

The Garth Ministry Area News

Welcome to the first of a series of occasional updates to keep you informed about what's going on in the Ministry Area. The Ministry Team (our clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers) have been planning services and activities for Lent, Holy Week & Easter and there are also several other events coming up in the months ahead that will be of interest to some of you...

Youth Club

Last year we ran several sessions for the young people attending confirmation classes and are keen to develop that into a Ministry Area youth group for young people from school year 6 and upwards.

We would therefore like to invite all our young people in that age group to get together on Sunday 27th February at 7.15 pm at Christ Church, Radyr. There will be food and probably games and lots of chat ! We will be discussing the idea of a weekly youth group and perhaps a young people's act of worship once a month. It would help with our catering plans if we can have some idea of approximate numbers attending. For more info or to book a place please contact Cheryl Evans (029 2019 5344 - cherylrhiwbina@icloud.com)

Social Event

On 1st March, which this year is both St David's Day and Shrove Tuesday, there'll be a Quiz open to all in the New School Rooms (Church Hall) at Christ Church, Radyr. You can either come as a team (we recommend teams of 6 but it's not a rule!) or as individuals (who we can join into teams). Bring your own drinks (alcoholic or otherwise) and crisps or other snacks.

This will start at 7.30pm – please be there by 7.15pm if you need to be joined into a team. As well as being a social event this will be a fundraising event for Christian Aid week - those attending will be asked to pay £5 per head for entry and there will also be a raffle and other chances to contribute to Christian Aid's invaluable work across the world. Donations of prizes for the raffle would also be very much appreciated. Further information from John Kiff (John.Kiff@btinternet.com - 077 1017 2685) or any of the clergy.

Ash Wednesday Services

Services will be held in various churches on the morning of Ash Wednesday (2nd March). There will also be an Ash Wednesday evening service at 7.30pm at Christchurch, Radyr. The imposition of ashes will be an optional part of all services.

Praying with the Ministry Team

The MA Ministry Team (our clergy Belinda, Lyndsay, Steve and Vicki, and Readers Amanda & Iwan) meet together to pray on a Monday morning at 09.30. We like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who like to join us for Morning Prayer followed by coffee and cake on the following Mondays:

7th March, 9.30am at St Catwg's Church, Pentyrch

4th April, 9.30am at St Mary & St James Church, Taffs Well

9th May, 9.30am at St Mary's Church, St Fagans

Growing Spiritually in Lent

Lent is a great opportunity to invest in our relationship with God by setting aside a little bit of time to learn and grow as Christians. We can do that on our own by setting aside some time to read the bible or pray or we can join with others to chat, learn and grow together and there are a couple of options available for that this Lent:

Preparation for Lent – Quiet day – Retreat, Rest & Refresh

5th March - St Catwgs, Pentych - 10.00am-3pm

Tea & Coffee provided - please bring a packed lunch. For a programme and more information contact Belinda Huxtable (077 3424 8869 - curateofradyr@gmail.com)

Lent with the Saints (Encounters with our Lord Jesus)

Lent sessions - at Christ Church, Radyr - 11.00-12.30am

8th March - Ignatius of Loyola 1491-1556...a personal encounter.

15th March - Francis of Assisi 1181-1226...a personal commitment

22nd March - Therese of Lisieux 1873-1897...The Little Flower..a response to God's love

29th March - Teresa of Avila 1515-82...a wayward girl finding herself

4th April - Dewi Sant/St David..the Welsh saints..doing the little things.

Each address will be followed by an imaginative contemplation on a portion of scripture. With the help of the saints we will come together to seek a personal encounter with Our Lord Jesus.

For more information contact Belinda Huxtable (077 3424 8869 - curateofradyr@gmail.com)

Holy Week Services

10th April - Palm Sunday: The usual morning service pattern will be followed in all churches on Palm Sunday but there will also be an additional Palm Sunday Praise service at Christchurch, Radyr, at 6pm. We'd like to form an ad hoc Garth Ministry Area choir for this occasion and have got a few weeks to prepare, so please contact Vicki Burrows (075 1596 5781 – vicki.burrows@icloud.com) if you'd like details of choir rehearsal dates.

