

# Radyr Parish News

## Trinity 2015

Christ Church, Radyr

St John's Church, Danescourt



'Even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.'

Matthew 6:29

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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

I went to see the new film adaptation of *Far from the Madding Crowd*. It prompted me to re-read Hardy's novel. Its rueful last line 'why, it might have been worse', made me wonder how many of us fall into the trap of expecting too little, of counting 'not a complete failure' as a success?

Here in the parish, we're in the midst of a programme of making our buildings more attractive, accessible and welcoming. The PCC is about to revisit our programme of Seven Sacred Spaces to plan for new work to make our Christian community more attractive, accessible and welcoming - a kind of spiritual 'makeover'.

We have a God who offers us only the best, who expects and enables in us only the best, and we need to reflect that in our lives as individuals and also as a community, always looking to making the next stage better, never settling for less.

These are challenging times both for the Church and the wider community, but in Christ Church and St John's we will work to offer the best we can to bring the love of God to all.

**Jenny Wigley**  
Rector



## Church Wardens and elected members of the Parochial Church Council 2015-16

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Lorraine Rees

**People's warden**  
John Kiff

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## Same-sex marriage discussions

Over the last few months, as reported in the last edition of this magazine, all six dioceses of the Church in Wales have been discussing same-sex partnerships. They will report to the Bench of Bishops who will decide whether to ask the Governing Body to look at the possibility of offering a blessing or a marriage service in church for same-sex couples.

We have discussed it in this parish, at the Deanery Conference and at a special Diocesan Conference, in each of which there was a large majority in favour of the Church in Wales being able to conduct marriages for same-sex couples. The bishops will look at the outcomes of the discussions in all the dioceses before making a decision whether and how to take the matter further.

Here in the parish, we began our conversations by looking at what the priest says in the Introduction to the Church in Wales' marriage service (below) and asking what it is that we value and emphasise in marriage, and whether this could/should be true also for same-sex couples. You might like to ask and answer those questions for yourself.

*We have come together to witness the marriage of N and N, to pray for God's blessing upon them, to share their joy and to celebrate their love. Marriage is a gift of God, through which husband and wife may grow together in the knowledge, love and service of God. It is given that, united with one another in heart, in mind and in body, they may increase in love and trust.*

*God joins husband and wife in life-long union, as the foundation of family life (in which children are born and nurtured and) in which each member of the family, in good times and in bad, may find comfort, companionship and strength, and grow to maturity in love. Marriage enriches society and strengthens community.*

*Marriage is a way of life made holy by God, and blessed by the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ with those celebrating a wedding at Cana in Galilee. Marriage is a sign of unity and loyalty which all should uphold and honour. No one should enter into it lightly or selfishly, but reverently and responsibly in the sight of Almighty God.*



April found us welcoming Sandra Birdsall to our monthly meeting. She told of her calling to ordination and of her life and studies at St Michael's College. She showed members her beautifully embroidered stoles. She was looking forward to her ordination in June and her curacy at All Saint's Church in Penarth.

In May our speaker was Miss Sylvia Scarf who gave a fascinating and moving talk on the lives of Christians in the Holy Land, a country she has visited many times.

Every year there is a MU Deanery Festival and this took place on Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's, Whitchurch. Each branch takes along their banner and the hosting branch organises the service and provides tea and cake afterwards.

Every second Monday of the month there is a Diocesan MU Eucharist at Llandaff Cathedral. Each Deanery takes a turn at organising the service and this month (8<sup>th</sup> June) was Llandaff's turn - St Fagan's branch took responsibility for this.

On 15<sup>th</sup> June we enjoyed our summer outing to the Forest of Dean. We had lunch at Lindors Country House Hotel, St Briavels (run by the Christian Guild). The hotel is set in wonderful gardens and is an ideal place for a short break, even a parish weekend.



In the afternoon we had a guided tour of All Saints Church, Newland (pictured left) known locally as the Cathedral of the Forest because of its proportions, history and setting. It dates back to the early 1200s. The original, rather smaller, building was expanded during the next two hundred years to the size and shape of the present church. A further major restoration took place in the 1860s.



