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LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Bathampton, 22nd September, 2017.

Dear Editor,

I read with mixed feelings the information in your last issue that both you and Claire are tapering out your responsibilities for the production of "Credo". You have given so much of your time and effort over a long period of time to this exacting and time-consuming work that nobody could begrudge you a well-earned rest. On the other hand, you have produced a publication of such high quality that it is difficult to imagine others taking on the task.

I sincerely hope that others will take on the role. Credo has been read and much admired by many on this side of The Bridge, and I am sure that it has also been seen widely elsewhere. The production quality is far above what is achieved by parishes with much greater resources elsewhere. It would be invidious of me to praise the quality of the contributing writers, but I have to say the depth and humanity shown in the clergy input has frequently been a matter of comment in my own circle.

Christ Church is fortunate in having a very active PCC and the Parish has made great strides in the last few years. I feel sure that they will have the wisdom to see what a valuable outreach is achieved by this publication and strive to find those who are prepared to take on this onerous but rewarding task.

With all good wishes to our many friends in Christ Church,

John and Betty Walrond



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Every tree in the forest will sing for joy when the LORD comes to rule the earth.
Psalm 96:12-13

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING
Sunday 8th October 10.00 am**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
12th November**

10.00 am Communion followed at
11.00 am for service at Calvary Cross
in front of the Church
(no 8 am service on 12th Nov.)

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◆ **OCTOBER DIARY** ◆

Sunday 1st **PENTECOST 17**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Family Service
 6.00 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday 4th 10.00 am - 12.00 noon Church open for PRAYER

Thursday 5th 9.30 am Holy Eucharist (*tea & coffee to follow*)

Sunday 8th **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist,
 Funky Church & JWalkers
 6.00 pm Evening Worship

Thursday 12th 7.30 am Wave of Light Service - Baby Loss Remembrance

Sunday 15th **PENTECOST 19**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist, Funky Church & JWalkers
 6.00 pm Film Evening: **The True Cost**

Thursday 19th 9.30 am Holy Eucharist (*tea & coffee to follow*)

Saturday 21st 10.30am – 1.00 pm Messy Harvest

 **ONE WORLD WEEK - 22nd - 29th October 2017** (*see below*)

Sunday 22nd **PENTECOST 20**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist, Funky Church & JWalkers
 6.00 pm Evening Worship

Sunday 29th **BIBLE SUNDAY**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist, Funky Church & JWalkers
 6.00 pm Evening Worship

Prayers for Healing 10.00 am every Wednesday in Church
*The meetings involve prayers for individuals and for our
 local community - all are welcome*

Other services & activities as announced in the newsletter



**Thought for the
Month**

Thank you prayer

Father,

You are almighty and all powerful. You created the universe and yet you love and care for each one of us. Thank you.

Thank you for loving us so much that you sent your precious Son Jesus to save us when we couldn't save ourselves.

Thank you for offering life forever with you to all who trust in Jesus and what He did on the cross.

Thank you for today.

Help us to use it to reflect your love to others.

In Jesus name,
Amen.

By Daphne Kitching - Parish Pump



Saturday 28th October - Afternoon Tea with L'Arche - 1.30 - 4.00 pm
 At Christ the King Church Hall, Newborough Ave. Llanishen (*If you can bring a small plate of savoury food*)
L'Arche is a community where people with & without learning disabilities live together

Sunday 29th October at 6.00 pm - United Service at Christ the King
Theme: Good Neighbours - My World Depends on Us. **Guest Speaker:** Jim Barnaville

YOUTH ALPHA We started our new Youth Alpha course last Sunday night, 23rd Sept, and had 18 young people attend. This was thrilling for all of us as we've never had such a big group before. We start each session with food. Last Sunday it was pizza and doughnuts which seemed to go down well.

The course includes a video presentation by two young Canadian men and it is very well done and engages teenagers. Our group age range is now from 11 -18 which is a large age range but we are able to divide the discussion time into age groups and this seems to work. Once a month the older ones in our J-Walkers group go to have a discussion evening with Jordan and Krisi and this helps to keep the variety going. We've just booked for a full day in Hebron Hall, Dinas Powys which will take place on Saturday 11th November. This will give us the opportunity of a full day discussing Alpha and ending with a swim.

I believe that doing this course helps each young person develop their faith and also to grow in relationship with each other. I am so thrilled that we are offering J-Walkers this opportunity which I believe will stand them in good stead for life.

Linda Alexander



Our Vicar Trystan Writes: You are the Christ

Dear friends,

Before I went on holiday this year, our Reader Dominic suggested some reading material.

*“You must read **American Gods** by Neil Gaiman”,* he said.

So, I ordered a copy online. Three days later I heard a loud bang in my letterbox... I opened the package and found a book that made *War and Peace* look like a pamphlet!

It may have taken me all holiday to read it, but it was certainly worth the effort. It particularly made some important points about today’s society and on what we place value in our lives. The book pictures our lives as a war between old gods, in other words the gods of religion and belief, and new gods in whom we have started to put our faith. At one point in the story, the god Odin speaks to the old gods, telling them they have been usurped from their thrones and now the world is worshipping new gods.

“As all of you will have had reason plenty to discover for yourselves,” he booms, *“there are new gods growing, clinging to growing knots of belief: gods of credit card and freeway, of Internet and telephone, of radio and hospital and television, gods of plastic and of beeper and of neon; proud gods, fat and foolish creatures, puffed up with their own newness and importance”.*

The reality is, of course, that even 2000 years ago people had to choose whom they would worship.

In the gospels, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about him. They answer that different people say different things, before Peter confesses that he is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. (*Luke 8: 18-21*) That answer is obviously important, but we sometimes forget that where this episode took place is also significant. It took place at Caesarea Philippi on the slopes of Mount Hermon, 25 miles north of Galilee. It was famously a city that was steeped in paganism. In

the Old Testament period it was an important town for worshipping the idol Ba’al, then, under the Greeks, the city was called Paneas, as the shrine to the Greek god Pan was located there. Finally, under the Romans, it was called Caesarea Philippi – Philippi after Philip the Tetrarch, a puppet king of the Emperor, and Caesarea after Caesar himself, who was seen as a divine figure in the Empire.

So, the context of this episode is that the disciples were affirming the Lordship of Jesus in a place that reminded them that there are many other idols fighting for our attention and devotion.

Someone once said that idolatry, not atheism, is God’s greatest enemy.

