

Christ Church News OCTOBER 2020

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Car Park Service



Our New Normal



We always knew that our car park was important to us, but it has taken on a new role as we meet there in worship (socially distanced of course).

It has been a joy to meet together again in prayer and song (behind our masks). We praise God that the weather has been kind

to us and we thank those who have organised our services, especially our vicar and clergy team; Colin our church warden and Ann his wife for setting up the car park and organising us. We also thank Hannah for administering the services. Thanks Sue and Owen for the music which gives us that sense of continuity.

We are sure that our prayers will be answered and that we will soon return to real normal services.

Funky Church Zoom



If you were wondering what happened to all our children during this pandemic, well wonder no more! Our vicar has been developing his skills as an on-line ventriloquist with his alter ego, Joey. This zoom meeting for our children has been taking place

every 2 weeks and has been helping the children continue in their Christian walk.

Sandra has been very much involved in this too and we thank both for their dedication to keeping us all together, both old and young during this difficult time.



THANK YOU VICARAGE FAMILY

J-Walkers & Covid-19

Our young people's group J-Walkers (11-21 year olds) have continued to meet, even during lockdown.

Initially we met on Zoom to connect with each other, chat and do many quiz rounds, which the youth prepared each week. There were no prizes other than the honour of calling yourself **J-Walkers Quiz Champion** for that week.

Zoom was a very important tool in those early days in lockdown to stay in touch and check in with each other.



This is the younger group, 11—13 years old at prayer

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Over the summer, once the rules were relaxed, we started to meet in the vicarage garden. Coming together for chat, games and fellowship. We have ensured that social distancing is in place, despite the fact that they long to high five or hug each other. It's been wonderful seeing our young people growing in their faith and standing alongside them in these challenging times. The sessions have been

very popular and we have had up to 20 young people gathering each week. We have now decided to split them into older and younger youth and for each group to meet every other week.

“they long to high five or hug each other”

For the leaders of the group (Sandra and Ruth), it has been wonderful to see what a support the young people are to each other and how important it is for them to meet other like minded young Christians, who are pursuing their faith in Jesus. **Please keep our J-walkers in your prayers during this difficult time.**

Please pray for their protection and their faith to grow stronger and deeper over the next months.

Sandra Hughes & Ruth Payne

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO BUILD OUR NEW HALL



We are hoping to build our new hall this year. We are still much in need of funds and every little contribution will help us achieve our goal. **PLEASE HELP US**

We have chosen to use an online platform called “give a little” and the link below will allow you to gift aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer.

If you are able to donate to our fund please follow the following link or use the QR code above. <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/9b77f132-7829-480c-ba60-32f1d509f3d4>

A GREAT BIG THANKS TO EVERYONE



Claire Edwards' produce still available

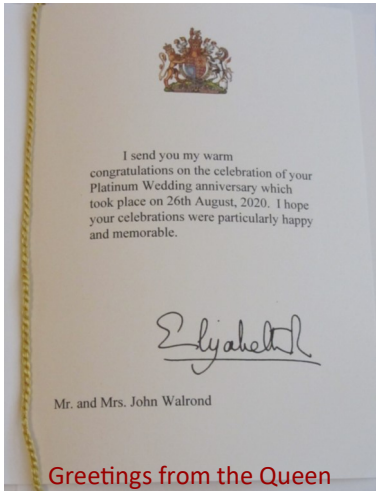


DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS WONDERFUL PRODUCE.....

Available produce: plenty of blackcurrant and raspberry jams, redcurrant and Quince/apple jellies, beetroot pickle, spicy tomato relish and apples plus Val's delicious marrow and ginger jam and apple & mustard seed chutney for a donation to our Church Hall funds. Possible spare pumpkins and squash from other tenants. I can deliver locally or arrange to meet at Christ Church car park. Please tell your friends and neighbours! Thank you to those who have been supporting during the summer.

