

means of communication. Thanks for the provision for young people in the parish.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December. Tathan (6<sup>th</sup> century) abbot.** Zonkwa (Province of Abuja, Nigeria) Rt Rev Praises Omole-Ekun. Zaria (Province of Kaduna, Nigeria) Rt Rev Cornelius Salifu Bello.

*Northop Hall, St Mary. The challenge of engaging with the many residents who commute a distance to work. For increasing co-operation with the chapels.*

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December - New Year's Eve. John Wycliffe (1384) priest and translator.** Zululand (Southern Africa) Rt Rev Dino Gabriel.

*Treuddyn and Nercwys. Vicar - Rev John Jones. Reader emeritus – Paul Dendy.*

**Sunday 1st January. The Naming of Jesus. New Year's Day.** The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia Most Rev William Brown, Turei Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia.

**Monday 2nd January.** Aba - (Niger Delta, Nigeria) Most Rev Ugochukwu Ezuoke.

*Nercwys, St Mary. Treuddyn, St Mary. Ask God's blessing on the monthly Children & Family Eucharist at each church and for the existing congregation to commend it warmly to family and friends.*

**Tuesday 3rd January. Morris Williams (1874) priest and poet.** Aba Ngwa North (Niger Delta, Nigeria) Rt Rev Nathan Kanu.

*Treuddyn and Nercwys. For the relationships with the two schools in Treuddyn, and especially for the school in Nercwys, which is transferring from Voluntary Controlled status to being Voluntary Aided under the Church in Wales.*

**Wednesday 4th January.** Abakaliki (Enugu, Nigeria) Rt Rev Benson Onyeibor.

*Rhosymedre, St John. St Mary, Ruabon and All Saints, Penylan. Rev Aidan Coleman. Readers – Yvonne Pryce and Ronald Breeze. Give thanks for the ministry of Rev Mike Harrison, recently retired as vicar of Ruabon.*

**Thursday 5th January.** Aberdeen & Orkney (Scotland) Rt Rev Dr Robert Gillies.

*For the coming to fruition of the proposed Anchor Point project at St. John's Church, Rhosymedre, that these stones might speak as we seek to address mental health needs in our community.*

**Friday 6th January – The Epiphany of our Lord.** O God, who revealed your only Son to the Gentiles by the leading of a star, mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life enjoy the splendour of your gracious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Bishop at Inauguration Service for the United Deaneries of Bangor and Llangollen.*

**Saturday 7th January.** Adelaide (South Australia) Most Rev Jeffrey William Driver.

*Rhosllanerchrugog and Penycae. Rev Jackie Carter. Readers – Cyril Davies, Megan Edwards, Arthur Ellis, Arfon Pritchard, Gordon Thomas. St David, Ponciau, and Mary, Johnstown. St Thomas, Penycae. For the people of the new Deanery to work together in unity and with sensitivity.*

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Epiphany 1. The Baptism of Christ. Anglican Communion Sunday.** The Anglican Church of Australia - The Most Revd Dr Phillip John Aspinall - Archbishop of Brisbane & Primate of Australia.

*Bishop at a St Mungo's service at Glasgow Cathedral.*

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January.** Aficpo (Enugu, Nigeria) Rt Rev Paul Uduogu.

*We pray for one another within the family of the Diocese of St Asaph and especially for*

**Gregory our Bishop**

*and for*

**the Deanery of Mold**

**Adrian Copping**

*Area Dean*

**December 2011**

'I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind.' 1 Corinthians 14.15

From Martin Snellgrove, Editor.

The bishop's comments on some the bishops mentioned below are included in inverted commas.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Nicholas Ferrar (1637) deacon** World AIDS Day. West Tennessee (Province IV, USA) - Rt Rev Don E Johnson.

*Bishop at the induction of the Ven Shirley Griffiths at St Tysilio, Bryneglwys.*

Give thanks for Rev Heather Fenton's 8 years of ministry in this parish and pray for the new grouping with Llandegla.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The Saints, Martyrs and Missionaries of Asia.** West Texas (Province VII, USA) - Rt Rev Gary Lillibridge. "A good friend of mine – a moderate conservative, and very pastoral bishop." Suffragan Bishop of West Texas - Rt Rev David Mitchell Reed.



**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Francis Xavier (1552) missionary.** Western Izon (Province of Bendel, Nigeria) - Rt Rev Edafe Emamezi.

*Bishop at the induction of Revs David and Mary Dunn at Llanfair Caereinion.*

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Advent 2.** Western Kansas (Province VII, USA) - Rt Rev Michael Pierce Milliken.

*Ludewa (SWT). For the Mothers' Union as it works to improve the standard of living, and for a bee-keeping project to employ young people.*

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December.** Western Louisiana (Province VII, USA) - Rt Rev David Bruce MacPherson.

*Bishop at a fund-raising event at Esgobty for Tyddyn Bach Trust, Penmaenmawr.*

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Nicholas (c342) bishop.** Western Massachusetts (Province I, USA) Rt Rev Gordon Scruton.

