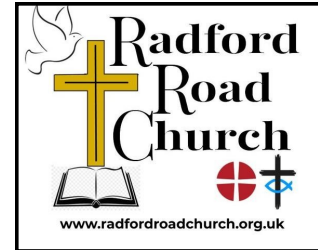


## SUNDAY SERVICES

**10.30 am THE SUNDAY SERVICE**  
*Holy Communion - first Sunday of each month*

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



**Radford Road  
Church  
Leamington Spa**

## REGULAR WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

Monday	5.00 - 6.00pm	Rainbows (5-7 years)
	6.00 - 7.15pm	Brownies (7-10 years)
	7.00 - 8.30pm	Guides (10-15 years)
Tuesday	10.00am	All Are Welcome
	2.00pm	Friendship Circle
	7.30pm	Rangers
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)

# Magazine



## Lest We Forget

## November 2019

Radford Road Church web site: [www.radfordroadchurch.org.uk](http://www.radfordroadchurch.org.uk)

## THE MINISTER'S LETTER



We are getting to the bottom of the last few boxes from our house move in the summer and, in one, I came across a print of Jack Yeats' painting *Grief*.

I remember the strong emotions it evoked when I first stood in front of it in the National Gallery of Ireland a few years ago. It wasn't what it depicted that



stirred the connection, but how the indigo and red and yellow spoke of deeper things that were, at best, blurred and lacking definition.

November is the month for remembrance in the Church and across the country. On the 2nd is the Feast of All Souls, when Christians remember all those who have gone before us. We take time to give thanks for those who held onto the faith and passed it on to the next generation. We are part of a bright succession that takes us right back to the first disciples of Jesus.

11th November has, for one hundred years, been the day when British and Commonwealth citizens remember all those whose lives have been lost or damaged in war and conflict. For many of us, it will be a day to remember family and friends who left to fight and never returned.

When we suffer loss, we become conscious of carrying around an emptiness within that makes it harder to find the energy and motivation to carry on life as usual. The confidence we once had is diminished and we are less certain about our place in the world. As time goes on, we get used to the loss and the emptiness gets easier to carry, but it never goes away.

Grief is not just personal; it affects us as members of the Church, especially when the church is facing serious challenges. The Catholic scholar, Gerald Arbuckle, suggests that organisations, including churches, must learn to grieve better if they are to manage change effectively. The things we have grown used to, in terms of buildings or hymns or ways of doing things, are now under threat and we are being asked to let go of the familiar. This is an intensely disorienting and painful process and we need to be aware that these feelings of grief are natural and even healthy.

The President of the Methodist Conference in 2017-18, Revd Loraine Mellor, argued for a growth plan or an end of life plan for every church. The message of the resurrection is that church communities need both, for growth and new life emerges from death and loss.

Grief is never a negative emotion, but a process that enables healing and renewed hope. But it cannot be short-circuited. Alan Raine of the Northumbria Community offer this advice:

“Do not hurry as you walk with grief; it does not help the journey. Walk slowly, pause often: do not hurry as you walk with grief. Be not disturbed by memories that come unbidden .... Be gentle with the one who walks with grief. If it is you, be gentle with yourself.”

Sam

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## ROTAS

	Welcomer	Coffee	Flowers to give	Arranger
Nov 3	Veronica	John & Ruth	Janine	Kath
Nov 10	Joan	Sally & Jherell	Hugh & Hazel	Hazel
Nov 17	Julia	Brenda & Alan	Sue & Joan	Tony
Nov 24	Jherell	Julia & Jean		Margaret
Dec 1	Sue	Margaret & Bridget		Jean
Dec 8	Rosemary	John & Ruth		Kath

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.

### and finally...

Smiling is infectious,  
you catch it like the flu,  
When someone smiled at me today,  
I started smiling too.

I thought about that smile,  
then I realized its worth.  
A single smile, just like mine  
could travel round the earth.

I passed around the corner  
and someone saw my grin.  
When he smiled I realized  
I'd passed it on to him.

So, if you feel a smile begin,  
don't leave it undetected.  
Let's start an epidemic quick,  
and get the world infected!

**Written by Spike Milligan and submitted by Gladys (Rappy)**

Thank you for reading this copy of Radford Road Church Magazine. To cut down on paper and production costs many people now receive the Magazine by email but, if you do still have a hard copy, please pass it on to a friend or re-cycle it when you have finished with it.

Please email Marjorie at [carrier\\_mj@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carrier_mj@yahoo.co.uk) before Sunday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> if you have any items suitable for publication in the Dec/ Jan. Magazine.

## FAMILY NEWS

**Please remember in your prayers**

**those who have suffered bereavement.**

Comfort the families and friends who grieve.

**those who are ill and especially those in our prayer book**

We ask that they will soon be restored to full health.

