

Christ Church News

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Welcome to our news for November



THIS IS A PHOTO OF A QUILT MADE BY ONE OF OUR MEMBERS, HEATHER WARD. *"The quilt is dedicated to all servicemen and women everywhere, but in particular to my grandfather Harold Ridlington Hunter Ward who was an Airship pilot in WW1 and was awarded the Air Force Cross for an act of bravery aged just 20 when he was keeping watch over three airships when one caught fire. He managed to save the other two from the fire. He also fought in WW2, he survived both wars and passed away in 1984.*

"The quilt/wall hanging is about 4ft sq and I made it because large pictures in fabric are my thing." Heather.

This month's edition of our Magazine features artist Heather Ward who has made the quilt pictured here. There is more about Heather and her work inside.

This wall hanging is a fitting tribute as we commemorate Armistice Day.



We have an article by Siôn Brynach, our priest in training, which is most enlightening.



It has been sad to report the death of Christine Stacey. She died so suddenly that we could hardly take it in. We will indeed remember Christine with great love and affection.



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Welcome to Siôn Brynach and family



Siôn Brynach has been on placement at Christ Church since Easter, as part of his training for the ordained ministry. Here he shares something of his background and story.

Coming to Christ Church at Easter was a wonderful experience for me, and I've been grateful for the welcome that I, and the family, have had from you all. I've been training for the ordained ministry since 2017 and if the Bishop agrees, hope to be ordained a deacon in June 2020. As well as ordination training, I also work full-time as the Head of Communication for the Arts Council of Wales – a job I've held since June 2018. Before that I was Chief Executive of a grant making charity for a year, and before that spent ten and a half years working for the BBC – largely for the BBC Trust, but also latterly for BBC News.

"2002 was a crazy year"

In the early 2000s I spent seven years working for the Church in Wales as the Archbishop's Press Office and communication team leader. 2002 was a crazy year, since I had the pressure and the privilege of accompanying Archbishop Rowan Williams in his journey from being Archbishop of Wales to being Archbishop of Canterbury.

Cathrin and I have been married since 1993 and have four wonderful children, Pwyll 19, Mali 16, Amig 13 and Mael 10. The younger two, were both born at home, and Amig arrived unexpectedly quickly and so I had to deliver him, since the midwife wasn't around. The greatest privilege of my life was when Cathrin told me afterwards that she had trusted me absolutely.

I've been on the journey towards ordination since 2017 when I first went to see Archbishop Barry to tell him I'd like to test my vocation – but was doing

so in the absolute hope that I'd be turned down. He was kind enough to say that he'd been expecting the chat for 25 years. The diocesan and provincial selection boards agreed with him that I should go on to training and formation. It hasn't all been plain sailing though. During the 18 months between May 2017 and the end of 2018 I lost my job twice – neither of my own doing - was diagnosed and treated for prostate cancer and my father died. What this taught me was that life is short, so to get on with it. It has also shown me that I may have something to contribute as a priest since God can use us all, however flawed we may be.

I grew up in different parts of Wales, since my father was a Church in Wales Vicar, so know Wales well. I've also spent short periods living in Switzerland and three years studying in England. Cardiff has been home now for over 26 years, and there is nowhere better than west Cardiff, particularly Canton!

"life is short, so to get on with it."



My family at the end of "coasteering" in Ireland this summer

We are thrilled to have you and your family with us on your placement. Ed

TRIBUTES TO CHRIS STACEY

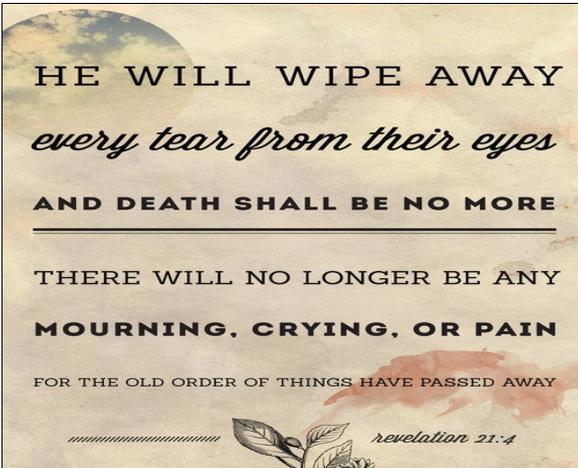


We so miss and are saddened by the death of Christine Stacey.

Her only too short time at Christchurch was full of love and service, especially in her beautiful handcrafts and many other contributions to stalls at church markets.

Our love and prayers are with Keith, Kate and James and the grandchildren.

Beryl Hopson



When Chris and Keith came to Christ Church a couple of years ago, they very quickly became a part of the church family.

Chris was so pleased that our church had been recommended to her and she frequently talked about how important her faith was to her. She felt that her spiritual needs were being met in this community by both Clergy and Laity.

Chris launched herself and made a great contribution to so many church activities. Together, she and Keith joined the church tea and coffee team, attended many social events, and became members of our Connexions group. Chris became well known for the tables she organised for the church fairs. This involved selling dozens of Christmas items, especially the Christmas aprons she had made herself in aid of the church hall funds.

Chris made many friends at church and we were privileged to be amongst them.

We shall miss her very much and we send our love to Keith, Kate, and James and their families.

Haydn & Gill Hopkins



Artist Heather Ward



Heather Ward, whose work is featured on the front page, was brought up in Christchurch. Her father Brian and brother Chris are well known members. She has 3 children: Kieran, 16 and twins Izabelle and Cassidy age 14.

Heather works for Green Willow Funerals but is also an author (Izabelle Winter), a member of Rock Choir (love it) and a serving member of St John Ambulance. Textile and bear artist. She lives in Birchgrove Cardiff and loves skiing. She runs a local community FB page for Caerphilly Road and another FB page 'Hev's bears and stuff' to show her sewing projects.

She is going to be featured in a TV show in December, called "Kirstie's Handmade Christmas". There has been a competition and Heather is a finalist, but we won't know more until the show airs live on TV.

She loves to make dragons (you can see them on hev's bears n stuff FB page) and the latest will be for sale in the new craft shop in town, which is in St David's Centre 1, near the post office.

She says that she is a *bit busy* but manages to fit in skiing whenever possible.

(We look forward to watching the tv programme presented by Kirstie Allsopp, to see if you win. ED)

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Choir and Youth Choir : Contact Sue Hurrell: 029 20485171

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
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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

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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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