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

Welcome to Christ Church

Week commencing 7th April 2019

Sunday 7th April: The Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10.00am Family Service

6.00pm Lent Talk "What does the Bible say about childlessness" a reflection by Gareth Erlandson 6:30pm J-Walkers

Monday 8th Tuesday 9th Thursday 10th 7.30pm Keep Fit

2.00pm Good Companions

1.30pm Chatterbox

7.30pm Stories for the Soul

Sunday 14th April: Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist, Funky Church & J-Walkers

6.00pm Annual Vestry Meeting

6:30pm J-Walkers

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The first reading is from the Book of Isaiah

This is what the Lord says – he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: 'Forget the former things: do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honour me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

(Isaiah 43: 16-21)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 126 (Pg.628)

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

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about half a litre of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, 'Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.' He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

'Leave her alone,' Jesus replied. 'It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.'

(John 12: 1-8)

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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**

Next Sunday's Readings & Rotas

Eucharist: Philippians 2: 5-11 & Luke 19: 28-40

Reader: Jane Roberts Intercessor: Adrian Wilson

Welcoming Team: Siu Wan Chan, John & Anne-Marie Hodgson, Ann James

Coffee: Mary & Malcolm Rayner, Justin & Coral Freeman

Ministers of Communion: Linda Alexander

(Reserve: Colin Francis)

WEEKLY PRAYERS

Sunday: Pray for the Church of Ireland; for the Parish of Fairwater, Bettws & Aberkenfig; for the choir, organists & the musicians; for the residents of Cefn Coed Gardens

Thursday: Pray for Church in Minna, Nigeria; for the Parish of Pentyrch & Capel Llanilitern; for the uniformed organisations; for the residents of Cefn Coed Avenue.

Sunday: Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East; for the Parish of St Fagan's & Michalston-super-Ely; for Funky Church; for the residents of Cefn Coed Crescent.

Please also pray for our partner church, St Denys, Lisvane.

For the prayers for the remaining days of the week please see: www.llandaffchurchinwales.org.uk under Faith Worship & Prayer (the Diocesan Prayer Calendar).

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

NOTICES

LENT TALK - WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT CHILDLESSNESS?:

Please join us this evening (7th) at 6pm for the final talk this Lent by Gareth Erlandson, our Ordinand, a pastoral reflection on "What does the Bible say about childlessness?. All welcome!

MESSY EASTER: As usual we are having a Messy Easter event on Good Friday, 10.30 to 1.00pm. Please let Linda Alexander know if you can help – we need as many helpers as possible! Please also invite any families you know to come along.

STORIES FOR THE SOUL: You are warmly invited to nurture your spiritual development through "Stories for the Soul" this Lent. These sessions will offer you a new way of engaging with our sacred stories and immersing yourself in the richness of the Christian storytelling tradition. This is a chance to slow down, listen to a story, wonder about its meaning for your life and respond creatively. The final session takes place on **Thursday 11th April at 7.30pm** at Christchurch. Please let Hannah Burch know if you would like to attend.

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING: This year's Annual Vestry meeting will be held on **Sunday 14th April at 6pm**. This year is a triennium and new persons are required to stand for places on the Deanery Council and the Diocesan Council. We have 4 places to fill on the Deanery council and one on the Diocesan. Judith wishes to stand down on both of these councils after many years service and this is an opportunity for someone else to get involved especially with the diocese 2020 Vision for the Church in Wales.

Please begin to prayerfully consider who you might wish to stand for election to the PCC this year and who you might wish to elect as the People's Warden. Haydn Hopkins continues as Vicar's Warden. Nomination forms for People's Warden and PCC are now available in the church porch. These need to be in by today the **7th April 2019**. Thank you.

WATCH OF THE PASSION: The Watch takes place from 8.30pm until Midnight on Maundy Thursday, 18th April The aim is for the Church to be attended for half hour periods during this time. Please add your name to the sheet in the porch if you can possibly help. Many thanks

CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY: Wednesday 24th April, at 7.30pm, in the Church Hall. The next meeting of the Society features an illustrated talk and plant forum "Spring Gardening" by Sheena Crossley. A buffet and refreshments are provided and the subscription payable is £5.

