

The Parish of Radyr Newsletter

20th September – The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

HEADLINES

New Covid Guidelines. As notified earlier in the week, government regulations now state **all congregation members, 11 and over, at all services** in our churches (whether Sunday, midweek, baptism, wedding or funeral) are **required to wear a face covering** within the building at all times. **Also, a reminder that everyone must obey the 2-metre distancing rule, particularly when leaving church.** This is increasingly important as the incidence of Covid-19 is now building in Wales.

Congratulations to Vicki on her induction as Vicar of St Fagans and Michaelston-Super-Ely on Wednesday.

The service on Wednesday also included the Licensing of Gareth Rayner-Williams (picture right) as Assistant Priest in the North-West Ministry Area. Gareth has provided the following introduction:

Hi everybody. I'm really looking forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks and to meet some of you this coming weekend when I'm at Danescourt and Radyr.

Just a very brief introduction to say that I am from North Wales originally, from a little village called Llysfaen on the coast. I came to faith in my teenage years and began attending church, on my own, from about the age of 12. After school I headed off to university to study economics politics and theology and followed this with a postgraduate degree in Political theology at Hull University. I trained for the ordained ministry at Westcott House Cambridge and, after curacies in North Wales, came south to work at the University of South Wales. I've also worked at the theological college in Llandaff and was for a short time vicar of Roath. I then retrained as a secondary school teacher of religious education and was Head of RE at Hawthorn High School in Pontypridd and then Assistant Head at The Bishop of Llandaff High School where I might well have taught your sons and daughters. Currently, I work at Saint Teilo's High School as the community priest and a member of SLT.

I'm married to Darren who works for Apple as a Business and People consultant for London and the South East. We live in Llandaff with our three year old Dachshund, Gideon. We have three adult sons: James who is a counsellor, Benjamin who is an assistant manager of a pub in Cardiff and Samuel who is doing his Masters degree in music at Kings College London.

If you were to ask me what I thought the church was all about, I'd say it was about loving each other into holiness and kindness and helping to make the world a more just place for others.

Thank you for your kind welcome and I look forward to all that lies ahead for us in the coming years.

(Gareth can be contacted at G.rayner-williams@stteilos.com)

Giving. A reminder that, sadly, the Coronavirus pandemic has had a significant effect on Parish finances. Due to the fully understandable drop in attendance at services, the loss of income from being unable to rent our halls, and the cancellation of important fund raising events (like the Summer Fete) we are still predicting an end of year deficit of around £20K. Fortunately, our current reserves can cover this loss, but it is a very uncomfortable position to be in – not least because we know we need to spend around £50K on building repairs in the next 2-3 years (not including the Christ Church boiler which we are just about to replace). If you do give regularly, or would like to, please visit the [Giving Page on our website](#) where you can find out how to review your giving or set up a new arrangement. And do, please speak to Vicki or one of the Churchwardens if you have innovative ideas for fundraising or would like personally to sponsor a project.

Food collections. The heads of our local schools would like to pass on their thanks for your generosity in the past few months. Your gifts of non-perishable food have been a real help to a number of families in need locally. From this month onwards we will cease to organise food parcel deliveries within the parish so please give generously, as we used to do, to the Cardiff FoodBank ...any families in need will now be directed there. You can put items in the pink bags as you arrive at church as they will be kept separate for 72 hours.

Cardiff Foodbank top three needs this week are: long-life fruit juice, tinned sponge puddings and sweet treats (chocolate, sweets).

Harvest Festival. We will definitely have a special service this year – on Sunday, 4th October – with All Age Services with contributions from our Sunday Clubs at 9.15am and 11am and donations being given to the FoodBank. Put the date in your diary and watch this space for further information.



Mothers' Union Diaries 2021 - Julie is taking orders for diaries (£4.25) she won't require payment until the diaries arrive. Orders for MU Christmas cards can also be made through Julie. If you could please let Julie know as soon as possible, thanks you. Julie Davies 029 2084 2923.

SERVICES & EVENTS (*Please arrive early for services to allow time for hand sanitisation etc.*)

Sun 20 th	8.00am	Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
	9.15am	Holy Eucharist	St John's
	11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Christ Church
Tues 22 nd	10.00am	Coffee & conversation (and a chat about next Sunday's reading/s) via Zoom (We shall be looking at Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32, Philippians 2.1-13 & Matthew 21.23-32)	
Wed 23 rd	9.30am	Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
Thurs 24 th	11.00am	Holy Eucharist	St John's
Sun 27 th	8.00am	Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
	9.15am	Holy Eucharist	St John's
	11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Christ Church

Tues 13th Oct 10:00am Book Club "Mrs Dalloway" by Virginia Woolf (possibly via Zoom, or outside, if fine)

And here is forward notice for later club meetings, to give you time to get the book.

Tues 24th Nov 10.00am Book Club "The Family Upstairs" by Lisa Jewell (possibly via Zoom, or elsewhere)

Tues 12th Jan 10.00am Book Club "The Museum of Broken Promises" by Elizabeth Buchan (possibly via Zoom, or elsewhere)

Zoom joining instructions (for Coffee & conversation and Book Club):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2148431624?pwd=VURKZHIER25tTHhtREpMM1VxOU1OUT09>

Meeting ID: 214 843 1624

Passcode: Radyr2019

Operation Christmas Child A quick word from Anne-Marie. I am sorry to tell you that this year I shall not be organising the Christmas Shoe Boxes, mainly because of Covid-19 restrictions. Over the years we have sent approximately three and a half thousand beautifully filled boxes to desperately poor areas of the world and I cannot thank you enough on behalf of the children who have received them.

However, there is an alternative method of sending a Shoebox if you would still like to be involved. [Follow this link](#) and click 'Shoebox on line'. Follow the instructions, state the age of child, select the toys, send your name etc and £20 – this covers the box contents plus carriage. These boxes are packed hygienically at headquarters, and will be dispatched to the most needy children.

Thank you all so much for your past support,

Please note that your clergy are happy to talk to anyone at any time if they feel the need to chat.

If you would like something included in next week's Newsletter, please contact Vicki Burrows (2084 2417), one of the Churchwardens, or send the copy to hawkinsnick@msn.com.

Please also send information/photos for the Parish Website to RadyrParishWebsite@gmail.com

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