

OUR VICAR WRITES

“Lukewarm people will never have the energy and attractiveness to grow the Church. Churches grow when the people are passionate about their faith and the business of sharing it. It is more important to reshape and refresh the people than reshape and refresh the structures of the Church.”

So says Bob Jackson in his most recent book, “The Road to Growth”. Bob Jackson has already led a day with the clergy of the diocese and on June 25th in the Cathedral he will be the key-note speaker at our Diocesan Conference. He has much to say in his book about the church, its mission, structures, clergy and people. His book is a challenge to individuals, churches and dioceses. He says there is much hope and that there are signs everywhere that the church is growing, contrary to what we read and see in the media.

St Paul had something to say about lukewarm people too! Lukewarm is no good! Jesus requires us to be ‘hot’. Do we want our churches to grow? Do we want the Gospel to be heard by more people? Do we want to bring more people to Christ? Do we want to bring more people within the life, work and witness of the church in our communities? If we do, what are we doing or going to do about it? First, I think we must pray – talk to God about our needs, our hopes and our ambitions. One church found it impossible to fill in Bob Jackson’s questionnaire asking for a list of factors affecting their attendance trends and enquiring whether they used growth-friendly tactics like Alpha courses. “ ‘You see,’ said the vicar, ‘it’s really all down to a group of people many years ago very seriously praying together. That’s why we’ve grown.’ The vicar was Sandy Millar and the church was Holy Trinity Brompton” (the home of Alpha). If we believe that the Bible is ‘the word of God’, Bob Jackson says that “hunger for its message will be at the heart of spiritual renewal... The Bible transports the reader into God’s strange world- it lives and breathes, and it changes us.”

Most of all we need love – God is love. Love is a commandment of Jesus. All we have to do is love God and others. People such as Mother Teresa demonstrated love and give us an example of how we

should all be – love for the poor, love for each other, love for God’s world, love for God.

We **MUST NOT** be lukewarm Christians. Each one of us should be constantly aware of others who are seeking God. We need to be more pro-active in bringing people into the life of the church. When someone is absent from church for a long period and you see them in the street tell them that they have been missed. If someone is ill, visit them or if you can’t telephone and ask how they are. If parents are struggling with children in church, don’t tut tut and frown, help them. When someone new comes to church, welcome them, ask them to sit by you or you go to sit by them, show them how to find their way through the Prayer Book, after the service if there is coffee, ask them to stay – and stay with them and introduce them to others.

There are so many ways in which we can show we are not ‘lukewarm’ Christians.

An experienced Catholic Priest once replied when I asked him how he was settling in his new parish, “You know, it never ceases to amaze me how the church still survives, despite us!” In many ways the survival of the church is living proof of the existence and power of God. God has not and will not give up on us. If we are faithful who know what God has in store for us as individuals and as His Church in this place!

Bob Griffiths

MAY AT A GLANCE

1 Feast of St Philip & St James, Apostles

10am Holy Eucharist – SP

10.30am to 5pm North Wales Embroiderers Guild Exhibition – SP

Morning Coffee – Light Lunches – Afternoon Tea – SP Church

Hall

2 7.30pm St David’s Ladies Fellowship

3 10am Holy Eucharist – AS

7.30pm Conwy Borough Cytun – SD Methodist Church, Craig y Don

- 4 9am Llanrhos/Llandudno Clergy Meeting
 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
 12noon Holy Eucharist – Chapel of QE Court
 7pm St David’s Church Committee Meeting
- 5 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
 6.45pm Youth Group
- 6 12noon Wedding – SH
- 7 **EASTER 4**
 usual Sunday Services
 2.30pm Conwy County Borough Council Civic Service - SD
 7.45pm Christian Aid Service – St John’s Methodist Church,
 Llandudno
- 8 9.15am Deanery Staff Meeting
 7pm Baptism Preparation meeting – Llanrhos Schoolroom
 8pm Evening Koinonia Group – Llanrhos Schoolroom
- 9 2.30pm All Saints Mothers Union
- 10 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
 12.30pm Cytun Ministers Fraternal
 7.30pm Ysgol Bodafon Governors Meeting (6.30pm Finance
 Committee)
- 11 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
- 12 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
- 13 11am & 1pm Weddings – SH
- 14 **EASTER 5**
 usual Sunday Services
- 15 **St Matthias, Apostle**
 9.15am Holy Eucharist – SD
Christian Aid Week begins
- 16 7pm Archdeacon’s Visitation – SD
 7pm Llandudno Cytun AGM at Stella Maris
- 17 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
- 18 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
 12noon Service in the Chapel of QE Court
- 19 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
- 20 1.30pm Wedding – SH
- 21 **EASTER 6 – Rogation Sunday**

