

The Garth Ministry Area

Christ Church, Radyr; St John's Danescourt

29th May – The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day)

HEADLINES

Covid: The Welsh Government has removed all restrictions and face coverings are no longer required in our buildings – but feel free to wear them if you would prefer as they remain a useful way to prevent the risk of infection. Our services have reverted to normal, although the sacrament will remain as being distributed in one kind (bread) only at the altar rail – please remain standing. As you will see in the associated Ministry Area News, this will change at Pentecost, 5th June, when the chalice will be reintroduced.

So, do come and join us in Christ Church and St John's. You will be most welcome. For those still unable to get to church for whatever reason, we regularly stream the 11:00 Sunday service on the **Parish's YouTube channel** (where you can also view past services). Christ Church is open for private prayer, Monday to Friday from about 9am until 4pm.

You will also see in the Ministry Area News that our two new Ministry Area Vicars will be licensed on 24th July in a special MA service at 6.00pm in Christ Church.

Christian Aid Many thanks to all who came along to the Christian Aid lunch last week. We raised £100 for the 2022 Appeal. Christian Aid's work has never been more important or needed. If you'd like to make a donation you can still do online or by cheque:

Online: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

Cheque: Income Processing Team, Christian Aid, PO Box 100, London, SE1 7RT

SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun 29 th	8.00am	Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
	9.15am	Holy Eucharist	St John's
	11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Christ Church

Tues 31st **10.00am** Coffee & conversation (and a chat about next Sunday's readings) **via Zoom**
(We shall be looking at Genesis 11.1-9, Acts 2.1-21, John 14.8-17)

Zoom joining instructions for Coffee & conversation:

<https://zoom.us/j/91016992055?pwd=T3Z4R05zN3ZwakFJNkVFVU5ybmFpUT09>

Contact: amanda.russelljones@virginmedia.com with any queries.

Wed 1 st	9.30am	Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
Thurs 2 nd	11.00am	Holy Eucharist	St John's
Sun 5 th	8.00am	Holy Eucharist	Christ Church
	9.15am	Holy Eucharist	St John's
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Further dates for your diaries:

Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting Event The RMA and the R & M Community Council are working together to bring a FREE celebration event in the Grounds of Radyr Comprehensive School on **Thursday, 2nd June**, 18.00 to 22.20; an event for all the family, starting at 18.00 with Children's entertainment and the judging of the Design a Crown competition. From 19.00 there will be live music from the Melingriffith Brass Band and the Porthcawl Ukulele Band – bring you picnic and enjoy the entertainment. A Bar and BBQs will also be open throughout the evening. At 21.45 we join sites across the UK in lighting the Jubilee Beacon before, at 22.00, a fabulous Fireworks display. 22.20 Close. There is some parking on-site but those who are able walk to the site are requested to do so to allow those with access needs to use the available parking.

The Alpha Course We are running another Alpha Course in Radyr, beginning on **Thursday, 9th June** at 6.30 pm. Alpha is for anyone who wants to know more about the basics of the Christian faith. Each week we eat a meal together, watch a short film, and then discuss whatever questions people have about God and the meaning of our lives. We finish by 8.30 pm. If you or any of your friends and family would like to join the course, please contact Iwan & Amanda Russell-Jones, either by email or giving us a call. We look forward to hearing from you. Email: alphainradyr@virginmedia.com, Tel: 07905400688

Family Fun Day “Jubilee” the summer fete at Christ Church is back again this year, on **Saturday, 2nd July**, themed on the Queen’s Jubilee. Stalls, games, inflatable slide and bouncy castle, bar & BBQ, live music, bell-ringing demonstrations, plus a host of other attractions for all the family. **Please start collecting** items for our red, white and blue stall; unopened and ‘in date’ bottles of anything e.g. ketchup, squash, bubble bath, wine etc; biscuits (not chocolate) for the Mothers’ Union biscuit tombola; items for the bric-a-brac stall; raffle prizes; books (paperbacks only please). Please begin to think about what delicious Jubilee cakes you could make for the cake stall. Any queries, please contact Rubina Davison. 02920843442. Just five weeks to go until the event!

The Festival of Prayer Day began in 2016 and was going from strength to strength before the Covid 19 pandemic struck. If you are someone who hasn’t been to the Festival Day, which this year is on **Saturday 9th July**. This year’s programme is to be found at www.festivalofprayer.live .

Christ Church is asking for volunteers to put flowers on the shelf behind the altar in church. There is a rota on the notice board near the hall. No flower arranging skills are needed as bunches of flowers, bought or from your own garden, are just put into two vases on the shelf. Nothing exotic or expensive is expected! If, for any reason, you do not wish to put them in the church yourself you can contact Marion John or Jean Gardner and one of them will either put them in for you or come with you to show you what is needed. In these difficult financial times, the more volunteers we have means the cost is therefore spread far more thinly. Thank you. Marion 20842448 mandkjohn@hotmail.com ; Jean 20330759 jgardner9@sky.com

Julie Davies, who worships in Radyr, is a Member and Trustee of Mothers’ Union in Llandaff Diocese. She has challenged herself to walk 1,000+ miles during 2022 in aid of the Mothers' Union 'Away From It All' Caravan in Trecco Bay, Porthcawl – you may have noticed her walking around the local area early in the morning. If you would like to support Julie, sponsorship forms are available in our churches.

War in Ukraine: John Rutter pens new work after Ukraine invasion. John Rutter, the composer, has written a new choral work in response to the invasion of Ukraine. Funds raised from ‘A Prayer for Ukraine’, are going to the Disasters Emergency Committee’s Ukraine appeal. Rutter explained: “How can a composer respond to a global tragedy? I suppose by writing music: like everybody I have been shocked and dismayed by the events of recent days. “The first thing I wanted to do was write music that would respond in my own way. I went to a late-night service in my old college chapel where they sang a setting of a lovely Ukrainian prayer, so having encountered the Ukrainian text, on Thursday I wrote my own music. I hope the meaning of the text will resonate in people’s hearts.” The words of the piece, which are originally in Ukrainian, translate into English as: “Good Lord protect the Ukraine. Give her strength, courage, faith, and hope. Amen.” He added: “I hope it speaks in terms which reach out to the Ukrainian people in their hour of need.” You are welcome to duplicate the score for the sole use of your own choir. You may like to make a donation to a Ukrainian relief charity, perhaps equivalent to the approximate cost of the copies had you purchased them. If you wish, you are free to make an audio or video recording of the piece without a special licence to do so. Listen to the new work at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bx4QFxfW2s>

Cardiff Foodbank’s top three items are Good Quality Carrier Bags, Sponge Puddings and Tinned Tomatoes.

To Make Online Donations to Christ Church and St John’s

To set up a regular monthly donation to Christ Church or St John’s please go to the [Giving For Life Page on our website](#). This contains a link to the “Gift Direct” system, which is a donation scheme operated by The Church in Wales on our behalf and is the most efficient way of making regular donations. If you currently use envelopes or a standing order, please consider using the Gift Direct scheme to help us maximise the Gift Aid we can reclaim and increase efficiencies.

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 our Website to RadyrParishWebsite@gmail.com

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Rev’d Steve Willson, 029 2089 1490, stevewillson@cinw.org.uk

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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