

OUR VICAR WRITES

Many people today follow a sport. Whether it is football, rugby, golf or another sport they certainly have their dedicated followers. Indeed, it has been said that a sport like football is almost a religion these days. It certainly has its dedicated followers, vast numbers of them. And there is an almost cathedral-like atmosphere in a huge stadium on the day of a big match. Supporters identify strongly with “their” team, willing to glory with a fervour that puts most church congregations to shame.

On the football pitch, the eleven players work as a team, putting into practice all the moves their coach has taught them. They have learned the rules of the game and, on the whole, they follow them; if only because they know the game will descend into chaos otherwise! And one person has the responsibility of ensuring that the rules are indeed followed, interpreted correctly in any given situation on the pitch, so that gifted players can produce a game worthy of them. That person is the referee.

At Pentecost (4th June), the Spirit descended upon all the disciples, just as Jesus had promised. In the vivid scene from Acts, Peter uses Joel’s prophecy to make sense of what he has seen: men and women, suddenly inspired to communicate with people of all nations, to tell the world about God’s mighty intervention in the destiny of human beings, through Jesus Christ.

In football referees are not always popular. Players do not always agree with their decisions. And in the world today, people still resist the Spirit. For the Spirit is not always a comfortable companion. He comes to jolt us out of our complacency, to challenge the world, to search the hearts. Most of all, he comes to point us once more to Jesus, to glorify him and remind us of his teaching.

The Spirit is still moving in the Church today as the gospel is interpreted for a third millennium. We are faced with many new situations, undreamed of in first-century Palestine: economic, social and ethical. There are dilemmas today for which no easy answers can be found in our study of Scripture. We all know of arguments in which the Bible is cited by both sides, with equal conviction. We

need continually to ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our worship, in church meetings and in our daily lives. We need to cast aside our prejudices and presuppositions and listen to the Spirit of Truth, who reminds us of the teachings of Jesus and encourages us to apply them.

If we listen to the Spirit, we can bring credit to our Teacher. We can testify on Jesus' behalf, and play the game he would want us to play. Pentecost (Whitsunday) challenges us – are we playing Jesus' game or have we lost sight of the “ball”? Where are our priorities, our loyalties, do we bend the rules to make the “game” easier to play? Like the referee interpreting the rules of the game in specific situations, the Spirit will show us how those commandments of Jesus can be applied: love God with all your heart, and love your neighbour as yourself.

Bob Griffiths

JUNE AT A GLANCE

- 1 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
12noon Holy Eucharist – Chapel of QE Court
- 2 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
Youth Group
- 3 2.30pm an Afternoon tea for All Saints Church at Brackenrigg
- 4 **THE FEAST OF PENTECOST (Whitsunday)**
usual Sunday services
2pm RSCM Diocesan Festival at St Asaph Cathedral
5pm Festival Service
- 5 7pm Baptism Preparation Meeting – Llanrhos Schoolroom
8pm Evening Koinonia – Llanrhos Schoolroom
- 6 Diocesan Clergy School
7.30pm St David's Ladies Fellowship Meeting
- 7 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
2.30pm Diocesan Mothers' Union Festival at St Giles' Church,
Wrexham
- 8 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
7pm St Hilary's Church Committee Meeting
- 9 10am Holy Eucharist – SD

- 10 Diocesan Readers Day at St Asaph Cathedral
- 11 **TRINITY SUNDAY**
usual Sunday Services
- 12 9.15am Deanery Staff Meeting
St Paul's Mothers Union Outing
- 13 7.30pm St David's Ladies Fellowship
7.30pm Ysgol Bodafon School Governors Meeting
- 14 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
12.30pm Cytun Ministers Fraternal
2pm Llandudno Bible Society Afternoon Tea in Holy Trinity Church Hall
2.30pm St Hilary's Fellowship – Llanrhos Schoolroom
7pm a meeting of the Parochial Church Council
- 15 **Feast of Corpus Christi**
10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
12noon Service in the Chapel of QE Court
7pm Deanery Conference
- 16 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
- 17 Llandudno Hospital league of Friends Flag Day in Llandudno
12noon Wedding – SH
- 18 **PENTECOST 2 (Trinity 1)**
usual Sunday Services
- 21 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
7pm St Paul's Church Committee Meeting
- 22 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
- 23 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
- 24 1pm Wedding – AS
- 25 **PENTECOST 3 (Trinity 2)**
usual Sunday Services
2.30pm Diocesan Conference in St Asaph Cathedral
- 26 2.30pm St Paul's MU Afternoon Tea
- 28 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
- 29 **FEAST OF ST PETER, Apostle** (page 255 in the Prayer Book)
10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
2.15pm Christian Aid Afternoon Tea in Holy Trinity Church Hall
- 30 10am Holy Eucharist – SD

