am Family Eucharist – SD

11am Holy Eucharist – SH

**26 St Stephen**

10am Holy Eucharist – SH

**27 St John the Evangelist**

10am Holy Eucharist – AS

**28 Holy Innocents**

10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

**29 Thomas of Canterbury**

10am Holy Eucharist – SD

**31 CHRISTMAS 1**

10.30am Holy Eucharist – SH

*This is the **ONLY SERVICE** on this day in the Parish – there are **NO OTHER SERVICES.***

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007:

10am Holy Eucharist – SH

***Items for the January 2007 issue of the Parish Magazine should reach the Parish Office no later than Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2006.***

The **YOUTH GROUP** will meet at 7.15pm at Pizza Hut in Llandudno Junction on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December for their “Christmas Meal” (cost £3). Please inform the Vicar by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November if you will be there or not.

**HIKE FOR HOSPICES:**

The Vicar and David would like to thank everyone who organised and supported the recent Bridge Afternoon which raised £257.50 and the Coffee Morning which raised £138.10. They are most grateful for your generous support. The Vicar and David recently gave St David’s Hospice a cheque for £7000.00 and there is still some more sponsorship money to come in! They have been overwhelmed by your generosity and willingness to help with this fund raising. ***A VERY BIG “THANK YOU”.***

**COLWYN CHORAL SOCIETY** – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2006 at 7.30pm in St Paul’s Parish Church, Colwyn Bay – A Concert – Music for Christmas.

Soloists: Susan Williams, Joyce Tindsley, Bryn Roberts & Jeremy Honeybun. Members of the Philharmonia of North Wales Orchestra. Organ/piano: Patrick Larley & Terry Hemuss. Conductor Graham Eccles. Tickets £10; Children & Students £5. Tel 01492 874508, choir members or at the door.

## **START!! THE NEW YEAR.....**

Start! Is a six-session introduction to the Christian faith, designed to help people think about their lives and giving them the opportunity to ask questions about Christianity, to discover the good news of Jesus and to consider how they want to respond to it. The sessions use a mix of DVD input, time to chat, lively discussion, activities and also space for reflection. Each session starts with a two-course meal, which promotes a homely and down-to-earth atmosphere for the rest of the evening.

We are planning to offer this course to people who don't regularly come to our churches at the moment, but whose lives we touch, perhaps through our schools work, or through pastoral services. It will start just after Easter next year. We feel that it is important as a church community, our members know as much as possible about the Start! Course, so there is an understanding among the congregation who will, hopefully, be welcoming some of those who attend the course into our churches.

For this reason, we are planning to run the Start! Course 'in-house' in January, so that you can come along and experience it for yourself. The sessions will be held at St David's Church Hall, in Penrhyn Bay, from 7-9pm on Thursday evenings, starting on 11<sup>th</sup> January for 6 weeks.

If you would like to come along, please add your name to the list, which will be at the back of each church during December, as we need to know numbers for catering. There is no charge for the evening; but donations to cover the cost of the meal would be appreciated. Everyone is very welcome. Please do think about coming along. This is an important part of our mission as God's Church and we can promise you a thought-provoking evening – and fun too!

If you would like to know more, or have any questions about Start! Please speak to Ginny or give her a ring on 544845 or at the Parish Office on 541615

*Belief is a truth held in the mind. Faith is a fire in the heart - Joseph Newton*

## **VOCATIONS DAY SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2006**

We continue to seek to nurture vocations for all types of ministry – lay and ordained. There is a particular need in the Church at this time for young people to consider a call to the ordained ministry. To help this process the Board of Ministry is organising a vocations day at St Deiniol's Library on Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup>

The day begins at 12.00 noon and runs until about 4.00pm. It will begin and end with creative worship and will include presentations and workshops on a variety of themes (e.g. gap year possibilities with mission societies, training at St Michael's, vocation from the perspective of our young curates). Please help make the event a success and consider if you know any young people (especially between the ages of 16-25) who might attend this day. The organisers intend to ensure that it will be a stimulating experience for all who attend.