- usual Sunday Services
plus
6pm 'Y' Service – SD
- 22 2.30pm St Paul's Mothers Union
7pm All Saints Church Committee Meeting
- 24 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
7pm Parish Finance Committee – Llanrhos Schoolroom
- 25 **ASCENSION DAY**
10am Holy Eucharist – SH
10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
7.30pm Deanery Mothers Union Festival – Llanrwst
- 26 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
- 28 **EASTER 7**
usual Sunday Services
- 31 10am Holy Eucharist - AS

***Items for the June edition of the Parish Magazine should reach
THE PARISH OFFICE no later than 12noon on Tuesday 9th may
2006.***

Man is an able creature, but he has made 32,600,000 laws and hasn't yet improved on the Ten Commandments.

ADVANCE NOTICE

A PARISH BARBEQUE

with a disco in the barn

at Bodafon Farm Park

on Sunday 2nd July 2006

at 12.30pm

Adults £8.50p Children £4.50p

Tickets will be on sale in June

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. *George Burns*

The **Governing Body** of Ysgol Bodafon will meet at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th May. The Governors Finance Committee will meet at 6.30pm.

LLANDUDNO CHURCHES TOGETHER – CYTUN

You are invited to attend the Annual general Meeting of Llandudno Cytun on Tuesday 16th May at 7pm in Stella Maris, Llandudno.

“Y” SERVICE

The next “Y” Service for young people (and the young at heart) will be held at 6pm on Sunday 21st May in St David’s Church, Penrhyn Bay.

Please come along. If you want to know more about the service before coming along please have a word with Rev Ginny Burton.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

02.04.06 William Joseph Withington (SH)

Rosie Katherine Owen Owen (SH)

09.04.06 Jessica Fay Townend (SD)

10.04.06 Molly May Matthews (SH)

23.04.06 Abigail Louise Evans-Smith (AS)

Jack Michael Harry Roberts (SH)

Ben Michael Buglass (SH)

30.04.06 Emily Grace Hall (SP)

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

13.05.06 Matthew Gordon Jon Lambert & Emma Victoria Wilmore (SH)

Andrew McLardie & Nicola Carlisle (SH)

20.05.06 Paul James Richard Kenyon & Helen Victoria Northrop (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

- 20.03.06 Mary Elizabeth Robson (Colwyn Bay)
Gwilym Hughes (SH & The Lawns)
Iris May Watson (Colwyn Bay)
- 21.03.06 Eileen Jones (Colwyn Bay)
- 23.03.06 Ethel Margaret Gwendoline Dormaine (Colwyn bay)
Louisa Middleton (Colwyn Bay)
- 24.03.06 Gordon Hanbury Jones (Colwyn Bay)
- 28.03.06 Leslie Pritchard (Colwyn Bay)
Patricia Anne Smith (Colwyn Bay)
- 31.03.06 Doris Wright (AS & Colwyn Bay)
Ethel Marjorie Dexter (Colwyn Bay)
- 05.04.06 William Owain Jones (Colwyn Bay)
Patrick Joseph McEvoy (Colwyn Bay)
- 06.04.06 Jane Roberts (The Lawns)
Mona Littlewood (Colwyn Bay)
- 07.04.06 Edith Sorahan (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.

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the bottle. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her four-year old daughter to answer it. "It's the minister, Mum," the child said to her mother. Then she told the caller: "Mummy can't come to the phone right now. She's hitting the bottle."

While out in town, I saw an elderly couple holding hands while they were walking. As they approached, I commented on how romantic it was.

He replied, "We have been holding hands when we go out in public for over thirty years. I have to. If I let go, she shops."

Our **EVENING KOINONIA GROUP** will meet in Llanrhos Schoolroom at 8pm on Monday 8th May. This is a group for prayer, bible study and discussion and an invitation is extended to anyone who might like to come along.

