

Radyr Parish News

Winter 2016

Christ Church, Radyr

St John's Church, Danescourt



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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)
Tuesday	7.30pm	Simply Church
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	Café Church (Fifth Sunday of the month)
Thursday	11.00am	Holy Eucharist

The Rector writes:

My dear friends

We have been involved in so much this autumn, both in celebrations in church and in the service of others: Harvest was marked with wonderful services in both churches, and the harvest supper. But we also gave to the Food Bank, and brought young and old in the community together for afternoon tea. And so the twin theme has continued, through All Souls and Remembrance Sunday and now into Advent.

As disciples of Christ, we are called both to lift our eyes heavenward and to have our feet firmly planted on the ground, and that is what I pray we will continue to do as Christmas approaches, showing our love for our Lord in our care for his world and his people.

I end with some words from the new Church in Wales prayer book: 'As we look for your coming among us, open our eyes to behold your presence and strengthen our hands to do your will'.

May God keep us always on that twin track

Jenny Wigley



At the Harvest Supper on 2nd October a presentation was made to Jenny to mark her 10 years' service in the parish. The gifts included flowers, champagne, and a splendid cake made by Bob Webber, iced with the logo of the Church in Wales.

Christmas Services

Christ Church

Sunday 18th December
6pm Nine Lessons and Carols
followed by refreshments

Saturday 24th December
Christmas Eve

4pm Carols Round the Crib and
nativity play

11pm
First Eucharist of Christmas
Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th December
Christmas Day

8am Holy Eucharist
a simple short service of Holy
Communion

11am Family Eucharist
Holy Communion with Christmas
carols. Bring along a toy or gift to
show us and make us smile!

Please note: Simply Church (7.30pm
Tuesdays) ends on 6th December and
restarts 10th January. There will be
no 9.30am Eucharist on Wednesday
28th December. Services as usual on
Sunday 1st January.

St John's Church

Thursday 22nd December
6pm Carols round the Crib
followed by refreshments.

Saturday 24th December
Christmas Eve

9pm First Eucharist of Christmas
Holy Communion with carols

Sunday 25th December
Christmas Day

9:15am Family Eucharist
Holy Communion with Christmas
carols. Bring along a toy or gift to
show us and make us smile!

Please note: no 11.00am Eucharist
on Thursday 29th December. Service
as usual on Sunday 1st January.



The ‘wonder’ of the shepherds in the fields of Bethlehem

The Ven. John Barton considers that first Christmas night...and how it might guide us in our proper reaction to Jesus’ birth...



Shepherds in first century Palestine would have been attuned to the wonders and ravages of nature: star-lit nights, cold and heat, storm and calm, and the unwelcome attention of predators, both animal and human. They would have been more aware than we of human dependency on the seasons, and more respectful than us of the precarious nature of existence. Fear, as well as appreciation, would have shaped their religious sensitivities.

Some think the shepherds near Bethlehem may have been guarding sheep for the Jerusalem Temple, which used them as part of the sacrificial ritual of Judaism in those days. Yet the kind of work shepherds did and the hours they had to keep barred them from orthodox religious observance; they were regarded as uncouth and untrustworthy and were not allowed to give testimony in law courts.

It was typical of St Luke (the only New Testament writer to refer to the shepherds) to put them in the forefront of his narrative. Luke is the writer who favours the underdog: tax collectors, sinners, women, old and poor people and non-Jews all figure favourably in his account. Deliberately he sets shepherds before us as the first Christmas worshippers. They already knew how to *wonder*.

William of St Thierry wrote: “A man who has lost his sense of wonder is a man dead”. The 19th Century scientist Michael Faraday wrote: “Let us consider... how wonderfully we stand upon this world. Here it is that we are born, bred and live, and yet we view these things with an almost entire absence of wonder...” This is no plea for anti-intellectual faith, but rather for the discovery of an extra dimension. Wonder is the prime ingredient of worship and we need to recover it and use it. It takes practice.