By making something an idol we make something into a god and so it replaces Jesus as the most important thing in our lives. And so, of course, anything, absolutely anything, can become an idol to us. As Christians, we should be proclaiming with Peter that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. We should be affirming that his message of peace, hope, love, forgiveness, and social responsibility is more important than anything else to us. Yet, in today’s society, as the book *American Gods* shows, there are so many other idols competing for our time and loyalty.

Each of us need to ask ourselves, what are our personal idols that we need to fight against each day?

The documentary maker Adam Curtis, in an interview with Russell Brand, claimed that, to follow a religion, we give ourselves up to something that is beyond ourselves. With idols, though, we ourselves take the centre stage... it’s all about “me” and what is important to me, what gives me comfort and makes me feel good and safe and happy, despite the fact that lasting freedom, fulfillment and joy is not to be

found in these things. So, we become slaves to finance (to money, credit cards), to possessions (to our houses, cars, electrical goods), to status (to what people think of us), to our appearances (to how we look), and so on.

At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus tells his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ. Many scholars maintain he did this because he knew that the Israelites were looking for a very different Messiah. They were looking for a political figure to start a revolution against Rome. In other words, they were looking for an idol. Jesus, though, led his disciples away from the pagan centre of Caesarea Philippi, away from making him an idol. He led them to Galilee and on to Jerusalem. The consequence of that journey for all of them was, of course, great suffering – he himself was crucified and eleven of the twelve disciples died for their faith. But the journey ultimately brought fulfillment and great glory.

As the Spanish poet Unamuno put it: *“may God deny you peace but give you glory”.*

In other words, giving up our idols doesn’t guarantee us a calm and settled life. Jesus wants us to follow him away from Caesarea Philippi, to follow him to Galilee and even to Jerusalem. That journey can be painful. Change is painful. It’s not easy to give up our selfish wants and longings, especially as our society has persuaded us that it is only natural and normal to desire such things as money, possessions, status, looks, and praise. But for us to affirm *“you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God”* we are expected to take the journey that Peter and the other disciples took – by doing so, we move from darkness to a life of colour, hope, and fulfillment; we embrace love, compassion, and social justice; and we become more like Jesus himself.

Yours in Christ,

Trystan





From our curate Revd Jordan Receiving and Extending Forgiveness

Jesus illustrates his point with a story.

Christians love to argue over which is more important – belief or obedience, theology or activism.

For some, being a Christian is about understanding and accepting a whole bunch of truths about God, as though when we arrive at the pearly gates, Jesus will give us a pop-quiz about the trinity and the doctrine of justification. For others, being a Christian *just is* being a compassionate and loving person. What we think about God, the universe, and everything else doesn't really matter all that much, as long as we're mostly nice to other people.

But the bible refuses to draw a hard line between what we believe and who we're called to be. What we do flows out of who we are, and who we are flows out of who God is... and what God has done in us and for us. Doing, being, and believing belong together.

This is the point of Jesus' story of the ungrateful servant (Mt. 18:21-35).

The passage begins with Peter asking Jesus how many times he must forgive someone who does him wrong. What happens when I forgive someone and they just keep acting like a jerk? Peter suggests that seven times might be a good place to cut it off; one can only be *so* forgiving.

But Jesus tells Peter that seventy-seven times is closer to the mark. Now, he's not actually saying that we ought to quantify our forgiveness – as though Peter should keep a tally of all the times he says *'I forgive you.'* In fact, if one is bothering to 'keep count,' they've probably missed the point all together. Jesus is saying, whenever someone sins against you, forgive them.

When you think you've hit your quota of forgiveness – keep forgiving.

That doesn't just mean gritting your teeth and putting on a false smile; it doesn't mean holding forgiveness over someone in order to keep them feeling really guilty about what they've done. It means actively pursuing reconciliation. It means actively choosing love.

Once there was a man who owed the king ten thousand bags of gold... the kind of debt that would take someone an entire lifetime to repay. In keeping with the law of the land, the king orders that the man, his wife, and his children be sold into slavery to pay back what was owed.

But the man falls to his knees and pleads with the king to give him more time. And the king takes pity on the man. In an act of astounding mercy, the king doesn't merely grant the man's request for more time. He forgives his debt altogether.

Imagine the relief that this man must have felt! He must have been elated; he must have been skipping down the street after that meeting with the king! But as he was skipping home, he comes across someone who owed *him* money – not ten thousand bags of gold, but a mere one hundred silver coins. It would be like someone paying off your mortgage and then running into an employee who owes you £20. Surely a nice, reasonable, respectable person would let the £20 slide! But the protagonist of our story is not the nice, reasonable, respectable type. He grabs the man by the throat and demands his £20. The debtor pleads for more time, but our protagonist is having none of it. He throws the man in prison until his debt is repaid.

It's not difficult to guess how the story ends. The king catches word of his servant's scandalous behaviour. "You wicked servant," the king declares, "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" And so the king throws his servant in prison until his own debt is repaid.

What's the point of Jesus' story?

Jesus is reminding us that our lives are meant to be an echo of God's loving initiative. Having received the gift of grace and forgiveness, we are to extend that gift to others. Having been reconciled to God, we are to seek reconciliation with others. Be-

cause we are loved by God, we are equipped and enabled to love others in turn.

Jesus is not telling us that God's forgiveness is a *consequence* of our own. We do not earn God's forgiveness by first showing forgiveness to others. It's the other way around... It is by discovering that we are loved and forgiven that we are inspired to go and do likewise. *Who we are and what we do flows out from who God is and what God has done for us.*

On the evening of June 17, 2015, a man called Dylan Roof walked into a bible study at the Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston and opened fire, killing nine people because of the colour of their skin. It was a horrifying event; a despicable act of hatred and violence.

At his first court hearing, the families of the victims were given an opportunity to speak directly to the gunman. Imagine what that must have been like, addressing the man that robbed you of your mother, or daughter, or husband. But as the family members took turns addressing Dylan, they each refused to respond to hatred with hatred. Instead, one after the other, they offered forgiveness.

This is what the sister of one of the victims, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, had to say to the man who murdered her sister: *"I acknowledge that I am very angry, but one thing that DePayne always enjoined in our family ... is she taught me that we are the family that love built. We have no room for hating, so we have to forgive. I pray God on your soul."*

I can't think of a more beautiful depiction of God's Church living out its calling in the world... We are the family that love built, the recipients of God's love, and grace, and forgiveness; may God give us the grace to extend that same love and forgiveness to others.

With love and best wishes

Jordan



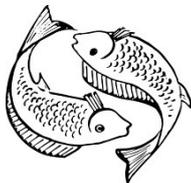
Bill Mapleson's 91st birthday occurred on 2nd August. His family held a tea party for him, to which some Christ Church friends were fortunate to be invited. Bill's son-in-law, Ron Hill, has kindly sent a group photo of that occasion, with Bill cutting his cake.



