# Newsletter Christ Church, Roath Park Lake Road North, Cardiff, CF23 5QN

# **Welcome to Christ Church**

Week commencing 19th February 2017

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb - 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent, Creation Sunday 8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST 10am PARISH EUCHARIST & FUNKY CHURCH 6pm SERVICE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE 7.00pm J-WALKERS

Monday 20 7.30pm Keep fit, hall

Tuesday 21 2.00pm Good Companions

Wednesday 22 10.00am Parish Prayer Group

<u>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday before Lent,</u>

**Transfiguration Sunday** 

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10am Parish Eucharist & Funky Church

**6pm Celtic Prayer Night** 

7.00pm J Walkers

# **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent, Creation Sunday**

#### Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**.

# The first reading is from the Book of Isaiah

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan .

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

For as in the day of Midianos defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. Every warrioros boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on Davidos throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

(Isaiah 9. 1-7)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 136. 1-9. 23-26 (*Pg.635*)

# Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to John Glory to you, O Lord

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husbands will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John 1. 1-14)

# This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you O Christ**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviours cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

# **Next Sunday's Readings & Rotas**

**Eucharist:** Exodus 24: 12-18 & Matthew 17: 1-9

Reader: Sue Hurrell

**Intercessor:** Nick Goss

Welcoming Team: David Alexander, Margaret Griffiths,

Glenys Nettleton, Isabel Santore

Coffee: Claire Edwards, Gerald & Bronwen Bradnum

Ministers of Communion: Colin Francis

(Reserve: Emma Laing)

#### **WEEKLY PRAYERS**

**Sunday:** Pray for the Church in MahajangaLfor the Parish of Ystrad Mynach & LlanbradachLfor the residents of Maes-y-Coed RoadLfor Trystan, our Vicar and his family.

**Thursday:** Pray for the Church in Makueni, KenyaLfor the Parish of Pontypridd Ministry AreaLfor the residents of Eton CourtLfor Jordan our Curate and his family.

**Sunday:** Pray for the Church in Malek, SudanLfor Rhondda DeaneryLfor the residents of St Cenydd RoadLfor Dominic our Reader.

For the prayers for the remaining days of the week please see:

www.llandaffchurchinwales.org.uk

under Faith Worship & Prayer (the Diocesan Prayer Calendar).

The full list of parish streets to pray for will be posted on Christ Church's website in the coming weeks.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO RECEIVE FROM THE CHALICE, THEN PLEASE RECEIVE THE BREAD ONLY.

# **NOTICES**

**CONGRATULATIONS**: Many congratulations to Revd Jordan and Krisi whose lovely little daughter Keira is being christened at the 10am service today. A warm welcome to their friends who are visiting for this service.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Please note that the Ash Wednesday service will be at **7pm on Wednesday 1 March**, and not at 7:30 PM as detailed in Credo. It would be great if you were able to join us at this service.

**LENT TALKS:** We are delighted that we are again arranging a series of Lent Talks on Sunday evenings during Lent (from 5 March onwards). The series will be held in conjunction with St Denys Lisvane. We would love you to join us for these sessions, which are sure to be interesting and informative:

Sunday 5 March 6pm at Christ Church, Roath Park: Who was Jesus? (Revd Dr Trystan Hughes)

Sunday 12 March 6pm at St Denys, Lisvane: How does Jesus save? (Revd Dr Jordan Hillebert)

Sunday 19 March 6pm at Christ Church, Roath Park: How does God want me to live? (Revd Chris Burr)

Sunday 26 March 6pm at St Denys, Lisvane: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – Making sense of the Trinity? (Revd Dr Jordan Hillebert)

Sunday 2 April 6pm at Christ Church, Roath Park: What happens in the end? (Revd Chris Burr)

**ROTAS:** Would you like to help out on a Sunday either welcoming or making coffee (or both!)? The duties aren't onerous, you would only be called on for 6 or 8 times in a whole year. If you would like to be included please let Denise at the office know <a href="mailto:info@christchurchcardiff.co.uk">info@christchurchcardiff.co.uk</a> Thank you.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** This is being held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm a Joint service with Llanishen neighbours at St Brigid's Roman Catholic Church, Crystal Glen.

