



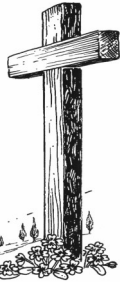
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Sunday 16th April
EASTER SUNDAY
10.00 am
Easter Communion



The Lilies of the Field
Lords and Ladies, Arum flowers
Upright, pure and fair
Cuckoo pints of cream and green
Arrayed beyond compare
Spiral Trumpets heralding
Easter's happy Dawn
And pouring Alleluias
When the Lord of life is born
Lord and Ladies Arum flowers
Upright and pure
Exceeding all the majesty
Of Solomon's Allure
Send out your psalms and anthems
To our great God above
Inspire us to continue
With faith and hope and love
Lords and ladies, Angel spires
Flutes so pure and fair
Glowing with God's glory
And delights beyond compare

M Axford, Swindon. - sent in by V Moverley

April 2017



Bishop David, assistant Bishop of Llandaff, with the Confirmation candidates at Christ Church, Roath Park, Sunday 19th March 2017.

Congratulations and good wishes to: Bea Ryland upon her Baptism and Confirmation, and the Confirmation candidates : Emily Bell, Hannah Burch, Carys Dixon, Justin Freeman, Immy Hurrell, Megan Jefford, Lena Lacey-Hughes, Olivia Lucas, Julia Matthews and Amelia Sheen



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APRIL DIARY



- Sunday 2nd April** **PASSION SUNDAY**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am FAMILY SERVICE
 6.00 pm Christ Church:
What happens in the end? (Rev'd Chris Burr)
- Wednesday 5th 10.00 am - 12.00 noon **Church open for PRAYER**
- Thursday 6th 9.30 am Holy Eucharist *(tea & coffee to follow)*
- Sunday 9th** **PALM SUNDAY**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist & Funky Church
 6.00 pm Easter Vestry Service
 7.00 pm J Walkers
- HOLY WEEK at Christ Church**
Mon. 10th Tues.11th & Wed. 12th April
 7.30 pm Compline
- Thursday 13th **Maundy Thursday**
 7.30 pm Eucharist of the Last Supper
 8.30 pm - 12.00 am Watch of the Passion
- Friday 14th **GOOD FRIDAY**
 10.30 am - 1.00 pm Messy Church
 2.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy
- Saturday 15th 7.30 pm **EASTER Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter**
- Sunday 16th** **EASTER SUNDAY**
 10.00 am Easter Communion
- Thursday 20th 9.30 am Holy Eucharist *(tea & coffee to follow)*
- Sunday 23rd** **EASTER 2**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist, Funky Church & J Walkers
 6.00 pm Christ Church: Celtic Night Prayer
- Tuesday 25th 7.00 pm **Llanishen Churches Together**
 Lent Discussion Groups Celebration Gathering
 Christ Church Hall - Informal Buffet - bring plate to share
- Sunday 30th** **EASTER 3**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist, Funky Church & J Walkers
 6.00 pm Christ Church: Songs of Praise

MAY

- Wednesday 3rd 10.00 am - 12.00 noon **Church open for PRAYER**
- Sunday 7th** **EASTER 4**
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am FAMILY SERVICE
 6.00 pm Service of Light

Prayers for Healing 10.00 am every Wednesday in Church
The meetings involve prayers for individuals and for our local community - all are welcome

Other services & activities as announced in the newsletter



Thought for the Month Prayer for Resurrection Power

Thank you Father that, because of what Jesus achieved on the cross, we can be resurrection-powered people; empowered to live each day confidently, whatever life's challenges may be, knowing that our security is in you alone.

In Jesus you have overcome the world and its troubles and defeated death.

When the world seems overwhelming Lord, help us to keep Jesus as our compass and to come safely to the one who has the words of eternal life.

Help us to hear those words and respond in trust and anticipation.

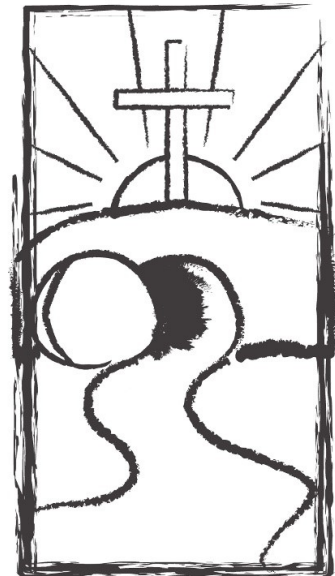
Thank you Father for giving us your Son and your Spirit.

