



Christ Church News

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Welcome to Christ Church News



Lent, the forty days running up to Easter, is a time to reflect, to pray, to study, to give up things, and to take up things. Christ Church has always observed this season by providing plenty of opportunities for you to think about your beliefs

and be challenged by your faith. This year is no different. In fact, I am not sure if our church community has ever had a more varied Lent programme of events.

As well as the usual services (Ash Wednesday, Holy Week compline, Maundy Thursday Eucharist, Good Friday liturgy, Messy Easter, Easter vigil, and so on), we have a wonderful plethora of events for you to attend.

If you have not attended an Alpha Group session yet, please do turn up one Monday evening at 7.15pm for food, fellowship, and discussion about our faith - every Monday until 1st April.

Then there is the **Stories from the Soul** group running each Thursday from 14th March at 7.30pm. These sessions offer a new way of engaging with our sacred stories and are a chance to slow down, listen to a story, wonder about its meaning for your life and respond creatively. Talk to Hannah Burch for more details (hanburch@gmail.com).

Finally, there are two fascinating Lent Talks that I encourage you to put in your diaries. The first talk on Sunday 10th March at 6pm will be by Revd Jordan discussing "Christian views on war and peace".



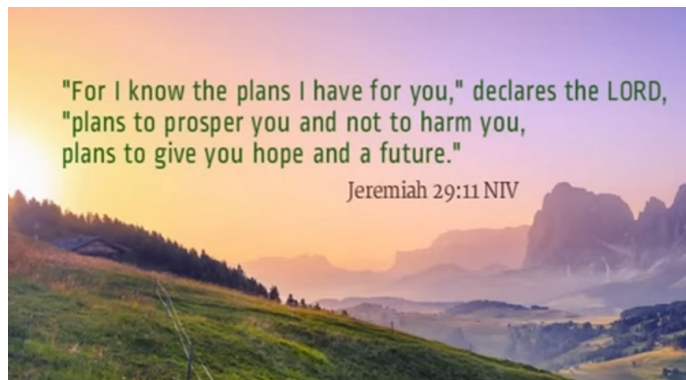
I will be presenting the next one on the 24th March at 6pm, where I **will reflect on the challenge of the 135-mile pilgrimage that I undertook last year and the even bigger challenge of recovering from my subsequent back injury.**

So, this Lent, do please consider coming along to some of these events (or all of them!) and feel free to bring friends. All welcome - just come as you are!

Revd Trystan

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

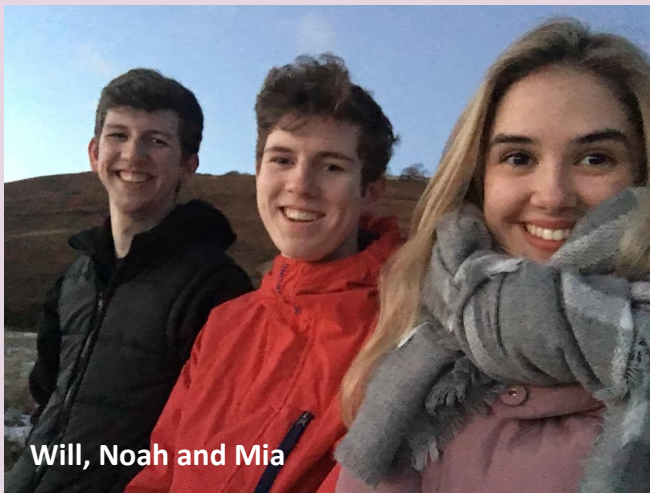


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YOUTH CLUB HOLIDAY AT THE ROCK CENTRE IN TRELEWIS



Will, Noah and Mia

At the beginning of February our church youth group went on a snowy weekend away to a Christian organisation called Rock UK with other church youth groups around Cardiff.



Climbing for the fearless

It was a wonderful experience, where we were able to form friendships and bond with other Christians our age, as well as having the opportunity to talk to different youth leaders.

We were able to join in on fun activities such as archery and



Bea, Carys, Immy, Lena, Emma And Zara

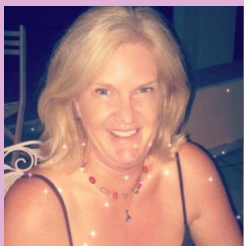
climbing which were really exciting to take part in. We were able to do these activities in teams and support each other in learning the new skills.

We also had a good amount of downtime where we were able to go for snowy walks with amazing views, play games, and get to know the other people. As a group we were able to discuss big questions about faith and the Bible with leaders there to help guide us, it was a really incredible experience being able to discuss with other people my age and see different points of view.

It was a great opportunity to strengthen my connection with God and the Christian youth community. I thoroughly enjoyed delving into my faith and what being a Christian means to me.