"Am I being unfair to you?" is the theme of this years' service, prepared by Christian women of the Philippines. A time of readings and short reflection during the service will replace the usual speaker's address. All are welcome; light refreshments afterwards.

**AN EVENING WITH TONY CAMPOLO:** Would you like to join a Christ Church trip to see Tony Campolo (former President Bill Clinton's spiritual adviser) speak on **21**<sup>st</sup> **March** at Glenwood Church at 7.30pm? Tickets are £6 each. This is a great opportunity to hear an inspirational speaker and is sure to be well attended. So, if you're interested please speak to Rev'd Trystan or to Haydn as soon as possible so that we can reserve places.

ALTAR KNEELER PROJECT: A big "thank you" to everyone who so generously supported the coffee morning on 28 January for the new alter kneelers. An amazing total of £335 was raised and the winner of the "Why was Derek watering the Last Supper?" competition was Gill Barker. Answer: wrinkles were being stretched out. Thank you too for all the help given in the form of cakes, jam, bric a brac and serving of refreshments.

**ELECTORAL ROLL:** Whether you regularly worship here at Christ Church or attend infrequently, we would like you to invite you to be on our Electoral Roll. This will let the Diocese know that you see Christ Church as your home church. Please see the Vicar or David Alexander for more details.

**CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER:** Please note that in future the church will be open for private prayer on the **1**<sup>st</sup> **Wednesday** of each month (formerly Tuesday), 10am to 12 noon. The next date will be the 1<sup>st</sup> March. This will not affect the weekly Parish Prayer Group meeting (see separate notice).

**FAIR TRADE:** Can you help with setting up and manning the Fair Trade stall, which is in the church once every month? We need help, for this important venture to continue. If you can

offer your help in any way, please speak to Nick and Penny Goss or to Trystan, our vicar.

**CONNEXION GROUPS**: Our ConneXion Groups meet once-amonth to discuss, socialise, learn, and have fun. Interested in joining one of them? Please do talk to Revd Trystan or email him on <a href="mailto:trystanhughes@churchinwales.org.uk">trystanhughes@churchinwales.org.uk</a>

**ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING:** This year's Annual Vestry Meeting will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm. Prior to this the annual report has to be complied. If you or your group contribute please could you let Denise have your reports (by email if possible) by the 12<sup>th</sup> March at the very latest. The reports should cover the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016. Thank you.

GOOD COMPANIONS DRIVERS: Many members of Christ Church attend Good Companions on a weekly basis, relying on transport kindly provided by fellow parishioners. The current rota is planned on a four-weekly basis with pairs of drivers sharing the giving of lifts to 2 or 3 people from local addresses at 2pm and then home at 4pm. We are seriously in need of any offers to join the drivers' rota, especially as two of the team are due to move away from Christchurch in the next couple of months, and more members are requesting transport. If you can't do both 2pm and 4pm, you can be a driver for just 2pm or 4pm lifts, or you can just help occasionally. Please see Val Jones, Alison Peters, or Julia Matthews, or email Val on vijones2000@yahoo.co.uk or phone 02920 747021.

GOOD COMPANIONS – HALF TERM INVITE TO ALL (THIS TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY): As a change to recent practice, the Good Companions group is to meet during half term. As many church families will be at home for that week we would like to invite everyone from the parish to join us for a relaxed chat and refreshments – any and all ages will be very welcome any time between 2pm and 4pm in the hall. For more details, please see Val Jones, Alison Peters, or Julia Matthews, or email Val on vijones2000@yahoo.co.uk

**COLLECTION:** If you prefer to give a weekly cash contribution during the various services, and you are a UK Tax payer, then there are envelopes in the pews to enable us to reclaim tax. Please do use an envelope, as, at the moment, this equates to an extra 25p for each £1 you give.

**J-WALKERS:** J-Walkers (for young people aged 11-18) will take place during the 10am service every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month. Also, they will meet every Sunday evening at 7-8.30pm. Please encourage any young people you know to come along!

