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HAPPY EASTER

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

No matter what terror is going on in our world the Easter Message remains constant. Jesus has overcome death on the cross. No darkness can ever extinguish Jesus the Light of the World.

We wish all our readers a very happy Easter. And we pray the you will have a new sense of God's Love as you hear the Easter story afresh.



Inside.....

Veronica Moverley There's a very interesting article about Veronica, written by her family to celebrate her 100th birthday.

Ministry Area We have details about our new Ministry Area, including jobs vacant, and also the new electoral roll, which needs signing by all.

BFG Not Roald Dahl, but Ian Rogerson! We're having a church work day, when you and your families are invited to come to the church to help with small tasks to make our church look better, on 21st May.

Dominic DeSaulles He is stepping down as a reader but taking on a new role taking on a new role as chair of the Christ Church Council.



Happy Birthday Veronica, 100 years young

On 27th March it was Mothering Sunday and during the following week on 30th March, Veronica celebrated her 100th birthday. Most of you will have met this remarkable woman, her family thought you would like



to hear about her life. Veronica was born unexpectedly as the 2nd of twins - her sister being Monica. They were christened when they were 2 weeks old because Veronica was not expected to survive very long! Her mother, who was 40 at the time, with 3 children already, said "I didn't want twins, and if I'd only had one, I wanted a boy." Despite that comment, mum regularly comments that she grew up in a loving family.

Her father, (who was a regular attender at St German's Church) she sometimes describes as "more pious than thou". When they were old enough, he took the twins on Sunday. "Who's that, dad?" they would often ask, as he chatted with someone on his way there or back. Her mother stayed at home supporting the family milk business.

After school, Veronica went to work for the Post Office (subsequently BT) as a telephonist and worked in 9 different exchanges during the war. This included going to Swansea to help out after that city had been bombed. The shock of seeing the destruction there was devastating. She also talks about the challenges of walking home to Splott in the dark (during the blackout) after a night shift.

Mum met her future husband, John, at St German's Church and their relationship developed during the war years - despite the fact that he spent quite some time away from home, as he was in the RAF. They married a couple of years after the war ended. This period was difficult for mum's family as her brother died at the end of the war in a Japanese prisoner of war camp. Mum did have mental health issues when bringing up her family but she recovered and in later years has always maintained a positive attitude.

When she and dad got married she gave up work and never returned, focusing more on the care and nurture of her family. She says she had a cushy upbringing, so it

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was only when she married that she had to learn to cook. She told Dad that she wasn't sure how to make something, but his response was simply "you can read the recipe can't you?" How times have changed! Dad went to work and Mum looked after the house. They had 4 children - 3 girls and a boy, Ann, Robert, Ruth and Sarah. We were brought up to go to church which helped us develop our own Christian faith.

Mum's positive attitude is summed up in the words. Carpe Diem - Live for Today - her motto. She says, "I wake up in the morning and I thank God I am alive". At the age of 70 dad had terminal cancer and died that same year. It was a shock but mum stayed strong and forged out a new life on her own, quite happy to live independently up to this day. Despite her movements becoming restricted, she refuses to have a stair lift -she says "if I don't use my legs they'll stop working". She continues to keep herself occupied my crocheting lavender bags and following the snooker when it is televised.

Mum has always had a strong Christian faith and we have always been able to discuss and share our faith as a family. This is down to her openness to share her faith and allow it to develop as she has grown older. As you know, she often finds little reflections that she contributes to the parish magazine. She also expresses her faith in her care and interest in others. She will still ring friends and family just to check how they are, it is amazing how many people she keeps in touch with.

Her children meet so many people who say, "Your mum is amazing" and we know what they mean.

She has experienced much change in her life and she has also faced a number of tragedies but she still looks forward to what tomorrow brings. We wish her health and happiness as she continues her life's journey.

Mum didn't want presents for her birthday but asked people to donate to her favourite charity, THE RED CROSS and it is not too late to make a contribution. Search online for JUST GIVING and then search for Veronica Moverley. From Veronica's Family

New Community Hall Fund

Thanks to the generosity of grant funders our fund is growing bigger and bigger.

We have just been awarded £10,000 by the National Lottery

Community Fund. And we are so thrilled and give our heartfelt thanks to them for believing in our project. We have now had grant awards amounting to £70,000. We are awaiting further funding bids. Keep praying for us and keep supporting us as we seek to build a community hall for future generations.

DIOLCH YN FAWR



COFFEE MORNING in the hall

**Saturday 7th May
at 10.00am**

Tickets £2



North Cardiff Ministry Area News

New Electoral Roll 2022

As we are now in the North Cardiff Ministry Area – we need a new **Electoral Roll**. The forms we may have previously signed are now not relevant so **every communicant member aged 16 and over**, who lives in the parish and/or has been worshipping with us for six months at least, needs to complete a new form.