There will be a meeting of the **PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE** (Churchwardens, Church Secretaries & Treasurers, Lay Readers) in Llanrhos Schoolroom at 7pm on Wednesday 24th May.

The **DEANERY MOTHERS UNION FESTIVAL** will take place in St Grwst's Church, Llanrwst, at 7.30pm on Thursday 25th May (Ascension Day).

IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE
to book your place on the
PARISH HOLIDAY 2006 to Newcastle
from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October
cost £280 per person
based on

- two people sharing a double/twin room with private facilities, TV, tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer 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 course next door. 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 an option to visit the wonderful gardens and new tree house

we regret that there are no single rooms available – our allocation has been taken up

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly sidesperson greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. “Where would you like to sit?” he asked politely.

“The front row please,” she answered.

“You really don’t want to do that,” the sidesperson said, “the vicar is really boring.”

“Do you happen to know who I am?” the woman inquired.

“No”, he said.

“I’m the vicar’s mother,” she replied indignantly.

“Do you know who I am?” he asked.

“No,” she answered.

“Good,” he answered.

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY – Monday 1st May
Join us for Morning Coffee – Light Lunch – Afternoon Tea
in St Paul’s Church Hall

The church will be open from 10.30am to 5pm for
AN EXHIBITION BY THE NORTH WALES
EMBROIDERERS GUILD

LIVING ALONE

Heavenly Father, Your presence means more than I can say,
I know You’re here with me throughout each passing day,
giving just enough of patience, strength, guidance, wisdom, love,
a gentle rebuke, lots of forgiveness, cleansing from above.
I don’t know how I’d manage a day ‘walking’ on my own,
it’s always been so very hard learning to live alone.
But as we go along You remind me of Your laws,
protect me from danger, help me to pray, and hold my hand in Yours.
When loneliness comes sweeping in, in it’s gnawing, aching way,
You help to ease the pain and give me strength to say
“I’m a child of my Heavenly father, He’ll work things for the best.”
And “Please, Lord, give my mind and spirit rest.”
You do not always take a broom and sweep the grief away,
but You do give grace and courage to live for You each day.
Lord, You never said that living for You would be an easy task,
but You did say that when I’m in need I only have to ask,
and Your Holy Spirit will fill me up with good things from above,
and give me what I need the most: Your Holy, heavenly love.

CHRISTIAN AID

You are invited to come together in St John’s Methodist Church in
Llandudno for a special service for CHRISTIAN AID at 7.45pm on
Sunday 7th May.

Christian Aid works in more than 50 countries, helping people regardless of religion or race to improve their own lives and tackle the causes of poverty and injustice. CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14TH – 20TH MAY will be seven days of fundraising, prayer and action against global poverty.

The Slogan for 2006 is **YOU ADD, WE MULTIPLY**. It is a simple idea that encapsulates Christian Aid's belief that together we can make a big difference. The maths is simple: just by giving enough money to buy a pair of chickens for a village, those chickens produce eggs and more chickens. **There are many ways to be involved, either by contributing money or times, helping with the house to house in our are (which is large) or perhaps a fund raising event (materials are available to help: please ask)**

Christian Aid Week resources, feature inspiring stories for the work of Christian Aid partners in Ethiopia, Bolivia and Nicaragua, and news of the Trade Justice Campaign from Bangladesh. The Service at **ST JOHNS CHURCH IN LLANDUDNO ON SUNDAY 7TH MAY AT 7.45PM** focuses prayer and reflection on work in Ethiopia alongside those who live with HIV. There are 1.6 million people living with HIV and aids in Ethiopia, more than 1 million children who have lost their parents to HIV. Through Christian Aid's partners, the Organisation for Social Services for Aids (OSSA) and the Ethiopian Orthodox (EOC) are training young people to be counsellors so that they can support people who have been affected by HIV and Aids especially those suffering the stigma and discrimination because of the virus. Do make a note in your diaries and come along to find out more.

East Africa is now in the grip of the worst drought for more than 20 years. 11 MILLION people are at risk; especially acute in the North and East Kenya, South East Ethiopia and South Somalia. Christian Aid and other Organisations can help using what we can give, so,

YOU ADD, WE MULTIPLY! JBW

THE ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION
will take place
at 7pm
on Tuesday 16th May
in St David's Church, Penrhyn Bay

All parish clergy and churchwardens are required to attend; clergy with the Bishop's permission to officiate in the diocese and resident in the Deanery (Llanrwst & Rhos) are asked to attend; all PCC and Church Committee members are invited to attend.