The village of Newland did not exist before the clearing was made in the Forest and the church built. Within the church there are several tombs, a tavern clock and an old brass engraving known as 'the Miners Brass', showing a Forest miner with a candle in his mouth, a pick axe in his hand, and a hod. This has become one of the symbols of the Forest of Dean.

The church has several items designed by Beryl Dean, a famous and important innovator in the field of 20<sup>th</sup> century ecclesiastical embroidery. The pulpit fall (right) worked in gold thread, beads and laid on handwoven silk, is designed to link the colours of the sanctuary and the nave, and draws heavily on the architecture of the church in its interpretation.



We shall be holding the biscuit (or should I say cookie) tombola again at the Family Fun Day on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Our branch AGM and Afternoon Tea takes place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Our further plans include a visit to the MU caravan and MU Deanery Afternoon Tea (both in July) and attending Llangasty Retreat House Drop in Day on Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We shall not have a formal meeting after that until 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm at Christ Church. We are busy putting together what we hope will be an interesting programme for the forthcoming year. Why not come along? If you would like any more information please give me a ring on 2084 3582.



**Nicky Webber**  
Branch Leader

## **What man has made of man**

Heddwyn Richards reflects on the increasing intolerance of those with a 'secularist' agenda.

Every time we see or listen to the news or read the daily newspapers, we are confronted by sin and the evil things that exist in our world. There are daily killings of people in various conflicts and women and children suffer inordinately from the most brutal atrocities. Consequently, there are thousands of people who are daily attempting to escape from tyranny and famine and who attempt to cross the seas to safety and survival.

At the same time there are criminal gangs who take advantage of them by charging extortionate amounts of money in purporting to be 'assisting' them to emigrate, only to leave them floundering helplessly on the high sea. If they do manage to land safely somewhere, then, invariably, 'WE' do not want them.

Political, religious and tribal conflicts are the main causes of this turmoil in our world. People refuse to accept that 'I may not be completely right and you may not be completely wrong', and so refuse to 'beg-to-differ' and accept 'live-and-let-live'. I was reminded of this sad situation when I read William Wordsworth's poem:

### **Lines Written in Early Spring**

I heard a thousand blended notes,  
While in a grove I sate reclined,  
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts  
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link  
The human soul that through me ran;  
And much it grieved my heart to think  
What man has made of man.

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,  
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;  
And 'tis my faith that every flower  
Enjoys the air it breathes.



The birds around me hopped and played,  
Their thoughts I cannot measure:—  
But the least motion which they made  
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

The budding twigs spread out their fan,  
To catch the breezy air;  
And I must think, do all I can,  
That there was pleasure there.

If this belief from heaven be sent,  
If such be Nature's holy plan,  
Have I not reason to lament  
What man has made of man?

Lucifer, the adversary of truth, encourages disobedience and plants defiance in the hearts of the unwary causing them to turn away from the light into the darkness of the world.

There are dozens of warnings throughout the Bible by people who were wise enough to foresee the problems of their times that still face us today. We live in the most sophisticated technological and scientific time ever, but this, though beneficial in so many ways, does not negate the deep-down problems within the human soul. Our so-called modern sophistication does not hold the answers to our deepest human needs. This state of things has its dangers, with people being susceptible to all sorts of influences that promise a better future. As Jesus says:

*Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.* Matthew 7:15. (Ravenous = violent and greedy.)

We have to be very careful so as not to be duped by the deceitful and distorted teachings of false prophets. It is our duty as Christians always to stand up for the truth of Christ's teachings.

As William Wordsworth perceived so well in his poem, we live in a beautiful world, BUT - what has man made of man?

## The Call to Ministry

This summer, we're celebrating the ordinations of two people who've shared their faith journeys with us here in Radyr: Becca Stevens, who'll serve as a priest in the Machen group of parishes where she's curate, and Sandra Birdsall, who'll be made deacon on June 27<sup>th</sup> and serve as curate in Penarth.

We also welcomed a new priest to our deanery: Zoe King, who was licensed to Tongwynlais, one of our cluster parishes, on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Some of you will remember Zoe when she was on placement here during Bill Barlow's time as Rector.

