

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### 10.30 am THE SUNDAY SERVICE

*Holy Communion - first Sunday of each month*

*(Please refer to Diary on page 8 for details of all Services as arrangements may vary).*

## REGULAR WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

Monday	5.00 - 6.00pm	Rainbows (5-7 years) at Radford Road
	6.00 - 7.15pm	Brownies (7-10 years) at Radford Road
	7.00 - 8.30pm	Guides (10-15 years) at Radford Road
Tuesday	2.00pm	Friendship Circle
Wednesday	11.00am	Coffee Morning
	12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch alternating with Mid-Week Worship
Thursday	2.00pm	Film Club (monthly)
Friday	6.15 - 7.45pm	Cub Scouts (8-10½ years)
	6.15 - 7.15pm	Beaver Scouts (6-8 years)
	7.30 - 9.00pm	Scouts & Explorer Scouts
Saturday	9.00 - 11.00am	The Big Breakfast (monthly on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday)
	10.00am	Christians Together in Leamington Ramblers (monthly)

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## THE MINISTER'S LETTER

On Ash Wednesday 1522 with the Reformation underway in Europe a group of citizens met to eat sausages in Zurich. It became known as 'the affair of the sausage', and was influential in launching the Swiss reformation.

It was the start of Lent, a season of penitence, during which the mediaeval church imposed a fast of abstinence from meat and dairy products, and there they were gobbling sausages. It was an act of defiance and a celebration of the liberty these young protestant Christians had found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Not all protestant Christians were as reactionary as those who celebrated in Zurich and John Calvin in Geneva was careful not to oppose fasting for special purposes, whilst maintaining that the whole of life should be a fast (to learn more about the man John Calvin there will be a talk with refreshments at Radford Road Church on February 17<sup>th</sup> between 3pm and 5pm). It is clear, however, that the Reformers looked on Lent with some suspicion partly because of the strange superstitions that had grown up around Lent, and partly because their understanding of the Gospel meant that penance wasn't required, only heart-felt repentance.

For the Protestant Christians Lent was not about penance, in the sense of paying for sin, but about drawing closer to the one who had paid for all sin upon the cross. Today, the Catholic and Protestant Churches largely agree on this. It is an encouraging sign of Christian unity that Protestants are much more ready to embrace the seasons of the Church year, and that for many Catholics penance is not something done to receive forgiveness but as a token or sign that they have received forgiveness.

So as we enter this season of Lent marking the forty days, not including Sundays, between Ash Wednesday and Easter the past teaches us to approach with humility. To learn from other Christians, pray for each other, and appreciate what they offer us. It is a time for journeying together, as Jesus' disciples journeyed with him to Jerusalem and Golgotha, and a time for growing spiritually as we learn what it means to take up our cross and follow him.

It is also a season, as the days lengthen, to give thanks for the dawning of God's redemption, and to focus once more upon what it means to be walking the way of Jesus, through the cross to the empty tomb!

May God bless you this Lenten season.

James



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## ROTAS

	Welcomer	Coffee	Flowers to give	Arranger
Feb 4	Ann	Jean & Janice		Tony
Feb 11	Veronica	Jane & Julia	Gill & Derek	Margaret
Feb 18	Rosemary	Sarah & Marian	John & Ruth	Jean
Feb 25	Julia	Bridget & Jherell	Julia	Hazel
Mar 4	Joan	John & Ruth	Valerie	Tony
Mar 11	Sue	Sally & Veronica	Bella	Rosemary

Would the first person on the Coffee Rota please bring 2 pints of milk and the second bring biscuits. Thank you!

We thank all those who have promised flowers for the church and also thank the arrangers for using their time and talents in this way.

### GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

The new General Data Protection Regulations come into effect on May 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 and churches are waiting for detailed advice about the implications of this new ruling. It is anticipated that templates, checklists and tips and hints will soon be available for churches to use.

The church will need to review and determine how it asks for, and records consent to hold data about individuals. This will include how personal data such as your identity is collected and how the church intends to use the information. This is usually done through a privacy notice. More information about this will follow shortly, but in the meantime we will not be publishing surnames of members of the congregation in this magazine, on the Sunday News Sheet or in articles on the web site.

### IMPORTANT

Marjorie would welcome your contributions and suggestions for the March Magazine by Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup> at the latest, and preferably earlier, please. Email: [carrier\\_mj@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carrier_mj@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 427451.

## FAMILY NEWS

The Thanksgiving Service for the life of **Rob's wife, Mary**, took place at Radford Road Church on January 10<sup>th</sup>. We surround Rob, Chris and the whole family with our love and prayers at this sad time.

