

CCR BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 2016

SERVICES

September 4th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd James Carson	
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd James Carson	
September 11th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Lorraine Kennedy Ritchie	
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Lorraine Kennedy Ritchie	
		(Back to school service)		
September 18th	9.30 am	Early Morning Worship	Dr. Ruth Whelan	
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Dr. Ruth Whelan	
September 25th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Very Revd Dr Trevor Morrow	
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Very Revd Dr Trevor Morrow	
Elders on Duty	Marina Proseckina	Stewards:	George and Jessie Jenkinson	
	Robin Fraser			
Flower Rota	4th September	Ivy Kelly	11th September	Marina Proseckina
	18th September	Ruth Whelan	25th September	Maurie Cotter

Vacancy News: Our vacancy continues, now beginning its third year, and we ask that you continue to pray earnestly that suitable candidates should be called to submit applications for the position of Minister to this congregation and to provide the leadership God wishes to take us into the future. If you have a possible candidate in mind, names of qualified Ministers may still be submitted in writing to the Clerk of Session or the Interim Moderator, and September 29th is the closing date for submission of completed forms of application. We continue to be warmly grateful to our Interim Moderator, Lorraine Kennedy Ritchie, for her patient care and charming good humour over the last two years, and to the visiting Ministers and others who have worked hard to provide pulpit supply and to keep the congregation united and on the move. We pray that their activities will find regular and continuing support among the congregation.

We hope that Lorraine's mother will enjoy her holiday in Dublin, and pray that she and those who are having a late holiday may richly experience God's blessed renewal. We ask that those taking up again their usual duties may do so with a fresh energy and inspiration after their holiday experiences, and think especially of those for whom this is a time of a fresh start in their lives - a new school or college, a new job and all the other new beginnings which offer us a chance through God's gracious blessing to devote ourselves afresh to His service.

We ask God's merciful care especially for those very young persons recently received into God's worldwide church through Baptism - Emmanuel and Alice, twin children of Douglas and Rosaleen Carson, and Joshua Lindsay, son of Sophie Tennant and Peter Lindsay, and we look forward to the day when they may become committed adult members of God's church. At the other end of the age scale, we note that Jack Lee will celebrate his 100th birthday later this month, and wish him and his family a lovely day, while we remember fondly the contribution of Jack and Elizabeth to the life of CCR over the years.

The Kirk Session will meet on Wednesday 21st September in the Fletcher Room at 8pm.

The Church Committee will meet on Tuesday 13th September at 8pm in the Fletcher Room and we wish them wise common sense and unity of purpose as they continue their business of managing CCR's temporal affairs, continuing what has been a very busy year. Our thanks are due to those who loyally turned out in August to give a thorough cleaning to those parts of the Tennant Hall most in need of it.

Broadcast service: Another loyal group were those who accepted the invitation of the Clontarf & Scots congregation to join them at the RTE studios to record a service which was broadcast on Sunday 28th August. The service can be viewed on the RTE player until 18th September. The impression given was fresh and lively despite the long rehearsal! One member of our congregation was astonished to be recognized later by a member of the public!

Bob Yeo reminds us that the choir is about to return to action. Practices begin at 10.30 before service on Sunday and newcomers will be welcomed with open arms. Sopranos are worth pure gold. There is no limit to the transfer season.

Gary Tennant reports: CCR was visited by a group from Somerset on a tour of Dublin's Wilhelmina Geddes and Harry Clarke windows. They were very impressed by our colourful Geddes window. Their leader was Mike Hope, the adviser on stained glass to the diocese of Exeter. He kindly pointed out some problems developing with the window - some panels bowed from the action of water and weakening of the cross bars holding the window in place. He advised that these problems should be dealt with as soon as possible in order to avoid further damage, as panels could crack and require very expensive treatment.

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. This is especially timely since 2017 is the year that the churches will celebrate together the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation, and **Martin Luther**, also an Augustinian, was greatly influenced by his reading the Epistle to the Romans. The opening meeting on Monday 19th September will survey **Christianity in Rome**, based on Romans 1 vv.1-17. Meetings take place in the Community Room of the Mount Tabor Care Centre, Sandymount Green, and begin at 7.30 sharp.

Website edition of CCR Bulletin - supplement: Some additional information can be found in the on-line edition of this Bulletin www.christchurchrathgar.org, on 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Anam Cara parent evenings, and an appeal for the children of Aleppo

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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.

Copy deadline for October Bulletin-Thursday 29th September-to appear Sunday 2nd October.

Christ Church Rathgar - supplement for the On-line 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) 500 years of Reformation - on 31st October 1517 Martin Luther commenced to movement of the Reformation by nailing his 95 theses to the door of the castle church of Wittenburg, and this year the World Lutheran Federation will be joined by Pope Francis to

commence a year of ecumenical celebration of this important event. See <https://2017.lutheranworld.org/>

2) We have received the following message on our website - Anam Cara, the national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Monday 12th of September from 19:30 to 21:00 in Dominic's Community Centre, Avonbeg Gardens, Tallaght, Dublin 24. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

We have also received an appeal from Team Hope for the Children of Aleppo:

3) APPEAL FOR THE CHILDREN OF ALEPPO

We've seen the pictures, we've read the reports, but Team Hope's partners are living right in the middle of all the destruction and devastation of Aleppo. Team Hope are standing with them to provide

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