**those who have worries and anxieties.**

Give them peace and comfort in the knowledge that you are close to them.

Please pray for all those you know who have special health problems, worries or concerns. As autumn and winter approach keep them warm and safe in your love and may they know others are thinking of them.

Congratulations to **Megan Masters** on gaining a First Class degree in Film and Media Production at Sheffield Hallam University. We wish Megan further success in all she does in the future.

Bon voyage to **Jherell** as she sets out this month to the Philippines for a three week holiday to be with family and friends.

**Veronica** would like to thank all friends who signed the card conveying their good wishes on her recent birthday.



## CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

Help mothers use their God given gifts to escape poverty

### RADFORD ROAD CHRISTMAS GREETINGS CARD

The Church Christmas Greeting card will be included with the December Church Magazine. Please let Bridget have your greeting (and a donation for Christian Aid's Present Aid scheme) **by Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>** at the very latest.



## OUR COVER PICTURE



## Lest We Forget

Remembrance Day in the United Kingdom honours the heroic efforts, achievements and sacrifices that were made in past wars. The main observance is on the second Sunday in November, which marks the signing of the armistice marking the end of the First World War, but 2 minutes silence is also observed on November 11.

Also referred to as Poppy Day or Armistice Day, Remembrance Day is observed in Commonwealth countries, including Australia and Canada.

Other countries such as the U.S. have similar observances like Veterans' Day. Arms were laid down at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year, an arbitrary moment chosen to end the four years of turmoil that had spread across Europe, but a moment that has become embedded in everyone's consciousness since then. Remembrance Sunday ever since has commemorated and celebrated the contribution to the war effort and victory made by British and Commonwealth troops, not only in the First World War but in the many conflicts, small and large since. The Queen and members of the Royal Family, politicians, service men and the general public all take part in marking Remembrance Sunday.

Ever-living God

we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## OUR 2019/2020 MISSION PROJECT - REHOBOTH CHILDREN'S CENTRE IN THE PHILIPPINES

This year our Mission Project aims to raise £1000 for the Rehoboth Children's Centre at Tanay in the Philippines. The Centre is supported by Siloam Ministries which has a local office in Leamington Spa. Over the last four years Siloam Ministries has raised over £52,000 for this cause.

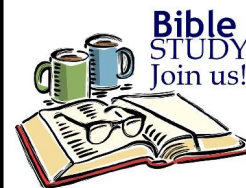
The Centre cares for abandoned babies and gives them a place of safety where they are looked after and nurtured. In addition many mothers have given birth in the baby delivery facility at the Centre and they have been given help and advice regarding the care of their children. The staff are loving and caring and are fully qualified for the work they undertake.

The Centre can accommodate up to 40 children. Many of the children will be adopted by families in the Philippines or in Europe or America. The UK laws on inter-country adoption makes it less likely that the children will be brought here. Other children are at the Centre on a short term basis when a place of safety is needed.

Our current year's Mission Project was launched at the "Last Night of the Proms" evening on September 14<sup>th</sup> when the £88.50 raised started our money raising effort. .

Radford Road Church feels privileged to be able to support this Centre. The profit from our monthly Big Breakfasts and some of the donated money received at the Nativity Exhibition in December will be for this Mission Project.

We appeal to everyone to give their support and to pray for the work of this Centre in the Philippines.



## HOUSE GROUP BIBLE STUDY

meets each Friday at 135, Leam Terrace  
at 7.30pm

The Group would welcome others to join them.  
Please see James for further details.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Boxes and leaflets are available in the vestibule.  
The boxes will be blessed at Sunday worship on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> by Mr Nigel Saxton before being taken to a central depot for transportation.

Veronica

## NATIVITY EXHIBITION 2019



The Nativity Exhibition was first displayed at Radford Road Church in 2012 and then again in 2013, and since then, more exhibits have been acquired. The Exhibition has been taken around the country during Advent each year and has been seen by hundreds of people. We hope that in looking at the exhibits people have thought about the Christmas message and realised a little more about the true meaning of Christmas.

The 120 models come from many different countries and are made of many different materials. There are tin ones from Mexico; models made from banana fibre from Kenya; rolled paper models from Sri Lanka; hand made pottery models from Peru; olive wood models made in Bethlehem...and many, many more from all around the world.

At our Exhibition at Radford Road there will also be a table where members of the congregation can put their own cribs on display.

The exhibition will be at Radford Road Church each afternoon between 2.00pm and 4.00pm from Tuesday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> until Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> and school parties are invited to visit during the mornings. The following week the exhibition moves to Abbey Hill United Reformed Church at Kenilworth.

The exhibition is free but there will be opportunity to make a donation by those who wish to do so. This money will be shared between Radford Road Church and this year's Mission Project "Rehoboth Children's Centre in the Philippines".