Thank you for your life-giving Easter work.

In Jesus name.

Amen.

by Daphne Kitching - Parish Pump





Our Vicar Trystan Writes:
Being Called . . .



Dear friends,

This month I am celebrating 10 years of being ordained a priest! The word “career”, of course, does not sum up what priests do. “Vocation”, “ministry”, or “calling” are perhaps better words. But there is another word that should sum up all Christian ministry, whether ordained or lay. As the director of ordinands in the diocese, I help candidates for priesthood explore their call through a list of criteria, which they have to show potential in before they are accepted for training. I was discussing this list with one candidate last week, and she suggested that one word should underpin all these criteria... that word is “love”.

One of the books I get my candidates to read, written by the former Bishop of Oxford, John Pritchard, puts it this way: “*being a priest can be described as a kind of loving, a way of deploying the love of God for the well-being of others*”. Another wise sage, the pop singer Roy Orbison, wrote of love in a way that can also reveal something about ministry:

“What kind of love never turns
you down,
What kind of love lifts you off the
ground,
Turns your life around?
What kind of love never turns away,
What kind of love never makes
you pay,
Hears you when you pray?
What kind of love makes you go out
in the wind and the driving rain?
What kind of love runs through your
heart with a pleasure so close
to pain?
What kind of love?”

The sacrifice and dedication of Christian “love” should certainly be a huge challenge to us all. That was brought home to me at the beginning

of my ministry when I was conducting a service in a nursing home in Llantwit Major. I was reading aloud the gospel passage. “*The greatest commandment is love God*”, I read very confidently, “*and the second is this: Love your neighbour*”. And at that point in the service, an elderly lady at the back shouted “*I don’t love my neighbour*”. I didn’t know what to do – I looked at nursing staff, and they looked at me. But unfortunately, that moment of silence gave the lady the opportunity to add something else: “*and, listen ere vicar, if you knew her, you wouldn’t love her either*”. As the nursing staff burst out laughing, it dawned on me that the lady had actually stumbled upon such an important and profound truth – it’s so much easier to preach God’s love, than to put that love into action in our lives.

I was blessed to see a living example of “**putting love into action**” as I was growing up. My dad is a vicar in North Wales and it is the kind of love in the Roy Orbison song that has been the driving force behind his 50 years of ministry. As a young man, God’s love, in the words of the song, “*turned his life around*”, and he gave up his employment as a lorry-driver to embark on his vocation. After training, he allowed the love that turned his own life around to touch other people. An essential part of his ministry was just ‘**being there**’ for others... taking services, school assemblies, weddings, funerals, home communions, parish visits, christenings, coffee mornings, and so on.

I also vividly remember the harrowing pastoral emergencies that demanded my dad’s time and energy. There were countless times in Penmaenmawr Vicarage when the phone would ring, and my dad would go out, sometimes quite literally, as the song said, “*in the wind*

and the driving rain”. Then, when he was a hospital chaplain, I remember his beeper going off in the middle of the night – he would rush off to pray with those taking their final breath, to baptise poorly young children, or to sit with, and hold the hands of, those struggling with loss and grief.

Putting God’s love into action is never an easy ride. Ministry is demanding, challenging, and stressful. “*To love at all is to be vulnerable*”, wrote C.S. Lewis. But this “*pleasure so close to pain*”, as the song called it, is absolutely worth it and is fulfilling in so many profound and uplifting ways. **This month, I want to challenge you to think about your own callings.**

It may be that you’ve felt a little tug towards ordained ministry, to being a priest, to being a vicar. If so, be brave and talk to a friend about this, or come to talk to me or to Revd Jordan. Alternatively, it may be that you are called to one of the various forms of lay ministry – to lead services as a Reader, to be part of the pastoral care team, to assisting at Good Companions, to help at Funky Church or in J-Walkers youth group, to helping during Sunday services (*on the welcoming team, the tea/coffee rota, or the readings/intercessions rota*).

Whatever you feel God might be calling you to, speak to someone in the church about this or mention it to me. Whether God is calling you to any of these things or if you are already following your vocation in some other way (*in work, in your family, or in your everyday life*), the most important thing is to remember the advice of Mother Teresa: ‘**It is not how much you do, but how much Love you put into the doing that matters**’.

