

3 Churches News

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OPEN DOOR

In 2011/12 we developed a vision for our 3 Churches, leading to some priorities and projects, such as our "Open Door" monthly gatherings, a renewed emphasis on being welcoming communities, the "Phone-a-Friend" project on Tuesday mornings, and the revamped **Bereavement Support Group**. We also homed in on one or two "Big Issues" – namely Youth and Evangelization, which would need exploring in more depth. While efforts have been made on the first, over the last year we have been also approaching the enormous topic of spreading the Gospel – Evangelization.

A year ago we ran two series of **gatherings** looking at various aspects of this area, under the guidance of our 3 Churches Pastoral Group. In the last few months a second group dedicated specifically to evangelization has been moving from principles to practice. There are currently three projects being developed.

Open Churches There are several notable examples of churches inviting people in simply to pray or even just to rest and "be". A prominent one is St Patrick's Soho Square in London – take a look at <http://london.nightfever.org> How can our churches become more part of their communities? A start has been made by having Christ the King open Fridays during term-time 6.30-7pm.

Sacramental preparation The need to give our programmes a more evangelizing nature, not just preparation for a particular situation, led to the recent Catechists Evening at St Brigid's, which many found valuable, and which is already bearing fruit.

Youth Work with young people needs to be better resourced and prepared. A small team is developing a programme to follow up Confirmation.

Other projects planned include prayer for our 3 Churches area, carried out week by week.

Jesus sent out his Apostles into the whole world, to teach and baptise. So we have no option but to reflect on our carrying out of this so-called "Great Commission". **You** can help these projects first by **praying** in support. Then there will be the chance to get more involved with some of these in coming months – might that be for **you**?

Under the guidance of our patrons - St Paul the great evangelizer of the Gentiles, St Brigid, whose feast is this Sunday, a great leader in the Celtic church, let us all take on the Great Commission given us by Christ the King himself.

Fr Matthew



Response to Psalm **O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
For revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!**



1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 2nd Reading: First letter Corinthians 7: 32-35 Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28

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Father's News

R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following :

Winifred Powell Funeral Service at Thornhill Friday 6th February at 11.45am

Kathleen Hannay Requiem Mass at Christ the King Wednesday 11th at 12.30pm

We remember in prayer their families and loved ones. Eternal rest grant to them, Lord.

ACTA – A CALL TO ACTION

Two and a half years ago a group of lay people and clergy came together to discuss how to encourage dialogue within the Church as a means of helping to prepare for future challenges. From that has grown a group of some 1500-2000 lay, religious and clergy across England. ACTA is currently active in most dioceses in England, and is helping, for example, to facilitate the Synod discussions in a number of them. An ACTA group in the Archdiocese of Cardiff is holding its inaugural meeting this **Monday 2nd February 7.00pm** in **St Brigid's Hall**. For further information: Frank Callus (Jnr!) – fbcallus@aol.com or Mobile: 07956 005459. All are welcome.

MASS IN WELSH

On February 22nd, and every Sunday from then on, the Mass will be celebrated in Welsh at 4pm at the chapel of Nazareth House, Colum Road, Cardiff. This is a new opportunity for those learning Welsh and children in Welsh medium education. Join the regular congregation or come from time to time. A warm welcome awaits – croeso cynnes i bawb.

MASS AT OLD ST TEILO'S

The Annual University Mass celebrated at the re-constructed pre-Reformation church of St. Teilo at St. Fagan's Museum will be on Saturday 7 February at 10am. An ecumenical scholar will sing the Victoria Mass.

Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society

Richard Newton will speak on "The Third Marquis of Bute - The Catholic Convert"

When: Sunday 8 February at 3pm

Where: St David's College, Tygwyn Road. All are welcome to attend.

Further information: Tricia Coulthard 2059 5899

HEALING VIGIL

A Healing Evening Vigil will be held at St. Brigid's this Friday 6 February 7 – 9.30pm. The evening, including praise, Mass, and prayer for healing, will be led by Fr. Soji Olikkal, the former Assistant Director of Sehion Retreat Centre, Kerala. In 2009 he came to the UK, and is based in Birmingham, where he has been conducting healing services and missions for over a decade, including a monthly service in Birmingham which draws over 3000 people.