William Blake encouraged us to look into the ordinary and see the extraordinary:

“To see a World in a Grain of Sand,
And a Heaven in a Wild Flower:
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand,
And eternity in an hour...”

The late Michael Mayne, Dean of Westminster wrote, “A sense of the sublime leads to a sense of awe, which is I suppose that combination of wonder and fearfulness you may feel in the presence of what takes your breath away. It is not afraid in the sense of feeling scared, but rather an awe-struck sense of amazement that the ordinary is rather more extraordinary than the extraordinary... it is not the rabbit out of the hat but the rabbit out of the rabbit that is so surprising...”

So, in the astonishing story of heaven-come-to-earth in Bethlehem, of divinity in a cowshed, it is *shepherds* who receive the revelation. Not priests, not presidents, not philosophers. “An angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.” For all they knew it might have been bad news. “But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord’.”

The response of the shepherds was to go and see. Not to question or even to reason. The main constituent of their belief was already *wonder*. They were accustomed to marvelling, for they were surrounded by a world of marvels. So they went to look. And as they looked, they marvelled. Later, they were to return “glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard.”



Speaking of Faith

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

Nave

The main part of a church, where the congregation is seated during the service.

Non-stipendiary

Non-stipendiary priests or ministers (NSMs) do not receive payment for work they do on behalf of the church and usually have alternative employment which provides an income with which they can support themselves. Some are NSM (local) - they serve only in their home church and community. Other clergy are 'house for duty', often retired priests who offer Sunday duty and one or two days a week in return for accommodation and expenses.

Ordination

The rite by which the Church recognizes and confirms that a person has been called by God to ministry; acknowledges that they have gone through a period of discernment and training related to this call, and authorizes them to take on the office of ministry. The act of ordination is carried out by the bishop of the diocese in which the ordinand will be, or is, serving.

Parish Gift Day 2016

The total raised as we go to print is £4,550. This exceeds the final total for 2015 of £4,522. The amount received, together with the related Gift Aid refunds, has been added to the existing special fund carried forward from 2015 to meet the cost of the re-decoration of Christ Church.

During the year we also received a significant donation towards this work from the family of the late Cliff Davies. I am pleased to advise that the total fund is now sufficient to cover the re-decoration cost and will also enable us to replace the kitchen in the Parish Hall.

Many thanks to all for your generous support.

Peter Umbleja
Parish Treasurer

Operation Christmas Child 2016



We had a bright morning for Shoe Box Sunday at St John's and Christ Church on 20th November, but the brightness outside could not compete with the wonderful array of coloured boxes inside. Once again, the parish and community of Radyr responded generously to the appeal. The 265 shoeboxes will be taken to the sorting depot at Llantrisant, before being dispatched to many troubled parts of the world to bring a ray of sunshine and love to innocent children.

So much care and thought has gone into the packing of these boxes, that hopefully the happiness we have in making them will transmit to the children of all ages who open them. It may be the only gift many will receive. All who contributed in any way are to be thanked most sincerely: the congregations and Sunday Schools of Christ Church and St. John's, Bryn Deri School, Gill Davies, Marion John, Hilary Kitcher, Rose King, Marilyn Morgan, Radyr National Women's Register, Rotary Club of Llandaff, Radyr and Morganstown WI, ladies of Radyr Golf Club, Radyr Parish Music Group, Rhiwbina French class and individuals who gave donations.

Anne-Marie Phillips

Christ Church Sunday School

Sunday School has enjoyed a very busy Autumn term. Harvest Festival went well - the children read and sang beautifully and remembered all the actions to their song too. Thank you to Ian Thomas, from the choir, for helping. The task of fetching water is difficult and heavy work for women in rural Kenya, many having to walk several miles every day. Here in the UK life is much easier, but one Mum 'volunteered' to demonstrate just how difficult it was in Kenya. She held 2 one kilo bags of sugar at arm's length for one minute. The water cans weigh 18 kilos! Fortunately, with the help of Christian Aid, rural communities have been able to build sand dams, saving the women a long and tiring daily walk.

