

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

NEWS & CHAT 14 JULY 2022

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

SUNDAY 17 July 10am, the Minister at Christ Church, Communion
10.30am, John Amos Morning Worship at The BDC

NEWS AND DATES - THE BRIDGWATER DRIVE CHURCH

from Naomi

The next BDC Church Meeting will be after worship on Sunday 24 July and will be the AGM. We will need to elect at least one elder as Jan wishes to stand down. So far there are three nominations. Val has been nominated to stand for one more year and Bob and Margaret have been nominated to stand for three years. If you want to nominate someone you will need someone to second the nomination and please check with the person you have in mind as there are some likely candidates who cannot stand for election, either because they have said they definitely won't, or because they are not church members. Nomination forms are on the vestibule table. **Please give completed forms to Naomi, Val, Jan, Celia or Cherry on or before 17th July 2022.** Due to new URC policy, the minister is now required to have a chat with anyone nominated to make sure they understand all the responsibilities of being an elder.

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from Margaret

I noticed last Sunday that Bob had put a poster for **Southend and District Pensioners' Campaign (SDPC)** on the board at church. I decided to look on the website for more details. As mentioned in a previous News and Chat **SPDC meet from 2.00pm to 4.00pm, every third Wednesday, at Balmoral Centre, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff on Sea. SS0 7AU** (arrive at 1.45pm for a prompt start!). The next meeting sounds fun! **On Wednesday, 20th July Michael Holland, a celebrated local historian, will give a talk with the title, "Guilty as charged – the trial of an Essex Arsonist"** Using the trial transcript, Michael will present the evidence to the audience who must act as the jury and decide guilt or innocence of the accused!

I spent some time looking at other events on the SDPC website to enjoy and found:-

- Until early September: **Bandstand music at Prittlewell Priory Park on Sunday afternoons.** Be early as parking is limited.

- **19 July:** Southend United play Ipswich Town at Ipswich.

- **30 & 31 July:** Celebration of Southend's Anglo-Saxon history in Priory Park. Experience a day in their life and an archaeological excavation. Tickets for all ages over 3 are £8. Unfortunately tickets are only available on line – (from Eventbrite). Please ask if you would like me to book you a ticket.

I also discovered an excellent **list of local contacts for older people** – one of them tackles problems of ageism - as illustrated in the event above where tickets are only available on line - an assumption that everyone has a mobile phone and access to the internet.

Well done Bob and Jean for all the work you do for this organisation.

Next Tuesday, 19th July 10.30 – 11.30 – 'Let's Talk about Books' – I haven't thought of a starter topic yet – can anyone suggest something? Maybe we really will just 'talk about books'. Hopefully everyone will bring along a book they're reading or want to recommend but if anyone just wants to come and enjoy a cup of coffee and join in the chat that's fine! Hopefully the weather will be cooler by then but please ring me, 07890 162322, if you think it might be cancelled due to the heatwave. **We won't be meeting if the temperature is above 30 degrees!**

TIPS & IDEAS

This week's creative idea from #64MillionArtists is quite fun and you don't need any artistic talent!

Create a printed pattern.

Take a moment to find inspiration from what's around you, it could be the shapes and colours of objects or things in nature. What pattern can you make that represents you and your interests? You don't need any fancy materials you can



Christ Church, Rayleigh (CC) and the Bridgwater Drive Church (BDC) even make patterns with a potato (see here for how to do it if you don't know – families with children might like to try this one - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPw5D8krfbw>) If you don't have a potato or paints, use whatever materials you have around you to create a method of printing. You could create a pattern with a handprint in sauce, or a leaf in mud! Or this week in the heatwave, maybe dust and dry leaves!!

RESOURCES

St Paul's Cathedral are taking a break from weekly reflects in July and August, but you may like to check out their Learning Library for lots of resources and previous talks and reflections: <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/our-learning-library>

Some news from Christ Church

Commitment for Life no longer support work in Central America, which was the region we were supporting. Our new region is Israel/Palestine.

News from Budiriro: Here is an Email from the minister, Biggie Mususa – ‘*Thank you so much for the July -August Newsletter. I am moved by the mission work of HARP (Homeless Action Resources Project), where 1000 people are helped with the local community also participating with donations. That's awesome. The borehole at Budiriro is still working well. We are serving the community with clean water for domestic use. Recently we have also started a horticulture project, growing vegetables for sale to the community. We will also pray for the Farewell and Thank you Tea in respect to Rayleigh combined Churches Refugee Group closing down after serving for six decades.*

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 family of Frank Bodey and all those who are bereaved.

This week's prayer theme (prepared by Gwyneth). **Toddler Group.** Father God, we know You love children so very much. We ask Lord for Your continued blessing in this ministry, and that Your calling to more people to volunteer to come join this work will not go unheard or unheeded.

Particular prayer requests this week:

Jeff & Gwyneth

Della

Audrey

Peter & Jacquie, friends of Di

Eve J

Phil & Grace

BDC:

Barbara

Cherry

Margaret & Ted J.

Gerry

Jan's sister Beryl's family

Janet

We give thanks:

Congratulations to John and Elizabeth Amos on their Golden Wedding anniversary on 22 July.

Would you like to learn Spanish? Or improve your Spanish conversation?

Claudia is hoping to set up a conversation group – in-person, or on Zoom.

One-to-one sessions also available. £10 an hour.

Please contact Claudia if interested – 07432 461452 with your preference for time, day of the week, and group or individual.

MUCHAS GRACIAS!