

OUR VICAR WRITES

I was talking to someone the other day about churchgoing and out came the old chestnut – “you can be a Christian without going to church, can’t you vicar”. I think I shocked him with my reply – “No!” There are indeed many good people in this world but we must not confuse ‘being good’ with ‘being a Christian’. Christianity is far more than just ‘being good’ and ‘leading a good life’. Indeed, I don’t think anyone who goes to church would say they even come close to ‘being good’. I know I fall far short in my life and I need the reassurance of Jesus through the sacraments and the fellowship of the church that despite my failings I am loved and appreciated for who and what I am. Yes, I make mistakes. Yes, I open my mouth before putting my brain into gear. Yes, I am capable of good things too. I am what I am, I am who God created – not perfect, but trying my best!

I often wonder why some people stop coming to church after many years of faithful witness! Perhaps I or someone else has said the wrong word, perhaps they don’t get the praise they think they deserve, perhaps other things creep in to take up their time? Who knows? Surely we go to church to worship God in the fellowship of other Christians, to receive the sacrament, as Jesus commanded us to do whenever we come together in his name. Christianity is about the family of God, about community and fellowship and those who cannot physically get to church remain part of that fellowship through home communion. Christianity is about commitment to the teachings of Christ and following His example as best we can and coming together for worship and fellowship as He did.

It is the task of each one of us to search out those who have been lost to the church, for whatever reason. When we meet someone in the street, at work, at a social gathering, a neighbour, who has not been to church for a while, to say that they are missed from our fellowship. God waits to welcome them back into the fellowship as in the story Jesus told of the Prodigal Son.

God is ever present. Just like to sun in the sky – it never goes away. Sometimes we cannot see it because of the clouds or during the

night, but it never goes away. When we fly off on holiday it can sometimes be very dark and cloudy with no sunshine coming through but as the plane breaks through we see the sun in all its radiantly brilliant brightness, set against the sky's boundless blue. It's a magic moment and in it the sun reminds us it is always here with us, even if we cannot always see it.

Are we like blind Bartimaeus – having once seen and known what is essential in our life but finding it now clouded and out of sight (perhaps even out of mind).

Are we ready to be persistent in calling out to Jesus so he is aware of our need for healing? Are we, like Bartimaeus, ready to throw off our cloak and whatever else might hinder us in responding to Jesus' call? Are we listening for his call?

Have we Bartimaeus' faith, the faith to follow Jesus at all times, even to the cross and beyond, and not simply for those brief moments when it seems comfortable, important or beneficial to us?

Questions, and yet more questions – but as we tease out the answers to them the splendid and revealing example of the blind beggar, Bartimaeus, provides wonderful encouragement.

Bartimaeus' request to Jesus must be our plea too: "Teacher, help us to see again," so that we may truly see Jesus, see him for what he wonderfully is, see what he is doing and where he is going – and then follow him. May God give us grace to hear his call, open our eyes and walk his way in confidence and faith.

Bob Griffiths

OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

1 PENTECOST 17 (Trinity 16)

usual Sunday Services

Harvest Thanksgiving in St Hilary's Parish Church

8am Holy Eucharist

11am Family Service for Harvest

6.30pm Harvest Evensong & Sermon

Preacher: Rev Michael Williams, Vicar of Llanrhaeadr, Prion & Nantglyn (former curate of Llanrhos)

