

Christ Church News

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Welcome to Christ Church News

The month's events

Joy and Sadness

A family like ours includes many age groups and this month has brought great joy as we've come together in our Christmas Market, voting for a funding bid and throughout this time, joining in Worship together.

Sadness in that three older members of our church have died and gone to be with the Lord. Inside you will see an obituary to Bill Mapleson who was a member for many years.

As we compiled this edition we heard of the death of Peter Sidaway who was organist here for around 20 years. He was a wonderful musician and a very gentle man. He and his wife moved to Bristol to be nearer their family after leaving us. Our hearts go out to his wife Jill and family as they mourn his passing.

And then! Our dear friend John Griffiths died suddenly on 21st November after suffering a massive stroke. He was well known in our congregation and was for many years the editor of our church magazine "Credo." He took on the role of proof reader with this new venture and I personally am feeling the loss of his wise counsel regarding this publication. Our prayers go out to Margaret and the family at this sad time

Linda Alexander



OUR JOLLY CHRISTMAS MARKET COMPLETE WITH SANTA & ELVES

THE LORD IS
MY LIGHT AND
MY SALVATION
WHOM SHALL I FEAR?
THE LORD IS
THE STRONGHOLD
OF MY LIFE
OF WHOM SHALL I BE AFRAID?

PSALM 27.1

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Fund Raising for Our New Hall



A BIG "Thank You" from our Vicar

It is with disappointment, but also with great pride as to how well we did, that I announce

that we narrowly missed out on making the final of the Aviva Community Fund.

In the end, we amassed over 7,000 votes and were clearly very close to being a finalist which would have given us a very good chance of winning substantial funding for our new church community hall. Rather than disillusion us though, this should spur us on, and give us confidence in our project. It is wonderful that so many people saw the great potential of our proposed new hall. Thank you all for the support you gave our bid and let's now move forward and be inspired by the great numbers who backed our exciting venture which aims to serve our local community with love and compassion.

Trystan

Fund Raising is fun and draws us all together in our common endeavor. Don't give up, never give up.... We are expecting planning permission very soon according to our planning consultants. All that is now missing is an acceptance from the Drain Guru of Cardiff Council. Please remember the drains department in your prayers. We are daring to hope !

THANKS FOR THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE CHRISTMAS MARKET IN EVERY WAY. We are still awaiting final figures, but we raised in the region of £1,100.



Bible Sunday

We have been blessed in Christ Church by many illuminating sermons from our preachers. One of our regulars has been Paul Fitzpatrick who gave an interesting talk on the various Bibles that have helped him in his Christian journey. This is an extract from his sermon.



Good News Bible: The most straightforward of the bibles with technical language stripped out. Beautiful to read and an excellent translation .

The Lion Handbook of the Bible: The most important book in the list. Scholarly, accurate, simple and a real joy to use. The latest edition is superb, brilliantly illustrated and will make the bible understandable and a joy to read.

The New International Version Bible: The most popular Bible in the world. Readable, scholarly and accurate, he has some of the contradictions removed but, like the good news, is used and accepted, in almost every church in the UK.

The Oxford Guide to the Bible: This reads like a dictionary but packs masses of highly accurate information into a single book. This is the book to turn to

when you want to explore and test biblical sermons (There is a Cambridge version but the Oxford is better J) My most used reference book, but dense and academic.

The New English Bible: I love this book, its language is beautiful, simple and lively with some lovely anarchic phrases. An absolute joy to read and can be brought from Amazon for 1p (Honest!)

"if your Bible reading is difficult or boring, you are reading the wrong bible!"

The Book of Common Prayer (1809, my version), King James Text (1601): Lots and lots of different old versions which can still be purchased at very reasonable prices from book sellers and Ebay. They are just becoming rarer so now is a good time to look, have fun and find a copy that you will use, love and eventually leave to someone (New copies are a bit boring to be honest!).

The companion poetry book I mentioned is called 'The Christian Year' is a series of poems for all the Sundays and some other feasts of the liturgical year of the Book of Common Prayer (written by John Keble in 1827) and republished throughout the 19th Century.