A couple was arranging for their wedding and asked the bakery to inscribe the wedding cake with 1 John 4:18 which reads: "There is not fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear."

The bakery evidently lost, smudged or otherwise misread the noted reference, and beautifully inscribed on the cake John 4:18: "For you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband."

YSGOL BODAFON

We congratulate children from our Church School in being successful in a number of competitions. Four young people created a robot and went through to the national finals in Milton Keynes. Three young people entered and won in a creative writing and drawing competition, which 1237 entered. The school rock band goes from strength to strength appearing at a number of venues recently including the North Wales Theatre and Conwy Guild Hall. Congratulations to everyone involved.

ABERCONWY TALKING NEWSPAPER

The Aberconwy Talking Newspaper is a weekly tape containing a magazine and local news for people with little or no sight. It is a free service to the listeners, run entirely by volunteers and over 300 copies are distributed each week, mostly within the Aberconwy area but several are sent to other parts of the country.

At the moment they are looking for volunteers who would be prepared to operate the control panel whilst the recordings are being made. It is quite a simple operation, particularly for people with a

technical interest and full training and support would be given until the volunteer felt able to work on their own. The commitment would be for two hours every five or six weeks, on either Wednesday or Thursday evenings. They record the magazine on Wednesday and the news on Thursday.

Would you be interested in offering your time to this very worthwhile task, or would like to find out a little more, please contact Elizabeth Smyth, Chair, Aberconwy Talking Newspaper, on 01492 546506 or leave a message at the office (20 Augusta Street, Llandudno – 01492 871089).

Rev Peter Taylor (RIP)

It was with great sadness at the end of March that we heard of the death of the Rev Peter Taylor who served here as curate from 1997. Peter was a very faithful priest and together with his wife Ruth served the people of Deganwy faithfully and many have much to thank him for. Peter was unwell whilst he was with us but each time he came bouncing back. He was an example of humility and faith to us all. He bore his illnesses with great faith in a loving God and when he did have to retire on health grounds it was with much sadness both to him and us. Someone once said that he was a “gentle giant” – both in stature and in faith. We thank God for Peter’s life and ministry amongst us and we commend him to God’s keeping.

THE RNLI IN LLANDUDNO

Llandudno’s crews have been called out twice in recent weeks. On the first occasion both lifeboats were launched to carry out a night-time search of the Great Orme coastline after the North Wales Police Helicopter crew reported that a person might be at the foot of the cliffs. The crews combed the area for some time using searchlights, but nothing was found. The second launch, again in darkness, was to assist an auxiliary sailing yacht 3 miles north of Great Orme’s Head. The vessel, on passage from Bangor to Liverpool with 4 men on board had experienced fuel contamination problems. In a heavy swell and near-freezing conditions the yacht was taken in tow by the

lifeboat and berthed safely at Conwy in an operation lasting some 3 hours.

Crew training activities have included a course of evening classes in first-aid, whilst individual crewmembers have attended the RNLI Lifeboat College in Poole for residential courses including inshore lifeboat operation and sea survival. Two crewmen have taken part in swiftwater rescue training at Canolfan Tryweryn, the National Whitewater Centre.

As in previous years the all- weather lifeboat will be displayed on the promenade, together with the Guild Souvenir Sales caravan, on Sundays and Bank Holidays this summer starting on 30th April.

The annual RNLI Coffee Morning in Penrhyn Bay will be held in St David's Church Hall on Tuesday 9th May – 10am to 12 noon – ALL VERY WELCOME!

LLANDUDNO HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

The League, which celebrates its 30th Birthday this summer, has raised over £500,000 for the purchase of equipment for Llandudno Hospital in recent years and is greatly concerned that proposals have been made for the removal of certain units, such as the Breast Cancer Surgery, to other sites and the downgrading of some other facilities. Parishioners are urged to attend any public meetings during the consultation period that end on 30th June to voice their opinions. You can join the Friends or send a donation to support their work by contacting Mrs Pat Pearson, 10 Taliesin Street, Llandudno, LL30 2YE (Tel 878859). Also if you are able to spare an hour of so to assist with the Llandudno Street collection on Saturday 17th June please telephone Mrs Whitfield on 875301 who is organising the rota.