We were excited to see how many shoeboxes had been collected for Operation Christmas Child on Shoebox Sunday. The children always enjoy trying to guess how many boxes are piled up around the church. The parish 'popped-up' again with a children's nativity craft at the Radyr Christmas Tree lighting ceremony in early December. The edible nativity scene was fun to make, a biscuit stable with a 'jelly' baby Jesus inside.

As well as learning a carol to sing at the Nine Lessons and Carols (thanks again to Ian), we are busy rehearsing a Nativity Play to be performed on Christmas Eve. Our Christmas party, which is shared with the children from St John's Sunday School, will be at the end of January.

The Vicar of Nibbleswicke photobook is now available to borrow from the library at Christ Church.

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 5 - 11, with Crèche for pre-school children).

Julie Davies 2084 2923



Getting to know you

Cathy and Alastair Sloan



Cathy and Alastair moved to Radyr at the end of 2005, and have been worshipping at Christ Church ever since. Cathy first got involved by helping to count and bank the weekly collection. She then became a sidesperson and is now a sub-warden, and is often at the back of church helping to ensure the services run smoothly. Both she and Alastair are on the PCC.

Cathy is a GP in Penarth. She was going to be an ENT surgeon, but realised that 'I enjoyed looking after the whole of each patient rather than just a small part of them!' She was on ITV news recently, talking about GPs, and is a member of the Royal College of GPs. Cathy has always loved reading, and travelling abroad to see new things - she speaks Spanish fluently. Taking their two boys, Cameron aged 9, and Daniel aged 13, with them shows places in a new light.

Alastair works at Cardiff University in the School of Dentistry, where he is Professor of Tissue Engineering. 'I have a research lab which is focussed on developing new biological technologies to repair bone and teeth. We have projects investigating the use of stem cells for hard tissue repair, developing new nanoscale drug delivery systems for root canal treatments and bone infections and modifying implant materials.

'We work with collaborators in China, the USA and across Europe and also with companies in Wales and the rest of the UK. I am also Director of Research and International in the School and Director of Cardiff Institute for Tissue Engineering and Repair - so life is pretty busy. I end up travelling a lot, which takes me away from the family, but I have seen some interesting parts of the world and have friends all over the globe. I was lucky as a young scientist to work for a few months in Lyon, France and also at the University of Michigan, USA and that probably sparked the sense of travel adventure.

‘Outside of work I am a frustrated golfer, but also run a parallel career as a musician. I am a sax player and play for a jazz/soul six-piece band called Cue Notes (www.cuenotes.co.uk). I spent the last eight years playing for a ska band out of Newport called 2Rude and still play for them from time to time. I also occasionally play with other bands and in the past two years, have played in the orchestra for Radyr Parish Music Group productions. I’ve played in a band since I was around 10 years of age and can’t imagine life without performing music. I am lucky to be able to play with some talented musicians and it compliments work perfectly! It’s great that my boys have started playing and I’m certain that Dan will end up standing in for me soon, if there are any gigs I can’t make!’

At church, Cathy enjoys a sense of shared purpose, of being supported by others in times of trouble. ‘I enjoy being part of the “back stage crew” who make sure the services run smoothly.’ For Alastair, ‘the sense of community is the key thing—being part of a community and meeting people.’

Cathy is having her hair cut on 2nd December and giving her hair to the Little Princess Trust, who make wigs for people undergoing chemotherapy, a cause close to her heart. Each wig costs £300 to make, so she will leave a sponsor form at the back of church, in the hope that some generous parishioners will make a donation to the cause!

A special anniversary

January 2017 marks the 20th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood in the Church in Wales. All six cathedrals in Wales will be holding a celebration service on the Saturday nearest to the weekend it all happened in 1997.