All this has made me reflect on the call to ordained ministry, and the life and work of a priest. And it begins with that shared journey: individuals growing in faith together, finding ways of serving God in their community, within and beyond the congregation. For some people, the sense of being called to offer for ordination is gradual, for others there comes a particular moment of conviction; for all, the call is confirmed by the Church - locally in the parish, then by the Diocese and the Province. It's a testing time, deliberately so, to discern if that person is to be recommended for training.

But once ordained, what is the work the Church expects of her deacons and priests? Part of the licensing of a new priest to a parish involves the presentation of symbols of ministry: a stole, a large vessel of water, a Bible, a chalice and paten and a vessel of oil. The parishioners, Bishop, Archdeacon and Area Dean interpret them as they are placed in the hands of the new priest.

**The stole:** "Be among us as our pastor and priest". The priest takes the pattern of Jesus the Good Shepherd to care for the people committed to her or his charge.

**The water:** the ministry of baptism, and the task of "nurturing young and old ...to grow in faith and holiness."

**The Bible:** "It is the privilege of all God's people to deepen their faith by reading and meditating on the word of God".

**The chalice and paten:** to lead the people in the celebration of the Eucharist so that they may "go out into the world to live and work to his praise and glory".

**The vessel of oil:** a symbol of the breadth of sacramental ministry, and that the priest is to “be a sign of healing and reconciliation instruct all in... in the teachings of Christ, and to promote by word and good example the peace and unity of the Church”.

In all of this, the emphasis is on shared ministry - the journeying together of Christian people continues. In this parish, the work of caring, nurturing, leading worship, healing and reconciling is a joint task. We help one another to fulfil our baptismal commission to “Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father”.

And for some that shining will be as ordained ministers. I hope and pray that this parish will enable more such vocations: the Church needs them. But I hope and pray for what the Church needs even more: the shared ministry of all the baptised.

**Jenny Wigley**

## **Caring for our buildings**

By the time you read this, we hope that the Faculty to do the redecoration work in St John’s will have been submitted (we need to get permission from the Diocese to do the work). We have had to cut down on the specification of the work to be done (e.g. we will not be cleaning the higher level woodwork) to bring the cost down to a sensible level, but we are sure the result will be excellent. We still plan to have the work done this year; it is scheduled to take two weeks.

The Parish Buildings Committee has just been reformed after the parish AGM and we said “goodbye” to Phil Kitcher and Wyn Phillips, both of whom had stood down after many years service. They will be missed - although we hope we will still be able to take advantage of Phil’s safety experience from time to time. We were pleased to welcome Malcolm May as a new member; he has taken on the role of Minutes Secretary.

We have a number of jobs we plan to do over the summer months in both Christ Church and St John’s to keep things working properly and looking neat and tidy. Do let us know if you spot anything that needs doing.

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## Christ Church Sunday School

The children enjoyed the crafts and hot cross buns at Radyr Methodist Church following the Family Service on Good Friday. Luckily it was dry for the walk from Christ Church to the grassed area opposite the Methodist Church where we sang hymns in the open air. The Easter Monday Fun event was a huge success. The hats were amazing creations and proved very difficult to judge. Everyone had fun hunting for clues in church, finding sweets, decorating biscuits and eating their Easter Eggs.

We are looking forward to the American Independence Day of Family Fun on 4<sup>th</sup> July, playing games, sliding on the enormous inflatable slide, eating hot dogs and burgers, watching the display by the Central Explosion Cheerleaders and taking part in the Fancy Dress Parade.

Everyone is welcome to join us at the Family Picnic on 12<sup>th</sup> July in the grounds at Christ Church from 12 noon. We'll enjoy a leisurely 'Bring & Share' lunch followed by games for those who are feeling energetic. Please bring a savoury item and a dessert to share, a rug and your favourite garden games. Hopefully the sun will shine, if not we'll still enjoy ourselves indoors.

We send our best wishes to those taking exams this summer and wish everyone a Happy Holiday. Sunday School will be taking a break over the Summer from 19<sup>th</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> August. Autumn term begins on 6<sup>th</sup> September.



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 children had a lot to enjoy in the spring term with some very special services. They had the chance to show their Mums how much they love them in the Mothering Sunday Service and then we were busy getting ready for the joyful Easter celebrations.