Rob writes: *'My son Chris and I are deeply grateful for all the help at, and after, the service to celebrate Mary's life. I cannot imagine how we could have managed without it. Now, slowly, I'm sorting her keepsakes. Among them are photos of our visit to Israel. Mary knew all the places to visit. Without her I would never have known about Masada, yet alone seen it. Her only disappointment was not walking the Via Delarosa. Arab unrest meant it was too dangerous to try. Looking back, Mary was my guide throughout our life together, even though, perhaps, she never realised it. Tour guide a little, spiritual guide always - until she passed away.*

*Thanks especially to James for his caring help at this sad time and also, of course, the prayers of Church members, family and friends.*

*Blessings, Rob'*

Congratulations to **Ken and Hilda** on the birth of their great granddaughter.

Your prayers are asked for those members and friends known to us who are in particular need of your blessing and especially **Mavis** who is now home after being in hospital, **Jane & Frank** as they cope with Frank's health problems and **John F** who is not very well at present.

**Sally and Andrew** send this message:

*After 31 years, it is with mixed emotions that we are leaving our home in Offchurch. This is something to which many will relate.*

*We want to thank everyone for their prayers, support, kindness and offers of help. We really are very grateful to all.*

*Although we do not yet have our new 'forever' home, we look forward to a new start in our lives.*

*Kindest regards,*

*Sally and Andrew*



### LENT GROUP AT RADFORD ROAD CHURCH

The Revd. Andy Laird will be organising a joint Lent Group for Radford Road Church and Dale Street Church on Mondays at 2.30pm on

19<sup>th</sup> Feb,

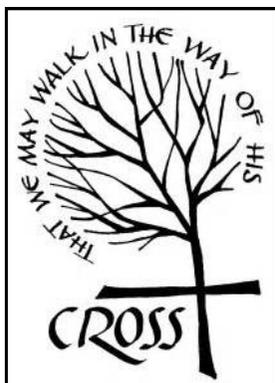
5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Please add your name to the list in the Vestibule if you would like to attend. Booklets (£6 approx.) will be available shortly.

## OUR COVER PICTURE

### LENT

Wed. February 14<sup>th</sup> - Sat. March 31<sup>st</sup> 2018



It is customary, Lord  
to give something up  
during the season of Lent.

What would you have me do without?

I, who have so much.

Chocolate?

Cream cakes?

Cigarettes?

Sweets?

Swearing?

The list is endless

and I could give up all those things

for the span of 40 days

quite easily and almost painlessly.

But what difference would it make

other than making me feel 'holier'

than my friend who makes no such sacrifice?

What would you have me do without?

I, who have so much.

Selfishness?

Conceit?

Envy?

Pride?

I fear before I ask

that the answer might be 'yes'

and the giving up would be all too real, Lord.

It would be difficult

painful

sacrificial

a real cross to carry for 40 days,

and more?

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## MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY REPORT



### Work completed since the last Magazine report.

1. The leak in the Church roof has been repaired.
2. A shelf has been erected above the tables in the storage room between the Church and Church Centre.
3. Front door closing mechanism has been replaced. The door is very stiff which I think is due to it swelling in the wet weather.

### Outstanding work

1. Painting – The Community Service team should be starting this on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. They will start in the Flower Room.  
: The colours chosen were dictated by the discount of 75% from Dulux, so instead of paying £100 per tin we only paid £25.
2. Cut back trees in car park planned for February.
3. Lights in the Church – there is no date for this until there is money in the Church account.
4. A shelf in the quiet room.
5. Tiles behind the water heater in the vestibule kitchen.
6. The roof at the back of the church needs attention.

The quinquennial inspection has been completed and there are no plans to do any other work from this report apart from the outstanding items listed above.

As far as I know all other works have been completed. If you are aware of any work that needs doing then please let Andrew C, Alan or Bridget know.

Bridget

## FILM CLUB

On Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2.00pm you are invited to see

### “Mrs Doubtfire”

Mrs. Doubtfire is a 1993 comedy-drama starring Robin Williams and Sally Field. It follows a recently divorced actor who dresses up as a female housekeeper to be able to interact with his children. The film addresses themes of divorce, separation, and the effect they have on a family.

**Tea and cakes will be served £2.00 per person.**

## EASY FUNDRAISING

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/radfordroadchurch/>

Our Easy Funding scheme has not been running for very long but already the 15 people who have already registered have raised nearly £150. If 15 more people joined the scheme our profit could be doubled

Easyfundraising is the simplest way to raise money for Radford Road Church. Shop with any of over 3,300 well-known retailers via the easyfundraising website and a percentage of what you spend is passed to Radford Road Church at no additional cost to you.