Please come along to our celebration in Llandaff Cathedral at 11am on Saturday 7th January: a Eucharist followed by lunch at Prebendal House.

Walking backwards to Christmas

Walking backwards to Christmas is the title of a book by Bishop Stephen Cottrell, who retells the events leading up to and beyond Jesus' birth in reverse chronological order. He begins within Anna greeting the baby and his parents in the temple (for us, the Feast of the Presentation) and works backwards to Mary hearing the angel's news that she had been chosen to bear the promised saviour (for us, the Feast of the Annunciation).

It's eleven short chapters, a lovely book to read quietly at home to remind yourself, amidst all the worldly noise and nonsense, what lies at the heart of our Christmas celebration. Bishop Cottrell's book is in the library in Christ Church.

Here's a taste from Mary's story (p91):

'My head spins. I am searching myself, digging deep into all that I have known about God and all I have known about the world. For this is a turning.

The angel looks away. Still there, but not so obviously there as before. Now you might find yourself looking beyond him, or even through him, and imagine yourself dreaming. Only, nothing has ever been as real as this. But it is a different reality: one that I cannot describe. It feels newly born. It is as if heaven has reached down to earth, and touched me. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given....'



St John's Sunday School

In the first part of the Autumn term, the children learned about people from the Old Testament who prepared the way for Jesus.

Once again, St John's looked beautiful for Harvest Festival. The gifts donated by the congregation were items for Cardiff Food Bank, giving us the chance to share God's gifts with people less fortunate than ourselves.



On Remembrance Sunday, the children learned why we wear poppies, and made small poppies with red card hearts for petals. They also made poppy pictures where the petals were their own hand prints. These represented hands reaching out in love, a beautiful thought for this special day.

Having learned about some of the people who prepared the way for Jesus, the children are now preparing for Jesus themselves. Our lessons for the rest of the term tell of the events leading up to Christmas. They have learned that angels brought the news that Jesus was coming, and to help celebrate such good news, the children made instruments from tins, plastic bottles and dried beans, among other things. They played these with our final hymn in church and they sounded brilliant!

A service which really starts to prepare us for Christmas is Christingle, on December 4th this year. The children will learn what the Christingle orange represents and they will each get one to take home. It's a lovely service, so I hope as many of you as possible will come along. Our last lesson before Christmas is 11th December.

We meet on Sundays at 9.15am in St John's church hall and join the congregation for the end of the service in church. We would love to see you there, so please come and join us.

Anne Jones 2055 4749

Danescourt Evergreens



The Evergreens club started about twenty years ago in St John's Parish Hall. It was set up for people aged over 50 who were looking for friendship and something to do on a Tuesday afternoon. It has worked well all these years and we have many memories of outings, singers and speakers with interesting and unusual topics.

It is with regret that, due to ill health and ever-decreasing membership, we now have to call it a day, and our last meeting will be on 13th December. We are finishing with a Christmas tea and a singer. We will miss our weekly chat and tea and raffles, but time has caught up with us! Thanks to all those who have joined in over the years and helped out.

Jean Hall

Getting Ready for Christmas

Our ever-popular Get Ready for Christmas event took place on Saturday 26th November, with lots of people enjoying festive food and drink and buying Christmas gifts.

Among the activities and stalls on offer were lovely relaxing head massages, personalised baubles, books, toys, games, a chocolate tombola, preserves, decorating gingerbread and Guess the Name of the Christmas Duck, as well as the draw for our annual Christmas Raffle, the first prize being two tickets to the Mary Poppins musical at Wales Millennium Centre.

The children were entertained by Arnie Kazam and his magic show, and enjoyed the crafts and having their faces painted.

Sincere thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the event a success, particularly Rubina Davison and the Activities Committee.