- 2 7pm Baptism Preparation – Llanrhos Schoolroom
- 4 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
7pm Meeting of the St Paul’s Church Committee
- 5 10am Area Deans Meeting
10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
12noon Holy Eucharist – Chapel of QE Court
- 6 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
6.45pm Youth Group
- 7 1pm Wedding – SH
- 8 **PENTECOST 18 (Trinity 17)**
usual Sunday Services
Harvest Thanksgiving in St Paul’s Church
9.45am Holy Eucharist
Preacher: Rev Gerald Davies (Simon’s dad)
12.30pm for 1pm Cytun Sunday Lunch at St David’s Methodist Church (Tickets should have been pre-purchased)
- 9 7pm Parish Harvest Supper – St Paul’s Church Hall
- 10 12.45pm Cytun Clergy Fraternal at Stella Maris
2pm Cytun Council at Stella Maris
7pm Llandudno Bible Society Quiz at Seilo Chapel
7.30pm meeting of the Governors of Ysgol Bodafon (6.30pm Finance Committee)
- 11 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
- 12 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
- 13 10am Holy Eucharist – SD
- 14 10am for 10.30am Renewal Day at Holy Trinity Church
- 15 **PENTECOST 19 (Trinity 18)**
usual Sunday Services
- 16 9.15am Deanery Staff (Clergy) Meeting
- 18 **Feast of St Luke the Evangelist**
10am Holy Eucharist – AS
- 19 10am to 12noon Annual Card Fayre in St Paul’s Church Hall
10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
12noon Harvest Thanksgiving Service – QE Court
- 20 10am Holy Eucharist – SD

21 PENTECOST 20 (Trinity 19)

usual Sunday Services

23 – 27 Parish Holiday in Newcastle

25 10am Holy Eucharist – AS

26 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

27 10am Holy Eucharist – SD

29 LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Trinity 20)

Bible Sunday

Usual Sunday Services

Items for the November issue of the Parish Magazine should reach the PARISH OFFICE no later than Tuesday 9th October 2006.

HIKE FOR HOSPICES

The Vicar and Mr David Jones (organist at the Parish Church) are undertaking the Hike for Hospices next month in the Holy Land together with other ‘hikers’ from St David’s and St Kentigern’s (St Asaph) Hospices and a group from Southern Ireland. If you have signed the sponsorship form in the churches, have agreed to give a donation or would like to make a donation, could you please give it to the Vicar or hand it in at church in an envelope clearly marked (and cheques payable to) Hike for Hospices THIS MONTH. St David’s Hospice would like the sponsorship money by the end of October.

The Vicar and David would like to thank, very sincerely, all those who have given so generously to this sponsored hike. Both they and St David’s Hospice are most grateful for your support.

A bishop visited a church in his diocese. Only three people turned up to hear him preach. He asked the vicar,

‘Did you give notice of my visit?’

‘No,’ replied the vicar, ‘but the word seems to have got round.’

OUR HARVEST THANKSGIVINGS CONTINUE

St Hilary’s Parish Church – Sunday 1st October:

8am Holy Eucharist

11am Family Service – *Preacher: Rev Ginny Burton*

This service will be followed by a Bring & Share Lunch in the Schoolroom

Please sign the list as to what you will be bringing

6.30pm Harvest Evensong & Sermon – *Preacher: rev Michael Williams, Vicar of Llanrhaeadr, Nantglyn & Prion (a former curate in Llanrhos)*

This service will be followed by a glass of wine and fellowship in the Schoolroom

St Paul's Church – Sunday 8th October:

9.45am Holy Eucharist – *Preacher: Rev Gerald Davies, former Vicar of Hanmer*

This service will be followed by a cup of tea/coffee and fellowship

HARVEST GIFTS this year will be given to:

Save the Family & Aberconwy Women's Aid – who need toiletries, nappies, baby clothes, tinned and dried food.

Hout Bay (South Africa) "Love Project" working with people who are HIV/Aids & to St David's Hospice via "Hike for Hospices".

Harvest Gift Envelopes should you wish to make a financial contribution are available in church and should be placed on the plate together with your weekly offering to the church.

Teacher: Who was the most unhappy when the Prodigal Son came home?

Child: The fatted calf

Sunday School teacher: What does the story of Goliath teach us?

Child: To duck.

Soon after the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, a small child was listening to the radio. He looked at his mother anxiously:

"I hope they haven't found any more commandments."

