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Sea Sunday – 9th July

Look around your home. How much of the contents in your cupboards, wardrobe, rooms, and even garage came to you over the seas, via the great merchant ships? What would your home be like without them?

Yet when did you last give a thought to the people who bring them to you?

It is a curious fact that seafarers are one of the most important, and yet invisible people groups in our society. We all of us depend on them to fill our homes and businesses with an endless variety of goods, and yet we never see them, never speak to them, and rarely even remember their existence.

It suddenly makes Sea Sunday seem good sense: an annual opportunity to give thanks for the seafarers of the world, and to pray for their personal well-being. For going to sea is a lonely occupation. It separates families for months on end. It can sometimes be dangerous, and is always physically demanding work.

So this month, on Sea Sunday, let's pause and give thanks to God for the seafarers of the world. Let's remember how their work so enriches our lives. Let's pray for them, for their families, and let's support the organisations that offer them care and support through their chaplaincy work.

In doing so, we will join with thousands of other Christians, from London to Lagos, Manila to Melbourne and Durban to Dunkerque, who each year remember the seafarers who make our prosperity possible.

Parish Pump



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July 2017



Revd Jordan celebrating his first Eucharist
as priest on Sunday 25th June 2017 at
Christ Church, Roath Park, Cardiff.

Warm congratulations to our curate Revd Jordan,
ordained priest at a wonderful service on Saturday
24th June 2017 at Llandaff Cathedral.

Thank you to all those from Christ Church who
were there to support him and to those of you who
kept him in your thoughts and prayers

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Sunday 2nd TRINITY 3
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am FAMILY SERVICE
 6.00 pm Service of Light

Wed. 5th 10.00 am - 12.00 noon Church open for PRAYER

Thursday 6th 9.30 am Holy Eucharist (*tea & coffee to follow*)



Sunday 9th TRINITY 4 - SEA SUNDAY
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist, Funky Church & J Walkers
 6.00 pm Taize

Sunday 16th TRINITY 5
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist, Funky Church & J Walkers
 6.00 pm Faith in a Nutshell

Thursday 20th 9.30 am Holy Eucharist (*tea & coffee to follow*)

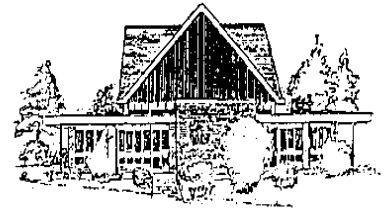
Sunday 23rd TRINITY 6
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist, Funky Church & J Walkers
 5.00 pm short service at the Vicarage to
 conclude the Garden party

Sunday 30th TRINITY 7
 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
 10.00 am Parish Eucharist, Funky Church & J Walkers
 6.00 pm Evensong

AUGUST

Sunday 6th TRANSFIGURATION of our LORD
 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*



Thought for the Month

Father

We have so many questions.

Life is sometimes difficult and we can't see our way.

Thank you for Jesus who told us He is the Way. It doesn't matter if we don't always understand as long as we are on your special Way – in relationship with you through your precious Son, who died on the cross to make that possible.

Help us to join the Way by putting our trust in what Jesus has done.

Help us to make it easy for others to find the Way – to find Jesus.

Please give us revelation to know the right words to use and the right actions to take to draw people to you.

We ask in Jesus name and for your glory alone.

Amen.

Daphne Kitching –Parish Pump



Great community choir concert at St Denys on Sunday 25th July.

Our joint Youth Choir and musicians were truly wonderful



We're already missing our ordinand Huw and his lovely family... we're praying for them as they move to Exmouth for Huw to take up a curacy there. God bless them in this new and exciting stage of their journey!



Dear friends,

Huge congratulations to Revd Jordan, our curate, who was ordained priest at the end of last month at Llandaff Cathedral. We had a wonderful service at the Cathedral, with a good number of Christ Church folk in attendance, and then a joyful first Eucharist as priest for Revd Jordan at Christ Church.

I was honoured to preach at the service in Llandaff Cathedral.

I began by reminding Jordan and those being ordained with him that, at the heart of ordained ministry, is to notice, to announce, and to bring Christ's love, hope, peace, and compassion to individuals and communities.