*Items for the July issue of the Parish Magazine should reach the
PARISH OFFICE no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 7th June
2006*

PARISH BARBEQUE

Sunday 2nd July 2006

12.30pm at Bodafon Farm Park

Tickets are available NOW at

£8.50 for adults and £4.50 for children

TICKETS NEED TO BE PURCHASED BY 25th JUNE

And are available from the churchwardens and from the Parish
Office

The cost includes barbeque/salad bar; disco in the barn (12.30pm til
2.30pm) and admission to the Farm Park

CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES

FILING: A filing cabinet is a place where you can lose things alphabetically!

ORDINATION: On Saturday 1st July Mr Robin Green who served here as a Lay Reader will be ordained Deacon in St Asaph Cathedral at 10am. Please remember Robin, his wife Joy and their family at this time in your prayers. If you can be present at the service this would be an added bonus.

Robin will serve as the NSM Curate in the Parish of Llangystennin.

HIKE FOR HOSPICES: The Vicar and Mr David Jones (Organist at St Hilary's) will be undertaking the Hike for Hospices in the Holy Land from 9th to 16th November. They hope to raise a substantial sum of money (£4000.00) for St David's Hospice in Llandudno. Many people in the community and indeed in our congregations have benefited from the wonderful care that is give, not only to patients but to relatives also, at the Hospice. The Vicar's wife, Jane, was a day patient at the Hospice for eight weeks and appreciated the care shown to her (and others). Sponsor sheets will be available in church

later this month. Could we please ask for your support in sponsoring the Vicar and David on their walk? Or you could take a sponsor sheet and get people you know (neighbours, members of a club or society you belong to) to sponsor this most worthwhile cause. Perhaps you could hold a coffee morning or afternoon tea to help the sponsorship. **Your help would be appreciated.**

Little old lady seeks handsome young man: An advert appeared in a student newspaper of a university: "Sweet little old lady wishes to correspond with good-looking university student – six footer with brown eyes wanted, answering to the initials J.A.D. *Signed: his mother!*

PARADISE LOST? Said a frustrated young mother as she stood in the kitchen and watched her baby screaming, her sons fighting, her daughter crying, the washing machine leaking, the dog being sick, and general mess everywhere around the house: "I sometimes wish I'd loved and lost."

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

30.04.06 Emma Isabella Quinn (SD)

07.05.06 Samuel William Roberts (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

17.06.06 Gareth Edwards & Judith Nia Broadhurst (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

07.04.06 Paul Andrew Evans (Colwyn Bay)

William Robert Williams (AS & The Lawns)

11.04.06 Millicent Fildes (SH & The Lawns)

18.04.06 Joyce Barbara Chard (Colwyn Bay)

19.04.06 Frank Sharman (Colwyn Bay)

- 20.04.06 Lily Artingstall (Colwyn Bay)
Katherine Mavis Beard (Colwyn Bay)
- 21.04.06 Winifride Joan Flohr (Colwyn Bay)
Rosemary Williams (Colwyn Bay)
- 25.04.06 Joyce Thomson (Colwyn Bay)
Barry Matthew Armstrong (AS & The Lawns)
Laura Mary Sullivan (Colwyn Bay)
- 27.04.06 Gwynfor Wynne (Colwyn Bay)
Walter Boddice (Colwyn Bay)
- 28.04.06 William Jeffrey Riley (Colwyn Bay)
Colin Owen (SH & The Lawns)
- 03.05.06 Peter Lawrence (SH & The Lawns)
Charles Mundwyler (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.

BEND: I got a package envelope in the mail the other day that had written on the front, "Photographs: Do Not Bend."

Underneath the postman had written: "Oh, yes they do."