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

- 20.08.06 Amy Jean Richardson (SH)
Charles Samuel George Russell (SH)
- 27.08.06 Kristopher Fredrick David Hughes (SH)
Sian Hughes (SH)
Hughes (SH)
- 03.09.06 Cynan Gruffydd Hughes (SH)
Ella Kate Noon (SH)
- 17.09.06 Tyla Ann Pearson (SH)
Lara Ann Spencer (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

- 07.10.06 Malcolm William Park & Elizabeth Ashley Duller (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

- 08.08.06 Elsie Schofield (Colwyn Bay)
Cecilia Constantine (Colwyn Bay)
- 09.08.06 William Owen (Colwyn Bay)
Norman Taylor (Colwyn Bay)
- 10.08.06 Clara Nancy Waters (Colwyn Bay)
- 11.08.06 Minnie Pritchard (Colwyn Bay)
- 15.08.06 Arthur Stanley Jaggard (SH & Gt Orme)
- 16.08.06 Elias Probert (Chapel of Rest & The Lawns)
Eileen O'Mara (Colwyn Bay)
- 17.08.06 Ralph David Bilbey (SP & The Lawns)
- 18.08.06 Robert Evan Howell Bucknell (Colwyn Bay)
- 21.08.06 John Manning (Colwyn Bay)
Ivy Maud Hannah Worsley (Colwyn Bay)
- 24.08.06 Albert Edward Letchford (Colwyn Bay)
- 25.08.06 Olive Molyneux (Colwyn Bay)
Margaret Mary (Madge) Williams (SH & The Lawns)

- 29.08.06 David John Owen (SP & Colwyn Bay)
Harold James Hawksworth (Colwyn Bay)
- 30.08.06 Madge Thompson (Colwyn Bay)
Elizabeth Lowe (Colwyn Bay)
Madge Craig (The Lawns – Burial of Cremated Remains)
- 06.09.06 Frank Pulling (SH & The Lawns)
Ethel Colly (Colwyn Bay)
- 07.09.06 Richard Emlyn Hughes (Colwyn Bay)
- 08.09.06 Esther Doreen Dean (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.

The **YOUTH GROUP** meets at 7pm in Llanrhos Schoolroom for an evening of food and games – bring some board games to play.

In a project on Creation a child wrote: "God made the first man and called him Adam. Then God made the first woman and called her Madam."

TOO BUSY FOR A FRIEND...

One day a teacher asked her students to list the names of the other students in the room on two sheets of paper, leaving a space between each name. Then she told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each of their classmates and write it down. It took the remainder of the class period! To finish their assignment, and as the students left the room, each one handed in the papers. That Saturday, the teacher wrote down the name of each student on a separate sheet of paper, and listed what everyone else had said about that individual. On Monday she gave each student his or her list. Before long, the entire class was smiling. "Really?" she heard whispered "I never knew that I meant anything to anyone!" and, "I didn't know others liked me so much." were most of the comments. No one ever mentioned those papers in class again. She never knew if they discussed them after class or with their parents, but it didn't

matter. The exercise had accomplished its purpose. The students were happy with themselves and one another. That group of students moved on.

Several years later, one of the students was killed in Viet Nam and his teacher attended the funeral of that special student. She had never seen a serviceman in a military coffin before. He looked so handsome, so mature. The church was packed with his friends. One by one those who loved him took a last walk by the coffin. The teacher was the last one to bless the coffin. As she stood there, one of the soldiers who acted as pallbearer came up to her. "Were you Mark's math teacher?" he asked. She nodded: "yes." Then he said: "Mark talked about you a lot." After the funeral, most of Mark's former classmates went together to a luncheon. Mark's mother and father were there, obviously waiting to speak with his teacher.

"We want to show you something," his father said, taking a wallet out of his pocket. "They found this on Mark when he was killed. We thought you might recognize it." Opening the billfold, he carefully removed two worn pieces of notebook paper that had obviously been taped, folded and refolded many times. The teacher knew without looking that the papers were the ones on which she had listed all the good things each of Mark's classmates had said about him.

"Thank you so much for doing that," Mark's mother said. "As you can see, Mark treasured it." All of Mark's former classmates started to gather around. Charlie smiled rather sheepishly and said, "I still have my list. It's in the top drawer of my desk at home." Chuck's wife said, "Chuck asked me to put his in our wedding album." "I have mine too," Marilyn said. "It's in my diary." Then Vicki, another classmate, reached into her pocketbook, took out her wallet and showed her worn and frazzled list to the group. "I carry this with me at all times," Vicki said and without batting an eyelash, she continued: "I think we all saved our lists." That's when the teacher finally sat down and cried. She cried for Mark and for all his friends who would never see him again.

