

The Parish of Radyr Newsletter

10th October – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

HEADLINES

Wales is at Covid Alert Level Zero and our services have reverted to a normal format. However, as our churches are public buildings, please remember to wear a face covering even during the singing of hymns. The sacrament will now be distributed in one kind (bread) only at the altar rail – but please remain standing.

So, do come and join us in Christ Church at 8am or 11am or St John's at 9.15am For those still unable to get to church for whatever reason, we are now regularly streaming the 11:00 Sunday service on the [Parish's YouTube channel](#).

Advent Course - The Garth Ministry Area. Rev'd. Lindsey Ford will be holding four discussion sessions entitled 'Waiting upon God'. They will be held at Christ Church, Radyr from 10.30am until 12noon on **Tuesdays November 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd**. All are welcome. This is not a course, they are stand alone discussions.

Quiet Day, 13th November, Christ Church Radyr - "The waiting place of God". A day of prayer meditation and silence. For more information, to view the programme and to register please contact Belinda.

More dates for your diaries:

Confirmation Christ Church, **24th October** 6pm. Please come along and join confirmation candidates from across our Ministry Area. (Rehearsal of confirmation group 7.15pm **17th October**)

All Souls Commemoration of the Departed Christ Church, **31st October** 4pm and, same day at 6pm, **Glow in the darkness Ministry Area Messy Church.**

Refreshments after Sunday services Do stay for a chat after **the 9.15am service at St John's and the 11:00am service at Christ Church**, when we will be serving coffee and tea.

SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun 10 th	8.00am	Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
	9.15am	Holy Eucharist	St John's
	11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evening Worship	Christ Church
Tues 12 th	10.00am	Coffee & conversation (and a chat about next Sunday's reading/s) (We shall be looking at Isaiah 53.4-12, Hebrews 5.1-10, Mark 10.35-45) 17 Woodfield Ave (note different venue)	
Wed 13 th	9.30am	Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
Thurs 14 th	11.00am	Holy Eucharist	St John's
	6.00pm	Choir practice	Christ Church
	6.30pm	Alpha Course	New Schoolrooms
Sun 17 th	8.00am	Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
	9.15am	Holy Eucharist	St John's
	11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evening Worship	Christ Church

Coffee and Chat – meets to read and discuss the Lectionary readings for the forthcoming Sunday. Everyone is welcome. This week come along at 10.00am on Tuesday to **17 Woodfield Ave (note different venue)**. . Email amanda.russelljones@virginmedia.com with any queries.

For information, the next Book Club meeting will be reading **The Colour** by Rose Tremain. No date has been set for the discussion at the moment.

Mothers' Union next meeting is **tomorrow, 11th October** at 2pm in the New Schoolrooms with a speaker from Hafan Flats. Also, please bring along names, menu choices and a £5 deposit to book your Christmas Lunch.

Our Get Ready For Christmas event will be taking place on **20th November**. More details about this soon. Thank you to all those who have donated mugs for the hyacinth bulbs. We have enough now, but please could you think about Christmas crafts and gifts which we could sell. Any queries, please contact Rubina 20843442 or rubina.davison@gmail.com

Can you help please? WANTED: Children's clothes Age 0-4 yrs. Mothers' Union would be grateful for donations of good quality second-hand children's clothing for a local Housing Project who support single parents and their children. Donations can be given to Mary Cooksley or Julie Davies. For more details contact Julie on 20842923 or auntiejulie@hotmail.com.

Cardiff Foodbank's top three items are fruit juice (long life, 1 litre), milk (UHT long/life, 1 litre) and sponge puddings.

MINISTRY AREA UPDATE – A message from Vicki

Dear all,

After many weeks of discussion, firstly with Bishop June back in July and subsequently in September with Rod our new Archdeacon, I am both disappointed and sad to share with you the news that despite my very best efforts we will only be permitted to advertise two full time stipendiary posts for priests to serve alongside me in The Garth Ministry Area. I tried very hard to convince +June that we needed 3 other clerics in addition to myself to serve the 8 churches, 11 schools, and our large and growing population but despite this I am told that each ministry area will be allotted only 3 priests. I feel we deserved to be evaluated not just on past performance but on the mission opportunity that we have with Plas Dwr and the growing new estates. Our parishes collectively have a high density of population and opportunity which I believe is unique. Archdeacon Rod also believes that in an ideal world we would have a team of five but financial resources are finite. I know this will be a disappointment to you but there is some good news.

The Rev'd Steve Willson who joined us as an Interim Priest has indicated to myself and +June that he wishes to remain in our Ministry Area. The Rev'd Lindsay Ford, a priest in retirement, who has been supporting us since Zoe and Michael moved on has also indicated that wishes to continue to serve alongside the stipendiary team. I am so pleased that both Steve and Lindsay will remain with us.

This means that in the coming weeks we will be advertising just two posts and I am expecting that Steve and one other full time priest will be licensed early in 2022.

In the coming weeks you will be hearing more.

I know you will be wondering what this means to "your church/parish". Each of our current parishes will have a priest to whom they can turn for pastoral care and one who will take most of their Sunday services along with the baptisms, weddings and funerals. The three full-time clergy will share the particular gifts they have over a wider area. It is likely that one will focus on Increasing our Capacity for Good, outreach engagement and social responsibility plus comms. This person will focus on new projects and improved communications in the MA. Another priest will focus on Young Faith Matters ie. Children, Youth and Families, schools and Education ...this is likely to sit with me in Radyr alongside the Ministry Area Role. A third priest will be involved in Telling the Joyful Story - mission and evangelism, making new disciples working with Lay Ministers offering adult education etc across the MA but especially focusing on the new housing. Finally a fourth person who may be our retired priest, working alongside Belinda, our curate in training, will focus on well-being - the spiritual and mental health of us all. This role will include the setting up of effective pastoral teams of lay people to minister alongside the clergy providing support to the sick and vulnerable, the elderly and those in nursing/care homes.

Please continue to pray for The Garth Ministry Area as it takes shape and for our future life together as we seek to live and share the gospel.

Yours in Christ,

Vicki

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If you would like something included in next week's Newsletter, please contact 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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