Newsletter Christ Church, Roath Park Lake Road North, Cardiff, CF23 5QN

Welcome to Christ Church

Week commencing 6th January 2019

Sunday 6th January - The Epiphany of our Lord

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10.00am Family Service

6.00pm Evening Worship

Monday 7th 7.30pm Keep Fit

Tuesday 8th 2.00pm Good Companions

Thursday 10th 1.30pm Chatterbox

Sunday 13th January - The Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist, Funky Church & J-Walkers

6.00pm Evening Worship

6.30pm J-Walkers

The Epiphany of our Lord

Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The first reading is from the Book of Isaiah

'Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 'Lift up your eyes and look about you: all assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord

(Isaiah 60: 1-6)

This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Psalm 72: 10-15 (*Pg.540*)

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew Glory to you, O Lord

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for out of you will come a ruler

who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.'

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

(Matthew 2: 1-12)

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you O Christ**

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,

whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:

help your Church to live as one family,

united in love and obedience.

and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Next Sunday's Readings & Rotas

Eucharist: Acts 8: 14-17 & Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Reader: Flora Ojeda **Intercessor:** Judith Hill

Welcoming Team: David Alexander, Margaret Griffiths, Glenys Nettleton

Coffee: Malcolm & Mary Rayer, Justin & Coral Freeman

Ministers of Communion: Angela Foley

(Reserve: Linda Alexander)

WEEKLY PRAYERS

Sunday: Pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoroa, New Zealand & Polynesia; the Parish of Llanharan w Peterston-super-Montem; for the Choir, Organists & Musicians; for the residents of Heathwood Road. **Thursday:** Pray for the Anglican Church, Leeds England; for Parish of Llangywwyd w Maesteg; for the uniformed organisations; for the residents Heath Park Avenue.

Sunday: Pray for the Anglican Church, Southwark; for the Deanery of Margam; for Funky Church; for the residents of Heath Park Drive.

Please also pray for our partner church, St Denys, Lisvane.

For the prayers for the remaining days of the week please see: www.llandaffchurchinwales.org.uk under Faith Worship & Prayer (the Diocesan Prayer Calendar).

IF YOU FEEL UNABLE TO RECEIVE FROM THE CHALICE, THEN PLEASE RECEIVE THE BREAD ONLY.

NOTICES

EVENING WORSHIP: Please join us at our service this evening at 6pm.

ALPHA COURSE: We are running an Alpha Course commencing Monday 14th January at 7.15pm. It is a great course and open to all, church members or not, believers and non-believers. It's a chance to ask all the questions you've always wanted to ask but were afraid to do so. We have invites to give out to your family and friends who might be interested. More information from Linda Alexander, 07814 759559.

THANK YOU: We would like to say a HUGE "Thank you" to Julie Waller, who stepped down as Musical Director at the end of 2018 after running the music and choir for almost a decade. She has done a wonderful job and we very much appreciate her hard work, talents and enthusiasm. We are delighted that she will continue attending the church, helping with the music and other aspects of our worship and community life. We will be celebrating her time as Musical Director after the 10am service on Sunday January 27th. Please do put that date in your diary.

J-WALKERS EVENING YOUTH GROUP: The J-Walkers return on Sunday 13 January at 6.30pm. All young people aged 11-18 are very welcome to come along!

THURSDAY 9.30am EUCHARIST: The Eucharist is on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. The upcoming dates are on the **17th January & 7th February.** Tea and coffee are available afterwards.

REV'D TRYSTAN RETURNS: We are delighted that Rev'd Trystan has returned after being off work with his back injury. However, on the orders of his doctors and physiotherapists, he will have a phased return to work. This means from now until Christmas, Rev'd Trystan will only be involved in parts of services, rather than taking whole services. Neither will he be able to take baptisms or funerals. The Pastoral Care Team will cover his visiting. Please understand that he cannot stay standing or sitting for any period of time, so please forgive him if he has to disappear quickly at times, or has to cut conversations short when he speaks to you. Welcome back Rev'd Trystan!