*Yours in Christ,
Trystan*



Lavish Ladies Event at Christ Church, Roath Park - Saturday 13th May at 7.30 pm
A Journey of betrayal, trauma, joy and blessings - ‘God’s call to work in Uganda’ by Helen Lock
Helpers needed for music, greeting, praying, making cakes etc **Contact LINDA**
Over 100 women attended the last meeting.

Confirmation Service at Christ Church, Roath Park 19 March 2017

On Sunday 19 March 2017, over 200 attended a confirmation service here at Christ Church, Roath Park. At the service, Bishop David Wilbourne, assistant bishop of Llandaff, confirmed 11 of the congregation – 8 young people and 3 adults. This is the largest number of candidates from Christ Church that a bishop has confirmed for over 30 years. One other candidate from the Benefice of St Andrew Major also came to be confirmed at the same service. The service was lively and joyful, with the music including a large youth choir and a small instrumental group.

Our vicar, Revd Trystan, said: *“It is wonderful to see our congregation here at Christ Church growing. For the bishop to be confirming so many, with almost all those confirmed having only attended for the past few years, is a sign of hope for the future of our wonderful church community here at Roath Park”.*



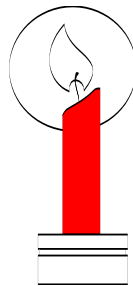
Baptism



Confirmation



Bishop David and Trystan with
Justin, Julia and Hannah



First Communion



Immy with Bishop David



Receiving their Bibles



cake



Bishop David with Claire and David Parkinson and their son Edward giving them a Blessing as they leave to work and live in the USA for 2 years. We wish them well and look forward to any visit and in time their return to Christ Church.

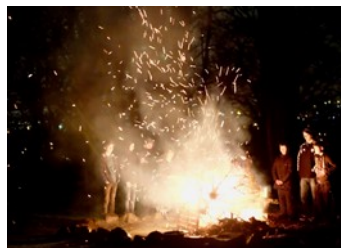


CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE YOUTH WEEKEND AWAY

In March a group of our young people and leaders from Christ Church joined those from St Denys and St Mark's on a weekend away to Woodcroft, Chepstow where the theme was 'Worshipping God through all good things'.

Worshipping God through all good things'

Some stayed for the whole weekend and some came just for the Saturday's activities. Everyone had a great time getting involved in a programme that included music, dance, craft, photography and a brilliant camp fire.

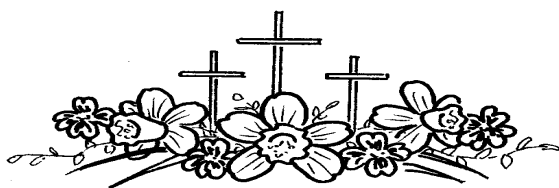


NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUNKY CHURCH AND J WALKERS AT 10am SERVICES

We were delighted that a group of the older girls of Funky Church were confirmed on March 19th by Bishop David. Our love and congratulations to them all.

After Easter, we will be offering morning J Walker sessions each week (*except on the first Sunday of the month*). Funky Church will continue to be for children up to the age of about 10 years. The programme for J Walkers will focus on *Being a Christian*, while Funky Church will explore stories based on *Animals in the Bible*. Thanks to all leaders and helpers, established and new.

Val Jones



Around the Church Family

Our Good Wishes & Prayers to:

Colin Francis and Linda Sanders both recovering at their homes after recent operations

Len Bowker, soon to undergo 6 weeks radio-therapy following recent operation

Bill Mapleson, at Penylan Residential Home, 82 Penylan Rd. usually at 10 am Sunday service

Nancy Eyre, Margaret Beechey, Marion LeBeau and Elizabeth Reid - good to see back in Church, when possible

Our sympathies and prayers to:

the family of the late, much loved **Elvet Lewis** (*who long helped the parish as auditor*) - especially to his wife Margaret, daughter Sally, son Matthew, daughter-in-law Clare and grand-daughters Sophie and Phoebe

Congratulations & Good wishes to:

Canon Stewart Lisk, Vicar of Roath, upon his commissioning as Cardiff Area Dean on 1st April in succession to Canon Bob Capper of Gabalfa, whom we thank for all his support to Christ Church over 5 years, and wish him well as he recovers from his hip operation and looks to his retirement soon

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 welcomer or clergy or into the office.

Buildings Renewal Fund Update: the latest tally of contributions (88 so far) is £29,054 (including donations of £5,500 and £800 made recently, and of £3,674 in collections at 10 events) plus the tax refunds so far received on Gift-Aided donations £3,559, making a total of **£32,613**.

