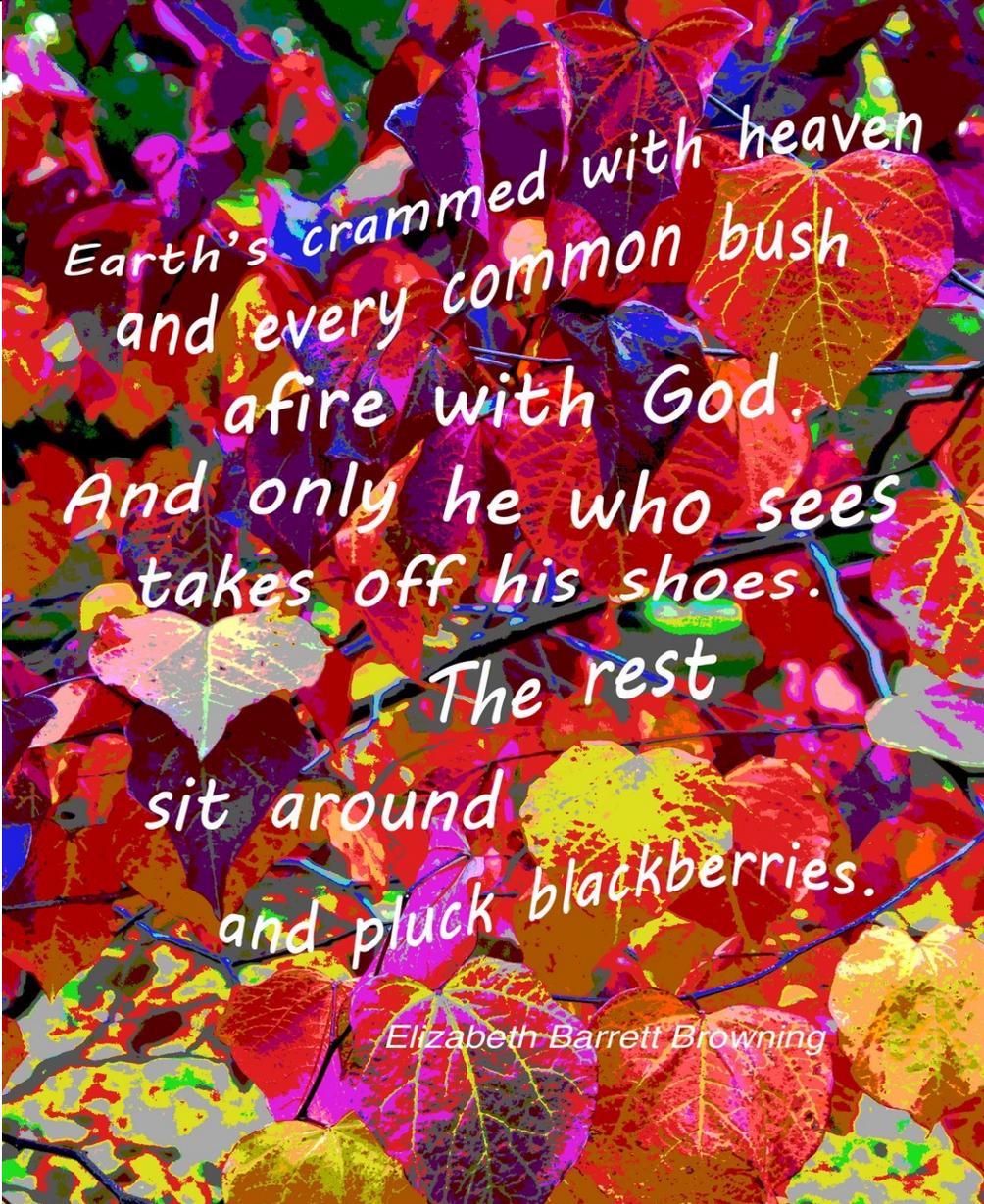


Radyr Parish News

Harvest 2015

Christ Church, Radyr

St John's Church, Danescourt



Earth's crammed with heaven
and every common bush
afire with God.

