

Christ Church News

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Welcome to the May edition of our Church News

CHURCH OPEN It's been great news that the church is now open for 40 worshippers each Sunday. You don't appreciate the simple act of coming together as a people in worship until it has gone. Let's keep praying for a certain normality to come back to all our meetings. The zoom meetings and podcasts are still available.... see back page.

CHILDREN You will see that Rev Trystan and Sandra have been working very hard over this past year giving the Funky Church Children a taste of the bible on Zoom. At a time like this the children and young families could easily slip away and we appreciate the way this ministry to children has been kept going.

HAIR CUT FOR CHARITY Inside you will see how Amelia is offering her golden locks for others to benefit who have lost their hair to cancer. Please support her if you can.

TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND Rev. Chris Burr is planning to organise a trip to the Holy Land. Please read inside for more details. This could be your chance to walk on Holy Ground

MARGARET BEECHY We are pleased to announce that Margaret Beechy is 100 on 3rd May..... More inside

SUE HURRELL Sue has written an article about her call to ordination which is most interesting and well worth reading.

LAND FOR SALE Part of our car park is now on sale through Estate Agents Rawlins & Madely. It will be on sale for 6 weeks whilst bids are offered over £230,000. Please pray for a good outcome to this sale which is pivotal in paying for our new community hall.

GHANA ORPHAN BABIES If you missed our collection of funds for orphan babies in Ghana, you can still donate by contacting Val Jones on 07587007508

WALK THE WALK in our last edition we encouraged you to donate funds for our new hall each time you take a walk. Lynn Du Feu is ready to receive your donations.... Just ring her on 07721672925

BAPTISM Congratulations to Chloe Wang who was baptised on Sunday 25th April. More about Chloe in the next edition of this magazine.

Funky Church in Lockdown



Over the past eight months, Revd Trystan and Sandra have enjoyed delivering lively funky church sessions every fortnight over zoom.

There has been lots of learning and laughter as the children have played games and made crafts with Sandra, sung songs with some energetic actions, and heard Bible stories told by Revd Trystan's best friend - his cheeky puppet Joey! **There are between 10 and 20 children attending each week.** Last harvest we also had an outdoor service on the church car park, where 30 children and parents got to worship together... and to meet Joey in person! All being well with the weather, we are organising another service on bank holiday weekend.

Please keep all our children and their families in your prayers – it has not been an easy time for anyone this past year and naturally children need our support and prayers at a time when we can't do funky church in our usual manner.



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Judith Hill's grand-daughter Amelia, giving away her locks for charity

Amelia, (Rees & Becky Hill's daughter) will be cutting 13 inches of her hair to donate to the *Little princess trust* who make wigs for children who have lost their hair from cancer treatments and other illnesses. It costs £550 to make a single wig so with her hair donation we would like to raise enough to make a wig as well. If you would like to help Amelia raise some money to make a wig from her hair please donate using the following link www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Ameliajade-hill12

WELL DONE AMELIA and THANK YOU IN ADVANCE IF YOU CAN HELP HER OUT WITH A DONATION.



Congratulations Sue on your selection to be Ordained



I've been involved in music, children's and other church ministries throughout my life, but it was when I was doing my PhD that I first felt a call to ordained ministry and went along to a small group to talk about it. That calling has never gone away and I've discussed it with

the priests at the churches where we have worshipped over the years. During that time my calling has primarily been lived out through work to support and speak up for children with disabilities and their families.

Now that Immy and Owen are a bit older I have spent a couple of years exploring the call to ordained ministry in more detail, encouraged and supported by those I have talked to. And now I am due to start training this autumn, and that means starting on a placement in a different place. For me that's by far the most difficult thing because I've loved every minute of my time at Christ Church - I can't bear thinking about it. I've learnt such a lot from all of you, and felt supported and valued. It's hard to imagine I'll ever feel so much at home anywhere else.

I'm really excited about the new challenges and the things I will learn, and also a bit daunted, but I know that I am supported by God's love and by your prayers. I started some theological study earlier this year, which I'm really enjoying, and my most recent subject was mission. I think this last year has shown us that there are so many new ways of sharing God's love and the good news of the kingdom, online, through practical action, by speaking out against injustice - it doesn't have to all be focussed around our buildings.

I'm not saying goodbye now because I'm not going anywhere for months yet. But with things being so unusual at the moment I do wonder whether we'll be anything like back to normal before it's time for me to move on to my placement. I am training for self-supporting ministry which means that I'll continue to work part time as now, and we'll still be living where we are, so we'll definitely be around! *Sue Hurrell*

Margaret Beechey is 100 on May 3rd



CONGRATULATIONS MARGARET ON YOUR 100th BIRTHDAY

Many will remember Margaret who is now in a nursing home in Swansea. She came to Christ Church about 30 years ago, with her husband George, who was a retired Canon at Winchester Cathedral, they lived on Lake Rd East.

