

# Christ Church News

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## Welcome to our news for October



Our Confirmation Candidates, Vicar Trystan and Bishop June

**CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE WHO WAS CONFIRMED**

**ON 15th SEPTEMBER 2019**

It was such a wonderful service seeing everyone proclaiming their faith. Bishop June was lovely and helped the service to be relaxed but meaningful. It was great to see a variety of ages being confirmed and also to see one re-confirmation ( see pg 2)

God provided a beautiful sunny day and we look forward to following the newly confirmed as they walk the Christian walk with us all in Christ Church.

This last month we have had the joy of seeing our Vicar Trystan affirmed in his academic skills.

He is now a member of the Greater Chapter of the Cathedral. This has been newly set up by Bishop June.

**Unfortunately, so often after great joy comes sadness. September was a time to say goodbye to our dear friend, Crucifer and choir member, Ken Perkins, at the age of 92.** He always showed great faith and was also a person of great fun. His last big service with us was the Confirmation Service in which he led the newly confirmed and the bishop around the church whilst holding the Cross. How fitting was this last act of service and reverence for Jesus as he circled the church.

**More inside.**

# Congratulations Revd. Canon Dr. Trystan

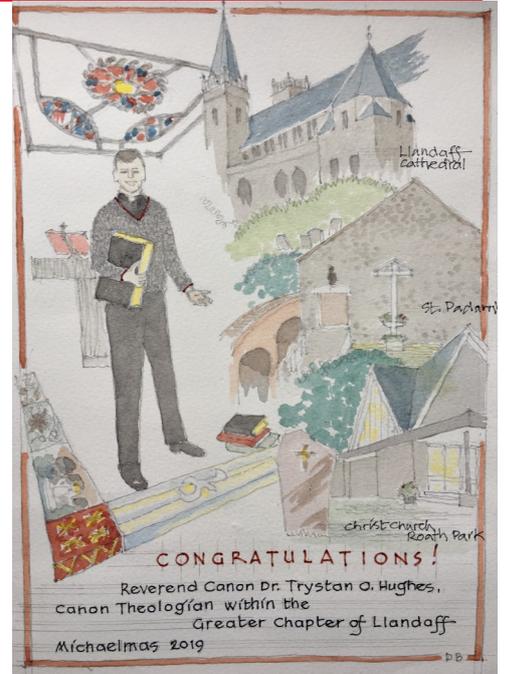


Trystan and Sandra outside the Cathedral

**Congratulations to Revd Canon Dr Trystan on becoming “Canon Theologian” within the Greater Chapter of Llandaff Cathedral , in recognition of his theological teaching and writing.**

**This is an honorary role and he will continue to undertake his ministries here at Christ Church, Roath Park and St Padarn's Institute.**

**Many members of Christ Church attended the Cathedral service and were privileged to see Trystan inducted into his new honorary role.**



*Another wonderful card by our Artist in Residence, Derek Burston*

## CONFIRMATION CONUNDRUM

**Several people have asked me why I chose to re-affirm my confirmation promises?**

Well, the explanation is a bit involved. I was originally confirmed into the Church of England in Bedford- when everyone aged 11/12 years who went to Sunday School were confirmed- it was what you did!

After training to be a nurse in London, getting married plus having 2 children, I decided to attend the local Methodist Church in Knaphill, Surrey. It was a youngish congregation with a lively Sunday School. I also helped with the Brownie pack which met there and eventually become the Guide leader. So I was then a member of the Methodist church.

After that my church going lapsed going only occasionally to church, perhaps influenced by my late husband who was an agnostic.

When David retired we moved to Scotland (his homeland), and I started to attend the local Kirk and got involved in various activities there – being on the Board which runs the church rather

than the minister. I was then accepted into the Church of Scotland. And continued to attend regularly, until I moved here.

Five years after my husband of 43 years died, I moved down to Cardiff to be close to my daughter.

And started attending Christ Church, where I was made very welcome, and felt as though I was back in my roots of the Church of England.

I felt as though I need to reconfirm my faith which had been knocked by my husband's death, so I asked Trystan if I could be confirmed again into the Church in Wales. I understand this was discussed with Bishop June, so after attending the classes I was reconfirmed on 15th September and now feel fully part of the Church.



**Carol Rudram**

*( Thanks Carol & and we love to have you with us )*

# OUR DEAR FRIEND KEN PERKINS RIP

**ON September 21st Ken died suddenly in hospital, a great shock to his beloved daughter and grandsons, and all who knew him.**



**Ken was a founder member of Christ Church congregation from the beginning, living then in Three**

**Arches Avenue. He was the longest serving member of Christ Church Choir and his passion for the Choir and singing never failed, and that is how I knew him.** There was always a shortage of tenors and, when my husband Keith was called upon to sing with various Choirs, so began a friendship of over 50 years.