A Day at the Bay. On August the 8th I was fortunate to be taken to visit the Senedd at Cardiff Bay by my daughter Ann and son in law Brian. There was a strong presence of police and security guards. In fact, we were "frisked" at the entrance of the building. An exhibition was being launched showing pictures and information regarding the contribution women made during conflict around the world.

The building itself was very impressive. As it was a school holiday time there were many visitors on the day that we went. At the Senedd was the "Poppies Weeping Window" - a cascade of several thousand hand made ceramic poppies pouring from the high window on the first floor of the Senedd. The sculpture is to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. It was a day well spent.

Veronica



MEMORIES A long time ago I was working at the Lowestoft Fish Market repairing the decking when, we returned to the empty Fish Office where we kept our tools and equipment. Drinking a mug of tea and looking out of the window at a large display of Prime Fish in their boxes, sold and ready for dispatch,

I noticed one of the Office Staff taking some fish out of these boxes and placing them in his personal bag. Looking further down the market for the 'Police Hat', I saw he was watching what was happening.

The Office Staff worker then walked to the back of the market and placed the bag of stolen fish in one of the rail trucks, knowing when they would be moved later in the day. As soon as he was clear I quickly went and got the bag of fish and, coming back to our hut, gave it to one of the lads because my wife did not like the smell of fish.

Returning to my seat I did not have long to wait before the culprit and the Police Officer appeared out of the railway truck, both looking confused. The stolen fish had vanished!

After this event I often wonder: did I do the right thing or the wrong thing?

George Cable

Home Visits & Home Communion



Home visits and, if wished, Communion are available for parishioners including the house-bound and anyone unable to attend church due to ill-health or an accident.

Communion are brought usually monthly at mutually convenient dates and times. If you, or anyone you know, would like one of our pastoral visitors to call with Communion or for prayer or a chat, please inform Gerald Bradnum (tel. 20751177) or enter your name upon the request slip in your weekly News-sheet and hand to any service welcomer or clergy or into the office.



Around Church Family

Congratulations, Good wishes and Prayers to:

Pete and Kate Vokes on the birth of their daughter Edith Elizabeth on 27th September, a first grandchild for Chris Vokes

Anna and Paul Mortimore on the recent birth in September of their daughter Branwen, a sister for David

Rev'd Huw Riden, on study placement with us 2016/17 (*expert photographer*), upon his ordination as Deacon at Exeter Cathedral on 10th September and his first curacy at Christ Church, Exmouth. Good wishes also to his wife, Kate and their 2 sons, hopefully all settling in well

Rev'd Robert Bebb, minister at Park End Presbyterian Church, retired after 37 year's ministry, with wife Jacqueline to Llanidloes

Our Sympathies & Prayers to:

The family of Ann Bates, who passed away recently. Ann's parents were former loyal Christ Church members, the late Roy and Jean Bates

Our Good Wishes and Prayers to:

Mark Hamber, partner of Julie Matthews in hospital with deep vein thrombosis

Len Bowker recovering at home after an operation for bowel cancer on 4th October

Rev'd Edwards Davies, our former Vicar, now home following a long hospital stay recovering from a major operation on 11th September

Howard Kilvington recovering at home from a major operation on 27th September

Audrey Price recovering at home from her knee operation on 11th September

Paddy Hales - back in hospital for further diagnosis and treatment

Dorothy Moore - Receiving good care at Ty Penrhos Care Home, Caerphilly following a hospital spell for a lung infection

Robin Wood at home but not so well again

Janet Freeman, Justin's mother, recently suffered an adverse diagnosis. Janet, Justin and Coral are all in our prayers

Bill Mapleson, better lately and hopes to resume attending church

Nancy Eyre, not so mobile recently

George Cable, good to see back in church

God, our Parent - Reflection by Sue Hurrell

A friend of mine is expecting her first baby in a few weeks and lives overseas at the moment. A few weeks ago she posted two questions on Facebook for her friends who are already parents. She asked

"what is the biggest blessing in bringing a child into the world, and what is the biggest challenge?"

After a bit of thought my answer was that the biggest challenge is suddenly being confronted with constant decisions and questions where there are no right answers. And the biggest blessing is all the extra love to share around!

The more I think about this the more I realise that these are two sides of the same coin. You can't really have the love without the uncertainty.

The most startling thing about becoming a parent for me was the almost total loss of control. Was this rigid, screaming little beetroot-faced creature hungry, tired or in pain? I had no idea! As a scientist I would have loved to flip a few switches, and carry out some controlled experiments with clear outcomes. That might have saved me a lot of anxiety. But if I'd programmed her like an electronic doll, pressing the "contented" and "smile" buttons would I have experienced those intense moments of joy, peace and love as she responded and we deepened our bonds and built our relationship?

And even when parents can control a situation, remove risk and force a particular outcome often we don't – we have to allow our children to learn for themselves, to make mistakes and grow.

Jesus's story of the prodigal son is one of the most remarkable in the Bible. The father could have refused his younger son's request. He could have made him stay at home. He could have followed later and dragged him home. But he didn't. He simply watched and waited, sorrowful and yearning. And later he could have punished, but instead he forgave and showered his returning son with gifts and love. The story challenges our notions of fairness too – love isn't always about everyone getting a fair outcome, as the older brother learnt. It doesn't leave room for us to resent the gifts that others are given. God waits for us to return to him, to need him, to be sorry. And that is all.

It's difficult to encapsulate what love is – intense emotion, efforts and expressions of devotion, strong bond, powerful instinct to protect. It's all of these things. It's wonderful that love isn't a zero sum game. Although I have limited time, energy and money to share I didn't have to spread my love out more thinly when each of my children was born. The father didn't love the older son less when the prodigal son returned home.

People often ask "if God is all-loving and omnipotent why doesn't he eliminate suffering, illness, death and disaster?" "Why doesn't he heal? Why doesn't he give me what I have been asking for?" Sometimes it is hard to see God's presence in the darkness we see and experience. But if we expect to control and to be controlled we misunderstand the nature of God, who has made us in his image. In fact it doesn't say God made man in HIS

image in that first chapter in Genesis. The language is plural and conversational "let US make mankind in OUR image!" Some interpret this as an early representation of God as Trinity – more likely it reflects the imagery used in other ancient creation stories from similar periods. A strong recurring theme throughout the Bible is of a God who is looking for relationship with his creation, not an impersonal, remote being controlling everything from on high.

