

CCR BULLETIN

February 2017 (as at 5/2/17)

SERVICES

February 5th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd. Jim Carson
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd. Jim Carson
February 12th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd. Jim Carson
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd. Jim Carson
February 19th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd. Jim Carson
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd. Jim Carson
February 26th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd. Jim Carson
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd. Jim Carson

Elders on Duty	Ann Simmons	Stewards	Robin Fraser
	Robin Simmons		Fred Yoakley

Flowers	5th February	Pamela Cassidy	19th February	Doreen Conway
	12th February	Fiona Timlin	26th February	Diana Needham

Prayers for February

On New Year's Day, Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie asked the Congregation present at Morning Worship to name the matters which they would most wish to pray for in 2017. The three subjects chosen for our intercession were: **Homelessness - prayer** for the provision of appropriate housing and the re-integration into society of those who were homeless; **Peace** - in a world which appears to be becoming daily more unstable, **prayer** for the resolution of international, civil and family conflicts; and **Intercultural Respect - prayer** that we should grow to become more open to and respectful of those from different cultural backgrounds from ourselves, remembering that there is one Lord and Father of us all. **Please remember** these broad themes in your daily prayers.

We regret to record the death of Pauline Mossop née Henderson on 20th January. A packed funeral of her far-flung friends and family said farewell to Pauline who remained keenly interested in CCR, although latterly she was unable to attend. She was a talented and knowledgeable person, and will be greatly missed. **We ask your continuing prayer** for **Jimmy G.** as he continues his convalescence in the Royal Hospital. Please remember also a member of our congregation undergoing a course of radiotherapy. We pray that all those we know who are suffering from illness, seasonal or otherwise, may be healed and filled with a sense of God's infinitely caring presence. **We were delighted** to welcome back **Viola and John O'C.**, on the way to recovery from accidental injuries, and we are especially delighted to welcome the birth of two children, **Fianan Yeo**, whose arrival added a new voice to the family of Bob, Sandra, Molly and Francis, and **Logan Gray**, the son of Donald and Ariane. We pray that they will bring joy to their families and all who come to know them.

We are very pleased to thank Sylvia Tennant for kindly using her fine calligraphy skills to update the Memorial Book in November. **Thanks also** to all those who most generously

contributed to recent **Special Collections** - raising over €1,200 for local charities on Christmas Day, over €900 for the Retiring Collection for Merchants Quay Ireland on 8th January, and €1,322 for the World Development Appeal

The Church Committee met on 10th January. It appeared that the start of work on the new Kitchen for Meals on Wheels would be delayed until early autumn. A complex new system from the PCI for vouching the expenses of a Minister was discussed. The accounts for 2016 were examined and a special meeting for their approval was arranged after worship on 29th January. There was great praise for the Tallaght Food Bank and further support for it was recommended. We were reminded that the Session Clerk would present any matters for consideration by the Romanian Baptist Congregation. **Next meeting of Committee 14th March.**

The Kirk Session met on 1st February and among matters discussed were the updating of the Congregational Voters List and the procedures to be used in our continuing approach to the vacancy. **See below under AGM.** The next meeting of Session will be on 1st March.

AGM - The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation will take place on **Monday 6th February** in the **Fletcher Room at 8 pm**. In addition to the usual presentation and approval of reports the members attending will be asked to vote on changing from the Open Application option to the Hearing Committee option for the election of a new minister. A full explanation of how this works will be given. Please join us for this very important meeting.

The Explorers Bible study group's next meeting on **Monday 20th February** will examine **Romans Ch 12-5v6 - Grace in Practice**. Meetings take place in the Community Room of the Mount Tabor Care Centre, Sandymount Green, and begin at 7.30 sharp. More information in online version.

Rathgar/Terenure Fellowship (RTF) events:

The local World Day of Prayer service will take place this year on Friday 3rd March at the Salvation Army Premises, the Swan Centre, Rathmines at 7.30 p.m. The Liturgy is based on one prepared by the women of Indonesia, and the theme is "Am I being unfair to you?". Please support this worldwide lay-led ecumenical service.

Lenten lecture Series. Rathgar Methodist Church will host a 6-week series of Lenten presentations entitled "Christianity from where I'm sitting", from Wednesday 1st March to Wednesday 5th April inclusive, at 8.00 pm. David Norris, Gordon Linney, Patsy McGarry, Kieran O'Mahony, Gillian Kingston and Fiona Murdoch will share something of their religious experiences and their impressions of the church today. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection each evening in aid of the speaker's nominated charity. Everyone is very welcome.

Online/website edition of CCR Bulletin - supplement: Some additional information about the Explorers, and future Rathgar/Terenure Fellowship events can be found in the website/online edition www.christchurchrathgar.org

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Let's hear from you! Suggestions for those needing our prayers especially welcome. Robin Simmons's phone number will be found in the Phonebook. **NB** Copy deadline for March Bulletin - Thursday 23rd February, to appear on Sunday 26th February.

1.FUTURE EVENTS organized for spring 2017 by the Rathgar/Terenure Fellowship Group.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 3rd March Church: Salvation Army, Swan Centre Rathmines