

Christ Church News

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Alleluia He is risen.... risen indeed alleluia !

An Easter like no other

We have missed making the church Easter Garden this year along with much more. We want to thank the Hurrell family for building an Easter Garden of their own. The whole family is a powerhouse of life and Christian worship, from music & song to artistic expression. We have printed this picture of the empty tomb they made in their garden to enable you all to join in their enthusiasm for the Gospel.



Podchurch Services

These services have held us together at this time of lock down. We are all grateful for the skill and talents used in producing them, Trystan speaks of this in his message inside. We particularly enjoyed the rousing hymn sung by our virtual multi choir with musicians on Easter morning organised by Jane & Sue.

Thanks to all involved



As a church we are grateful to the NHS for facing the invisible foe day after day. We are joining in the applause each Thursday and thanks to Emily & Lily Bell for their beautiful banners.

In some ways the talents within our worshipping family have been multiplied due to the pandemic and we hope this will continue long after it is all over.



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A letter from our Vicar, Rev. Trystan

It is heartening to me that, despite all the worry, stress, and sadness at our present predicament, we have, as a church community, continued to support each other and made sure we feel as connected as we can despite the trying circumstances.

Our pastoral care team has done a wonderful job at keeping in touch with those who are self isolating, either with friendly phone calls or with practical help with shopping or collecting medication. A huge “diolch” to all the team, and especially to Val, who has been busy coordinating our pastoral response.

Thanks also to our Prayer Zoom Team, who are meeting online to pray for our community, and to Linda for coordinating this (as well as putting together this wonderful monthly newsletter!).

Finally, we are also hugely indebted to all those involved with our podchurch services, YouTube reflections, and online meditations – a special “diolch” to the podchurch producer Andy, our musicians, (especially Sue and Owen), and our webmaster James (do check out our shiny new website!).

Although all of these (and many more) are giving up their time freely, there are some cost implications for some of the new ventures and a number of people have been in touch to ask how they can continue to give to the church, despite not being able to give at the collection plate in the building.

The good news is that the Church in Wales have created a new online portal for people to make Gift Aid donations to the Church. The portal went live a few weeks back and is an efficient and effective way that people can help their local church during these difficult times. If you would like to contribute, please go to one of these links:



“please know that we are here for you in whatever way you need our support.”

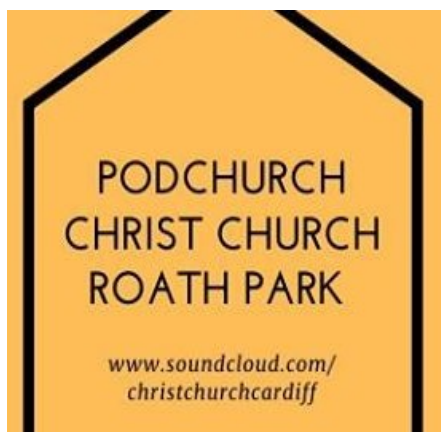
<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/gift-direct/>

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Most importantly, though, please know that we are here for you in whatever way you need our support. Do let us know if you need practical support or a friendly phone call from our pastoral care team, if you would like a phone call from me, or if you would like our prayer team to keep you in their prayers. We will get through this together with God's help and, when we emerge from this situation, we look forward to being reunited in our beautiful church building. So, God bless you all, keep you safe, and give you His peace, His tangnefedd, at this difficult time.

Trystan

our family via the internet



8th May Anniversary of VE day

THIS MONTH IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY..... VICTORY IN EUROPE. Roger Feesey has written something about the celebrations which ensued. I wonder what sort of celebration we will have once we have defeated this terrible virus? Ed

TREASURE IN THE ATTIC

When I cleared the loft in my father's house a few years ago, I came across many surprises. One was a suitcase stuffed full of letters that my Mum and Dad had written to each other during

WWII. Very personal, and I'm afraid far too many for me to keep them all. On May 8th the country will celebrate V.E. day and if we are still in 'lockdown' many events and celebrations will have been cancelled or postponed. Of the letters I've kept I have one that my Mum wrote on 8th May to Dad – and one or two that he wrote to her just afterwards, along with a greetings card that must have been printed for the occasion. It seems that celebrations started the day before – and continued for several days afterwards with large crowds blocking the streets in London. I wonder what memories our church family might have of V.E. day?



Roger Feesey

REVD CANON NEVILLE JONES, 1936-2020

Many of us were so sorry to hear of the death of Canon Neville Jones who was the Vicar of Llanishen. He died from heart failure, after a long illness. This obituary has been written by John Walrond, who was a Reader in our church.

Older members of the Christ Church congregation who knew him will have been saddened to hear of Neville's death after a long illness. Neville came to the Benefice of Llanishen with Lisvane in 1984 from the Parish of Laleston and was our vicar in Christ Church for ten years until the creation of the new parishes of Christ Church and Lisvane.

He came from a miner's family in Newbridge and went from Pengam School to Bangor University and took holy orders in North Wales where he served a curacy

When he took over he became responsible for the running of a joint benefice whose structures had made good sense when the two little villages were in a rural fringe of the small market and fishing town of Cardiff. Its congregations were very small and its natural affiliation was to the important town of Caerphilly. All that changed dramatically with the coming of the railways making the two villages "commuter" suburbs of the new City of Cardiff. The Diocesan authorities were quick to understand the need for expansion of the churches to meet the huge growth in parishioners. Post-war, Glyn Simon was keen to establish new centres of worship to meet the needs of the estates at Lakeside, Llanishen and Thornhill and so Christ Church, St Faiths and the congregation that met in Ton-yr-Ywen School were established. What did not change was the archaic parish structure.



This huge sprawling and growing parish was just about manageable with a ready availability of curates. By the time Neville arrived this was no longer the case, and he was in situation of frantic running from one location to another and a huge load of pastoral care. It was at this time that Christ Church & Lisvane became independent parishes.

It was a painful as well as joyful time. Neville was at his finest as he helped to set up the new structures.

Neville was a totally committed pastoral priest and in his ministry, which sometimes involved up to seven funerals and a wedding in one week, no mourner was ever neglected, no happy couple denied support and wise counsel. He saw his ministry as being above all the bringing of Christ's love and compassion to his people. Neville married Sian who was a wonderful support to his ministry, especially in the Mothers Union. They had two daughters, Eleri and Kathryn whom many of us got to know and love. They are all having to come to terms with the loss of a dear husband, father and loving grandfather. But for all of us who knew him and counted him as a friend as well as a pastor our loss is a sad one, too.

Rest in peace, dear friend. I know, "Well done, good and faithful servant", awaits you.

John Walrond

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Music at Christ Church is coordinated by Sue Hurrell & Jane Roberts: youth choir on Tuesday evenings in Sue's house
Main choir 2nd & 4th Thursday of month 6.30-7.30pm in church email : hurrell.sue@gmail.com / 029 20485171 for youth choir Janeg@doctors.org.uk/ 07909 971293 for adult choir We'd be delighted to welcome new musicians and choir members

A Bible Puzzle by Roger Feesey

ANSWERS FOR LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

If anyone got them all please email the editor..... Not sure about the prize !

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an aeroplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends.

One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his johnboat. Another friend studied while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalised. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Hunana humbly puts it, 'the books are all right here in plain view, hidden from sight.' Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books on the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.