

The Garth Ministry Area News

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Licensing of our New Vicars

Our two new Vicars will be licensed on 24th July in a special MA evening service at Christ Church, Radyr. Steve will be formally licensed as MA Leader at the same service. We will hope for a full church that evening and may even need to allocate places, as people are likely to want to come from Cowbridge and Briton Ferry as well, to support Ian and Sandra. We will confirm details nearer the time if necessary.

It is a bit of a disappointment that we will have to wait until the end of July, when early indications seemed to be that they may be able to come sooner, but unfortunately there is quite a lot of work to be done in Radyr Vicarage before Ian and Bernhard can move in. Sandra and Mike hope to move into St Fagans Vicarage sometime in June, but Sandra is going on a retreat and taking some time off before she starts with us.

Please continue to keep both families in your prayers as they complete their ministries in their current parishes and prepare to move to The Garth. Please also pray for our current Ministry Team as we will continue to be pretty stretched for another couple of months.

Restoration of the Chalice

The covid situation has continued to improve and the Ministry Team has decided that we shall reintroduce Communion in both kinds from Pentecost (5th June). Hopefully this will add to the celebratory feel of the day as we give thanks for God's gift of the Holy Spirit and also celebrate the Queen's Platinum jubilee.

Receiving communion in both kinds will (as always) be entirely voluntary, if you would prefer to continue to receive only the bread that is absolutely fine and remains a valid communion in the eyes of the church. You can return to your seat after receiving the bread or wait at the altar rail to receive the wine, the choice is yours. But we're glad to be able to offer the choice!

Supporting the MU

The Mothers' Union have an excellent resource in the caravan that they own at Trecco Bay which is used to provide very welcome breaks to needy families. To help subsidise this valuable ministry Radyr member **Julie Davies** has challenged herself to walk 1,000+ miles during 2022. Can I encourage you to support Julie if you are able? - sponsorship forms are available in all of our churches.

Contact Details

Currently please contact either Rev'd Steve Willson (stevewillson@cinw.org.uk) or Rev'd Belinda Huxtable (*new email address* - belindahuxtable-goy@cinw.org.uk) for matters relating to any of our churches.

Due to BT's dazzling incompetence Steve is *still* on a temporary number 2089 1490, although this may change at some point to 2140 3854. Belinda is on 07734 248869