Confirmation

We are now taking names for the sacrament of Confirmation. At the back of all 3 churches you will find a form, please note your name and contact details. Also please fill in and return the application form to church. For any queries contact Charlotte Mathews on 07800 647515 or Charlotte.mathews@hotmail.com

Time to Chat

On Saturday 7 February the 3 Churches Bereavement Support Group is holding a drop-in session at **St Paul's church from 10.30am** (note change of venue from previous sessions). We are not a counselling group but we offer a listening ear to those who have been bereaved - whether recently or some time ago. If you or anyone you know (they don't need to be a member of the 3 churches) would like to come along for a tea/coffee and a chat you will be welcome. For further information please contact Fr Matthew or any member of the Bereavement Support Group or email us- bereavementsupport@3churches.org

The Glory of Easter

The St David's Praise choir will be performing at St David's Hall on Saturday 28 March at 7.30pm. Rehearsals start on Wednesday 11 February 7.30pm at Albany Road Baptist Church, alternating Wednesday and Tuesday. If anyone would like to join those from the 3 churches who sing in this ecumenical choir please contact Elizabeth Taylor (2075 1401) for further information. Tickets available from St David's Hall box office.

A moment of peace & candlelight

Christ the King opens its doors every Friday term-time between 6.30pm and 7pm. St Brigid's and St Paul's remain open daily during daylight hours.

Baptism Preparation Course

The next preparation course for parents wishing to have their children baptised will be run over 2 sessions on Thursdays 5 & 12 February. Please e-mail Brigid Lee at andylee63@talktalk.net for further details.

Please remember the deceased members of the 3 churches whose anniversaries occur in February including: Philip Payne, Timothy Cole, Peggy Dunn, Gerard Simpson, Michael Leonard, Theodore Trigg, Geoffrey Rice, David Kavanagh, Kath Foils, Gertrude Skrines, Gordon Robinson, and Jo Regan.

AN EVENING OF MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT WITH THE SINGER JEFF HOOPER

St Brigid's Hall
Friday 6 February
2 Course Hot Supper
Licensed Bar, Raffle
Tickets (£12.50) available after weekend Masses or please telephone 2076 6318.
All proceeds to Velindre Cancer Centre

Celebrate Wales– 2 & 3 May 2015

Can you help with accommodation for speakers, children's liturgy leaders and sound people? We are looking for 34 beds for these persons. Please help if you can Contact Pat Williams (2061 7374) or patandpaul1@btinternet.com

Thank-you

Vickie & Bernard Adshead would like to thank parishioners of the 3 Churches for their Masses, prayers and good wishes during Bernard's illness. It is still a long road to full recovery so your continued prayers would be most appreciated. Thank-you all again.

9.30 Mass at Christ the King next Tuesday 2 February will be offered for the deceased members of the 3 churches and in particular for those who died in November.

National Justice & Peace Network Open networking Meeting

Saturday 14 February at St David's Catholic Sixth Form College, Cardiff CF23 5QD; 10am for 10.30 to 4pm A Vision for the Common Good. Speaker: Alison Jackson (Church Action on Poverty) With an opportunity to meet with others from the network. All welcome. Bring your own lunch. Drinks provided

Other events

A Weekend of Discovery, a lifetime of Love. Enrich your marriage with a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Lydiard House, Lydiard Park, Swindon. 27 February – 1 March. Info www.wwme.org.uk or Ian & Tessa MacCallum 01249 656145 or iandtmaccallum@tiscali.co.uk

Christ the King

Altar Linen

February: R Flynn

This weekend we welcome Daisy May Clatworthy and Joseph Webley in baptism. Please remember Daisy and Joseph and their parents and godparents in your prayers.

Sandwich Making

Sandwich making for the homeless will take place in CTK parish centre on Monday 2 February at 1.15pm. All are welcome.

Rainbow of Hope

In addition to the Homeless, the Rainbow of Hope charity also help needy families who may have somewhere to live but very little else. Many thanks to the faithful parishioners who regularly donate food items (via the box in the church porch) for such families. Everything and anything is welcome – you are certainly 'making a difference'. Thank you again.

