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Christmas at Christ Church Roath Park, Lake Road North

Saturday 17 December 12noon - 1.30pm
Carols by the Lake - Terra Nova café

Sunday 18 December 6.00pm
Nine lessons Carol Service

Monday 19 December 10.30am-1.00pm
Messy Christmas

Wednesday 21 December
J-Walkers ice-skating and party

Thursday 22 December 10.30am
Carols at Cartref (with Funky Church & J-Walkers)

Thursday 22 December 5.00 - 7.00pm
Christmas open house at Vicarage

Saturday 24 December 10.00am
Making christingles (in the hall)

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December
4.00pm Christingle and Nativity
11.00pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Sunday 25 December
10.00am Christmas Communion

All Welcome



December 2016/January 2017



A Happy and Peaceful
Christmas and New Year
to all our readers



Carols and Mince Pies

Friday 9th December 6.30 pm

An evening of carols, drama & poems with
mince pies and non-alcoholic mulled wine
Adults £5 children £3 - admission by ticket only

Christ Church Hall, Lake Road North
Contact Ann Picken - 2075 5550



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DECEMBER DIARY



- Thursday 1st 9.30 am Holy Eucharist (*tea & coffee to follow*)
- Sunday 4th ADVENT 2
8.00 am Holy Eucharist
10.00 am FAMILY SERVICE
6.00 pm ADVENT Service of Light
- Tuesday 6th 10.00 am - 12.00 noon Church open for PRAYER
- Sunday 11^h ADVENT 3
8.00 am Holy Eucharist
10.00 am Parish Eucharist & Funky Church
6.00 pm Taize Worship
- Thursday 15th 9.30 am Holy Eucharist (*tea & coffee to follow*)
- Sunday 18th ADVENT 4
8.00 am Holy Eucharist
10.00 am Parish Eucharist, Funky Church
and J Walkers Youth group
6.00 pm Nine Lessons Carol Service
- Monday 19th 10.30 am - 1.00 pm Messy Christmas
- Saturday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE
4.00 pm Christingle and Nativity
11.00 pm Midnight Mass
-  Sunday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY
10.00 am Christmas Communion



December

- Thursday 1st 7.00 pm Heath Residents Carol Service)
- Saturday 3rd 7.30 pm Ruthie Thomas (gospel singer) Concert

Prayers for Healing 9.30am every Saturday in Church

Other services & activities as announced in the newsletter



Thought for the Month

Christmas Prayer

Father,

Thank you for creating us and for loving us so much that you sent Jesus to become one of us and to be our way to you.

This Christmas may we know the love, peace, comfort and joy that only you can give, no matter what our circumstances.

And may we reflect your light and love in this dark world to bring glory to you. In Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Daphne Kitching - Parish Pump

I heard the Bells on Christmas Day



I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:
'There is no peace on earth,' I said
'For hate is strong, & mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.'

Then pealed the bells more
loud & deep:
'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men'

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Buildings Renewal Fund Update: the latest tally of contributions (78 so far) is £20,563 (including £2,121 in collections at 6 events) plus the tax refunds so far received on Gift-Aided donations £3,134, making a total of **£23,697**.

Thank you to any who have recently added to this fund. Further donations or enquiries are welcomed in favour of Christ Church, Roath Park, to Gerald Bradnum or Treasurer, John Hodgson.

Various events/sales have so far raised a further **£5,405**, including **£188** from the recent harvest supper and **£450** from sales of garden produce, loom-bands, CrossInMyPocket, books, toys.

At 27th November 2016:

Grand Total Received: £29,102 minus **Expended or contracted for -**
(architects: scheme 1 & pre-Application Council: £7,490
scheme 2 incurred £2,541 & budgeted £5,800: = £8,341
Re-roofing: £3,700. VAT expert £600. Bat data: £49): **£20,180**
Fund Balance in hand £ 8,922

Collection



If you prefer to give a weekly cash contribution during the various services and you are a UK taxpayer there are envelopes in the pews to enable us to reclaim the tax

an extra 25p for each £1



Our Vicar Trystan Writes :

Christmas



Dear friends,

Three years ago, I gave my first assembly at Ton yr Ywen School. The whole school packed the hall, and so I thought I'd ease the kids into the service by asking them if they knew what was my job and why I was wearing a dog collar. One hand shot up and a little voice asked "are you Jewish, sir?!" Then another hand went straight in the air and an excited young boy asked, "are you a magician?" You could see the disappointment in his eyes when I told him I wasn't! Then, a third hand was gingerly raised, and a little girl, with wonder in her eyes, looked up and asked me "is it because you are Jesus?!"

We hear the Christmas story every year, and most of us love the awe and wonder it inspires – it's magical and heart-warming.

But, once the decorations have gone down and the Brussels sprouts have all been devoured, what does following Jesus actually mean?

It's the season for sharing we are told, it's the season to be jolly, it's the season for peace and goodwill towards all. But what does that actually mean for the rest of our year?

The main message of Christmas is the "incarnation".

In other words, the baby Jesus is God incarnate; this tiny helpless baby really is "God in flesh".

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing puts it this way: "Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity".

The incarnation is at the very heart of the Christian faith. But the incarnation is actually not only about what happened in a stable 2000 years ago. The incarnation has huge implications for how we live our everyday lives today. God became human and lived in Jesus and so his followers must now become Jesus to others.

The real challenge of Christmas is for us to become Jesus to others, to bring his hope to those who feel hopeless, to show compassion to those who feel helpless, to fight for peace where there is conflict. 'It is no longer I who live, it is Christ who lives in me', writes St Paul to the Galatians.

The early Christians believed that by converting to Christianity, they had followed Jesus in becoming sons of God. Baptism was seen as a symbol of death to their own lives and a rebirth into a new life in Christ. They were told that they had, quite literally, become *christoi* ('Christs'). The Eastern Orthodox Church still refers to us becoming 'deified' like Christ in our lives. In other words, what Christ did for the world 2,000 years ago, we should be doing now do for today's world.

So, the incarnation never came to an end in that stable 2000 years ago. Ronald Rolheiser tells the story of a four-year-old child who wakes up in the middle of the night and finds herself afraid that there might be ghosts and monsters hiding in the dark. So she runs through to her parents' bedroom. Her mother comforts her, reassuring her that she is safe, as God is in her bedroom with her. The small child replies, 'I know that God is there, but

I need someone in my room who has some skin.' The incarnation reassures us, as people who rely so much on our senses, that God still, quite literally, 'has some skin' and that he is here on earth in the shape of us.

We are God's hands, feet, mouth and heart on earth.

That's the real message of Christmas, and that's its real challenge – for us to live up to the name **Christians**, to live out the person of Jesus in our day-to-day lives. That's why the words of that little girl in Ton yr Ywen School are not far from the truth... "is it because you are Jesus?!" We are **all** called to be Jesus.