*Bishop at Youth and Children's Officers' meetings in St Asaph, then at a confirmation service in the Cathedral.*

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Ambrose (397) bishop and doctor.** Western Mexico – Rt Rev Lino Rodrigues-Amaro. *Bishop at a Provincial Vocations Strategy meeting in Shrewsbury.* Deanery of Mold. Rev Adrian Copping – Area Dean. Mrs Anne Prior-Egerton – Secretary. Susan Hellen – Treasurer.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Cynidr (6<sup>th</sup> century) bishop.** Western Michigan (Province V, USA) Rt Rev Robert Ronald Gepert. *Bishop at a meeting of the Provincial Standing Committee in Cardiff.*

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.** Western New York (Province II, USA) Rt Revd Ralph William Franklin. *Deanery of Mold. Give thanks for the diversity within the deanery - of people and places, industry and nature, hills and valleys.*

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December.** Western Newfoundland - (Canada, Canada) Rt Rev Percy Coffin. *Deanery of Mold. Pray that in doing together what we cannot best do on our own we will find joy and honour the name of the Lord.*

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Advent 3.** Western North Carolina (Province IV, USA) Rt Rev Granville Porter Taylor. *Diocese of South West Tanganyika. Milo Bible School Nursery School - in their efforts to raise money for the school by growing vegetables.*

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.** Wiawso (West Africa) Rt Rev Abraham Kobina Ackah. *Bishop's Staff Meeting.* Bro Famau Group of Parishes. Cilcain, Gwernaffield, Llanferres, Nannerch and Rhydymwyn. Rector – Adrian Copping. Assistant curates – Jean Stephens and Phil Bettinson. Readers – John Foxlee and Valerie Salvoni.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Lucy (304) martyr.** Willochra (South Australia, Australia) Vacant. *Please pray for the Bro Famau Group of Churches as they seek to find ways to offer their gifts together for the benefit of each individual parish community.*

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Ember Day.** Winchester - (Canterbury, England) Vacancy. Basingstoke (Winchester) Rt Rev Peter Hancock.. Southampton (Winchester ) Rt Rev Jonathan Hugh Frost. *Bro Famau Group. For the team of clergy, Readers, & all worship leaders & pastoral assistants that they may draw strength from each other in ministry and mission.*

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. John of the Cross (1591) priest, poet and teacher of the faith.** Windward Islands (West Indies) Rt Rev Calvert Leopold Friday. *Bro Famau Group - that the plans for group Bible study, further Lent groups, and Emmaus develop in the New Year.*

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Ember Day.** Worcester (Canterbury, England) Rt Rev John Geoffrey Inge. Dudley (Worcester) Rt Rev David Stuart Walker. *St Mary the Virgin, Cilcain - that different ways of engaging with the community will emerge.*

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Ember Day.** Wusasa (Province of Kaduna, Nigeria) Rt Rev Ali Buba Lamido. *Holy Trinity, Gwernaffield - for shared work and witness between those who worship at different times.*

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Advent 4.** Wyoming (Province VI, USA) Rt Rev John Sheridan Smylie. *Diocese of South West Tanganyika. Sister Aneth - Njombe - in her work in starting a new English Medium primary school for the Diocese, starting in Jan 2012.* St James's, New Brighton, Mold holding a carol service with Northop Band, Junior Section, this evening.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December. O Root of Jesse!** Yambio (Sudan) Rt Revd Peter Munde Yacoub. *St Berres, Llanferres - for ways forward in developing the church's role in the community.*

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. O David!** Bishop of Yei (Sudan) Rt Rev Hilary Luate Adeba. *Nannerch, St Michael and All Angels. St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch - for development of both the children's work and long established links with Nannerch VC School.*

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. O Dayspring!** Yewa (formerly Egbado) (Province of Lagos, Nigeria) Rt Rev Simeon Adebola. *St John the Evangelist, Rhydymwyn - that the Kids Club may continue its lively work and that financial worries may not dominate agendas.*

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. O King of the Nations!** Yirol - (Sudan) Rt Rev Benjamin Mangar Mamur. *Connah's Quay. Vicar - Canon Paul Varah. Assistant curate – Rev Bryn Parry Jones. Readers – Bill Harrison, Elwyn Jones, Leslie Whitehead, Nan Williams.*

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. O Emmanuel!** Yokohama - (Japan) Rt Rev Lawrence Minabe. *Bishop's office closes until Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.* Connah's Quay. St Mark. St David. For outreach to the five Junior Schools in the parish and to Connah's Quay High School.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve.** Yola (Province of Jos, Nigeria) Rt Rev Markus A Ibrahim. *Llanfynydd and Pontblyddyn. Priest in Charge - Rev Carole Poolman. Reader – Bryan Jones. Cymau, All Saints.*

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day - Nativity of our Lord.** York (York,

England) Most Rev John Tucker Mugabi Sentamu. Beverley (York) Rt Rev Martyn William Jarrett. Hull (York) Rt Rev Richard Michael Cokayne Frith. Selby (York) Rt Rev Martin William Wallace. Whitby (York) Rt Rev Martin Clive Warner.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December. Stephen - deacon and first martyr.** Ysabel (Melanesia) Rt Rev Richard Naramana. *Llanfynydd, St Michael. In Llanfynydd we pray for discernment as we assess our current strengths and weaknesses and make decisions regarding the future direction of our Parish.*

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December. John - apostle and evangelist.** Yukon (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada) Rt Rev Larry David Robertson. *Pontblyddyn, Christ Church. In Pontblyddyn we give thanks for the invaluable support of our communities, and for the sale of the Church Hall, and we ask for wisdom as we begin the task of re-ordering Christ Church.*

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December. The Holy Innocents. Day of prayer for refugees.** Zaki-Biam (Nigeria) Rt Rev Benjamin A Vager. *Mold. Vacant. Mold, St Mary the Virgin For the appointment of a new incumbent. That alternative worship will engage with younger people. Mold. New Brighton, St James. Regular parish lunches and a faithful congregation. Give thanks for recent roof repairs, improvement to insulation and redecoration.*

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December. Thomas Becket / Thomas of Canterbury (1170) bishop and martyr.** Zanzibar (Tanzania) Vacant. *Northop. Vicar - Rev Raymond Billingsley. Reader - Mrs Gillian Nash. Northop, St Eurgain and St Peter. That the twice-yearly newsletter delivered to all homes in the parish will continue to be an effective*