

Christ Church News

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The Light of Christ shines in the darkness

Welcome to Christ Church News.

January was a busy month for us in Christ Church but now we are moving into a more gentle time as we consider our faith over the coming period of Lent. The days are visibly lengthening and we are in the season of hope for the new year. Our gardens are starting to bloom ever earlier and the signs of new birth are all around us.



As a church we are a Pilgrim People who carry the light of Christ within us. The Diocese of Llandaff has designated this year as "a year of pilgrimage". The Mothers Union have been knitting the bears to signify the pilgrimage, and to take into schools to talk about our faith journeys. Haydn, Trystan, Ethan, and the Hurrell family attended a service of dedication of the bears by Bishop June, and Haydn obviously entered into the spirit of it! Revd Jenny is running a Pilgrimage Lent Course for our church community and Revd Trystan is giving a Lent Talk on pilgrimage, but perhaps we might come up with other pilgrimage ideas this year (more details on the Church in Wales website and on page 2).

We are praying for Nadia Bunston who has had a bad fall and is in the Heath, and for Veronica Moverley who is now recovering at home.

Veronica is a regular contributor to the news letter and inside you will find her contribution about a dragonfly, which is a real sign of warmth and summer.

We welcome Roger & Julie Feesey on page 3

Haydn searches for Barnaby Bear



Penrhys Pilgrimage Way

There are plenty of Pilgrimage events throughout the Diocese in 2020 and this walk between Llandaff & Cardiff is one of them.

It launches 25/26 March 2020

A 21-mile walking trail that recreates the historic pilgrimage route between Llandaff Cathedral in Cardiff and Penrhys in the Rhondda. If you are considering pilgrimage, or just want a good walk to explore parts of the South Wales valleys, this route is for you.

Enjoy beautiful countryside and fascinating history as you follow in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims. The route can be completed in short sections, with easy access to bus stops and train stations. Perhaps someone would like to organise a Parish Walk?

Visit [Penrhys Pilgrimage Way website](#) for more details.



Lent talks coming up soon

Christ Church Lent Talks 2020

A SEASON OF INSPIRATION

**6PM EVERY
SUNDAY OVER
LENT**

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



1st March Jonathan Cox
(Citizens Uk) *A Christian re-
sponse to social injustice*

**8th March Rev Dr Trystan
Owain-Hughes**
*Two inspiring 20 century
prophets*

**15th March Rev Ian Rog-
erson**
1st Century church for 2020

22nd March Rev Chris Burr
The "I am" sayings of Jesus

**29th March Rev Dr Trystan
Owain-Hughes**
The challenge of Pilgrimage

Introducing Roger and Julie Feesey

Roger and Julie Feesey have been regularly attending our morning services since August 2019. They have been living in the parish since 1992, and have been occasional visitors since then, but normally have been attending St Mark's Church on North Road.

Roger will have been retired for five years this summer, but Julie is still working as a Midday Supervisor at Rhydypennau Primary School. "We like both the formality and informality of the morning services and the following of the Lectionary.

The choice of hymns and songs suits us well and the music is just right. We can walk to church when it is not raining, which is environmentally positive!"

"We enjoy Cake, biscuits and Doctor Who (!), so Christchurch suits us nicely at least for the first two!"



"We know just a very few people in the church family, We would love to get to know more of you in the days ahead."

Roger & Julie

Its great having you with us we all look forward to getting to know you Ed

THE DRAGON FLY BY VERONICA MOVERLEY

"What is this life, if full of care..... "

Years ago, when walking along the canal, which is adjacent to the school playing field at Blackweir, I stopped and watched a dragonfly hovering over the weir.

Such a wonderful creature. I wondered why it was called a dragon fly. Strange name compared to the

Dragon which, to me seems rather vicious, fiery and frightening.

It was a magical moment for me, and I enjoy reflecting on the time that I stopped still and stared.

Veronica Moverley



Church Hall News



We were warned when we started the hall building plan that it wasn't going to be an easy road. Never a truer word was said! For

various reasons we are currently in the process of appointing a new architect, although the original plan remains more or less the same. As we do this we would appreciate your prayers.

The greatest need at this point is to obtain funding from grant funders. As we are not in a disadvantaged area this is not an easy job to do. Howard Kilvington has sent off an application to People and Places, which is the new

name for the national lottery. We need to submit some more applications as we can't afford to have all our eggs in one basket. Obtaining funding is a skill in itself and requires time and a willingness to meet funders face to face. Please pray for the person who might help us with this.

We also need church fund raising to start to take off again. Because we have been moving so slowly we have lost a lot of the original impetus to raise funds within the church. Please come forward with your ideas and we'll help you to put them into practice.

If you would like to help us in any way, please let me or the church wardens know.

Linda Alexander , chair of new hall committee

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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

Sandra Hughes 029 20758588

Open the Book

Alison Peters 02920761277

Sylvia McCarty 0774324139

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 or Alison Peters

Val Jones Tel: 029 20747021

Alison Peters 029 20761277

SCOUTS

Beavers

Monday at 6.30pm

Cubs

Wednesday 6:15pm

Scouts – 84th Cardiff

Wednesdays 7:30pm

ALL INFORMATION FROM

Geoff Payne

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Rainbows in the church hall

Tuesdays 5:00pm

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