Thank you to those 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, or a churchwarden, i.e. Colin Francis or Haydn Hopkins, or to Linda Alexander.

Various events/sales have so far raised a further **£5,506**, including **£551** from sales of garden produce, loom-bands, CrossInMyPocket, books, toys.

At 31st March 2017:-

Grand Total Received: **£38,119**

minus **Expended or contracted for -**

(architects: scheme 1 & pre-Application Council: £7,490

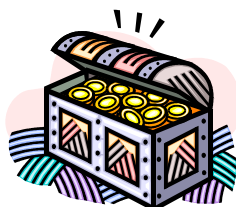
scheme 2 incurred £2,541 & budgeted £5,800: = £8,341

Re-roofing: £3,700. VAT expert £2,775. Bat data: £49.

Foundations ground survey & structure advice £1,782):

Fund Balance in hand -estimate: **£24,137**

£13,982



The King had another move

Of all the folktales that circulated in Europe in the centuries past none was more widespread or popular than that surrounding Dr Faustus.

Supposedly a brilliant German alchemist, living in the early 16th century, he began to delve into witchcraft and finally made a pact with the Devil. For 24 years he would have everything he wanted but at the end of that time the Devil would claim his soul. The story was popularised in England by Christopher Marlowe in 1604, in his *Dr Faustus*, and in Germany, two centuries later, in Johann Goethe's *Faust*.

The Devil kept his promise and for 24 years Faust enjoyed fame, knowledge and the satisfaction of every desire. But the years rolled quickly by and Faust was gripped with terrible foreboding as the end drew near. On his last night he met a fearful death as the Devil claimed his soul for damnation. The drama attracted an artist who committed it to canvas. He depicted Faust and the Devil playing chess and he entitled it 'Checkmated.' The game is over and the Devil has won. He gloats across the chess table at the doomed Faust whose face is rigid with

terror.

The picture hung in a French gallery and many people came to see it. One day a great master of the game came to view it. He gazed at it intently for hour after hour. Suddenly the silence was broken by his cry, 'It's a lie! The game is not over! The king has another move!' The chess master saw what everyone else had missed. In the picture Faustus still has his king. The king can yet bring victory out of seeming disaster.

On the first Easter, the enemies of Jesus were jubilant. The chief priests, the scribes and the Pharisees, had all conspired to put Him to death. How they hated Him! He had done mighty works. He had healed the sick; He had cast out demons from the tormented; He had calmed the storms and raised the dead. But they rejected Him, branded Him a blasphemer and brought about his arrest, trial and execution.

The Romans, thinking Him just another rabble-rousing nationalist, were glad to see him dead. So the



Jews and the Romans celebrated while the body of Jesus lay on the cold slab in Joseph's grave. They had triumphed! He was gone! He was dead! He was buried! He would not come back! His followers were scattered. He would soon be forgotten. The brief story of Jesus of Nazareth had ended in the tomb.

But they were all wrong! wrong!! wrong!!! The game was not over! The king had another move! The King of Heaven raised His Son Jesus from death, to live forever in the power of an endless life. And Christians have been celebrating that great event for two thousand years!

But there's more! In all our lives, in every difficulty, in every need, in every heartbreak, in all of life's darkest hours – our King is with us. And He always has another move!

by the Revd Dr Herbert McGonigle, formerly Lecturer in Historical Theology & Church History, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester Parish Pump

Why young women should not let social media get them down

Young women would be well advised to take what they see on social media with a big pinch of salt. The endless images of other women, impossibly beautiful, living lives of bliss with good-looking men and perfect children is simply not true. As a spokeswoman for the Mental Health Foundation puts it: *'On social media they are seeing these edited versions of lives, bikinis, beaches, not seeing the reality.'*

In short, the *'selfie culture'* has arrived, and it is NOT kind. Recent statistics from NHS Digital show that a staggering 26 per cent of women aged between 16 and 24 report symptoms of common mental health conditions. Girls feel under constant pressure over their body image, and also fall victim to bullying. The result? High rates of anxiety and depression.

As a spokeswoman from the National Centre for Social Research says: *'This is the first cohort to come of age in social media ubiquity. This is the context they are coming into, and it warrants further investigation.'*

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New Church Hall

Architect, Dr Ed Green presented plans for our New Church Hall at 6.30 pm on Sunday 9th April.