**A FEW PLACES ARE STILL LEFT ON THE
PARISH HOLIDAY TO NEWCASTLE
From Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October**

The cost is £280 per person and is based on:

- two people sharing a double/twin room with private facilities, TV, tea/coffee making facilities, hair dryer etc
- 4 nights accommodation at the 4* Newcastle Marriott Hotel, Gosforth Park – the hotel is situated in its own grounds (12 acres) and includes an extensive leisure club (with indoor pool). Within the grounds there is a 'trim trail', three all weather tennis courts and a golf club on the doorstep. The hotel has a café bar and a traditional dining room
- full English Breakfast
- 3 course evening meal

- day trip to Durham & Beamish Open Air Museum
- visit to Alnwick Castle with time to visit the wonderful gardens and new tree house café and information centre
*we regret that there are no single room available
our allocation has been taken up*

Leaflets regarding the holiday can be found in church or can be obtained from the Parish Office.

RING: I know a teen-age girl who has been trying to run away from home for a year, but every time she gets to the front door the phone rings!

It seems a long time ago since we observed Lent but we must say a very big “THANK YOU” to Mrs Alice Wild and her team of helpers who provided the Lenten Frugal Lunches which raised the sum of £670 for St Paul’s and three charities – the outreach work at Ty Llewelyn, Aberconwy Women’s Aid and Christian Aid. Thank you also to everyone who came along and supported the lunches.

CHOIR: Two choir members recently got married. They met by chants.

What a wonderful CONCERT we had in St Paul’s Church on Friday 7th April given by the RSCM Youth Millennium Choir. We have to say that it was probably one of the best concerts we have heard in a long time. The music was excellent. It was a real joy and delight to see young people aged between 16 and 23 singing such wonderful choral music. It was a delight to listen to. The concert raised £300 and was in support of St David’s Hospice.

DRESSED UP: An evangelical vicar was asked to celebrate Holy Communion for his anglo-catholic neighbour who was sick.

Unfamiliar with some of the vestments, he did the best he could. Breakfasting at the vicarage afterwards he said to the vicar’s wife that he hoped he had got all the vestments on properly. “Oh yes, you were quite all right – except that my husband does not usually wear the book-markers!”

There will be a meeting of the **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL** at 7pm on Wednesday 14th June in Llanrhos Schoolroom.

WELCOME: The most welcome guest is the one who knows when to leave!

Deanery of Llanrwst
DEANERY CONFERENCE

7pm in St Ffraid's Church, Glan Conwy

Parish Representatives and Parish Officers are asked to make every effort to attend

THE DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

Takes place at 2.30pm on Sunday 25th June in St Asaph Cathedral

The key-note speaker will be the Ven Bob Jackson

*Conference representatives from the churches
are asked to make every effort to be present*

SWITCHED ON: A housewife was helping her aged mother get up the stairs on the new electric stair lift when the minister telephoned her. He was horrified to hear her say: "I'm so sorry, but I'll have to ring you back, I can't talk right now because I've got my mother in the electric chair and she's just waiting for me to press the switch!"

The 2006 Hellins Lecture will take place on

Wednesday 28th June at 7pm in the Deans Library in St Asaph
And will be given by the Most Rev Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales

who will speak on

"R S Thomas – Man of Faith or Atheist Manque?"

An invitation to attend is extended to everyone

PEACE: After a very long and boring sermon the parishioners filed out of the church saying nothing to the preacher. Towards the end of the line was a thoughtful person who always commented on the sermons.

"Vicar, today your sermon reminded me of the peace and love of God."

The Vicar was thrilled: "Nobody has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Tell me why."

"Because it passed all understanding and endured for ever!"

LLANDUDNO CHRISTIAN AID COMMITTEE

Invite you to AN AFTERNOON TEA

At 2.15pm in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Llandudno
On Thursday 29th June 2006

A Prayer for those with Dementia

*From Using Common Worship – Funerals; R A Horton, Church
House Press*

Lord,
In weakness or in strength
We bear your image.
We pray for those we love
who now live in a land of shadows,
where the light of memory is dimmed,
where the familiar lies unknown,
where the beloved become as strangers.
Hold them in your everlasting arms,
and grant to those who care
a strength to serve
a patience to persevere,
a love to last,
and a peace that passes human understanding.
Hold us in your everlasting arms,
today and for all eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GINNY'S ON THE MOVE!!

