

Christ Church News

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Summer fun in our outdoor children's service



Lovely picture of Jack and Macsen along with our Vicar and his loyal friend

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS— LLONGYFARCHIADAU



All our love to Jake and Jonah Singh, who were baptised on 22nd May at Christ Church.

We are delighted to have them and their parents Adam and Rebecca as part of our church family.

PRAYING We are praying for baby Libby the 1 year old grand daughter of Roger and Julie Feesey who is currently seriously ill in the Evelina Children's Hospital in London. Her full name is **Liberty Hope Feesey** and we pray for her freedom from sickness, and for a wonderful hope and future, just as her name implies.



SINGING IN CHURCH At the time of writing we have just been given permission to sing inside church, with masks on, as long as Covid numbers remain low in Cardiff. So let's all proclaim a big Alleluia as we see the light at the end of the tunnel

MINISTRY AREA NEWS You will find inside a lot of information about our new MINISTRY AREA.

NEW HALL NEWS We are pleased to announce that we have sold a section of our car park to help pay for the New Church Hall. More next month !

AUDREY PRYCE

We are so very sad to announce the death of Audrey Pryce on Monday 21st June. Owen and Audrey have been regular members of Christ Church, especially since the death of their dear daughter Sian who died suddenly from Sepsis a few years ago. Our prayers and deep condolences go to Owen and Sara and all the family.

Claire's Fruit & Veg Bounty for Sale



Soft fruit beginning to ripen – gooseberries and red-currants will be available through July plus the likelihood of jams such as gooseberry/strawberry, raspberry, blackcurrant and red currant jelly. Depending on the weather courgettes and beans likely in later July. Phone Claire Edwards on 029 20756493 and

leave a clear message if no answer. Donations for Church Hall fund.



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North Cardiff Ministry Area

What's a Ministry Area?

In the same way that Jesus worked in a team, Ministry Areas are a return to a more collaborative way of working to enable God's people to work together effectively and creatively for church growth. By creating Ministry Areas we establish a stronger Christian presence in our communities that will enable us collectively to do more, today and into the future.

Ministry Areas are large parishes led by a team of clergy and lay people who draw on each other's strengths to increase the impact of the message of Jesus.

Where can I get more information?

<https://llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk/en/ministry-area-support/ministry-areas/introducing-ministry-areas/>

Do we have a choice?

No. The whole of Wales is moving to Ministry Areas. And, anyway, I'm not sure that there are reasons for *not* moving.

Who's in our ministry area?

Us.....and St Denys Lisvane, St Faith Llanishen and St Isan Llanishen

What's our name?

North Cardiff Ministry Area

What's our timeline?

The new Ministry Area should kick off in January 2022

Who's working on this from Christ Church?

On the Ministry Area Transition Team are Colin Francis, Rev Trystan and myself, Eleanor Williams, (who will be the Lay Chair of the Ministry Area). These are supported by Dominic and Gerald in the Christ Church focus group. If we need to check anything more widely, there's a pre-Ministry Area group in the church. This comprises people with a particular expertise in an area of church life who steer our contributions in the Transition Team meetings

What differences will I see?

- ◆ Instead of a PCC, there'll be a Congregation Committee who make decisions at a church level. They will make sure that Christ Church is represented at the Ministry Area Council
- ◆ On a financial front, for the time being, we'll continue to operate in much the same way that we do at the moment. Any changes will have to be approved by the Ministry Area Transition Team, which has Christ Church representatives.

- ◆ The Ministry Area will become a registered charity. We'll obviously be a part of that

- ◆ I hope there'll be more opportunity to work with others in our Ministry Area. But

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will still be Christ Church, with its own distinct personality and services.

What if I want to get more involved?

That would be great. Please speak to Colin, Trystan or Eleanor.

Eleanor Williams



ELEANOR, THE LAY CHAIR OF THE MINISTRY AREA

FROM TRYSTAN, OUR VICAR.....

Some older members will remember the old parish that we were in before becoming a separate church. While we are returning to be in a ministry area with the same churches as were in that parish (St Isan, St Denys, and St Faiths), I want to emphasise that we are **not** returning to the old parish. The Ministry Area is a completely different set-up that is **being formed with the aim of keeping the distinct and unique character of all 4 churches, especially on Sundays, but encouraging us to work together when looking outward to the community around us.**

- There will be opportunities to work with others in our Ministry Area when it comes to reaching out further in our community (for example, in schools and in care homes).
- Christ Church will still be the wonderful Christ Church that it is now, with its own distinct personality and services.

