

Christ Church News

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ECO-CHURCH EDITION



Unsurprisingly with Rev. Trystan at the helm, our worship and teaching category shot straight to the gold standard.

This is because we spend time considering how God's word instructs us to care for His creation and regularly pray for the environment. Our hymns, excellently chosen by Sue, Jane, and Rev. Trystan, also do wonders in revealing God's love for the world and all that live on it. Our community category also did really well, reaching the silver standard. A fantastic reflection of the beliefs that we at Christ Church hold so strongly to.

There is, of course, room for

Hello to our family at Christ Church and beyond,

We are delighted to announce that Christ Church has been awarded the bronze award as an eco-church. I'm guessing some of you may be wondering what on earth that means! Eco-church is a programme run by A Rocha (meaning The Rock), a Christian charity who focus on engaging people with nature and encourage churches to consider how they can become more environmentally minded and friendly.

The award is split into five categories: worship and teaching; buildings; land; community and global engagement; and lifestyle. Each category is judged individually with a series of questions and then an overall award is reached once each category has reached a certain point.

improvement as we strive to work towards the gold award. For us, as a church community, a lot of

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that is in our buildings and the land that we own surrounding them. We have already made steps to improving this, with the addition of more bike racks at the back of the church for those looking to make a greener journey to church (when we open again!). It is great to hear from those involved in the new church hall that consideration has been given to how the hall can be made environmentally friendly; it really does provide such an exciting opportunity for us to practice what we preach. The 'front garden' of our church is always a joy to see, a big thanks to Gay and Bob for all their hard work with that. In addition to that wonderful space, however, we as eco-officers have some ideas for how we can develop the land around the church to encourage more wild

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Can we help the Huggard Centre?

Can we at Christ Church help the Huggard Centre ? Wales's leading centre for people who are sleeping rough?

The Huggard offers a Day Centre and Hostel situated on Dumballs Road near to Cardiff Central Station; their doors are open every day of the year.

For more than 30 years, anyone seeking help and refuge from the streets has been welcomed to the Huggard for food, and a safe, warm place to stay.

The Huggard's focus is on giving people who are homeless and vulnerable the support they need to rebuild their lives – to have a future again.

"They need towels, toiletries and clothes"

Many of the people seen at the Huggard have complex lives that prevent them from finding and keeping their own home. The services are designed to meet their immediate needs, to find ways of breaking the cycle of homelessness and for them to become more independent again.



Sadly their work is in even greater demand than ever.

CAN YOU HELP?

The centre is desperately in need of:
good quality towels: toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel and shampoo):
clothes suitable for men and women (age approximately 18-35 years)
If you would like to contribute you can contact the centre direct on 07791467630.

Otherwise please contact Val (02920 747021) who can collect from you and deliver to the centre

Thank you

Val Jones



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-life and we will certainly be looking for volunteers to help us out! From flower planting, to bat box building, to maybe even some pond digging; there's sure to be something for you to get involved with.

I'm sure many of you will agree that, during lockdown, the natural world around us has taken on an even greater importance than it did before, providing peace and joy in a challenging time. Take a look on our website (www.greenreaction.co.uk) for some of the things we have got up to in our garden... spoiler:.... there's a lot about hedgehogs and our try, fail, try again pond!

We really believe that the natural world has an important role to play in all our lives, reflecting God's power and majesty as well as his tenderness and compassion towards even the smallest creature. 'his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me'.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for your efforts so far, and for the opportunity you give us as eco-officers for the church. We are so excited to see what we can all achieve. Thank you for your contributions towards making Christ Church more environmentally minded. Whether that's supporting Fairtrade stalls, washing the mugs so we don't have to use disposable cups, or belting out 'All things bright and beautiful' at the top of your lungs; every little thing counts. **Thank you for your environmental hearts and let's keep going to reach that gold award!**

God bless you all

Alex and Ethan,

Christ Church Eco-officers

Happy Birthday Margaret 90



My Mother, Margaret, wishes to thank Good Companions and members of the wider church who kindly sent cards and gifts on the recent occasion of her 90th birthday.

She was delighted to see her close family including her two granddaughters, Sophie and Phoebe, the preceding weekend. On the actual day she enjoyed a celebratory afternoon tea with me.

She has been a member of Christ Church since its inception and attended the first service at the current site, before the church was built, when everyone sat on the grass. She also attended the services at Ty Celyn School (now Cardiff High School).

In the early years she served as a Sunday School teacher, later helped at Good Companions and was the church representative for Women's World Day of Prayer.

For a major portion of her 90 years she has enjoyed the fellowship, the fun and the gifted leadership offered at Christ Church. *Sally Lewis*

Happy Birthday Molly 90

My mum, Molly, has been a member of Christchurch since before the church building was even built.

She's been an active member of the congregation, Mothers Union, the guild, the coffee rota, the *Rainbow of Hope* sandwich run for the homeless, Good Companions, embroidering kneelers etc etc.

She has very much missed the opportunity to go to church every week join in the service and see friends.

As it was her 90th birthday at the end of May the intention was to have a large gathering for lunch of family and friends but of course COVID-19 put an end to all of that.

She was thrilled on her birthday to receive many cards, flowers and gifts and for friends to come and sing to her (in a socially distant manner) in the street. Other friends came later in the day. Thank you to everybody that was involved, it made her day. *Angharad Hughes*



Both Molly & Margaret were founder members of Christ Church where they became great friends. They also both taught at Lakeside school .

It's only when you are told that you can't meet in church anymore, or sing, or pray out loud that you start to realise what you have lost. We have all, I'm sure, been feeling that the life markers we took for granted have suddenly been removed by this dreadful virus. A few of us have been meeting with Sue Hurrell in Roath Park and it has been great to see one another and praise God in the open air. This has been great for me, but I know others are missing taking part in our liturgy and we are hoping for a speedy return to something more like normal worship. **Please pray for Trystan and our leadership as they seek God's wisdom for all of us to return to our particular sheep fold in a safe and secure way.**

Please pray for all those who are sick and lonely at this time. Some amongst us have suffered difficult events, and we pray for God's healing hands on all those who cry out to Him in their distress.

Linda Alexander, Ed



Sue Hurrell and friends singing hymns in the park

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

-Isaiah 40:31

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Revd Chris Burr : Revd Siôn Brynach**

Lay Readers: Dominic De Saulles : Eleanor Williams (in training)

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Parish Office/Hall Enquiries Tel: 029 20763151

Church Wardens

Haydn Hopkins Tel: 029 20621280

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During this time of Corvid-19 events are curtailed. However, please contact our team for any information

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Music at Christ Church Sue Hurrell & Jane Roberts: :
youth choir on Tuesday evenings in Sue's house
email : hurrell.sue@gmail.com / 029 20485171

Main choir 2nd & 4th Thursday of month 6.30-7.30pm
in church Janeg@doctors.org.uk/ 07909 971293

**We'd be delighted to welcome new musicians and
choir members**

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

Geoff Payne 02920 756577

OR Caryl Roach, 02920 754463

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.

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**

Rainbows in the church hall

Tuesdays 5:00pm

Contact: **Emma Lane Tel 02920 750675**

Join us during this difficult time for our online services
[www.soundcloud.com/ christchurchcardiff](http://www.soundcloud.com/christchurchcardiff)