

# Christ Church News

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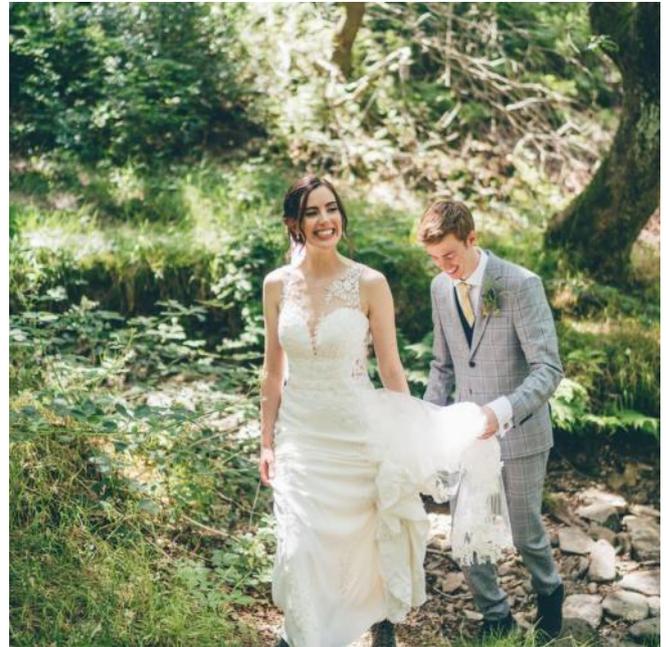
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## Two Weddings and a Reader



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### CONGRATULATIONS FROM ALL AT CHRIST CHURCH

Having cancelled twice because of covid, at last you made it. What a wonderful day.

Alex and Ethan you are our church Eco Warriors and even on your wedding day you kept your feet firmly on the ground. We love that you are deeply rooted and grounded in the love of God and his creation and we bless your marriage as you hold one another up in love.

### Congratulations to our new Reader, Eleanor Williams

### Congratulations to Anouk and Tony



Rev Trystan, Eleanor and Bishop June



What a wonderful wedding ! A huge llongyfarchiadau to Anouk and Tony on their special day. We wish you every blessing from all at Christ Church

The first wedding in Christ Church in three years !

More from Eleanor inside

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# Our new community hall news

Gift Day September 4th 10.00—4.00pm



A final push and we're there

**We are pleased to announce that we have sold part of our car park for a very generous price.**

We were thrilled to accept the offer made to us and now we need to pull in the rest of the finances.

We will be sending out a letter soon to all members of our congregation asking if you can help us get over the line. The project of our New Community Hall, is finally being costed at the time of writing and will be going to three builders for their demolition and building tenders.

This project started in 2014 and it hasn't been easy to keep it moving forward. During this covid-19 period it has been even harder because our church and hall just looks derelict and our opportunity to meet has been curtailed. ....**BUT NEW LIFE IS RETURNING.**

We want to thank all of you who have already given your generous gifts of finance, time and prayer. We don't want to be a church that is always asking for money, but we feel that this final push will help us build a hall which will be self sustaining. We will be having an array of PV panels on the roof which will generate enough electricity for both the church building and the hall too including both heating systems. We want to

thank All churches trust which generously supported us and also the Bernard Sunley Foundation and the Garfield Weston Foundation.

We also thank those amongst us who have diligently put in grant applications bought & sold preserves and vegetables, goods sold on Facebook, sold jewellery and much more..... **we are where we are because of your largesse.**

We also want to thank the family of Bill and Doreen Mapleson deceased, who loved this church. We also thank the family of Bernard and Edith Davies, deceased who both prayed and prayed that we might build our new hall. Bernard was a visionary who had hoped to live to see the building come about. Let's give that FINAL push... please help us if you can.

## We wish Taya every blessing in her new job

I first walked through the doors of Christ Church at the end of November 2019, whilst completing my postgraduate studies and immediately any worries about being new and not knowing anyone were alleviated. I received the warmest greeting, with a sense of belonging and acceptance before I had contributed anything or served the church in any way. This has continued throughout my time at the church, becoming more involved and getting to know so many people. Despite the church building being physically closed for most of the past year, the hypothetical 'door' of Christ Church has always felt open in both the highs and the lows. To me, this paints such a powerful picture of God's undeserved grace and unconditional love, accepting us into His family regardless of who we are or what we've done.

God truly provided for me that rainy Sunday in November 2019. Through formal teaching, Bible study groups, prayer, worship and much more (both in-person and online) I have learnt so much from this distinctive community. Thank you for encouraging me, challenging me and pointing me back to Christ every step of the way, as I have developed a deeper sense of His love for me, which in turn daily inspires me to demonstrate His love to others. Indeed, we love because He first loved us.