And only he who sees
takes off his shoes.

The rest
sit around
and pluck blackberries.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

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Sunday and mid-week services

Christ Church, Radyr

Sunday	8.00am	Holy Eucharist
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist and Sunday School
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer and Sermon (fourth Sunday of the month Eucharist, fifth Sunday of the month at St John's)
Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Eucharist

St John the Baptist, Danescourt

Sunday	9.15am	Holy Eucharist and Sunday School (Family Eucharist first Sunday of the month)
	6.00pm	Seven Sacred Spaces worship (Fifth Sunday of the month)
Thursday	11.00am	Holy Eucharist

*Arrangements may be made with the Rector for baptisms,
weddings and the publication of banns of marriage.*

The Rector writes:

My dear friends

Here we are celebrating Harvest, giving thanks to God for all our blessings. Yet the world seems like a dark place for many at this time - the plight of the refugees, the many wars and injustices, and closer to home, a number of deaths of those who have been at the heart of family and community here.

Harvest is both an end and a beginning. It's the turn of the year as the nights draw in and we move towards winter. For the Church it's the start of a season of remembrance and hope. On Remembrance Sunday the nation commemorates those lost in combat. On All Saints' Day the Church celebrates the lives of the heroes and heroines of the Faith. And at All Souls' Tide, the community remembers their own dear departed.

These are solemn occasions, but need not be sad: they all speak of the power of love that endures and transforms. They speak of hope - as we move on towards winter, so we move on towards Christmas, the season when we celebrate the Light that shines in the darkness.

Christ's coming into the world was once, for all. Yet he also lives today in the hearts of his faithful people, and the love that they share with those in need. The dark times remind us of how urgent is that task.

Jenny Wigley



Parish Gift Day 2015

Sunday October 25th will be a Gift Day in the parish. Firstly, we would like to say a heartfelt 'thank you' for all that our parishioners do for our churches, and for their generosity with these appeals in the past. It has enabled the PCC to make our churches accessible for the whole community and to keep them in a good state of repair.

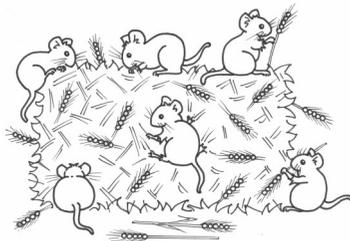
This year, we've made some repairs and improvements to both churches and halls, but the main achievement has been the painting of the interior of St John's. This historic building is now even more attractive and welcoming to worshippers and visitors. The next task is to decorate Christ Church.

We need to spread the expense over several years. The work at St John's has cost around £10,000. We hope to reclaim the VAT, about £1,500, which means the 2014 Gift Day Appeal raised about half the amount we have spent on decorating costs so far.

We will need to spend up to £20,000 to complete the programme at Christ Church, and so we are asking people to be even more generous this year. A donation of £50 from each member on the parish electoral roll would bring us close to our target once Gift Aid claims are added.

Everyone on the parish electoral roll will shortly receive a letter from us. Please give whatever you can, but when making your donation, please ensure that you use the blue Gift Day envelopes if you are a tax payer, so that we can claim the 25% tax relief. Cheques should be made payable to Radyr PCC.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the wardens: Rubina Davison, John Kiff & Cathy Sloan (Christ Church), Malcolm May, Pauline Parry & Lorraine Rees (St John's).



Calais migrant church leader 'happy' to stay in camp

A story of Christians and the on-going misery at the migrant camp at Calais.

The leader of the church in the so-called 'Jungle' refugee camp in Calais has said that he no longer wants to get into the UK. Instead, he now believes God has put him in the camp for a reason. Mima, from Ethiopia, who has not revealed his full identity for security reasons back home, had previously been trying to cross the border. But in a recent interview with Premier Radio, he says he is now happy to stay and support the thousands who are living at the camp.

'I'm happy. I'm not going to the train station to try,' he said. 'Maybe Jesus has brought me [here]. For me it's better than to go to England.' In a message to British Christians, Mima said: 'If you can, come and visit us. If you can't do that—pray. Pray for the immigrant people...the ones who are dying on the Mediterranean Sea, those who are dying on the train station when they try to go to England.'