The day will also include lunch from the Christmas menu at St Deiniol's Library refectory. Places are limited so please let James Harris; know the names of anyone interested. He can be contacted at [jamespharris03@aol.com](mailto:jamespharris03@aol.com) or on 01352 740111.

## **REPORT FROM CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT Held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2006 in St David's Church Hall, Penrhyn Bay**

The Area Dean, Preb R H Griffiths, welcomed our two speakers David Shreeve of the Conservation Foundation and Claire Foster, from Church House, Westminster, who advises the Bishops of the Church of England on environmental and scientific matters. David began by saying that just over 20 years ago he and Prof David Bellamy set up the Foundation to work towards an awakening within people of how precious the earth's resources

are and how much we need to do to protect and safeguard them. Claire spoke of why we, as the church, need to be conscious of our stewardship of God's Creation. The earth is not ours to do with as we feel. We are part of creation and we need everything the earth provides to sustain life. In the beginning God created all things and he saw that everything was good. Yet man sinned! God warned Adam and Eve that if they did not care for His creation it would be taken away. That warning is becoming very real today. The environment is on our televisions and in our newspapers every day. There is global warming, the ice caps are melting, there is a hole in the ozone layer, some animal species are on the verge of extinction, in 50 years time if we carry on as we are doing there will be no fish stocks in the seas. These are all important issues. It is not an excuse to say, "well I won't be around then so I don't care". Our children and grandchildren will be! Don't we care about what the world will be like for them? Young people today are very concerned about environmental issues, yet they too bend their principles because at the age of 17 many expect parents to put a car on the drive for them! If government wants us to cut down on our use of the car then they need to put money into public transport, make it accessible and affordable to use. We need to think if we can car share coming to church, whether we need to use the car for small journeys. Have we got the most efficient light bulbs, domestic heating boilers, good insulation? All these are drops in the ocean but there are 70 million Anglicans in this world – those drops can become a great ocean! Goods are transported miles by plane and road so that we can have what we want in the supermarkets – strawberries and other goods all through the year – but perhaps we need to think "local". If enough people "think local" then the supermarkets will respond as they did some years ago to the Christian Aid campaign for Fair Trade items to be stocked. Many thought it was an impossible task, but eventually after much campaigning and pressure from customers items with the Fair Trade mark began to appear. All this will cost us a few pence more but we have to ask ourselves if it is worth saving our planet – our wonderful world which God has given to us to care for as stewards. The Area Dean thanked David and Claire for joining us and travelling up from London that day. It had been a very worthwhile evening with much food for thought. He did express his sadness that more people had not come along to hear the talk. It is hoped that those who were present will have been enthused to share their thoughts with others and that the church can be a leader in this field rather than a "follower".

**Deanery of Llanrwst**  
**JOIN US FOR OUR**  
**DEANERY ADVENT SERVICE**  
**at 5pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
**at St Ffraid's Church, Glan Conwy**

*join the congregations from others churches in the deanery*

*IN LIGHTER VEIN – FUNNY CLASSIFIEDS:*

1. Illiterate? Write today for free help.
2. Our experienced mother will care for your child. Fenced yard, meals and smacks included.
3. Auto Repair Service. Free pick-up and delivery. Try us once; you'll never go anywhere again.
4. Three year-old teacher needed for pre-school. Experience preferred.

**As part of your Advent preparations for Christmas join us every Wednesday in Advent at 7pm in St Hilary's Parish Church – 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December.**

THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE: 1. You believe in Santa Claus; 2. You don't believe in Santa Claus; 3. You are Santa Claus; 4. You look like Santa Claus.

**PARISH CHRISSTINGLE SERVICE**

*supporting the work of Ty Gobaith Children's Hospice,  
the NSPCC and the Archbishop of Wales' Childrens Fund*

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm**  
**in St Paul's Church, Craig y Don**

*Your help would be appreciated at 10.30am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December in St Paul's to make the Chrirstingles – come "armed" with a sharp pointed knife, scissors and an apron!*

**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December: 2pm St David's College – SP

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: 6pm Ysgol Bodafon – SP

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: 6.30pm Ysgol Craig y Don – SP

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December: 6.30pm Ysgol Deganwy – AS

*You are invited to join the children and young people for their Christmas Services*

OVERLOAD: The businessman dragged himself home and barely made it to his chair before he dropped exhausted. His sympathetic wife was right there with a tall cool drink and a comforting word. "My, you look tired," she said. "You must have had a hard day today. What happened to make you so exhausted?" "It was terrible," her husband said. "The computer broke down and all of us had to do our own thinking."

