



Christ Church News NOVEMBER 2020



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OUTDOOR SERVICES

Our outside services have continued apace and last Sunday (23rd) we were able to hold a special Harvest service for the children and families of our Parish which was such a fun service. Our outside services have continued to be attended to the full with 30 people at each service, and 2 services each Sunday, except for last Sunday when we had three. People brought their Harvest Gifts for Cardiff Food Bank, everyone was most generous and enough was sent to keep at least 8 families fed for 3 days.

POPPIES

How Covid-19 has affected just about everything this year! Inside you will recognise Sandra, a member of our church who is deeply involved in selling poppies for the Royal British Legion. She has written an article about how covid has affected this appeal, and we hope that you might be able to donate through the text numbers she offers. Up to now it looks like we won't be able to hold a remembrance service outside Christ Church this year, which will be greatly missed.

POD-CHURCH

Our Pod-church services are continuing, at least up to Christmas, and we thank all those who take part each week.

ZOOM PRAYER , BIBLE STUDY AND ZOOM CHURCH MEETINGS All of these events are keeping us in contact and the Bible study "Zoom in to the Bible" has to be recommended. It's an opportunity to further examine the set reading of the day.

COMMUNITY

Everything we do as a church community is helping us to keep together, and be ready for the end of this modern day plague. You will read inside an article by Val Jones about Good Companions and she is offering a quiz book, not just for the oldies but for all the congregation if you want one. Her work with the housebound has been invaluable during this time.

NEW CHURCH HALL

A bit of news about the new hall inside.



Macsen & Lena enjoying the Harvest Service with an unknown friend who just dropped in

PRAY

At the time of going to print we heard the terrible news of Cathrin Brynach's road accident. She has had three operations, and as far as we know she is now in recovery although still in ICU. Please pray for Siôn and their four children, Pwyll 20, Mali 17, Amig 14 and Mael 11, as they come to terms with this traumatic event, and are unable to visit Cathrin because of Covid-19.

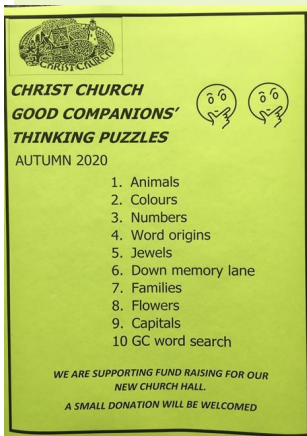
Let's pray also for those we know and love who we are not allowed to visit, and also those who are sick in hospital or at home.

Keep praying for an end to this time of pain for so many, and that soon our scientists will come up with an effective vaccine, and we will again be reunited with our families.

Linda Alexander Ed



GOOD COMPANIONS



How we miss our Tuesday afternoons get-togethers in the hall with chat, activities and tea and biscuits. However, we have been keeping in touch with our friends from Good Companions by telephone and doorstep visits.

We thought the tea, biscuits and activities would be a challenge but each week we have delivered a quiz or word puzzle to

our dear friends together with a sweet treat – they are responsible for their own cup of tea!!

We have created a variety of thinking puzzles on themes such as families, flowers, colours, animals, numbers and word origins.

We wondered if some of our Christ Church family might enjoy trying our quizzes and are happy to offer an booklet of 10 activities (with answers!) – preferably sent online otherwise a hardcopy delivered locally. **In return a small donation to the church hall fund would be gratefully received.** Please contact Val if you would like a copy vjjones2000@yahoo.co.uk or 02920747021

Well done Val, Alison and Sylvia for your constant care of the Good Companions. We all look forward to sending for your quiz book....

Royal British Legion needs your help

Hello all, most of you will have seen me selling poppies in the two weeks prior to Remembrance Sunday. What you probably will not realise is that I am the Poppy Appeal Organiser for the Whitchurch branch of The Royal British Legion.

I originally got involved fourteen years ago; a friend was a member of the RBL and, as I had just retired, asked if I would help her to man a Poppy stand in Tesco for a few hours a day. I went along and really enjoyed chatting to people who like to come up and tell you their stories of serving in the Armed Forces.

As I had been considering doing voluntary work, I agreed to become a member of the RBL and join the committee. For a couple of years I helped to prepare and distribute the poppy boxes and cans into the community. The then Poppy Organiser said he would like more help and I offered. The following day he rang to say that head office were sending me a pack to sign up and become a Poppy Appeal Organiser. That was how I 'volunteered'!

"coronavirus is very challenging"

From Whitchurch

we cover north east Cardiff, a large, widespread area. On my lists I have over twenty schools, also five supermarkets where we have stands in the week before Remembrance Sunday, all manned by teams of volunteers. In addition to these volunteers I have a further twenty or so who deliver to shops and businesses, also house-to-house collections in some outlying areas.

