

The Parish of Radyr Newsletter

25th April – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

HEADLINES

We are now opening our churches to regular worship in phases. On **Sunday, 2nd May** we will restart Sunday morning worship at both our churches – 09.15 at St John's and 11.00 at Christ Church. On **Sunday, 16th May** we will restart the 08.00 service in Christ Church and, on **Sunday, 30th May** we will start an evening service in St John's at 18.00. For people still uncertain about returning to a physical service, we are confident that the new camera system in Christ Church will be operational by 2nd May and it will be possible to enjoy the service via a 'live stream' over the internet.

Please be careful as we restart our services in church. Sadly, despite the good progress on vaccinations and the reduction in actual cases, the virus has not gone away and new variants are appearing. It would be all too easy for us to go back immediately to the pre-Covid practice of meeting and chatting both before and after services – and we hope that we will soon be permitted to do just that. However, for the moment, we need to adhere to the distancing, sanitising and track & trace registration procedures we had last time the churches were open. Please follow the stewards instructions and please do not congregate just outside the church at the end of the services.

The priesting of Belinda. The Ordination of Rev'd Belinda Huxtable to the Priesthood will take place at Christ Church on 26th May at 3pm. More details to follow.

Holy Land Pilgrimage. Last year's planned pilgrimage had to be cancelled because of the pandemic. Vicki is now organising a new one for October 2022 – see the flyer overleaf and the detailed itinerary circulated with the Newsletter email.

And a reminder from Vicki ...Last week in my newsletter I asked if you would set aside some time to think and pray and then write to me about how you believe our churches could better proclaim the gospel afresh in the aftermath of Covid. So far four people have sent me their thoughts. We have a unique opportunity as we reopen our churches to do the things we have always done well but also to think where God might now be calling us to focus our energies. No idea is too small or too large. Please give this some thought and if at all possible don't just write, "we need to do more for the elderly, the children and families" but make some concrete suggestions. We are the Body of Christ and last week's collect reminds us of this truth: "Risen Christ you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with peace...." I hope that by next week I will have some more input from you and I will then share with you some of the thoughts of our congregations

SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun 25 th	10.30am	Sunday Worship (An Agape Meal - Spiritual Communion)	via Zoom*
Wed 28 th	9.30am	Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
Thurs 29 th	6.00pm	Choir Practice	via Zoom**
Sun 2 nd	11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
Wed 5 th	9.30am	Holy Eucharist	Christ Church

*Zoom joining instructions for Services

<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's top three items are Single bars of soap, Small packs of toilet roll (packs of two or four) and Deodorant.

Puffins Gareth's appeal is still running. (If you did not keep the message, [you can read his item again via this link.](#)) 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

Parish Hall at St John's, Danescourt:

The Parish Hall is a major resource for the parish and for the community in Danescourt. It not only plays a significant role in the engagement of the church with the community, it also makes a very significant contribution to the parish finances without which we would face considerable challenges to our mission.

In a 'normal' year the Hall is occupied for approaching 40 hours a week by 15 different regular users comprising local groups, clubs and classes. In addition to these there are one-off bookings for parties and other events.

Hitherto the Hall has been managed in its entirety by one person – most recently Malcolm May. Malcolm now wishes to stand down. It is accepted that managing all aspects of the Hall – both bookings and maintenance – is too large a task for one person, so we intend to move to a new management regime whereby the tasks involved are minimised (through automation and in other ways) and split across a number of individuals.

The Buildings Committee will in future look after all the maintenance aspects of the Hall, so the Parish needs at least one, but ideally more than one, person to take on the role of Bookings Secretary.

From the work that has been done so far, we have identified numerous ways in which this role can be simplified and minimised, and the PCC and Buildings Committee will support any volunteers to make the role as easy to do as possible. They will also be supported by Malcolm during a handover period.

The Hall is a vital resource for the Parish. Would you be willing to take on this role or at least to share it with one or more people? If so, please speak to Vicki or one of the Wardens.

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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.

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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