

Christ Church, Rayleigh (CC) and the Bridgwater Drive Church (BDC)

NEWS & CHAT 9 JUNE 2022

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

SUNDAY 12 June, Trinity Sunday 10.30am, the Minister at BDC, Communion
10am, Joyce & Keith at Christ Church

This Sunday (12th) **Rayleigh Trinity Fair 12.00 – 4.00pm** **Christ Church will be open**

'BEING A DEMENTIA FRIEND' TRAINING will take place on **21 June at 10am at Rayleigh Methodist Church**. This is ideal training for Elders, Stewards, Pastoral visitors, carers and anyone who wants to volunteer to help with Memory Worship – Contact Naomi for more details.

NEWS AND DATES - THE BRIDGWATER DRIVE CHURCH (from Margaret)

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



My memories of last weekend are of a really special time for the whole country and the Commonwealth. We watched a lot of TV and especially enjoyed the flypast and the concert on Saturday but missed the service at St. Paul's and the pageant. We had a great street party in Merilies Gardens as part of The Big Jubilee Lunch after worship on Sunday. Despite worries about the weather we were fortunate – it stayed dry



If you're wondering about the hats – I was too late to buy hats. The only thing I found was a packet of serviettes. With needle and thread and selotape I converted

Gerry's baseball cap and my sunhat
- both much admired!



Unfortunately, on Tuesday morning, I tested positive for Covid so I hope you all got the message that **Film Morning was cancelled**. Val and I tried to ring as many people as possible. Gerry and I won't be at church on Sunday but Naomi is leading the communion service with alternative music accompaniment. **I'm sorry too that there will be no Tuesday Church this coming week (14th).**

Thank you to everyone who has sent me kind messages. I don't feel great but am relieved my symptoms are just an awful cough and a cold and a general inclination to sit down and do nothing! I would have liked to ring some of you for a chat but, as usual when I have a cold, I have no voice so can only croak!

Thursday 16th June – Sylv is bringing her dog, Bobby, to the **Coffee Morning at 10.30**. As you can see from the flier, Bobby is a fully trained Essex Therapy Dog. Sylv is going to give you a chance to meet Bobby and she will explain how he's able to help people. **Do invite anyone you think would enjoy meeting him.** Sorry but, for obvious reasons, it's not a day to bring your own dog!!

The Mendip Community Group
Happy Thursday 16th June 2022
Thursdays can sometimes seem like longest day of the week but with a cuddle with a therapy dog, things can often seem that bit better. Bobby is just chilling ready for his visit to meet **YOU!**



Come and meet Bobby!
Thursday 16th June 2022
Bridgwater United Reform Church SS2 0DS
10.30am

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TIPS & IDEAS

This month #64MillionArtists are reflecting on how we **cultivate spaces for listening**. This is something we do at church – Film Mornings, Tuesday Church, Book Mornings and Coffee Mornings.

Every week in June there will be a prompt to encourage active listening and enable us to better understand our communities – all things you can do at home, if you want to:

We all have experiences with those close to us; good, bad and everything in between which sometimes we find difficult to talk about (even if it is positive!) Using a symbolic object can be a good way to connect with someone and speak about an experience or memory, without the pressure - let the object begin to speak for you.

Identify an object which symbolically represents an aspect of an experience or story connected to a friend, family member, loved one... important to you. (e.g, a piece of clothing, a watch, a book, a shoe, or any other object symbolically associated with a history, a memory)

Once you have the object, plan some time where you connect with that person and share the story with them, using the object to begin the conversation. You could capture your conversation through writing and illustrate your writing with drawings of the object.



RESOURCES

The new set of reflections from St Paul's Cathedral for June are by Revd Janet Tollington, retired URC minister and retired tutor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Westminster College – what Janet doesn't know about the Old Testament isn't worth knowing, so these should be good! To tie in with the Jubilee "we'll be thinking in these reflections about what the Bible has to say about **kingship**."

<https://mailchi.mp/625c09a22955/coming-up-from-st-pauls-cathedral-8251366?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. This week we pray especially for The Bridgwater Drive Church. The first service of the 'Bridgwater Drive Congregational Church' (BDCC) was held in St. Cedd's Building (courtesy of the vicar) at 3.00 p.m. on 9th October 1960. The present building was dedicated at a special service on 26th February 1968. Christ Church Rayleigh is in its 112th year.



This week's prayer theme (prepared by Gwyneth). **Community**. We praise You Lord for the communities into which You have placed us. Father we ask for Your presence with us that we may continue to have a willingness and desire to serve and care for those in our immediate neighbourhoods and friendship circles, in Your Name.