The Cistercian priest Charles de Foucauld moved to Israel as a young man, believing that to truly imitate Jesus's life he should live in the same place that Jesus himself did. After three years there, though, he realised that Nazareth and Bethlehem are everywhere. He left the Holy Land and devoted himself to standing alongside the poor and oppressed elsewhere in the world, demanding nothing from those he helped. This, he believed, is what Jesus would have done.

This is what we should do. Bethlehem is everywhere. **That's** the challenge of Christmas – for us to live our lives in ways that Jesus would have done, to carry on the life of Jesus himself, to think his thoughts and to repeat his loving and compassionate actions.

***Yours in Christ,
Trystan***

Grill the Vicars'



Although it was a very wet and windy evening, a good percentage of the congregation turned up for the inaugural meeting of 'Grill the Vicars'. The Revd. Trystan had a sheaf of written questions, and questions were encouraged from the floor. The spectrum of questions ranged from purely theological, relationship of God with extra-terrestrial beings, and artificial intelligent robots. By the number of people attending, and the number of questions submitted, there is obviously a thirst for knowledge and explanations. **Vicars! Quench the thirst by holding more meetings.**

In the meantime could we have a question and answer column in Credo?

Thanking both for organising a very interesting and informative meeting.

Len Bowker.



Meditation on Mary

**God always does what He promises. He always follows through.
Our task is to believe Him.**

Mary is a woman revered through every generation. There is no woman more famed than her. Yet all we know of her is that she was a poor girl living in Nazareth, betrothed to Joseph, and she had found favor with God.

Her story in many ways mirrors the story of her cousin Elizabeth (*mother of John the Baptist*). Both Mary and Elizabeth are told by an angel that they will bear a son who will play a major role in the salvation of Israel. However, there are striking differences to their stories as well. Zechariah and Elizabeth in many ways are what we would expect for the parentage of a divine agent. They were both from a priestly line and were righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all His commandments. In contrast, there is no background information on

Mary's life previous to God's intrusion. We are not told why Mary is favoured - only that God had chosen her for a divine task. Perhaps the gospel writers are trying to emphasize the free gracious choice of God to use Mary for His purposes. God is at work here, not mankind, to execute His salvation.

Luke's account of Gabriel's message to Mary quickly shows that this Child is unlike any other. For this Child of Mary will be called Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end. Mary is troubled and pensive when she hears this message. Unlike Zechariah who was fearful and required proof of God's promise concerning the birth of John the Baptist, Mary ponders this strange message and tries to understand its meaning. She does not question God's fulfilling of the promise; she merely asks the means by which this miracle would occur since she was a virgin. Gabriel tells her that she will conceive by the Holy Spirit, and then offers her a sign - Elizabeth who was barren had conceived in her old age. This would be the sign to Mary that nothing is impossible with God.

Mary asked no further questions and made haste to see Elizabeth. It would have been a 50-70 mile journey for Mary to reach the hill country where Elizabeth lived. This great distance gave her time to ponder over all she had heard. But rather than doubt setting in, her faith grows stronger. When she reaches Elizabeth, her joy is overflowing, and Scripture records her song:

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name...”

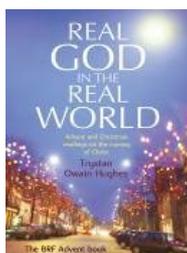
Mary believed that what was happening to her was a fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham and Israel. Hundreds of years had passed since the prophecies were spoken, and she was going to watch God's faithfulness unfold. God's grace had come. And she believed that He would accomplish all that He said.

When we remember Mary and her belief that ushered Christ into this world, we should consider that perhaps the most difficult moment of faith was not in accepting the angel's words initially. Perhaps even you and I would accept the message of an angel. But Gabriel departed, and she was left there alone. She was left with the task of telling Joseph that she was pregnant. She had to wrestle with Simeon's prophecy that her child was appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel and that a sword would pierce her own soul.

How difficult it must have been to understand her twelve-year-old son who stayed behind in Jerusalem while they frantically searched for him for three days. She watched Jesus do the miraculous, but she also watched Him called blasphemous and insane. And oh the struggle to reconcile God's promise to her while she watched her Son, the Son whom the angel had promised His kingdom would have no end, executed on a cross. In these darkest moments, with no angels around her, she had to believe that God would still do all He had promised. She had to remember all those things she had treasured and pondered in her heart. This is the Mary that we remember whose faith endured the deepest crisis. The woman who clung to Gabriel's promise, **“Nothing is impossible with God.”**

Krisi Hillebert

A thank you to Krisi for this Meditation. Jordan, our curate, will write for February.



Need a book to read ?

Read one of Trystan's books

Real God in the Real World £7

Find Hope & Meaning in Suffering £8

The Compassion Quest £8

Ask Claire Edwards on Sundays or
telephone 20756493

Details in Church Porch



The topic for the Churches Together Lent discussion groups in 2017 is **“Tough Talk”** – an exploration of some of the hard sayings of Jesus.

More information and application forms will be available from mid-January. The first group meetings will be in the week beginning 26 February.

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Huw Riden
writes

Flowers!

It was the flowers, all the poppy wreathes, the flowers of remembrance that got me thinking...

I was still serving in the British armed forces when Kate and I had our first child. Soon after bringing Jed home from the hospital we were welcoming well-wishers who kindly showered us with gifts. But only one person gave us flowers, and his name was Richard Holmes.

Richard had studied law in college but his active and adventurous character had led him to becoming an officer in the Parachute Regiment. He was shorter and slighter than the average paratrooper, but this never seemed to intimidate him. Instead his humour and intelligence were his greatest strengths, while his respectful manner made him likable and easy to accept as a leader. We had all grown to appreciate Richard during a previous tour of Northern Ireland, and we were glad to be working with him as we geared up to deploy to the dry flat deserts of war torn Iraq.

We had a rotation of work, there were the good jobs and the boring jobs. The boring jobs included security on an internment centre (a prison – imagine a WWII prison of war camp in the desert). A job neither Richard, myself or any other self respecting, steely-eyed paratrooper wanted to do. So in comparison to that, the good jobs involved driving around Southern Iraq in stripped down Land Rovers bristling with machine guns and weapons. We would provide security for VIP's, contractors or just equipment that needed a safe arrival. Some times we would stop off at Saddam's palace, a beautiful building on the edge

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of the great watercourse of the Euphrates and Tigris. I can remember Richard shaking his head in bemusement as the soldiers took it in turns to have their photograph taken while sitting on Saddam's 'throne'... yes, Saddam's own royal toilet! On other times our trusty Land Rovers would take us further inland and close to the ancient city of Ur, Abraham's hometown.