**St Hilary's Parish Church Fellowship**

**invite you to join them**

**on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**in Llanrhos Schoolroom**

**for an afternoon of**

**CAROLS AND CHUCKLES FOR CHRISTMAS**

Come and have a jolly start to Christmas with a cup of tea or coffee and a mince pie. Cake Stall £ 1.00 All Welcome.

**FOR A FULL LIST OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES SEE  
THE LEAFLET THAT ACCOMPANIES THIS ISSUE OF  
THE PARISH MAGAZINE.**

Leaflets are available in church for you to take and give to neighbours and friends

**St David's Church, Penrhyn Bay**

**invite you to**

**AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC,**

**HYMNS, SONGS & READINGS**

**at 6.30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

*the evening will end with mulled wine and mince pies*

A minister, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned before the conclusion of the service. Afterwards the clergyman asked the man where he had gone. "I went to get a haircut," was the reply. "But", said the minister, "why didn't you do that before the service!" "Because," the gentleman said, "I didn't need one then."

**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER – THERE IS ONLY ONE  
SERVICE IN THE PARISH ON THIS DAY:**

**10.30am Holy Eucharist**

**in St Hilary's Parish Church, Llanrhos**  
**THERE ARE NO OTHER SERVICES IN THE PARISH**  
**ON THIS DAY.**

*If you are coming along to this service and you have space in your car please offer a lift to someone without a car or who would find it difficult to get to the Parish Church because of the reduced public transport on this day.*

**FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

**HOLY BAPTISM**

15.10.06 Olivia Amanda Mead (SH)

22.10.06 Adam James best (AS)

05.11.06 Mackenzie Taylor Owen (SP)

Madison Ebony Owen (SP)

26.11.06 Emma Rebecca Clarke (SH)

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

**FUNERALS**

05.10.06 Glyn Jones (Colwyn Bay)

12.10.06 Sheila Goldsmith (Colwyn Bay)

Edward (Ted) Pierce (Colwyn Bay)

Thomas Alan Jones (SH & The Lawns)

19.10.06 Nesta Corrie (Colwyn Bay)

23.10.06 Margaret T Jones (SH & The Lawns)

24.10.06 George Griffith Hartson (SH & The Lawns)

*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.*

**PUNISHMENT:**

Teacher: What is capital punishment?

Pupil (whose father ran a large business): It's when the government sets up business in competition with you, and then takes all your profits with taxes in order to make up its loss.

## **THE ARCHBISHOP OF WALES CHILDRENS FUND**

This is the fund, which began a few years ago when the Children's Society withdrew from Wales. The fund supports projects throughout Wales including those that were supported by the Children's Society.

**HOME BOXES:** some people kindly took "home boxes" for this fund. If you have one would you please return it to church by or at the Christingle Service on 10<sup>th</sup> December. New boxes are available in church for former and new box holders.

### **What will happen in the future?**

Much of the work of restoration and repair at the Parish Church and the work to the roof at All Saints Church are being funded by past legacies to the churches. This enables us to maintain our churches without having to ask present day parishioners to fund these repairs, the cost of which are great. But what about the future? We are using past legacies, which, once they have been used, will not be there in the church accounts. In future generations will they need to fund raise and give more and more from their income to ensure the churches remain in the communities? We can help! Have you made a Will or is it time to review your Will? Could you remember the church you attend in your Will? Could we ask that you please consider a legacy to the church you attend in the parish in your Will – this will help those who come after us to maintain our churches and the witness they provide.