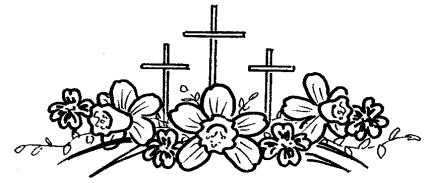
It has been a long journey coming to this place and we on the committee are very excited by the design. There was a meeting 2 years ago but much has changed since then and we went back to the drawing board. The original plan would have cost about £500,000 plus VAT. This plan should cost about £300,000 and will not incur VAT as it does not join the church. It is still a lot of money and we hope to sell a strip of land alongside the houses to the north of the car park to facilitate the cost.



There will be full report of the plans in the May edition of *Credo* for those who were unable to attend the meeting.

Linda Alexander - Chair of New Hall Committee

EASTER – the most joyful day of the year



Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in his joy! Hallelujah!

The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will be still be ‘growing’ in their Christian walk with God.

Why does the date move around so much? Because the date of Passover moves around, and according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover. Passover celebrates the Israelites’ exodus from Egypt and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April.

Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first to use the Hebrew lunar calen-

dar to come up with firm dates for Good Friday: Friday 7 April 30 AD or Friday 3 April, 33 AD, with Easter Day falling two days later. Modern scholars continue to think these the most likely.

Most people will tell you that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, which is broadly true. But the precise calculations are complicated and involve something called an ‘ecclesiastical full moon’, which is not the same as the moon in the sky. The earliest possible date for Easter in the West is 22 March, which last fell in 1818 and won’t fall again until 2285. The latest is 25 April, which last happened in 1943 and is next due in 2038.

Why the name, ‘Easter’? In almost every European language, the festival’s name comes from ‘Pesach’, the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word ‘Easter’, however, seems to come from Eostre, a Sax-

on fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in ‘Eostur month’, but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like Eos and Aurora, whose names mean ‘shining in the east’. So Easter might have meant simply ‘beginning month’ – a good time for starting up again after a long winter.

Finally, why Easter eggs? On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most European cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it’s easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter.

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General Synod hails reconciliation as Christians mark 500th anniversary of the Reformation

The Church of England’s General Synod has welcomed signs of “convergence” between churches on key doctrinal differences which divided Christians for centuries in the wake of the Reformation.

Members of the Synod, recently meeting in London, backed a motion supporting further reconciliation between Roman Catholic and reformed churches as Christians around the world commemorate the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation and celebrating the “rich spiritual blessings” the Reformation brought to the Church of England.

Moving the motion, the Bishop of Coventry, the Rt Revd Christopher Cocksworth, said: “*The 500th anniversary of the Reformation, which began with Luther’s courageous insistence that salvation is not for sale, invites every Christian to join with the whole Church to be renewed in the grace of God and share the astounding news of God reaching out to the world, running to meet us in Christ and embracing us into His life by the Spirit with an infinity of love...*”

In a joint statement earlier this year, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, spoke of the need to “repent of our part in perpetuating divisions.” Although the origins of the Reformation are complex, Martin Luther’s protest against indulgences and other church practices, in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517, is regarded as the trigger for the period of upheaval across Europe from which protestant churches, and ultimately Anglicanism, emerged.

One crucial dividing line between churches for centuries were disagreements about salvation. But more recent dialogue between churches led to a joint declaration by the Roman Catholic Church and World Lutheran Federation in 1999, setting out broad agreement on the doctrine of justification – or the forgiveness of sins. The declaration, which was affirmed by the Anglican Communion last year, asserts that people are saved “by grace alone, in faith in Christ’s saving work and not because of any merit on our part”.

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Coming Events



Prayer Link 2017

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

1st April Llanishen Methodist
Melbourne Rd. off Fidas Rd (village end)

6th May Thornhill Evangelical
Excalibur Drive, Thornhill, next to Sainsbury

ALL WELCOME



Altar Kneeler Project.

Tuesday and Thursday
home stitching continues weekly
contact Posy for details

Next Saturday meeting 10am - 12 noon
22nd April

Ring Posy if you would like to help complete
these altar kneelers this year.