PRAYERS BY SOME OF OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Holy Spirit, optimistic, loyal,
You are always there

Showing us power of angels in our life.
Remembering us, inspirational, teaching us everyday.
Katie Osborne.

The Holy Spirit by Alicia

I see the Holy Spirit as a person who is:
Loving, caring, helpful and a person who shows us the way around
the world. The Holy Spirit is always with me where ever I go.

Holy Spirit by Rebecca

Helpful and happy,
Occasionally away.
Long lasting, loving
Young Carer towards me
Shines deeply, showing happiness
Powerful forever
Intelligent to us
Rightful always
Inspirational to all who believe
Talks wisely and truthful;

I'm sometimes cheerful, sometimes sad, sometimes good and
sometimes bad.
But the Holy Spirit within me tries to made me a good Christian
Although I'm not perfect, I try my best not to be a little pest!
By Bethan Taylor

GINNY'S ON THE MOVE!!

Rev Ginny Burton will be moving home at the beginning of May
from the Parsonage in Deganwy to 5 Traeth Penrhyn, Penrhyn Bay.
There will be an 'Open House' on 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!

Extra Reading

Have you seen the latest edition of 12+ The Deanery Magazine? If not you should find some copies at the back of your church. The current issue has a lemon coloured front cover. The aim of the magazine is not to duplicate or replace the Parish Magazine but to complement it - and it's FREE!

Following the Mission "12" in 2004 it was felt that there should be a magazine aimed at the Deanery as a whole and acting as a common bond between each of the eleven churches in the Deanery (sadly the twelfth, St. Mary's in Mochdre has since closed). The content is intended not just to reflect what is going on in the deanery but also to look at our faith as a whole, but in a light and interesting way. Also included is a diary of coming events throughout the deanery so you don't have to miss out on any important events

There has been little publicity about the magazine but it has developed a small and loyal group of readers. Why not join them? 12+ is published quarterly with the next issue (Number 7) due out at the beginning of June. However the current issue is still available and if there are none left in your church please inform the clergy or contact Mandy direct at the Parish Office. Each edition is "home made" so there is no end to the print run - we can even make back copies available! Enjoy your reading!

ST HILARY'S PARISH CHURCH

Collections in March:

Cash: £593.77 FWO: £728.00 Total: £1321.77

ROTAS IN THE PARISH CHURCH

Readers:	11am	6.30pm
May 7	Family Service	Gwilym Williams
14	Val Jones	A Russell
21	A Hughes	G Morris (W)
28	A Hutchings	E Williams
June 4	Family Service	Anna Jones
11	J Narey	T Faulkner
18	O Wakefield	K Roberts (W)
25	Phyl Evans	A Russell

Sidespeople:	11am	6.30pm
May 7 & 14	Mr D Evans Mrs P Evans	Mr A Russell
May 21 & 28	Dr R Hughes Mr J Boole	Mr H Gent
June 4 & 11	Mr B Ashley Mr Leighton Davies	Messrs Faulkner
June 18 & 25	Mr P Dent Mr D A Jones	Mrs A Jones

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

COLLECTIONS (MARCH)

Cash £250.47 FWO £1029.50 Total £1279.97

The Lenten Frugal Lunches have again proved to be very popular and have been very well patronised apart from the very first one when we were all snowbound. Thanks are due to Alice and her willing band of helpers who serve us with soup and bun and a welcoming smile. Thank you ladies!

The chapel in Llandudno Hospital has been the venue now for a few years for the Lenten Services – this year being no exception – when the Parishes of Llandudno and Llanrhos meet and share their devotions. Thank you to all the participating Clergy of both Parishes for their interesting and thought provoking sermons and their introduction of the lovely service of Compline.

After the dreary gales and showers of April comes the merry month of May heralding long hours of daylight, sunshine, the migrating birds returning, the buds and shoots thrusting from the soil. Oh yes! The lawn needs mowing!!

Set an artist to design
The perfect shape, the purest line,
Could he surpass, for all his skill

What Nature yearly does at will? Anon

JSW

ST. PAUL'S MOTHERS UNION.