BLUE COLLECTION BOX: There is a blue collection box in the porch for odd coins and loose change .This is NOT money for the Church Hall Fund, but rather for the general upkeep, repairs and maintenance of the Church building.We are, amongst other things, shortly going to have to replace the facia boards and recently the sound system and screen technology needed attention. Many jobs, the gardening, run of the mill repairs and maintenance are carried out by our own Congregation members but others do of course require the employment of outside people. Every little helps! Thank you.

CARDIFF FOODBANK: Thanks all donors for their generous support but, because of contunuing large current stocks asks that future contributions for a while ahead be confined as much as possible to 8 sorts of food still in rather short supply, i.e. TINNED POTATOES, TINNED FISH, RICE PUDDING, SPONGE PUDDING, CUSTARD, JAM and TINNED TOMATOES. Another option is cash, always well applied, either via 'localgiving.org' or through Paypal via e-mail to 'info@cardiff.foodbank.org.uk'. Thank you!

In October to December 2018 Christ Church Roath Park donated 171.9 kg of food, including the Harvest Festival collection, equivalent to 3-day food parcels for 15 people. Thank you to all of those who have contributed food and arranged the collections and deliveries.

HELP PLEASE!!: We are in urgent need of more drivers to help with lifts to and/ or from Good Companions on Tuesday afternoons...can you help? At 2pm? 4pm? Occasionally? Weekly? Fortnightly? Monthly? To discuss please speak to Val 02920 747021 or Alison 02920 761277. Thank you.

HIRING OF CHURCH HALL: Please note if anyone wants to book the church hall please contact Gill Barker on 02920 747464 in the first instance. Thank you

THURSDAY 9.30am EUCHARIST: The Eucharist is on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. The upcoming dates are on the **18th April & 2nd May.** Tea and coffee are available afterwards.

REV'D TRYSTAN RETURNS: We are delighted that Rev'd Trystan has returned after being off work with his back injury. Because of his continuing recovery Rev'd Trystan will only be involved in parts of services, rather than taking whole services. Neither will he be able to take baptisms or funerals. The Pastoral Care Team will cover his visiting. Please understand that he cannot stay standing or sitting for any period of time, so please forgive him if he has to disappear quickly at times, or has to cut conversations short when he speaks to you. Welcome back Rev'd Trystan!

ELECTORAL ROLL: If you consider Christ Church your home church, then we would love to include you on our church members list, known as the Electoral Roll. You can be on the electoral roll whether you attend services regularly or infrequently. Being on the electoral roll helps show the diocese how well supported Christ Church is. Application forms for inclusion on the Electoral Roll, together with details printed on the back, are available at the entrance to the Church. After you have filled in the form place it in the receptacle provided. David Alexander, Electoral Roll Officer. Any questions about the Electoral Roll, please speak to David, Revd Trystan, or Revd Jordan.

UNWANTED TOILETRIES: The Good Companions are collecting any unwanted toiletries; these will be offered to emergency patients at the Heath Hospital who often have no personal items or money with them when they are admitted. Should anyone have any unopened toiletries which they would be happy to donate, please pass them on to Val (02920 747021).

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER: Please note that in future the church will be open for private prayer on the **first Wednesday** of each month, 10am to 12 noon. The next date will be May 1st.

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. If you regularly use this method of giving please see Gerald Bradnum as there are several other easier options.

NEW HALL PROJECT TARGET £100,000

Our Planning Application has been approved! We are getting closer to the long held dream of a NEW HALL so we need to redouble our fund raising efforts to make it a reality.

SOME OF THE IDEAS BELOW ARE ALREADY BEING UNDERTAKEN BUT ALL NEED YOUR SUPPORT

ALLOTMENT PRODUCE & HOMEMADE PRESERVES: Thank you to all those supplying me with jam jars – for the present I have plenty of all sizes for any preserves that will be made later in the year. During April I hope there will be some rhubarb from the allotments – depends as ever on the weather!