The Catholic philosopher Teilhard De Chardin described the priest as a "border walker", traversing the border between our world and God's kingdom, and bringing those on earth closer to God's love. What an amazing privilege that call is – Jordan has been ordained to open the eyes of our congregation to Christ's presence, to open our ears to His call, to open our hearts to His love, and to open our ways to His will.

Thomas Aquinas studied theology for many years at the University of Paris, and, we are told, in his very final lecture he raised his hand and asked his tutor "yes, but what is God?" *Quid est Deus? What is God?*

The call of the priest, then, is to show people what God is, who God is, who Christ is. They do this by opening eyes to God's beauty all around. But they also do this by reaching out to the poor and disadvantaged in parishes, by offering compassion to the elderly, the lonely, and the grieving, and by

Our Vicar Trystan Writes:

Ordination . . .

offering hope to the addicted, the weak, or lost. The theologian Paul Tillich wrote that our words and lives should be as if we are "holding up a picture of Christ" to others. As St Paul said, "it is not you who lives, but Christ who lives in you".

But the risen Christ, of course, was often not recognised – at the tomb, on the road to Emmaus, on the shoreline. Priests aim to introduce people to the unrecognised Christ all around – yes, in the beauty of nature, in the silence of worship, in the smiles of their families and friends, and in the uplifting melodies of music, but also in the eyes of the oppressed and marginalized and in the compassionate response to those crying out in need.

The early explorers of the South Sea Islands are said to have shown a window to the natives on one island, and, to their surprise, the inhabitants were not able to see through the glass. Instead, they focused on the glass itself and failed to see beyond it. The priest's role is to help us all see beyond – to experience the wonder of the creation story on a countryside walk, to see the burning bush in any ordinary tree that we walk past, to recognise the cross and resurrection in times of grief, loss, or suffering, to meet Christ in our friends and in strangers, to witness God's kingdom breaking through all around, and to taste bread of heaven in every meal we share.

Ministry is unbelievably rewarding, but it can also be demanding and challenging, so please do keep Jordan, and the rest of us who are ministering to you here in Christ Church, in your prayers. Feel free to use the following prayer in your quiet time:



"Loving God, we thank you for inspiring women and men of faith to various ministries in the church. Continue to fill them with your Spirit of wisdom and grace to proclaim the Good News and to take your love into communities with joyful and hopeful hearts. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen"

Finally, why not think about your own calling. The theologian Henri de Lubac wrote that there are two key moments in the communion service.

First, and most obvious, is the consecration of the bread and wine.

But the **second** key moment in the Eucharist, according to de Lubac, is in the final words of the service:

"Go in peace to love and serve the Lord".

Have a think about **how** you go in peace to love and serve the Lord. It may be that you find that God is pulling you in a surprising direction. It may be that you'll feel a little tug towards the priesthood yourself. If so, be brave and talk to Revd Jordan or myself about this. Or you might want to talk to us instead about a call to lay ministry – to lead services as a Reader, to be part of a pastoral care team, to assist at a Funky Church, to help during Sunday services. Most importantly, though, whether God is calling you to any of these things or if you are already following your vocation in some other way (*in the church, in work, in your family, or in your everyday life*), we must all keep in mind the advice of St Teresa of Calcutta: **"It's not how much you do that matters, but how much love you put into the things that you do"**.

Yours in Christ,

Trystan



NEW CHURCH HALL FUNDRAISING

Do you have any broken, unwanted items of gold or silver jewellery ??
Shirley Davies is collecting - bring items to church or tel. 029 20754230

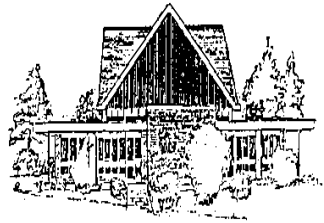
Claire Edwards is making jam with fruit from her allotment -
 look out for it on Sundays after the 10 am service.

Contact Gerald Bradnum - 029 20751177 - about cash donations
 Contact Ann with your fundraising ideas - 02920755550.