The density of people in society is so thick that we forget that life will end one day. And we don't know when that one-day will be.

So please, tell the people you love and care for, that they are special and important. Tell them, before it is too late.

Remember, you reap what you sow. What you put into the lives of others comes back into your own.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LLANDUDNO - CYTUN

The **CYTUN ANNUAL LUNCH** takes place in St David's Methodist Church Hall on Sunday 8th October, 12.30pm for 1pm. The Cytun Ministers Fraternal will meet at 12.45pm on Tuesday 10th October at Stella Maris.

The **Cytun Council** will meet at 2pm in Stella Maris on Tuesday 10th October.

CYTUN LLANDUDNO – CHURCHES TOGETHER THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON

EVERYONE INVITED - SUNDAY OCTOBER 8TH AT 1PM
ST DAVID'S METHODIST CHURCH, CRAIGYDON - £9.00
Please order your tickets from your local Cytun rep by Sunday
October 1st latest

THE GOVERNORS OF YSGOL BODAFON will meet at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th October in school. The Governors' Finance Committee will meet at 6.30pm on the same evening.

LLANDUDNO BIBLE SOCIETY QUIZ NIGHT

7pm on Tuesday 10th October
in Seilo Chapel, Gloddaeth Ave.
Why not take a team along?

Girl: Is it true that we come from dust and go to dust?

Mum: Yes, the Bible says so.

Girl: In that case, lots of people are either coming or going under my bed.

THE PARISH HARVEST SUPPER

will take place at 7.15pm in St Paul's Church Hall
on Monday 9th October

Please pre-purchase tickets – so we know the numbers attending.

A RENEWAL DAY WITH ALISON MORGAN

**Saturday 14th October – 10am to 4pm – Holy Trinity Church,
Llandudno**

Alison is the author of the book “The Wild Gospel”, and is an Associate of **ReSource**: renewal for mission in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alison is on the staff of Holy Trinity, Leicester, where she and her husband Roger have a lively city and student ministry.

Bring a packed lunch – hot drinks will be available.

Booking Fee: £2

Contact: Rev Nigel Dilkes on 860070, nigeldilkes@aol.com

St David's Church, Penrhyn Bay

Ladies Fellowship

COFFEE MORNING

10am to 12noon on Tuesday 17th October
in the Church Hall

Written by a child in a school essay, after visiting a church in Melton Mowbray:

“The difference between the Church of England and the Methodist Church is that the Methodist Church has double glazing.”

Two children tiptoed past their grandmother.

“Why is nain always reading the Bible?” one asked.

“Ssh!” whispered the other, “we mustn't disturb her! She's cramming for her finals.”

PARISH EDUCATION GROUP

ANNUAL CARD FAYRE

10am to 12noon in St Paul's Church Hall

on Thursday 19th October

various stalls – raffle etc

come along and purchase your Christmas Cards and cards for various occasions at very reasonable prices
The work of this group supports education in the parish and maintains the parish web-site

THE RNLI IN LLANDUDNO

The end of the fine, hot weather saw a marked decrease in visitor activity on, and by the sea in North Wales, with a resulting drop in the number of local lifeboat call-outs.

Llandudno's crews launched on just two occasions in August, once to rescue 3 young children who had been trapped late on evening on the westshore banks by the incoming tide, and on a second occasion to assist police in recovering a body from Angel Bay on the Little Orme.

The crew also stood bay at the boathouse late one night in case they were needed to assist Conwy's inshore lifeboat, which was towing in a broken down sailing vessel. In the event their help was not needed. During the coming weeks in addition to regular training exercises a number of crewmembers will be attending courses at the Lifeboat College in Poole. Three will be undergoing sea survival training including operation with inflatable life rafts, firefighting at sea and the use of pyrotechnics such as distress flares.

Another crewman will be taking a search and rescue (SAR) command course covering the skills needed to act as 'on-scene commander' in SAR operations, which often involve working with other vessels and aircraft.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

A REQUIEM EUCHARIST will be said in St Paul's Church at 10.30am on Thursday 2nd November

During the Eucharist the names of the departed will be read out. If you wish the name of a departed relative or friend to be remembered at the altar on this day please place their name on the sheet in each of the churches (*the sheet will be in the churches from mid-October*). It would also be good if you could come along to the service.

