

# The Parish of Radyr Newsletter

## 27<sup>th</sup> September – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

### HEADLINES

**Covid Guidelines.** A reminder that government regulations now state **all over 11 congregation members, 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, remember that everyone must obey the 2-metre distancing rule, particularly when leaving church.** This is increasingly important as Cardiff moves into lockdown. (*When wearing a mask, please ensure it covers your face and nose!*)

**NHS track and trace app.** If you have a suitable Smartphone, do download this app to help track progress of Covid-19. We have placed a QR code on the doors of both our churches. Please scan the code on entry to let the app know you were there. (We will still keep our own records in each church.)

**Giving.** 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.

**Our Harvest Festival is next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> October.** There will be All Age Services with contributions from our Sunday Clubs at 9.15am and 11am. Donations will be given to the FoodBank – please see the message from them below.

**Cardiff Foodbank** We have received the following message from Mark Tugnell, of the Foodbank:

Dear Church Leaders,

I am sure that you would agree that this last few months has been challenging for us all, but in the midst of the difficulty there has been incredible blessing. Thank you to all of you who have continued supporting us over the last 7 months. We really appreciate all you're doing despite many obstacles.

While things have proved challenging for Cardiff Foodbank there has been some good news. We have been able to partner with Tescos and Morrisons, who have donated nearly 42 tonnes of food to us over the last three months. This is equivalent to providing three meals a day for three days to over 3700 individuals. This food, along with food donated through the supermarket collection bins, community collections and others supporting us through this time, means that we have a warehouse full of food at the moment, which is incredible. We know in the months ahead as this pandemic continues to affect families across the city, that this food will be needed. It feels like God has granted us a 'Joseph' storehouse to help those in need.

Meanwhile however Harvest is coming. Whilst we so appreciate all the food you usually collect for us over this time, if you are considering supporting us this Harvest time, we wanted to ask if you could do that with finance rather than food, as we have sufficient stock to meet the needs of those in crisis for the next few months.

We are looking at replacing the small van which is starting to have recurring mechanical problems, so that we can continue to effectively transport food around Cardiff, picking up food from collection points and delivering it to our centres to support those in crisis. It would be great if we could purchase a hybrid or electric option replacement for our van helping us to be mindful of our environmental commitment.

We are creating a campaign to raise funds for this project, which will cost around £25,000 and will be asking businesses, churches and individuals via email and social media if they would be willing to support us.

Please would you consider supporting this project instead of donating food this Harvest? We would be so grateful if you could and it will make such a difference.

If you do feel you can work with us in this way, we would ask that any donation includes the name of the church and the words 'New Van' so that we can designate the funds. Donations can be made via cheque, cash or BACS although perhaps the easiest way is via our Local Giving page <https://localgiving.org/appeal/Harvest2020/>

We will be keeping this appeal running until the end of 2020. **Thank you so much in anticipation.**

**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, thank you. Julie Davies 029 2084 2923.

**Choir Practice** You will see below that we have restarted regular practices for the Parish Choir, via Zoom, which is proving interesting! We are just getting used to singing again and, if proper singing is not allowed before then, we are hoping to make a recording for use at some Christmas services. Do let Amy, our Musical Director, know if you would like to join in the practice – or just get more information. She can be contacted on [Amy.Reynolds@rwcmd.ac.uk](mailto:Amy.Reynolds@rwcmd.ac.uk).

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

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|-----------------------|---------|---|---------------|
| Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.00am  | Holy Eucharist  | Christ Church |
|                       | 9.15am  | Holy Eucharist  | St John's     |
|                       | 11.00am | Holy Eucharist  | Christ Church |
|                       | 6.00pm  | Holy Eucharist  | Christ Church |
| Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Coffee & conversation (and a chat about next Sunday's reading/s) <b>via Zoom</b><br>(We shall be looking at Isaiah 5.1-7, Philippians 3.4b-14 & Matthew 21.33-46) |               |
| Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>   | 9.30am  | Holy Eucharist  | Christ Church |
| Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 11.00am | Holy Eucharist  | St John's     |
|                       | 6.00pm  | Choir practice  | via Zoom      |
| Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>   | 8.00am  | Holy Eucharist  | Christ Church |
|                       | 9.15am  | Harvest Festival  | St John's     |
|                       | 11.00am | Harvest Festival  | Christ Church |
|                       | 6.00pm  | Evening Prayer  | Christ Church |

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meeting ID: 214 843 1624

Passcode: Radyr2019

**Operation Christmas Child** A message 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](mailto:hawkinsnick@msn.com).***

***Please also send information/photos for the Parish Website to [RadyrParishWebsite@gmail.com](mailto:RadyrParishWebsite@gmail.com)***

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