Rev Ginny Burton will hopefully be moving home at the beginning of June from the Parsonage in Deganwy to 5 Traeth Penrhyn, Penrhyn Bay. There is an 'Open House' provisionally booked for the 22nd July 2006 from 10am to 3.30pm for the parish. Bishop John will be coming to bless the house around lunchtime. We all hope Ginny and her family will be very happy in their new home!

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

In addition to their daily readings, the BRF has recently launched a periodical called 'Quiet Spaces'. Only 2 people are currently reading this delightful little book and it would be nice to heard from

others who would enjoy a quiet reflection from time to time as the world sails by.

On Thursday 30th November 2006 a quiet day is being arranged at St Winifred's. Rhos on Sea. The theme will be Mary Highly favoured of God, the speaker Anne Hibbert and the price £25. any questions please contact Jack Broadbent on 874594.

CHRISTIAN AID

The house-to-house collection is now over for another year and we do appreciate the effort involved as it is more difficult each time. However, we thought very much about the HIV/AIDS situation in Ethiopia, where a whole generation has been wiped out. Our contribution can help fund projects there and in many other places; so we do 'make a difference'.

A big thank you to our organisers in our churches, also to our collectors and those who gave so generously. Results should be available for the next magazine; when we shall then be thinking about our next big event, the **CHARITY MARKET** at Holy Trinity Church Hall on **Thursday 24th August**. Thank you for your support.

J B-W

THE RNLI IN LLANDUDNO

The 2 lifeboats have carried out a variety of different missions during the past few weeks. The inshore lifeboat was called out one morning to assist police with an incident at Colwyn Bay, but was recalled whilst at sea en route as the matter had been dealt with.

Later that day the boat was out on exercise when Holyhead Coastguard asked her crew to check out a report that a man and dog were stuck on the Great Orme cliffs between Pen Trwyn and the lighthouse. Quickly proceeding to the scene the lifeboat crew confirmed this was the case. As a result Llandudno's coastguard cliff rescue team was called out, and by using its specialised equipment it winched the dog and its owner to safety on the Marine Drive whilst the lifeboat stood below.

Shortly after this the all-0weather lifeboat was launched twice in a week to assist yachts with engine problems. One boat was taken into the safety of Conwy. The skipper of the second boat had been

unable to restart the craft's engine after working on it at sea. The yacht was 1 mile north of Puffin Island; on arrival the lifeboat transferred a crewman to the casualty, and he was able to restart the engine. On his return the lifeboat escorted the yacht to the Menai Straits entrance where the duty was taken over by Beaumaris lifeboat, which shepherded the yacht to a mooring in the Straits.

LLANDUDNO HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

If you are opposed to the downgrading of services proposed for Llandudno Hospital – in particular the removal of the Breast Cancer Services and the Coronary Care beds – please sign the petition sheets at the back of St Paul's Church – further sheets can be obtained by telephoning 01492 581860.

The annual street collection will take place on Saturday 17th June and it has been suggested that proceeds are earmarked for the purchase of items to make patients more comfortable whilst in hospital and also for some gifts at Christmas to show appreciation of the skills and dedication of nursing and other hospital staff.

SMALL ADVERTS!

It has been suggested that we should have a small adverts page in the Parish Magazine each month. Perhaps you have an item to sell or dispose of and would like to advertise this? For a small fee of £2.50 (per entry/per issue) you could have a few lines in the parish magazine on a 'Small Ads page' If you would like to 'advertise' please send this to Mandy in the Parish Office by the deadline of the next edition.

ST HILARY'S PARISH CHURCH

It seems a little late but the May Magazine went to the printers before Easter – **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with and contributed towards the flowers in church at Easter. The church looked wonderful and many people commented on how lovely the church looked.

There will be a meeting of the **ST HILARY'S CHURCH COMMITTEE** at 7pm on Thursday 8th June. We will begin in church with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist using the 2004 Church in Wales Rite before going over to the Schoolroom for our meeting.

