

Christ Church News

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Owen sings on the BBC



Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Our own Super Choirboy Owen Hurrell

Inside you will find an article by Owen Hurrell, one of our Junior Choir boys who has sung his way right through lockdown in all our podcasts. We are all amazed at his willingness to continue singing through the 18 months when the church has been closed.

He has brought life and hope to us all through this time.

We wish him every success in the
BBC Young Chorister of the year competition.

FUTURE 10am SERVICES

With the relaxation of Covid regulations, we are taking further steps to bring more of our church family together to worship safely.

- ♦ **Funky Church in the hall:** Funky Church will return to the church hall from Sunday 12 September — we will meet twice a month. Parents can book to attend the 10am service, as we are increasing numbers...
- ♦ **Increase in numbers:** Our risk assessment now allows us to increase numbers attending our 10am service from 40 to 65. When we have more than 40 booking, then social distancing will be relaxed to 1 metre, although there will still be an empty pew between each used pew.
- ♦ **Bible readings:** From October, our reading rota will be returning. If you would like to be on our reading list, to read a lesson at our 10am service, please do let us know.

Welcome to our news

We will miss you, Sue Hurrell!

We thank Sue for everything she has done for us, including organising the wonderful music on the podcasts through the pandemic. We wish her well as she starts ordination training. We are going to miss her so much!

Funky Church Summer Event

What a lovely event we had — see pictures inside.

Colin and Ann Francis

We thank you both for your commitment to keeping us all safe during the pandemic.

PRAYER POINTS

Libby Feesey We continue to pray for Libby who is in Great Ormond St Hospital in London. She is the granddaughter of Roger & Julie Feesey. She is not out of the woods yet but is starting to show signs of recovery.

Elizabeth Davies Elizabeth has had a minor stroke & needs our prayers.

Posy Akande We're all so very sad to hear of the death of Posy Akande during August. She has always been such a vibrant member of our church family. You can read more inside. We pray too for her family and husband James

Alan James We have just heard of the sudden unexpected death of Alan. Please pray for Ann and family in their grief.

Rosemary Webb There will be a memorial service in memory of Rosemary Webb in the church on 1st September at 2.00pm. Our love goes out to Carol and Neil at this time.

Owen Hurrell writes...

I have been a chorister in Llandaff cathedral for 6 years.

This involves singing for 10 hours a week (pre-Covid), with 7 rehearsals and 4 services a week. Although it is very time consuming, I still really enjoy it. My favourite services every year are the Advent procession, at the beginning of Advent, and the Maundy Thursday service in Holy Week. However, I have missed both of these services due to the lockdown restrictions not allowing us to sing in the cathedral and as a result forcing us to go into zoom rehearsals. This has been weird because I haven't been able to interact with the other choristers. I really enjoyed contributing to music at Christ church during the lockdown when I haven't been able to do much in the cathedral, through Podchurch, services in the car park and also the services we can now do inside the church.



Recently, I entered a video recording of me singing some solo pieces to audition for the **BBC Young Chorister of the Year competition**. A month or so later we were told that I had got through to the semi-final with 5 boys and 5 girls out of hundreds throughout England and Wales. What will happen is I will go to a cathedral in England in October for 2 days and on the first day record the semi-final where I'm singing a version of 'My Song Is Love Unknown' by Malcom Archer. If its anything like last year 6 of the 10 choristers will go through to the final and if I get through, I will sing the Welsh traditional Lullaby 'Suo Gân'. I am currently learning the words for Suo Gân for if I get into the final which is not easy considering I'm not a Welsh speaker and the whole piece is in Welsh!

I'm very excited for the competition because it's a once in a lifetime experience, however I won't be able to tell anyone how I did until when the show is broadcast during Advent. Nearer the time we will let people know when it is being broadcast.

Owen Hurrell

We are all going to be rooting for you Owen, and look forward to hearing the result. Ed

Mary Rose Akande (Posy) Goodbye dear friend

All of Posy's many friends at Christ Church will have been saddened to learn of her death. She was a member of our family here for so very many years, and much admired for her many qualities.