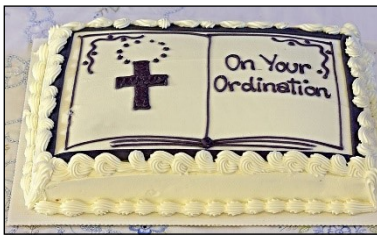




Ordination of
Revd Dr Jordan Hillebert
on Saturday 24th June 2017
at Llandaff Cathedral



First Communion as a Priest at Christ
Church, Roath Park, Sunday 25th June 2017



Mercy

If one was asked “**What is your understanding of the word Mercy?**” I suppose most people would turn to the Magistrates Courts where a Magistrate might – for a 1st offence – let off the culprit. But what of 2nd thoughts?

It must be said, time and again, that Jews tested the patience of God and it was not surprising that he often came down hard on them. The Old Testament is full of instances of such force. However, in the life and teachings of Jesus as found in the New Testament Gospels the emphasis is on generous love.

“**Slow to chide and swift to bless**”, as the writer of a letter to the church at Philippi put it; “**Christ Jesus who being in very nature God did not consider equality with God to be used to his advantage.**” *Philippians 2:5,6.*

The 3 years of his ministry were a time of pity, compassion and love as witnessed by the many who were given back sight or cured of terrible diseases, which often separated their lives from the norm leaving them little better than beggars.

In our reading of the Gospels we find that out of mercy comes forgiveness. This is beautifully pictured in the parable, Jesus used, of the Prodigal Son.

Here love, mercy and forgiveness are bound together. Luke 15: 1-32 .

There is also the part justice played which the Jewish leaders frequently found out to their cost. Near the end Jesus looked down on Jerusalem. “**Jerusalem, Jerusalem how many times have I wanted to put my arms around all your people, just as a hen gathers her chicks, but you would not let me**”.

Some years ago my wife and I came across what we felt as a perfect understanding of God’s mercy as undeserved love. It seemed to get to the very heart of God’s and could not be bettered. *Luke 13:34. Matthew 23:37.*

Bernard Davies.

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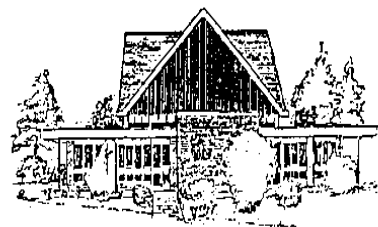
Churches Together
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New Church Hall

We will shortly be presenting the new hall plans to local residents in Lake Road North and also to regular users of the hall.

This will take place on Tuesday 18th July at 7.30 pm in the church.



We have also invited our local councillors to attend. This is all prior to applying for planning permission. We felt that it was important to do this and hope the initial response will be favourable. If you, as church members, have not seen the plans then you are also welcome to attend.

Linda Alexander, Chair of New Hall Planning Committee.

Around Church Family

Our Good Wishes & Prayers to:

Veronica Moverley - still recovering in hospital - in her usual positive spirits

Bill Mapleson - not so steady, being missed at church, but appreciating visitors at Roath Park Residential Home

Paddy Hales - hospitalised upon illness after a recent holiday

Dorothy Moore - still recovering steadily at home from her fall

Gloria Thomas and Enid Clarke - not so well recently

Nancy Eyre - good to see back in church and at Good Companions' again

Congratulations & Good Wishes to:

Ann and Alan James celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 6th July

Revd Dr Jordan Christopher Hillebert, curate at Christ Church, Roath Park, upon his full ordination as Priest at Llandaff Cathedral on 24th June, a service attend-



ed by many parishioners among the 500 present. We look forward to his safe return with Krisi and Keira from Atlanta, USA by 23rd July

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 (91 so far) is £30,074 (including 2 recent donations of £500, and £3,674 in collections at 10 events) plus the tax refunds so far received on Gift-Aided donations £3,559, making a total of **£33,633**.

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 23rd June 2017:-

Grand Total Received:	£39,139
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 survey etc £1,782. Trees survey £600):	£24,737
Fund Balance in hand - estimate:	£14,402



Your choir needs YOU

Do you enjoy singing?