Mima also highlighted the desperate situation many in the camp are facing. 'We're eating once a day. We don't have any facilities here,' he said. 'People are getting pneumonia. People are dying.'

What's become to be known as the 'migrant crisis' has split public opinion in recent months and BBC Songs of Praise received criticism for broadcasting from the camp. But the Church of England has called for more sympathy for those in the camp.

The Bishop of Dover, the Rt Revd Trevor Willmott, recently told Premier: 'Some of the people in Calais have come from the most horrific situations, where they've been subject to violence; where they've had their homes destroyed. And we have to ask ourselves what would happen to us if we were in that place? We're very fortunate in the UK: we've got freedom.'

The Bishop of Leeds, the Rt Revd Nick Baines, said he had been appalled at the attacks on the BBC for filming at the 'Jungle Camp'. 'Songs of Praise usually gets criticised for being ... er ... Songs of Praise. Often the critique is that it is bland or anodyne. Well, not now it isn't.'

The continuing refugee crisis is a fast-changing situation. Please remember all concerned in your prayers. For up to date guidance from the Church in Wales on what practical help you can offer, please see the church noticeboards.

Have you the time or space?

A reflection by Heddwyn Richards

The more we think we know about God, it seems the more unknowable He becomes! Largely, what we do know derives from the Bible and the life and teachings of His Son, Jesus Christ, culminating with the clear message that we should all love each other. Pitiful as our understanding may be, we live through faith and are comforted in all circumstances by Jesus' saying: 'Teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded of you: and, lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.' Amen. (Matthew 28:20).

These days, we find that science is meeting unsurmountable difficulties. In the quantum world, all things once called 'elementary particles' - molecules and atoms and all their constituent parts, which are invisible, are said to be merely fields of energy jostling together.

Driven by electromagnetic forces, they join together to form what we refer to as matter and hence, the whole universe as we know it, including us human beings. These fields of energy, still referred to as particles, may arise spontaneously, exist for a fraction of a second and then disappear again. They can also be in two places at the same time.

Scientists are struggling to understand these bewildering phenomena and attempt to explain them using various concepts: spin, entanglement, coherence, string theory, symmetry and multi-dimensions and so on. But they are still at a loss to explain what causative power initiated all this and sustains it.

The fuel that feeds these theories is derived from enormously complex mathematical formulae that endlessly keep projecting more and more complex solutions into the search for reality. It is argued by some that this is an endless and fruitless hypothetical search ending only in endless and inconclusive theoretical projections. Others keep on theorising about multiple universes and so on. Thus, the debates among scientists and mathematicians continue apace as they have done for the last 100 years.

However brilliant the minds behind this enormously complex search for the final reality of matter, they still face the issue of 'the more you find out, the more you find that there is a lot more to find out.' This



search by scientists and mathematicians is mirrored by philosophers and neuroscientists attempting to fathom the meaning of consciousness and, similarly, theologians' attempts to define God. They have launched a whole new vocabulary in attempting to explain different contentious issues, often leaving the reader somewhat confused and perplexed by the exuberance of their verbosity and often creating more darkness than enlightenment.

According to the quantum field theory, we are only concepts in time and space, but we don't really know what time and space are. As Einstein pointed out, we cannot separate time from space, but have to consider the two as a time/space unit. The time we recognise and use is derived from the observed relative movements of the moon, the sun and the earth and hence day and night. Furthermore, we do not know what 'life' is, this dimension that makes the difference between inanimate matter and living organisms.

When we look into the sky, we look from within the solar system and then beyond the outer edge of the solar system (over three billion miles away). We see some of the billions of stars making up our own galaxy, the Milky Way. Beyond that, there are millions of other galaxies with their billions of stars all moving away from us as a result of the original Big Bang inflation or expansion. The furthest object detected so far is 13.7 billion light years away. That means the light from that object, travelling at 186,000 miles per second, has taken 13.7 billion years to reach earth.

