

Christ Church News

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

14th November



We are pleased to announce that we will be holding
a Service of Remembrance on
Sunday 14th November at 10am in the church
followed by a short service outside at the Calvary
Stone straight after the service.

You are invited to attend by booking your places in the usual way. We weren't able to hold this service last year so it's another small step forward.

Welcome

BIRTHDAY WISHES Ann James' 90th Birthday was celebrated on September 16th. Also if Alan had lived, his 90th Birthday would be on November 16th. We wish Ann a belated Happy Birthday and also think of her as she remembers Alan's 90th too.

PRAYERS Our prayers go to

Liz Reid, who is currently in recovery from Covid.

Nadia Bunston who has had a number of falls

And Baby Libby Feesey who is in recovery but whose condition needs expert ongoing care and preferably a miracle.

SAD NEWS At the time of printing we have just heard the sad news of the sudden death of Gloria Thomas, from Covid. What a cruel virus this is!

COMMUNITY HALL UPDATE



We are thrilled that the land at the edge of the car park has now been sold, and contracts exchanged.

Phase one of our Community Hall Project has been completed and now we move on to phase 2, which is gathering together the remains of the required funding, and putting the project out to tender.

Some members of the congregation have already contributed generously to the fund and several charities have shown faith in our project by providing us with substantial grants, but we are still short of our

financial target. **If you have not already done so, we would urge you to consider making a contribution, however small, as soon as possible to help us get over the line.**

It would be a shame if we cannot muster the funds to replace our present hall. Having come so far, we don't want to fall at the final hurdle. Please send your gifts to our treasurer John Hodgson, 173 Cyncoed Rd, Cardiff DF23 6AH or use the QR code .

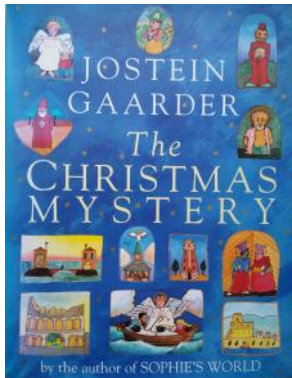
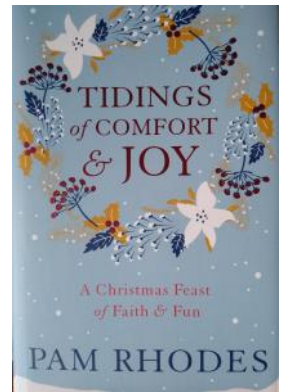
THANK YOU, AS WE BUILD A COMMUNITY HALL FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



Books at Christmas

As the nights draw in and get darker, my thoughts turn to "What will my books for Christmas be this year?"

I usually have two or three on the go so thought I could recommend a couple that you might like to have at your hand. **Firstly, 'Tidings of Comfort & Joy' A Christmas Feast of Faith and Fun, compiled by Pam Rhodes.** An anthology of stories, poems, & carols - some faith based, some humorous, some nostalgic. You may have come across some before, but others will be new. You can dip in and out as and when you please. They will definitely help enhance the tidings of comfort and joy to be found at Christmas. It would make a good gift as well.

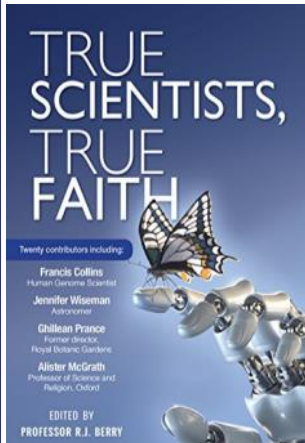


My second recommendation is a children's book that I think you might like and enjoy for ages 9+ through to adult.

'The Christmas Mystery' by Jostein Gaarder, has a chapter a day from 1st December through to Christmas Eve. An Advent book if ever there was one. A mysterious and magical story of a journey back through two thousand years of history to Bethlehem to see the Christ child. A magic Advent Calendar found in a shop, mysterious slips of paper, and a young girl who had disappeared! The phrase "To Bethlehem, to Bethlehem" echoes through the pages. Give it a try, adults and children alike.

Roger Feesey.

Do you have friends or family members who claim that science and faith are incompatible? Are you intrigued by the motivation of eminent scientists who are also Christians?



"True Scientists, True Faith" may be just the book for you. Edited by R.J. Berry, former Professor of Genetics at University College London, it contains the faith testimonies of twenty leading scientists.

They include Francis Collins the former head of the Human Genome Project and the current Director of the National Institute of Health, USA. The Human Genome Project, you will know, successfully sequenced the complete biochemical make-up of DNA. Collins' shares his own journey to faith. He eloquently describes DNA as the "language by which God spoke life into being" and reveals his "awe in surveying this most significant of all biological texts".