OLD POUND COINS: We are collecting old pound coins for the Church Hall Appeal. If anyone has some please put them in the box in the entrance or into the collection bags. Thanks, Linda Alexander

CAKE MAKING - cakes always sell!

MUSIC CONCERTS

SCRAP GOLD: Shirley Davies is still collecting scrap gold - broken chains, odd earrings and similar. Any gold item you no longer want can be added to the pile, which has already raised over £575! Please continue to support.

GREETING CARDS: Mothering Sunday cards and Easter cards will be available in the hall on Sundays after the 10am service. Look in the Church porch for birthday and other occasion cards or ask Shirley Davies. Funds for the new Christ Church hall.

If anyone has any ideas, however big or small, to raise money for the exciting New Hall project, please share them! Thank you all for your continued support.

Notices for the Newsletter should be given to Denise Searle, tel. 029 20763151; Email info@christchurchcardiff.co.uk or left in the church letter box. Deadline is Wednesday morning

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

www.facebook.com/christchurchcardiff

www.twitter.com/ChristChCardiff

PARISH INFORMATION

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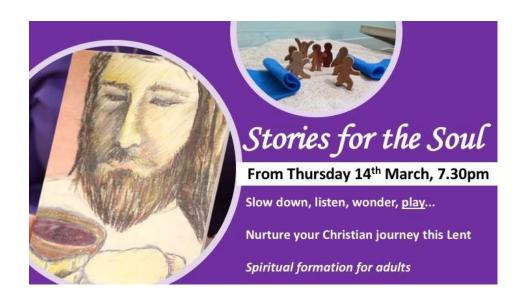
open Mon & Weds 9.30am to 12.30pm

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Colin Francis: 029 20751773

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Lent Talk What does the Bible say about childlessness?

A pastoral reflection

Gareth Erlandson Church in Wales Ordinand

> Christ Church, Roath Park Sunday 7 April, 6pm



ConneXion Groups (*-coordinators)

ConneXion groups meet once a month

Our ConneXion Groups meet once-a-month to discuss, socialise, learn, and have fun. Interested in joining one of them? Please do talk to Revd Trystan or email him on trystanhughes@churchinwales.org.uk

Group 1 (daytime)

Val Jones*
Isabel Santore
Glenys Nettleton
Audrey Lewis
Margaret Griffiths
George Cable
Nadia Bunston
Liz Reid
Carol Rudram

Group 2 (evening)

Haydn and Jill Hopkins *
Julie Waller
Jane Song
Claire Edwards
Margaret Griffiths
Julia Matthews
Hannah Burch
Mary Payne
Jane Roberts
Gwilym Roberts
Hilary Chiles
Rev'd Jordan Hillebert
Andrew Wade

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

Group 3 (evening)

Linda Alexander *
David Alexander
Chris Vokes
Derek Burston
Elizabeth Burston
Siu Chan
Gill Barker
Clare Dow
Sally Lewis
Sylvia McCarty
Kate Thomas

Group 4 (evening)

Trystan & Sandra Hughes *
Emma Breraton
Sarah Goldsmith
James & Ingrid Preston
Anna & Paul Mortimore
Hannah Burch
Alex Kinsey & Ethan James
Justin and Coral Freeman
Fernanda Gray
Rebekka Jones
Andy Taylor
Gareth & Shavonne Erlandson

Group 5 (evening)

Sue Hurrell *
Emma Laing
Sandra Hughes
Ruth Payne
Justine Ryland
Jo Jefford
Michele Browne
Jane Roberts
Flora Samuel
Jenny Wigley

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 gbradnum@gmail.com

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Name:
Telephone:
(Please tick appropriately and hand to a Welcome Team member or the Clergy)
□ I would like to receive a pastoral visit.□ I would like to receive Communion at home.□ I would like to be prayed for by the Prayer Team.
What is your prayer request? (optional)

Children's Colouring Page Jesus raises Lazarus