Please make the Exhibition as widely known as possible by giving out posters and hand bills and by inviting your family and friends to come along to see it. If you are able to help with stewarding or serving tea, coffee and biscuits to our visitors please add your name to the list on the notice board.

## GROWING INTER FAITH UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION

**Inter Faith Week 2019 will take place between  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November.**

Inter Faith Week's aims are to:

- Strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels
- Increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, in particular celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society
- Increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEAMINGTON (CTL)

### CHURCHES TOGETHER RAMBLERS



#### LOCAL BLUE PLAQUE WALK 2 (approx. 3 miles)

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019 9.45am for 10.00am

Meet at the entrance to Livery St. at Parade end.

Eat at The Cricketers, Archery Rd.

More details are on the vestibule notice board.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of CTL will be held at St. Mark's Church on Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The evening will commence with a "Living Library". Invited guests will be "books" in our living library and may be "borrowed" for 5 minutes at a time to be asked questions about their lives and faith. The guests will be

A person serving in the United Nations

An Author

A Solicitor

A Street Pastor

A Minister

A Community Medic

The Chair of The Well

A Globe Traveller

There will be cheese and nibbles, tea and coffee, with a short AGM at the end of the evening.



### WARWICK DISTRICT FAITHS FORUM

National Interfaith Week will be from 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November.

The annual WDFC conference will take place on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's Conference Centre, Dormer Place, beginning at 10.00am with registration from 9.30am and concluding at 1pm, to be followed by lunch.

This year's theme is "Wellbeing".

Further details of the timetable and speakers are on the vestibule notice board.

Speakers include Bishop John, Bishop of Warwick, Paul Thompson of Springfield Mind, Hannah Minde of Think Active, DCI Morgan of Warwickshire Police and our MP Mr Matt Western.

Please contact Mr Jatinder Birdi at [wdfcfaithsforum@yahoo.com](mailto:wdfcfaithsforum@yahoo.com) or telephone 07958 589464 to book a place.

## CRAFT FAIR 2019

October 5<sup>th</sup> 2019

Many thanks to all those who helped to make the Craft Fair such a resounding success.

There was a lot of work involved with the planning, advertising, sorting of items for sale and the organising of refreshments, as well as the erection of stalls and the logistics of furniture moving (done so willingly by the Scouts and Church members). On the day the sun shone, our Crafters' stalls and the Church stalls looked stunning and our customers came along!

A new innovation was the Children's Craft Activity which took place in the Hall. The children paid 50p for each craft they did. They enjoyed making fantastic ornaments, presents and decorations and had a wonderful time. The atmosphere at the Craft Fair was great and we had more people than ever before through the doors. They spent lots of money resulting in the sum of £1332.06 being raised for Church Funds. This is a record amount for our annual Craft Fair.

There was a wonderful band of "clearer-uppers" who, when the Fair was finished, packed everything away, cleared up immaculately and re-arranged the furniture ready for Morning Service the following day.

Well done and thank you everyone!

## CRAFT FAIR 2019 RESULTS

### Church Stalls

Cakes	£56.90	
Jigsaws	£51.50	
Gifts	£67.45	
Preserves	£69.80	
Bulbs	£63.25	
Auction of Promises	£265.00	
Raffle	£97.00	
Refreshments	£155.40	
Pork Baps	£83.50	
Children's Crafts	£31.70	
		£941.50
<b>Donations</b>		£150.56
<b>Stallholders' Payments</b>		£240.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1332.06</b>



## OUR NEW CHURCH LOGO

You will have noticed the new Radford Road Church logo on the front of this Magazine. The images are taken from those on the stained glass window over the doorway at the entrance to our church. The logo depicts the symbol of the empty cross conveying our Christian belief that Jesus died for us and gives us the promise of eternal life.

The Bible signifies that the Word of God is at the heart of our lives and the dove represents peace.

The new logo also incorporates the logos of both the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church.

This logo will be used on all our publications so that all who see it will be reminded of that which is important to us as we journey through life.

## MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY REPORT



### Work completed

Work was done on the soak away in car park – the water is clearing quicker but after heavy rain there are still large puddles.

The roof was checked with binoculars to see where a couple of tiles have fallen off. For the moment we are going to leave it as there are still tiles there.