Marilyn Hughes is the newest member of the choir and sends this message that the choir have vacancies for all voice parts:

Soprano, Alto, Tenor and bass

Please give it a try and join us for Thursday evening rehearsals 6.60 pm - 8.00 pm where you will receive a warm welcome.

Speak to Julie or any choir member!



HELP needed to share organising our Church monthly stall

Please speak with Nick & Penny Goss who need a couple more helpers or speak with Trystan or the Church Wardens'

Thanks!

84th Scouting for Bernard started when his son Timothy joined cubs with Gwenda Palmer in 1967.

By 1968 he had become treasurer joining the 84th committee of Alan and Barbra Jeffreys, Henry and Audrey Brown and Bernard Davies. Those early meetings were held in Rhydypenau School and at one stage a momentous decision must have been made for us to have our own hut on a piece of somewhat boggy allotment ground that Cardiff Council made available for us in 1971.

By the time I became involved in 1973 it had become apparent that it was a very expensive option to own our own premises, most of the other church sponsored groups meeting in church halls, but with Bernard we were exceptionally lucky, as he could solve any problem and there were many, from plumbing to electrical problems, keys stuck in locks, broken windows and lights – endless jobs involving his carpentry skills.

Bernard had an answer to everything.

The Scout Hut is full of his handiwork – one of the most ingenious being the unique folding tables we take to camp, all beautifully crafted and finished. He saved us so much money, but there were still many bills to pay and many of you will remember Bernard's recycling skills. In the early days it was the collection of waste paper – tons of it, but it paid well – much of the proceeds helped to build the Church Hall. Eventually the market changed and it was no longer cost effective, so we moved to recycling aluminium. We all remember Bernard collecting cans wherever he went on his long walks – for Sunday walks to his daughter Heather in Thornhill for lunch and to Albany Road, the 'rec' was fruitful hunting ground

Bernard Richards - a good friend

as were the local woods and back of Lakeside shops.

It was however, from 1975 that are my most vivid memories of Bernard – the earliest being Cub camp at Miskin. My only experience of camping up to that point was a fateful overnight camp in a local vicarage garden when lightning tore our tent apart, but I figured it couldn't be too difficult – could it? Bernard offered to cook for me so we set off –

The reality was, as Bernard must have known, very different. There were many many 'rules' and I am sure he smoothed the way for me so that by the end of that camp we had started both a friendship and partnership that was to last for over 40 years. Bernard and I enjoyed many Cub camps – we both believed in good discipline and respect so all the Cubs sat down to eat quietly and when the last had finished they all did washing up and campsite tidy up – we have many trophies as proof. As many leaders know, to have a camp cook is fantastic, a welcome mug of tea after struggling with often wet heavy canvas, or an early morning cup of coffee. Bernard did all this and more at Miskin and continued repair work there long after his retirement, until early this year.

However it was all the work we did together which helped make the 84th into the successful group we have today. Many people will remember seeing Bernard and I apparently in deep discussions and often we were, as in any organisation there are always problems and although he was our treasurer until 2009 that was only part of his expertise which helped us to grow and prosper.

All Scout groups are part of the wider scouting community, which often seems to involve endless committee meetings and Bernard had often to bribe me with free transport to them,

though we did often sit at the back, so we could make a speedy exit if we felt proceedings were dragging on.

Some of our outings were fun – fetes and festivals in different parts of Wales, meeting Chief Scouts, presenting and receiving awards. One of the most memorable was when we presented Bernard with a gift at one of our barbecues as thanks for his long and dedicated service to the 84th. Our BBQ's started in 1995 on Cardiff High School back field, and very handily Bernard had a back gate on to the field so he was very hands on right from the start, moving equipment to and from the hut as well as solving many problems.

Everything Bernard did was done to the best of his ability so our accounts were meticulously done. We checked and double checked everything, often meeting half way between our houses to make sure of our facts and many other things besides – often though he would call by and very luckily for me he didn't come empty handed, arriving with offers of fresh fruit and vegetables – his cooking apples kept me going all winter. Worshipping with us all at Christ Church was so important for Bernard and it was his strong faith that we all will remember, not just us in Scouting but many others including his neighbours. He would often be seen cutting their grass or up a ladder. He used the skills he was given to such advantage that we all benefited, and all done so joyfully.