Although the term "Father" is used more often in the New Testament it is also widely used in the Hebrew Scriptures, with God's people described as children of one father. Images of a father moulding his children like a potter moulds clay, correcting them, pitying them, and redeeming them.

God is also described in female terms – more often than I'd realised. A mother bear, eagle, hen, a woman in labour, giving birth, nursing, teaching a child to walk and comforting. These images are all used to describe the nature of God in the Torah, the prophets, the Psalms and in the words of Jesus.

To give just one example, in Hosea God is described as saying "It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them."

Love isn't coercion. God's love doesn't force us - it invites us. It doesn't dwell on our mistakes, it accepts us as we are, sorry and weak, and is poised ready to surprise us with forgiveness and blessing.

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God".



Pilgrimage to Margam Abbey. A group of twenty joined our September pilgrimage from Christ Church. We were met at the "Abott's Kitchen" by Rev. Edward Dowland-Owen, Parish Priest of Margam and his Warden, given refreshments and a brief introduction, before visiting the Museum where a large collection of ancient Christian memorials, many dating from the 10th and 11th centuries AD. including Celtic sculptured wheel crosses with surprisingly distinct carvings are displayed. They form an impressive record of Christian activity in the area. We proceeded to

the Abbey Church for a Eucharist service including a short meaningful sermon by Rev. Edward reminding us of the determination of past generations to maintain the Abbey and its church, often during times of great turmoil. A tour of the church building to view its main features including some Frank Roper works followed. The pleasant weather gave us opportunity to view the remains of the former Cistercian Abbey, a daughter house of Clairvaux, France, the grounds of Margam Castle, Orangery and Park before dispersing for a late lunch. An enjoyable visit for all who came with thanks for the warm welcome received at Margam. Thoughts for the next pilgrimage . . .

Haydn Hopkins.



If we had been told when we came to live in Bathampton that our house would be situated alongside the main trunk route between Bristol and London we might well have given the matter some further consideration.

However, living on the banks of the Kennet and Avon, we have not much to complain about traffic noise. All day long and through most of the year leisure barges chug quietly past our kitchen window and if we are in our garden almost invariably we get a friendly wave from the boaters and a pleasant passing greeting. The pace of life on the Canal -- maximum permitted speed 4 miles per hour -- makes its users return to the old civilities of travellers' encounters from a long vanished age. The M4 does not lend itself to such civilities.

However it was not always thus. When the Canal was finally opened along its 57 miles in 1810 after 13 years of sometimes hazardous construction, it was seen as an express route from Bristol to London. Its fly boat service, horse-drawn of course, could reach London in about 2 days, perhaps 3 if you were unlucky with the numerous locks' traffic. This mode of transport was less hazardous and certainly more comfortable than the stage coaches even if they used the new turn-pike roads and as late as 1820 there were occasional highwaymen attacks. Mostly, of course, the Canal was used for commerce, especially the transport of Bath stone from the wharf here in Bathampton to meet the insatiable demand for building material from the rapidly expanding Metropolis. All that was to change with the coming of the railways especially Brunel's magnificent broad gauge. However, the bulk

MISSIONS AND CANALS

transport of coal and stone still provided traffic for the canals right through the 19th and early 20th Centuries, and in the Midlands where I began my career provision still had to be made for the education of the bargee families of the canals in that area. The Kennet and Avon had no such continuity of traffic and fell into such a state of dilapidation that for many years of the mid-century past it was no longer navigable. All this changed from the 60's onwards when an incredibly dedicated band of enthusiasts worked hard to get the canal back to operation and now a very lucrative leisure industry is thriving providing narrow boat hire. Additionally there are on the UK network thousands of privately owned boats and several thousand families live in them permanently.

Like many of the Industrial Revolution developments in the late 18th and 19th centuries, very little regard was given to the welfare of those who worked for them. The "Boater" community lived in amazingly cramped conditions on the barges. Children from a very young age were employed to work the locks and lead the horses along the towpaths and take charge of the vessels generally. The hazards of their occupation and the over-crowded and insanitary living accommodation would cause social services and health and safety organizations apoplexy today. All this was treated with usual indifference of employers and most of the time the governments of that age. The violence and, indeed, language of the bargee community became legendary.

We still very infrequently hear the phrase "swearing like a bargee."

As always, though, the plight of these under-dogs in society roused the Christian conscience of people in the Community of Faith. Soon, organizations came into being to tackle the

problems of the education and welfare of the children and to help more generally to fight for better conditions for the heartlessly exploited boating families. It may surprise you to know that these Canal Ministries are still in existence and are at work with several dedicated workers, ministers and volunteers who operate right across the very extensive canal network using several purpose built vessels.

Of course, they no longer have to deal with the dreadful working practices of the past two hundred years. But there are still many very poor families who have taken to living on boats many of them of very low quality because they are unable to secure affordable housing. Additionally, there is quite a large population of more affluent folk who live permanently on boats and have a nomadic existence. All these have spiritual and welfare needs and these are met by the Canal Ministries

It will be well worth your time to go on-line to Canal Ministries and find out more about this little known but invaluable Christian out-reach.

It is always good to remember that when a need is seen, there will be some Christian moved to be at work for Christ. What triggers the response can sometimes be very surprising. One day a little boy asked his father who happened to be a priest this question.

He was watching the ships at anchor waiting to get into harbour at Bristol and Cardiff from the North Somerset shore.

"How can the sailors get to church and hear about Jesus?" he asked.

**That is how
The Missions to Seamen began.**

John Walrond

Used Postage Stamps for Goodwill Children's Homes, S. India

Thank You to those who leave stamps (Foreign and UK) in the Church Porch for me to send to the Charity's office in Bristol. Please continue to collect especially at Christmas time! If possible please cut with about 2 cm of paper left around the edge.



Thank you also to those who provide '**Produce**' for Sunday mornings to help Church Hall Funds plus those who contributed for the Produce stall at the Open day on 9th September.

Claire Edwards



OPEN DAY and GIFT DAY for the New Church Hall at Christ Church - Saturday 9th September 2017

We were all thrilled at the response of members of our congregation to help organise and “man” the various stalls on the open day and fair. It all came out of an idea we had to raise some funds and it really did grow like Topsy. Visitors were met with our new leaflet describing who we are and also a display of our ambition to build a new hall for the church.