### **THE RNLI IN LLANDUDNO**

Recent weeks have seen Llandudno's inshore lifeboat 'John Saunderson' called out by Holyhead Coastguard on a number of occasions. A call to go to the Westshore resulted in a female swimmer being escorted to safety on the beach, whilst when sent on a similar mission to the Northshore the crew found the swimmer reported to be in difficulties had come ashore unaided.

Two calls in one day to rescue people marooned on the refuge raft off the Westshore turned out to be well-intentioned false alarms raised by members of the public.

Crew members have continued to attend week-long courses at the Lifeboat College in Poole. Two took part in a search and rescue command course, whilst another attended an intensive course for inshore lifeboat helmsmen.

In addition a number of the crew are following a course of on-site evening classes, studying for the Royal Yachting Association Yachtmaster qualification.

**CARETAKER WANTED** for St Paul's Church Hall as from January 2007. Duties include opening and closing the hall for hirings and cleaning the hall. Small honorarium given in return for this work. Please contact the Vicar or St Paul's Churchwardens if you are interested in this post.

**DEANERY CONFIRMATION SERVICE 2007:** The deanery Confirmation Service for 2007 will be on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 3.30pm. Classes will begin in September. *The change of date is because we were finding it increasingly difficult to fit in preparation classes for a confirmation service in April/May with all that usually happens during Lent.*

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

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

<b>Readers</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
December 3	Family Service	A Russell
10	A Hutchings	A Jones
17	O Wakefield	K Roberts (W)
24	Carol Service	No Service
31	(10.30am) I Webster/No Service	

<b>Sidespeople</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
Dec 3 & 10	Mr P Dent Mr D A Jones	Mrs A Jones
Dec 17 & 24	Mr D Evans Mrs P Evans	Mr A Russell
Dec 31 & Jan 7	Dr R Hughes Mr J Boole	Mr H Gent

*The churchwardens would like to hear from sidespeople who are available for duties on Dec 24 (Midnight Eucharist) and the 8am and 11am services on Christmas morning.*

*NB. The service on the morning of 31 Dec is at 10.30am and there is no service at 6.30pm on this day.*

**PARKING BY THE LYCHGATE:** It has been commented on that some people when parking their cars by the lychgate are leaving spaces towards the back of the parking area and making it impossible for others to manoeuvre around them. Whilst this is probably to avoid being blocked in could we ask that all available parking space be taken up.

Do you think it would be a good idea to mark out parking spaces? Let the churchwardens know what you think so that this can be discussed at the next meeting of the church committee.

### **COLLECTIONS IN OCTOBER**

CASH £502.16 FWO £916.12 TOTAL £1418.28

### **CAROL AND CHUCKLES - ST HILARY'S FELLOWSHIP**

Wednesday 13th December 2.00pm

Come and have a jolly start to Christmas with a cup of tea or coffee and a mince pie. Cake Stall £ 1.00 - All Welcome.

## **ST PAUL'S CHURCH**

It is St Paul's turn to host the **PARISH CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** at 3.30pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December. We would appreciate some help in making the Christingles at 10.30am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December in church – please come “armed” with a sharp pointed knife, scissors and an apron. The Christingle will once again be supporting Ty Gobaith (Children's Hospice), the NSPCC and The Archbishop of Wales Childrens Fund.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS – DECEMBER**

<b>Date</b>	<b>High Altar</b>	<b>Chapel</b>	<b>Mem Book</b>
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>			Mrs M Hopkins
Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	Congregation	Mrs Robustelli	Mrs B Leigh, Mrs I Wood & Mrs Douglas

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the hall. Small honorarium given in return for this work. Please contact the Vicar or St Paul's Churchwardens if you are interested in this post.

## **COLLECTIONS.**

CASH £ 590.50. FWO. £1878.10. TOTAL £2468.60

The Parish Holiday to Newcastle/Gateshead was once again greatly enjoyed by all who travelled. We stayed at the excellent Marriott Hotel situated a few miles outside Newcastle and where we enjoyed our meals and facilities of the Hotel. The trips to Durham and Beamish, and Alnwick Castle were equally enjoyable. Our thanks to the Vicar – Prebendary R.H.Griffiths for organising the Holiday and our driver – Derek – for seeing us safely there and back.