ROTAS AT THE PARISH CHURCH:

Readers:	11am	6.30pm
June 4	Family Service	Anna Jones
11	J Narey	T Faulkner
18	O Wakefield	K Roberts (W)
25	Phyl Evans	A Russell
July 2	Family Service	E Williams
9	I Webster	A Jones
16	Val Jones	G Williams (W)
23	A Hughes	T Faulkner
30	A Hutchings	A Russell

Sidespeople:	11am	6.30pm
June 4 & 11	Mr B Ashley Mr Leighton Davies	Messrs Faulkner
18 & 25	Mr P Dent Mr D A Jones	Mrs A Jones
July 2 & 9	Mr D Evans Mrs P Evans	Mr A Russell
16 & 23	Dr R Hughes Mr J Boole	Mr H Gent
July 30 & Aug 6	Mr B Ashley Mr Leighton Davies	Messrs Faulkner

Collections in April:

Cash: £706.67 FWO: £1152.50 Total: £1859.17

ST.HILARY'S FELLOWSHIP - FASHION SHOW

Thank you to everyone who helped make the fashion Show such a wonderful success.

Having had their arms twisted, to take part, even the models enjoyed it, when their knees had stopped knocking!!!
A special thank you to Heather & her staff from "Connections" for all their hard work.

Next date for your diary.

Strawberry Tea St. Hilary's Schoolroom July 12th 2.00pm

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

The May Magazine went to the printers before Easter so we are late saying **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with and contributed towards the flowers in church for Easter. Some 20 people turned up to "do" the flowers and what a wonderful show of flowers was produced. Many commented that they had never seen so many flowers in church at Easter before. It really looked like we were having a flower festival. Thank you to everyone; your efforts were very much appreciated.

There will be a meeting of the **ST PAUL'S CHURCH COMMITTEE** at 7pm on Wednesday 21st June. We will begin with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist in church using the 2004 Church in Wales Rite before moving into the Church Hall for our meeting.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the tea, looked after the church and helped with the catering at St Paul's Church over the Extravaganza Weekend. We had a good number of people in church throughout the weekend with so many of them admiring the church and how beautiful it looked. The exhibition of items made by members of the North Wales Embroiderers Guild were much appreciated for their beauty, skill, and artistry. The refreshments on the Monday were once again excellent and we raised £483 for church. A VERY SPECIAL 'THANK YOU' to Mrs Alice Wild for all her hard work in providing so much of the catering – it was delicious!

ALTAR FLOWER LIST – JUNE

	High Altar	Chapel	Mem. Book
4 th	Mrs Robestelli	Mrs F Nield	Vacant
11 th	Miss B Walton	Vacant	Vacant
18 th	B & P Rohde	Mrs M Parry	Vacant
25 th	Mrs S Ellerton	Vacant	Miss Monks

ST PAULS FLOWERS

We had so many compliments about the Easter Flowers, we want to say THANK YOU to Laura, Roz, Pat, Marjory, Carol, Anne, Marie, Margaret, Anne, Debbie, Edna, Alice, Irene, Sylvia, Audrey and Judy, Joyce, Grace, Ira, Audrey, not forgetting Brian who did all the heavy work. Thanks also to all those who gave towards the flowers and to those ladies who paid for their own flowers as their donation. Betty and Margaret.

COLLECTIONS. (APRIL)

Cash £ 565.02. FWO. £1418.50. Total £1983.52.

The Floral arrangements in Church over the Eastertide
Were a beauty to behold, thanks to the artistry of the arrangers.
Our thanks and congratulations to the ladies concerned.

The Exhibitions of the North Wales Embroiders Guild in Church,
and the Colwyn Bay Model Railway Society in Church Hall over the
May Day Bank Holiday weekend, were both extremely well
presented with everyone who viewed them showing their approval.

No grumbling, no sulking, no feuding, no fighting,
But looking and looking for things to delight in!
No hating the state of the world every minute,
But seeking and finding the beauty that's in it.
No worrying and letting your troubles confound you,

But laughing and liking the people around you!

“A simple Code.”

Anon.

JSW

ST. PAUL'S MOTHERS UNION.

In April a member of St. Paul's Choir- Miss Deborah Haigh-Roberts Treated us to a most interesting afternoon when she displayed a Range of goods available at the “Body Shop” in Mostyn Street in St.Paul's Church Hall. The Hall looked gorgeous and the smell was Nice too. We thank Deborah for all her hard work.

The refreshments, which were available in the Church Hall on the Monday of the Extravaganza Week end were extremely Popular and a total of £482.27 together with the refreshments Available in Church on Saturday and Sunday gave a total of £612.07.Our thanks to Alice and members of Mothers' Union for Supplying and organising the delicious refreshments over the Week end and also to other members of the congregation who Volunteered to be stewards and provide refreshments while the Church was open over the weekend.