Contact: Posy Akande 07807628212



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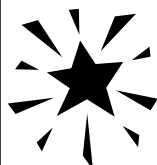
Babies and toddlers with
parents/grandparents

Thursdays 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm

in Christ Church Hall during term time

Contact Gill Barker - 20747464

Ann Francis - 20751773



Christ Church Society

Wednesday 12th April
8.00 pm

In the Church Hall

(following Compline in the Church)

A Talk with John Sheen

"5 boys and a Pasty"

ALL WELCOME

£5 includes refreshments



J WALKERS

Youth Group 11-18 yr olds

Come and join this group every
Sunday at the 10 am service

(except Family service on 1st Sunday of the month
and holidays)

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



Messy Church

Good Friday 14th April

10.30 - 1.00 pm

Children to be accompanied by adult.

Helpers of all ages contact Linda



GOOD COMPANIONS

Can YOU help with
occasional transport ??

Another 2 or 3 helpers needed.

Anyone from Christchurch and the local
community is welcome to join us in the hall
on Tuesday afternoons, 2pm-4pm, for con-
versation, refreshments, quizzes and games.

Speak to Julia, Alison or Val
or tel. Val Jones 20747021



Annual Vestry Meeting

Sunday 9th April 6.00 pm

Reports to Denise by 12th March in
order to compile this Annual Report.

Welcomers and coffee/tea makers needed.

Give it a try . . .

occurs just a few times during the year

Email Denise at the Parish office
info@christchurchcardiff.co.uk



Please speak with
Nick & Penny Goss
who need a couple
more helpers to
share organising
with our Church
monthly stall



Used postage stamps for
Goodwill

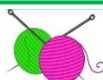
Children's Village, S India.

Thank you to those who have left stamps in the
Church Porch. I will collect through the year -
used UK and Foreign stamps - so keep collecting!

Claire Edwards



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



Any spare WOOL?

I continue to collect any donations of
wool to pass to several charity knitting groups.
Please leave in the back of the church labelled
with my name, Val Jones. Many thanks



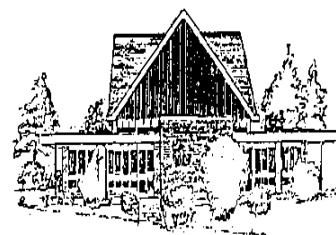
GOOD COMPANIONS

Good Companions continues to meet on Tuesday afternoons in the church hall from 2pm to 4pm. Our afternoons focus on conversation, refreshments and craft work. We also enjoy the occasional quiz, talk, games, music and sharing magazines. Jade the local PCSO often joins us. It is hoped to widen our membership by inviting residents of the local community who would welcome an afternoon of companionship.

After a break for Easter we start up again on Tuesday 25th April with meetings held through to Tuesday 25th July. We are hoping to arrange an outing for afternoon tea sometime in July.

We are so grateful to all those who help with transport. Requests for lifts continue to be made, so if anyone could help on an occasional basis at 2pm, 4pm, or both, it would be great to hear from you.

Julia, Alison and Val (tel: 02920 747021)



WHO'S WHO at Christ Church Lake Road North Cardiff CF23 5QN

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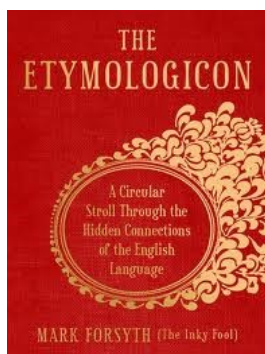
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Exploring the strange journeys that words take

Ever wondered why we pass news on *'through the grapevine'*, or why it is a shock to *'let the cat out of the bag'*?

The origin of hundreds of everyday words and phrases can be found in a vast and fascinating guide called **'The Etymologicon'**.*.

Here you can discover many of *'the strange back alleys and extraordinary and ridiculous journeys that words take,'* to quote the compiler, Mark Forsyth.

Hence, *'through the grapevine'* began as the *'grapevine telegraph'*, a phrase used in the US Civil War, which described the unofficial, word-of-mouth network used by Confederate soldiers while drinking wine, or by slaves while picking grapes from vines.

'Let the cat out of the bag' dates back to medieval markets in Britain, where piglets were sold in bags (a pig in a poke). But a common con was to switch the valuable piglet for a worthless cat or dog: hence buyers were either *'sold a pup'* or, when they discovered the ruse, *'let the cat out of the bag'*.

To give someone the *'cold shoulder'* came from the sort of mutton leftovers given to unwelcome house-guests. A *'hoax'* grew from hocus-pocus, a Protestant taunt of the rite of consecration used in the Roman Mass: Hoc est corpus meum (This is my body).

