

CCR BULLETIN

April 2018 (web version)

CALENDAR OF SERVICES

April 8th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Purvis Campbell
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Purvis Campbell
April 15th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Purvis Campbell
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Purvis Campbell
April 22nd	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Purvis Campbell
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Purvis Campbell
April 29th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Purvis Campbell
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Purvis Campbell

Wednesday Enneagram Group: there will be two meetings in April and two in May at 10.30 am in the Committee Room. Further details will be announced later.

Elders on Duty Elspeth Haren Gordon Ruddle

Stewards James Lunney Linde Lunney

Flowers	1st April	Carol Ormiston	22nd April	Margaret Leeson
	8th April	Stephen Loughlin	29th April	Joanne Vance Cronin
	15th April	Elizabeth Campbell		

The Congregational Committee will meet in the Committee Room at 8pm on **Tuesday 10th April**.

Romans v 8: God showed His great love for us in that Christ died for us while we were still sinners (ESV) The prologue to John's Gospel reminds us of God's purpose that his Son, the Word, should come among us as a light to lead us back to God. The events of Holy Week and Easter show us that God is faithful to his purpose of salvation even as far as allowing the death of his Son, and continues his intention to be reconciled to humankind - no force can subvert the triumph of this work of infinite love. God promises that we can enjoy the most abundant life, as we serve the Lord, living under the eternal grace and mercy of God in the expectation of the coming into being of God's kingdom. The service of God is perfect freedom, and fulfils our deepest needs - Christ is Risen - Alleluia! Christ is Risen indeed!

We ask your prayers for those in the congregation who are ill or in pain and who cannot be with us, and for those who look after them, especially for Billy Williamson and his wife Alison, and for Eric and Alice Beckett. Please remember also Ian, preparing for an operation, and Julie, recovering from one. We were delighted last Sunday to see Audrey again after so long, and pray for her continuing progress, and we give thanks that Elaine is now recovered. **On 5th March** we celebrated the life of George Stuart, his many years of loyal service, his courtesy and his love for the King James Version, veteran cars and photography. We will miss George greatly. We note with sadness the death of musician Peter Sweeney on 20th March. Peter, who had a notable career as organist, played for CCR for a year while his brother Eric was studying abroad.

Gujarat Retiring Collection. Just over €400 was raised for the Vyara Girls Hostel by the retiring collection on 25th March. We are most grateful for the generous response of those who contributed.

Congregational EGM - A well-attended meeting on 20th March discussed the Renaissance panel's proposals for the church with the architect Roisin Hanley. The concepts suggested are for further development in the light of affordability, permissions and prioritisation. The meeting considered them in a positive frame of mind. The suggestions were divided into four - two areas on each floor of the building - and were voted on. All were approved, unanimously but for one abstention in relation to one of the areas.

The Church Memorial Book has been updated and returned. CCR's gratitude is due once more to Sylvia Tennant for her generous use of her calligraphy skills.

Report on CCR Committee meeting 6th March - Property : There was discussion of the needs of Meals on Wheels and the new kitchen and smoke room. The bicycle rack would definitely be installed in March. The matter of Lecture room curtains would be dealt with as the plans for the building progressed. The problems with Halls inventories had been resolved. **Finance**: The Budget for 2018 was considered and approved. A deficit was envisaged because of expected work on the Lodge roof and heating. The future use of the Lodge was so far undecided. **Renaissance Panel** : Plans for the church at concept stage were considered and approved for discussion at a congregational EGM. **Halls Lettings**: Gavin Cobbe still required full access to some necessary controls. Approval was granted to buy a computer to control the visual monitoring system, There was discussion of changes in licensees and renewals of licences, the need for more cleaning, and emergency key fob holders. **Miscellaneous**: Anne Walsh had resigned from running the Mothers and Toddlers group. Fire alarms in the church were to be inspected. EU regulations for database security were discussed and noted.

The Explorers ecumenical Bible study group will meet again on **16th April** to discuss **Jesus's Resurrection** (John 20) at 7.30 pm at the Mount Tabor Centre, Sandymount Green under the expert guidance of **Rev. Dr Kieran O'Mahony OSA**. All most welcome to the last meeting of the season.

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Suggestions for those needing our prayers especially welcome. Robin Simmons's phone number will be found in the Phonebook. NB Copy deadline for May Bulletin-Thurs 26th April, to appear on 29th April.