It doesn't cost you a penny extra. When you shop the easyfundraising way a commission is given for your purchase. That becomes a donation for our church. Easy! Buy from Amazon, M&S, Vodafone, eBay, Tesco, Viking and many more. Please register to support us today.

See Margaret B if you need any help with registering.

## NEW PICTURES IN OUR LOOS

Just before Christmas some new pictures were displayed in our church toilets showing latrines in different parts of the world. The pictures are displayed because some years ago our Mission Project was "Toilet Twinning" and £1000 was raised to provide basic toilets to communities that did not have these facilities. Our church toilets are twinned with these.

Have you ever considered what it must be like to have no access to a toilet? It is scarcely comprehensible to the majority of people in Britain. We have toilets in our homes, schools, supermarkets and service stations as well as many other places. But there are many throughout the world who have no appropriate toilet facilities, not even a pit latrine, let alone the luxury of a flushing toilet. Toilet Twinning is a charity initiative which twins a toilet in this country with a toilet which is built in one of the countries which the charity supports. The Toilet Twinning website explains that it is about so much more than just having a toilet; it is about working with and building relationships with communities, hygiene education and long term sustainable projects.

Our annual Mission Projects aim to improve the lives of those who have little and to show them that there are those who care.

Please support all our Mission Projects, by giving money, by praying or by supporting our efforts, including Big Breakfast, to raise £1000 each year to help those in need.



## MAKE THIS VALENTINE'S DAY A GREEN VALENTINES!

### Show the Love – The Climate Coalition

In December The Climate Coalition launched a video called 'The Very Hot Snowman'. You can see it at <https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/show-the-love/>

In February, there will be a sequel showing what we can achieve when we all work together. Look on <https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/show-the-love/>

### Valentine's Day

Now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year, 'Show the Love' is asking people to be creative with green hearts. It is hoped that the hearts will begin conversations about the things we love that climate change threatens and the opportunities there are for a world powered by clean and secure energy. Here are a selection of things you can do:

- \* make a green heart and wear it with pride
- \* hold a green heart crafting event and talk about climate change and the early signs of spring. You could invite a local speaker
- \* leave a green heart in a special place for someone in your neighbourhood to find
- \* Tell your local media all about what you are doing.

There are many more ideas in the 'SHOW the LOVE' green hearts activity guide that can be downloaded at:

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## QUIZ EVENING



You are invited to join our friends at Lillington Free Church for a Quiz Evening on Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm.

Proceeds to Christian Aid.

Do go along, either individually or in a team, and have fun.

## APPEAL FOR ITEMS FOR THE BIG BREAKFAST STALL

When you are de-cluttering this Spring please remember our Mission Project for the Revd. Clive Fowle's Peace and \Reconciliation work in Serbia, Bosnia and Croatia and bring your surplus items to church. These can be sold either at the Big Breakfast Stall or at the October Craft Fair.

Thanks, Veronica

## LOOKING BACK ON CHRISTMAS 2017

Christmas 2017 gave us all the opportunity of focussing on the birth of Jesus Christ.

We lit the candles on the Advent ring each Sunday as we prepared for the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem, There were mid week services and a choir concert focussing on the Christmas story. Despite heavy snow we held our Christingle service with children from our Uniformed Organisations and their parents, as well as our own congregation. The Carol Service on December 17<sup>th</sup> was very meaningful and several people took part in the readings and prayers and Geoff sang a very moving solo. Our services culminated on Christmas Day when we gathered together for worship before going home to enjoy our Christmas dinners.

The church was tastefully decorated and a Christmas tree adorned the Table of Remembrance.

The communal Christmas card again provided a way of sending greetings to church friends whilst the donations (£253) enabled the church to buy gifts of 2 chickens, 2 piglets, 2 keyhole gardens, 1 Mandala garden, 2 vegetable boxes, seeds and tools, through Christian Aid to help those living in poverty in under-developed countries.

Our outdoor Christmas tree project was, once again, hugely successful. Our own congregation, uniformed organisations, friends and neighbours added baubles to the branches. The bare tree was rapidly transformed into a colourful and amazing tree of gifts. This, together with a new innovation of three painted boards outside the church, depicting the Holy Family, the shepherds and the kings reminded everyone of the true meaning of Christmas.

Many people visited our Nativity Exhibition when it was displayed during Advent at Wellesbourne Methodist Church and at West Orchard URC in Coventry. We are delighted to say that the two churches donated £350 to our Mission Fund to thank us for loaning the Exhibition.