All these galaxies and stars are moving around continuously in space, and this space, once called the 'ether', is thought to be made of 'dark matter' and 'dark energy' and comprise around 75% of the universe. We still do not know what this dark matter and dark energy is.

The message here is that we should not be blinded by science and should not see it as a challenge to our Christian faith, but as proof of

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God's existence. However, we should also respect our brilliant scientists and cosmologists for the mind-boggling discoveries they bring to our notice.

A *Horizon* programme shown on BBC2 in September, described what we know about creation through the 'Big Bang' but ended by admitting that the creation story in Genesis, around 500BC, is at least 80% correct.

'Come unto Me, all of you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' Matthew 11:28.

A New Take on Seven Sacred Spaces

In the Parish of Radyr, we work in seven 'sacred spaces' to build a balanced community life: times and places shaped to help us make space for God and one another. We are inspired by the way in which a monastery has distinct areas - its 'sacred spaces'.

The PCC met with the diocesan officers in September to do some 'blue skies thinking' using the model of the seven sacred spaces: how we worship, pray, meet, study, work, share, decide.

We're planning new ways to connect with groups and individuals in the community and to collaborate with our cluster parishes; to offer new places and guidance for personal prayer; to publicise our resources and activities more widely; to involve more people in practical ways of serving supporting one another; and to be open to a richer, more varied pattern of worship.

It won't all happen at once. But if we are to grow - in our faith, in our numbers- then we need to be imaginative, generous, and brave! We will involve lots more people in our discussions, and keep everyone informed of our progress.

Alongside this, the Mission Committee have produced some colourful posters entitled 'Our Community Life', full of information about what's on offer in our two churches, and what to expect from the Parish of Radyr and its members. There will be a large poster in each hall, and a smaller one in each church porch. Have a good look- and see how much more there is in which you could be involved.

Doing the right thing

Some things are easier said than done - doing the 'right thing' is one of them. It's something each of us would aspire to, on every occasion - but all sorts of other things get in the way. So we don't like to make a fuss, or we don't want to hurt someone's feelings, or we're worried about the long-term consequences, or we think everything's so stacked against us that there's no point....

And yet both as human beings and as Christians, we're always being called on to make moral decisions. At the meeting of the Church in Wales Governing Body in Lampeter last month, there were debates on the refugee crisis, on caring for the planet, on same-sex marriage, on the Church's investment policy. All raised big questions about what we should decide, and how we should decide it.

And that's what we've been exploring in the current module of the Living Faith Programme - Challenging Choices. Both our upbringing and culture will influence our decisions, but for Christians there will be a conscious decision to seek the will of God. And to help us do that, we will look to the Bible - particularly to the example of Jesus. We'll examine the teaching of the Church over past centuries and the Christian community today. We'll engage our intellect and apply the test of conscience, aware that our consciences have been informed by all of these other factors.

But Christians do not always agree on moral issues, and may come to different decisions over time. In the past, the Church has approved the practice of slavery and the subjugation of women. The Roman Catholic Church disapproves of the use of contraception, and that was also the stance of the Anglican Church until the middle of the 20th century, though it is no longer.

So how do we decide what is the right thing to do in any particular situation? We can start by being well-informed - what are the facts, the situation now and the range of likely consequences? We can then explore the principles—scripture, tradition, reason—and make our choice about how much weight to give to each of these. For some, a saying or story in the Bible will be paramount, for others, it will be the direction given by their church leader(s), for others it will be the

personal prompting of the Holy Spirit which will most influence their decision.

But whatever we decide, there comes the other big question- if this is what I believe to be the right thing, will I have the courage to follow it through? As the introduction to the Challenging Choices workbook puts it: 'It is in the study and practice of Christian ethics that the wheels of faith hit the road of everyday life'.

All Hallows' Eve

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times. In those days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.

Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged.

When Christianity arrived, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1st November - All Saints' Day - was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'.

For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks.

Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

Caring for our buildings

A lot has happened over the summer. Most importantly, by the time you read this, St John's Church will have been fully redecorated. This means that over the last few years, both the inside and outside of St John's have been brought up to standard, chairs have replaced the pews - creating a much more flexible and comfortable environment - and a full sound system has been installed, incorporating an inductive loop. That's pretty good, isn't it? And we hope to be able to say something very similar for Christ Church in the near future.