Caring for our buildings

It is sad to report that the Parish Hall was broken into in September (but we do not know how) and a substantial mess made of the kitchen and elsewhere. Sterling work was done by Mike Gill and others in restoring everything to order and the hall was quickly returned to full service - many, many thanks to them. Although the damage initially looked horrendous, the residual damage was slight and we decided not to make an insurance claim. Nevertheless, it has been decided to go ahead and replace the kitchen now - something we had hoped to do via a grant earlier this year. The work will be done over the Christmas break.

Fortunately, the decision to replace the Parish Hall kitchen was made easier by the splendid response to the recent Gift Day appeal. Many thanks to those who contributed; you actually raised more than last year, which is fantastic. The money has gone to paying off the excess cost of this year's redecoration of Christ Church as well as contributing to the Parish Hall kitchen.

In view of the imminent work to the Parish Hall, we have put the replacement of the floor tiles in the New School Rooms on the back burner. We hope to do the work in the next summer holiday - which is probably a more sensible time to do it anyway.

The only thing that is now giving us concern is the roof over the Lady Chapel in Christ Church. The recent heavy rain has shown we still have a problem with water getting in and soaking a few of the chairs. We have had the area looked at a number of times but no-one can find out how the water is getting in - stripping and re-slating the roof would be very expensive. We will go back on the roof and have another look! It would be lovely to get that fixed, as everything else is looking so good.

On a more positive note, we have now replaced all the lights in St John's with LED (light emitting diodes) equivalents. The new lights are slightly expensive but are brighter, use very little electricity, come on immediately and should not need to be changed for many years. Bearing in mind how scary it is to get up to the lights, that is all good news! We will make the same change in Christ Church in due course.

Do have a wonderful Christmas and let us know if you see anything amiss.

Nick Hawkins 029 2084 2561 HawkinsNick@msn.com

A new way of belonging to the church family

There's a saying in the psalms which Jesus quotes with approval. It's Psalm 8 v2, probably most familiar to us in the old translation: 'Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings...'

It speaks of how even the youngest children can sing God's praises, and Jesus applies it to his own situation. The religious leaders are angry about the children in the Temple shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David" and Jesus answers them with the verse from Psalm 8: 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself'. They need to take seriously the spiritual wisdom of children.

The Church in Wales has made a decision to do the same, and to admit any baptised person of any age to Holy Communion. In our baptism - Christening - we are made members of the Church, the Body of Christ, and we are to take that membership seriously, to encourage one another to grow in faith and play a full part in the life of the Church. Receiving communion regularly is one of the ways in which we grow as Christians, and that will now be offered to all baptised Christians, not just those who have also been confirmed.

In our parish, we will introduce this in two stages. From Christmas, all baptised adults will be invited to receive communion if they choose. There will be an invitation to meet together and explore what the sacrament means, but there is no requirement to be confirmed. We will continue to encourage people to learn more about their faith and to make that public commitment before the bishop.

Then in the new year, we will be gathering our children together from both churches to give them an opportunity to learn about holy communion. There will be a parish-wide celebration when they are invited to receive communion for the first time, which will be on the Feast of the Presentation, 5th February. Again, the older ones will be invited to prepare for confirmation at the appropriate stage in their Christian journey, and to step forward to take new roles in church.

Information will always be available for those who are new to church. There will be cards in the book rests in the pews/chairs:

AN INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At the Last Supper, Jesus took bread and wine, gave thanks for them and said to his disciples, 'This is my Body, this is my Blood'. He commanded them to take bread and wine, give thanks over them and consecrate them, and then to eat and drink them in remembrance of him. This is what we do in the Eucharist. We believe that, in this unique way, just as he promised, Jesus comes to us and this is food for our spiritual journey.

The Church in Wales welcomes anyone who is baptised (Christened) in the name of the Trinity to receive communion.

Each part of the communion service will help you prepare to receive. We confess our sins together and receive God's forgiveness. God loves us and invites us to gather at his table. We also focus on our faith through hearing the Bible read, through teaching and through prayer. At a particular point in this service, everyone is invited to come to receive communion and this includes every baptised person of any age. If you have young children with you, then it is for you to decide whether they receive. Children under 5 cannot legally be given wine. After that age, it is up to their parents or guardians or those who bring them to church to say whether or not they can receive it, or receive only the bread.