Daily pictures and readings telling the Christmas story were on the church website during Advent. One person said, 'It was like having our own Advent calendar without the chocolates!'

The Children's Christmas Activity Morning was held at the beginning of January with the theme 'Stars and Angels gave the Sign'. The children enjoyed lots of craft activities to remind them of God's gift of his Son to the world. (See pictures and write up on Church website .-.Activities tab).

Thank you to all those who gave thought and practical help to ensure the success of all these events which encouraged people to remember the true meaning of Christmas.

## JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

## WALKING THE WAY

'Walking the Way' has already produced the introductory leaflet and the initial resources and now there has been the official launch of the URC's new focus on lifelong Christian discipleship. Francis Brienens, Deputy General Secretary (Mission), and Richard Church, Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship), say: 'Walking the Way explores what it means to actively follow and learn from – and to be eventually transformed by – Christ. It's for everyone at any stage of the Christian journey – whoever you are, whatever your existing relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church is, whatever your personal circumstances. While there's nothing new about being a disciple of Christ, we're confident that there is something new about Walking the Way – in its accessible approach and in the wide range of supporting resources produced and planned.' On 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018, the much-anticipated 'Holy Habits' resource books were launched.

The 'Holy Habits' resources, a joint venture with the Methodist Church, are a key resource of Walking the Way. Each of the ten books in the series focuses on one 'holy habit', the ten are: biblical teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, sharing of resources, service, eating together, gladness and generosity, worship, prayer and making more disciples.

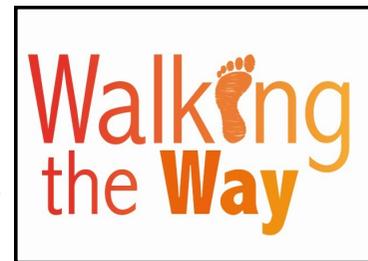
'The books can be read in any order, over any length of time and are suitable for people of all ages' explains Francis Brienens. 'From Pentecost, onwards we hope to supplement the materials with a series of short films, illustrating how churches are exploring each habit, and the difference it is making in their Christian lives.'

Lent resources have also been prepared and later in the year, the new material associated with Stepwise will become available.

Richard Church and Francis Brienens said: 'We have both been challenged by part of a prayer attributed to Sir Francis Drake:

*"Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,  
To venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery;  
Where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.  
We ask You to push back the horizons of our hopes;  
And to push into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love."*

'However, you choose to engage with Walking the Way, we hope you find material to support you – and we wish you God's blessing on your journey.'



## PRAYING TOGETHER IN FEBRUARY

The monthly Prayer Diary encourages the Church family to focus prayers on specific people or organisations on a daily basis

1st	Our Mission Project	15th	Andy & James
2nd	Elders of the Church	16th	The Uniformed Organisations
3rd	Congregational meeting	17th	Junior Church
4th	Joyce L	18th	John F
5th	Jessie	19th	Clarice
6th	Rob & family	20th	Valerie
7th	Wed. Lunch & Mid-Week Worship	21st	Mavis P
8th	Hilda & Ken	22nd	The Film Club
9th	Jane & Frank	23rd	Gill & Derek
10th	Big Breakfast	24th	Maureen
11th	All involved with the Night Shelter	25th	Margaret S
12th	Kingsley & Anne	26th	The Friendship Circle
13th	Clare	27th	The Street Pastors
14th	Jean I	28th	Cynthia, Henry, Casey & Baby Ivy

You are invited to take a pebble from the basket on the Table of Remembrance, sit or stand quietly and concentrate on your particular concern. Then hold or stroke your pebble – feel your hurt, worry, loneliness, pain, guilt, unhappiness or anxiety flowing into your stone. Feel it warm in your hand. If you are praying for someone else, feel your love and compassion flowing into your pebble.

When you are ready, leave your pebble at the cross of Jesus. Leave it with your concerns, so that Jesus can deal with it. Then go – knowing that Jesus loves and cares about you.

There is also a Book of Prayer. Any situation entered in the book will be prayed for at Friday Bible Study and included in the monthly Prayer Diary.



### HOUSE GROUP BIBLE STUDY

each Friday at  
135, Leam Terrace  
at 7.30pm

The House Group would be delighted to welcome others who would like to share in the evening.

Please see James for further details.



### THE NEXT BIG BREAKFAST

The next Big Breakfast will be on Sat. February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Come along and bring your friends and smell the sizzling bacon as you come through the door to our Big Breakfast.

Proceeds to our Mission Project.