And this region of Iraq was not just thought to be where Abraham had originated from, it was also where humanity had originated from; the origins of life on this planet according to the Book of Genesis - the very Garden of Eden. And it was during one vehicle patrol that we found ourselves in the most un-Eden like place imaginable. On approach we saw a lake, but this was no verdant flowery lake in a paradise garden. No, it was a vast open-air cesspit, an actual lake of raw sewerage. The city's waste was driven by tankers to a remote area on the edge of the city and dumped in one great monstrous, foul, stinking slurry pit. And then great mountains of refuse were added to the banks of the dark oily lakeside. If this wasn't bad enough, a swarm of flies had grown over the lake's surface, a black canopy that rose and descended in response to any loud noises.

And among the smell, the flies and the rubbish there were human beings who had made it their home. They must have been scavengers of the rubbish tips, but I saw people from the young to the old living in this miasma of wretchedness. **Where were the sweet flowers of paradise? Milton didn't have a clue: this wasn't paradise lost, this was a hell found!**

It was during this tour of Iraq that I decided on a career change, and so I resigned from the army and waited for the completion of my twelve

-month release period. In that time I conducted my last military parachute jump, it was to commemorate the 60'th anniversary of WWII's Operation Market Garden as depicted in the film 'A Bridge too Far'.

On landing on the Dutch Drop Zone that 2 Para had landed on 60 years ago I was most surprised to be greeted by children, children offering me flowers.

It was a few years later, and after I had left the British army that I received news of Richard. He had just married his fiancé before deploying on another tour of Iraq. He would have been moving around in the unprotected but well armed Land Rovers that we had used only a few years earlier when sadly he was killed by a road side bomb.

And as we all stood by the Calvary Stone outside Christ Church on Remembrance Sunday, and as I watched all the flowers being laid down in remembrance, and knowing that all over the country flowers were being laid down in memory of those who had died in conflicts; I naturally thought of Richard Holmes. The flowers that he had given to me to mark my son's birth were now being given to him a thousand times over to mark his death and the death of all those who have fallen in conflict. It is both strange and fitting that flowers should symbolize the passing of soldiers. And just as the flowers can transform a barren Iraqi desert into a majestic vista, so Isaiah said in flowery verses of hope:

'The wilderness and the dry land shall be gladdened; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose... And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.'

Huw Riden



Church Parade

How unexpected and how wonderful to find our Armistice Sunday service such a show of our Scouts and Brownies, complete with their flags. It was so good to see them! It is not often we have a Church Parade and for me a Scouter for a number of years, it was really good to see.

Credo offers us the opportunity of thanking them all from the youngest to the oldest. And who knows!!!

Bernard Davies.

Welsh Guidance in an English Parish

Going to a service here in our Parish Church of St. Nicholas Bathampton is a very different experience from being at a service at Christ Church.

The traditions of this Parish tend toward the Evangelical, so called "low" church tradition and there are marked differences of practice especially in the Eucharist which is celebrated in a much more informal way.

Occasionally, however we are reminded of our Welsh roots because the Church of England makes much use of the riches of hymns composed mostly in the great Welsh Revivalist movements of the 18th and 19th Centuries. English Hymnals compiled during the last century contain many Welsh hymns in translation, not to mention many hymn tunes from Welsh sources. Of all these none has such currency as William Williams' "Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer". As we sang this at the end of a service recently, we remembered so many services in Christ Church where this was sung, and it set off a train of thought about the popularity of this hymn.

It was originally composed in Welsh, and William Williams, Pantycelyn (b1717) is not just a great hymn writer in the Methodist Revival tradition but also, a very significant poet in Welsh Literature.

In this respect there are many of the great English hymn writers like George Herbert who are also major poets. William Williams' great hymn is a fascinating phenomenon, not just in theological terms.

Certain words and certain tunes combine together in such a way that they seem to have the capacity to reach down deeply into the national psyche. One has only to think of "Abide with Me" sung with great fervour at Cup Finals. Thousands who never darken the door of a place of worship sing it

with great passion. The practice began just after the First World War when the mood of the nation was sombre but it has continued right down to today. Similarly, "Bread of Heaven" as the hymn is more popularly known, is sung with great fervour at Rugby Internationals. Those of us who remember the old Cardiff Arms Park will never forget the spine-tingling effect of being in a crowd of thousands singing it.

About this hymn there are many puzzles. First, we have words in translation. William Williams collaborated with another unrelated Williams to do it. However, anyone who has any degree of fluency in another language knows how much gets lost in a translation. Secondly what we sing is not the original tune.

The tune "Cwm Rhondda" was composed by a humble chapel organist, John Hughes (1873-1932) for a Gymanfa Ganu near Pontypridd.

At the turn of the century, and most ironic of all, perhaps, is that it was the setting for quite different words by another great Welsh hymn writer. Thirdly, it is a very biblically based hymn, using the imagery of the journey of the People of Israel through the desert to The Promised Land. Theologically examined its words are an example of the whole doctrine of Grace operating in our life's journey until the end is reached and we can be reassured that Grace will "land us safe on Canaan's side". For this reassurance of Salvation we must raise our voices in praise and adoration, songs ever to be sung to God for His great mercy.

There is another fact about the continued use of these Welsh Revivalist hymns among English speaking worshippers. That, if it may be put

in this way, is the sheer unlikelihood of it happening.

Consider this. The writers of these hymns were for the most part from remote and isolated Welsh Heartland communities. William Williams himself was born and raised on a farm near Llandovery in the parish of Llanfair ar y Bryn. "Pantycelyn" was the name of the farm in which he was raised. His education was in an obscure school near Talgarth. His zeal was roused by listening to the preaching of the more famous Hywel Harris of Trefeca and he was allowed to go into deacon's orders in the Established Church but turned down for the priesthood, itself, an interesting commentary on Anglicanism at that time in Wales.

Why did this hymn writer, and so many others who followed, right down into the 19th Century want to spread their message to English congregations?

We often think of Welsh Nonconformity as a narrow inward looking kind of religion, and, of course when you see the sad fate of dozens of mining valley chapels, in ruins, or turned into DIY Centres, Discos, and in one case, a mosque, clearly its impetus somehow got lost.

At its height, however, these Welsh speaking communities showed extraordinary generosity towards the huge influx of English speakers who came to work and live in the mines and factories of the Industrial Revolution. This generosity extended far beyond providing them with the riches of Welsh religious poetry but poor as they were, they often generously provided money to build chapels for English speaking worshippers. It was called "The English Cause".

And that influence survives even if the chapels have gone. We sang, "Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer" not, perhaps with Welsh "hwyl", but with reverent respect. We should not forget what is owed to these past generations.

John Waldron.



Proposed Junior choir meetings: An introduction to choir and singing, loosely following the RSCM 'Voice for Life' programme.

Look out for Funky Church choir in hoodies in the New Year.

Open for anyone who would like to learn to sing in a group and develop their musical skills.

This would be a good support for anyone learning an instrument in or out of school. *Speak to Julie*



It's been a long Haul....