EVENTS FOR JUNE.

Corporate Communion for all members on Thursday June 1st
At 10.30am. Reader:- Mrs.Alice Wild

Coffee Mornings every Thursday from 10.00am to 12 noon.
Coffee and biscuits – 60p. ALL are welcome.

The Diocesan Festival will be in Wrexham on Thursday 7th June
At 7.00pm

We were very sad to hear of the death of Mrs.Ellen Hudson, one of our oldest members. She was a quiet sincere lady who was always willing to help and will be greatly missed by her friends in

St.Paul's Mothers' Union. We send our deepest sympathy to her Family and friends and keep them in our thoughts and prayers. May she rest in peace. Audrey Williams.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

COLLECTIONS IN APRIL

Cash: £366.56 FWO: £1090.80 Total: £1457.36

Rotas at All Saints:

Intercession rota for 11am service:

June 4 Mr G Havard

11 Clergy

18 Mr N Reggett

25 Clergy

Sidespeople: 8am

June 4

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11 Mrs B Thoburn

18 Mr P Brown

Worthington

25 Mrs V Gradwell

11am

Mr N Reggett & Mrs B Reggett

Mrs S Oldfield & Mrs J Lancaster

Mrs S Crawford & Miss M

Miss J Barrington & Mrs C Giles

Readers at the 11am Service:

June 4 Mr J Wright & Mrs D Laight (Mr B Roberts)

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

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

25 All-Age Worship

MOTHERS UNION NOTES

Mrs Ceanne Harper gave us a delightful look at the North Cape of Norway with some beautiful views set to music. Mr Ron Jones came and told us about some of his early life and how he learned discipline, respect and faith, the 3 things that were important to him. He brought some interesting mementos he had collected at various

stages in his life to show us, including photos, model items of transport, a lamp and a medal. We thank both speakers for coming and giving us their time.

We are please to see Mrs Beryl Hasprey back home after her hip operation and hope she keeps making a good and speedy recovery. Our Corporate Communion is 7th June and the reader will be Jeff Wright.

We wish all members, friends and families a good summer and loom forward to seeing everyone in September – please remember the brass cleaning dates!

If anyone would like to donate a bag of compost to the church garden it would be much appreciated. Please get in touch with Mrs Daphne Laight.

ST DAVID'S CHURCH

NOTES FROM ST DAVID'S!

The 9th of April was Psalm Sunday when at both the 8am and the 11am services palm crosses were blessed and distributed to each member of the congregation. This year at the 11am service the crosses were actually handed out to people prior to the service and were carried in procession from the church hall into the church. On the 13th April, Maundy Thursday, we held our usual service on that day which is always Holy Eucharist and which includes the symbolic feet washing and the stripping of the Altar. Then the following day, which was lovely and sunny, with a brilliant blue sky, some of us from St David's joined our Presbyterian friends for their Good Friday service on Summerfield's Car park. The service was, as usual, conducted by the Rev John Dowber and was well attended. It consists of Bible readings by various gentlemen of the Presbyterian Church, a short talk by Rev Dowber after each reading and the whole proceedings were interspersed with appropriate hymns for this very special day. On this occasion our own curate, Rev Ginny Burton, was asked to say the opening prayer, which us from St David's feel very welcome indeed. Then at 2pm was our own service for Good

Friday. As usual this was a very solemn time when we were invited to take large nails (similar to those which would have been used to nail our Lord Jesus, horribly, to his cross) and lay them at the foot of a large wooden cross before the Altar, along with our sins, begging God for his forgiveness. Later, we were incited to sit round the 'garden' at the rear of church (which was ready to become the 'Easter Garden' in 2 days time) and think quietly and deeply about all that happened for our sakes that first Good Friday, after which we left, one by one, in silence to return home. It really was a very moving experience and we are grateful to Ginny and the Rev Pam Wright who assisted her, for conducting the service so well.