The church was resplendent with tables showing the general public what we do in Christ Church and the floral decorations dotted about the church made it look very festive. Howard Kilvington had put out all our church banners, and so the walls looked highly decorative. The new kneelers are nearly finished and they were most attractive and we look forward to their dedication in the near future. It was lovely to be greeted by musicians and singers throughout the day, and we were most grateful for all who provided their services and for Julie Waller and Sue Hurrell who organised it. The music provided a warm atmosphere as the visitors wandered around or just sat and took time out.



The Hall was filled with attractive items for sale, including bags and aprons with pictures of the church tapestries, and a generous amount of vegetables and preserves thanks to those who work on allotments throughout the year and gave of their bounty.... We couldn't believe how much there was for sale. There was a craft



stall and cake stall both of which ended up selling all their wares. The gift stall not only had items for sale but also a splendid hamper provided by Colin and Ann Francis, which was raffled. Many people worked in the church and hall and although it was a long day, we managed survive through to 4pm. The people serving teas and coffees did a sterling job as they were on their feet most of the day and kept us all fed and watered.

In response to the Gift Day appeal towards our new hall 63 donations totalling £16,995 have so far been received. Thus far 155 donations amounting to **£47,506** have been received This fund also includes £251 in other very recent donations and £3,855 in collections at 13 previous events. Also included are tax refunds so far received of £3,559 on Gift-Aided donations, making a total from donations of **£51,110**.

A very sincere and hearty Thank You to the very many members and friends who contributed so generously to the Gift Day appeal. The new hall which you are helping to enable will be a facility of great usefulness and wide benefit not only to the church but also to the community at large. Further donations or enquiries are welcomed in favour of Christ Church, Roath Park, to Gerald Bradnum, or Treasurer John Hodgson, or a churchwarden, i.e. Colin Francis or Haydn Hopkins, or to Linda Alexander. Or you can simply use one of the special New Hall envelopes and post-box in the church porch.

Various events/sales have so far raised a further **£8,218**, including **£2,602** from the **Open Day Fair on 9 September** and **£661** from regular sales of garden produce.

At 27th Sept. 2017:- Grand Total Received: £59,328
minus **expended or contracted for -**

(architects: scheme 1 & pre-Application Council: £7,490 scheme 2, up to prep. for Planning Application: £6,552

Re-roofing: £3,700 VAT expert £2,775. Bat data: £49. Foundations survey etc £1,782. Trees survey £600): **£22,948**

Fund Balance in hand: £36,380

Further tax refunds on Gift-Aided donations are expected, but also further expenses such as planning and further professional fees, as well, of course, as the main costs for actual construction, landscaping and fitting out. **So please support forthcoming events to raise further funds.** Hopefully, all support, of whatever kind, will help us reach our goal, as will good responses by grant-making bodies to our intended applications in due course. These in turn can only be stimulated by the sustained success of our own efforts.

Once again, very many thanks from your P.C.C. council.





ALTAR KNEELER PROJECT - October 2017

There were two surprises at the Church Open Day in September when we displayed the 6 completed kneelers and demonstrated stitching on the Crown of Thorns. Firstly, the light was amazing and made us wonder if we should not have stitched in church rather than in the hall or at home. The second aspect for me, stitching away by the altar, was the wonderful accompaniment of music, from junior musicians on flute, cello and violin and adult recorder players and singers.

Derek had laid out a display illustrating the process; from creating the designs, inspired partly by the baldachino with the Lamb, Dove and Fire; charts provided by Rhona; and subsequently executed on our novice samplers. Everyone was interested to see the completed kneelers *in situ* and the children had fun finding the star fish and dolphin (or is it a whale?) on the Water panel.

The Crown of Thorns in Roath Park rose garden is complete so we are now concentrating on finishing the Crucifixion by the end of the year.

Posy Akande



Gill Barker is compiling a calendar to sell for Church Funds
Do you have photos of Christ Church events taken this last year?

Gill also has aprons and bags with pictures from the Altar kneelers for sale

Contact Gill 029 20747464

FUTURE FUNDRAISING EVENTS Diary dates



25th November
(Gloria)

Quiz & Buffet
6th December (Owen Pryce)



Carols & Mince Pies
15th December

Do YOU have a Fund Raising idea?
Speak to Ann or Linda

Julie Waller is compiling Recipes and Tips



Recipes are now coming in . . .

Is there a story behind some of the recipes ?

If you have a story that also gives some insight into you or Christchurch (a story relating to the first CC cook book?!) then let me know.

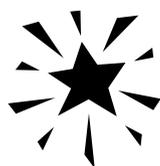
Or how about TIPS for the kitchen or food economy, from using up egg yolks to cleaning vacuum flasks, sugar free, gluten alternatives to favourite recipes. . . . then get it on paper!

Thank you!

See Julie in Church, post in Church letterbox or email: julie.waller@btinternet.com

Hall Fundraising 9th September

- Raffle/Guess the sweets £221
- Cakes/Choc Fountain £220.37
- Gifts/cards/crafts, aprons & bags/produce £1023.70
- Flower arrangements/plants/bulbs £206-31
- Jigsaw £312.60
- Games/face painting etc £282.49
- Teas & coffees £239.25
- Sale of gold & cash donation £97



We welcome ordinands Gareth and Matthew, on placement at Christ Church for a year.



Gareth Erlandson is a second year full time ordinand at St Padarn's, training for ordained stipendiary ministry. He is from St Asaph Diocese and from Ruabon, just south of Wrexham. He taught music in the village high school there for ten years, whilst directing music and undertaking youth work with his wife, Shavonne, in St Mary's Church. They have been married for four years and Shavonne has recently taken up a paid youth work post for All Saints Church in Penarth. They have a cockapoo named Elsa, who loves a run on Heath Park or Llandaff Fields. In his spare time Gareth enjoys singing, bell ringing, playing piano, and going to the cinema.

Matthew Sellers lives in Newport, attends St Denys, Lisvane, at present an RE teacher at St Teilo's School, has been a Youth Worker and will be a NSM (non stipendiary minister) when training is completed. He is married to Soraya who, is from France, with three children, Ethan 16, Zara 12 and Yasmin.9. He has been the lay chaplain at St Teilo's for several years but this year taking a sabbatical from the role in order to focus on teaching and the training.

They look forward to becoming part of the Christ Church community and feel blessed by the welcome they have received from everyone already.

Coming Events



Messy Harvest - Saturday 21st October

10.30 - 1.00 pm

Christ Church, Lake road North, CF23 5QN

Children must be accompanied by an adult

029 20763151 www.christchurchcardiff.co.uk



Sunday 15th October

Film Night - 'The True Cost'

6.00 pm in the Church

- ❖ a groundbreaking documentary film that pulls back the curtain on the untold story of the fashion industry and asks us to consider - **who really pays the price for our clothing?**
- ❖ At the end there will be a Q&A session with the director Andrew Morgan, who will be joining us live on FaceTime from the United States.