Design and plans

It seems a long, long, time since our New Hall Committee started deliberations on building a new hall. It is in fact over three years in total and you might have wondered what was happening? I think we are all agreed that the current hall has passed its "sell by date" of 25 years, and therefore a new hall is long overdue. We have looked into a number of ways of replacing the hall and have finally engaged an architect, Ed Green, of the Pentan Partnership in Cardiff. Ed has been very patient with us over the past 12 months as we have worked out our needs and what we can afford. We have now been able to agree the ground plan with the PCC and have instructed Ed to take us to the next stage. He is currently drawing up the elevations of our new hall and we hope to present these to the church early in the new year. Hopefully we can then present this plan to the local authority for planning permission.

BATS One major problem that has presented itself in the demolition of the old hall, is that we have a "hang out" for pipistrelle bats under the bargeboards at the scout hut end of the hall. This will mean that we have to get a licence before we can demolish the building, and we are going to put suitable bat boxes in the surrounding trees, along with a possibly bat friendly building. Jo Wall, one of our church members, has been invaluable in organising dawn and dusk watches to assess the bat situation. Our thanks go to Jo for all her help.

THE QUESTION OF MONEY

How will we raise the money required? if we can obtain planning permission to do so, we hope to sell a strip of land next to the house abutting our car park on Lake Rd North, for the building of a private property. We hope this will raise a substantial amount, but we are likely to need to augment whatever is raised from such a sale. We are therefore, asking you as a congregation to consider fund raising ideas in order that we not only build the new hall but can afford to furnish it as well. Any ideas are most welcome. ...as they say in the advert "every little helps"

AND SO.....

We are hoping to start the build around Easter 2017 and this indeed will be very disrupting to us all. We are looking for suggestions to tide us through this period. We might need empty garages to store things in this interim.

Please consider how YOU can help us.

At last things are really moving and we are waiting the exterior / interior drawings and site plans with eager anticipation.

Linda Alexander (Chair of the New Hall Committee)

From the Youth Team

During **Funky Church** sessions the children are exploring, through stories, crafts and games, the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. **Preparations are also under way for our Christmas Eve Christingle service which is always the most amazing event** – see you there! In January the Funky Church children will be learning more about Jesus' childhood.

J-Walkers, to which all young people aged 11 and over are invited, continue to meet on the **third Sunday of each month during the 10am service, and in the church hall on Sunday evenings during term time for games, activities and refreshments.**

Older J-Walkers meet at Jordan, Krisi and Keira's home on the **fourth Sunday of each month.**

We are also planning for joint events with St Denis' and St Mark's Youth including a Christmas social, a day out trampolining, a weekend away in the beginning of March and a visit to Soul Survivor Youth Festival for a week at the end of July....more details to follow on these in Credo and the church newsletter, and from Sandra and the team.



Around the Church Family

Our Good Wishes & Prayers to:

Margaret Beechey, Barry Chiles, Richard Hill, Gloria Thomas - good to see them back in church

Nancy Eyre, Kay Dugdale and Robin Wood at home not so well or recovering after recent ill-health

Derek Day, seriously ill at home, and to his wife Pamela and their family

Congratulations and Good wishes to:

Nicholas Battye, on his Baptism at Christ Church (19th Nov.)

Kirsty & Tim's son, and grandson of our former clergy, Revds Edwards & Sally Davies

Macsen Hughes on his 3rd birthday on 29th November



Home Visits & Home Communions

Home visits and, if wished, Communions are available for parishioners including the house-bound and anyone unable to attend church due to ill-health or an accident. Communions are brought usually monthly at mutually convenient dates and times. If you, or anyone you know, would like one of our pastoral visitors to call with Communion or for prayer or a chat, please inform Gerald Bradnum (tel. 20751177) or enter your name upon the request slip in your weekly News-sheet and hand to any service welcome or clergy or into the office.





The First Day of Christmas

On the **first** day of Christmas
my true love said to me,

I'm glad we bought a turkey and a proper Christmas tree.

On the **second** day of Christmas much laughter could be heard,
As we tucked into our turkey, a most delicious bird.

On the **third** day we entertained the people from next door.
The turkey tasted as good as it had the day before.

Day **four** relations came to stay; poor Gran is looking old,
We finished up the Christmas pud and ate the turkey cold.

On the **fifth** day of Christmas outside the snowflakes flurried,
But we were nice and warm inside for we had our turkey curried.

On the **sixth** day I must admit the Christmas spirit died.
The children fought and bickered, we ate our turkey rissoles, fried.

On the **seventh** day of Christmas my true love he did wince,
When he sat down at the table and was offered turkey mince.

Day **eight** nerves were getting frayed, the dog ran for shelter,
I served up turkey pancakes with a glass of Alka Seltzer.

On day **nine** our cat left home by lunchtime Dad was blotto,
He said he had to have a drink to face turkey risotto.

By day **ten** the booze had all gone, except our homemade brew,
As if that wasn't bad enough we suffered turkey stew.

On the **eleventh** day of Christmas the Christmas tree was moulting,
The mince pies were as hard as rock, the turkey was revolting.

On the **twelfth** day of Christmas my true love had a smile upon his lips,
The guests had gone, the turkey too, we dined on fish and chips.

Anon.



The gift that Christians will give our country this year

Christmas is coming, and throughout the land, well over a million Christians, both ordained and lay, are working hard to prepare their annual unique Christmas gift to the nation. During this month, cathedrals and thousands of churches will welcome hundreds of thousands of people who are not church-goers, and who may have little real faith; but for whom, nonetheless, Christmas is still a time to go back to church, to sing the carols, and hear once again the story of the birth of Jesus Christ.

And that is not all. Not only do Christians provide a way for national worship and celebration of the coming of the Prince of Peace – each year they show His love in very practical ways. When a national newspaper recently asked representatives of every diocese in England to say just what their church did of service to anybody else, the response was overwhelming: night shelters, food banks, credit unions, legal advice, housing trusts, various street patrols, and support groups – not forgetting the provision of thousands of meals for the lonely and homeless over the Christmas break.



Parish Pump



Christmas: The story of the Christingle

The word '**Christingle**' actually means '**Christ Light**', and celebrates the light of Jesus coming into the world. Stories of how the Christingle began look back to the Moravian Church, which is found in the Czech Republic. The Moravians have held Christingle services for more than 200 years, and according to them, this is how the first Christingle might have been made:

Many years ago the children in a village were asked to bring a Christmas gift to put beside the crib in the church. One family was very poor, and had no money for gifts, but the three children were still determined to take something. The only nice thing they had was an orange, so they decided to give the Christ-child that.

But then they discovered the top was going green, so the eldest cut it out, and put a candle in the hole. To add some colour, one of the girls took a red ribbon from her hair and tied it around the middle of the orange. It was hard to make the ribbon stay still, so they fastened it in place with toothpicks. The toothpicks looked a bit bare, so the youngest child added some raisins to them.