**GOOD COMPANIONS:** If you know someone who would welcome some companionship and conversation please encourage them to come along to our Good Companions group who meet every Tuesday at 2pm in the hall.

**PRAYER GROUP:** The Prayer Group meets at 10am every Wednesday in The Lady Chapel. Our meetings involve prayers for individuals and for our local community, to which all are welcome.

**THURSDAY 9.30am EUCHARIST**: The Eucharist is on 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. There is tea and coffee afterwards. Numbers are growing, so come and join us!

The upcoming dates are: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March

**ENERGIZE RADIO:** To read the latest blogs from Chris Ward "Making Jam & All About Me, Chris", visit the website of Energize Radio on <a href="www.energizeradio.co.uk">www.energizeradio.co.uk</a>

Notices for the Newsletter should be given to Denise Searle, tel. 029 20763151; Email <a href="mailto:info@christchurchcardiff.co.uk">info@christchurchcardiff.co.uk</a> or left in the church letter box. Please note that the deadline for any submissions is Wednesday morning 9.30am.

In the event of an EMERGENCY please leave by the nearest exit and assemble by the walled garden at the front of the car park.

#### CHRIST CHURCH HAS BOTH FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

please check them out and "like" and follow them for up to date church information on services and events <a href="https://www.facebook.com/christchurchcardiff">www.facebook.com/christchurchcardiff</a> <a href="https://www.twitter.com/ChristChCardiff">www.twitter.com/ChristChCardiff</a>

#### **PARISH INFORMATION**

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#### Our new banner

Our new banner, behind the altar, reminds us that we, at Christ Church, offer our local community:

- the promise and hope of the rainbow
- the light and safety of the lighthouse
- the peace and comfort of the dove
- the love and healing of the cross

# A prayer as we await a new bishop to be appointed

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on your Church, and with your heavenly wisdom so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor to feed your flock and lead us in the way of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **ConneXion Groups (\*-coordinators)**

ConneXion groups meet once a month.

# If you would like to join a group, please do let Revd Trystan know.

#### Group 1 (daytime)

Val Jones\*
Isabel Santore
Peggy Ingamells
Wilf Ingamells
Glenys Nettleton
Norma Ash
Henry Yeomans
Audrey Lewis
Margaret Griffiths
George Cable
Nadia Bunston
David Greenman

#### Group 2 (evening)

Haydn Hopkins \*
Jill Hopkins
Julie Waller
Jane Song
Claire Edwards
John Griffiths
Margaret Griffiths
Julia Matthews
Hannah Burch
Mary Payne
Jane Hexer
Gwilym Roberts
Hilary Chiles

### Group 3 (evening)

Linda Alexander \*
David Alexander
Chris Vokes
Derek Burston
Elizabeth Burston
Colin Francis
Siu Chan
David Greenman
Gill Barker
Clare Dow

#### Group 4 (evening)

Trystan & Sandra Hughes \*
Emma Breraton
Sarah Goldsmith
James & Ingrid Preston
Claire & David Parkinson
Anna & Paul Mortimore
Hannah Burch
Alex Kinsey
Justin and Coral Freeman

### Group (evening)

Sue Hurrell \*
Emma Laing
Sandra Hughes
Ruth Payne
Justine Ryland
Jo Jefford
Michele Browne

### **PRAYERS & VISITING**

**PRAYER LIST**: from now on names will only appear on the list for one month and will then be removed, unless you let the vicar or wardens know otherwise. Please give names of sick or those in need of prayer to Trystan or the wardens, preferably on paper and include your name too.

HOME VISITING: If you, or anyone you know, are unable to attend church due to ill health or an accident, please do let us know. If you would like one of our Pastoral Visiting team to call for a chat, to help, or to give Home Communion, we will arrange it. Please contact Gerald Bradnum on 029 20 751177 or <a href="mailto:gbradnum@gmail.com">gbradnum@gmail.com</a>

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Name:
Telephone:
(Please tick appropriately and hand to a Welcome Team
member or the Clergy)
Ä I would like to receive a pastoral visit. Ä I would like to receive Communion at home.
Ä I would like to be prayed for by the Prayer Team.

What is your prayer request? (optional)

Children's Colouring Page
The Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13.18)