This term we have been learning about the many ways that Jesus loves us. We have seen how he is there to help us when we are worried or scared, how he guides us and looks after us every day, and most of all how he is always our friend. It's been lovely to see such good attendance in the lessons and its been really nice to see so many children coming along regularly to the family services.

I'm sure we will see plenty of the children at the Family Fun Day on 4<sup>th</sup> July. The theme this year is American Independence Day and I'm looking forward to seeing some inspired fancy dress. I know that the day will be a lot of fun. After that of course the children will be looking forward to the summer holidays. Our last Sunday School lesson this term is 12<sup>th</sup> July. Then the children will have several weeks holiday hopefully with lots of sunshine when they can recharge their batteries ready for the start of the new term in September.

If you would like to join us, we meet at 9.15am in St John's church hall. Wishing you all a lovely summer holiday and looking forward to seeing you all, members old and new in the autumn. We'll be in church for the Family Service on 6<sup>th</sup> September, and Sunday School starts again on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

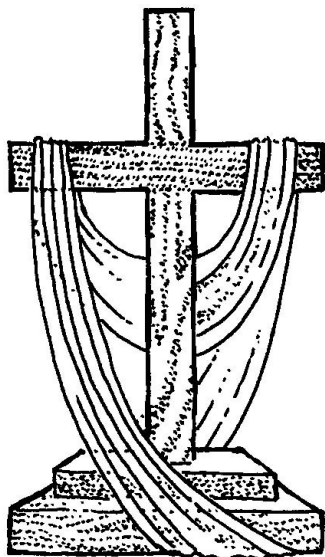
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## St Thomas the Apostle - confused and doubting

On 3<sup>rd</sup> July, the Church celebrates the feast of St Thomas. One of Jesus' 12 apostles, Thomas was an impulsive, confused, honest sceptic. Jesus could understand and work with such a man. Thomas' impulsiveness was evident when Jesus prepared to visit Lazarus in Bethany. It was a dangerous trip to make, but Thomas urged his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him." (John 11:16) Instead, Jesus brought Lazarus back to life.

Thomas' confusion is shown in later talks with Jesus. He was not really sure where Jesus was going long-term (John 14:5). But Jesus accepted this confused commitment, and began to untangle it, patiently explaining: "I am going to my father", and "No one comes unto the Father but by me."

Finally, Thomas' honest scepticism is revealed after the Resurrection, which he flatly refused to believe - unless he could touch the wounds of the risen Jesus. Sure enough, Jesus appears - but instead of scolding him, shows him the wounds. Thomas responds: "My Lord and my God" (John 20:26).



Thus Doubting Thomas' honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of men and women across the centuries, who also want to follow Jesus, but who require some proof of this amazing event - the Resurrection. In Thomas' complete affirmation of faith, after meeting the risen, crucified Christ, we can find support for our own faith.

Ancient legends tell how Thomas went on to India as a missionary. There are rumours that Thomas even built a palace for a king's daughter in India, and thus he is the patron saint of architects. It is believed that he was martyred by a spear on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 72 AD in Mylapore, near Madras. Many churches are dedicated to him.

## **A message from Jeremy Consitt**

I would like to thank everyone across the parish for their support, prayers, cards and kind wishes to my parents and I over the last few months as my Mum Sylvia bravely battled her cancer. To say that we are devastated and shocked by her loss is an understatement.

We were both surprised and touched by how many from the parish came to her funeral. I take it as a testament to the hard work that she put into parish life in the 20 years she lived in Danescourt, that caused so many to share our loss even though she had lived away from the parish for 12 years.

I knew that the Sunday School in Danescourt in the 1980s and 1990s was by far the largest in Wales, and that the Youth Fellowship and Youth Club formed such an important part of youth mission in the parish in that time.

However, it was not until the scores and scores of messages that started pouring in via Facebook from former Sunday School pupils and ex-Youth Fellowship/Club members that I began to understand quite how profoundly she had affected the lives of children at St. John's or how much affection they had for her not to mention the adults from around the parish. It is the support that has arisen from the parish that helped Mum face her battle and the rest of the family face our loss.