The children took their decorated orange lantern to the church for the Christmas Mass. The other children sneered at their meagre gift, but the priest seized upon it with joy. He held it up as an example of the true understanding of the meaning of Christmas, for the following reasons:

the **orange** is round, like the world;
the **candle** gives us light in the dark, like the love of God;
the **red ribbon** goes round the 'world', as a symbol of Christ's blood, given for everyone;
the **four sticks** point in all directions, and symbolise that God is over all: North, South, East and West;
and the **fruit and nuts** remind us of God's blessings.

The Children's Society first introduced the Christingle Service to The Church of England in 1968, and it has since become a popular event in the church calendar. This candlelit celebration is an ideal way to share the key messages of the Christian faith, while helping to raise vital funds to help vulnerable children across the country.

Visit: www.childrenssociety.org.uk

Parish Pump

Christmas and Messiah: Handel (1685 – 1759)

At this time of year we look forward to our favourite, annual events such as stirring the Christmas pudding, carol singing, and sending seasonal wishes. Musically the oratorio *Messiah* is often sung, sometimes with a small choir and orchestra, or as a grand performance.

In Georgian Britain, it became fashionable for public performances of oratorios comprising of four part choral harmonies with small orchestras using biblical texts. Librettist Jennens offered Handel passages from the Old and New Testaments. Handel enthusiastically set musical scores in the form of recitatives and choruses. Not fully refined, but eagerly anticipated, the first performance was in the New Music Hall, Fishamble Street, Dublin in April, 1742. *(The street still exists near the south bank of the River Liffey).*



The work has three parts:

1. (prophesies concerning Christ's birth),
2. (Christ's passion, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension)
3. (Christian redemption)

It is in part 2, that the famous *Hallelujah* chorus is sung. When George II heard it, he stood to attention, believing that this was the climax of the piece - a regular observance by the audience in later renditions. Musicians and choristers know better that a few more solos and choruses follow!

It's enduring appeal is a fitting tribute to Handel's baroque style of music. Now it is often sung by huge choirs and orchestra, taking away the intimacy and sensitivity of the work.

When in London, visit Brook Street in the West End of London where his house is preserved as a charming museum about Handel, his compositions and instruments of the day.

Adrian Wilson

Refs: – Brecon Singers' programme notes, Dec 2016 and the Oxford Companion to Music – Percy A Scholes

A Season for joyful song



Many people like to sing. No matter what we sound like, there can be a stirring within us on special occasions that prompts us to sing.

In the Christmas story, singing is featured on three occasions. When Mary visited her elderly relative, Elizabeth, she was so overwhelmed with happiness at the forthcoming miraculous birth of her Son, that she burst into a flow of praise.

Her words are known as **The Magnificat**, and they have been set to music by numerous composers down the years. Mary recalled God's promise that He would rescue His people and, through the Messiah, save the world. So Mary sang of God's mercy and benevolence on the helpless, the humble and the hungry.

The next 'song' came from the angels, on the night of Jesus' birth. They appeared to the shepherds in the fields of Bethlehem, full of the glory of God. **'Peace on earth', 'goodwill toward man'**.

The final 'song' in the Nativity story came from the shepherds, who hurried to see the new-born baby. They were so overwhelmed by the implications for Israel, that they sang praises to God as they returned to their sheep.

Mary, the angels and the shepherds could not help but sing for joy at the coming of the Messiah. They were the first, but not the last! Since the day of Pentecost, hundreds of millions of people have raised their voices in gratitude, thanks and wonder at God's love and mercy in sending Jesus. Down the centuries, countless poets and musicians have composed music to describe a wondrous moment in history. At Christmas, around the world, people come together to sing carols and other songs that express the wonder of God's Gift to us.

So as we sing carols this month, let's remember that they are well worth singing! Jesus has given us hope; forgiven our sin; and continues to impart faith and heal our spiritual wounds. Now isn't that something to sing about?

Lester Amman - Parish Pump

Christmas Celebration



Welsh Hospitals Choir,
Welsh Guards Brass ensemble,
Ysgol Y Wern Primary school choir,
Charlie Lovell-Jones (violin)
Jane Watts on organ.

Wednesday 14th December, 7.30 pm

St David's Hall
In aid of CLIC Sargent Cymru
for children with cancer

Adrian Wilson, Elizabeth Burston, Julie Waller and Shirley Davies are singing in the 200 voice choir.

Tickets from St David's Hall



Donations of food are welcome to be placed in the box in the Church Porch.

Many thanks



CHRISTMAS - THE STORY is up and running for the seventh year - and it's fantastic! The schools are booking more heavily than ever - with a half a dozen schools coming for the first time this year - including a school from outside the area. Our fame is spreading! - if you are in town on a weekday morning, pop in and join a school's audience. It's a real delight to watch the children watching The Story. You might spy

Geoff, Mary Payne (*and their granddaughter, Olivia on Saturdays*) and Julie Waller in the performances.



Coming Events



Prayer Link 2016

Churches Together in Llanishen & District
Saturday 10.00 am - 11.00 am

3rd December - St Faith's (Anglican)
 Morris Avenue, off Templeton Avenue (west)

ALL WELCOME



Christ Church
 Roath Park Choir

**Nine Lessons & Carol
 Service**

Sunday 18th December 6.00 pm



Altar Kneeler Project.

Tuesday and Thursday
 home stitching continues weekly
 contact Posy for details

Next Saturday meeting 10am - 12 noon

**10th December
 and**

**28th January 2017 from 10.00
 am**

Coffee/Bring & Buy for funds
**Please support and view the first
 upholstered kneeler**



Contact: Posy Akande 07807628212

Christ Church Society

Wed. 25th January 2017

7.30 pm

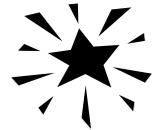
History of the Discovery of Insulin

A talk from Howell Lloyd

in the Church Hall

Entrance £5 includes refreshments

ALL WELCOME



J WALKERS

Youth Group 11-16 yr olds
 Come and join this group
 every third Sunday each month
 at the 10 am service

Plus

Sunday evenings during term time
 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm in the Church Hall

Older members 15 years & older
**Meet 4th Sunday each month at Revd. Jordan
 & Chris's house 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm**



Church Hall Funds.



The Coffee, Bring
 and Buy morning

on Saturday 5th Nov. 2016
 raised a further £538 in one and a half hours.

Gloria, who has worked tirelessly over many years to
 take the lead to organise and encourage participation, is
 very grateful to all those who supported these events.
 Special thanks to wonderful Shirley and her supporters
 June, Pat, Mary and Malcolm and to Posy who takes left
 over items to a Charity shop.

We now need a new leader/s to take over from Glo-
 ria, who will be willing to offer advice, but is aware
 that she no longer has the energy to continue.