Then, after all the solemnity of Holy Week came Easter Sunday! What a pleasure it was to see our lovely church bright, once again, with beautiful floral decoration. There were flowers everywhere and we are indeed very grateful to Mrs Kathleen Evans and the people who helped her to make the church look so very nice, and we know Kathleen would also like to say a big 'thank you' to all who donated money or flowers and greenery, and to those who helped to decorate the church. It was lovely to see the church almost full for the 11am service, with many younger people and children. The service took the form of Family Eucharist and, in fact, over 100 people received Holy Communion. The child read the lessons and Ginnys' address was mainly aimed at them, some of whom were taking their first communion. It was a very joyful occasion and, as a befitting conclusion, we all received a little chocolate egg when leaving the church. Lovely! Many thanks to all who gave us a very happy Easter Sunday.

WELCOME!

There were 2 christenings in our Church in April, the 1st being on the 9th when Jessica Fay Townend was baptised, and the 2nd was on the 30th when Ron and Megan Jones's little grand-daughter, Emma Isabella Quinn was christened. It was lovely to welcome both these 2 little girls into the family of the church and we pray for God's blessings on both of them throughout the rest of their lives.

ALTAR FLOWERS

June 4th – vacant

June 11th – Mrs O Hobbis

June 18th – vacant

June 25th Mrs J Warwick

BRASSES – Mrs A Price

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL

Cash £474.94 FWO £1644.75 Total £219.69

ST DAVID'S LADIES FELLOWSHIP

After opening our meeting on 2nd May with prayers for absent members due to illness and also for the work of Christian Aid, whose house- to-house collection commenced on 14th May, Jeanette gave out various notices and reminded our members that our next meeting on 6th June would be our AGM, when she would be able to say more about our 'Mystery Outing' the following Tuesday. She then introduced our speaker, Mr Tony Davies, who gave an interesting talk on the Llandudno copper mines. Mr Davies is a dedicated member of the Great Orme Exploration Society who have been instrumental in discovering much information about these old mines, and he knew his subject very well. Mr Davies was thanked by Jeanette on behalf of us all. We hope to see as many members as possible at our AGM on 6th June after which there will be no more meetings until the next session which commences on 5th September.

CIVIC SERVICE ON THE 7TH MAY

After the placing of a wreath at the Mountbatten Memorial in Penrhyn Bay, we were delighted to welcome Cllr. Mrs Linda Groom, Chair of County Conwy Borough Council and several other civic dignitaries to St David's Church for a Civic service. Many people attended this bilingual service, which was conducted by our Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary R H Griffiths and The Rev Ginny Burton. After singing the first hymn in English and in Welsh, Cllr. Linda Groom and councillors were welcomed to the service by Rev Ginny Burton

and then after prayers, we sang William Williams's wonderful hymn 'Arglwydd arwain drwyn anialwch to the rousing tune Cwm Rhondda. At the 11am service, Mr Alan Price promised us a very good sing at the Civic Service and he was right! Because the other hymns were just as stirring! Thine be the Glory, Calon Lan, Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord, and finally Shine Jesus shine. The St David's music group played and sang Abba Father and even the little girls of the 1st Llandudno Rainbows sang for us. There were Old and New Testament readings in Welsh and in English and we sang that lovely 150th Psalm. The choir sang an anthem and our Vicar gave an inspiring address. After the final hymn and the blessing, we sang the Welsh and the English National Anthems and then everyone was invited to a really lavish spread in the Church Hall, provided by Mrs Groom. It was a very memorable occasion and we sincerely hope there will be many similar events in the future.

SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

	8am	11am
June 4 th	Mrs D Darby	Mr P Williams, Mrs D Wilson Miss J Cooper
June 11 th	Miss J Cooper	Mr & Mrs R Coates, Mrs K Evans
June 18 th	Mr D Cuttell	Mrs J Davies, Mrs A Rowland Mrs Nesta Reid
June 25 th	Mr J Jones	Mr G Williams, Mrs D Evans Mrs S Williams

OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE CHURCH ROTA

June 5 th – Miss G Owen	July 3 rd – Mrs A Chatfield
June 12 th – Miss J Cooper	July 10 th – Miss G Owen
June 19 th – Mrs M Gregory	July 17 th – Miss J Cooper
June 26 th – Mr R Coates	July 24 th – Mrs M Gregory
	July 31 st – Mr R Coates

AND FINALLY – TYPEWRITER WANTED!!

Has anyone got an old typewriter in good working condition lurking unused and unwanted in the back of a cupboard or loft?

If you have and would like to donate it to a new home, please contact Mandy at the Parish Office on 541615 as she knows someone whose old one has broken and would be very grateful of a replacement!
Thank you.