HOME COMMUNION: the clergy team, together with the Readers regularly take the sacrament of Holy Communion to people in their homes, in the Nursing and Residential Homes of the Parish (only) and Llandudno Hospital. If you are unable to come to church because of **ill health** and would like to receive communion please telephone the Parish Office (541615) and arrangements will be made for the sacrament to be brought to you.

CHRISTIAN AID AND CAFOD invite you to a RIDING LIGHTS THEATRE COMPANY presentation of 'PIPE DREAMS' – a seriously funny whodunit about what's happening to our water at NEWI, William Aston Hall, Wrexham on Friday 27th October 2006 at 7pm. There will also be a number of Fairtrade stalls and exhibitions. For more details please contact the Box office on 01904 613000

COFFEE MORNING AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL

On St Luke's Day - Wednesday 18th October – from 10am onwards to help raise funds for St Luke's hospital for the Clergy. Your support would be most appreciated and everyone very welcome!

ROSE

The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder. I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being. She said, "Hi handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?" I laughed and enthusiastically responded, "Of course you may!" and she gave me a giant squeeze. "Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?" I asked. She jokingly replied, "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, and have a couple of kids..." "No seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age.

"I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!" she told me. After class we walked to the student union

building and shared a chocolate milkshake. We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months we would leave class together and talk non-stop. I was always mesmerized listening to this "time machine" as she shared her wisdom and experience with me. Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went.

She loved to dress up and she revelled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up. At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three by five cards on the floor. Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell you what I know." (This cracked me up!) As we laughed she cleared her throat and began, "We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing. There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy, and achieving success. You have to laugh and find humour every day. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die. We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it! There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up. If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything I will turn eighty-eight. Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding opportunity in change. Have no regrets. The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets." She concluded her speech by courageously singing "The Rose." She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives. At the year's end Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago. One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep. Over two thousand college students attended

her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be.

When you finish reading this, please send this peaceful word of advice to your friends and family, they'll really enjoy it! These words have been passed along in loving memory of ROSE. REMEMBER, GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY. GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL. We make a Living by what we get, we make a Life by what we give. God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage. If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it. "Good friends are like stars.....You don't always see them, but you know they are always there."

A curate had suffered a very difficult working relationship with his vicar over the three years of his first curacy. At last, it was time for him to leave. No more would he have to endure the stubbornness and pedantry of this impossible man. He preached his final sermon to the congregation on the text, 'Abide ye here with the ass, and I will go yonder.'

ST HILARY'S PARISH CHURCH

Report from the Extra Meeting of the Church Committee held on Thursday 17th August: This extra meeting was called to discuss the on-going restoration work to the Parish Church and the problem we have with part of the boundary wall on the Conwy Road. Engineers reports on the wall had said that the section of wall from the gate on Conwy Road to the Lay-by was in danger of falling into the road. This is a Health and Safety matter and should be addressed soon. Conwy County Borough planners have refused us permission to construct a ramp up the wall to act as a buttress and to provide disabled access to the church grounds and church. This was the cheapest option! We now have to look at the more expensive option of back-piling the wall before rebuilding the stone wall. The total cost will be in the region of £100,000.00.

The cause of the problem is the age of the wall, the heavy traffic rumbling by and the two sycamore trees, the roots of which, tree specialists, in their report, say are pushing the wall over (if it wasn't for the ivy the wall would have been in the road long before now!). When test holes were dug the whole length of the wall was visibly seen to shake and move!

To undertake this work we will need to use nearly all our reserves and over the coming years re-build these. No doubt some people will be concerned by the probable removal of the two trees. On the whole it is suspected that these people will be none church-goers who don't have the facts before them. We ask that you "put them right" if you hear any comments.

At present we are looking at the best way to complete this major work. We are applying for permission to put traffic lights by the church whilst the wall is being back-piled and rebuilt. We may need to ask for the road to be closed when the trees are coming down!

