

CALENDAR OF SERVICES etc.

March 4th	11.00 am	Morning Worship SAS SUNDAY	Revd Purvis Campbell
March 11th	9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship	Revd Purvis Campbell Revd Purvis Campbell
March 18th	9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship	Revd Purvis Campbell Revd Purvis Campbell
March 25th	11.00 am	Quarterly Holy Communion Palm Sunday	Revd Purvis Campbell
March 29th	8pm	Holy Communion Maundy Thursday	Revd Purvis Campbell
March 30th	8pm	Service of Prayer and Reflection Good Friday	Revd Purvis Campbell
April 1st	9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship Easter Sunday	Revd Purvis Campbell Revd Purvis Campbell

Lenten Reflections by Revd Purvis Campbell will take place on **Wednesdays 14th, 21st and 28th March** at 10.30 am in the Committee Room.

Elders on Duty	Robin Fraser	Victor Laing		
Stewards	David Mitchell	Susan Taylor		
Flowers	4th March	Jenny Moffett	11th March	Doreen Conway
	18th March	Ann Simmons	25th March	Margaret Moffett

The Kirk Session will meet in the *Lecture Hall* on **Tuesday 20th March at 7 pm.**

The Congregational Committee will meet in the *Committee Room* on **Tues 6th March at 8 pm.**

A Congregational EGM will be held in the *Lecture Hall* on **Tuesday 20th March at 8 pm.** The business will be to discuss and, if agreed, to approve the proposals of the Renaissance Panel for the future development of the church. This plan is at the conceptual level at present. Practical and concrete details will emerge as the process of putting the plan into effect unfolds. **Please note this very important occasion** in your diary.

Thankfulness is an emotion we feel when we pass safely as a community through occasions of stress like our current weather crisis, as we feel a heightened awareness of our dependence on others for the necessities of life, spiritual and material. Thankfulness is an attitude which we can usefully cultivate at Lent: thankfulness to God for his creation and continuing provision of what we need for a full life, thankfulness to those in the church who contribute what they can to the life of the community, and thankfulness to our friends and families for the loving support they give us in our emotional and personal life. With this thankful attitude

should come a determination to make our own contribution by putting the needs of others before our own. Mature people understand the truth of the prayer of St Francis - it is in giving that we receive. Lord, make us the instruments of your peace!

Bereavements: We greatly regret to announce the death on 27th February of **George Stuart**, a most regular participant in our 9.30 Communion Service. A service of thanksgiving for his life will take place on Monday 5th March at noon in CCR, after a private cremation. On 17th February we were also very sad to lose **May Wilkes**, a most regular attender at worship while she was able. May was a very gentle but resilient person, devoted to her church and family. Our sympathy goes out to her children Peter and Heather, her sons-in-law and her four grandchildren.

On Gujarat Sunday, 18th February, we learnt about two of the girls whose education was helped by the Hostel in Vyara, one of them most talented at sport and academically, the other one who had a serious illness treated through the hostel's medical team and who was now making good progress with her studies. A sandwich lunch allowed opportunities for fellowship to develop and we learnt of the campaign to raise funds by seeking pledged regular contributions from members of CCR to support the costs - €300 per year for each girl - of providing places for the 15 girls. The chance to contribute to this project will be brought before all congregation members in the near future.

At **The Congregational AGM** on 7th February, a large attendance heard and approved the usual reports, and thanked CCR's officers for their work during 2017. Divided into three groups and with the help of the church architect they discussed the future of the church under the headings of stewardship, outreach and discipleship, in their material and spiritual aspects, and made a large number of suggestions for consideration by the Renaissance Panel in drawing up its plans.

The Kirk Session met on 21st February and discussed the proposals of the Renaissance Panel. After inspecting the premises of the church the session decided unanimously to put the proposals before an EGM of the congregation, approving them as plans, at present in concept form, which would become more concrete as they received the necessary permissions and costings.

Thank you to Anthony Warnock. CCR Treasurer Randal Gray writes - Anthony Warnock served our Congregation for many years looking after Hall Lettings. This dedicated service raised many hundreds of thousands of euro, which at first helped to repay the Tennant Hall debt following renovation and later to help meet our day to day expenditure. Our thanks are due to Anthony for his long and faithful service to CCR in what was a very onerous job which he undertook quietly and diligently.

Lent Evening Meetings - The final two meetings organised by the Rathgar/Terenure Fellowship and connected by the theme of Justice will be: On **Wed. 7th March** in the Salvation Army Centre, Swan Centre, Rathmines, at 8 pm. Keith Inneson, a former SA chaplain, will talk about being gay in the farming community. (More about Keith in the online Bulletin.) On **Wed. 14th March** Elizabeth Rynn will speak on 'Advocacy for those with special needs' at 8 pm at Rathgar Methodist Church, Brighton Road, Rathgar.

The Explorers Ecumenical Bible Study group will meet again on **19th March** to discuss **Jesus's Death** (John 18/19) at 7.30 pm at the Mount Tabor Centre, Sandymount Green under the expert guidance of **Rev. Dr Kieran O'Mahony OSA**. New Explorers most welcome.

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 April Bulletin-Thurs 29th March, to appear on 1st April. In Online Bulletin, more about the Explorers and Keith Inneson

**ONLINE BULLETIN SUPPLEMENT CHRIST CHURCH RATHGAR
March 2018**

1) 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 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.

- 2) In The Salvation Army Keith Inneson used to be a lay chaplain to the Agricultural community in Cheshire. This later became a full time job funded by a group of different churches in the county, including Catholic churches. During that time Keith discovered the particular stigma attached to being gay in the farming community and started a national helpline for gay farmers which he still runs today: <<http://www.gayfarmer.co.uk>. Keith is openly gay and has recently moved to County Down with his partner Bill. Keith currently attends Quaker meetings.