Our thanks to Councillor John Boyle, our speaker in March. His talk was non political but very informative and he answered many questions.

Our thanks to the ladies who took part in St.Paul's Mothering Sunday Service. They were Mrs.Anne Clutton, Mrs.Eira Benson, Mrs.Laura Shaw and Mrs.Mary Sigomo.

Mrs.Alice Wild read the lessons. The posies and Mothering Sunday Cards were given out at the end of the Service

On Monday 27th March the Branch had a surprise visit by Mr. Peter Lusty, who is the nephew of one of our members, Mrs.Zoe Thomas. Peter is a Chartered Accountant and lives in East Grinstead. He is also a member of the Livery Companies of The City of London, and this is what he came to talk to us about. The History of these Companies began before 1066 and is still going strong today .It was a fascinating afternoon and sixteen husbands joined us!

EVENTS FOR MAY.

Corporate Communion for all members on Thursday 4th May at 10.30am. Reader:- Mrs.Dorothy Roberts.

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

We send our love and good wishes to our indoor members and anyone who is not too well at the moment and hope you all enjoyed the Easter celebrations.
Audrey Williams.

FLOWER LIST – MAY

Date	High Altar	Chapel	Mem Book
7 th	Miss Walton	Vacant	Vacant
14 th	Mrs Kearsley	Vacant	Mrs Conlen
21 st	Mrs Carr	Mrs I Williams	Mrs B Leigh
28 th	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Collections in March:

Cash: £239.61 FWO: £829.80 Total: £1069.41

Rotas at All Saints:

Intercession Leaders at the 11am service:

May 7 clergy	June 4 Mr G Havard
14 Mrs S Crawford	11 clergy
21 Mr J Wright	18 Mr N Reggett
28 clergy	25 clergy

Sidespeople

8am

11am

May 7	-	Mr B Roberts & Mrs M Roberts
14	Mr R W Doyle	Mr G Havard & Mrs B Havard
21	Mrs E A C Doyle	Miss M Worthington & Mrs H
Brookes		
28	Mrs M Meldrum	Mrs P Reed & Mrs A Cross
June 4	-	Mr N Reggett & Mrs B Reggett
11	Mrs B Thoburn	Mrs S Oldfield & Mrs J Lancaster
18	Mr P Brown	Mrs S Crawford & Miss M
Worthington		
25	Mrs V Gradwell	Miss J Barrington & Mrs C Giles

Readers at the 11am service:

May 7	Mrs C Giles & Mr B Roberts (Mrs B Reggett)
14	Mrs S Crawford & Mr G T Havard (Mr J Wright)
21	Mr N Reggett & Mrs B Reggett (Miss J Preece)
28	All-Age Worship
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

There will be a **CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETING** at 7pm on Monday 22nd May in church.

ST DAVID'S CHURCH

On Sunday 7th May we will be welcoming Cllr Linda Groom, Chair of Conwy County Borough Council, together with other civic dignitaries to St David's Church for a Civic Service. The service will begin at 2.30pm followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. There will be wreath laying at the Mountbatten Memorial in Penrhyn Bay at 2pm. You are invited to join our County Borough Council for this service.

There will be a meeting of the **CHURCH COMMITTEE** at 7pm on **TUESDAY 23RD MAY** in church.

(PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FROM TUESDAY 4TH MAY)

NOTES FOR ST DAVID'S CHURCH

Because Mothering Sunday this year fell on the 4th Sunday of March, the date of our Family Service was moved from the 19th to the 26th. The service on the 19th was Holy Eucharist and the preacher was Mr Keith Livesey who was a Lay Reader in and around Manchester but is now living in our parish and has just been licensed as a Lay Reader in our Deanery. The service on Mothering Sunday was well-attended and proved to be a lively happy occasion. The Bible story, beautifully read by Lara, was about Jesus as a young boy, talking in the Temple to the Scribes and asking them questions while his Mother and Joseph vainly searched for him among their friends and relatives. While Lara was reading, 3 of the children suitably dressed, acted out the parts of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. The prayers were said, clearly and sincerely, by another little boy and girl and every lady in the church received a little posy of roses, daffodils and greenery along with a Mothering Sunday card. Afterwards the gentlemen served coffee and biscuits in the church hall.