December's total: £68.60  
January's total: £78.70

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEAMINGTON

#### CHURCHES TOGETHER RAMBLERS

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 9.45am for 10am

#### FROM UFTON (3.7 MILES)

Meet and eat at the White Hart Inn.

Leader: Richard

More details will be on the vestibule notice board.

#### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer Annual service will be at 2pm on Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at St Mary Magdalene Church, Lillington. This year the service has been prepared by the women of Suriname on the theme "All God's Creation is Very Good". Both women and men are most cordially invited.

### THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

All Church members and other friends of the church are encouraged to attend the meeting on Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10.00am (for a 10.30am start).

The Church Meeting allows the local church's members 'through discussion, responsible decision and care for one another to strengthen each other's faith and to foster the life, work and mission of the Church both locally and globally'

Now that the Congregational Meeting is held on Saturday mornings more people are attending. Do come along if you possibly can and take an active part in the life of the church..

## FEBRUARY DIARY 2018

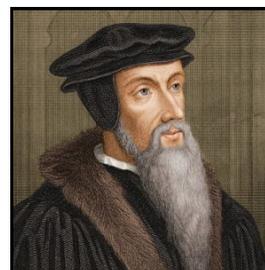
Sat	3	10.00am	Congregational Meeting
<b>Sun</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>The Sunday Service with Holy Communion led by the Revd. James Church</b>
Tues	6	2.00pm	Friendship Circle - Margaret Sheldon. Volunteering abroad
Wed	7	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Lunch & Mid-Week Worship led by Mrs Margaret Weir
Fri	9	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace
Sat	10	9.00am	Big Breakfast
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>The Sunday Service led by the Revd. Andy Laird</b>
Tues	13	2.00pm	Friendship Circle-Revd. James Church. Preparing for Lent.
Wed	14	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch Songs of Praise DVD "Calais, Shakespeare and Matt Redman!"
		2.45pm	Mission & Outreach Meeting
Fri	16	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace
Sat	17	3.00pm	Lecture about John Calvin given by the Revd. James Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>The Sunday Service led by Mr Peter Ashton</b>
Mon	19	2.30pm	Lent Group
Tues	20	2.00pm	Friendship Circle - Members' Afternoon. Letter R.
Wed	21	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Lunch & Mid-Week Worship led by the Revd. James Church
Thurs	22	2.00pm	Film Club "Mrs Doubtfire"
Fri	23	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace
<b>Sun</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>The Sunday Service led by the Revd. James Church</b>
Tues	27	2.00pm	Friendship Circle-tba
Wed	28	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch - PCs Marie Holt and Peter Yeardle talk about "Keeping Safe"

### FORTHCOMING SPECIAL DATES

- 28 Jan. - World Leprosy Day
- 11 Feb. - Racial Justice Sunday
- 11 Feb. - Poverty Action Sunday
- 26 Feb. - Fairtrade Fortnight starts
- 2 Mar. - Women's World Day of Prayer

## JOHN CALVIN LECTURE

Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 3.00pm



Following the very successful lecture about Martin Luther, the Revd. James Church will present another talk about Luther's successor, John Calvin, who was born in Noyon, Picardy, France in 1509. Calvin made a powerful impact on the fundamental doctrines of Protestantism, and is widely credited as the most important figure in the second generation of the Protestant Reformation. He died in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1564.

John Calvin was a law student at the University of Orléans when he first joined the cause of the Reformation. In 1536, he published the landmark text *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, an early attempt to standardize the theories of Protestantism. Calvin's religious teachings emphasised the sovereignty of the scriptures and divine predestination - a doctrine holding that God chooses those who will enter Heaven based on His omnipotence and grace.

Calvin lived in Geneva briefly, until anti-Protestant authorities in 1538 forced him to leave. He was invited back again in 1541, and upon his return from Germany, where he had been living, he became an important spiritual and political leader. Calvin used Protestant principles to establish a religious government; and in 1555, he was given absolute supremacy as leader in Geneva.

*The above is just a very brief outline of the life of John Calvin. Do come on February 17<sup>th</sup> to hear far more about this eminent theologian who was one of the early founders of Protestantism.*

### THANKS FROM THE NIGHT SHELTER

The Night Shelter thanks the church for the gifts of hats, gloves and scarves for their clients. The letter is on the vestibule notice board. Margaret and Chris say how much these gifts are appreciated especially when the weather is often below zero on cold nights during the winter. We shall continue to support the Shelter with our knitted goods. Margaret asked that all knitters should know that the darker coloured garments are far more popular than the brightly coloured ones! So, if you have any spare dark wool, then please knit a hat or two or, alternatively pass on the wool to someone who enjoys knitting!