I valued Bernard's friendship enormously; it was a real privilege to have known him.

With fond memories

Caryl Roach



Bernard did so much around the grounds and gardens at Christ Church. Several years ago I offered to re-do the raised beds and help control the tree and shrub growth hiding our Church building and decreasing our car parking space. I was aware of all the time that Bernard gave trying to keep control. One task he continued until a year ago was sweeping the vast volume of leaves that occur each Autumn, creating a huge pile on the grass below the bank for any tenant from Rhydypenau allotment to collect - makes wonderful leaf mould!! Late October 2017 saw myself and another tenant do the job for him, along with Bob, who, with his wife Gaye keep the front gardens and grass in front of the church so attractive and inviting. We will continue to recycle the leaves and remember you Bernard each Autumn! *Claire Edwards*

Coming Events



Diary Dates:

- Sunday 23rd July** - Vicarage garden Party
(See below)
- Sunday 10th September** - Education Sunday
details to follow
- Sunday 15th October** - Film Night

Join us for

MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 22nd July
10.30am-1.00pm

MESSY HOLIDAY

At Christ Church Roath Park, Lake Road North, CF23 5QN
(029) 2076 3151 info@christchurchcardiff.co.uk
Children must be accompanied by an adult

JOIN US FOR THE

VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY
SUNDAY 23 JULY 3-5PM



Altar Kneeler Project.

Tuesday and Thursday
home stitching continues weekly

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

Contact: Posy Akande 07807628212

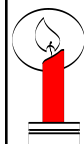


J WALKERS

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



Prayer Link 2017

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

1st July - St Brigid's (RC)
Crystal Glen, off Heathwood/Fishguard Rd

Covenanting Churches Communion Service
Sunday 9th July 6.00 pm at St Isan

5th August - Bethel United Reform
Llangranog Rd, off Templeton Ave. (west)

ALL WELCOME



CHATTERBOX

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



Quiet Garden - Methodist
Church, Melbourne Road, Llanishen

Tuesday 18th July
2.00 pm for 2.30 pm
Tea & coffee served from 2.00 pm

Quiet Garden Reflection
PILGRIMAGE

A half-hour of prayer & silence for Summer
This year the Quiet Movement celebrates its
25th Anniversary



National Garden Scheme (NGS)
Rhydypenau Allotments
(Heath Halt Road Entrance)

Sunday 16th July
1.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Admission £4, children FREE

HOME MADE TEAS
Produce and plants for sale

Come and visit the 100+ plots set in a
hidden oasis within a Cardiff suburb with
mature trees, stream and communal areas.



The role of Faith in politics

Faith has a central role to play in politics, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have said.

In a recent pastoral letter to the parishes and chaplaincies of the Church of England, Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu urged people to remember Britain's Christian history and heritage. They called for reconciliation, for a drawing on shared British values based on cohesion, courage and stability.

This is a time of "deep and profound questions of identity," they said.

"Opportunities to renew and reimagine our shared values as a country and a United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland only come around every few generations. We are in such a time. Our Christian heritage, our current choices and our obligations to future generations and to God's world will all play a shaping role."

The Archbishops highlighted major concerns over poverty, housing and the dangers of "crushing" debt, among other issues. They called for a hospitable welcome to refugees and migrants, but also warned against being "deaf to the legitimate concerns" about the scale of migration into some communities.

They also single out the importance of standing up for those suffering persecution on grounds of faith around the world. Faith, they argue, has a unique role to play in preventing extremism and religiously motivated violence.

"Contemporary politics needs to re-evaluate the importance of religious belief," they insist. "The new Parliament, if it is to take religious freedom seriously, must treat as an essential task the improvement of religious literacy."

They add: "Political responses to the problems of religiously-motivated violence and extremism, at home and overseas, must also recognise that solutions will not be found simply in further secularisation of the public realm. *Parish Pump*



11th July St. Benedict - author of the famous Rule

St. Benedict (c.480 – c.550) was an abbot and author of the famous Rule that bears his name. Because of his Rule, Benedict is also the Patriarch of Western Monasticism, and Patron Saint of Europe.

