

# Christ Church News at PENTECOST

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## Chloe's Baptism



Hi, I'm Chloe Wang. I'm currently studying for a Master's in sport at the University of South Wales. I was born and grew up in China. I first came to Wales in 2018 for football study by accident as I was finishing my final year of study in China for my undergraduate degree in 2018.

A couple of months before I graduated from Beijing Sport University, I've been told that I could represent Beijing Sport University student to go to the University of South Wales for five months of football exchange study.

After the five months of study, I chose the University of South Wales for my Master's study. It was a fantastic experience and just a short story of the reason I came to Wales. Apart from football, I am also an amateur boxer since I was 13. Passionate about sport, especially football and boxing.

I enjoy every day in Wales, and I decided to join the Christian family one year ago before the pandemic as Jane Song used to bring me to our church services, I met so many lovely people at the church, and I know God is calling me in many ways. The night before my baptism, I couldn't sleep, and I read the words that Trystan sent me for my baptism over and over again until I went to sleep. That night, I felt a different life would come to me and I've never felt like that before.

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The morning I was baptised, I was nervous and excited. I cried when Sue played the song "Here I am Lord" for me. I laughed when Trystan got mixed up and called his gloves "masks" and then said it was because we have all become obsessed with masks!

When the baptism started, I felt like everything was worthy and at the moment when Trystan asked "Chloe, do you wish to be baptised?" "I do!" I said, with power and determination. And when I looked at Trystan, I just felt like this scenario is so familiar.



It made me feel this happened to me before. I don't know if this scenario was in my dream before or in a movie, or somewhere else. It was just so familiar. That feeling lasted two-second, I didn't know how to explain it, and it just happened. After that, Colin gave me a beautiful lighted candle, and I didn't know what to do with the candle whether I keep the light or blow it out when I got back to my seat, until Jane said you could blow it and I found it's not easy to blow it out as I was wearing a face mask.

**It was such a meaningful morning, and everything was perfect, the smiles, the sunshine, and a wonderful new start for me.** *Chloe*



### BAPTISM

**Congratulations to Chloe Wang** who was baptised on Sunday 25th April.

As well as Rev Trystan, Chloe is pictured with Jane Song who is such an encouragement to everyone who asks about Jesus.

**Welcome Chloe to our church family.**

# A surprise visit by Prince Philip

BY BRIAN WARD



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The King, or Queen's, Christmas message had always been on BBC radio from the early 1930s. After the war on 7th June 1946 the BBC reopened the television service, which had been closed down since September 1939, when the war started. At that time it's worth remembering that this TV service was the only one in the whole world as television was still in its infancy and operated at Alexandra Palace in North London which served London and the home counties.

In 1954/55 the BBC was expanding its Outside Broadcast Regional units (OB) Wales and the West was served by a unit based in Bristol, covering an enormous area from Penzance to Bangor so a new OB unit was set up in Cardiff around September 1954 for Wales.

At this time I was looking for a job and saw an advert in the Radio Times for technical assistants in the Television Studios. So I applied and was invited to attend an interview in London and they accepted me. I was due to start in Lime Grove Studios in London on 8th August 1955. I was all set for this but on 2nd August I received a telegram from the BBC saying that they were looking for a technical assistant to join the Welsh team in Cardiff. I replied at once to accept this and stayed based there until I retired in 1990.

After joining the BBC I was active in a number of technical and operational duties TV cameras and microphones

In 1958 I was active in Radio Links which was similar to satellite broadcasting today. In those days it was not possible to send TV from an OB source to the main transmission network via a satellite, instead it was sent by a line of sight radio transmitter usually on the roof of the technical van or on a nearby building to the OB site to a receiver on another van or mast which completed the first link, thus the term **Radio Links**. It was then retransmitted to another Links Vehicle at some remote place, often a suitable hill top where the vehicles could be driven. Usually two links were sufficient but sometimes in difficult areas a third link was necessary. In a grade 1 Outside Broadcast such as Royalty or the Prime Minister two complete links would be required with switchover points at each site to cover technical problems.

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In 1958 it was decided that the Queen's first televised Christmas Message would be televised from Sandringham which was covered by the Mid-

lands OB unit but with limited staff and equipment they cried out for help.

Wales replied yes, and supplied two units complete with staff. So I found myself helping an engineer from Birmingham at their first link point in their van on the perimeter of the Sandringham Estate.

On Christmas Eve we had all the equipment working and we were doing technical tests right through from the OB scanner to Sutton Coldfield.

