

CCR BULLETIN

February 2018 (online version)

CALENDAR OF SERVICES etc.

February 4th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Purvis Campbell
	11.00 am	Morning Worship SAS SUNDAY	Revd Purvis Campbell
February 11th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Purvis Campbell
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Purvis Campbell
February 18th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Purvis Campbell
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Purvis Campbell
		Gujarati Sunday - Lunch to follow the 11am Service. More details later	
February 25th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Purvis Campbell
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Purvis Campbell

Enneagram Head Types - Wednesdays, Committee Room 10.30-11.45 am

7th Feb - Type 5 Logical & analytical observers

14th Feb - Type 6 Careful, sometimes pessimistic types

21st Feb - Type 7 Impulsive, optimistic, perhaps undisciplined. (More in Online Bulletin)

Elders on Duty	Gary Tennant	Stewards	Kyungeun Ha
	Marina Proseckina		Chang Hyun Hong

Flowers	4th February	Pamela Cassidy	11th February	Doreen Conway
	18th February	Diana Needham	25th February	Fiona Timlin

The Kirk Session will meet in the Fletcher Room at 8 pm on **Wednesday 21st February**. **The Congregational AGM** will be in the Lecture Hall **on Wednesday 7th February at 7.30 pm**. Normal business, over by 8pm, will be followed by workshop tables dealing with Spiritual and Temporal sides of our responsibilities in outreach and as stewards and disciples. From this discussion should develop a plan for the future of the church, inside and outside. Please come and play your part!

Ash Wednesday and St Valentine's Day coincide this year. Romantic love and spring are celebrated as Christians prepare to experience afresh the path to Calvary and the joy of resurrection which offers God's saving freedom to those who follow Christ, Our Lord. Fashions for Lenten celebration change, but it is good to set time aside to develop our discipleship by attending Lenten services or meetings, reading one of the many Lenten books which are published each year and undertaking new behaviours which increase our disciplined and committed service - the options are numerous and the choice is yours. Becoming closer to God may involve joy, not only abstinence!

Bereavement: We were sad to say good-bye to **Eily Paterson**, who died soon after her 98th birthday. Eily's family had long connections with CCR, but she suffered the too early loss of her husband Stuart and son Keith. Her daughter Avril tended her devotedly, and we sympathise deeply with her and other members of her extended family. We also sympathise with Holly Connolly and Nikki Topping and their families, who lost their father **Paddy Lane**, a retired

member of the Defence Forces, and husband of the late Paddy of fondest memory. May all those bereaved be comforted by God's merciful and compassionate presence. We pray also for the recovery of those who are ill, especially Audrey and Elaine, and May, and for those cared for in nursing homes or at home, thinking of Brian, Alice, Mary, and Olive.

Retiring Collection - Thanks to all who generously contributed to January 14th post-communion retiring collection which raised just over €500 for the Presbytery Education Fund.

Tea/Coffee after the morning service - If you enjoy this fellowship, then please **sign up** to help produce it! It is not difficult, but it needs **your** occasional contribution. Talk to Ruth or Louise!

Anthony Warnock has for years done wonderful work organizing the renting of CCR's Halls. We are most grateful for his long-term dedication over this period. We thank **Gavin Cobbe** for agreeing to take over this important work, with the help of Louise Potts. We wish them every success - Please co-operate with them in every way you can.

RTF Events - At the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service Katherine Stafford spoke of our common faith in a God who saved His people so that they might freely serve His will in loving His creation. **There will be 5 Wednesday meetings on Lenten evenings** connected by the theme of Prayer, Liberation and Social Justice at 8pm - **on 21st February** in St Patrick's Hall, Leicester Avenue, Revd Joe Mullan will consider different traditions of prayer and meditative prayer. **On 28th February** at Zion Church Revd Stephen Farrell will discuss Refugees with an official from the Irish Refugee Council. More next month on March events.

Committee 20th January discussed some major reports. The Annual Accounts were passed for presentation to the AGM. The Treasurer, Randal Gray, was thanked for his huge commitment to our affairs. The renewal of the advertising hoarding contract was subject to ongoing negotiations. The rebuilding of the rear wall would be a complex process. After discussion the issue was parked until the church building plan was agreed. Reports from the outgoing and incoming halls letting officers were discussed, and both thanked warmly. Perennial problems of storage in both halls were discussed, and some progress reported. The bike rack would soon be erected. Fire extinguishers had been inspected & serviced. Wheelchair pews were needed in 3 places in the church. A maintenance room might be desirable. Bruce Carswell would cease to be convenor of the Property Committee on 31st March.