This year, due to coronavirus, is very challenging. We are not able to go into some schools, hospitals

and businesses and this will seriously impact on our donations. We usually deliver around four hundred poppy boxes and collecting cans, this year it will be under one hundred.

Last year at Whitchurch branch we collected over £42,000, unfortunately this year will not come anywhere near that amount. It is extremely hard work to organise however, I have a great team of volunteers and the end result makes it all worthwhile and gives great satisfaction. The money collected is used to support current and ex-service personnel and their dependents in their hour of need.

We are always looking for more volunteers who may be able to give a few hours of their time in the run up to Remembrance Sunday, I would love to hear from you for the 2021 Appeal.

This year, for the first time we are able to receive donations by text. Should anyone wish to do so the numbers are below:-

To donate £2 text POPPY2 to 70545

To donate £5 text POPPY5 to 70545

To donate £10 text POPPY10 to 70545

Sandra Brooks



We're represented twice on the Governing Body of CIW



We are extremely proud to have two of our congregation elected onto the Governing Body of the Church in Wales to represent the diocese of Llandaff. The Governing Body is responsible for decisions that affect the Church's Faith, Order and Worship.

It is the supreme legislature of the Church, broadly speaking the Parliament of the Church.

Well done, Justine and Hannah – we look forward to hearing all about your work on this important body!

Trystan, Vicar Christ Church



"In January this year I was really pleased to be elected as a member of the Governing Body of the Church in Wales. As a lay representative I will serve for a three-year period. The Governing Body comprises 143 members, 86

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of which are non-clerical. I am interested to further my understanding of how big decisions in the church are made and welcome the opportunity to offer my thoughts and listen to the views of such a diverse body.

Unfortunately my first meeting, which was due to take place in April in Llandudno was cancelled because of the COVID 19 pandemic and the meeting that was due to take place in Swansea in September went on-line. Due to some technical hitches the meeting was called to an abrupt end and is now rescheduled for November.

There has been lots of paper work to read which has offered me an interesting insight into how the Governing Body works. I look forward to meeting people in real life and participating in some interesting discussions and being part of the Church's supreme legislative body."

Justine Ryland

I'm delighted to have been elected onto the Governing Body, where I will get to play a part in the Church in Wales' decision-making.

I believe that the Church is called to equip all people to flourish as beloved children of God. My calling to Governing Body is to focus



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particularly on the full equality and inclusion of those who have historically been marginalised.

As many of you know, my spirituality is broad and varied: I grew up Quaker, was baptised (by Trystan!) at the University Chaplaincy as a student and have links with several religious orders. I'm looking forward to serving the Church in this new way and am excited to see where the Spirit moves over the next three years."

Hannah Burch

IF YOU WANT TO DONATE TO OUR NEW HALL



Part of the car park will be going up for sale shortly. We need extra funds to add to the sum raised from the sale. Please be generous with your giving. We've raised £361 this month from "Give a Little" Let's try and add to this in November. Your Church Hall Needs You !



[https:// givealittle.co/campaigns/9b77f132-7829-480c-ba60-32f1d509f3d4](https://givealittle.co/campaigns/9b77f132-7829-480c-ba60-32f1d509f3d4)



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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.

Sandra Hughes Tel: 029 20758588

Messy Church

Contact: **Linda Alexander Tel: 07814759559**

Youth Club J-Walkers age 11– 21

Sandra Hughes 029 20758588

Open the Book

Alison Peters 02920761277

Sylvia McCarty 0774324139

Child Protection Officer

Contact: **Colin Francis Tel: 02920 751773**

Music at Christ Church Sue Hurrell & Jane Roberts: :

youth choir on Tuesday evenings in Sue's house
email : hurrell.sue@gmail.com / 029 20485171

Main choir 2nd & 4th Thursday of month 6.30-7.30pm in church
Janeg@doctors.org.uk/ 07909 971293 **We'd be delighted to
welcome new musicians and choir members**

Good Companions Tuesdays 2:00pm– 4.00pm

Contact: Val Jones or Alison Peters

Val Jones Tel: 029 20747021

Alison Peters 029 20761277

Scouts – 84th Cardiff Wednesdays 7:30pm

Beavers Monday at 6.30pm

Cubs Wednesday 6:15pm

Geoff Payne 02920 756577/ Caryl Roach, 02920 754463

Rainbows in the church hall

Tuesdays 5:00pm

Contact: **Emma Lane Tel 02920 750675**

ConneXion Groups.....

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

**Join us during this difficult time for our online services
at PODCHURCH**

www.soundcloud.com/ christchurchcardiff