Other work done recently:

- the proper fixing of the second pew frontal in Christ Church - both frontals are now safe to lean against;
- working parties at both St John's and Christ Church to clear gutters and growth around the buildings to prepare our churches for the winter;
- the tidying up of the Parish Hall;
- the repair of the Velux windows in the New Schoolrooms.

Regarding the last item, it is lovely to be able to look out of the windows again and see the garden! To add to all that, all church buildings have had the permanent wiring checked (there is a requirement to do this every five years). The check has identified some upgrades which need to be done; that work is already being commissioned.

There is more work to come. In the Parish Hall, we are about to fit heaters in the toilets and we have been told there is a good chance we can get a grant for a new kitchen, so we will get a bid in ASAP. Depending on the outcome of the Gift Day in October, we hope to start planning the redecoration of Christ Church.

The prime aim of the Building Committee is to keep all our buildings safe, warm and welcoming for people of all ages and abilities. We continue to make progress.

Nick Hawkins

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Christ Church Sunday School

The following children, who were Best Attenders at Sunday School, were presented with books by Jenny on the last Sunday we met before the summer break. Dafydd, who was overall Best Attender (41 weeks) was also presented with a copy of 'The Pilgrim's Progress'.

Class 3: Dafydd, Bethan, Gwilym, Joe & Cameron.

Class 2: Angharad, Bronwen, Catrin, Emily, Evan, Gwen & William.

Class 1: Jack, Nia, Rupert, Sara, Elin, Seren, Sophia, Cari, Evan, Gwen, Matthew & Ellie.

To celebrate the beginning of the summer holidays, we held a Family Picnic. Unfortunately it rained, but that didn't stop us having lots of fun. We played games inside before the Bring & Share lunch, which was amazing, once again. Hopefully the sun will shine on us next year.

It is encouraging to see so many young children in Sunday School at present. However, this has increased the size of our first class, making it very crowded. It is several years since we held a crèche catering for pre-school children. We have re-introduced the crèche, with a rota of parents taking responsibility for preparing and leading the activity each week. The Sunday School will continue with three classes.

We have a very busy autumn term ahead. We will be helping to lead worship and singing at Harvest Festival on 4th October. The children will be asked to bring along Harvest gifts which will be given to Cardiff Food Bank. This year, through Christian Aid, we would like to support communities in one of the driest places on earth, the Dogon Plateau in Mali, where rain is scarce and droughts are becoming more frequent. Providing seeds, tools and training will enable communities to set up market gardens which are irrigated and do not rely on rain.

The children are enjoying accompanying the final hymn on an assortment of instruments. We are looking forward to telling everyone what we have been learning, filling shoeboxes and having fun at the Get Ready for Christmas event in November.

We'd love you to come along and join in the fun learning about how much Jesus loves us. We meet every Sunday in term time at 11am for an hour: ages 18 months to 11 years (Youth Group for 11 years and over).

Julie Davies 2084 2923

St John's Sunday School

The new term has started and it's lovely to see so many of our children back with us. Things are looking interesting at St John's at the moment because the church is being decorated. This could mean one or two lessons in unusual locations. It will be wonderful to see our church looking bright and new.

One of the things we look forward to in the Autumn term is Harvest Festival. This year it's on October 4th and, as well as the lovely Harvest service, it will be chance for people to see the newly decorated church. At Harvest, we give thanks for all the good things we have to eat and it also gives us chance to share our good fortune with those who are not so lucky. This year we will be bringing gifts to give to Cardiff food bank to help families who are having difficult times.

Once Harvest is over, we have plenty of interesting things to do in our lessons and, of course, as the weeks pass, by we will have Christmas to look forward to. You may have noticed a few hints of this in the shops!

This year, for the first time, all these services are being made a little more joyful by the addition of the Sunday School band. When the children join the congregation at the end of the service, they are given instruments such as tambourines and triangles and they accompany the final hymn as we leave church. The children enjoy this and even if they haven't had much formal musical education, their enthusiasm more than makes up for it!