Although the Show Players no longer use St.Paul's Church to perform their Summer Concerts we were delighted to receive a donation of £500.00 from them recently. I would ask Mr.Jim Hodge, a member of St.Paul's Choir and also a member of the Show Players to convey our grateful thanks to the members of the Show Players and wish them every success in their future productions.

The future lies before you  
Like a field of driven snow,  
Be careful how you tread it,  
For every step will show.

We wish all our readers a very merry Christmas  
And a happy New Year.

JSW.

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

Our thanks to Mrs Desiree Blease, the speaker for October and her illustrated talk "An Asian Experience" – although both sad and funny it gave us all a lot to think about.

### Events for December.

Christmas Lunch at the Four Oaks Hotel, Promenade on Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Monday December 11<sup>th</sup> – Branch Meeting

Speaker – Rev.Price will speak about "Celtic Crosses

Corporate Communion for all members on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
At 10.30am.

Reader - Mrs.Ros Holland.

Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> M.U.Christmas Party in the Church Hall.

We take this opportunity to wish all our members and friends together with the clergy and their families a happy and peaceful Christmas and a most happy New Year.

Audrey Williams.

## **ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

### **Intercession Leaders at the 11am service:**

December 3 clergy

10 Mrs S Crawford

17 Mr J Wright

24 clergy

31 No Service

### **Readers at the 11am service:**

December 3 Mr J Wright & Mrs D Laight (Mr B Roberts)

10 Miss J Preece & Miss M Worthington (Mrs S Crawford)

17 Mrs B Roberts & Mrs C Giles (Mr N Reggett)

24 Carol Service

31 No Service

### **COLLECTIONS IN OCTOBER**

CASH £304.41 FWO £1061.50 TOTAL £1365.91

### **MOTHERS UNION NOTES**

We opened this session with a Holy Eucharist from the Red Book during which the Vicar explained the need for and the changes to the service and also some of the history behind it, so that we could be more understanding and ready for the change over. During the service in church the Vicar enrolled Mrs Betty Thoburn into the Mothers Union and we wish Betty a happy time with us.

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, the opening service was taken by Mr Jeff Wright, followed by plans for our next meeting when we will be remembering our favourite choruses recalled from when we were children. We were very pleased to be given a talk by Cllr Kathie Smith from Llandudno Junction about her experiences whilst serving in the Merchant Navy and her visits to the Pitcairn Island. Kathie explained that she has been interested in that part of the world since reading about the Mutiny on the Bounty when she was young. Kathie brought the island and the people who live there to life for us with her very lively descriptions. Rev Pam Wright gave a vote of thanks and the closing prayers.

A happy afternoon was enjoyed by all as we sung hymns and choruses from our childhood accompanied by Mr Jeff Wright and took part in a number of word games and pass the parcel to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Mrs May Forrester. Mary was presented with a painting of All Saints' church painted by Mrs Myra Chapman and a celebration cake was enjoyed by all.

Our corporate Communion is on 6<sup>th</sup> December when Mrs Betty Thoburn will be our reader. Names please to Mrs Myra Chapman for our Christmas Lunch to be held at the Royal Hotel in Llandudno on 5<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm. Friends are very welcome to join us.

## **ST DAVID'S CHURCH**

Phyllis Ford, Ian and family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support during Frank's long illness. He appreciated it so very much. Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers and letters of condolence, following his passing, the lovely messages we have received have given us much comfort in our great loss.

The donations received for the Prostate Patient Cancer Care was £620, which has been sent to the Glan Clwyd Urology Department.

Our appreciation, thanks and God's Blessings to everyone – Phyllis and Ian Ford.

Well, here we are in December and nearly at the end of another year! October was a fairly quiet month in St David's Church. We held our usual services and it was a real pleasure, once more, to hear the children read so well during the Family Service on 15<sup>th</sup> October when we especially remembered St Luke, and when we sang, again, to the accompaniment of

our little music group. It was also a pleasure to welcome Mr Cliff Woolley back in church on 29<sup>th</sup> October after his 2 short stays in hospital. We hope he will continue to make good progress and send him our very best wishes. On 22<sup>nd</sup> October we held our Gift Day and we are very pleased to report that at the time of writing donations amounted to £1,138.55. We are very grateful to everyone for their generosity.

