

# Christ Church News DECEMBER 2020

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## Our Church is opening for services !

### ADVENT SUNDAY

It's good that we are able to open our church for Advent Sunday. However, as we all know, this virus is still around and I, along with my family, are praying that you will all have a healthy and happy Christmas. I hope to see some of you at one of the many services, but if you can't make it, or choose to join us online, please know that you are not forgotten.



**With every blessing for Christmas and the coming New Year.**

*Rev'd Trystan*

**90th BIRTHDAYS** We've announced two 90th birthdays inside, one in November and one in December. We wish both Brian and Glenys many happy years.

**TWO NEW BIRTHS** **Welcome to Xander Logan Snell** a new grandson for Gill & Mike Barker. Their Daughter Stephie and husband Kelvin are thrilled. **AND ON THE SAME DAY !** **Welcome to Xander Hill** a new grandson for Judith and Richard Hill, Stephie and John are delighted.

**PLEASE PRAY** We were sorry to hear that **Nadia Bunston** had a mild heart attack during November and we pray for her full recovery.

**Cathrin Brynach** is now out of hospital after her terrible accident. We continue to pray for Cathrin, Siôn and all the family.

**WELCOME** Croeso cynnes to Hollie Evans, who is joining us on placement. More about Hollie inside!  
Also inside, learn about Andy Taylor our Podmaster.

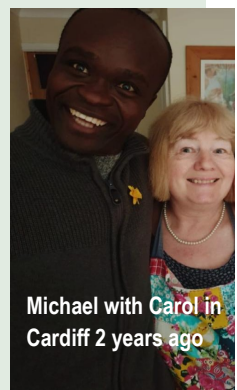


**Christmas is coming - Recycle your used British and Foreign stamps for the Goodwill Children's Homes who provide care and education to severely disadvantaged children in South India** – Please leave approximately 1cm of envelope with each stamp - contact Claire 029 20756493.

### Funds for Christ Church Hall

Preserves – blackcurrant, raspberry jam & ginger marrow jams, redcurrant and apple/quince jelly. Chutneys – spiced plum, apple & mustard seed. Beetroot pickle and spicy tomato relish available from Claire – 029 20756493 ps. Marmalade will be available late January!

**Sad News about our friend Pastor Michael in Kimilili, Kenya** You might remember reading about Pastor Michael in the July edition of this magazine. He has been joining our zoom prayer group regularly and we have all come to know him very well. Sadly, he suddenly passed away on 24th November at the very young age of 44. Our prayers go to his four children, his wife Irene and especially to our dear members Carol and Edward Mills who have been supporting Michael's ministry over the years. **We shall all miss him in our zoom group as he was like a shining light.**



Michael with Carol in Cardiff 2 years ago



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# Happy Birthday 90 years young



## CONGRATULATIONS BRIAN AND GLENYS

Brian had a lovely socially distanced 90th garden party, with his family and a couple of friends from Christ Church on 18th November.

Glenys has her 90th Birthday on 13th December. Her daughter, Jane has just broken her leg so isn't likely to be with mum on her birthday which is sad. Glenys is well and enjoying fresh air and exercise.



## Welcome to Hollie



Hi, I'm Hollie Evans, and if you haven't met me yet, I'm on a placement with Christchurch for 3 months. Over half way through now - time is flying by! I feel that God has called me to explore ordination and so that is what has led me to you lovely people!

I live in Sarn, Bridgend with my husband Dean and my cat, Frodo. Dean and I were in the same registration class in school for 5 years but didn't really know each other. We eventually got together after I graduated through a mutual friend - strange how things work out. I'm a Welsh language translator and have been working (largely in my PJs) in my dining room since March. Dean is a science and design technology technician in a school in Rhondda Cynon Taf and he is studying for a science degree with the Open Uni - he wants to be a teacher in the future.

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I'm subwarden in my home church in Brackla, we can't meet at the moment as we worship in a church school so we are improvising and meeting at the back of one of our

churches once a month.