Audit of Key Holders

We are carrying out an audit of key holders for church premises. If you hold any keys for the Church or Parish Centre please pick up your letter from the table at the back of Church. Just as importantly if you have keys and there is no letter for you please email Bernard Adshead at ckbookings@3churches.org

St Brigid's & St Pauls

FEAST OF ST BRIGID

This Sunday, February 1st, is the Feast of **St Brigid**. As the patronal feast, in St Brigid's it will replace the Mass of the Fourth Sunday, as did the Conversion of St Paul in St Paul's last week.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting

The next PAC meeting will be on Wednesday 11 February. Any parishioner who has an item they would like to be included on the Agenda please see Stephen Jones (Chair) or any member of the PAC.

For a trial period in St Brigid's church, all hymn books, black mass settings books and pew cards, will be stored at the back of the church on the bottom shelf. Please take 1 of each when arriving for mass, and replace them on leaving the church. It is hoped that with this system in place everyone will have what they need during mass. Thank you for your co operation

This newsletter was edited by Luke Todd (2015)

Sunday February 1st 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ St Brigid

6pm	St Paul's	Shelagh Powell	
6.30pm	C the K	Kevin & Benedict Keane (M Gannon)	
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	Gordon Robinson (P Robinson)	
		4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ St Brigid	
9am	St Paul's	People of the Parish	
10.30am	St Brigid's	Int Daw Family (Sid)	
10.30am	C the K	Lynda Giles (P & D Donovan)	
12 noon	C the K	Baptisms: Daisy May Clatworthy & Joseph Webley	
6pm	St Brigid's	Len Perry	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Sunday Praise	
Mon. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Thanksgiving (Daw)	The Presentation (Candlemas)
9.30am	C the K	Una & Denis O'Sullivan (M Meades)	
Tues. 9.30am	St Brigid's	James & Mary McCamphill	St Blaise
9.30am	C the K	Deceased of the 3 Churches	
Wed. 9.30am	St Paul's	Int Jane Bloom	
7.30pm	C the K	Augustine Rodrigues (I Rodrigues)	
Thurs. 9.30am	C the K	Tony Welch (G Welch)	St Agatha
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Ints Liliaan & David Jenkins	
Fri. 9.30am	St Paul's	Shelagh Powell	Martyrs of Japan
9.30am	C the K	Barry Nash (C Bailey)	
Sat. 9.30am	St Brigid's	Stella Madden & Mary O'Connor	

Sunday February 8th 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6pm	St Paul's	Len Perry	
6.30pm	C the K	Derek Jenkins (C & L Jenkins)	
Sun. 8.30am	C the K	All souls in purgatory especially deceased members of FOSS (M & T Pinnell)	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	St Paul's	People of the Parish	
10.30am	St Brigid's	Genie Beach (York)	
10.30am	C the K	Harry & Ann Norris (K Liddington)	
6pm	St Brigid's	Maria Alessio (Camilleri)	
7.30pm	St Brigid's	Sunday Praise	

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Eucharistic Adoration

Christ the King
Tuesday 10am-1pm
St. Paul's
Wednesday 10am-3pm
St. Brigid's
Thursday 8-9pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Brigid's
Saturday 10-10.30
St Paul's
Saturday 5.30pm.
Christ the King
Saturday 5.45-6.15pm

Last Week's Collection

Sts. Brigid & Paul
Gift Aid £ 552.50
Non Gift Aid £ 597.62
Total £ 1150.12
S/O month av. £ ~~~~~

Christ the King
Gift Aid £ ~~~~~
Non Gift Aid £ ~~~~~
S/O weekly av. £ ~~~~~
Total £ ~~~~~

Please send items to luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk by Wednesday afternoon at the latest!

PRAYERS

Please remember the following in your prayers, who are unwell at this time:

Bernard Adshead, Keith Allen, Mary Amugan, Brian Birmingham, Maureen Carroll, Sian Clark, Mary Clarke, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Emily, Anna Forrest, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Joseph (Benny) Lynch, Dean Maguire, Charles McDevitt, Katrina Meades, Olga Mechlenburgh, Vernon Morgan, Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll, Kieran Ollin, Alan Paines, Rona Perry, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon, Rhian Reardon, Cath Rees, Claire Richards, Pat Roberts, Adela Rogers, Peter Scott, Dewi Thomas, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.