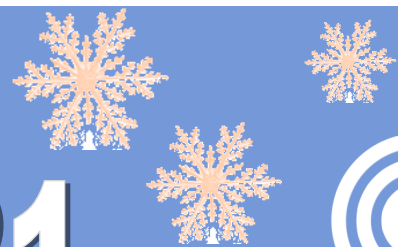


# Christ Church News

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

One thing we know, as we struggle with this pandemic, is that Jesus gives us love, stability and hope, and that even in the darkest valley, His rod and His staff they comfort us.

This year we have discovered new ways of telling people the good news that Jesus can be trusted even when everything around us seems lost and dangerous. Our services and preaching have gone out on the internet, reaching people who wouldn't ever have come into our building.

This year we have started to get used to outdoor and indoor services, Podchurch, Spiritual Communion, a regular Bible study, and zoom prayer, all of which have greatly supplemented our ability to worship and dig deeper into our faith.

This year we have learnt the lesson that whether inside or outside our building we are the church at Christ Church. Whether inside or outside our homes we are the church at Christ Church.

Let's remember to pray for all those in pain and sorrow at this time, all the lonely and bereft and all those grieving the loss of a loved one. All those in mental anguish and those tirelessly working on the front line of the NHS.

**As we look forward to 2021 with great hope, we will always hold this year in our hearts, a year when we learnt the truth afresh that Jesus is God with us. Whatever our problems he is always with us, even in a pandemic.**

**HE NEVER LEAVES US ...EVER**

Linda Alexander



**Rev Trystan, Sandra, Macsen, Lena & Lukas wish you all a blessed, happy and healthy New Year**

**BIRTHS** *At a time when we have just celebrated the birth of Jesus it's good to remember how vulnerable and needy is a new born baby. Both our church babies have been named Xander which we're told is a very popular name at the moment. Baby Xander Snell came into the world by normal birth and Baby Xander Hill came into the world before his time, by Caesarean which, whilst expected, was most concerning for the Hill family. Baby Xander Hill is now out of intensive care and is home with his family which is a great outcome. Both mothers and fathers are doing well. We can rejoice with both families as they hold their new born babies in their arms.*

### .... AND A DEATH

*We are sad to announce the death of George Cable. He happily was able to celebrate his 100th Birthday with us, back in February. We remember his family in our prayers at this sad time. Val Jones has written a tribute to him inside. Some of this was printed in our March Edition but we felt it was well worth repeating.*

**THANK YOU** Thank you to all those who delivered Christmas Gifts to some members of our congregation. There were 7 groups who delivered the gifts to around 40 homes. They took small gift bags with home-made preserves, biscuits, an orange, a little decoration and a card. These were given not just to our older members but also to some of those who we felt were a bit isolated from their families due to covid. **Sue Hurrell, Val Jones and Alison Peters**



## Our dear friend, George Cable by Val Jones

**George was from Lowestoft. He was born on February 16th 1920, just fifteen months after the end of the first World War; he was the fourth of seven children.**

He loved his life in Lowestoft surrounded by family and friends. George came to live in Cardiff with his daughter Jo about 9 years ago following the death of his wife, Sheila.

He loved coming to services at Christ Church and so enjoyed Tuesday afternoons with the Good Companions, and monthly Monday mornings with the daytime Connexions group. At Good Companions he loved chatting to people, singing, playing cards and dominos and was particularly pleased when we had cake! George was an avid reader and loved listening to classical music. In his sitting room in Lake Road West,



he was surrounded by his books, records, and mementos.

I would often visit George in his home and he would reminisce about his life in Lowestoft: helping his father raise pigs; delivering bread for the local bakery; working in the fish market and an artificial silk factory. In his teenage years he was a member of the local Boys' Brigade gymnastics display team and told

me how he was honoured to be selected to take part in an exhibition display at the Albert Hall in London – quite an achievement for a Lowestoft lad! And he had fond memories of exploring 1930s London during that visit.

During the war George served with the Loyal Suffolk Hussars. He told me his story of June 1944:

*The 220th Anti-Tank Battery Loyal Suffolk Hussars: waiting until it was our turn to join the convoy on the A12 in the early hours of the morning and trusting that all the hours of training were worth the effort. Arriving in the London area we were told to bed down in tents and that there was a delay of 24 hours for some reason. The next day off to the docks and boarded a USA Liberty Ship and then sailed down the Thames. The cranes on the bankside bowed down to us as we passed, so this must be the real thing.*

*That night down below was rather stuffy and I told my mate it would be better to sleep on the bow, so off we went to settle down for the night. A prolonged noise woke me up and I saw a lot of sparks, but I just went back to sleep. Unbeknown to me (I was told later) a German shell had dropped down the funnel and buried itself in the coal; the Navy had come alongside and shouted out why we were losing speed and leaving the convoy. The reply was that we had a bomb aboard and were trying to dig it out. The sailors re-*

*plied that as the bomb had not exploded already the ship was safe, and they left.*

*In the morning we were told the news and later saw the crew lift out the 5-foot shell and drop it overboard. The steam engine was in a bad way, so we were very late in arriving in France. Then it was down with the nets and climbing down into the landing craft.*

He witnessed some harrowing sights in Belgium and the Netherlands which continued to haunt him. He stayed on for a year after the war as part of the army of occupation and met Field Marshall Montgomery - who chastised him for not being in full uniform even though he was doing some manual labour on the side of the road!