We are delighted that our own reader-in-training, Eleanor Williams, has been appointed the Lay Chair of the Ministry Area. (Thank you Eleanor for this article)

So, if you want any further information, don't hesitate to contact her: cregyn91@gmail.com

The rest of the diocese is also being formed into ministry areas, so please see all this as a really positive move – and let's continue to spread the love, hope, and joy of Jesus in our little corner of Cardiff!

God bless,

Trystan



ZOOM into the Bible



ANGHARAD BOTTOMLEY writes

I saw Zoom into the Bible advertised on Twitter. Not one to be shy about joining in things outside of my own parish I got in touch. From the start everyone was so welcoming even though I was a little nervous to start off.

It quickly became one of the highlights to my week. It was so good to come together virtually especially in times of lockdown. Someone different from the clergy team would lead the Bible study each week and then we would break into random groups for discussion. I enjoyed the variety and it meant I got to know different people each time. When it came to the questions and discussions it wasn't always about finding the right answers. We each shared our thoughts and stories and experiences. I learnt new things and I was encouraged and inspired by others. It was also a good challenge for me. There were no answers in a book so

it really made me think and reflect on my own faith, understanding and experience. I've made new friends that I hope to keep in touch with and I hope one Sunday to come visit. It really felt like such a blessing to be part of the Bible study. **Many thanks to all involved and for letting me gate crash!**

ANGHARAD'S BIOGRAPHY

I live in the Rhondda. I'm a lone parent to a nearly teenager who keeps me on my toes. I started attending St David's church in Tonypandy when I was a nearly teenager and that is where I am now. However, in between, I was one of Jehovah's Witnesses for over 15 years. Through the pandemic it's been difficult to go with the restrictions and reduced public transport. Like many I've really relied on online services. Since our last Bible study I've finally got a small car and I'm waiting for an available driving test. I've also applied to do the Theology for Life course with St Padarn's which I'm a little nervous but pretty excited about!

We have always enjoyed your presence in our Zoom Bible Studies and we wish you well in your ongoing course at St. Padarns and your driving test

Welcome home to the Church in Wales



Books+ is opening again

BOOKS Plus is the Christian bookshop on the concourse at UHW which has changed location amongst the concourse shops, and has had to completely refit the new shop, as well as move all the stock from the previous shop.

It has been closed since the Covid lockdown began and has had several logistical problems to resolve. **All going to plan, it will reopen on 12th July, Monday to Fridays, from approximately 9.00a.m. to 5.00p.m. Please do go and visit the store and show your support if you can.**

There is a wide range of general books for adults and children, greetings cards as well as Bibles and a range of Christian titles.



The shop relies on having sufficient volunteers to staff it fully.

With all that has gone on over the last 18 months, the number of volunteers needs a boost! Could that be you?

If you can offer one morning or afternoon a week, it would be greatly appreciated. It is a lot of fun, working with a good team of people from churches across Cardiff. Serving customers, pricing stock, changing displays, keeping the shelves tidy – and none of it difficult and you would be trained. If you would like to know more, please get in touch with me as soon as possible. Your interest and support is essential to keep BOOKs Plus fully open in the future.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED....

COULD THAT BE YOU?

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Revd Chris Burr : Revd Siôn Brynach**



OUTDOOR FAMILY SERVICE IN JUNE

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

Thank you Rev Ian and Brenda for sorting out the office which has had a look of abandonment since Christmas with the Christmas figures standing forlornly looking over the mess. It's starting to feel a bit normal.

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

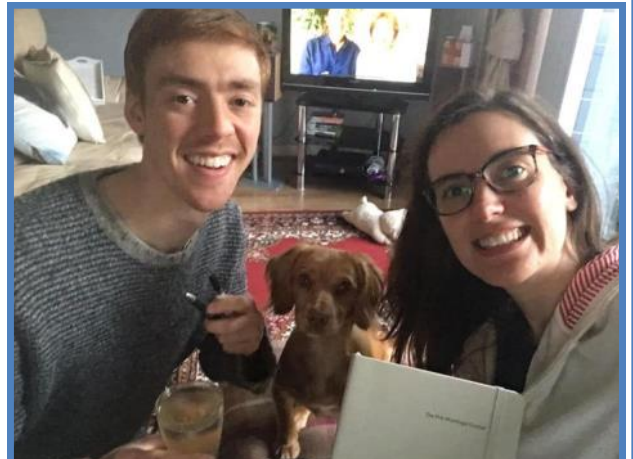
WE HAVE A REGULAR ZOOM PRAYER MEETING EACH SUNDAY at 4.00pm

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

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**Preparing for their Wedding
on 21st July**

Please pray for Alex and Ethan that they will have a wonderful sunny day filled with love, joy and laughter.

More Next month !