

Bro Tudno Ministry Area Leader & Vicar

Serving Llandudno and its West Shore, including Y Gogarth (the Great Orme).

We are seeking a Vicar and Ministry Area Leader who can help to deepen our relationship with God and sense of calling. Our aim is to enable, inspire and encourage more people from the congregations to discover lay ministry, and we seek someone who will encourage this amongst us.

About us

We are being sustained by the interim ministry of an associate priest and she has encouraged us into greater lay involvement. There is a committed and supportive team of wardens and Ministry Area Council members. We benefit from the many gifts they, our Licensed lay Minister for Children & families and the retired priests bring. More responsibility has been taken on by a standing committee and three sub-committees (Mission, Finance, Buildings and Grounds). There are new groups and lay worship leaders. We have completed a building project and launched our new website. Despite financial challenges, Bro Tudno still has resources to sustain our current life and venture new things.

We are looking forward to working with you, alongside you, and to explore and share in the ministry you bring to this area. Although many of us are most familiar with traditional Anglicanism, we are seeking to grow in faith and discipleship through more creativity in worship, teaching, preaching and music that nourishes and welcomes all, no matter where they are in faith.

We believe that Llandudno has a lot of potential as a place of Mission in partnership with other Christians and organisations like Youth for Christ. We would like to strengthen our links with the church school, build up our Junior Church and Messy Church and families ministry, with the Lay Licensed Minister for Families and Children. We would like a Vicar who children's ministry and will help our younger members participate more in the life of the church and in the building up of their faith. We are committed to Net Zero and responding to the Climate Crisis.

Ministry Area



Surrounded on three sides by sea, Llandudno has amenities for all ages. There are shops, restaurants, a theatre, conference centre and hospitals. Year-round tourism, good transport links and enduring popularity as a classic resort are reflected in a wide range of hotels and hospitality businesses. The Victorian Extravaganza, Remembrance Parade and Christmas Street Fair are part of an active Civic life.

Llandudno is sometimes stereotyped as a retirement community, but eight Primary and three Secondary Schools reflect the number of young families who live here. Low-pay and homelessness also sit alongside relative affluence.

The inquisitiveness of Llandudno's Kashmiri goats during the pandemic lockdown made them international celebrities. Y Gogarth (the Great Orme) is their usual home. Its surprising wilderness of rocky headland overlooks the town and contains a Prehistoric copper mine.

As well as being socially diverse, so is its landscape. There is the busy life of the town, the beaches and the sea, and the rural and historic aspect of the Great Orme; town, country and sea together in one place! Llandudno is also in the unusual position of being surrounded not only the sea but by another diocese, St Asaph, and the local Free Churches provides potential partnerships.

Ministry Area Churches

Our two church buildings are markedly different in their setting, therefore offering complementary opportunities for Mission.

Holy Trinity is a fine Victorian landmark in the heart of the town. Extensive repairs were recently completed to the apse and tower roofs. Along with the regular Sunday and mid-week services, Holy Trinity hosts civic services and other events. We are in the process of increasing use of the church and its hall facilities as a way of mission and fundraising. Thanks to volunteers with green fingers, our churchyard and car park have won many Llandudno in Bloom awards.

There is an active ministry to children and families. They are encouraged to take part in the monthly All Church [all-age] informal Eucharist. Members of the congregation are Foundation Governors at Ysgol San Siôr, a Voluntary-Aided Church Primary. This outstanding school has been recognised for its pioneering environmental and ecological education.

Lay ministry and involvement have begun to flourish, particularly in worship. The church has a dedicated team of volunteers offering a welcome to visitors and in preparing the church for worship. There are also those who offer hospitality preparing the hall for refreshments on a Sunday and midweek.

The church hall is used by many organisations through the week, and once a fortnight is open as a café by Llandudno Youth for Christ. Nevertheless, there is considerable untapped potential in this large, attractive building with such a central location.

St Tudno is an ancient church building and an even more ancient site, high on the windswept slopes of Y Gogarth. It is a place of pilgrimage, peace and prayer opened regularly by a team of volunteers to welcome thousands of visitors. The congregation and Friends of Tudno's also maintain the churchyard to encourage its important biodiversity. This work has resulted in a number of 'Green Space' awards.

Services take place each week, in the open air through the summer and are often led by our newly commissioned lay worship leaders. Once a month there is a Eucharist. At different times of the year the worship may be Compline, candlelit services, songs of praise or carol services. These attract a good congregation and many people just passing by come and join us. We begin each Easter morning here at dawn with a lit fire. We are continuing to look at new ways to share faith in this very holy place and its unparalleled location, looking out to sea.

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