Prayer Link 2017

Churches Together in Llanishen & District

Saturday 10.00 am - 11.00 am

7th October - Llanishen Baptist
Fidlas Road - village end

4th November - St Faith's (Anglican)
Morris Ave. off Templeton Ave (west)

2nd December - Park End Presbyterian
Llandennis Rd. at Rhydypenau Crossroads

ALL WELCOME



J-WALKERS

Youth Group 11-18 yr olds

YOUTH ALPHA

An introduction to Christian Faith

6.45pm Sunday

All young people invited - there will be 2 groups
11-13 and 14-18

Talk to Linda or Sandra for further details
07971253586

J Walkers also meet Sunday mornings during the
10 am service except 1st Sunday of the month
when it is the Family service



Your choir needs YOU

Do you enjoy singing?

The choir have vacancies for all
voice parts:

Soprano, Alto, Tenor and bass

Please give it a try and join us for

Thursday evening
rehearsals 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm

You will receive a warm welcome.

Speak to Julie or any choir member!



CHATTERBOX

Babies and toddlers with
parents/grandparents

Thursdays 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm

in Christ Church Hall during term time

Contact Gill Barker 20747464 Ann Francis 20751773



As an affiliated choir to the Royal School of
Church Music, we participate in local and
area events. Some are listed below.

Saturday 14th October - Newport Cathedral
5.30 pm Choral Festive Service

Saturday 4th November
St Mary's Priory Church, Abergavenny
Services from 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

If you are interested, please let ADRIAN know:

Email: adrian.wilson129@talktalk.net or

Tel: 07909986736

or speak to Julie, so that travel, service books
and robes may be arranged.

Annual FAIR TRADE Christmas Shop

Park End - Rhydypenau Crossroads
Saturday 18th November
10.00—4.00 pm

Cards, gifts, food items,
decorations & jewellery

Coffee, tea and cakes
served all day



HELP needed to share organising our
Church monthly stall

Please speak with Nick & Penny Goss who
need a couple more helpers or
speak with Trystan
or the Church Wardens'

Thanks!





William Williams Pantycelyn. 1716-1791.

Hymns remind us of the truths of the Bible thus cementing our faith when we sing them. One such hymn is

"Guide me O thou great Jehovah". (Modern hymn collections have substituted Redeemer for Jehovah) which is William Williams greatest hymn.

The hymn is a re enactment of the Israelite journey through the barren wilderness to the Promised Land and is typical of all spiritual pil-

grimages.

The hymn was put to the tune of Cwm Rhondda, which was composed by John Hughes (1873-1932) for a Welsh song festival. It is a very popular hymn sung not only in churches and chapels but at football matches and informal get together at conference's.

William Williams's first ambition was to become a doctor but, inspired by the preaching of Howell Harris and failing in 1743 to become ordained in the Church of England because of his association with the Methodists he spent the rest of his life advancing the Methodist cause in Wales. Though Williams was a popular itinerant preacher and organist, travelling nearly 150,000 miles

on horseback his greatest contribution to the Methodist revival was as a writer, of over nine hundred hymns.

He is buried in Llanfair-ar-y-bryn churchyard outside Llandoverly. On his obelisk, which marks his grave, is written **"He laboured in the service of the Gospel for nearly half a century and to his inexpressible joy beheld its influence extending and its efficacy witnessed in the conviction and conversion of many thousands."**

David Gibbs.

References:

Favourite Hymns by Marjorie Reeves and Jenny Worsley.
Welsh National Heroes by Alun Roberts.



The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

October 31st marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the Wittenberg church door in 1517, signalling the start of the Protestant Reformation.

He was protesting against the practice of indulgences, where the good deeds of the saints could be purchased to reduce time spent in purgatory, before arriving in heaven. For Luther, this cheapened grace, repentance and forgiveness: *'You can't buy God's friendship!'*

Luther rediscovered the truths of God's grace: *'For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'* (Romans 1:17).

He recognised that righteousness (being right with God) and forgiveness is not earned by good works, but faith. The undeserved love of God and His acceptance is a matter of trust. This challenge to the Church of Luther's day remains so today! At the Diet (Council) of Worms, he refused to recant his views: *'Here I stand; I can do no other!'*

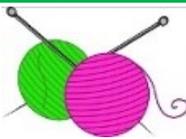
Luther stood for the free forgiveness of the gospel, by which God accepts us because of the death of Jesus on our behalf to deal with our sin. Is this what we believe? Only trusting Jesus can make us right with God. In what ways can we slip into a mindset that seeks God's approval for what we achieve in our spiritual lives, rather than in how we can serve as a response to all He has done for us? We will continue to get things wrong, but God never gives up on us!

'Be a sinner, and let your sins be strong (sin boldly), but let your trust in Christ be stronger, and rejoice in Christ who is the victor over sin, death, and the world.' (Martin Luther). *Parish Pump*

Any spare wool?

I continue to collect any donations of wool to pass to several charity knitting groups.

Please leave in the back of the church labelled with my name, Val Jones. Many thanks



With Harvest in mind...

... it's strange to me
How very full the church can be
With people I don't see at all
Except at Harvest Festival

John Betjeman



Donations of food are welcome to be placed in the box in the Church Porch.
Many thanks





MIXED UP MONTHS

Words that begin with 'oct' mean to do with the number eight – an octopus has 8 tentacles, an octagon has 8 sides. So October should be the 8th month of the year, shouldn't it? But it isn't.



The reason goes back to Roman times. October was the eighth month in the Roman calendar until July was added to celebrate the birth month of Julius Caesar.

This was followed by Augustus who also added another month (guess what that one was called!). With these two extra months fitted into the calendar what was the eighth month became the tenth month. Which gets more muddled: because words beginning with 'dec' mean to do with the number ten, so under the old way December was the tenth month. Shall I stop now before we all get even more confused?

OOOOOOs

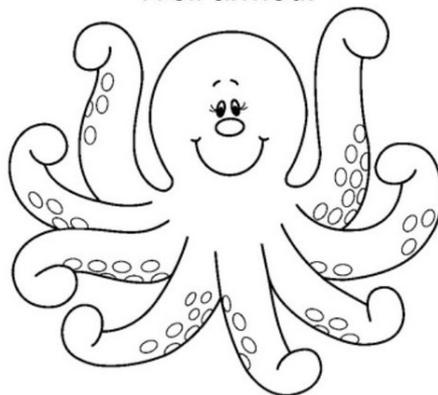
All these names begin with O – which ones aren't the real name of a saint?