11th April - Monday in Holy Week: 7.30pm - St David's Church, Groes Faen

12th April - Tuesday in Holy Week: 7.30pm – St Mary & St James Church, Taffs Well

13th April - Weds in Holy Week: 7.30pm - St Mary's Church, St Fagans

14th April – Maundy Thursday: Services in each part of MA – see local info for details

15th April - Good Friday: Daytime services in each part of MA – see local info. There will also be an evening service, 7.30pm at St Michael's, Tongwynlais, for the benefit of those who are working or otherwise unavailable during the day.

17th April – Easter Day: Usual Services in each church.

Diocesan Festival of Prayer

Building on the success of previous years, the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Festival of Prayer provides a variety of 'taster' workshops in many different prayer techniques and spiritual traditions, and sessions

that go deeper. The breadth of content and renowned Welsh hospitality makes the day suitable for beginners and the more experienced alike. Among the riches on offer are sessions on 'Your Will be done', 'God's Amazing Plan', 'Does God love Sport?', 'Icons', 'Music and Faith', 'Julien of Norwich', 'The Compassionate Heart', 'Poetry and Prayer', 'What does God need with a Starship? Encountering the Divine in Star Trek'. The full list can be found at www.festivalofprayer.live If you are someone who hasn't been to the Festival Day, please take a few minutes to read visit the link below and find out what it is all about. This year's festival is on Saturday 9th July from 10.00am-4.30pm at St Teilo's Church in Wales High School, Circle Way East, Cardiff, CF23 9PD. Booking early will ensure the best opportunity of attending the workshops of your choice.

For further information please contact Rev'd Moira Spence (tybara@btinternet.com - 01656 881960).

Please pray for the appointment of our new Ministry Team member

We are interviewing a candidate for the post of Vicar for Evangelism, Discipleship and Communications for the Garth MA on Wednesday 16th February. The role they are potentially taking on will include Pioneer ministry in the areas of new housing development across the Ministry Area, pastoral responsibility for St Fagans, Michaelston-Super-Ely and Plas Dwr and improving our communications and use of technology. Please pray for the candidate and for the interview panel (MA Leader and Lay Chair, St Mary's church representative, Bishop and Archdeacon) – that it may be clear to all if this is the person God is calling to join our Ministry Team and fulfil this role.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

THE HOLY LAND In the footsteps of Jesus - A Pilgrimage through the Biblical Lands of Israel and Palestine Led by The Rev'd Vicki Burrows & Rev'd Canon Chris Vallins, 5th - 14th October 2022

"For hundreds of years Christians have set aside time to hear, and experience in a new way, the familiar stories of their faith by going on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We invite you to join us walking in the steps of Jesus, in Nazareth, Bethlehem, Galilee and Jerusalem. Our Pilgrimage will be both an opportunity to support and encourage the Christian community there and to gain a greater understanding of the three Abrahamic faiths:- Judaism, Christianity and Islam – for all of whom Jerusalem is Holy."

Further details available from Vicki Burrows (075 1596 5781 – vicki.burrows@icloud.com) or this website https://uk01.z.antigena.com/l/OPYcfAG4t6dMf8qjuwi7bY1Umk6CNL2jOpdn6d1RqAreO5XPogyE~QMs5pR3CqC_dXKZF3uFQoc2dKRkFNNt9RrUosWe_o1i_zzwJ3k~ZBJ26la4m4fvXysP1eyRIZGLceAU4hVD~3RXqunEGzH_ywfDZOZAW9Ci_DB8I4NoPPNtLZ_SIT9RaOXzkMbleGvYWsku4PewSl1mNKKH4tSN5-l-jqdwcl32ghvVP_MP

Making sense of Ministry Areas

The Diocesan website has a section devoted to Ministry Areas which covers all sorts of things from why they are being created to the finer details of running a Ministry Area Council. So if you're still wondering what Ministry Areas are about have a browse at <https://llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk/en/ministry-area-support/ministry-areas/> and if that doesn't answer your question please do talk to Vicki or Steve and they'll try to fill in the gaps!

Corrections? Things missing? An event you'd like to advertise? Interesting news to share? Questions?

Anything you'd like to be included in the next MA News can be sent to:

Rev'd Steve Willson - 029 2081 1476 - stevewillson@cinw.org.uk