Many thanks Gloria



CHATTERBOX

Babies and toddlers with par-
 ents/grandparents

Thursdays 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm

in Christ Church Hall during term time

Contact Gill Barker - 20747464

Ann Francis - 20751773

Thanks to:

Gaye and Bob who
 give such attention to
 the garden area in
 front of the church -
 since they offered to
 take care of this particular area, a few
 years ago, the roses and the many plants
 they have planted have flourished and
 magically the paving stones weeded and
 cleaned.



Very few of the congregation are proba-
 bly unaware of the care that they give to
 this area of our gardens.

There are others, in their own time, who cut
 the grass, the hedges, rake and sweep the
 leaves in Autumn, attempt to keep the parking
 area and raised beds tidy plus pruning the
 shrubs/trees to allow light into the Church
 Office.

But . . . Maybe **YOU** could volunteer just
 a few hours now and then to help.

Contact Claire Edwards - 029 20756493



Do YOU enjoy a cup of coffee or tea
 and time to chat and meet after our
 Sunday morning service?

Elizabeth Burston (20 754557) would
 be very happy to add your name to the
Coffee rota for 2017.

PLEASE HELP - you will be made very welcome to
 join with others. It works out about 5 times a year!



Several years ago one of the Christmas

cards produced by the satirical magazine 'Private Eye' depicted a van marked 'Social Services' parked outside the traditional stable.

A social worker is running back to the van carrying baby Jesus in her arms, leaving behind a distraught Mary and Joseph. It's Christmas (*well, sort of*), and there's not enough time to apply for a court order, so Jesus is being whisked away under an Emergency Protection Order, possibly to foster parents or to a care home. Clearly the authorities have deemed Jesus to be a child seriously in need, and Mary and Joseph unsuitable or even abusive parents.

I don't want to make light of a very sad and serious subject. However, being in the social care field myself, I am aware this image of your child being taken away by a severe official armed with a clipboard has been quite a common one in the public imagination.

But attitudes change. Because of social media or Jo Brand's recent Channel 4 drama/comedy 'Damned', people are realizing the dilemmas and stresses many social workers experience daily. Also, because of a rapidly ageing population living longer, crises with N.H.S. 'bed-blocking', the advances of home technology, social care has been obliged to re-evaluate what it can provide to those in need, whatever their age.

A new approach to care

Here in Wales last year, the 'Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014' came into force.

It may not have been greeted with fanfares and fireworks, but it represents a significant shift in the way social care is provided. Some might see it as a cost-cutting exercise, given the reduced budgets forced on councils throughout the U.K. But many would welcome it as a move away from the 'Them and Us' mentality, where Social Services seemed to control all the care resources and dispensed them to the grateful public.

Now there is a much greater emphasis on 'Well-being'.

With older people and the chronically ill, especially, the focus is on enabling them wherever possible, to remain in their own homes, independent. Now it is all about people having 'control over what support they need, making decisions about their care and support as an equal partner'.

There's a lot more emphasis on giving people information and advice, and, importantly, carers have an equal right to assessment for support. So, more respite and sitting or companionship services will be provided to take the strain away from the spouse, partner or friend who may have been giving 24 hour care week in week out with few breaks.

A much more 'preventative' approach is being taken to try and enable people to remain at home, for example, using 'assistive technolo-

gy' like community alarms, movement sensors, handsets to turn on and off lights or open curtains.

Some will say all this monitoring can be used to create a 'Big Brother' society, but I'm more optimistic.

'Empowerment' has always been a key theme in social work, so, if giving people correct information, 'signposting' them to appropriate resources, means that they can avoid being admitted to hospital or into care homes, that seems to be something empowering. Most people, when asked, want to remain in their own homes right to the end of their lives. **Being open to God's grace surely means not just accepting His free gift of unconditional love, but it also means we can choose to accept those often ingenious and innovative resources designed to give us more pleasure, security and, of course, independence, as we cope with the particular problems before us.**

If using home carers, stairlifts, luncheon clubs, if getting eligible benefits and grants, helps us inch away from despair and crises, then that is something to be grateful for.

On the one hand, yes, Jesus offered rest for those who 'labour and are heavy laden'. But he also talked of the 'Truth' which will 'set you free'.

Changing approaches to our social care unite the two ideas and we are the stronger for that.

Andrew Wade



GOOD COMPANIONS

This year's Good Companions' Christmas Party is to be held on Tuesday 13th December from 1.00pm onwards, in the church hall.

Our 2017 meetings will commence on Tuesday 3rd January, 2.00pm to 4.00pm, and we welcome anyone who would like to come along for conversation, table games, raffle and refreshments.

We will meet every Tuesday through to April 4th.

Please come along and join us one Tuesday. – ladies and gentlemen of all ages!!

More information from Julia and Val.

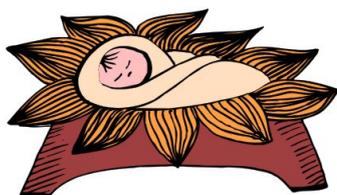
We have a great group of volunteer drivers who help with transport – our thanks to them for their invaluable support. **If anyone would like to be involved with helping with lifts (on a rota basis), Please contact:** Julia Matthews (02921 157213) or Val Jones (02920 747021)



NATIVITY PLAY

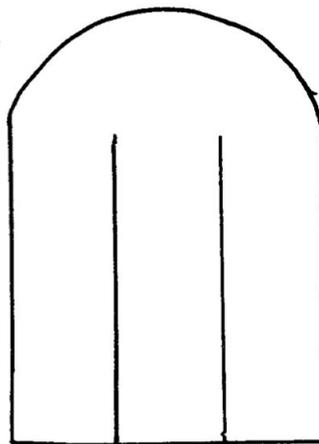
To see the story of the first Christmas through the eyes of little children makes it fresh and new. I like the story of the little boy who so wanted to be Joseph but was picked as the inn keeper instead. All went well until the nativity play started and Mary and Joseph arrived at the inn. The boy playing the innkeeper greeted them with 'Come in Mary love, there's plenty of room for you, but Joseph can get lost!'

Mary may insist that her teddy is the Baby Jesus, the angels may trip over their robes made from sheets, but every nativity play shows the wonder of the story of the first Christmas when the son of God was born a baby, like us. Tea towels used as shepherd's headdresses and angels' haloes made from wire coat hangers only serve to underline the humanity of it all. A baby born in a stable – a simple story that changes the world.



LOTS OF LOVE

Time to make some Christmas decorations? Cut out two shapes like the pattern below, one in red card, one in green card. Don't forget to cut the slits.



Interlock the 2 shapes by weaving the strips under and over their opposite



colour. This will give you a heart shape. Use a little glue to hold them together if needed. Punch a hole in the top at the centre and thread with cord to hang your decoration. You can make lots in different colours and decorate them with sequins or stickers too. Nice symbols of love to decorate your Christmas.

