

CCR BULLETIN

OCTOBER 2016 (3rd edn.)

SERVICES

October 2nd	9.30 am Early Morning Worship 11.00 am Morning Worship		Marianne Knoetze Marianne Knoetze
October 9th	11.00 am	Quarterly Communion	Revd Lorraine Kennedy Ritchie
October 16th	9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Harvest Thanksgiving	Revd. Jim Carson Revd. Jim Carson
October 23rd	9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship	Revd. Jim Carson Revd. Jim Carson
October 30th	<u>No</u> morning services 7:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Rev. Jim Carson
Elders on Duty	Victor Laing Elspeth Haren	Stewards	Nathan Vande Burgt Coral Ruddle
Flower Rota	2nd October Jean Thompson 16th October Harvest	9th October Ivy Kelly 23rd & 30th October - to be announced	

Vacancy: The Session was happy to receive further applications for the post of Minister at CCR when it met on Saturday 1st October. The next meeting of Session is to be held on Monday 24th October in the early evening to interview these applicants, and it is envisaged that preaching for the post will take place during November. **We pray that the Holy Spirit** may grant wisdom and right discernment to those who will be making decisions at this important time. and that God will graciously provide for us a suitable Minister to lead CCR forward into the future path God intends for this Congregation.

PEOPLE - God's love for his people is at the heart of the Gospel and the response of God's people to that love underlies the work of the Church. **We thank God** for the many ways in which God's people serve God through their unselfish service to this congregation and in support of its activities. **We thank all** those who contribute their time and energy to supporting the activities of the congregation, and **we thank God** for all we owe to those who served God here with loyalty and enthusiasm in the past.

We expect that **Olive Eaton** will soon move from St James's Hospital to a nursing home, and pray that her family may be guided in their search for suitable accommodation. **We sympathise with Jimmy Gibson** on the death of his sister Betty, a member of the Arklow congregation, and with **Bippany Chol** on the death of his mother. We hope that **Alice Gibson** soon gets over a problem with her recovery from her shoulder replacement. We note that **Ruth Whelan** will spend the autumn in Geneva as a Visiting Professor, where she will teach and investigate the correspondence between Reformed Christians there and French Protestants serving in the prison galleys about 1700. **We pray** that in every changing circumstance of life we may all feel the comfort of God's loving presence in our daily lives.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service - Sunday 16th October We will be decorating the church on **Friday 14th October** at 2 pm. All donations of greenery, flowers, fruit and tinned foods gratefully received. Lots of helpers needed so please come and help if you can.

The Church Committee met on 13th September and noted that repairs to the outside drains and the asphaltting of the car parks had been completed. Expenditure will be required in the Lecture Hall to update our provision of fire precautions. Proposals to improve the sound insulation in the Orwell hall were approved in principle. This will not be cheap. Work to improve the kitchens beneath the church is expected to be undertaken by Meals on Wheels at the end of October. Discussions are continuing on how best to deal with problems of damp and poor ventilation in the church, and to assess the urgency of maintenance work on the Wilhelmina Geddes window.

It was decided to hold a one-off **Christmas Fair** on **Saturday 19th November** both to raise money and contribute to the experience of fellowship by our members, and Armand Flack very kindly agreed to lead its organisation. **The next Committee meeting** will be on **Tuesday 11th October** at 8pm in the Fletcher Room.

Christmas Fair - Advance notice is now given that we will require donations of quality Bric-a-Brac, Books, Cakes, Deli, Toys, Jewellery and Handbags etc. Volunteers are also needed to help with this event both on the day and the day before. Please contact **Armand Flack (087 6899598)** if you are willing to help or have ideas for novelty fundraising stalls. Make sure to keep the **19th November** free in your diary.

The Junior church has an interesting programme for 2016/7, gardening, using **LEGO** for all ages to help fix Bible stories in the mind, and a Coder Dojo hour for 1st class pupils or older from 12.30 until 1.30. More in the online Supplement.

The **Explorers**, a Sandymount-based ecumenical group who read the Scriptures together, are this year **Reading Romans Together** under the leadership of **Dr Kieran O'Mahony OSA**, the well-known Biblical scholar. The next meeting on Monday 19th September will examine **the Letter as a Whole** - Romans Ch 1-16. Meetings take place in the Community Room of the Mount Tabor Care Centre, Sandymount Green, and begin at 7.30 sharp.

CAROLS FOR ALL - This year's ecumenical Christmas celebration will take place on **Friday 9th December at 7pm in CCR**. Please make a note in your diary **now** to join in the fun, organised by the Rathgar-Terenure Fellowship and hosted by Christ Church Rathgar.