If you would like to join us, we meet at 9.15 on Sunday mornings in St John's church hall. We would love to see you there.

Anne Jones

2055 4749



Family Fun Day

This year's Family Fun Day took place on July 4th and had an American Independence Day theme. The children had a wonderful time on the inflatable slide, ball pit and bouncy castle, and watched their soft toys being zip-wired down from the bell tower. They had their nails and faces painted in the American Parlour, which was next to an American Railroad display.

Maureen Morgan's grandsons Gruff and Daniel were delighted to win the giant teddy bear. They live in Carmarthen and come to the Fun Day every year. Their father attended his first parish fete 46 years ago, aged 2 months, when the family moved to Radyr.

There were lots of games and stalls with an American theme, and delicious food and drink throughout the event, which ended with a performance by the Central Explosion Cheerleaders.

Thank you to everyone who made this event so successful; we made over £2,800.

Rubina Davison





Event photography by David Cargill

Operation Christmas Child 2015

In May, I attended an inspirational meeting at Bethel Baptist Church Centre, Pontyclun, where a group of Operation Christmas Child volunteers met to share experiences and ideas. Several gave first-hand accounts of work in the field. The title of the morning was 'Shoe Box Journey'. This is a brief snapshot of the things we heard.

Last year, 22,500 boxes were sent from South East Wales to Belarus, Romania, Serbia, Zambia and Ukraine. Boxes are delivered to many different places, such as orphanages in Romania, where disabled children spend their entire lives; market places, and in one case, a theatre full of 800 children.

In the heat in Uganda, children received hats, scarves and gloves and loved them. One little boy with two missing fingers put his gloves on and for the first time was 'normal'. What a wonderful thing for him! One member had met a young lady brought up in a Romanian orphanage who had no idea of her age, so had never had a birthday.

Children are given the option of following a 12 week discipleship course called 'The Greatest Journey.' Helpers sang 'Father Abraham' everywhere and helped with services using puppets.

It is thanks to YOU that love is extended through your boxes. Last year we sent 303 boxes from Radyr, a terrific number. Can we beat it this year? The flat-pack boxes and information leaflets are available at the back of both churches. If you take a box, please place 50p in the pot.

Filled boxes may be taken to church on Shoe Box Sunday, 15th November, or delivered to me. It is vital they are delivered on time.

Thank you all so much!

Anne-Marie Phillips
Tŷ Gwyn
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Our new annual programme commenced on 14th September with Holy Eucharist, during which Jenny Ball and Glad Llewellyn were enrolled as members. We also held a Bring and Buy sale, had a quiz and a craft activity.

This was our first formal meeting since the AGM in July. It was pleasing to report on all that our group had been up to during the previous twelve months, and I am happy to report that Diane Page continues as our secretary, Julie Davies as our treasurer and Kay Bradburn, Angela Dart and Trisha Storey as members of the committee.

Ten members attended Llangasty Retreat House for one of their Drop in Days on Monday 3rd August. If you have never been there, it is well worth a visit - a lovely house in a beautiful and peaceful setting overlooking Llangors Lake.

We shall be having a cake stall after the 11.00am service at Christ Church on 4th October.

Our next meeting takes place on Monday 12th October when we will hear about the work of a hospital chaplain. Looking even further ahead, Rubina Davison will be leading us on 9th November in singing our favourite Christmas carols. Our meetings begin at 2.00pm with a short service in the Lady Chapel at Christ Church. We are always pleased to welcome anyone who would like to join us at our meetings, so why not come along? If you would appreciate any more information please give me a ring on 2084 3582.

Nicky Webber
Branch Leader

Show you care by drinking Fairtrade Tea from Traidcraft



Did you know that in Britain we drink more than 160 million cups of tea each day? That's more than 58 billion cups a year! The UK is one of the world's biggest tea importers and for many years, Traidcraft has been at the forefront of the drive to ensure those who grow the tea get a fair price.

Indeed, Traidcraft has moved away from buying from large-scale plantations and now focuses on smallholder growers in both Asia and Africa where they find it easier to secure a wide range of different teas to blend and monitor the welfare of the people who help to produce them.