'Winging it' comes from actors learning their lines in the wings; *'in a nutshell'* comes from Pliny, the Roman writer who claimed there was a copy of The Iliad so small it could fit in a nutshell. *'Average'* comes from an old French term avarie, meaning *'damage done to a ship'*. Vessels were often co-owned, and when repairs were done, the owners were expected to pay an equal share, or the average.

(* IconBooks, 2011)

Parish Pump



When we were planning to get married, we saved up first. As a friend said *"Even birds build their nests!"* I feel, nowadays, that there are some people, who rush into marriage without seriously thinking about the consequences. It is sad that so many marriages fail—especially if the couple have children. *"For better or for worse - till death do us part"*.

I had a friend who said *"We would never think of walking out. Where would we go? We did not have the money"*. What a profound statement. Money can corrupt, but, to me if you enough, you should be happy and be well blessed.

V Moverley



EASTER SYMBOLS

At Easter it is all bunnies, eggs and lambs in the shops. Why are they symbols of Easter?

One of the oldest Spring symbols in the world is the egg - it promises new life as in Spring, fluffy yellow chicks are hatched from eggs.



The hare was a symbol of the moon and is connected with Easter because the date of Easter depends upon the full moon. Over time, the hare became a rabbit, because there are more rabbits around than hares!

The lamb represents Jesus and links His death to that of the lamb sacrificed on the first Passover. Jesus is called "the Lamb of God."

EASTER WORDSEARCH

All the words hidden in this word-search are to do with Spring and Easter - can you find them all?

D C A G M Y N N U B
A D H A R E T U L I
F U B I N A G P O P
F C M I C R S G Y M
O K A Y R K S S E O
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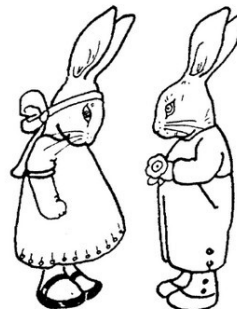
bird blossom bud
bunny chick cloud crocus
daffodil duck egg flower
garden grass hare lamb lily
spring tulip

How do baby hens dance?

Chick to chick.

Why does the chicken go to the theatre?

For hentertainment.

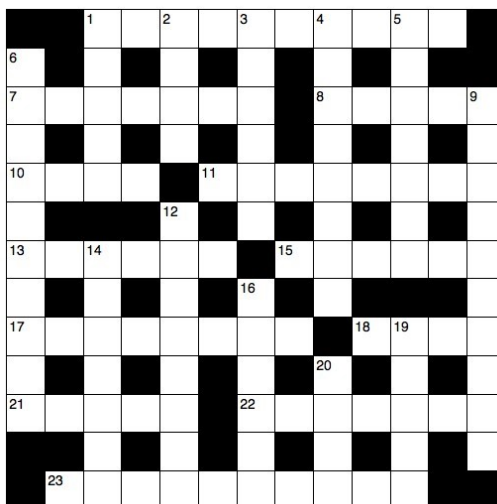


Which rabbits were famous bank robbers?
Bunny and Clyde!



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS** 1 'You are a chosen people, a royal — ' (1 Peter 2:9) (10)
 7 Exact copy (Joshua 22:28) (7)
 8 Jesus' first words to Jairus's daughter, 'My child, — — ' (Luke 8:54) (3,2)
 10 Idol made by the Israelites while Moses was on Mount Sinai (Exodus 32:4) (4)
 11 Role allotted to Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 42:6) (8)
 13 'Lord, when did we — — hungry and feed you?' (Matthew 25:37) (3,3)
 15 'Though seeing, they do — —; though hearing, they do not hear or understand' (Matthew 13:13) (3,3)
 17 Happening (1 Kings 21:1) (8)
 18 'Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the — of Christ' (Philippians 3:7) (4)
 21 National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (1,1,1,1,1) (5)
 22 Stamp on (Amos 2:7) (7)
 23 Liable to rot (1 Corinthians 15:42) (10)



Across: 1, Priesthood; 7, Replica; 8, Get up; 10, Calif.; 11, Governor; 13, See you; 15, Not see; 17, Incident; 18, Sake; 21, NSPCC; 22, Trample; 23, Perishable

Down: 1, Papal; 2, In it; 3, Shalom; 4, Huguenot; 5, Outings; 6, Procession; 9, Perseveres; 12, Mordecai; 14, Escapee; 16, Snatch; 19, Apple; 20, Lamb