The Church Committee agreed to go ahead with this work as it was a Health and Safety issue and should the wall fall into the road we could be liable!

The other aspect of the restoration work is the condition of the windows. The lead in all the windows, bar one, needs to be replaced. Back in the 1960's and 70's secondary glazing was placed on the windows and on top of this polycarbonate sheets. The secondary glazing was put there because the lead was deteriorating then and this was a cheap option to keep the windows water-tight. The polycarbonate sheets were placed on top of these later to help protect the windows. Both these actions have resulted now in a more rapid deterioration of the windows and the surrounds through allowing condensation and water to gather behind the glass. The only cure now is to remove the secondary glazing and polycarbonate sheets. Then we will need to remove every window in turn and have them re-lead and cleaned before they are returned. The cost of this will be in the region of £63,000.00. We are hoping that we will be successful in our application to have part of the VAT paid on phase one of the restoration returned and in addition we have applied for a grant from CADW to enable the work to proceed.

The church committee agreed to go ahead with this work should our grant applications be successful.

Phase 3 of the restoration programme will be the re-wiring of the church to be followed by internal decoration and refurbishment.

Once all the phases of the restoration programme have been completed St Hilary's Parish Church will be ready for another few centuries of witness in our community and future generations will thank us for our efforts which will enable them to concentrate on mission and outreach instead of maintenance.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Sunday 1st October

8am Holy Eucharist

11am Family Service – *Preacher: Rev Ginny Burton*

This service will be followed by a Bring & Share Lunch in the Schoolroom

Please indicate on the sheet in the church porch of the church or in the entrance hall of the Schoolroom what you will be bringing for the buffet (we don't want lots of the same things).

6.30pm Harvest Evensong & Sermon – *Preacher: Rev Michael Williams, Vicar of Llanrhaeadr, Nantglyn & Prion (a former curate of Llanrhos)*

This service will be followed by a glass of wine and fellowship in the Schoolroom

ROTAS IN THE PARISH CHURCH

Readers:	11am	6.30pm
October 1	Family Service	A Jones
8	J Narey	T Faulkner
15	A Hutchings	G Williams (W)
22	O Wakefield	A Russell
29	P Evans	A Jones
November 5	Family Service	E Williams
12	I Webster	A Jones
19	Val Jones	G Morris (W)
26	A Hughes	T Faulkner

If you would like to be included on the 2007 readers' rota please have a word with Miss N Thomas (582032)

Sidespeople:	11am	6.30pm
Oct 8 & 15	Mr P Dent Mr D A Jones	Mrs A Jones
Oct 22 & 29	Mr D Evans Mrs P Evans	Mr A Russell
Nov 5 & 12	Dr R Hughes Mr J Boole	Mr H Gent
Nov 19 & 26	Mr B Ashley Mr Leighton Davies	Messrs Faulkner

If you would like to be included on the 2007 sidespersons rota please have a word with Mrs Doreen Owen (585127)

COLLECTIONS AT THE PARISH CHURCH IN AUGUST:

Cash: £613.79 FWO: £814.00 Total: £1427.79

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Sunday 8th October

9.45am Holy Eucharist – *Preacher: Rev Gerald Davies (Simon's dad)*

This service is followed by a cup of tea/coffee and fellowship

There will be a meeting of the **CHURCH COMMITTEE** at 7pm in the Church Hall on Wednesday 4th October.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH GIFT DAY: Thank you to everyone who contributed towards our Gift Day earlier this month, which raised £1615.50. We are most grateful to everyone who contributed. We hope that this will cover the cost of repairs to the West Window.

Our attention now needs to turn to the area of roof over the Franciscan Chapel, which is leaking badly. We will need to get this repaired before winter sets in!

COLLECTIONS. (AUGUST)

CASH £290.67 FWO. £1553.20. Total £1843.87

Harvest Thanksgiving will be held on October 8th with 9.45am Holy Eucharist. The Preacher is Rev.Gerald Davies.(Rev. Simon Davies' Father)

The Harvest Offering is again directed to "Save the Family" and Aberconwy Womens' Aid. Donations of tinned food, dried food, Towels, toiletries etc will be most welcome. Donations of money Will go to support St.Davids Hospice and our partner Parish of Hout Bay in South Africa.