It's estimated that more than 20 million families rely on tea for their livelihoods worldwide and yet there are still major problems in the industry, with many tea growers and workers experiencing extremely poor living conditions. Traidcraft started working in the tea sector three decades ago to develop and pioneer what has now become a Fairtrade model. Traidcraft's approach has always been to work with smallholder tea growers, who are often the most vulnerable in the supply chain. This Fairtrade approach means that tea growers receive much more than the market price.

Traidcraft sources the majority of its tea from Fairtrade-certified smallholder growers and has seen tea-growing communities enjoy real benefits and progress as a result. In addition, Traidcraft is helping smallholder growers in Bangladesh, India and Kenya through projects designed not only to provide a better level of income, but also to change the balance of power in the supply chain. By forming groups of farmers, tea growers have a stronger voice and greater bargaining power which can lead to more fundamental change and a better deal.

Traidcraft Fairtrade tea was the UK's first fairly-traded tea and their wide range of fair trade teas include everyday tea, green tea, a premium blend African gold tea and loose leaf tea.



The next Fairtrade sale at Christ Church will be on **Sunday 11th October**. If you do not normally attend the 11am service at Christ Church but wish to browse through a catalogue, contact Julie Davies on 2084 2923 or auntiejuliee@hotmail.com. Catalogues are also available at St John's.

Speaking of Faith

An A to Z explaining the meaning of some of the words used in church

Mass

The Roman Catholic name for Holy Eucharist. For most Anglicans, it will be familiar as Midnight Mass, referring to the late service on Christmas Eve.

Messiah

A title for Jesus. It means 'anointed one' in Hebrew, translated as 'Christ' in the Greek of the New Testament.

Ministry

The Christian vocation to serve, either as an ordained or a lay person.

Mission

Proclaiming and witnessing to the Kingdom of God.

Mitre

The tall, pointed liturgical hat worn by a bishop during formal worship. Its shape is said to be symbolic of the tongues of fire which rested on the Apostles at the first Pentecost.

Get Ready for Christmas!

After the success of the Family Fun Day (see report and photos on pages 14 and 15) we are now planning our Get Ready For Christmas event on Saturday 28th November.

Please contact me if you can help with the organisation, are willing to run a stall or are able to make or donate items to sell such as cakes, books and gifts.

Rubina Davison 2084 3442

From the parish registers

Holy Baptism

Matthew Jack Stanley Bowden
Thomas Charles Christopher Bowden
Harriet Greenow-Boyd
Ffion Louvain Jones
Isabella Grace Leybourne
Osian Dewi Bruno Smith

Born of water and of the spirit

Joined in Holy Matrimony

Ross Crutcher & Susan Norman
Robert George & Karen Green
Matthew Hutch & Claire Rice
Nicholas Shipton & Laura Jenkins
David Woolston & Emma Price

Joined together as one

The faithful departed

Esme Cullen
Dennis Davies
Doreen Evans
Bob Gardener
Lilian James
Victoria Keohane
Beth Lewis
Dennis Towill

May they rest in peace



From the archives

The following is an extract from the parish leaflet of September 1953

PAROCHIAL NOTES

Our visiting Preachers during August were: The Lord Bishop of Willochra, S. Australia; the Rev N C H Brown, Assistant Curate of St John's, Canton, Cardiff; the Rev D Roy Lewis who is home on leave from British Guiana, and the Rev R Fielding, Vicar of Thorpe Episcopi, Norwich.

Mr Mervyn James, Organist and Choir Master, has left Llandough Hospital where he was a patient and is now on holiday in Aberaeron, Cardiganshire. We are most grateful to Mr J E Jenkins for his willing and helpful services during Mr Mervyn James's absence. Mr Jenkins is Headmaster of Birchgrove School.

CARDIFF OLD AGE PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

A branch will be open in the Church Room, Radyr, on Friday, 18th September at 2.30 pm. Light refreshments will be provided by Mrs Pontin and the Church Wardens.