Please let us know if you need gluten-free bread or need help in receiving communion - speak to the welcomers at the door.

Communion isn't compulsory and you are welcome to receive a prayer of blessing instead. Just come to the rail, kneel or stand but don't hold out your hands and that's what will happen.

How do I make the most of my Christian faith?

Jesus calls all of us to try to live as his disciples, to show his love for others and to grow in our love and knowledge of God. If you would like to learn more about the Christian faith, there are lots of ways of doing this and of exploring how you may be able to use your gifts and skills to serve God in the church and in the community.

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Baptism

We would really value the chance to talk with you about welcoming you into the church family. If you have not already been baptised (Christened), remember that people can be baptised at any age, whenever they want to. At this stage we would like to invite you to receive a blessing at the communion and to enjoy being part of the worship until you feel that you want to have this conversation. There is no pressure.

Confirmation

In the Christian family and on our Christian journey, we try to grow and mature in our faith, our understanding and our discipleship. There can come a time when you want to affirm all these things and your place in the church family, and to have your place there affirmed by the family itself. This is called Confirmation, a wonderful opportunity for you to celebrate your faith and discipleship.

Danescourt Toddler Group

We have a very successful Toddler Group in Danescourt currently running on Wednesday and Thursday mornings during school term time. The group is for pre-school children and their carers and has been running for almost five years.

Heather and I have thoroughly enjoyed watching the group grow and now feel ready to step down and allow others to take the group forward. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in being involved with the group, please contact either myself (Donna) or Heather.

Donna Wilson 07703 179090

Heather Jones 07870 801078



As part of the Mothers' Union 140th anniversary celebrations, Kay Bradburn and I attended a service in Winchester Cathedral, attended by members from all over the world. This was a wonderful occasion at which the preacher was Archbishop Justin Welby. This was followed the next day by the Annual Meeting in Basingstoke. Some members attended a lovely Anniversary Concert in Aberdare, at which the entertainment was almost exclusively provided by pupils from various Church in Wales schools in the area.

Our members helped to host a Harvest Afternoon Tea at which children from Bryn Deri Primary School provided entertainment. Our Harvest cake stall raised over £130 for the purchase of baptism gifts.

At our meeting in October we learned about the work of a Magistrate. The session began with a questionnaire on the role of these officials which members tried to answer and realised their knowledge was sadly lacking! In November, we held a service entitled "Preparing the Way - Advent to Christmas". This included hymns, bible readings or poetry and prose using several different themes - Hope, Encouragement, Humility, Vision, Obedience, Wonder and Praise. Following the service, Angela Dart encouraged us all to make a miniature Advent Wreath to take home.

Apart from helping by running stalls and refreshments at 'Get Ready for Christmas' we shall prepare the Christmas parcels for the residents of Hafan Flats in Ely, a small complex of supported housing for lone parents. Our next get-together will be our Christmas Lunch on 12th December.

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month beginning at 2pm with a short service in the Lady Chapel at Christ Church. We have welcomed several new members during the past year. If you have ever thought about joining us, perhaps 2017 will be the time?

Future meetings:

- Monday 9th January - Making Prayer Bracelets
- Monday 13th February - How Mothers' Union Shapes Our Lives

If you would appreciate any more information please give me a ring on 2084 3582.