Contact Claire - Tel. 029 20756493 - leave a clear message with your name and phone number.

Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary



It is hard to believe that Bet and I moved here to Bathampton six years ago. It was not an easy move for us because our home had been in the Llanishen area since 1963 and in all those years Christ Church had been the centre of our lives.



The move had to be made simply because as our years advanced all three of our children lived in the West country and getting to us simply for a visit or when the inevitable problems of ageing hit us they were put in real difficulties. We knew Bath well and had had a second home here at one time, so it was not a leap into the unknown, but uprooting ourselves was very hard.

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Life here in this retirement development on the banks of the Kennet&Avon is tranquil, beautifully maintained grounds give us our daily exercise, and we live in a welcoming parish and lovely neighbours. But we still miss you all.

And so when we hear lovely familiar voices participating in the pod-cast Sunday service it is such a lovely reminder of where our roots still lie. Of course, we have never quite lost touch. Until “Credo” ceased I wrote for it, and recently I have been glad to give an input into Linda’s splendid and very professional monthly news sheet. Alas, most of those contributions have been obituaries as our contemporaries have gone to their rest.

But, here we still are. Significant milestones on life’s

journey have been reached. We have passed our 90’s now, and you will see that we celebrated in August our 70 Wedding Anniversary.

The pace of life here is measured by the leisurely passage of the narrow boats maximum speed 4mph. If we are outside, most boaters wish us the time of day! There aren’t many locations where that is a norm of daily life.

It is such a joy to know how our beloved Christ Church grows and flourishes under truly inspired leadership. God bless all those lovely friends whose commitment and faith in years past made this possible now. Wonderful, too, to know the Hall project is well in hand.

So many lovely memories. Way back, Elsie Denning’s hats as she played the organ and trained her beloved boy choristers. The first time I climbed into the pulpit to preach as a licensed Reader...Terrifying. And lovely John Percival joining with me to give the wardens’ staffs after serving as the very first wardens. What a privilege to have been a part of that Worshipping Family. God Bless! *John and Betty Walrond*

We are all thrilled to hear from you both and we all wish you continued health and happiness. Ed

Huggard Centre Thanks



The Huggard Centre have sent us the following thank you for all the donations which you kindly sent last month via Val Jones. It’s not too late to send some more., just phone Val on 029 20747021

“Thank you to Val, who’s been organising donations for us from the lovely people of Christ Church in Cardiff. Val also kindly delivered them after getting in touch with our Ellen.”

Sad to report the death of Dr Margaret Thomas

Older members of the congregation will remember Drs Gethyn and Margaret Thomas. Gethyn died 5 years ago and sadly Margaret has just died on 12th September. Our prayers go to the family, Sarah, Ruth, Simon and Kate, who at least have been able to visit her regularly whilst in the nursing home. *Elizabeth Burston*

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Revd Chris Burr : Revd Siôn Brynach**

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Parish Office/Hall Enquiries Tel: 029 20763151

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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– 21

Sandra Hughes 029 20758588

Open the Book

Alison Peters 02920761277

Sylvia McCarty 0774324139

Child Protection Officer

Contact: **Colin Francis Tel: 02920 751773**

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**

Good Companions Tuesdays 2:00pm– 4.00pm

Contact: Val Jones or Alison Peters

Val Jones Tel: 029 20747021

Alison Peters 029 20761277

Scouts – 84th Cardiff Wednesdays 7:30pm

Beavers Monday at 6.30pm

Cubs Wednesday 6:15pm

Geoff Payne 02920 756577/ Caryl Roach, 02920 754463

Rainbows in the church hall

Tuesdays 5:00pm

Contact: **Emma Lane Tel 02920 750675**

ConneXion Groups.....

Meet monthly at various times and in various houses. Contact the Parish office for more information.

**Join us during this difficult time for our online services
at PODCHURCH**

www.soundcloud.com/ christchurchcardiff