

# The Parish of Radyr Newsletter

## 7<sup>th</sup> February – The Second Sunday before Lent

### HEADLINES

**Our churches are closed to regular worship.** All services (apart from funerals and weddings) are now being conducted purely on-line until further notice.

### A message from Vicki:

Dear Friends

Many of you know I was appointed as both Vicar of The Parish of Radyr and your Ministry Area leader in 2019. The Ministry Area Transitional Team (MATT) gathered this week on Zoom to begin the process as directed by Llandaff Diocese to formalise our Ministry Area as a registered charity by early 2022. At present the four parishes of Pentyrch & Capel Lanilltern, Radyr, St Fagans & Michaelston-Super-Ely, and Tongwynlais are known as the 'North West Cardiff Ministry Area'. Each parish is represented on the MATT by two lay people plus their parish priest. Our first meeting was an opportunity to get to know one another and to share our hopes and concerns for the future. I am delighted that each of the parishes is represented by able individuals who will bring your worries and fears as well as your vision to our discussions. Meeting on Zoom is not easy for any of us but we took time to listen and learn from each other. In the coming months we will communicate with you regularly as we work through some of the issues and seek to ensure the best possible governance and care for our churches and people – now and in the years to come. Even at this point in the process I would like to assure you that worship, ministry, stewardship and finance, along with the day to day operations in each parish church, will not seem very different. Our churches will not lose their identities, nor their assets, or be subsumed into a greater whole. The members of our team are keen to preserve the identity of each church. I hope you will continue to give your time, talents and financial offerings to your local church. However, in addition to this, we hope that in the years to come we will develop new and creative ways to share and express our faith across the Ministry Area. Perhaps the 1Family Cardiff project is just one example of what can be achieved when churches work together to grow the Kingdom of God?

Since the 'North West Ministry Area' does not seem to describe our parishes well, we are looking for a new name and I would like to invite you to submit your ideas. So far we have received a number of suggestions including: 'All Saints', 'The Garth', 'Good Shepherd', 'Taff Ely', 'The Castles' and 'The One Church' Ministry Area. **What do you think of those suggestions and can you do better? Would you please let your PCC Secretaries know your thoughts and ideas for a new name by 28<sup>th</sup> February at the latest?** The MATT will choose from the names you offer in addition to these at our next meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Although the move from the Parish to the Ministry Area system will provide us with new opportunities, I do not underestimate the concern you may be feeling. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss these or have particular matters you wish the MATT to consider.

Best Wishes, Vicki

**Lent Group.** The St Fagans and Radyr Ministry Team of Clergy and Lay Readers will be leading a Lent Group on Zoom based on **OPENING OUR LIVES, Devotional readings for Lent, by Trystan Owain Hughes** (This is John Davies, Archbishop of Wales, recommended Lent Book 2021).

*(Note: available from Amazon for £8.57 incl. delivery.)*

Please make a note of the following dates in your diary and do, please, order your book so that you can enjoy reading Trystan's reflections each day.

**We will meet on Zoom each Tuesday at 7.30pm.** Each week we will spend 45 minutes discussing some of Trystan's ideas that you will have read over the previous week and we will close our group with Compline (Night Prayer).

23<sup>rd</sup> February (Vicki)

2<sup>nd</sup> March. (Gareth)

9<sup>th</sup> March (Belinda)

16<sup>th</sup> March. (Colin)

23<sup>rd</sup> March. (Cheryl)

Many of you will know Trystan - he is a tutor in applied theology at St Padarn's, honorary senior lecturer at Cardiff University, and Priest in Charge of Roath Park. He is also canon theologian of Llandaff Cathedral and has been a regular contributor to BBC Radio 2 and 4. In this book, Trystan challenges us to see that Lent is not about giving up or taking up but a radical opening up: the opening of our lives to God's transformative kingdom. Through practical daily devotions he calls on us to open our eyes to God's presence, our ears to his call, our hearts to his love, our ways to his will our actions to his compassion and our pain to his peace.

*Please read the note at the bottom of the page about Vicki and Belinda's availability.*

## SERVICES & EVENTS

- Sun 7<sup>th</sup>      **10.30am** Sunday Worship (An Agape Meal - Spiritual Communion) **via Zoom\***  
(This will be an All-Age service with contributions from the youngsters of all three churches. If you can, please have a sticking plaster to hand which you can write on. The theme today will be on healing needs.)  
**6.00pm** Evening Prayer **via YouTube** (click on link after 6.00pm)
- Tues 9<sup>th</sup>      **10.00am** Coffee & conversation (and a chat about next Sunday's reading/s) **via Zoom\***  
(We shall be looking at 2 Kings 2.1-12, 2 Corinthians 4.3-6, Mark 9.2-9)
- Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>      **6.00pm** Choir Practice **via Zoom\*\***
- Sun 14<sup>th</sup>      **10.30am** Sunday Worship (An Agape Meal - Spiritual Communion) **via Zoom\***  
**6.00pm** Evening Prayer **via YouTube** (link available next week)
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup>      **10.00am** Coffee & conversation (and a chat about next Sunday's reading/s) **via Zoom\***  
(We shall be looking at Genesis 9.8-17, 1 Peter 3.18-22, Mark 1.9-15)
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup>      **Ash Wednesday**  
**6.00pm** Evening Worship (An Agape Meal - Spiritual Communion) **via Zoom\***

For information, the next Book Club meeting will be reading **The Little Paris Bookshop** by **Nina George**. No date has been set for the discussion at the moment.

**\*Zoom joining instructions for Services, and Coffee & conversation:**

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

Meeting ID: 214 843 1624    Passcode: Radyr2019

**\*\*Zoom joining instructions for Choir Practice:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84031682122?pwd=cHZzVFpMaFRKN01sc3lpaVRXa2RIUT09>

Meeting ID: 840 3168 2122    Passcode: RadyrChoir

### To Make Online Donations to the Parish

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***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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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).

***Please note that it has been a very busy time for both Vicki and Belinda recently and they are taking a week off their normal duties for a week from Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February. Please respect their privacy during this period and only call Vicki on the number above in exceptional circumstances.***

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