As many of you will know my time at Christ Church is

sadly coming to an end. This August I will be moving to Surrey to start working at a boarding school, teaching Geography and helping in the chaplaincy team. It is bittersweet. I am so excited about this next chapter but sad to be moving away from Christ Church and also further from friends and family across South Wales. Over this next year and wherever the Lord leads me after, I will be forever grateful for the firm foundation of faith I have developed with the help of you all here in Cardiff.

I would love to stay in touch with many of you and (time permitting!) hope to send an email update every half term or so - do let me know if you like to keep in touch this way (tayasellers@yahoo.com)! Sending my love and blessings to you all. **Taya x**

***"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:3-6)***

*We wish you bon voyage as you follow your dream ed*



# Eleanor considers her call

The four questions you are asked in the service licensing you as a Reader are:

- Will you observe the due order and discipline of the Church in Wales?**
- Will you obey those set in authority over you?**
- Will you continue to study the Holy Scriptures and the doctrines of our Faith?**
- Will you endeavour at all times so to order your life that it may commend the faith to others?**

And then, once you've answered, there's all the activity of being given your licence document, putting on your blue preaching scarf and processing out behind the Bishop.

Yet, I found those questions, tucked unobtrusively towards the start, really significant in this morning's service. Not only are they important in their own right, of course they are, but they're the same sort of com-

mitments that everyone on the ministry team at Christ Church has made.

So that whatever activity we're involved in, whether its Podchurch or working towards a Ministry Area, we've got those four commitments in the background; they must inform *how* we do whatever we do.

They're quite strict parameters within which we've got to act. I found myself having new respect for Trystan, Jenny, Chris, Sion, Ian, Andrew, Dominic. They've never let on that they are working within these tight imperatives. It's not a straightforward gig. Which is why your support and wonderfully affirming messages are so important. Thank you. It may not be straightforward, but, judging by our expressions, it does look fun, doesn't it?

Eleanor

## Letter from John Walrond, retired reader from Christ Church

### DÉJÀ VU

I have to say that Trystan's announcement of the creation of The North Cardiff Ministry Area, reuniting St Isan, Lisvane and St Faiths with Christchurch brought a wry smile to my lips. I recalled the day in 1994 when Neville and I beat the new parish bounds to delineate Christ Church Parish on the map to the satisfaction of the Archdeacon and subsequently the Diocesan Conference. At that Conference there were several voices ranged against the idea of the separation which was seen by many of the senior clergy as a step in the wrong direction although, of course, it was passionately desired by most of the Christchurch worshippers.

The rest is, of course, history and no one could deny that the separation with all its painful aspects released an explosion of pent up energies that with a few bumps and dips have produced the wonderful flourishing Parish that we have now become.

But in the background of all this there lies a perpetual problem for the whole Anglican Communion in England as well as Wales. The location of the ancient parish churches seldom matches the distribution on the ground of the worship-

pers: daughter churches to the old mother church are formed and eventually tensions over staffing, finance and pastoral outreach arise.

My very first involvement with parish administration was in a Midlands Parish where such tensions led to PCC meetings at which there was a conspicuous absence of Christian brotherly love.

I don't believe that what Trystan announced will be a return to the status quo ante. I am sure that there will be parishioners in the other parishes involved that will have the same misgivings as some in Christ Church will no doubt have about this development. The simple fact remains that the whole explosion of population growth in North Cardiff has created huge problems in Christian outreach for the Anglican community and the other denominations too.

How to keep our separate identity which has produced our wonderful Parish whilst at the same time being part of a team that reaches out further is not going to be easy. It is, nevertheless, an inescapable Christian duty. We'll need clergy and laity alike to think and pray about it.

John Walrond

## A sad goodbye to Audrey Pryce



On July 13th Owen Pryce, family, friends and neighbours bid farewell to Audrey in a beautiful and moving service of thanksgiving in Christ Church. With thought provoking Bible readings, music and comforting words we remembered Audrey for her devoted love of family and as an inspirational school teacher.

Following a number of falls and a stroke, Audrey was happily able to spend the final months of her life at home with Owen.

We at Christ Church, along with those from all other areas of Audrey's long and fruitful life, will always be thankful for what she, Owen and their daughters Sian and Sara have brought to our church family.

**RIP 2nd October 1936— 22nd June 2021 Val Jones**

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Revd Chris Burr : Revd Siôn Brynach**

**Readers : Dominic DeSaulles: Eleanor Williams**



Great news - Christ Church has become the first church community in Cardiff since the emergence of Covid to gain 'Working to become Dementia Friendly' recognition by Alzheimer's Society. Our huge thanks to Sylvia, Alison, and our Christ Church team for all their enthusiasm, expertise, and hard work. Also, a big "diolch" to Ingrid Patterson, Dementia Friendly Communities Coordinator (Cardiff and Vale), for assisting us on this journey.    Rev Trystan

**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, but we are taking a break until September. Prayer requests are still welcome during the summer.**

**PLEASE EMAIL TRYSTAN, OUR VICAR IF YOU WANT TO JOIN AN ON LINE ZOOM SERVICE OR PRAYER MEETING**

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