### Work to do

- New boiler in the Church Centre
- New hot water supply to the small sink in the Church Centre kitchen
- Boards needed behind the chairs in the lounge to prevent damage to the plaster

## PRAYING TOGETHER IN NOVEMBER

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

1st	Rehoboth Children's Centre	16th	The Uniformed Organisations
2nd	Valerie	17th	The Friendship Circle
3rd	Volunteers at the Night Shelter	18th	John F
4th	Mid-Week Worship & Wednesday Lunch	19th	Gladys (Sally's Mum)
5th	Christians Together in Leamington	20th	The Street Pastors
6th	The House Group	21st	Mavis P
7th	Joyce	22nd	Elders of the Church
8th	Ken	23rd	Maureen
9th	Kingsley & Anne	24th	The Film Club
10th	Clare	25th	Nick
11th	Gill	26th	Clarice
12th	Big Breakfast	27th	All Our Knitters
13th	All Are Welcome	28th	Ralph
14th	Operation Christmas Child	29th	Peggy
15th	Our Ministers and their families	30th	Brenda (Margaret H's Mum)

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 them. 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.

## FILM CLUB

Do come along on Thursday Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm when you can see

### "Christmas with the Kranks"

With their daughter away, the Kranks' decide to skip Christmas altogether until, quite unexpectedly, she decides to come home. This causes an upheaval when they have to celebrate Christmas at the last minute.

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



## THE NEXT BIG BREAKFAST

**will be on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am.**

Come along and bring your friends and smell the sizzling bacon as you come through the door. The October Big Breakfast raised £44.60



## GLOVES, HATS AND SCARVES



Again, we will be giving knitted garments to the clients of the Night Shelter to help to keep them warm during the winter months. Please start knitting so that we are able to help those who have little and who find life extremely difficult. The knitted goods will be given to the Night Shelter in December.

A table where garments knitted by members and friends of the church is in the church. Please add scarves, gloves and hats so that we have a good number of items to give to the Night Shelter clients.

Oddments of wool are available by the display board in the church. Please help yourself and knit hats, gloves and scarves for the Night Shelter clients.

## NOVEMBER DIARY 2019

Fri	1	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Sunday Service with Holy Communion led by the Revd. Sam McBratney</b>
Tues	5	10.00am	All Are Welcome
		2.00pm	Friendship Circle: Rani Clare
Wed	6	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch: MEMBERS' DAY. Please bring a poem or music to share.
Fri	8	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace
Sat	9	9.00am	Big Breakfast
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>The Sunday Service led by Mrs Julie Gardner</b>
Tues	12	10.00am	All Are Welcome
		2.00pm	Friendship Circle: Ann Howe
Wed	13	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12:30pm	Mid-Week Worship -
Fri	15	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace
<b>Sun</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>The Sunday Service led by Mr Nigel Saxton</b>
Tues	19	10.00am	All Are Welcome
		2.00pm	Friendship Circle: George Jones
Wed	20	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch followed by Songs of Praise "Advent".
Thurs	21	2.00pm	Angel Preparation Afternoon
Fri	22	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>The Sunday Service led by the Revd. James Church followed by the Church AGM.</b>
Tues	26	10.00am	All Are Welcome
		2.00pm	Friendship Circle: "Remembrance Thoughts"
		11.00am	Coffee Morning
Wed	27	12.30pm	Mid-Week Worship led by the Revd. James Church
Thurs	28	2.00pm	Film Club "Christmas with the Kranks"
Fri	29	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace

## EVENTS IN DECEMBER

- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am Set up Nativity Exhibition  
 Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Nativity Exhibition open to schools each morning and to the public from 2.00pm until 4.00pm  
 Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Christingle Service and a Christening  
 Lunch provided for those able to help with the dismantling of the Exhibition  
 Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Carol Service  
**Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00am CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE**

## ANGEL PREPARATION AFTERNOON

Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> at 2.00pm



Do come along to help to prepare the knitted angels ready for distribution in our town. A band of knitters has been busy throughout the year knitting tiny angels to bring the message of Christmas to people in Leamington Spa. Each angel now has to be placed in a plastic bag, together with a card which gives details of our Christmas services. Also there will be an invitation to those who find the angels to visit our Nativity Exhibition which will be held from Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> to Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. It is always amazing to see the look on the faces of people as they discover the angels and the angels convey love and friendship to people in our community. The afternoon will be fun and enjoyable and the task is easy to do so do come along to help.

## ALL ARE WELCOME

### Good News!

The 'All Are Welcome' group has successfully obtained a grant of £300 to help with costs and extend its outreach for the next twelve months. At a meeting of the Warwick District South Leamington Forum Group on October 17<sup>th</sup> a presentation of the work of All Are Welcome was given and the meeting voted unanimously to support the work. We will now be able to extend publicity, provide more activities and purchase a supply of new mugs. 'All Are Welcome' continues to meet every Tuesday morning from 10.00am until 11.30am and all those who come enjoy meeting together over a cup of tea or coffee and having a toasted teacake, taking part in a very informal quiz, playing board games and doing jigsaw puzzles. We have a lot of chatter and a lot of fun, new friendships are made and we share talents and skills. Why not pop in and see what goes on?