The Cat's Christmas Hymns:

Oh, Come All Ye Fishful
 Silent Mice
 Joy to the Curled
 The First Meow

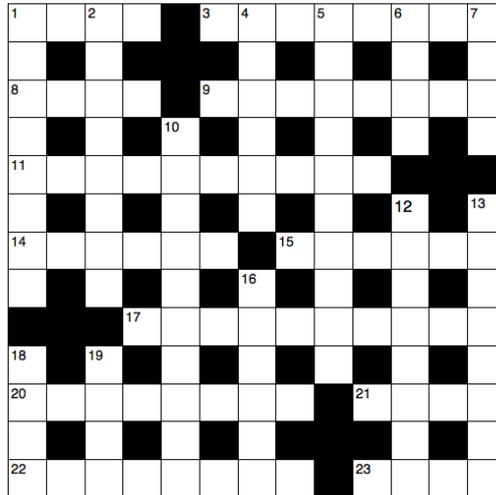




CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- ACROSS** 1 'The blind receive sight, the — walk' (Luke 7:22) (4)
 3 Got (Philippians 3:12) (8)
 8 Leave out (Jeremiah 26:2) (4)
 9 Castigated for using dishonest scales (Hosea 12:7) (8)
 11 Weighty (1 John 5:3) (10)
 14 'Now the serpent was more — than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made' (Genesis 3:1) (6)
 15 'Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot — God' (Romans 8:8) (6)
 17 Because Israel lacked one of these, tools had to be sharpened by the Philistines (1 Samuel 13:19) (10)
 20 In his vision of the two eagles and the vine, this is how Ezekiel described the latter (Ezekiel 17:8) (8)
 21 Rite (anag.) (4)
 22 Nine gigs (anag.) (8)
 23 'The eye cannot say to the — , "I don't need you"' (1 Corinthians 12:21) (4)



Across: 1, Lame; 3, Obtained; 8, Omit; 9, Merchant; 11, Burdensome; 14, Crafty; 15, Please; 17, Blacksmith; 20, Splendid; 21, Tier; 22, Singing; 23, Hand.

Down: 1, Look back; 2, Main road; 4, Breast; 5, Accomplish; 6, Near; 7, Date; 10, Pestilence; 12, Basilica; 13, Tethered; 16, Action; 18, Asa's; 19, Clan.

- DOWN** 1 'Flee for your lives! Don't — , and don't stop anywhere in the plain!' (Genesis 19:17) (4,4)
 2 Principal thoroughfare (Numbers 20:19) (4,4)
 4 'The tax collector... beat his — and said, "God have mercy on me, a sinner"' (Luke 18:13) (6)
 5 'The zeal of the Lord Almighty will — this' (2 Kings 19:31) (10)
 6 'The day of the Lord is — for all nations' (Obadiah 15) (4)
 7 Specified day (Acts 21:26) (4)
 10 Deadly epidemic (Deuteronomy 32:24) (10)
 12 Roman Catholic church which has special ceremonial rights (8)
 13 Tied up (2 Kings 7:10) (8)
 16 In his speech to the Sanhedrin, Stephen described Moses as 'powerful in speech and — ' (Acts 7:22) (6)
 18 'Although he did not remove the high places, — heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life' (1 Kings 15:14) (4)
 19 Tribe (Deuteronomy 28:18) (4)



GOD IN THE ARTS

'He gave us eyes to see them' - the church building

Each month we have been following in the footsteps of George Herbert and making our way through the church building from the entrance door to the altar - pausing at the font, by kneelers, candlesticks, windows, monuments, pulpit, ceiling, bells and choir stalls. They all form part of the church building: a witness to its history and tradition. They speak to us of beauty and craftsmanship, of art and skill, of dedication and faith. We look around. We find our hearts raised to heaven in praise for all we see, and remember Jesus talking about the stones speaking out on that first Palm Sunday.



And when people enter the church building, they become the living stones – filling the air with hymn and psalm, pulling the ropes for the bells to ring out, lighting candles to shine in the dark, kneeling in prayer, and going to the altar to feed on the Bread of life. A church building is an offering, and we, as we worship, make our offering. We set aside time and attention, and bring to God our lives in His service.

All Saints Church in Brockhampton, (photo) just south of Hereford, is a wonderful example of the Arts and Crafts movement. Outside and within there is much to admire - including a frontal, hymn book covers and embroidered seat covers that were left on the altar in 1960 by an anonymous donor. They were a thank offering for that church being there and open. It is a reminder of the journey called of us as we become living stones, offering our love and faith and service for the Kingdom.

Churches up and down the land invite us all to enter and make that journey, both physically and in faith.

As Herbert's poem 'The Invitation' expresses it:

*'Come ye hither all, whose love
 Is your dove,
 And exalts you to the sky:
 Here is love, which having breath
 Ev'n in death,
 After death can never die.'*

The word 'alms' has no singular, as if to teach us that a solitary act of charity scarcely deserves the name. - Anon

The Rev Michael Burgess - Parish Pump

Canon Joanna Penberthy recently elected the 129th Bishop of St David's

Early Years

The war years meant that many put off marriage during hostilities. Peace brought with it a time of catching up, as it were. In the middle fifties our home was in Llandennis Avenue, which provided a community of young parents and children.

We first knew Joanna as a 2 year old when her parents arrived as our neighbours. Chris was in the same year as Joanna at Cardiff High. What he particularly remembers was that on the celebration of Joanna's 18th Birthday her father treated him to a half of Hancocks Amber Ale, a local brew.

Joanna studied at Cambridge University. It was when she began her first summer vacation she called on us as

members of the Llanishen Prayer Group, formed by Vicar Leonard Dowse. As it happened he was about to take a group of us away on a weekend Retreat which could not have been better for Joanna and she came with us.

Thereafter when ever she was able to she took part in the Prayer Group. Leaving Cambridge she studied for ordination at St. John's College, Nottingham, and in 1984 became a Deaconess in Durham. The following year found her back in Llanishen and Lisvane Parish. It was to be for 4 years, the last 2 as a non-stipendiary minister before moving out to Llanwyddydd Parish, St. Asaph.

Whilst Joanna was with us she met

and married Adrian Legg who was Curate at St. Denys Church Lisvane. With the birth of their first baby the Prayer Group was at their house. She (*I think it was a girl*) had her moments and for that short time it was family for us too.

For many years we kept in touch with Joanna and Adrian occasionally managing a weekend in one of their country parishes. As they moved further away into Mid and North Wales and eventually to England it became a matter of contact by Christmas greetings.

I trust this will give us more than a glimpse of the significant part she played in the 5 Churches of the Parish.

Bernard Davies.



News from Ghana 16 NOV.2016

I am so pleased to send you this information for the month of November 2016. Mary's father died on the 14th October 2016 at our Home Town Adonsi. We had a month's leave to enable us participate fully as the African Funeral Custom demands. We are now back to our Parish – St. Johns.