**“Ken was a true Welshman “**

**“We will miss him carrying the Cross”**

Ken was a true Welshman with his patriotism stretching from Rugby to Choirs etc. And Sunday after a Welsh match the Choir Vestry was a discussion Chamber about the Game. Ken had very many interests Bowls became a big part of his life after his beloved wife Mary died enjoying many games with his friend Don Porter. both members of the Mackintosh Bowling Club.

**A tribute to Ken from Veronica**

Life has its ups and downs, and I feel that Ken had many crosses to bear. He overcame some very difficult times with his dry wit and sense of humour.

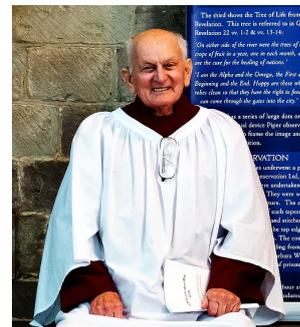
Mary and Ken were well blessed when they had their daughter, Helen, and later three wonderful grandsons, Richard, Peter and Robert. More recently Ken became a great grandfather to four little ones.

All of us at Christ Church, especially the choir, will miss him. R.I.P.

*Veronica Moverley*

There are so many good things to say about Ken but the things that stand out for me **his Family, his Faith, his Church, and his Friendship**. We will miss him carrying the Cross on a Sunday, and getting us all into line ready to process out.

His favourite saying when I asked him if he was alright was no I'm half left. We shall miss you Ken very much, well done thou good and faithful servant, now reunited with your beloved Mary. **May you rest in peace and rise in glory.**



*Shirley Davies*

**A tribute from Ken's friend, Don Porter**

I first made acquaintance with Ken when my family and I moved to Cardiff in 1966, and we started to attend Christchurch. However, many years later in the 1990s Ken and I became good friends when we sat next to each other at a Harvest Supper. By this time we were both widowers and well into our 60s. Ken introduced me to bowls and we first started playing at Newport Indoor Centre. All the team was from Christchurch and after the match we always went for a meal together. Also during this time on a Saturday Ken and I would have lunch and a pint in the pub and then would go down to the Cardiff Arms Park to watch the rugby.

In the summer we played for the Mackintosh Bowling Club and played at least three times a week. Ken was the Skip of the rink and I was the Lead. Together, we went on many bowls' tournaments to Spain and Portugal, and every November for many years we went to Torquay to play in Bowls Tournaments which were organised by friends from Aberdare. Ken always mixed in very well with everyone and he was a very good player.

When we finished playing bowls (age beat us!) we still remained good friends, meeting regularly: always on a Saturday for lunch and watching the bowls at the Mackintosh in the summer or going out for a trip, and in the winter mostly watching rugby on the television.

**Ken, thank you for your friendship, I will miss you as I remember all the great times we spent together.**

*Don Porter*

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**Choir and Youth Choir** : Contact Sue Hurrell: 029 20485171

**Music at Christ Church** is coordinated by Sue Hurrell & Jane Roberts [Youth choir and main choir rehearse separately once a month: youth choir on Tuesday evenings and main choir after the 10am Sunday service. We'd be delighted to welcome new musicians and choir members.

**email : hurrell.sue@gmail.com**

**Church Society (Talk & Buffet)**

As advertised, on various Wednesdays in the Hall. Open to all, family and friends. Contact: Howard Kilvington 02920 317301

**Ladies Keep Fit** Light exercise. Mondays 7:30pm

Contact: Gill Kilvington 02920 317301

### **CHILDRENS & YOUTH WORK**

**Chatterbox** Parents & Toddlers – every Thursday  
1:30pm – 3:00pm in the hall.

Contact: Ann Francis Tel 029 20751773

**FUNKY Church** age up to 11 meets each Sunday  
during the service except for Family service.

Contact: Val Jones Tel: 029 20747021

Sandra Hughes Tel: 029 20758588

**Messy Church**

Contact: Linda Alexander Tel: 07814759559

**Youth Club J Walkers** age 11– 18

Sandra Hughes 029 20758588

**Child Protection Officer**

Contact: Colin Francis Tel: 02920 751773

### **ConneXion Groups.....**

Meet monthly at various times and in various houses. Contact the Parish office for more information.

**Good Companions** Tuesdays 2:00pm– 4.00pm

Contact: Val Jones, Alison Peters or Julia Matthews

Val Jones Tel: 029 20747021

Alison Peters 029 20761277

Julia Matthews 029 21157213

### **SCOUTS**

**Beavers**

Thursday 5:30pm

**Cubs**

Wednesday 6:15pm

**Scouts – 84th Cardiff**

Wednesdays 7:30pm

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**Rainbows** in the church hall

Tuesdays 5:00pm

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