George often told me that after the war he didn't think he would get married as all the American soldiers based in East Anglia had taken the local girls back to the USA as GI brides. However, in early 1952 he met his future wife Sheila and they married in March 1953. They had three children, Alex, Roderick, and Jo. During their retirement years Sheila and George were actively involved in a Suffolk Arts

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Link / Suffolk County Council library project entitled ‘Full of life’: they both had poems published. The couple were also involved in a project with school children to encourage creative writing.

Just over a year ago, in November 2019, he proudly wore his war medals to our church Service

of Remembrance. A couple of months later, in early February 2020 and just before his 100th birthday, he travelled back to Lowestoft where he was honoured with a ‘This Is Your Life’ ceremony by the St John Ambulance. George had been a senior first aider and trainer rising to the rank of Divisional Superintendent. One of his first major achievements was to launch an appeal in 1973 for the purchase of a brand new ambulance costing £4,000 - today this is the equivalent of £42,000.

**On Sunday February 16th we in Christ Church, celebrated his actual 100th birthday with George and his daughter, with singing led by the Funky Church children followed by a reception in the hall, and a couple of days later the Good Companions held a party for this very special centenarian.**

George brought so much joy to everyone he met: it has been a privilege to know this gentle, modest man. Val

**George Cable 16th Feb 1920—17th Dec 2020**



## We welcome our newest members



**BABY XANDER SNELL**

**WITH SISTER HOLLIE**

We give our love to these fabulous new babies. We pray that they will become healthy and strong as they grow. We also pray for the two families, Stephie and Kelvin Snell and Stephie and John Hill.



**BABY ZANDER HILL**

**AND DAD JOHN**

## Alex & Ethan wedding plans revised



**Hello everyone. What a strange year it has been. When we first planned our wedding for July 2020 we could never have imagined what the year would bring.**

It has certainly been a challenging year for many, and for us it has brought its own challenges. We found

the first few months of the pandemic especially difficult due to the uncertainty that it brought upon our wedding, especially as we believed the date we had been given was a gift from God. It was so frustrating that the planning and preparation that we had put in seemed, at least for now, to be wasted. The decision to finally postpone our wedding to next year was a tough one but brought a sense of relief, at last we had some resemblance of control.

Again we have seen God's blessings on us with our new date, we have been extremely lucky in comparison to many other couples. All our suppliers are available for our new date in May and we haven't lost a penny, a small miracle in what was a chaotic time for the wedding industry.

Looking forward to that new date we are hopeful that it won't have to be too stripped back or have a clinical

feeling to it, we would love to be able to forget about COVID for the day and be able to savour every moment (whilst remaining COVID secure of course).

To get married, to be able to see the smiling faces of our friends and family, to be able to sing hymns in our own wedding, and to be able to dance together; that would be more than enough for us. We are working closely with our eco wedding planner to think of back-up options, such as seating outside the church, which allow us to have the day we have dreamt of.

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We are so hopeful and trust God that we will have the wedding we are meant to have, but we would be lying if we said we weren't still a little nervous.

Above all, however, we thank God for the protection he has brought over us and our families during the pandemic. Despite Ethan's work seeing numerous positive cases, he has remained free of COVID and both our immediate families are also all healthy; we pray that this will continue so that they are able to share in that day with us.

**We are so looking forward to 20th May 2021 and we thank God for his continuous love and faithfulness. God bless, and have a wonderful new year.**  
*Alex and Ethan*

## Help needed for a house to rent

**We've had a request from Rev Andrew Wade for help with a family seeking a house to rent.**

*“Help needed for a local Christian couple with a teenage son. who are urgently searching for a house to rent privately for March 2021 when their current tenancy expires, preferably in Cardiff North/East (Lakeside, Pentwyn, Llanedeyrn, Heath etc) . Very reliable and hard working family*

*Phone Dana [07711805882](tel:07711805882)*

*If you would like more information you can email Andrew on [ajwade32@gmail.com](mailto:ajwade32@gmail.com).*



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Revd Chris Burr : Revd Siôn Brynach**

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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

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**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**