Website edition of CCR Bulletin - supplement: Some additional information can be found in the on-line edition of this Bulletin **www.christchurchrathgar.org**. on the Junior church, the Explorers' programme, and an interfaith event on 16th October

Bulletin Editor's Details - Email address: **bulletineditor@christchurchrathgar.org**.
Let's hear from you! Suggestions for those needing our prayers especially welcome. Robin Simmons's phone number will be found in the Phonebook. Copy deadline for November Bulletin-Thursday 3rd November-to appear Sunday 6th November.

Christ Church Rathgar - supplement for the Online edition of the Bulletin September 2016

This supplement enables us to present material of some interest, but which could not be fitted into the hard copy edition with its more limited confines.

1) Youth and Family

We have been busy bees in Junior Church since we started back on the 11th of September. We have been working hard to tidy and replant our vegetable patch in the garden behind the Tennant Hall. We cut away and dug up all the weeds, put down new compost and so far we have planted onions and peas. Soon we will be adding garlic and rhubarb to the garden and we hope to have a nice crop in the springtime. We've also been planting bluebells and snowdrops around the base of the trees at the front of the church. The ground was tougher than expected and our trowel broke so we still have more to plant. We hope the bulbs will sprout in the springtime and will make the front car park look extra-beautiful! Starting from Sunday the 9th of October, we will be using Lego in Junior Church to help us learn more about Jesus and the Bible. Each week we will use Lego characters and pieces to make our own versions of stories from the Bible and we will take lots of pictures and maybe even make a few videos to show you what we create.

Also starting next Sunday we will be running our own Coder Dojo after church for the children and teenagers of Junior Church. Coder Dojo is an educational programme that teaches children to learn how to use computers and software in a variety of creative and fun ways. It will be running after church for 6 weeks in the youth and family area of the Tennant hall from 12.30 to 1.30. All children from 1st class up will be able to take part. We will keep you updated on what we get up to.

Elevate and J-club

Not only had Junior Church been busy, our youth clubs are starting back too. Elevate met yesterday for pizza and hanging out (what more could a teenager want?!) and J-club will start back next Saturday the 8th of October. Elevate will meet every second Saturday from now until Christmas in the Tennant hall from 7.15 - 9.15pm and is open to all young people in secondary school. J-club will be on every Saturday from 5.30 - 7.00pm also in the Tennant hall and it is open to all children in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class. Don't forget to tell your friends, classmates, cousins, neighbours and any other kids you think would like to come along!

Simon O'Moore Donohoe - CCR Youth Officer

2) The Explorers are an informal ecumenical group based in Sandymount and environs, who gather to read Scripture together.

You are most welcome to join us for the 2016-2017 season, during which we will be exploring Paul's Letter to the Romans For further information, please contact Anngret Simms (269 4374).

Paul's Letter to the Romans: eight evening gatherings

We will be meeting again this year in the Community Room of the Mount Tabor Care Centre, Sandymount Green, next to Christ Church. We meet from 7.30 - 9.00 pm, beginning and ending promptly. All evenings will be led by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

Monday, 19 September 2016 Christianity in Rome: Romans 1.1-17

Monday, 17 October 2016 The letter as a whole: Romans 1-16

Monday, 21 November 2016 Need of grace: Romans 1-4
Monday, 12 December 2016 Gift of grace: Romans 5-8
Monday, 16 January 2017 Jews and Gentiles: Romans 9-11
Monday, 20 February 2017 Grace in practice: Romans 12.1-15.6
Monday, 20 March 2017 Conclusion: Romans 15.7-33; 16
Monday, 24 April 2017 Romans for today's church

Dr Kieran J O'Mahony, O.S.A. is Biblical Studies Coordinator, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Dublin.

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

The Community Room is used for residents' activities during the day, and is available for wider community use in the evenings. We are grateful to the Director, Ms Jane Butler, and to the Dublin Central Mission of the Methodist Church for their hospitality.

3. The Dublin Interfaith Forum passed on an invitation from the October 17th Committee to a Light the Way vigil –

Subject: Light the Way Vigil Invitation

Dear Sir or Madam,

The October 17th Committee is holding a Candlelight Vigil to mark World Food Day and End Poverty Day on Sunday 16 October from 7pm to 7.30pm at the Famine Memorial Statues (Custom House Quay). We would like to extend an invitation to representatives involved in your organization for this event as a part of a larger group of faith leaders in Ireland gathering to show solidarity for those suffering from hunger and poverty. Please see the attachment for more details on the event and if you could kindly consider our invitation and forward this email on to the appropriate people.

Best regards,

Pierre Klein

17th October Committee

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If you wish to enquire into the credentials of these organisations, a little web browsing might re-assure. Is joint inter-faith action for world-wide causes to be the way of the future?? A development worth watching, perhaps.