ELECTORAL ROLL: If you consider Christ Church your home church, then we would love to include you on our church members list, known as the Electoral Roll. You can be on the electoral roll whether you attend services regularly or infrequently. Being on the electoral roll helps show

the diocese how well supported Christ Church is. Application forms for inclusion on the Electoral Roll, together with details printed on the back, are available at the entrance to the Church. After you have filled in the form place it in the receptacle provided. David Alexander, Electoral Roll Officer. Any questions about the Electoral Roll, please speak to David, Revd Trystan, or Revd Jordan.

HELP PLEASE!!: We are in urgent need of more drivers to help with lifts to and/ or from Good Companions on Tuesday afternoons...can you help? At 2pm? 4pm? Occasionally? Weekly? Fortnightly? Monthly? To discuss please speak to Val <u>02920 747021</u> or Alison <u>02920 761277</u>. Thank you.

UNWANTED TOILETRIES: The Good Companions are collecting any unwanted toiletries; these will be offered to emergency patients at the Heath Hospital who often have no personal items or money with them when they are admitted. Should anyone have any unopened toiletries which they would be happy to donate, please pass them on to Val (02920 747021).

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER: Please note that in future the church will be open for private prayer on the **first Wednesday** of each month, 10am to 12 noon. The next date will be February 6th.

COLLECTION: If you prefer to give a weekly cash contribution during the various services, and you are a UK Tax payer, then there are envelopes in the pews to enable us to reclaim tax. Please do use an envelope, as, at the moment, this equates to an extra 25p for each £1 you give.

BRITISH & FOREIGN STAMPS: Donate your used stamps for Goodwill Children's Homes. See Notice in the Church Porch. Give to Claire Edwards or leave marked in an envelope in the Church Porch. It helps if you can leave approx. 1 cm of paper around the stamp. Many thanks.

CHRIST CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER: Free copies of the first newsletter of 2019 are available in the Church porch.

TRAFFIC OFFICER REQUIRED: For busy school, Llandeyrn/Pentwyn area. 8am to 9am Mon-Fri, 5 hours per week, £10ph. Contact Michelle Evans on 02920885435.

NEW HALL PROJECT TARGET £100,000

Our Planning Application has been approved! We are getting closer to the long held dream of a NEW HALL so we need to redouble our fund raising efforts to make it a reality.

SOME OF THE IDEAS BELOW ARE ALREADY BEING UNDERTAKEN BUT ALL NEED YOUR SUPPORT

ALLOTMENT PRODUCE & HOMEMADE PRESERVES: Thanks to all those who have supplied fresh produce and homemade preserves this year with thanks to all the buyers! Look out for freshly made Seville marmalade and other variations coming soon! Claire Edwards.

OLD POUND COINS: We are collecting old pound coins for the Church Hall Appeal. If anyone has some please put them in the box in the entrance or into the collection bags. THANKS Linda Alexander

CAKE MAKING - cakes always sell!

MUSIC CONCERTS

SCRAP GOLD: Shirley Davies is still collecting scrap gold - broken chains, odd earrings and similar. Any gold item you no longer want can be added to the pile, which has already raised over £575! Please continue to support.

GREETING CARDS: for birthday and special occasions - available in the Church Hall after the 10am service, in the Church Porch and often on Tuesday afternoons at Good Companions. Funds will support the New Church Hall project at Christ Church. Contact Shirley Davies if more information needed.

CROSS IN MY POCKET: These handmade embroidered crosses are ideal to keep in your phone case/purse/wallet or would make ideal gifts to pop in a birthday card. There is a plentiful supply in the church porch in all the colours of the rainbow: a donation of £1 will go towards the hall. Many thanks.

If anyone has any ideas, however big or small, to raise money for the exciting New Hall project, please share them! Thank you all for your continued support.

Notices for the Newsletter should be given to Denise Searle, tel. 029 20763151; Email info@christchurchcardiff.co.uk or left in the church letter box. Deadline is Wednesday morning

In the event of an EMERGENCY please leave by the nearest exit and assemble by the walled garden at the front of the car park.



