

Christ Church News

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Funky church is back

It's so good to see the young people and young families back using the hall for funky church twice a month. This rings of a certain amount of normality which is most encouraging.

Chatterbox is also back and they are able to take 15 children and parents which is another step in the right direction. We are now able to have up to 65 in our services and we can even sit a bit closer now. It's sad that we still can't sing in church, but we're sure that this will return soon.

When we think about the children of Israel in the wilderness it feels a bit like that right now. They weren't sure where they were going, there was no way back and everything that they had ever known was taken away or changed. This time of Covid hasn't been quite that bad but life has certainly taken on quite a different hue, and it's been a lot longer than any of us ever expected. So let's take heart from our young people who are living in the moment, and not worrying too much about the future.

Let's praise God for all the blessings we have in our lives, and if we can't sing in church there is nothing to stop us praising God by singing outside and in our homes. Perhaps we might consider singing a favourite hymn or song as we go about our daily life. Covid can't silence us and won't silence us.

Welcome

It's so good that our children are back meeting in the church hall. Thank you Macsen and Sam for listening to God. A sign for the rest of us ...we hope.

Christening Inside you will see pictures of the Christening of Xander, the grandson of Mike and Gill Barker and son of Stephanie and Kelvin Snell.

PRAYERS

Baby Libby

Please continue to pray for baby Libby Feesy who is getting better by the day and is now home after 13 wks.

Please pray for Olive Taylor, who started coming to our church during lockdown. She's had a nasty fall and broke 5 of her ribs. She is currently resting at her daughters house in Lakeside.

Hilary Chiles Please pray for Hilary Chiles who has had a number of nasty falls.

Linda Alexander Thank you for your prayers during my recent suspected heart attack. I'm now much recovered and "taking it easy" Linda

Governing Body

Please pray for the Church in Wales Governing Body.

Obituaries

How sad it is to have to include three obituaries of such good and faithful members of our church family. Please pray for each family member left behind.

NEW HALL See back page

Xander's Christening

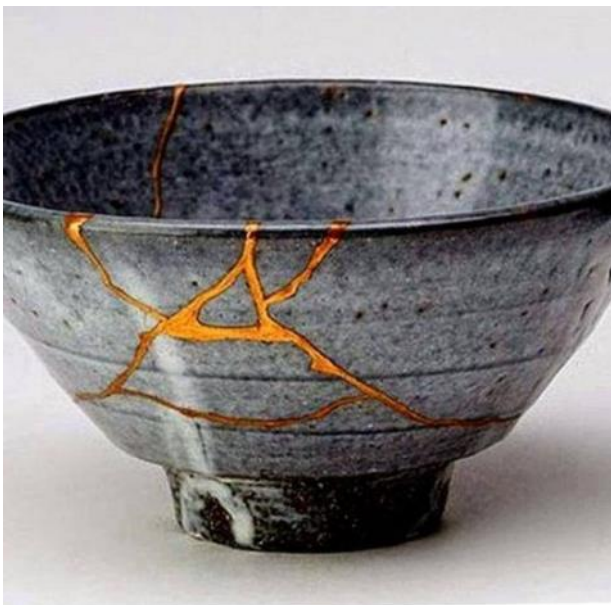
Thank you Rev Chris for presiding so sensitively at Xander's Christening.

The family absolutely loved the way you spoke to the children and explained the ceremony. Holly loved being at her little brother's Christening.



Beauty for brokenness

The Japanese have a spiritual art called Kintsugi where instead of throwing a broken pot away they join the broken pottery pieces together with gold with the idea that embracing our brokenness is where a stronger and more beautiful life is created.



Governing Body Meeting in Newport



JUSTINE RYLAND

We are extremely proud to have two of our congregation elected onto the Governing Body of the Church in Wales to represent the diocese of Llandaff. **The Governing Body is responsible for decisions that affect the Church's Faith, Order and Worship.**

A bill to authorise a service of blessing for same-sex partnerships was passed by the latest meeting of the Church's Governing Body. We thank Justine and Hannah for being a part of that discussion.



HANNAH BURCH

Not everyone will welcome or understand this move by the Church in Wales, but we accept that it is now the law of the church. To bless a couple who are lovingly committed to one another must be a part of our inclusive society.