Other testimonies come from scientists who have held eminent positions such as; Director-General of the Meteorological Office; Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew Chief Executive of a UK Research Council.

"True Scientists, True Faith" provides intriguing glimpses into the personalities, careers and faith journeys of twenty scientists in a range of specialties including Astrophysics, Evolutionary Paleobiology, Ornithology, Nanomaterials, and Marine Geophysics.

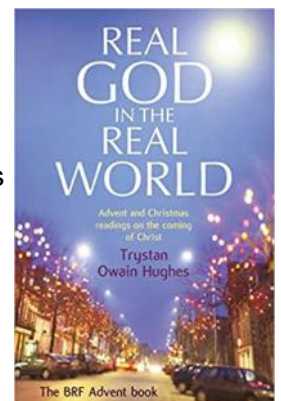
It is a fascinating read and highly recommended. Dr Sally Lewis

Last but not least is this book for Advent "Real God in the Real World" by Trystan Owain Hughes, Vicar of our church. A real treat as you prepare for Christmas.

This book offers a lively, engaging, and accessible look at the theme of the Incarnation, the mysterious event at the heart of Christmas, using personal stories, illustrations from popular culture and the arts, as well as daily Bible readings.

The starting-point is what the 'Word made flesh' means for us and how the first Christmas should still have an impact on our everyday lives. We will be taken on an absorbing journey to help us recognise the person of Jesus in the people we meet, the conversations we have, and even in our relationship with nature and the arts.

By the end of our journey, we will not only recognise Christ in others, but also in ourselves, as we model ourselves on him and share his love, compassion and peace with our neighbours, whoever they are and whatever their backgrounds.



FUNKY CHURCH and CHATTERBOX



CAROLINA, JACK, MACSEN AND HARRY

In Funky Church we explored what it means that God is king and that we are his children.



After a long and challenging year, we are all so happy to be back at Chatterbox

Preserves from Claire



Help to raise funds for Christ Church New Hall: Preserves available from Claire 029 20756493 (leave a message if no reply)

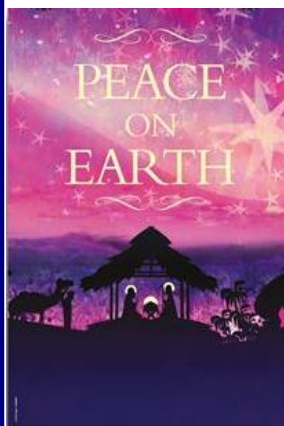
Various sizes of Spicy Plum Chutney (perfect for Christmas), Beetroot pickle, Spicy Tomato Relish, Redcurrant Jelly, Blackcurrant, Plum and Raspberry Jams and a 3 fruit Marmalade (lemon, orange, lime)

- ♦ Thank you Claire for your constancy in fund raising for the church hall

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

CHRISTMAS POSTERS FOR OUR WINDOWS

This Christmas, Christ Church has new banners, postcards, and bookmarks, on the theme of "Peace on Earth". You can even have one of these themed posters as part of your Christmas decorations, to put on your window or door!



Our publicity team (Roger Feesey [our new advertising officer], Linda and Rev Trystan) encourage you to order one of these lovely posters (£5 A3 or £3 A4) from Roger on 07851312600 or rogerfeesey@gmail.com

NEW HALL BOOKING SECRETARY WANTED

Gill Barker has organised the bookings for the church hall for the past 9 Years. She is finding now that due to family commitments she doesn't have enough time to do the job.

We are looking for someone to take over from Gill in the new year. **COULD THAT BE YOU?**

We need someone who is fairly organised, can keep records and is able to chat on the phone. It's a job that mostly can be done from home so even a car isn't necessary. At the moment we are taking very few bookings so it's an ideal time to learn the job. Gill is happy to train that person for a smooth handover.

If you are interested in knowing more please ring Gill on 02920 747464

Margaret Beechey RIP

We are sad to report the death of dear Margaret Beechey. You will have read about her in our May edition when she celebrated her 99th Birthday. (We thought it was 100th but it was in fact 99th). Such a wonderful woman, wife and mother. Her husband Rev George, was a Canon at Winchester Cathedral and she was the perfect vicar's wife. She had such a wicked sense of humour and joined in all that Christ Church had to offer with aplomb. **Our prayers and love go to the whole family at this sad time.**



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**From 1st January 2022 we will become a part
of the North Cardiff Ministry Area.**

Please pray for this time of change in so many directions, that it will be a good and fruitful time as we learn to grow together with our North Cardiff Church Group

CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS

Soon we will be looking for volunteers to deliver our Christmas leaflets. Please help Roger as he takes on the distribution task by volunteering your street. Roger's mobile is 07851312600

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 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 5.00pm.

**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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