Everyone needs a copy of the two sided form and also a copy of the privacy notice. Current regulations mean that the personal information on the forms are only held by the Electoral Roll Officer. Only the names on the roll are public to allow people to check they are entered and therefore able to vote at the Annual Vestry Meeting.

All forms are **available now**. They need to be **returned to church by April 24th** (the Sunday after Easter). Our list of names from Christchurch will then be collated with those of the other three churches to create one Electoral Roll. This will be published in the churches on the **9th May**, legally 14 days before the New MA Annual Vestry Meeting on the **24th May**.

We can email out a copy of the form and privacy notice but this relies on people being able to print them, complete and then either pop in an envelope and deliver, or take a photo and email.

Forms can be returned in envelopes to maintain privacy and either placed in the box in church, or passed to someone else to do this.

If any further information is required contact:

Brenda Rogerson (Electoral Roll Officer for Christ Church and the Ministry Area)

Email: brenda@rogerson.org.uk

Post: 16 Heol Erwin, Rhiwbina, Cardiff CF 14 6QP.

A big "thank you" to Dominic

Revd Trystan and Christ Church would like to say a great big "thank you" to **Dominic de Saulles** for all his inspiring ministry as a Reader in our church over the past 10 years. Dominic has, for the time being, laid aside his Reader vestments and will now side-stepped into a different, but equally important, role for our church community – that of lay chair of our Christ Church Council.

We are hugely grateful of all he is brought to us over the past decade and now look forward to his gifts and talents being put to good use to help us to have good structures in place to continue our ministry, pastoral care, and outreach in our little corner of Cardiff. Diolch, Dominic!

Trystan



New Ministry Area Roles to enhance your CV

Treasurer

North Cardiff Ministry Area needs a Treasurer. We use a software package called 'MyFundAccounting'. Every church in the Ministry Area – Christ Church, St Denys, St Faith, St Isan, has a treasurer or bookkeeper who keeps their own church accounts. We already have someone to input that data from all the churches into MyFundAccounting. The role of Ministry Area Treasurer would be:

- ◆ To consolidate all the financial information of the Ministry Area
- ◆ To attend Ministry Area Council and Leadership Team meetings
- ◆ To consolidate the budgets of each individual church into a single MA budget
- ◆ To provide budget, spend and accounts information to the Ministry Area
- ◆ To be the contact point with the Diocesan Finance team

Chair of Finance and Buildings (FAB) Sub-committee

The Ministry Area HR Officer, Treasurer, Gift Aid Officer and Buildings and Faculties Offer are all members of the Finance and Buildings Sub-committee of the North Cardiff Ministry Area. We are looking for someone to chair that committee.

The role of the chair of the FAB will be:

- ◆ To convene and chair meetings of the FAB as and when necessary. This will be called to discuss matters relating to MA finances, buildings, property and employment.
- ◆ To attend meetings of the Ministry Area Council and to make recommendations to the Council

We're a committed team. We take our work, but not ourselves, seriously.
If you are interested in finding out more about either of the above positions please contact either :-
Eleanor at cregyn91@gmail.com or Jim at revdjamesgriffiths@gmail.com

Church Family Work Day Saturday 21st May

This is a date for all members of our Church Family of whatever age. It is an opportunity for a **Mega Spring clean** of the church and grounds. Come for as long as you wish, time 9.30-4pm, drinks will be provided, bring a packed lunch if you wish.

More details next month. Save the Date!

Ian Rogerson on behalf of the Buildings Focus Group (BFG!)



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PRAYER We wish you, and all those reading this magazine, a time of healing and refreshment. If you have a particular prayer request please phone Val Jones our Pastoral Care Leader on 07587 007508 You can also email info@christchurchcardiff.co.uk or pop your prayer request into the letter-box on our church door.



We pray for those undergoing surgery at this time, and also for those suffering in Ukraine and escaping Ukraine. Please God be with them all and bring healing.

THE CHURCH IS NOW OPEN FOR SERVICES WITH NO RESTRICTIONS

We do ask that you take personal responsibility to keep yourself as safe as possible

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE.

THERE IS A PODCHURCH SERVICE EACH WEEK. This is open to anyone and the link can be found on facebook or just follow this link

www.soundcloud.com/christchurchcardiff

WE ARE CONTINUING TO OFFER A SERVICE OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION ON ZOOM WHICH STARTS EACH SUNDAY AT 11.30am

PLEASE EMAIL TRYSTAN, OUR VICAR IF YOU WANT TO JOIN AN ONLINE ZOOM SERVICE OR PRAYER MEETING Trystan.Hughes@stpadarns.ac.uk

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A Prayer for Ukraine

YR EGLWYS THE CHURCH
IN WALEYS IN WALES

God in heaven,
You are our refuge and strength and ever-present help in trouble.
We pray for the people of Ukraine, for their community and political leaders.
Through your Holy Spirit, guide them at this difficult time.
We pray for those institutions and leaders around the world who have the influence to work for peace.
We pray also for all people and nations who hold a grievance;
help them to see that talking is the best way forward.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.



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