Posy was a very talented and gifted needlewoman and a great gardener. Looking around the church there are a number of examples of her fine workmanship. Not least of these are the kneelers around the altar, which would not have been made without Posy's perseverance and organising abilities. They will always be a reminder of her life amongst us here, where she gave so much to so many. We feel for James, Rachel and Jonathan and their families and send them our sincere sympathy. *Elizabeth Burston*

Below is an extract from a family tribute to Posy on the internet, with a request to support Cancer Research if you want to give a gift in her memory.



Posy was a true carer at heart, giving much of her life to the service of others and put the needs of family and neighbours ahead of her own. Her actions positively touched so many people and her departure will leave a hole for many of us.

Posy beat cancer once and was clear for more than ten years giving her the opportunity to welcome and enjoy five grandchildren and be the matriarch of the Akande family in the UK. When secondary cancer struck, she fought it privately but with optimism. She took comfort from her faith, her family and a team of professionals who were involved in her care. Her wish was that her legacy would raise money for research that might help others beat cancer as she did first time round. She was incredibly grateful to the amazing teams that treated her on both occasions.

Her fundraising is a tribute to the difficult work that these professionals undertake on a daily basis.

Posy was a keen recycler and nothing was ever wasted. Perhaps this explained why she was not the greatest fan of cut flowers. In keeping with this and her desire to help others, she asked that people did not spend money on cards and flowers. Instead, she asked that if people would like to do something she would value a small contribution to cancer research UK.

Rest in peace Posy, we shall all miss you.

Funky Church Summer Event

After a busy (but very different) year for funky church, the children and parents met for prayers and games on Heath Park for the final session before the summer break.

Every fortnight over the past year, we have been running a funky church on zoom, as well as the occasional car park service. Despite quite a few of the children being away on holiday already, it was still lovely that a group were able to meet on Heath Park for the final session before summer - lots of funky church fun, football, and friendship.

The good news is that, from September, funky church will return to the church hall, initially we will meet twice a month during the 10am service. Although the past year has been an uplifting and worthwhile year of children's ministry, the leaders, parents, and children are so looking forward to returning to some kind of normality and to another fun year of learning and friendship.

Revd Trystan & Sandra



A Candle Called Hope for Baby Libby

Please keep on praying for baby Libby and all the family. We dare to pray for a miracle healing for precious Libby.

A number of friends of Paul and Becca (Libby's Parents) are undertaking various fundraising events and tasks, to support Great Ormond Street hospital who are looking after Libby. Her middle name is Hope, so this candle is named likewise and is available for purchase to help support the hospital. If you are looking for ideas for Christmas or a birthday, one of these Hope candles may be just the gift, or maybe treat yourself?

Hope Charity Candle. All profits going to GOSH for Libby. Our medium sized candle gently fragranced with Jasmine & Honeysuckle florals



The candles cost £10 and can be purchased via [this link](https://natural-soy-candle-shop.sumup.link/products)

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postage is £3.99.



Melody, Clara & Liberty
with mum and dad,
Paul & Becca



Grandad Roger & Grandma Julie

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Rob Hibbert Rob and Gaye Hibbert have tended the front garden of the church over a number of years. Both are completely unassuming. They are artistic, caring, and loving and work so hard keeping the front of the church looking wonderful.

Rob has recently suffered a stroke after a serious operation and we pray for his full recovery. We also pray for Gaye as she looks after Rob. There is a lot in the Bible about God being the gardener and they have indeed shown the face of God as they have tended our plot.

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 Jones our Pastoral Care Leader on 07587 007508

You can also email info@christchurchcardiff.co.uk or pop your request into the letterbox on our church door

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR SERVICES BY APPOINTMENT. WE NOW HAVE A RESTRICTED NUMBER OF 65 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. Starting again on Sunday 5th September after the summer break.

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

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