**At 1500 hours there was a knock on the van door and as I was nearest to it, I opened it..... phew! I was not prepared for what I saw, for there was Prince Philip and his Equerry standing outside.**



*Prince Philip said "Oh Hello, could we come in and have a look around?" I said to the engineer, the only other person with me..... "Prince Philip would like to have a look around?". He nodded so I said "Yes, of course, do come in".*

He shook hands with me very firmly and they both stayed for about a quarter of an hour. We offered them a cup of tea but they declined the offer. The Duke was genuinely interested and asked a few technical questions. One such question was "oh, what is a saw tooth?," when we had been asked to send a saw tooth down the line. I explained that it was a test signal used to check the line for distortion, so named because the signal as displayed on the oscilloscope looks just like a series of teeth on a saw blade. On a TV screen it looks black on the left hand side, going to peak white on the right hand side. "Oh, yes", he said, "of course, I can see that."

Following that there was a request on the phone for a picture to put on the line. There just happened to be a camera on Sandringham lawn locked off but showing a back view picture of a rigger carefully straightening a cable along the lawn. This picture was being sent down the line, "Oh" said Prince Philip, "that's a rigger's bottom isn't it?"

Prince Philip was often chastised for things he said, but that's just the way he was, a lovely plain talking man. He left shortly afterwards, after shaking hands with us again, very firmly... .....I am so glad I met him.

Thanks Brian..... It's hard to tell the difference between photos of you and the Prince. Both very handsome..... ed

# My first Governing Body meeting

By Hannah Burch

In April, I attended my first **Governing Body** (GB) meeting. It was like being a member of parliament... but for the Church! I was sent a big parcel of papers to read in preparation. Then it was a busy, thought-provoking 2-day Zoom meeting with the other GB members.



We discussed climate change, ethical investment, biblical literacy, mission, new liturgy and the role of the priest... to name but a few! We heard each other's points of view and then decided a way forward for each issue by voting.

I wanted to share with you a couple of my highlights – if you're reading this online, click on an issue to [find out more](#).

Bishop Joanna brought a motion to ask us to declare a **climate emergency**: "If rising temperatures are to be restricted we have to learn to live and work differently. Our efforts, however small they might seem, will make a real difference." It got a lot of support and GB passed the motion. This means that the Church in Wales has now committed to planning for net zero carbon emissions, ideally by 2030.

Another item explored our understanding of ordained ministry. What does it mean to be a **Faithful Steward** in 2021? What is the unique role of the priest? We were given a range of essays on the subject (one of which co-authored by our former curate Rev. Jordan and another that was based on a paper by our vicar Revd Trystan) and a **study guide** to share with you. The hope is that congregations will explore these resources and discuss them in smaller groups.

In September, GB will debate and vote on a bill to authorise a service of blessing following a civil partnership / civil marriage between two people of the same sex. GB members have been asked to prepare for this debate through **study** and prayer. As a gay woman myself, I'm hoping and praying for a day when my relationship will be fully embraced by the Church that I love. The decisions taken at GB are important and they affect real lives - please pray for all GB members as we prepare for September's meeting.

**In summary... GB was quite the experience! If you're interested, you can find a [summary](#) of the whole meeting. You may even want to [stand for election](#) yourself one day!**

There are many sayings still in common use in our society today which originate from verses in the Bible. I assume that very few people realise the source of many of these well used expressions. Here are some of them. There are many more. Can you think of some others? Do you remember the context of the following?

**"Am I my brother's keeper?" [Genesis 4:9]**

**"Man does not live by bread alone" [Deuteronomy 8:3]**

**"The skin of my teeth" [Job 19:20]**

**"Three score years and ten" [Salm 90:10]**

**"There is no peace for the wicked" [Isaiah 48:22]**

**"The salt of the earth" [Matthew 5:13]**

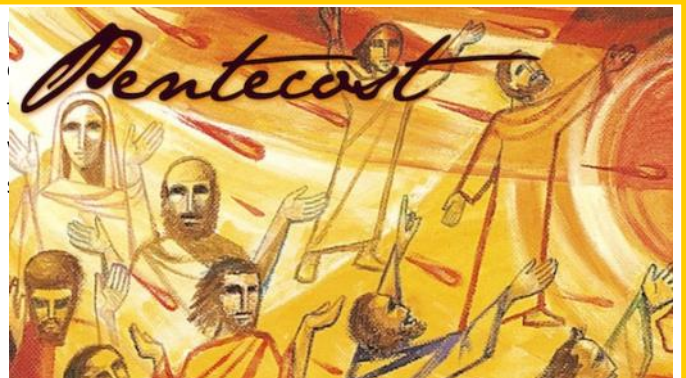
**"Pearls before swine" [Matthew 7:16]**

**"No room in the inn" [Luke 2:7]**

**"The powers that be" [Romans 13:1]**

**"A labour of love" [1 Thessalonians 1:3]**

Gwilym Wyn Roberts



Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday.

It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles.

**Fill me with your Holy Spirit, Lord, and let me experience a new sense of your Power and Love. Help me experience my own personal Pentecost Amen**

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**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](http://www.soundcloud.com/christchurchcardiff)**

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

**WE HAVE A REGULAR ZOOM PRAYER MEETING EACH SUNDAY at 4.00pm**

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