1. Odo
2. Olaf
3. Osyth
4. Oliver
5. Olympias
6. Odilia
7. Omer
8. Oudoceus
9. Osburga
10. Ouen



How does an octopus go into battle?

Well armed.



What's round, orange and can't sit down?

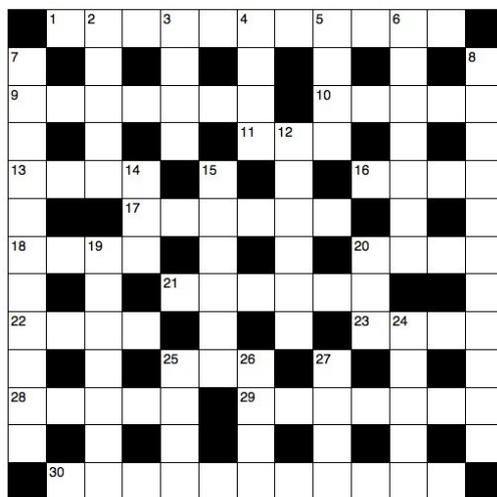
A seatless Satsuma.



Answers: the answer is that they all are real saint's names! Aren't you glad that they didn't call you after some of these saints?

- ACROSS:** 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — —' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
 16 Metallic element (4)
 17 At line (anag.) (6)
 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)
 25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)
 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
 29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)
 30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across: 1. Bartholomew; 9. Evil one; 10. Adore; 11. Ram; 13. Oreb; 16. Zinc; 17. Entail; 18. Hung; 20. Lehi; 21. Joshua; 22. Pity; 23. Wide; 25. Age; 28. Alarm; 29. Parake; 30. Sennacherib.

Down: 2. Alive; 3. Took; 4. Over; 5. Onan; 6. Emotive; 7. Jehoshaphat; 8. Melchizedek; 12. A light; 14. Beg; 15. Strong; 19. Not have; 20. Law; 24. Iraq; 25. Amen; 26. Epic; 27. Free.

- DOWN:** 2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made —' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)
 3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)
 4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)
 5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)
 6 I veto me (anag.) (7)
 7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)
 8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)
 12 'I have made you — — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5)
 14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)
 15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the —, something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)
 19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)
 20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under —, but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)
 24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5)
 25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)
 26 Heroic tale (4)
 27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you —' (John 8:32) (4)

GOD IN THE ARTS

'He gave us eyes to see them': Peter and Jesus in the courtyard, from Duccio's Maesta

The story of the Passion we find in the Gospels is full of drama and colour: a vivid journey from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. We focus on the kingship of Jesus that is proclaimed, denied and ultimately vindicated in the Resurrection victory. In that Passion story St Peter has an important role. He is there at the Last Supper and in Gethsemane, brave and generous with his words. But he falls asleep and later flees from the scene, leaving Jesus to drink His cup of sorrow alone.

After his arrest, Jesus is taken to Annas and Caiaphas, the high priest. In the courtyard outside Peter denies his Lord three times. It is depicted in this painting by Duccio, an Italian artist who worked in Siena. The panel shows a stairway linking two scenes: Jesus before the Jewish authorities, and Peter below, warming his feet by the fire. We feel that Peter could climb the steps to be with Jesus, but he raises a hand of denial to the servant girl's query. In the next panel we see the cockerel: a reminder of his lack of courage. Peter learns something about his own character and faith, and as we read, we find that resonating in our own lives.

This panel is part of a much larger work: an altarpiece commissioned by the cathedral in 1308. Known as the Maesta, it was brought into the cathedral in June 1311 amid countless candles and the ringing of bells. Years later the panels were sold off and now can be found in museums around the world. In this panel we see Peter when the solid rock of his life turned out to be shifting sand. But whatever his failure, Jesus lifts him up again. The charcoal fire of betrayal and denial here will become the charcoal fire by the sea when the risen Lord cooks breakfast and greets Peter in the dawn of a new day that brings acceptance and hope.



The Revd Michael Burgess - Parish Pump



God's Top Ten

1. Put God First
2. Worship Him Only
3. No Bad Words
4. Work 6 Rest 1
5. Obey Your Parents
6. Harm No One
7. Don't Cheat
8. If It's Not Yours, Don't Take It
9. Tell the Truth
10. Don't Be Jealous of Other People's Stuff



JWalkers

Over the next few months on Sunday mornings the J Walkers are exploring the Ten Commandments from a 21st Century perspective. Alongside learning about the original Old Testament story we are thinking about what God's original laws given to Moses can mean to us in our lives today.

During the second session we considered the second commandment, talking about what 'worship' means in today's secular world and how we might interpret 'graven images'. An insightful thought from one of our young people suggests that this is to do with an 'all consuming' love.

We felt that our conclusions are best summed up:

'Don't love anything more than you love God.'

Val Jones



GOOD COMPANIONS October 2017

After our summer break we have resumed meeting in the church hall on Tuesday afternoons for conversation, quizzes, table games and refreshments.

Over the past year we are delighted to have welcomed lots of new people to our sessions and our group now represents a wide age range (currently 16 to 97 years!!) from the church and community, both ladies and gentlemen. We would like to extend a very warm invitation to anyone

and everyone to join us for a cup of tea and chat anytime on a Tuesday between 2pm and 4pm.

At the beginning of September we gave a helping hand in packing up tulip bulbs for the Open Day and Autumn fair – great fun!



CLIC Sargent Christmas Concert: Monday 11th December in St David's Hall, Cardiff



Thirty five years ago, the children's charity: (Sir Malcolm) Sargent Cancer Care for Children, set up a mixed choir of

about 150 singers to rehearse and perform a concert drawing in part on Sir Malcolm Sargent's arrangements of popular hymns, carols and anthems. A London concert was well established, performing in the Royal Albert Hall. Others followed, including Cambridge, Manchester and Edinburgh. These annual concerts have helped raise significant sums for the charity, which funds specialist cancer care aimed at children and young adults throughout the UK.

To mark 25 years of the London concert choristers from the constituent choirs were auditioned before singing in London. Several hundred voices, police bands from the West Midlands and Manchester played to a full house.

Only at such an occasion did we experience the bewildering corridors and small changing facilities back stage! Charles Farncombe conducted early concerts, including those in Cardiff. His military precision was renowned.

