

A Message from Vicki

The Parish of Radyr Newsletter

STOP PRESS – CHANGES TO SERVICES

Dear All

I am sorry to fill your inbox in one of the busiest weeks of the year but yesterday the Church Wardens, PCC Secretaries and Ministry Team of the Parishes of Radyr and St Fagans & Michaelston-Super-Ely have met on Zoom to discuss the recent government announcements and the advice we received from the Church in Wales.

Although we have now entered the highest alert level for Coronavirus in Wales we are not required to close our churches but to consider reducing the number and frequency of services offered so that those who wish to do so may worship safely. The current situation has led us to think very carefully because we want to meet your spiritual needs but also give you the opportunity to worship in a Covid secure church.

Since it is unlikely that the current restrictions will be lifted soon we have reviewed our service schedule both for Christmas and the coming weeks, and possibly months, ahead.

Please note you are always welcome to worship in any of our churches at any time

CHRISTMAS EVE

THE CHRISTMAS STORY (Crib Service) via Zoom*

4.00pm led by the Parish of Radyr Sunday Clubs

5.00pm led by the Parish of St Fagans Junior Church

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

***Zoom joining instructions for The Christmas Story on Christmas Eve**

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

Meeting ID: 214 843 1624 Passcode: Radyr2019

9.00pm The First Eucharist of Christmas	St John's
11.30pm Midnight Mass	Christ Church
11.30pm Midnight Mass	St Mary's

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am Holy Eucharist	St Mary's - NOTE THIS NEW TIME
11.00am Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
8.00am Holy Eucharist	Christ Church cancelled
8.00am Holy Eucharist	St Mary's cancelled
9.15am Holy Eucharist	St John's cancelled

FROM SUNDAY, 27th December and until further notice
there will be only one service held in each parish each Sunday as follows

10.30am Holy Eucharist St Mary's

11.00am Holy Eucharist Christ Church

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SERVICES IN ST JOHN'S

MIDWEEK SERVICES from 7th January and until further notice

11.00am Holy Eucharist at St John's

THERE WILL BE NO MIDWEEK SERVICES IN CHRIST CHURCH

In addition, there will be no midweek services next week on 30th or 31st December

I believe that, by reducing the number of services offered, we can and will provide a safe and secure environment for all who worship as well as those who lead services. I am sorry if the service you usually attend has been cancelled but I trust you will understand that this decision has not been reached lightly but after much thought.

Additionally, you will be pleased to hear that it is our intention to provide some services on line - these will include recordings of Sunday services uploaded to YouTube or Facebook, occasional Zoom services and, possibly, Compline or special services on Feast Days. (More details will be provided in the New Year)

If you or anyone you know is in pastoral need do please be in touch with me - I am keenly aware that this latest lockdown has added to the suffering of many people. Naturally, we were all looking forward to spending time with loved ones and understand that this lost opportunity will have an impact on the spiritual and mental health of many. Please don't suffer in silence, we are here to listen and support you. Whilst it feels as if we are a long way from the joy and blessings of a "normal" Christmas, I continue to remind myself that it was into this broken and messy world that God made himself known to us as a vulnerable infant, a man who spoke truth to power and One who gave up all he had that others might live. So whilst we are feeling the sacrifice and pain of separation from loved ones let's pause to give thanks for those who will be working on the frontline in our hospitals and nursing homes this Christmas - this year like no other we have depended on the efforts of so many key workers so let's now as God's children both give thanks for them and do our bit for the common good..

With my love and best wishes,

Vicki

And, can we add two messages? The first is to say that, if you missed the services of Music and Lessons which were held in Christ Church on both 19th and 20th December, you can watch a recording by downloading it from this link: [📎 Music and Lessons Service.mp4](#)

The second is from Luke Whitlock, who worships at St John's.

I recently undertook a long interview with Bishop June for BRO Radio. This is the "Classical Greats" programme, so full of festive carols and wintery classical music, and will be broadcast on Christmas Eve on BRO Radio, 7pm until 9pm. It's quite a lengthy interview, interspersed with music by Rutter, Tchaikovsky etc., where Bishop June talks about what Christmas meant to her as a child, being ordained and her career in the priesthood, to this last year and Covid etc. A fantastic interview and lots of great music.

To listen to the interview, go to this link <https://broradio.fm/> and click "Listen Live" or "Listen Again".