At some point, when probate is finished we hope to make some form of small donation to the parish in Mum's memory. Thank you and God bless.

**Jeremy Consitt**



## Light-hearted learning

A group of 12 people from across the Deanery (including seven of us from Radyr) have been following a course on leading worship. One session was about leading intercessions, where we began by learning how **not** to do it.....!

*Dear Heavenly Father Jesus Son of God*

*I want to thank and praise you that thou art begotten not made, coequal, uncreated, omnipotent, omniscient, immutable and unchangeable.*

*Anyway Lord, as you know very well, we have our Church Fête on Saturday and Mavis always works so hard making all the cakes, so please make sure it doesn't rain. We don't want to get flooded out like those poor people in Bangladesh last week and while we think of them Lord Jesus, please have mercy on them too, even though they are all Muslims.*

*And as we are thinking Father, about people who are suffering at the moment, I want to mention Jeff especially, Lord Jesus, 'cos as you know he has just gone into hospital again and had his piles sorted out. They've been giving him terrible trouble again, despite that special cushion the Wardens gave him to sit on in the pews. Anyway, Gladys and I went to see him on Friday and he sends his best wishes to everyone here today and said he will see us at the Fête, so that is nice.*

*On the subject of the Fête, we are happy that the MP is coming and Lord we ask you to bless him and his party for all their good work, especially with the elections coming up. May your will be done and the right candidate be elected. Lord, we heard about the Good Samaritan this morning, help us to remember that he could only help the poor man because he had the money to do it and it hadn't all been taken off him in tax and given to these scroungers.*

*Please bless our Vicar, Father. She works very hard, even if she doesn't always get to visit the people who are sick. Please help her not to be so tired and help her have the energy to visit all the people who need Home Communion. This week if possible.*

*And Lord Jesus, I just want to say that we were all very sorry to lose Frank this week. His funeral is in church on Wednesday at 2pm and*

*Mavis and the team are putting on a buffet in the hall afterwards, so please do stay for that. We hope he will get to heaven soon.*

*And please forgive the Bishop, Lord, for all these silly ideas about ministry areas that he was going on about at the meeting last week. We know you love him Lord, and his heart's in the right place, but some of us have been living round here for 50 years and we know what works and what doesn't, as of course thou knowest also.*

*Anyway, the Vicar was saying I go on far too long in the prayers, so I'll stop now and we'll finish with the response printed in your service sheets.\**

Joking apart, the session really helped us focus on how our prayers are heard by others—and how much care goes into preparing the intercessions Sunday by Sunday.

*\*Source: Leading Worship St Seiriol Centre for Christian Discipleship and Ministry*

## **More tea, Rector?**

The Rector, and everyone else who enjoys a morning or afternoon cuppa, can now find refreshment at a tea-room on our doorstep - at Llandaff Cathedral.

Cream teas, light lunches and all day breakfasts are on the menu at a 'pop up' cafe at the Cathedral's Prebendal House which will be open all through the summer. The cafe is a joint venture between the Cathedral and St Michael's College.

The Prebendal House was fitted with a new kitchen and re-decorated in time for the tea-room opening and there is plenty of seating both inside and in the sunny courtyard outside. The cakes are homemade and all the food is very competitively priced, with a Welsh cream tea costing just £6.

The tea room is open Tuesdays to Saturdays between 10am-4pm, with a two-course set lunch available every Tuesday.



## What is Fair Trade?

Fair Trade seeks to transform the lives of poor producers in the developing world by enabling them to use their skills and resources to trade their way out of poverty. It seeks to challenge injustices in trading structures and practices that so often lead to the exploitation and marginalisation of poor people.

In 2012, the Governing Body of the Church in Wales passed a resolution which aims to turn the Church in Wales into a Fair Trade Province - the first one in the Anglican Communion. The Parish of Radyr is already helping - our PCC passed a resolution to use tea, coffee and other products that carry the Fairtrade mark, wherever possible.