A leukemia charity joined Sargent Cancer Care for Children several years ago which has given greater prominence to their vital support work. Now-a-days there is a variety of popular functions and events with appropriate press coverage. However CLIC Sargent continues with its annual charity concert. Besides engaging instrumental soloists or players, a children's choir is invited to sing. This year it may be a school choir from Cwmbbran. In previous years children have come from Severn Road, Canton and Albany Road, Roath.

The concert is for amateur choristers, but enjoyable. Originally drawn

from hospitals all over Wales, in recent years and because of geography, Glamorgan, Gwent and Powys Health Authorities participate. Each week the individual choirs rehearse and then combine for 4 compulsory rehearsals in Cardiff University Hospital. Our own Nick Goss, Ken Perkins, Adrian Wilson, Julie Waller, Shirley Davies and Elizabeth Burston have sung in concerts. This year music includes the haunting *Ave Maria* by Sergie Rachmaninov, and *Oer yw'r gwr* (Deck the Hall) a rousing item in Welsh.

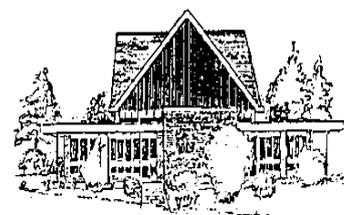
If you like Christmas music in its widest sense, do come to St David's Hall on Monday 11th December at 7-30pm – audience participation in some carols is directed by our conductor, David Davies.

Adrian Wilson

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<http://www.clicsargent.org.uk/content/about-us>



NOVEMBER DIARY

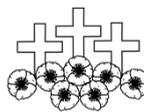


Wednesday 1st 10.00 am - 12.00 noon Church open for PRAYER

Thursday 2nd 9.30 am Holy Eucharist (*tea & coffee to follow*)

Sunday 5th **KINGDOM 1**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am FAMILY SERVICE
 6.00 pm Evening Worship

Sunday 12th **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist, Funky Church/JWalkers
 with 11.00 am Service at Calvary Stone
 6.00 pm Evening Worship



Thursday 16th 9.30 am Holy Eucharist (*tea & coffee to follow*)

Sunday 19th **KINGDOM 3**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist, Funky Church & JWalkers
 6.00 pm at St Denys, Lisvane - Faith in a Nutshell

Sunday 26th **CHRIST the KING**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist, Funky Church & JWalkers
 6.00 pm Evening Worship

DECEMBER

Sunday 3rd **ADVENT SUNDAY**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am FAMILY SERVICE
 6.00 pm Evening Worship - Book Launch

Prayers for Healing 10.00 am every Wednesday in Church
The meetings involve prayers for individuals and for our local community - all are welcome

Other services & activities as announced in the newsletter

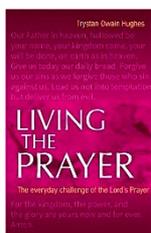


Collection: If you prefer to give a weekly cash contribution during the various services and you are a UK taxpayer there are envelopes in the pews to enable us to reclaim the tax - **an extra 25p for each £1**

Sunday 3rd December 6 pm
Book Launch

"Living the Prayer"
 The Everyday Challenge of the Lord's Prayer
 Rev. Trystan's new book

More details to follow in weekly newsletter



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Humour from Parish Pump

Stories

As part of his talk at a banquet, our minister told some jokes and a few funny stories. Since he planned to use the same anecdotes at a meeting the next day, he asked reporters covering the event not to include them in their articles. Reading the paper the following morning, he noticed that one well-meaning cub reporter had ended his story on the banquet with the observation: "

The minister told a number of stories that cannot be published."

WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH**Sunday**

8.00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist
 10.00 a.m. The Parish Eucharist
 6.00 p.m. Evening Service

Weekdays

1st & 3rd Thursday 9.30 a.m. The Holy Eucharist
 (Saints' Days and Festivals: See Parish Diary)

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

in the Lady Chapel for about half an hour
Wednesday mornings 10.00 am

Eucharist for healing
 with anointing and the laying on of hands as announced.
 Holy Communion is taken to the sick and housebound,
 and anointing as requested.

Please inform the Vicar in cases of sickness, bereavement or distress.

OTHER SERVICES

Please arrange with the Vicar
 for baptism, confirmation, marriage and funerals.

The Vicar is happy to arrange times for the
 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) or for counsel.

From the Registers**August 2017 Communicants**

Sundays	6th	80
	13th	94
	20th	91
	27th	93

Weekday communicants: 19

Communions of the ill/housebound
 at 'Cartref' 16

Holy Baptisms

12th	Ffion Lillian Bloom
	Cleo Jeraldine Davenport
	Jason John Bloom
27th	Engie Shaia

September 2017 Communicants

Sundays	3rd	106
	10th	127
	17th	101
	24th	101

Weekday communicants: 23

Communions of the ill/housebound
 at 'Cartref' 14

Holy Baptisms

10th	Imogen Grace Jones
	Phillippa Mary Godbehere
24th	Rebecca Molley

Funeral

21st	Anne Bates
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FELLOWSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH**GOOD COMPANIONS**

Tuesdays 2.00 - 4.00 pm
 Julia Matthews 029 21157213
 Alison Peters 029 20761277
 Val Jones 029 20747021

CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY

4-5 times annually
 Howard Kilvington 20317301

LADIES KEEP FIT GROUP

Mondays at 7.30 pm.
 Jill Kilvington 20317301

**FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE
STUDY GROUPS**

(see newsletter for details)
 Haydn Hopkins 20621280
 Linda Alexander 20759704

SERVERS' GUILD

Sunday morning and as announced
 Gerald Bradnum 20751177

CHATTERBOX

Thursday 1.30 - 3.00 pm
 during Term time
 Gill Barker 20747464
 Ann Francis - 20751773

FUNKY CHURCH

Val Jones 029 20747021
 Sandra 20758588

**YOUTH GROUP
(11-18 year olds)**

Sunday evening 7.00pm - 8.30pm
 Rev. Trystan Hughes 20758588

CHOIR

Thursdays at 6.30 pm
 Julie Waller
 Tel: 20615007

RAINBOWS

Tuesdays at 5.00 p.m.
 Emma Lane 07975505863

BROWNIES

Mondays at 6.00 pm

84th SCOUT GROUP

Group Scout Leader
 vacant

Group Committee Chairman

Geoff Payne 20756577

Enquiries to Caryl Roach 20754463

BEAVERS

Thursdays at 5.30 pm
 Chris Davies 07948399111

CUBS

Wednesdays at 6.15 pm
 Simon Rimell

SCOUTS

Wednesdays at 7.30 pm
 Simon Broadley