Alpha starts here in Christ Church, on Monday 14th January at 7.15pm ALL WELCOME BRING A FRIEND ALONG

CHRIST CHURCH HAS BOTH FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

please check them out and "like" and follow them for up to date church information on services and events

<u>www.facebook.com/christchurchcardiff</u>

www.twitter.com/ChristChCardiff

PARISH INFORMATION

Vicar: Revd Trystan Hughes Tel: 029 20758588

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Colin Francis: 029 20751773

Parish Website: www.christchurchcardiff.co.uk info@christchurchcardiff.co.uk

<u>ConneXion Groups (*-coordinators)</u> <u>ConneXion groups meet once a month</u>

Our ConneXion Groups meet once-a-month to discuss, socialise, learn, and have fun. Interested in joining one of them? Please do talk to Revd Trystan or email him on trystanhughes@churchinwales.org.uk

Group 1 (daytime)

Val Jones*
Isabel Santore
Glenys Nettleton
Audrey Lewis
Margaret Griffiths
George Cable
Nadia Bunston
Liz Reid
Carol Rudram

Group 2 (evening)

Haydn and Jill Hopkins *
Julie Waller
Jane Song
Claire Edwards
Margaret Griffiths
Julia Matthews
Hannah Burch
Mary Payne
Jane Roberts
Gwilym Roberts
Hilary Chiles
Rev'd Jordan Hillebert
Andrew Wade

If you would like to join a group, please do let Revd Trystan know.

Group 3 (evening)

Linda Alexander *
David Alexander
Chris Vokes
Derek Burston
Elizabeth Burston
Siu Chan
Gill Barker
Clare Dow
Sally Lewis
Sylvia McCarty
Kate Thomas

Group 4 (evening)

Trystan & Sandra Hughes *
Emma Breraton
Sarah Goldsmith
James & Ingrid Preston
Anna & Paul Mortimore
Hannah Burch
Alex Kinsey & Ethan James
Justin and Coral Freeman
Fernanda Gray
Rebekka Jones
Andy Taylor

Group 5 (evening)

Sue Hurrell *
Emma Laing
Sandra Hughes
Ruth Payne
Justine Ryland
Jo Jefford
Michele Browne
Jane Roberts
Flora Samuel
Jenny Wigley

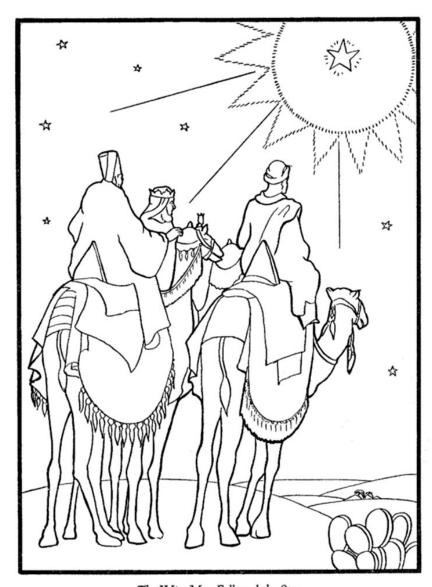
PRAYERS & VISITING

PRAYER LIST: from now on names will only appear on the list for one month and will then be removed, unless you let the vicar or wardens know otherwise. Please give names of sick or those in need of prayer to Trystan or the wardens, preferably on paper and include your name too.

HOME VISITING: If you, or anyone you know, are unable to attend church due to ill health or an accident, please do let us know. If you would like one of our Pastoral Visiting team to call for a chat, to help, or to give Home Communion, we will arrange it. Please contact Gerald Bradnum on 029 20 751177 or gbradnum@qmail.com

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Name:
Telephone:
(Please tick appropriately and hand to a Welcome Team member or the Clergy)
□ I would like to receive a pastoral visit.□ I would like to receive Communion at home.□ I would like to be prayed for by the Prayer Team.
What is your prayer request? (optional)

Children's Colouring Page



The Wise Men Followed the Star