### **ST DAVID'S PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP**

We have received a copy of the Parent and Toddler Newsletter for October 2006 from which we quote as follows:

**REFRESHMENTS:** We have been very fortunate this term in that we have had a couple of ladies from the church volunteering their own time to help us out by making our drinks. I would like to thank Megan and Pat for all their help so far, it has enabled the rest of us to spend more time with our children. Please let us remember this and treat them with an appropriate level of respect at all times. They are very generous volunteers who are helping us out – not waitresses!

The 2 ladies referred to are, of course, Mrs Megan Jones and Mrs Pat Hillman. We understand Mrs Joan Greenwood has also become involved and it's very nice to know that ladies from our church are so willing to help and that their help is so very much appreciated.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Because the whole of December up to the 24<sup>th</sup> is within the season of Advent there will not be any altar flowers until Christmas Day. However, Mrs Kathleen Evans would very much appreciate donations for the Christmas flowers and help in decorating the church. If you can help do please have a word with Kath and she'll be able to tell you what arrangements have been made for the decoration of the church.

**BRASSES** – Mrs Dilys Evans

### **COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2006**

Cash £244.41 FWO £1343.0 Total £1587.41

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

We are please to report that we have been able to send £100 to Llanrhos Parish Finance Committee to be sent to the Church in Hout Bay, Llandudno, South Africa, along with part of the Parish's Harvest Cash

Donations, to assist with their 'Love Project' working with people with HIV/AIDS in their area. We are also delighted to say that our Coffee Morning of 17<sup>th</sup> September raised £202.15 which was handed over to St David's Church on the occasion of the Christmas Fair, about which we will write more next month. We are, indeed, very grateful to everyone who in any way helped to raise such a large sum for church funds.

In the absence of our Chairman, Mrs Jeanette Davies, our meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November Mrs Ann Rowland opened the meeting with prayer for peace in this world and after giving out various notices she introduced our speaker, Mr John Jones, who gave a very interesting and comprehensive talk about the work of the Bangor Samaritans in our part of North Wales, including his own reasons for becoming a Samaritan. He was warmly thanked by Ann on behalf of all of us. At the same meeting we were very pleased to accept 25 beautifully covered and filled shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Christmas Child' Shoebox Appeal, and also donations amounting to £92.00 for our Vicar's sponsored Hike for Hospices. Well done everyone who contributed and also, many thanks for the shoeboxes.

We were pleased to hear Mrs Jean Groves is making good progress following her knee operation and we hope she will soon be back with us again. Our next meeting will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> December when the speaker will be Mr K Weir who will speak to us about Japan. Just a reminder that our January 2007 meeting will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in January, which is the 9<sup>th</sup> - and not the first Tuesday.

May we take this opportunity to wish all our members and their families a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

### **SIDESPERSON'S ROTA**

	8am	11am
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs D Darby	Mr P Williams, Mrs D Wilson Miss J Cooper
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Miss J Cooper	Mr & Mrs R Coates, Mrs K Evans
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mr D Cuttell	Mrs J Davies, Mrs Ann Rowland Mrs Nesta Reid
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mr J Jones	Mr G Williams, Mrs S Williams Mrs Dorothy Evans

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

Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> – Miss J Cooper	Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 2007 – Miss G Owen
Dec 11 <sup>th</sup> – Mrs M Gregory	Jan 8 <sup>th</sup> – Miss J Cooper

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> – Mr R Coates

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> – Church not open

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> – Mrs M Gregory

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> – Mr Coates

Jan 29<sup>th</sup> – Mr & Mrs R Evans

**WE WISH YOU  
A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS**

*We hope you will join us for our Christmas Services in the churches of the  
parish*

*We look forward to welcoming you*

**FOR A FULL LIST OF THE CHRISTMAS SERVICES  
SEE THE LEAFLET THAT ACCOMPANIES  
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