Surprisingly little is known about his life. Born at Nursia, Benedict studied at Rome, which he then left before completing his studies to become a hermit at Subiaco. After a time disciples joined him, whom he organised into twelve deaneries of ten. After an attempt on his life, Benedict moved on to Monte Cassino, near Naples, where he wrote the final version of his Rule.

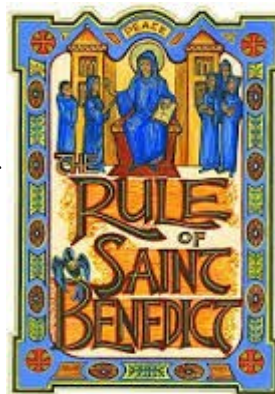
Benedict's Rule is justly famous and respected: not only did it incorporate much traditional monastic teaching from revered monks like Basil, but Benedict went on to modify this in a way characterised by prudence and moderation within a framework of authority, obedience, stability and community life.

Benedict's great achievement was to produce a monastic way of life that was complete, orderly, and workable. The monks' primary occupation was liturgical prayer, complemented by sacred reading and manual work of various kinds

Benedict's own personality shines through this Rule: wise, discreet, flexible, learned in the law of God, but also a spiritual father to his community. Benedict's Rule came to be recognised as the fundamental monastic code of Western Europe in the early Middle Ages. Because of his Rule, monasteries became centres of learning, agriculture, hospitality, and medicine.

Thus Benedict came to influence the lives of millions of people.

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Iraq's Church leaders call for help to protect ancient Christian communities

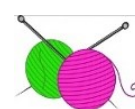
Iraq's three main church traditions have issued a joint statement calling for international action to safeguard the "rights of Christian communities in the historic Nineveh Plains", including the establishment of a "safe haven" for Christians in the region.

The joint statement by church leaders followed a proclamation by a prominent Iraqi Shia cleric that "Jihad should be implemented in regard to the Christians in order for them to convert to Islam. Either they will become Muslims or we must fight them, or they ought to pay jizya." Jizya is a tax paid to an Islamic government by non-Muslims as a sign of subjugation, according to classical Islam.

The threat of anti-Christian violence continuing, despite the progress made in defeating Islamic State, remains a real concern for Iraqi believers, reports the Barnabas Fund. An Iraqi MP has recently stated that around 1.5 million Iraqi Christians have fled the country since 2003.

Parish Pump

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



St. IGNATIUS of LOYOLA: 31st July

The youngest of 13 children, Ignatius Loyola was born in Spain. When a young soldier he was badly wounded by a cannon ball that shattered his leg. As he recovered he asked for a best selling book of the day, a romance, to read to take his mind off the pain but ended up reading about Jesus and the lives of the saints. His life changed as he resolved to continue being a soldier, but now as a soldier for Christ.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and 6 others offered themselves to the service of the Catholic Church. They became the Society of Jesus and Ignatius was elected to serve as their first general. When other Jesuits were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius stayed in Rome founding homes for orphans and colleges all, in the words of the Jesuit motto, 'ad majorem Dei gloriam' - for the greater glory of God.



BIBLE BOOKS

Can you unscramble these letters to find books in the Bible?

1. ashjou
2. imythot
3. hurt
4. kuel
5. brosprev
6. tonslaminate
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What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

Ruthless.

Which Bible character had no parents?

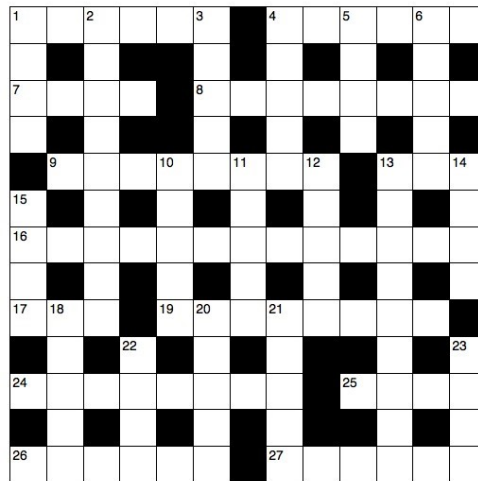
Joshua, son of Nun.