We will also, through prayer, study and action, develop our witness in the area of trade justice. In our parish we always serve Fairtrade tea, coffee & sugar on Sunday mornings, as well as at meetings, Family Fun Days, Christmas Fairs and Lent Lunches. We also hold monthly Fairtrade sales selling Traidcraft products at Christ Church - catalogues are always available at St John's.

Traidcraft is the UK's leading fair trade organisation. Their mission 'is to fight poverty through trade, practising and promoting approaches to trade that help poor people in developing countries transform their lives.' Established in 1979 as a Christian response to poverty, they build long-term relationships with producers, support people to trade their way out of poverty and work to bring about trade justice. You can find out more at [www.traidcraft.co.uk](http://www.traidcraft.co.uk)

The next sale at Christ Church will be on:

**\*\*SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY - END OF SEASON SALE. 10% OFF ALL STOCK\*\***

If you do not normally attend the 11am service at Christ Church but wish browse through a catalogue, ask Julie 2084 2923 or e-mail [auntiejuliee@hotmail.com](mailto:auntiejuliee@hotmail.com)

The new Autumn/Christmas catalogue is due out in August. It will be packed with hundreds of products including clothing, groceries, jewellery, accessories, Christmas cards, gift and seasonal food items. Julie will happily take orders, give further details and will try her best to answer your questions.



## Speaking of Faith

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

### Laity

The collective noun for all the faithful members of the church who are not ordained. Apart from attending services, lay people carry out an immense range of tasks related to the effective work of the church, acting as readers, sidespeople, servers, members of the PCC and its committees, and Sunday School teachers.

### Lectern

From the Latin *lectus*, past participle of *legere* ‘to read’. A reading desk on a stand, on which the Bible and other books are placed during a reading or sermon. We have a large brass eagle lectern at Christ Church. At St John’s we use a legilium, a wooden folding lectern.

### Lectionary

An important part of every service is the reading of Scripture. The lectionary provides a list of readings and psalms that cover most of the Bible over a three-year cycle. They relate to the topics appointed for the Sundays throughout the year and also to the collects (prayers) that are similarly prescribed.

### Lessons

The rather old-fashioned term name for the portions of Scripture to be read at services. The word ‘reading’ is more often used nowadays.

### Why women bishops have clergy husbands

The first three women bishops to be appointed in the Church of England (Libby Lane to Stockport, Alison White to Hull and Rachel Treweek to Gloucester) all have clergy husbands. Why?

Professor Linda Woodhead has speculated: “The most amusing suggestion I’ve heard is that the Church is looking for women bishops with experience of managing male clergy.”

Source: *The Tablet*, 4th April 2015, Page 11.

# From the parish registers

## Holy Baptism

Henry Dalton Andrews  
Finley Jones  
Isla Davies  
Jacob Fryer  
Mason Harkus  
Sara James  
Owain Jelley  
Clara Thomas  
Finn Williams

*Born of water and of the spirit*

## Joined in Holy Matrimony

Kenneth Bell & Sara Link  
Maximillian Harris & Francesca Rees  
Benjamin Taylor & Kirsty Moles  
Richard Tudor & Zoe Price  
Thomas Turner & Katie Brinkworth

*Joined together as one*

## The faithful departed

Lorna Clarke  
Anne Gillard  
Elizabeth Kirwan  
Jillian Mynett  
Florence Povey  
Marian Rees

*May they rest in peace*



## ***From the archives***

*The following is an extract from the parish leaflet of June 1951*

### **REMEDY FOR DESPAIR**

Phyllis Newton, SRN of the Charles Johnson Memorial Hospital in Zululand, writes despairingly of the times when the milk does not arrive, when the primus stoves all go wrong at once, when a patient suddenly refuses to have the operation for which you have spent previous time in preparing the theatre, when six nurses leave on the same day without warning, when a father steals away the child that is just beginning to respond to treatment and when we misunderstand each other and wonder why we ever wanted to be Missionaries.....

Then Miss Newton pauses and reflects on these things which we have seen: a child sit up and smile, after lying at death's door for two months; a nurse in tears when the child we were fighting for died; a heathen woman thank us for what we have done, when her child died in our care and say that she wishes to become a Christian.

### **PAROCHIAL NOTES**

Scouts from Radyr and Llandaff attended Morning Service at Christ Church on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Where were the Radyr Guides? We want them to know that they were missed by us.

