The Parish of Radyr Newsletter 28th February – The Second Sunday of 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.

Lent Group. During Lent, the St Fagans and Radyr Ministry Team of Clergy and Lay Readers are 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). Each week they meet at 7.30pm on Zoom and spend 45 minutes discussing some of Trystan's ideas that you will have read over the previous week and we close with Compline (Night Prayer).

During Lent our Sunday Zoom worship will include an address from Bishop June and we will use the break out rooms to have a short discussion about her input.

SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun 28th **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.*) **6.00pm** Evening Prayer **via YouTube**

- Mon 1st **2.00pm** Ministry Area Transition Team meeting **via Zoom**
- Tues 2nd 7.30pm Lent Discussion Group via Zoom* (Gareth)
- Thurs 4th 6.00pm Choir Practice via Zoom**
- Sun 7th **10.30am** Sunday Worship (An Agape Meal Spiritual Communion) **via Zoom*** **6.00pm** Evening Prayer **via YouTube** (link available next week)
- Tues 9th **7.30pm** Lent Discussion Group **via Zoom*** (Belinda)
- Thurs 11th 6.00pm Choir Practice 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 Discussion Group:

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

Cardiff Foodbank and Puffins. Before Christmas we told you that the Foodbank had sufficient stock (having done a deal with a supermarket) so there was no need for further donations. That is still partly true; their website is appealing for Sponge Puddings, 1 litre Bottles of Squash, Fruit Juice (Long Life) and Tinned fish. They have plenty of everything else.

However, Gareth's Puffins initiative is still relevant. (If you did not keep the message, <u>you can read his item</u> <u>again via this link</u>.) The end of his message read: 'If you would like to help us make sure that none of our families go hungry, then gifts of financial support, time, and food would make a real difference. For more information, please email me at *puffins@stteilos.com* or telephone 029 20547180 and ask for Puffins. If you are in a position to give monthly to our work or gift us a one-off donation then the account details are:

BANK: NatWest, **ACCOUNT NAME**: St Teilo's Church in Wales High School Amenities Fund, **SORT CODE**: 52 21 63, **ACCOUNT NUMBER**: 12333077 (*Also, see note from Gareth, below*.)

World Day of Prayer. This is a women-led, global, ecumenical movement with an annual service compiled by women from different countries of the world held traditionally on the first Friday in March. This year it is the turn of Christian women from Vanuatu, a Pacific Island 1,100 miles to the east of Australia. The theme of their service is "Build on a strong Foundation" with the bible text from St Mathew's gospel. We also learn about the life of the people of Vanuatu and the history of the Island.

This year it is the turn of Christ Church to host the service in Radyr. Due to the current restrictions, it has been decided to postpone the service until June when we might have more access to the church and hall. Further details will be given nearer the time. We hope you will be able to join us. Diane Page, Nicky Webber, Angela Dart.

Syrian family project It's been a long journey since we began the project in 2017 but the Syrian family were collected safely from Heathrow on Thursday and they are really happy with their new home. Melad, the youngest' saw the iPad and the new footballs and was delighted. The house is warm, bright and fully equipped - with the fridge freezer and cupboards full to bursting with Syrian food which we bought on City Road. Several neighbours brought flowers.

They will be isolating for 10 days but will have many things such as registering for benefits and starting English lessons on Zoom to do in that time. We are pleased not only that they are healthier and more positive than we expected but that the boys (12, 14 and 16) have a much better command of English than we thought that they would have, which will help them to assimilate into life here.

More news when we have it, but a very positive start. Thank you all for the wonderful support that you have given to this project.

John & Sara Kiff

(See also the separate message from Rev'd Michael John)

A message from Gareth, re Puffins. Please extend our thanks as a school for the tremendous generosity in the gifts that have been offered as part of our pantry provision. Here is a typical pictures It is clear that parishioners have carefully chosen what to put in to supplement the weekend provision of backpacks for our children. The donations will make a huge difference to our work. Thank you.



To Make Online Donations to the Parish

Thank you for your continued support of your offerings to the Parish during this pandemic. If you would like to make a monetary contribution or set up a direct debit or bank standing order, please donate using the Bank details below. There is more information on the <u>Giving Page on our website</u>.

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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 <u>hawkinsnick@msn.com</u>.

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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