Answers: 1.Joshua 2.Timothy 3.Ruth
4.Luke 5.Proverbs 6.Lamentations
7.Malachi 8.Esther 9.Corinthians
10.Jeremiah



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS** 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
 7 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
 8 See 5 Down
 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
 17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
 24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
 26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (9)
 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)



Across: 1, Riches; 4, Abner's; 7, Soul; 8, Damas-cus; 9, Statues; 13, Add; 16, Craftsmanship; 17, Old; 19, Redeemer; 24, Walls are; 25, Wise; 26, Target; 27, Thieve.

Down: 1, Rest; 2, Courtyard; 3, Sadhu; 4, Arm he; 5, Nose; 6, Round; 10, Tutor; 11, Timid; 12, Sense; 13, Ashbelite; 14, Dips; 15, Echo; 18, Lhasa; 20, Exact; 21, Erect; 22, Flog; 23, Mede

- DOWN** 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
 10 Trout (anag.) (5)
 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
 22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

GOD IN THE ARTS the Queen of Sheba

In this series we are exploring the wealth of stories and colourful characters in scripture – Noah and Samson, David and Daniel, for example, whose adventures show God working in their lives. There are other, more intriguing characters who appear for a short time only and then are gone: Melchizedek, the wise men, and this month, the Queen of Sheba.



With Handel's wonderful music ringing in our ears, we read of the arrival of the Queen at Solomon's court in 1 Kings 10. She comes to find out about his wisdom and to exchange gifts. After 13 verses she returns home, and the story ends.

But this exotic character lived on in the imagination of the Jewish people, and Jesus mentions her in the Gospels. He tells the scribes and Pharisees wanting a sign, that even though the Queen was aware of Solomon's riches and grandeur, there is something greater than Solomon in front of their eyes. In the Middle Ages the *Golden Legend* wove other stories around that visit. Its purpose was to see a branch of the tree of life in Eden that Solomon had made into a bridge. She tells him of her vision that one day that very wood would be used for the cross of the Saviour.

In the 15th century Piero della Francesca painted frescoes on this saga for the church of St Francis in Arezzo. He imbues the scene where the Queen meets Solomon with a stately, statuesque beauty: silence reigns as she bends her head, aware of the true importance of this wood. Somehow the Old Testament prefigures the New for that tree in Eden has stretched out its branches across their world as it will across other ages to root itself on Calvary. For all the legend, we capture something in this painting of the mysterious movement of salvation working in the characters of the Old Testament and pointing us to its fulfilment in the New, where we find that a greater than Solomon is truly there.

The Rev Michael Burgess - Parish Pump



WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH**Sunday**

8.00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist

10.00 a.m. The Parish Eucharist Service 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

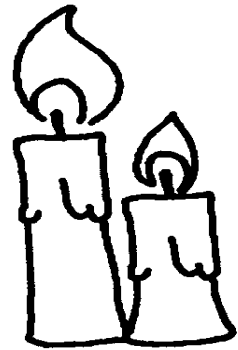
in the Lady Chapel for about half an hour

Wednesday mornings 10.00 amEucharist 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 SERVICESPlease 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****June 2017 Communicants**Sundays 4th 93
11th 95
18th 80
25th 110 *1st celebration**by Rev. Jordan Hillebert as priest*

Weekday communicants: 29

Communions of the ill/housebound
at 'Cartref' 13
at home 1**Funeral Service**7th June Bernard Richards
(125 attending)**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)
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**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 GROUPGroup Scout Leader
vacant

Group Committee Chairman

Geoff Payne 20756577

Enquiries to Caryl Roach 20754463

BEAVERSThursdays at 5.30 pm
Chris Davies 07948399111**CUBS**Wednesdays at 6.15 pm
Simon Rimell**SCOUTS**Wednesdays at 7.30 pm
Simon Broadley