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Whit Monday opened at Radyr with overcast sky and a chill breeze but the sun broke through by the afternoon and our arrangements for the Annual Whitsun Treat were carried out in every detail.

We met in Christ Church for a service at 3.30pm. Leaving the church at 4, we made our way in procession to the Church Room where tea was served. Sports followed. Here we were joined by a large number of parents. We were delighted to see them. They excelled themselves this year at the Parents' Tug-o-War! We are grateful to everyone who helped to make the Treat so enjoyable for our young people.

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The Belfry of Christ Church has had a thorough Spring Cleaning - thanks to Mr Edgar Lewis and Mr Geoff Chard.

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## LADIES' GUILD OUTING TO BATH AND WELLS, THURSDAY, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>

Full details may be obtained from Miss Ethel Husbands, 21 Windsor Avenue. Telephone Radyr 255. If it is your intention to join the party, please let Miss Husbands know before June 9<sup>th</sup>. We regret no names can be accepted after that date.

## BIRTHDAYS

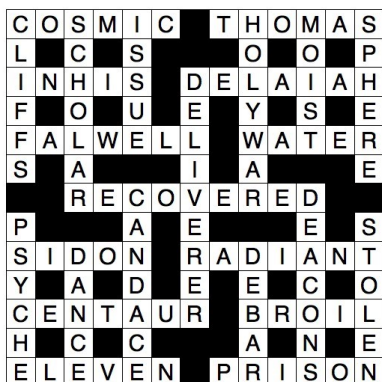
Barbara Leaves will be 9 on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Marjorie Oswald 13 on June 8<sup>th</sup>, David Leaves 12 on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## BAPTISMS

April 29<sup>th</sup> David John Fowler, May 13<sup>th</sup> Brian Holland and Elizabeth Jeanne Price.

## Dates for your diary

4 <sup>th</sup> July	Family Fun Day, Christ Church 11am-2pm
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Family Picnic, Christ Church 12 noon
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Seven Sacred Spaces worship, St John's 6pm
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Christ Church Sunday School—new term begins
13 <sup>th</sup> September	St John's Sunday School—new term begins
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Celebration
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Get Ready for Christmas, Christ Church 11am-2pm



Solution to the crossword in the last edition.

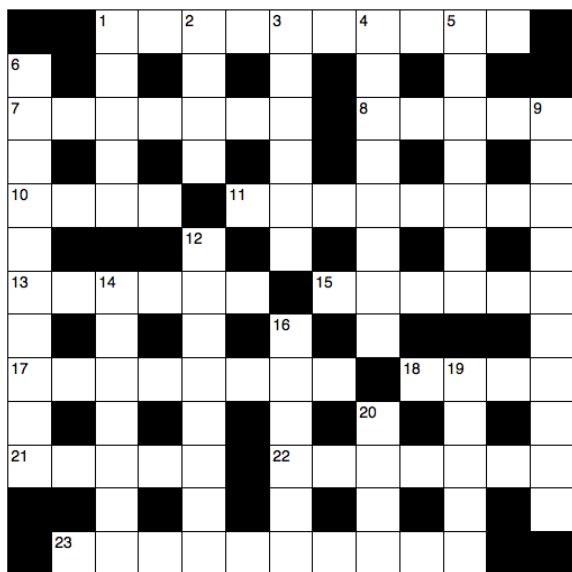


## Parish activities

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

## Other useful contacts

<b>PCC Secretary</b>	Chris Dale	2084 4464
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### Across

- 1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)  
 7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)  
 8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John – (5)  
 10 Girl's name (4)  
 11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)  
 13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1-6) (6)  
 15 'Now the famine was – in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)  
 17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)

- 18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)  
 21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)  
 22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)  
 23 Last book of the Bible (10)

### Down

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)  
 2 'Your vats will – over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)  
 3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)  
 4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)  
 5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)  
 6 Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10)  
 9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1-11) (10)  
 12 Abusive outburst (8)  
 14 Are loud (anag.) (7)  
 16 Printing errors (6)  
 19 'Take my yoke upon you and – from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)  
 20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)