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OBITUARY

William (Bill) Mapleson 1926- 2018



anaesthesia. If you have ever had an operation you were very likely to have been put to sleep safely by it.

But that is not how we remember him. He was a totally committed Christian, dedicated with Doreen his soul-mate to the Carers charity. They were married in 1954 and most of us will always remember them together. They shared a life-long passion for Theatre. It was how they met. They were devoted walkers especially in their beloved Lake District. They were devoted to Christ Church from its very beginning.

“His great scientific gifts made the world a better place.”

We do not always count, as we should, God's blessings to us as individuals and as a Church, the gift given in letting us know and love those whose faith and works so clearly show Him in action in His creation. It was a blessing and a gift to have known Bill. I had many long talks and discussions with him about so many different things, and sometimes, it would be on matters touched on in a sermon or a talk.

But we never talked about Belief and I have come to recognise as I am sure others have that he, with his massive intellect, simply believed. This was God's gift to him; but in its giving was also the gift given through him to all who had the joy and privilege of knowing him.

His great scientific gifts made the world a better place. As he himself pointed out in a video he made when the Centre named after him was opened, he arrived in Wales after a doctorate in quite a different area of study in physics, speculating that there might be something for him to do in Medical Physics. He was, in fact, God's gift to that branch of medical science. And in coming to us in Cardiff, he was also God's gift to us

His children, Jenny and Roger and their families will mourn a loss as we also will. But what pride they can feel and what gratitude we must feel for having known and loved him.

(An impossible task to condense into a few words anything like what could have been said about this giant of medical science.)

John D Walrond

When I heard that Bill, as we all knew him, had passed away peacefully at the Care Home in which he spent his final years my mind went back to a moment when I was showing Neville Jones around his new Parish and we came upon him mowing the Christ Church lawns with a meticulous system that he had worked out for minimum effort for man and machine. He asked who was at work and when I told him that that gum-booted and rather modestly dressed character was Professor William Mapleson of the University Hospital Medical Physics Department there was, understandably, a surprised reaction.

But that is how we all knew him. A quiet, unassuming, soft-voiced member of our Christ Church family. He organised with great care for comfort and safety our Church walks. He set up with patience and wonderful teaching skills our Parish Office computer system, succeeding in giving even ham-fisted me the confidence to operate it. He read Scripture at services in a soft but beautifully articulated voice. He was always at hand to help solve the many practical problems of running a parish like ours.

I think many of us were surprised to learn that this gentle, self-effacing man was a giant of Medical Physics with a world wide reputation for devising the “Mapleson” gas administration system in

Bible Sunday continued

The New Testament by Nicolas King & The Old Testament in five Volumes: A fresh interpretation from the original Greek and Hebrew. Immensely readable, the New Testament has reflections to make you think (it does not tell you what to think) and the old Testament(s) have extensive foot notes. This is simply beautiful and I have been slowly working my way through these books for five years now. Used by Rowan Williams, Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Desmond Tutu and Roy Searle. King is a Jesuit Priest working at Oxford university and arguable the best biblical scholar

for the last two hundred years. These books are gentle, challenging, thoughtful and life changing.

The Oxford Annotated Bible NRSV: highly academic and strongly recommended for Biblical scholars and theological students (often stolen by unscrupulous clergy, please don't 'borrow' Jordan's copy at the back of church J)

They key thing here is don't take my word (or anyone else's) for what to read, have fun and if your Bible reading is difficult or boring, you are reading the wrong bible!

Paul.

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07813551152

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Christ Church Society (Talk & Buffet)

As advertised, on various Wednesdays in the Hall.
Open to all, family and friends.

Contact: Howard Kilvington 02920 317301

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Church Choir

Thursdays 6:30pm in the Vestry.

Contact: Julie Waller, Organist & Choir Director
Telephone: 02920 615007

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

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, Alison Peters or Julia Matthews

Val Jones Tel: 029 20747021
Alison Peters 029 20761277
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SCOUTS

Beavers
Thursday 5:30pm

Cubs
Wednesday 6:15pm **Scouts – 84th Cardiff**
Wednesdays 7:30pm

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Rainbows in the church hall

Tuesdays 5:00pm

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