- DOWN** 1 Of the pope (5)
 2 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything — — ' (Psalm 24:1) (2,2)
 3 Hebrew word for the kind of peace that Jesus promised (6)
 4 Member of a 16th-century Protestant reform movement in France (8)
 5 Sing out (anag.) (7)
 6 Ceremonial column of people on the move (1 Samuel 10:5) (10)
 9 One of the things love always does (1 Corinthians 13:7) (10)
 12 Esther's cousin who foiled a plot to assassinate King Xerxes (Esther 2:7, 22) (8)
 14 See cape (anag.) (7)
 16 'No one can — them out of my hand' (John 10:28) (6)
 19 Often mistakenly identified as the fruit that led to the first sin (Joel 1:12) (5)
 20 'He was led like a — to the slaughter' (Isaiah 53:7) (4)



GOD IN THE ARTS - Samson's tragedy

'Eyeless in Gaza at the mill with slaves': that is how John Milton expresses the tragedy of Samson's life in his poem 'Samson Agonistes.' There is an irony in his blindness and powerlessness, for Samson means 'sunshine.' As we read the story in Judges 13-17, he was called to be God's agent in bringing the dawn of a new day to the Israelites and freedom from the Philistines. But he breaks his vows as a Nazirite, and leads a life of sex and violence: the stuff of film and opera, of art and poetry.



Then he falls in love with Delilah, who uses her feminine wiles and intelligence to find out the secret of his strength. That moment is depicted in this painting of 1537 by the German artist, Lucas Cranach the Younger. We see Samson clad in armour, but barefoot – a sign of vulnerability for Delilah is ready to cut off his hair and so deprive him of his power, symbolised by the jawbone of an earlier victory. The Philistines wait in the background, ready to capture him, while the partridges and fruitful trees are signs of temptation. The artist is telling us how easy it is to turn away from God's purpose, and the sleeping Samson is once again oblivious to that calling.

The book of Judges tells us how the tragedy unfolds: the Philistines imprison him and set him to grind corn. Called to bring light to Israel, Samson has been blinded. The world is a dark place for him, but then at the Philistines' festival celebrations he remembers his God. With renewed strength he brings down the temple and the people within it. That is why we find Samson's name in the list of heroes of faith in Hebrews 11. It is a reminder that we can all only too easily make a mess of life and God's calling, but God can still use us and work through us to bring new life and hope.

The Rev Michael Burgess - Parish Pump



Happy Easter
to our Readers



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
Wednesday mornings 10.00 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**March 2017 Communicants:**

Sundays 5th 100
 12th 93
 19th 144
 26th 108

Weekday communicants: 54

Communions of the ill/housebound
 at 'Cartref' 16

Holy Baptism:

19th March Beatrice Hazel Ryland
 26th March Hollie Louise Snell

Confirmations 19th March
 by Asst. Bishop David Wilbourne

Emily Rose Bell
 Hannah Rebekah Burch
 Carys Juliet Laing Dixon
 Justin Geoffrey Freeman
 Imogen Lindsay Hurrell
 Megan Louise Jefford
 Magdalena Grace Lacey-Hughes
 Olivia Louise Lucas
 Julia Matthews
 Beatrice Hazel Ryland
 Amelia Rose Sheen
 Emma Nancy Ackland
 (of *St Andrews, Dinas Powis*)

Funeral Service

20th March Elvet Lewis

FELLOWSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH**GOOD COMPANIONS**

Tuesdays 2.00 - 4.00 pm
 Julia Matthews 029 21157213
 Alison Peters 029 20761277
 Val Jones 029 20747021

CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY

4-5 times annually
 Howard Kilvington 20317301

LADIES KEEP FIT GROUP

Mondays at 7.30 pm.
 Jill Kilvington 20317301

**FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE
STUDY GROUPS**

(see newsletter for details)
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 Linda Alexander 20759704

SERVERS' GUILD

Sunday morning and as announced
 Gerald Bradnum 20751177

CHATTERBOX

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 during Term time
 Gill Barker 20747464
 Ann Francis - 20751773

FUNKY CHURCH

Val Jones 029 20747021
 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
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Group Committee Chairman
 Geoff Payne 20756577
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Thursdays at 5.30 pm
 Chris Davies 07948399111

CUBS

Wednesdays at 6.15 pm
 Simon Rimell

SCOUTS

Wednesdays at 7.30 pm
 Simon Broadley