The Parish Holiday is heading North this year – North East to be exact to Newcastle/Gateshead. Once again we look forward to an enjoyable journey and stay with good company. We begin our journey on Monday Oct 23rd and return on Friday Oct 27th. The itinerary looks very exciting!

St. Paul's Church Committee meeting is on Wednesday Oct.4th
At 7.00pm.in Church Hall.

Midsummer past, the days reach out
Towards the Autumn glow
Of golden corn and falling leaves
That lead to Winter's snow.
So let us grasp the precious hours
While the season lingers on,
And keep the sunshine in our hearts
Long after Summer's gone.

Ann Rutherford.

JSW

ST PAUL'S MOTHERS UNION NOTES

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER:

Monday Oct.2nd Afternoon Tea.

Monday Oct 9th Speaker – Mrs Desiree Blease
“An Asian Experience” with slides.

Monday Oct 23rd. Parish Holiday.

Corporate Communion for all members on Thursday Oct.5th

At 10.30am. Reader – Mrs.Alice Wild

Coffee Mornings every Thursday at 10.00am to 12 noon

Coffee and biscuits – 60p. All are welcome.

We send our love and good wishes to two of our members – Mrs. Menna Hopkins and Mrs. Mavis Mortimer who have been very poorly over the last few weeks. We wish them both a speedy recovery and keep them in our thoughts and prayers.
Audrey Williams

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

COLLECTIONS IN AUGUST

Cash £240.59 FWO £892.80 Total £1133.39

ROTAS AT ALL SAINTS

Intercessions at the 11am service:

October 1 Mr J Wright	November 5 clergy
8 clergy	12 Mrs D Laight
15 Ms J Preece	19 Mr N Reggett
22 clergy	26 clergy
29 Mr G Havard	

If you would like to be included on the 2007 intercessions rota please have a word with Mrs Daphne Laight.

Readers at the 11am service:

October 1 Mr G T Havard & Mrs S Crawford (Mrs D Laight)
 8 Mrs B Reggett & Mr N Reggett (Miss M Worthington)
 15 Mrs D Laight & Mr J Wright (Mrs C Giles)
 22 All-Age Worship
 29 Miss M Worthington & Miss J Preece (Mr G T Havard)

November 5 Mrs C Giles & Mr B Roberts (Mrs B Reggett)
 12 Mrs S Crawford & Mr G T Havard (Mr J Wright)
 19 Mr N Reggett & Mrs B Reggett (Miss J Preece)
 26 All-Age Worship

If you would like to be included on the 2007 readers rota please have a word with Mr G Havard asap.

MOTHERS UNION NOTES

Owing to unforeseen circumstances our opening service will now take place in All Saints' Church on 10th October at 2.30pm.

Mrs Linda Groom will be our speaker on 24th October at 2.30pm and this meeting will be in Bethel Chapel Schoolroom

On 7th November we are having a quiz and our favourite choruses so please let Mrs Daphne Laight have your request as soon as possible to that words and music can be arranged.

The Corporate Communion is 4th October – please support this service.

ST PAUL'S FLOWER LIST – OCTOBER

Date	High Altar	Chapel	Mem. Book
1 st	Mrs Heywood	Mrs McConnell	Mrs Robustelli
8 th	Miss E Maden		
15 th	Mrs J Parry		
22 nd	Vacant	Mr R Armitage	Mr R Armitage
29 th	Mrs I Williams	Vacant	Mrs M Clarke