Sometimes when we don't understand something it's a good idea to put it on one side, pray about it, and give it time. *Linda Alexander, Editor*

Thanks for supporting Great Ormond St Hospital

Look at Libby on her mobile cow, ready to go home. We are still praying for her complete recovery. Thank you to everyone who ordered a "HOPE" Candle in aid of Great Ormond St Hospital where Libby has been these past few months.

Libby's parents have announced the following "We are so proud to share that because of your kindness we were able to send £500 across to GOSH today. Your purchases of our Hope Candle exceeded our expectations and this amount is just incredible so thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity"

The sum has been reserved to benefit the department that has been treating Libby.

Please keep on praying for Libby and the whole family as Libby convalesces at home.



Alan James remembered

Alan James has been a very dear friend of ours for nearly seventy years and at his death we still loved him. He was a kind and generous man who enjoyed a long and happy marriage with his wife, Ann. Their children, Neil, Ian and Beth were brought up in Christ Church and the boys were regular servers at the Eucharist. Alan and Ann were often to be seen sitting in the front pew next to the organ. Alan loved church music and the rich panoply of the Anglican liturgy. He had a very quick wit and conversing with him was very stimulating. After retirement as an architect, Alan enjoyed strolling around Cardiff sketching buildings and the rich urban scene and, of course, keeping up with events in the lives of his grandchildren Kate, Lauren and Sam.

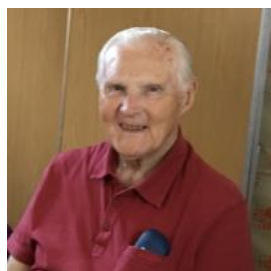
We will miss Alan greatly, as will all who enjoyed his lively conversation and good company.
Elizabeth & Derek Burston

We will all miss you Alan and the beautiful paintings that you used to post on Face Book. RIP Alan 16/11/31—18/08/21

Don Porter

We say goodbye to Don who worshipped regularly at Christ Church at the Thursday morning Eucharists, was a stalwart member of Good Companions and a regular at the Christ Church Society evenings.

Don will be remembered by many of us for his incredible enthusiasm for games including bowls, dominoes and cards alongside word puzzles and quizzes. At Good Companions he loved to sing and chat and always appreciated a slice of homemade cake with his cup of tea!



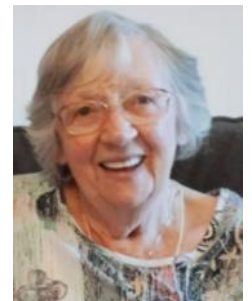
Don travelled to the USA on family vacations and loved to tell of the sights he'd seen on his return. He fought a challenging illness for many years and endured the equally challenging treatment with fortitude and courage. Don's health increasingly became a concern over the past year or so and losing his best friend, Ken Perkins, was a particular blow for him. Don shared with Ken a passion for rugby; he was never happier than when he and Ken were able to share a pub meal whilst watching their beloved Wales. During this past year it has been so good to see photographs of Don during his time at Ty Coch where he was able to enjoy a pint of beer and a game of dominoes as well as visits from family. **We send them all our love and condolences in their loss of a lovely man.**

Marian LeBeau

Marian was born in South Shields on 8th March 1926. Her mother died in childbirth and she moved to live with her family in Cardiff aged only a week or two. She was adopted by her mother's older sister who lived in Rumney. The story of the emergency rescue car journey to South Shields and back is part of family folklore!

She was a regular at Christchurch after moving to the area in 1983.

She died on Sunday 12th September, aged 95, leaving daughter Karen and two sons, Stephen and Jonathan.



Marian was such a vibrant and lovely person. Before she became ill she was known by many in the congregation and she would always have a kind word to say.

We shall miss her gentle presence. RIP

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CHRIST CHURCH NEW COMMUNITY HALL UPDATE

We are thrilled that the land at the edge of the car park has now been sold, subject to contract. As you might know that even with this tranche of money we are still short of funds to build our new hall. If you are able to gift us something towards our building fund we would be most grateful. The current hall is now getting into a very dilapi-

dated state and needs replacing very soon. You can send your gifts to our treasurer John Hodgson and indicate it is for the hall and whether you are able to gift aid it.

John's email address is johnhodgson@btinternet.com and postal address is 173 Cyncoed Rd, Cardiff CF23 6AH You can also donate using this QR code.



THANK YOU. YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE THIS EXCITING PROJECT HAPPEN

PRAYER We wish you, and all those reading this magazine a time of refreshment as we come out of lockdown. 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](mailto:info@christchurchcardiff.co.uk) or pop your prayer 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.

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

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