Nicky Webber Branch Leader

From the parish registers

Holy Baptism

Kellyann Estelle O'Connor-Collins
Johnny-Reece Jamie O'Connor-Collins
Henry Arthur Pollitt
Hari Wyn Richards
Evelyn-Rose Summers

Confirmation

Theresa Marie Morgan
Valerie Protheroe

Joined in Holy Matrimony

Steven Medcalf and Maria Stokes

The faithful departed

Ralph Ashman
Gordon Heald
Jean Hooker
Roger Howell
Carol Humphries
Barbara Lewis
Heddwyn Richards

Dates for your diary

8 th January	Epiphany Sunday
29 th January	Café Church, St John's 6pm
4 th February	Parish Quiz, New Schoolrooms 7.30pm
5 th February	Christingle Service, Christ Church 11am
1 st March	Ash Wednesday
3 rd March	Women's World Day of Prayer Service Christ Church 7pm
5 th March	First Sunday in Lent
26 th March	Mothering Sunday
14 th April	Good Friday
16 th April	Easter Day

From the archives

The following is an extract from the parish leaflet of November 1951

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

At its meeting in Christ Church Vestry on 8th October, the Council recorded appreciation of the following gifts to St John's Church: a psalm board and hymn board from Mrs Morgan Leaves in memory of her husband; a lectern fall, offertory bags and book markers from Miss Diana David, Glan-y-Nant, Fairwater; carpeting and furnishings from the Ladies' Guild of the Parish.

Those who have seen the enrichment brought to our ancient and beloved Parish Church by these gifts will join in grateful thanks.

An item which serves to remind us of the richness of our heritage in the Parish was the receipt of a valuation from an expert valuer for the antique plate we possess, which is of early 18th century origin.

PAROCHIAL NOTES

The fruit and flowers that were tokens of our thanksgiving for the Harvest at Christ Church gave much enjoyment to patients at Rookwood Hospital and brought a letter of appreciation which the Council recently received.

We are delighted to know that Mrs Lougher, Hazelhurst is making progress after her recent illness.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs Fraser from Alloa, Scotland - the mother of Dr Fraser. To him and the family we offer our deepest sympathy.

John Greenwood Wilson writes from Catterick Camp: "We have now met our Padre and I have joined the local church choir. I hope to have some time for the organ. Warm regards to all at the Rectory and Sunday School." From 1947 until he joined the RAF, John was our organist at the young people's service.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The 'Old Contemptibles' of Cardiff have expressed the desire to attend our Remembrance Day Service. We shall be happy to have them with

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us. A parade of Radyr and Morganstown ex-Service Men and Women, Girl Guides and Boy Scouts, with a detachment of 'Old Contemptibles' will take place on Sunday 11th November.

The parade will fall in at the Church Room at 10.30 am and proceed to the war memorial for a Service of Preparation for the two minutes' silence, then to Christ Church for a service conducted by the Rector. Medals and decorations should be worn.



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Please speak to Malcolm May at St John's (2055 2352) or Alun & Deb Redwood-Knight at Christ Church (2055 1195).

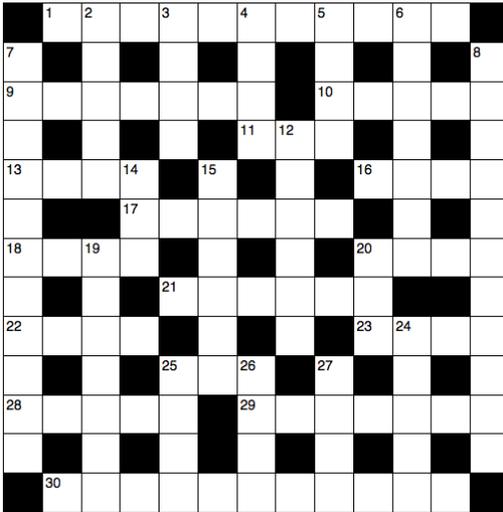
Solution to the crossword in the last edition.

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
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

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Across

- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9 'No — , impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10 City on the banks of the Nile (5)
- 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13 Taverns (4)
- 16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17 'He will not always — , nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
- 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1-2) (4,4)
- 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)

- 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)
- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Down

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to —' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 19th century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27 See 18 Across

The Bible version used is the NIV. Answers will be published in the next edition.