ST DAVID'S CHURCH

On 13th August we were distinctly thin on the ground so far as church wardens and sides persons were concerned, due to its being well into the holiday season, but with the very willing help of various people, the 11am service of Holy Eucharist proceeded without a hitch. Then, the following week, instead of the usual Family Service, we had Matins and, finally, on 27th August we celebrated Holy Eucharist using the 2004 version, which we feel most if not all of us are getting to know well and appreciate. And that was August! September 3rd and our Open-Air Service! After a pouring wet day on 2nd September, Sunday morning was bright, sunny and quite warm but, oh, what a wind! The weather forecast has said it would be dry be breezy. Well, it certainly was that! However, in spite if the wind (which rushed through the trees surrounding the church lawns sounding like an express train charging through a station!) a good number of people joined us for the service which was a lively, happy occasion. Although the microphones were in full use it wasn't really easy to hear what was being said because of the roaring wind but, accompanied by our little music group, Mr Holland (who all had difficulty stopping their music flying away) and led by our choir, the hymns which were well-known and extremely tuneful went very well. Our 2 readers, Mr Alan Price and Mr Keith Livesey conducted the service whilst Mrs Viv Clutton and Keith read the lessons. Keith also gave the address with the visual help of a board, which eventually spelt out the name JESUS. Then followed the barbecue to round off what had been a boisterous but very pleasant Sunday morning. Our many thanks go to all who worked so hard to make our Open Air Service a success.

IF IT'S NOT TOO LATE..... may we offer our heartiest congratulations to our church warden, Mr Ron Jones and Mrs Megan Jones on celebrating their Golden Wedding in August. Love and best wishes, Ron and Megan, from all of us and may you spend many more happy years together.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Oct 1st – Mrs Dilys Evans

Oct 8th – Vacant

Oct 15th – Mrs Avril Rutherford

Oct 22nd and Oct 29th – Vacant

BRASSES – Mrs Dorothy Wilson

COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 2006

Cash £201.08 FWO £836.35 Total £1037.43

(The figure for FWO in July should have read £1103.15 not £103.15 as printed – sorry)

ST DAVID'S CHURCH GIFT DAY

St David's Church Gift Day will take place this year on October 2nd. You will find a Gift Day envelope in this magazine which we would ask you kindly return with your gift on Sunday, 22nd October, or as soon after that date as possible. We thank you very much in advance for your generosity to our church funds, which are always very much needed.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Many thanks to all the people who helped in any way at all with our Harvest Festival celebrations on 17th September. We were very grateful for your donations of cash and flowers, and items for Save the Family and Aberconwy Women's Aid. Many thanks also to Mrs Kathleen Evans and the people who helped her to decorate the church so beautifully and to distribute flowers to the poorly and housebound people the following day.

SIDESPERSIONS' ROTA

	8AM	11AM
Oct 1 ST	Mrs D Darby	Mr P Williams, Mrs D Wilson
		Miss J Cooper
Oct 8 th	Miss J Cooper	Mrs K Evans, Mr & Mrs Coates
Oct 15 th	Mr D Cuttell	Mrs J Davies, Mrs A Rowland

Oct 22 nd	Mr J Jones	Mrs Nesta Reid Mrs S Williams, Mrs Dorothy Evans, Mr G Williams
Oct 29 th	Mr D Cuttell	Mr R Coates, Mrs D Wilson Miss J Cooper

OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE CHURCH ROTA

Oct 2 nd – Mrs M Gregory	Nov 6 th – Mrs M Gregory
Oct 9 th – Mr R Coates	Nov 13 th – Mr R Coates
Oct 16 th – Mr & Mrs R Evans	Nov 20 th – Mr & Mrs R Evans
Oct 23 rd – Miss G Owen	Nov 27 th – Miss G Owen
Oct 30 th – Miss J Cooper	

ST DAVID'S LADIES FELLOWSHIP

31 of our members attended the first meeting of our 2006/2007 Season, which, as usual, was a service in St David's Church. The Rev. Ginny Burton conducted the service and Mr Ken Holland played the organ to accompany the singing of the hymns. It was a good service during which we remembered in prayer those of our members who couldn't be with us through illness, and amongst other things, all those poor people in so many war-torn countries in various parts of our world. Ginny gave a very impressive address based on the invitation of Jesus to open the door when he knocks and to let him into our lives. After the service we went into the church hall for tea and biscuits during which time Mrs Jeannette Davies gave out various notices and thanked everyone for their help at St David's Summer Fete where, she said, the grocery and book stalls and the raffle had been very successful.

Our next meeting will take place on 3rd October and the speaker will be Coun. Linda Groom, whose talk will be about a 'Right Royal Year'! We look forwards to seeing many of our members at that meeting and would be very please to welcome anyone who would care to join our Fellowship.