

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

NEWS & CHAT 7 JULY 2022

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

SUNDAY 10 July **10.30am, the Minister at BDC, Communion**
10am, Ian Miller at Christ Church, All Age

Hold the date – on Tuesday, 26 July at 11am at Christ Church, Andy Jackson, Head of Communications for the URC, will come and lead a session for us on publicity and how to better promote our events and activities, including: branding, publicity, press releases, social media and websites.

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 two elders as Jan and Val wish to stand down. Please be thinking about who you could nominate as an elder. 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 (by 10th July if possible).** 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.

NEWS AND DATES - THE BRIDGWATER DRIVE CHURCH

from Margaret

On Tuesday morning this week we watched 'The King and I' – selected democratically by those present! Another great musical that had us humming along. It brought back all sorts of memories and many thoughts that never occurred to me when I first watched it: -

When did Siam become Thailand? - It was renamed in 1939.

What was the historical background to the story? It is based on the novel by Margaret Landon, 'Anna and the King of Siam'

Is any of the history true? Yes - it is based on the lives of real people. The story takes place in the 1860s – I noticed many references to Queen Victoria and the dresses Anna wore were unbelievably huge!

The ideas about the equality of women and about subservience and slavery were much more important in the film than I realised as a teenager (the film was released in 1956). I wonder if these were added to the film for a 20th century audience watching at the time of the 'Civil Rights Movement' or if these themes ran through the original book?

Please let me know your suggestions for what we might watch on the second Tuesday next month. Oh – and thank you to Val and Linda for the excellent homemade cakes and biscuits!

Next Tuesday, 12th July 10.30 – 11.30 Tuesday Church – an informal chat with Naomi with Bible study and prayer over a cup of coffee.

HARP Kate sent me this message she had received from Lisa at HARP:

*'I have a new assistant that started today, which is great :)
Our current wish list is as follows: **Coffee, Squash, Cereal, biscuits, Cuppa soups, Microwave rice, Mug shots pasta, Pot noodle, Squash, Longlife milk, Sugar, Coffee, Suntan cream**
Giving a regular gift is a great way to show your continued support for local homeless people. Just knowing that there are people out there who care can be enough to help someone get through the day. Please click here to donate<<https://www.harpsouthend.org.uk/give-a-regular-gift>> '*



Please continue to bring gifts to church. Even though Kate is away we will ensure they get to HARP.

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TIPS & IDEAS from Naomi.

Why not make a Word Cloud of the words, ideas and thoughts from your time of prayer at church or at home You can do this with good old-fashioned pen and paper, or there are various online Word Cloud generators that will do it for you if you insert the words you want (they make the most important words bigger). Here is the text of 1 Corinthians 13 (NEV) followed by my word cloud based on this reading :

13 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love



RESOURCES

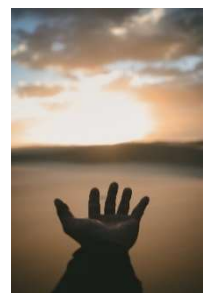
St Paul's Cathedral is taking a break from weekly reflections in July and August, but you may like to check out their Learning Library for lots of resources and previous talks and reflections:

<https://www.stpauls.co.uk/our-learning-library>

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 Thora and Martin following their wedding, the family of Frank Bodey, and those expecting sad news in the coming days.

This week's prayer theme (prepared by Gwyneth) '**people with dementia**'. Christ Church is in the process of being certified as a Dementia Friendly Church. Memory Worship, jointly with Rayleigh Methodist, will start in September. Father, we thank You for hearing the cries of those with dementia and those who care for them. We ask Lord that You will bless and expand this ministry as You open Your heart of compassion and care through this work. Holy Spirit, empower those who lead our special services we pray as they serve Your calling to love and care.



Particular prayer requests this week:

Jeff & Gwyneth
Phil & Penny G.
Audrey
Keith, husband of Amber's niece
Doreen

BDC:

Barbara
Cherry
Margaret & Ted J.
Gerry and Margaret
Jan's sister Beryl's family

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My latest novel *Detroit Debris* is now available from TSL books - <https://tslbooks.uk/product/detroit-debris-naomi-young-rodas/> However, if you order from me, not only will it be cheaper - £10 instead of £10.95, but I will donate the difference from what I as an author pay (£5) to the Building Project. Please let me know if you would like a copy, so I can order in bulk which will reduce the shipping cost. Thank you, Naomi

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!

News from our Guides, Brownies and Rainbows at The BDC from Sylv.

I just thought I would share that we had a fab evening last night at the Guideacres campsite in Benfleet.

Rainbows made nature collages, played games (including the parachute), had chocolate bananas*, made a mini campfire as well as exploring the field and the site for their very first visit.

Brownies played games, explored the woods and tried out the new things at Guideacres. had chocolate bananas (of course) and a good sing song campfire with parents who had come to see the place joining in.

Guides spent their time wood collecting and exploring the woods deeper and put up tents to check they were ok for our September weekend camp. No time left for their chocolate bananas, so they just ate bananas!

Final songs around the campfire for Rainbows and Brownies and around the flagpole for fabulous visit.

Lots of excited faces as Rainbow sleepover, Brownie overnight pack holiday and Guide weekend camp are being planned !!!

* **Chocolate bananas** - cook a banana filled with chocolate pieces wrapped in foil - too little heat they don't cook, too much and they burn. All last night's were hot, edible and just right, which on a campfire is an achievement!!!

Songs round the campfire included -

'Campfires burning - I always start with that one !!'

'Bananas - obviously as they had just eaten them'

'If you're happy and you know it'

'Alice the camel'

'BINGO'

'Heads and shoulders knees and toes'

'Lah de dah de diddly dum'

'Old Mac Donald' - campfire version

'Pizza Hut'

'Dum dum diddle'

'Coca Cola' - a new one but they got the idea quickly and we did it as a round with the parents

'Make New Friends' - that we taught you at church

And of course 'Bumble Bee!!' (Disgusting actions but they love it)