MONDAY EVENING LENT SERVICE FOR THE DEANERY

This service on 13th March took place in our Church. It was good to see people from various parts of the Deanery and we were privileged to accompany our speaker Mr Keith Livesey, on a journey through his life for the time when he was a child to the day many years later when he suddenly knew God was calling him to take a very different and meaningful part in his church life. He knew then he wanted to become a Lay Reader and he subsequently did just that. It was an interesting talk which gave us all something to think about. Keith, having now come to live in our parish has been licensed as a Lay Reader in our Deanery and, in fact, he assisted in the service on 19th March, and preached the sermon. Thank you Keith and welcome to our group of Clergy and Lay Readers.

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 4th – Mrs J Wakeham

May 14th and May 21st – Vacant

May 28th – Mrs H Thorpe

BRASSES – MISS J COOPER

COLLECTION FOR MARCH 2006

CASH £317.09 FWO £881.90 TOTAL £1198.99

ST DAVID'S LADIES FELLOWSHIP

It was a joy to welcome to our meeting on April 4th one of our Curates the Rev Pam Wright – a wonderful opportunity to introduce her to some of our members who hadn't met her. She prepared for us a 'Meditation for Lent' – focussing on Mary, mother of Jesus. We remembered her humility and obedience, how much she loved and cared for Jesus as a baby and how she watched his development into manhood. How she 'pondered on these things'. Then we tried to imagine how much she suffered during his last days on earth, the days before his crucifixion. How she must have wondered why God allowed their son to suffer so much and die on a cross. It is not often our thoughts run to Mary during Holy Week, so it was a very moving

experience for us all. We thank Pam for giving us this opportunity to ponder on the feelings of a mother for her son. I am sure as a result of this we shall remember Mary during our Good Friday and Easter services.

Our next meeting will be on May 2nd when our speaker will talk on the 'History of the Copper Mines'.

DEANERY QUIET DAY

Three of us from St David's Church went to the Loreto Centre on the 18th of March for the Deanery Quiet Day. We were all made welcome with a cup of coffee and biscuits but then we learnt that neither the Rev'd Robert Rowland, nor the Rev'd Stephen Green who should have taken parts of the meeting were able to be there so the Rev'd Lynette Norman stepped in and conducted the whole proceedings, and an excellent job she did of it too! She spoke on 3 topics, Creation and the Earth, Fire, which she likened to God's purifying power, and Water, which again she likened to God's cleansing and sustaining power. Lynette's talks were interspersed with readings, music and quiet times when we were asked to go away and think or pray about what we had just heard, or just sit quietly on our own for about 15 minutes. Just before lunch we had a short service of Holy Eucharist led by our Vicar. It was a lovely, peaceful day, though I must say lunchtime (when we enjoyed a 3-course meal – not the sandwiches most of us had been expecting!) was by no means quiet! It was a lively occasion with much chatter and laughter! The whole event came to a close at about 3.30pm after a short act of Worship when we were invited to tea, scones and homemade jam in the dining room and I for one was home again at about 4.15pm after having enjoyed a really quiet and relaxing day. I hope there will be similar events in the future. Joan Cooper.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

This takes place between 13th and 20th May. If you can help with the house-to-house collection during that time, please do let our Church Wardens know. Your help will be much appreciated.

SIDEPERSONS' ROTA

	8AM	11AM
7 TH	MRS D DARBY	MR J ROBERTS, MR P WILLIAMS MRS D WILSON, MISS J COOPER
14 TH	MISS J COOPER	MR & MRS R COATES MRS K EVANS, MISS V MILLER
21 ST	MR D CUTTELL	MRS J DAVIES, MRS A ROWLAND MR J ROBERTS
28 TH	MR J JONES	MR G WILLIAMS, MRS DOROTHY EVANS

OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE CHURCH ROTA

MAY 1 ST – MISS G OWEN	JUNE 5 TH – MISS G OWEN
MAY 8 TH - MISS J COOPER	JUNE 12 TH – MISS J COOPER
MAY 15 TH – MRS M GREGORY	JUNE 19 TH – MRS GREGORY
MAY 29 TH – MR /MRS R EVANS	JUNE 26 TH – MR R COATES

***PLEASE DON'T FORGET NEW DATE FOR ST DAVID'S
CHURCH MEETING NOW ON TUESDAY 23RD MAY - 7PM***