Mia Browne

Sad Goodbyes this month



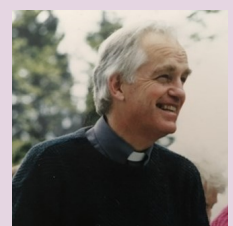
SIAN ELIZABETH TAYLOR died very suddenly this month age 51. She was the daughter of Elizabeth Davies who has recently re-joined our church family.

Those who knew Sian were very shocked by her death and our hearts go out to Elizabeth and Sian's two boys, Ollie and Isaac and all the family. Sian had attended Cardiff High School and knew many of the children of Christ Church families. A wonderful service to celebrate her life was held at St Isan's church on 15th February. Our prayers go out to all those who mourn her sudden death.



THELMA TAGG, a long standing member of Christ Church, has sadly passed away. There will be a full obituary in next month's news. We remember the family in our prayers. RIP

Rev David Anderson was a regular attender here at Christ Church until God called him to the ordained ministry. He trained as a priest and served in the Hereford diocese as Curate, then Tamworth as Vicar. Latterly he worshipped at All Saints Penarth. He is the brother in law of Brian Ward and uncle of Christopher Ward, who are members of our congregation. We pray for his wife Marianne and all the family as they cope with their loss.



A FEAST FOR LENT

Lent Talk

Rev'd Dr Jordan Hillebert
Christian Views on
War and Peace

War and Peace

Christ Church, Roath Park

Sunday 10 March 6pm

To Hell's Mouth and Back The Story of Two Life-Changing Pilgrimages

Rev'd Dr Trystan Owain Hughes

Christ Church, Roath Park

6pm Sunday 24 March


Open the Book



Geoff Payne & Alison Peters
getting into costume



Alison Peters with Carol & Eddie
Mills getting into the part



Stories for the Soul

From Thursday 14th March, 7.30pm

Slow down, listen, wonder, play...

Nurture your Christian journey this Lent

Spiritual formation for adults

ALPHA COURSE



So much of
the Gospels
refer to food.
Jesus was
known to eat
with tax col-
lectors and
sinners. The
last com-
mandment
he gave to
his followers

was to break bread together in remembrance of him.

The course is memorable for being a feast of food which has been brilliantly organized by Justine Ryland. We have held this course in the church and it's the first time we've turned the front of the church into a buffet style café, which has worked really well. We've had an average of 22 people each week and have all joyfully joined in both discussion and food.

This particular Alpha course uses the latest video from Holy Trinity Brompton in London, and it is up-to-date

and fast moving. It features people of all ages and nations and our large screens have proved to be ideal to view the films. At the time of writing we are half way through the course and I do believe that everyone is enjoying this faith building opportunity. We are all looking forward to our

day together in church on March 2nd when we will be learning about the Holy Spirit & eating fish and chips. We apologise in advance for any aroma on March 3rd.

We want to thank all those who have helped set up our "café" and bring food each week, this has made the course so lovely.

We truly hope to put on another Alpha soon and we ask you all to think about who you would like to invite to our next banquet.

Linda Alexander



Alex & Ethan



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Music at Christ Church is coordinated by Sue Hurrell & Jane Roberts. Youth choir and main choir rehearse separately once a month: youth choir on Tuesday evenings and main choir after the 10am Sunday service. We'd be delighted to welcome new musicians and choir members.
email : hurrell.sue@gmail.com

Church Society :(Talk & Buffet)

As advertised, on various Wednesdays in the Hall. Open to all, family and friends. Contact: Howard Kilvington 02920 317301

Ladies Keep Fit: Light exercise. Mondays 7:30pm
Contact: Gill Kilvington 02920 317301

CHILDRENS & YOUTH WORK

Chatterbox: Parents & Toddlers – every Thursday
1:30pm – 3:00pm in the hall.

Contact: Ann Francis Tel 029 20751773

FUNKY Church age up to 11 meets each Sunday during the service except for Family service.

Contact: Val Jones Tel: 029 20747021

Sandra Hughes Tel: 029 20758588

Messy Church

Contact: Linda Alexander Tel: 07814759559

Youth Club J Walkers age 11– 18

Contact: Sandra Hughes 029 20758588

Child Protection Officer

Contact: Colin Francis Tel: 02920 751773

ConneXion Groups.....

Meet monthly at various times and in various houses. Contact the Parish office for more information.

Good Companions: Tuesdays 2:00pm– 4.00pm

Contact: Val Jones, Alison Peters or Julia Matthews

Val Jones Tel: 029 20747021

Alison Peters 029 20761277

Julia Matthews 029 21157213

SCOUTS

Beavers

Thursday 5:30pm

Cubs

Wednesday 6:15pm **Scouts – 84th Cardiff**

Wednesdays 7:30pm

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Rainbows in the church hall

Tuesdays 5:00pm

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