They were a delightful couple and spent a number of their retirement years visiting Paphos in Cyprus, with George as temporary vicar and Margaret as the perfect vicar's wife. Often George would stand in Christ Church pulpit and proclaim "GREETINGS FROM PAPHOS" as he began his sermon.

Margaret was always so stylish and had a great sense of humour. We thank her for the time she spent with us, and send our love and blessings for a wonderful 100th birthday celebration.

Holy Land trip 2022 led by Chris Burr



You may recall from pre-Covid times (remember those!) that I had been in touch to say that I was looking to organise a return trip to the Holy Land in 2020. Well, obviously that didn't happen (!) but confidence is high now that a full programme of pilgrimages will take place through 2022. Indeed, with Israel being at the forefront of the world's vaccination programme, many of the ancient and holy sites are already preparing to receive visitors later this year.

Whilst it's great that restrictions are finally beginning to lift here in the UK, it does look like 2021 is going to be another Staycation for the vast majority of us, not least because the rate of vaccinations in Europe and elsewhere is that little bit slower. What better time then to begin thinking about doing something special in 2022, and it doesn't get much more special than revisiting the Holy Land!



With this in mind, I am actively looking at leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land Autumn 2022, probably late September/early October. Those who have already visited at this time of year will know that whilst the crowds are that bit thinner, the weather is still guaranteed. Importantly, targeting Autumn 2022 also gives people a good 18 months to save up.

I appreciate however that we remain in uncertain times, so for now I am just testing the water to see if enough people are sufficiently interested to ensure that this is viable. As a result of pent up demand due to the pandemic, coupled with Israel being one of the safest destinations on the planet to visit due to their vaccination programme, I suspect that demand to visit next year may be higher than normal with the result that prices will have increased a little from previous trips I've led in the past. If I had to provide an estimate I'd say approximately £2,100/£2,200 for a 10/11 day trip, albeit those requiring single accommodation would face a supplement in addition to that.

So a pilgrimage such as this is not cheap, albeit in my opinion it still represents excellent value for money for what so many people describe as a stand-out, even transformational, experience.



If you are interested in finding out more details about this, please do get in touch. There's no commitment at all, I'm just looking to gauge viability through initial expressions of interest. If I think it's viable, I'll arrange a Zoom meeting where I can explain much more about what a pilgrimage like this might look like, and answer lots of the questions people will have. Only after that would I be looking for any kind of firm commitment.

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THE TELEPHONIST IN HEAVEN

*The telephonist stood at the Golden Gate
Her head was bowed and low,
She meekly asked the man of fate
The way that she would go.*

*"And what did you do down below
To gain admission here?"*

"I worked at the GPO for many and many a year."

*So Peter opened wide the gates
And gently pressed the bell*

*"Come right in and choose your harp
You've had your share of hell." Anon*

Veronica Moverley sent us this after recalling her own time as a GPO telephonist where she worked like one of the girls in the old films putting people through using various cables and jack connectors.

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Revd Chris Burr : Revd Siôn Brynach**



We wish you, and all those reading this magazine a time of refreshment as we come out of lockdown. We know that this pandemic has caused so much pain and worry and we want you to know that we are praying for you all.

If you have a particular prayer request please phone Val on 07587 007508 You can also email us at info@christchurchcardiff.co.uk or pop your request into the letterbox on our church door

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR SERVICES BY APPOINTMENT AS WE HAVE A RESTRICTED NUMBER OF 40 PLACES DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES. .

If you wish to attend the Sunday Morning 10.00am service please email us at info@christchurchcardiff.co.uk with your name and telephone number.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE.

THERE IS A PODCHURCH SERVICE EACH WEEK. This is open to anyone and the link can be found on facebook or just follow this link www.soundcloud.com/christchurchcardiff

WE ARE CONTINUING TO OFFER A SERVICE OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION ON ZOOM WHICH STARTS EACH SUNDAY AT 11.15am

THERE IS ALSO ZOOM INTO THE BIBLE AT 7.00pm EACH SUNDAY EVENING. WE ALSO HAVE A REGULAR ZOOM PRAYER MEETING EACH SUNDAY at 4.00pm

PLEASE EMAIL TRYSTAN, OUR VICAR IF YOU WANT TO JOIN AN ON LINE ZOOM SERVICE OR BIBLE STUDY OR PRAYER MEETING Trystan.Hughes@stpadarns.ac.uk

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