The Explorers Ecumenical Bible Study group will meet again on **19th February** to discuss **The washing of the feet** (John 13) at 7.30 pm at the Mount Tabor Centre, Sandymount Green under the expert and inspiring direction of **Rev. Dr Kieran O'Mahony OSA**. New Explorers most welcome.

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Bulletin Editor's Details-Email address:**bulletineditor@christchurchrathgar.org** 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-Thurs 1st March, to appear on 4th March. *The online Bulletin below features more on Enneagram Head types, the new sound system, Explorers and Simon O'Moore Donohoe's farewell.*

1) Farewell to Simon O'Moore Donohoe

Doreen Steenson, speaking on behalf of CCR and our Youth and Family Committee, expressed her sadness at saying good-bye to Simon. He had come through our Youth Club system, and started as youth worker in 2009. Since then he had been involved in a very wide range of youth and family activities - from mothers and toddlers on - from which a very large number of young people had benefited. Simon had a marvellous gift for communicating with young people. In communicating the faith there was nothing better than the personal example of a person you respected. Recalling the highlights of his time with us she mentioned the youth club trip to Uganda, chip crawls, car wash fundraisers, Christmas dinners for elderly people, and his Christmas worship specials. CCR had been very fortunate to have Simon as Youth Officer, and could not thank him enough. She wished him every success in his teaching career. The congregation's applause indicated their agreement with these sentiments.

In response Simon remembered that he joined CCR's youth activities in 1995 in his early teens, encouraged to join by a Presbyterian friend. His connection with CCR was responsible for many of his most valuable long-term friendships. Although there had been difficult times, he had had lots of fun and enjoyment. Teaching children self-confidence and hope was the most valuable lesson, and imparting the knowledge of the love that God had for them all.

Editor's comment: Simon's extremely patient and unpretentious manner was most attractive to the young people he worked with. He was unsanctimonious and had no liking for claptrap. The young people Simon worked with liked and respected him. Simon's visit to Gujarat on behalf of the church was a very valuable contribution to our relationship with that diocese. Those he goes on to teach will be lucky to have him. We thank him sincerely and wish him every future success. He will be greatly missed at CCR.

2) Enneagram.- Committee Room 10.30.am - 11.45 am - from Revd PP Campbell

During February we will look at the Enneagram Head Types - 5, 6 & 7: Details below:

February 7th - Type 5: Fives are logical and analytical, seeking to understand the big picture, and observing rather than participating. You've all seen them - they will sit in meetings taking everything in but saying little or nothing. Maybe you are a five?

February 14th - Type 6: Sixes are careful types, motivated by the need for security. They are often subject to doubt, tend to worry about possible disappointments and imagine the worst possible outcomes. Are you one a Six?

February 21st - Type 7: Sevens are always on the lookout for fun and activity, dislike being restricted in any way and have trouble finishing what they start. They are enthusiastic and optimistic and can become carried away with whatever is new. They have lots of plans and are always on the move. ASeven perhaps?

3) The Explorers (Sandymount Inter-Church Scripture Reading Group) 2017-8

The Gospel according to John: eight evening gatherings

We are meeting again this year in the Community Room of the Mount Tabor Care Centre. We meet from 7.30 - 9.00 pm, beginning and ending promptly.

All evenings will be led by Rev. Dr Kieran O'Mahony, OSA, Biblical Studies Coordinator, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Dublin

Monday, 19 February 2018 The washing of the feet (John 13)

Monday, 19 March 2018 Jesus' death (John 18-19)

Monday, 16 April 2018 Jesus' resurrection (John 20)

All are welcome to any or all evenings of this series. Please bring a Bible with you.

4) New sound system - A new sound system has been installed which should improve general audibility in the church as well as allow the band to flourish. There are now two radio mikes controlled from a mixing desk behind the band, a stereo mike in the piano, an ambient mike for the recorders and violins, a digital mixing desk and two line array speakers. A snake has been purchased to allow the mixing desk to be moved to where the operator can hear its effects.

5) From the papers - on 27th January the Irish Times reported that the Archbishop of Dublin Dr Michael Jackson would be launching a document entitled Five Marks of Interfaith Understanding during Interfaith Harmony week at a Dublin City Interfaith Forum Event. Interested readers should keep an eye on the activities of the Dublin City Interfaith Forum as it will be increasingly important to build up good relationships between the variety of faiths now represented among our citizens.

The Methodist notes on that day reported a meeting on 22nd January between An Taoiseach and a delegation representing senior clergy and laity from the Church of Ireland, the PCI and the Methodist Church in Ireland under the Church-State structured dialogue process. Archbishop Richard Clarke welcomed the two-way dialogue on the pressing social and ethical issues in our society. Details of the extensive agenda were given. We should welcome the development of these channels of communication.