David came home successfully from the Netherlands and he was able to obtain the International Certificate of Health and is now in Tamale. Solomon is doing his degree course in Accountancy. Joel is doing his National Service as a nurse at Tamale Teaching Hospital. Rachael has passed well and been upgraded to be trained at the Psychiatric Training Collage at Cape Coast for 2016-2017 academic year.

By the grace of God and your Financial Support we were able to pay for the first and second semester and now left with the third semester to qualify her for entry 2017-2018 academic year. Their demand is in December which may cost us GHP 1,500 or more. Please continue to keep us in your prayers and support.

May God richly bless you. Your Son in Christ.
Rev. Fr. Jeremiah Aladego, Parish Priest.

It is good to learn how well the young people are doing. Money was sent in August from donations and card and marmalade sales, and will be sent again in early December. Thanks to those who have ordered knitting nativity sets (*almost complete*).

Thank you for your support.
Norma.



Altar Kneeler Project

You may wonder why Derek, using his new galvanised can, should be watering the Last Supper.

It certainly came as a surprise to us, the Rose Garden seemed more appropriate. We have been so careful not to take our drinks anywhere near our stitching and here he is giving the tapestry a good soaking.

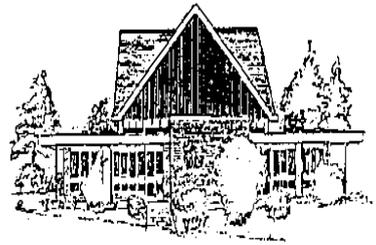
Join us on 28 January 2016 for our Coffee Morning and we will tell you the secret plus there will be a real treat - the first kneeler to be upholstered will be on display. **The event is to raise funds for the Kneeler Project so please look out your unwanted items for the usual Bring and Buy, 10 am onwards in the church hall.**

Meanwhile, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection and the Water panels are racing along as we continue to stitch on Tuesday mornings, Thursday morning and afternoons. We are so grateful to Rhona who comes on these days to stitch the very tricky bits and to advise us on our stitch craft.

Posy (mobile for queries etc:) 07807 628 212)



JANUARY 2017 DIARY



- Sunday 1st** **First Sunday of Christmas**
 10.00 am FAMILY SERVICE
 6.00 pm Service of Light
- Tuesday 3rd 10.00 am - 12.00 noon **Church open for PRAYER**
- Thursday 5th 9.30 am Holy Eucharist (*tea & coffee to follow*)
- Sunday 8th** **First Sunday of Epiphany - Baptism of Christ**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist
 & Funky Church
 6.00 pm Taize Worship
- Sunday 15th** **Second Sunday of Epiphany**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist, Funky Church
 and J Walkers Youth group
 6.00 pm Social Justice Evening Service
- Thursday 19th 9.30 am Holy Eucharist (*tea & coffee to follow*)



Churches Together in Llanishen & District
18th - 25th January 2016

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity "Crossing Barriers"

is this year's worldwide theme, prepared by the churches in Germany, which due to immigration, is now experiencing Christian traditions other than those of the majority R.C. and Protestant churches there. There is need of mutual understanding, narrowing of differences, and partnering. Christians generally are to promote God's reconciliation, through Christ, of the world to himself (*2 Corinthians 5*) through the dismantling of walls, however apparently insurmountable, just as the Berlin Wall's fall has symbolised that, with the love of God, nothing is impossible.

Thursday 19th January 7.00pm - the Agape,
(simple fellowship meal), at Christ Church

Sunday 22nd **Third Sunday of Epiphany**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist & Funky Church
6.00 pm United Service at Llanishen Methodist Church
Preacher, Rev'd Jordan Hillebert.

Sunday 29th **Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist & Funky Church
 6.00 pm Evensong

FEBRUARY

Thursday 2nd **Candlemas** 9.30 am Holy Eucharist
 (*tea & coffee to follow*)

Sunday 5th **Fourth Sunday before Lent**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist & Funky Church
 6.00 pm Service of Light

Prayers for Healing 9.30am every Saturday in Church

Check for any changed services & activities in
January in the weekly newsletter



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WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH**Sunday**

8.00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist
10.00 a.m. The Parish Eucharist
6.00 p.m. Evening Service

Weekdays

1st & 3rd Thursday 9.30 a.m. The Holy Eucharist
 (Saints' Days and Festivals: See Parish Diary)

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

in the Lady Chapel for about half an hour
Saturday mornings 9.30 am

Eucharist for healing
 with anointing and the laying on of hands as announced.
 Holy Communion is taken to the sick and housebound,
 and anointing as requested.

Please inform the Vicar in cases of sickness, bereavement or distress.

OTHER SERVICES

Please arrange with the Vicar
 for baptism, confirmation, marriage and funerals.

The Vicar is happy to arrange times for the
 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) or for counsel.

From the Registers**October 2016 Communicants**

Sundays	2nd	100
	9th	108
	16th	88
	23rd	102
	30th	97

Weekday communicants 29

Communion of the ill & housebound
 at 'Cartref' 14

November 2016 Communicants

Sundays	6th	114
	13th	113
	20th	100
	27th	102

Weekday communicants 27

Communion of the ill & housebound
 at home 2
 at 'Cartref' 15

Holy Baptisms

6th Nov.
 Edward Henry Parkinson
 18th Nov.
 Dominic Arthur Craig Edwardes
 19th Nov.
 Nicholas Edwards Norton Battye

FELLOWSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH**GOOD COMPANIONS**

Tuesdays at 2.00 p.m.
 Norma Ash 20754835

CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY

4-5 times annually
 Howard Kilvington 20317301

LADIES KEEP FIT GROUP

Mondays at 7.30 p.m.
 Jill Kilvington 20317301

FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

(see newsletter for details)
 Haydn Hopkins 20621280
 Linda Alexander 20759704

SERVERS' GUILD

Sunday morning and as announced
 Gerald Bradnum 20751177

CHATTERBOX

Thursday 1.30 - 3.00 pm
 during Term time
 Gill Barker 20747464
 Ann Francis - 20751773

FUNKY CHURCH

Karen Payne 20765428
 Sandra 20758588

YOUTH GROUP (11-18 year olds)

Sunday evening 7.00pm - 8.30pm
 Rev. Trystan Hughes 20758588

CHOIR

Thursdays at 6.30 pm
 Julie Waller
 Tel: 20615007

RAINBOWS

Tuesdays at 5.00 p.m.
 Emma Lane 07975505863

BROWNIES

Mondays at 6.00 pm.

84th SCOUT GROUP

Group Scout Leader
 vacant

Group Committee Chairman
 Geoff Payne 20756577
 Enquiries to Caryl Roach 20754463

BEAVERS

Thursdays at 5.30 p.m.
 Chris Davies 07948399111

CUBS

Wednesdays 6.15 p.m.
 Simon Rimell

SCOUTS

Wednesdays 7.30 p.m.
 Simon Broadley