

## NEWS & CHAT 28 APRIL 2022

The online service is live-streamed every week from Christ Church, on the Christ Church Facebook page.

**Though no longer legally required by the government, masks must be worn for singing and are strongly recommended to be worn throughout Sunday Worship.**

**To continue to keep Covid-19 safe, please remember to:**

- Wear a mask at all times (unless you have an exemption) **required when singing.**
- Sanitise hands when entering the building
- Keep at least 1m from people you are not in a 'bubble' or live with, including at groups meeting at church.

During services and other events, we will endeavour to keep the Church as warm as possible whilst maintaining good ventilation, so please dress accordingly.

**SUNDAY 1 May, 10.30am, John Amos at The Bridgwater Drive Church**  
10am, the Minister at Christ Church, followed by Church Meeting

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 10.30 a.m.** Film morning – watching, 'Carousel'.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 a.m. Preparing for The Fair** – please come and help to set everything up ready for Saturday

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 11.00 – 2.00 May Fair** – please let Val or Margaret know if you are able to help.

### NEWS FROM THE BRIDGWATER DRIVE CHURCH (from Margaret)



Thank you to Robert Dart for introducing me to the background of the Celtic Knot Shield. He had included information about it in his Sunday service which went out from Christ Church on their Facebook Page and I included this in my service at The BDC last Sunday. I hadn't realised that the Celtic Knot has no beginning or end, signifying something which goes on for ever – God's love! Also the knot is closely woven and shaped like a shield to remind us that God protects us. Last but not least, it is based on a cross. We admired the beautiful Celtic cross carved by Ted Jeffrey which usually hangs in the prayer room. I hope we can find a place for it in the

**Jars for Change** We filled two large jars with our **Lent Collection for Water Aid**. Thank you to everyone who contributed. Thank you too to Janet and Val for counting the money. The total amount raised was **£70.64** – amazing!

**Tuesday Morning** There was no meeting this Tuesday morning but Laurie has written a poem about our Tuesday mornings at The BDC. (see the end of this News and Chat). We're looking forward to watching Carousel next week. As Laurie says, 'There's a welcome there for you.'

### TIPS & IDEAS

A colourful idea from #64MillionArtists this week:

**Choose one colour that represents your week and get creative with it.**

You could collect things in that one colour, draw in one colour, take a picture of everything you find in that colour, dress in one colour, sew or knit something in that colour...

### RESOURCES

New reflections for April from St Paul's Cathedral, by Ayla Lepine *Ukrainian Dancers*

<https://mailchi.mp/1204bfda051a/coming-up-from-st-pauls-cathedral-8251306?e=e30a1f608a>

**PRAYER CORNER** I invite all of you to set aside time daily to pray for our churches and members but also for the whole nation and world. We continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine. This week's prayer theme (prepared by Gwyneth) our **Elders** – Cherry, Celia, Val and Jan. We pray with thanksgiving for their

Christ Church, Rayleigh (CC) and the Bridgwater Drive Church (BDC) dedication to the wellbeing and worship of our church community, and ask for them wisdom in decisions, openness to the Spirit's creativity, and faithfulness to their calling to this leadership role and responsibility.

### Particular prayer requests this week:

#### The BDC

Barbara: Barbara's friend, Pat: Cherry: Barry: Colin: Clive: Celia: Sandra: Tony: Gerry: Phil: Yvonne: Marlene's daughter, Christine: Tom Hunter-Crump: Margaret's friends, Jean and Peggy: Sally-Ann (Laurie's friend's daughter): Patrick's neighbour, Sylvie: Laurie's daughter and husband and their children in Norway: Darren's son, Reuben, and all his family.



#### Christ Church

Bill: Beth and Elizabeth G: Della: Mark E – for hip replacement 6th May: Peter C: Eve J: Doreen

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As promised - here's Laurie's poem about events at The BDC on a Tuesday morning.

### Tuesdays

I'll tell about the 'Tuesday Club'  
There's quite a mixture there  
Poetry and Book Club  
And religion (if you dare).

One week we have a super film  
Another check out the Bible  
Though, knowing our little group,  
To lose our way we're liable.

"Is it books this week or poetry  
Or have I got it wrong?  
Or could it be Naomi's week  
Or perhaps we'll have a song.

Margaret is our leader  
And tries to steer the ship  
But sometimes we're not in control  
And she would like a whip.

But, if you think about it  
We're just a motley crew  
So why don't you come along?  
There's a welcome there for you.

The pattern for Tuesday mornings is

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month – 10.30 – Film Morning** – no charge – democratic decision on the choice of film – tea, coffee and cake or biscuits afterwards – and a chat!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month – 10.30 – 11.30 Tuesday Church** – a discussion on a Bible based theme led by Naomi or Margaret – (and a cup of tea or coffee etc of course)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month – 10.30 – 11.30 'Let's chat about Books'** – at least that's the idea but as Laurie's poem indicates we cover a lot of other topics too (refreshments as always at The BDC)

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