As you can probably tell from my name, I love Christmas! I've been baking a lot of mince pies recently and making some vegan cakes for my newly turned vegan husband, Dean. He broke the news to me after I got us a leg of lamb one Sunday! This time last year we were getting ready to fly to New York. Incredible how much changes in a year. The photo is from us in the subway on our last voyage before coming home.

It's a real privilege to get to know some of you over Zoom so far and my first impression over a coffee zoom was of a close and warm church family. Even though you are one church, you have so much going on and I've been able to have a taster of a lot of them, so thank you. I really love listening to worship music and I like singing along. I've been thrilled to contribute to the songs and carols via the Band Lab app. It's such a joy to learn a new song which soon becomes a firm favourite. I've been going to the prayer zooms too and it's a good chance to still myself, prayer for others and be prayed for. **Thanks for letting me be a part of your lives for this short time - I'm really cherishing it (diolch o galon).** Hollie



# Andy, the man behind Podchurch

## Meet Andy – the Producer of Podchurch

Hi, I'm Andy Taylor, and I am the Producer of Podchurch. My family and I have been coming to Christ Church since Summer 2017 when we first moved to Cardiff. Before that, we lived in Twickenham, London, and I worked at BBC Radio 1.

I joined Radio 1 back in 2000. I got lucky when picked to be one of 6 trainees. I'd always hoped I'd work at the BBC one day, so it was a little strange to start my career there. I resolved to make the most of the opportunity and spent nearly 17 years doing so!

After working my way up producing shows, documentaries, and multimedia content, I ended up running the Movies and Gaming coverage for Radio 1 and 1Xtra. It meant dealing with a lot of A-list film stars and their 'characterful' publicists and agents.

My wife is Amy, and we have two boys, Eliot (8) and Rory (5). Amy's parents live in Brecon so we knew Wales a little before we moved here. We initially rented in Whitchurch and now we have settled in Cyncoed. We love living in Cardiff and really enjoy exploring Wales.

From Day 1 we were made to feel very welcome at Christ Church and that has always stuck with us. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to come to as many services as we'd like because of the dreaded Rugby matches/church direct clash (why can't junior club Rugby be played on a Sunday afternoon?). Altogether we were probably in church around once a month, but I got a lot out of coming along to Connexions groups.

Here's the background to how Podchurch was born. When we moved to Cardiff, I took the role of Programme Controller at Capital South Wales (formerly Red Dragon FM). After 14 months, I left due to work/life balance proving impossible to achieve. I had a year as a stay-at-home Dad while Amy worked full-time. When our youngest, Rory, began school in 2019, I started my company Bwlb – a creative consultancy and podcast production house.

I was talking to Trystan about podcasting – he was interested in starting one with a friend – when lockdown hit. I had a feeling that a podcast version of the service would work well. I also knew that I had the kit and experience to produce it,



**and it was a way I could help the church during an unexpected crisis.**

I've been thrilled with the success of Podchurch. Trystan tells me we have had nearly 8,000 listens since we started. More meaningful to me is the an-

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ecdotal feedback of people finding it useful in their efforts to stay connected to their faith and the Church community in these odd times.

I know it's not the same as meeting in person, but I think it's a good listen. Sue and Owen's music is so uplifting, Eleanor's prayers are fantastic, the reflections are thought-provoking, and Val is an impressive roving reporter! I love all the messages at the end. It's meant a lot to us Taylors to be able to sit together as a family on a Sunday and listen.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to Podchurch. I know it's odd recording on your phone or trying to get your kids to contribute, but the results are well worth the effort.

**Here at Christ Church, we have our own unique, community-made, cutting-edge, COVID-proof way of doing Church. Creativity has been the silver lining to the pandemic cloud. The Lord does indeed work in mysterious ways.**

*Andy Taylor*

**Thank you so much Andy for helping our church stay together during this pandemic. Ed**

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Revd Chris Burr : Revd Siôn Brynach**

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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

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**Open the Book**

**Alison Peters 02920761277**

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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**