

# The Parish of Radyr Newsletter

## 19<sup>th</sup> December – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

### HEADLINES

**Covid:** Although Wales remains at Alert Level 0 there is increased concern over the transmission of the Omicron variant. To minimise the risk, particularly just before Christmas, we are reducing the opportunity for face to face interaction by temporarily stopping refreshments after services. Nevertheless, we are confident our churches remain a safe and welcoming environment. 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](#).

**Our Christmas Tree Festival** will be open for viewing in Christ Church each afternoon from **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** from 2pm to 5pm each afternoon.

**GOOD GRIEF** is a group which meets **each Thursday** at 2.00pm in Christ Church for a cuppa and conversation; an opportunity for those who have been bereaved recently, or even years ago, to gather to chat and share the grief journey together. **Please note** the group is taking a break over the Christmas period and will be starting again on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Refreshments after Sunday services** are suspended (see above).

**Electoral Roll** *Have you filled in your form yet?* We are building a new list for the Garth Ministry Area which comes into being on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022. Adding your name to the Electoral Roll is a very simple process. The necessary forms are at the back of church and can also be [downloaded from the Parish Website](#). Just fill in the details and hand it into church or send it to me at 7 Station Road, Radyr Cardiff, CF15 8AA by **2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022**. The information you provide will be kept secure, as is explained in the Privacy Notice. Welsh versions of the forms are also available. If you have any questions, do speak to Vicki or the Churchwardens.

**Ministry Area Vestry Meeting.** Although the MA comes into existence on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022, it will not be formally constituted until the first Vestry Meeting (which is why the new Electoral Roll needs to be completed) **at 6pm on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 in Christ Church**. Please put that date in your diary. Everyone is invited to Evensong at 5pm followed by a glass of wine and then the meeting at 6pm. **And please let Vicki know if you might be prepared to serve on the new Ministry Area Council (which replaces the existing PCC and will meet four times a year)**. It is an opportunity to shape the future of our church.

### SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8.00am</b>	Holy Eucharist	<b>Christ Church</b>
	<b>9.15am</b>	Holy Eucharist	<b>St John's</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	Holy Eucharist	<b>Christ Church</b>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Evening Worship	<b>Christ Church</b>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2.00-5.00pm</b>	Christmas Tree Festival	<b>Christ Church</b> (until Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> )
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>9.30am</b>	Holy Eucharist	<b>Christ Church</b>
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>11.00am</b>	Holy Eucharist	<b>St John's</b>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Choir practice	<b>Christ Church</b>
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>		
	<b>5.00pm</b>	Crib Service	<b>Christ Church</b>
	<b>9.00pm</b>	First Eucharist of Christmas	<b>St John's</b>
	<b>11.30pm</b>	Midnight Mass	<b>Christ Church</b>
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Day</b>		
	<b>9.15am</b>	Holy Eucharist	<b>St John's</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	Holy Eucharist	<b>Christ Church</b>
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>11.00am</b>	Holy Eucharist	<b>Christ Church</b>

**Please note that there will be no midweek services in the week after Christmas, starting 27<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Toddler groups** Do you have a spare Tuesday or Wednesday morning once every 4-6 weeks? Our thriving parent and toddler groups at Christ Church and St John's have teams of volunteers who help out every few weeks, but could do with a few more willing helpers. If you would like to find out more, please contact Kim Johnston for Bumps a Daisy at Christ Church (07756 079155), or Cheryl Evans for Little Lambs at St John's (07917 440955).

**Are you receiving Llandaff Matters?** Llandaff Matters is the weekly Diocesan newsletter that includes news and events from across the Diocese. [You can subscribe via this link:](#)

**Cardiff Foodbank's** top three items are Custard, Chocolate Bars and Biscuits.

**A list of Christmas services to put in your diary:**

**CHRISTMAS EVE 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**CRIB SERVICE 5pm, Christ Church**

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

**THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF CHRISTMAS, 9pm St John's**

**MIDNIGHT MASS 11.30pm, Christ Church**

**CHRISTMAS DAY 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE 9.15am St John's**

**CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE 11am Christ Church**

**BOXING DAY 26<sup>th</sup> December**

**Please note there will be only one service in the Ministry Area this day, at 11:00, in Christ Church.**

**To Make Online Donations to the Parish**

Thank you for your continued support of your offerings to the Parish. 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 [Giving Page on our website](#).

Account name: Radyr PCC Sort Code: 53:70:30 Account Number 09202846

***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](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).

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