Cardiff Old Age Pensioners' Association was formed at the Sunshine Hall, Canton, Cardiff, in September 1938. It has 29 branches with a total membership of over 4,000. It is non-party political and unsectarian.

Its primary aims and objections are: to ensure that pensioners shall have not just enough to make life tolerable but a sufficiency such as shall at least be in keeping with Christian civilisation; to provide weekly meetings for the purpose of social entertainment and the fostering of the spirit of fellowship.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

From the Radyr Parish Magazine, September 1903

When completed, Radyr will be able to boast of a Church such as few Parishes have. Of course, it will mean work, but it is surprising what

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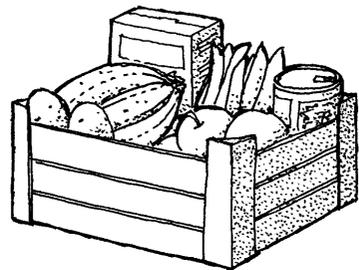
can be done by a band of faithful supporters; “Here a little, there a little.” It all tells.

GERM WARFARE

The organist of a Kent Parish Church asked one of his choirboys why he was not at the weekly choir rehearsal. The Chorister replied: “I had such a terrible cold that my mother thought that I had better go to the cinema instead of choir practice.”

Dates for your diary

Sunday 4 th October	Harvest Celebrations including Harvest Supper at Christ Church
Sunday 25 th October	Parish Gift Day
Friday 30 th October	All Souls’ Commemoration, 7pm: united Parish service at Christ Church to commemorate the faithful departed.
Sunday 1 st November	All Saints’ Day
Sunday 8 th November	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 15 th November	Shoebox Sunday
Saturday 28 th November	Get Ready for Christmas, 11am-2pm
Sunday 29 th November	Advent Sunday



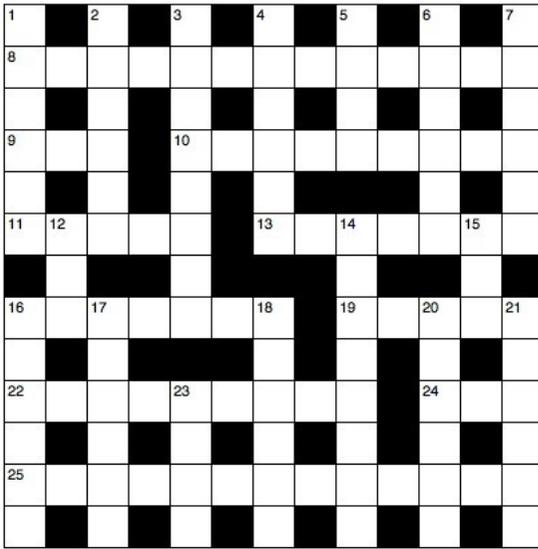
Solution to the crossword in the last edition.

Parish activities

Sunday	9.15am	Sunday School, St John's Church Anne Jones 2055 4749
	11.00am	Sunday School, Christ Church Julie Davies 2084 2923
	6.00pm	Whatever! Christ Church (first Sunday of month, term time) Rector 2084 2417
Monday	2.00pm	Mothers' Union, New School Rooms (second Monday of month) Nicky Webber 2084 3582
Tuesday	2.00pm	Evergreens, Parish Hall Doreen Thomas 2055 5634
Wednesday	10.00am (term-time)	Parent & Toddler Group, Parish Hall Donna Wilson 07703 179090
Thursday	10.00am (term-time)	Parent & Toddler Group, Parish Hall Donna Wilson 07703 179090
	6.00pm	Choir Practice, Christ Church Pat Jones 2084 2813
	7.30pm	Bell-ringing Practice, Christ Church Trevor Lewis 2033 9449

Other useful contacts

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25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
- 2 See 24 Across
- 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
- 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus – ' (John 11:35) (4)
- 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her – and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)

Across

- 8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14-17) (3)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4)
- 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have – ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
- 16 'Jesus bent down and – to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
- 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under – the – ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)

- 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
- 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the – of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
- 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
- 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
- 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
- 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
- 18 – of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
- 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and – in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
- 21 'Neither – nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
- 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)