Particular prayer requests this week:

Eve J
Lionel & Elizabeth P
Audrey
Doreen
Phil & Grace
Doug & Margaret B. living in Bath.
Bruce, Ian's friend

BDC:

Barbara
Cherry
Margaret & Ted J.
Gerry
Barry
Clive & Jan

We are really sad to tell you that Sandra died peacefully in hospital this week. The funeral will be on Wed. 29th June at 11.20 at The Crematorium with refreshments at church afterwards.



This is just one of the pictures of the lunch at Rayleigh last Sunday celebrating the Jubilee, the Church's 112th anniversary and some wedding anniversaries.

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Throughout June, the tapestry made by Southend District (now the Area Partnership) for the 25th anniversary of the URC is on display at Christ Church Rayleigh.



Several members of Christ Church and the BDC were involved in creating the tapestry. Ted Jeffery made the wooden stands. Rev'd Angela Cotton was the artist and moving force behind the tapestry. Even those of us with no artistic talent were inspired by a visit to Maldon to see the tapestry there showing the history of the town. (This can now be seen in the Maeldune Heritage Centre – well worth a visit.) This year we celebrate 50 years of The United Reformed Church – what plans do we have at Bridgwater Drive? Maybe this is something to discuss at the **church meeting after worship on 24th July?**

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The winners of the £10 prize for the 'Things you might see in the sky' quiz were Anne and her daughter Sarah. Congratulations to them. Here are the answers to the quiz: -

1	A flying car! 6,6,4,4	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
2	In the sky with diamonds? 4	Lucy
3	Only seen in autumn 7,4	harvest moon
4	A bird on a string? 3,4	red kite
5	They burst too easily 7	bubbles
6	Only seen in spring 5, 7	April showers
7	Throw or fire or launch this 7	missile
8	I'm so happy! I'm 4,3,4	over the moon
9	Hopefully there's no splash landing in this sport 3,6	sky diving
10	Rises vertically in calm weather 5	smoke
11	TRIPLE ECHO 10	helicopter
12	Was this named after a messenger with winged feet? 7	Mercury
13	chocolate bar in the sky 6	galaxy
14	another chocolate bar in the sky 4	Mars
15	and another chocolate bar in the sky 5,3	Milky Way
16	Sends news or announces a new Pope 5,6	smoke signal
17	There are more than 7,000 orbiting the earth 10	satellites
18	Missing a teacup? 6,6	flying saucer
19	From the realms of glory? Abba believed in them 6	angels
20	Lift off September 1783 - The first passengers were a duck, a rooster and a sheep! They survived! 3,3,7	hot air balloon
21	It's 150 million kms (93 million miles) away 3	sun

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22	ICE IS A SOAP 10	Cassiopeia
23	He saw the and missed the view! 4	mist
24	No one knows what this is! 3	UFO
25	He tumbled down and asked the way to Norwich! 3,3,2,3,4	the man in the moon
26	I'm so happy! I'm on 5,4	cloud nine
27	BARE MALES! 5,4	laser beam
28	Room to spare in this vehicle 10	spacecraft
29	'they ate all the plants in the land' (Exodus) 7	locusts
30	goddess of love and beauty 5	Venus
31	a fire breathing insect 6,3	dragon fly
32	usually on a pole 4	flag
33	He flapped his ears to fly 5	Dumbo
34	The big dipper also known as ... 3,6	the plough
35	Thundercloud 12	cumulonimbus
36	HARD NIGGLE 4,6	hang glider
37	This bird doesn't die if you shoot and hit it 4,6	clay pigeon
38	Symbol of support for the NHS 7	rainbow
39	Flying mammals 4	bats
40	Trains and boats and 6	planes
41	First flew in March 1969, last flew October 2003 8	Concorde
42	Flying floor covering 5,6	magic carpet
43	Falls like a stone! 4	hail
44	You need one of these to land safely from great heights 9	parachute
45	This insect might take off 3,3	may fly
46	Night time battles? We see them but don't hear them 8,5	shooting stars
47	Left behind by a plane at very high altitudes 6,5	vapour trail
48	Those magnificent men in their	Flying machines
49	See it just above a flower 5,3	hover fly
50	A low humming sound 5	drone
51	The shepherds saw a multitude of the 8,4	heavenly host
52	This might be in the air (or in the brain after Covid)! 3	fog
53	Steer North by this 4,4	pole star
54	CLEAR THIGHS 11	searchlight
55	The ... jumped over the moon! 3	cow
56	Between i and k 3	jay
57	Flying out of the bottle 9,4	champagne cork
58	unrealistic hope – (apple or cherry?) 3,2,3,3	pie in the sky
59	the tallest buildings 3,8	sky scrapers
60	a twister or a plane 7	tornado
61	SEPICLE 7	eclipse
62	She flew with an umbrella 4,7	Mary Poppins
63	No trains or buses stop here 5,7	space station
64	Only just off the ground 10	hovercraft
65	All aboard the for a bit of fun up there! 7	skylark
66	A message for all to read 3,7	sky writing

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