

The Parish of Radyr Newsletter

6th December – The Second Sunday of Advent

HEADLINES

Darkness into Light. Advent is a time to look forward. For many of us it's the exciting countdown to Christmas which we mark by opening a new door on our Advent calendar. For Christians, Advent marks the start of a new year. It's a precious time to reflect and prepare as we wait to celebrate the coming of Christ into the world. Christ is the light of the world and as his coming approaches, we move from a world of darkness – of death, fear and sin - into a world of light – of hope, promise and life.



The Christian message of Advent is particularly relevant this year to a world thrown into crisis by the Covid pandemic. We are living our lives as never before - distanced from each other, anxious, uncertain, fearful, sick and grieving. Many feel the shadows of darkness and despair all around them.

Our [#DarknessIntoLight Advent campaign](#) aims to draw people to the light - the pure light we find in Christ's message of salvation for all and its reflection through the love and good works of those all around us. With love for those around us, we can help bring the light into dark corners.

We invite you to share the resources in the above link and join in the activities. Be inspired. Bear the torch. Be a light to others.

Covid Guidelines. Our churches are now open for worship. However, **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 and **everyone must obey the 2-metre distancing rule, and disperse quickly when leaving church.**

On Saturday, 12th December, Christ Church will be open from 10.00am to 6.00pm for viewing the Christmas Trees. There will be at least two ushers on at any time so, if anyone could spare an hour to act as an usher, we would be most grateful. Please email Margaret Smart at: margaret.smart77@ntlworld.com

Cardiff Foodbank: As previously reported, the Foodbank is asking for donations to their new van appeal. If you would like to contribute, please visit <https://localgiving.org/appeal/Harvest2020/>, **their Local Giving page. This appeal will run until the end of 2020.**

Nevertheless, if you would still like to make food donations, the collection bags remain at the back of church. Items currently requested are: Sponge Puddings, Rice Pudding (tinned), and Toiletries: Shampoo / Shower Gel / Deodorants / Soap.

SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun 6 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 8 th	10.00am Coffee & conversation (and a chat about next Sunday's reading/s) via Zoom	(We shall be looking at Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11, 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24, John 1.6- 8, 19-28)
Wed 9 th	9.30am Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
	10.00am Bumps a Daisy	New Schoolrooms
Thurs 10 th	11.00am Holy Eucharist	St John's
	6.00pm Choir practice	via Zoom
Sun 13 th	8.00am Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
	9.15am Holy Eucharist	St John's
	11.00am Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
	5.00pm Christingle (for details see over)	Via Zoom



Zoom joining instructions (for Coffee & conversation and Christmas services):

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

Meeting ID: 214 843 1624 Passcode: Radyr2019

For information, the next Book Club meeting will be:

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

Syrian family project The 1familycardiff Llandaff Deanery team is delighted to announce that the Home Office is recommencing the Syrian resettlement programme and that a family has been identified to join us in January or February of 2021. We are therefore asking all those people who have been part of this project to re-establish contact with the Parish 'champions' or project leaders (*for the Parish of Radyr - John and Sara Kiff - John.Kiff@btinternet.com*) as we prepare to welcome the family. You have shown enormous generosity, patience and resilience and we hope you will continue to offer practical support to 1familycardiff and hold us in your prayers.

"... I was a stranger and you welcomed me" Matthew 25; 35

**God our Saviour,
empower and encourage us
to be your people.
Bless and guide
the work of 1FamilyCardiff,
that in reaching out
to those who have lost everything,
we may honour in them
the presence of your Son,
Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

A list of Christmas events and services to put in your diary:

This Advent and Christmas we will be holding a number of digital services to prevent larger numbers gathering than we can safely social distance in church or are manageable on Zoom. You are welcome to attend any of the services.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE Sunday, 13th December 5pm ON ZOOM

Children, do join us prepared with an orange, a piece of red ribbon or tape, a small candle, four cocktail sticks, a handful of soft sweets/dried fruit (or, if you prefer, raisins or grapes)



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS Friday, 18th December at 6pm ON ZOOM

A service of readings, poems and Christmas Carols

A SERVICE OF READINGS AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC in Christ Church, Radyr. Saturday 19th December at 6pm OR Sunday, 20th December at 6pm

(The service will be the same on both days to enable everyone to attend with the proper distancing).

THE CHRISTMAS STORY (This replaces the popular Crib Service) 24th December, Christmas Eve 4pm ON ZOOM

Children do join dressed up as characters from the nativity: angels, shepherds, wise men, etc!

CHRISTMAS EVE IN CHURCH

The First Eucharist of Christmas 9pm St John's, Danescourt

Midnight Mass 11.30pm Christ Church, Radyr

CHRISTMAS DAY IN CHURCH

8am and 11am Christ Church, Radyr

9.15am St John's, Danescourt

To Make Online Donations to the Parish

Account name: Radyr PCC Sort Code: 53:70:30 Account Number 09202846

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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Please call or email the clergy team at any time.
(Their day off is usually Friday but may be called at any time in extremis).

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