

**Services:**

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Preaching for the Post (2nd Candidate)
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Marianne Knoetze
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Revd Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Rev. Jim Carson
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May 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Early Morning Worship	Ruth Whelan
	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Rev. Jim Carson
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Early Morning Worship	Dr. Neville Cobbe
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**Please note that the Summer Quarterly Communion Service will be on Sunday 26th June**

**Elders on Duty:** Jenny & Randal Gray

**Stewards:** Alan Warnock and Carol Esmonde

**Flower Rota:** May 1st Jenny Gray; May 8th Janet Lauder;  
May 15th Elspeth Haren; May 22nd Jessie Jenkinson; May 29th Jackie Murphy

**Vacancy –****Preaching for the Post - EGM for election of new Minister- Kirk Session meeting**

Our second candidate will preach for the post of Minister of Christ Church Rathgar at 11 a.m. Morning Worship on Sunday 1st May. There will be no 9.30 a.m. service that Sunday. On Thursday 5th May an **Extraordinary General Meeting** of voting members of the congregation of CCR will take place at 8.00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall beneath the church. The business of the EGM will be the Election of a New Minister.

**The Kirk Session** will meet before the EGM at 7.30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. We hope that as many members as possible will make it their business to attend worship on this Sunday and to participate in the EGM.

**We continue to pray earnestly** that the Holy Spirit will pour wise and discerning guidance into the hearts and minds of those who seek to decide rightly in choosing the person to guide the next stage of the life of our Congregation.

**We pray also** for all those of the congregation who are suffering from any cause, be it illness or bereavement, loneliness or material need, that they may be comforted and be always conscious of God's gracious and loving presence in their lives. We pray also for strength and encouragement for those who love and support or minister to them. We remember May Wilkes, convalescing after a procedure, and her devoted family. We also remember Ian Kelly, who has been suffering pain for some time. We pray for their relief from discomfort and a lasting improvement in their health. **We have just learnt** of the very sad deaths of Jack Henderson and Evelyn Wright. Our warmest sympathy goes out to Edith and Gordon, their loving spouses, and their families, and brief tributes will follow in the June Bulletin.

**We also greatly regret the loss** of Alan Davidson, a retired elder of CCR, who died

on 4th April after a long life of 97 years, devoted to the faithful service of his Lord. Alan was a most positive, friendly, generous, and gentle person, who accepted his share of life's difficulties without resentment or self-pity. He came to Dublin from Scotland to work as an engineer with Guinness's Brewery. Alan married Doris Houston, and their daughter Fiona died tragically young from multiple sclerosis. The family gave CCR its sound system in Fiona's memory. Our deep sympathy goes out to his niece Alison and the rest of his family.

**Church Committee** - The dates for future Committee meetings will be Tuesday 3rd May and Tuesday 7th June. Both meetings will take place at 8 p.m. in the Fletcher Room.

**Report on the Church Committee meeting on 5th April:** The lodge roof had been made secure in advance of the general roof survey later. A second estimate for repair of the drains had been received and gone forward to the Finance Committee.\* Guido Kerens had completed an energy audit and a comprehensive manual for the maintenance of the church's buildings with a timetable for checks to avoid small problems becoming greater. The coffee dock fittings would be renewed very shortly. It was suggested that Robin Simmons should include his contact information in the Bulletin for those who wish to contribute items of information.\*\*. A date was fixed for a spring clean of the church.

\* The Finance Committee has since given its approval.

\*\*See the last item in the Bulletin.

**Spring Clean** - The Congregation's warm thanks are due to those members who contributed their time on Saturday morning 16th April, giving the church a spring clean, kindly organised by David & Anne Walsh. Special thanks to two of our newer members for their help!

**Other events - Christian Aid Week** will run **from 15th to 22nd May**.

Randal & Jenny Gray invite you all to a **Christian Aid breakfast** from 9.30 a.m. on **Sunday 15th** in the Lecture Hall. If you can come please sign one of the lists which will be in the porches so that the right numbers can be provided for. If you would like to offer help please contact Randal or Jenny! Please give your most generous support to this fundraising event.

**The Ecumenical Bible Week** also runs **from 15th to 22nd May**. This Week brings together a very wide range of churches to focus on the living relevance for us of the central resource of our faith. This year's theme is **The Gospel and Care of our Common Home**. Full information available at [bibleweek.ie](http://bibleweek.ie). There are both central and local events.

**EBW Central Events: The Launch event**, a celebration of life and fun for all ages, will be at the Dundrum Methodist Church from 3pm on **Sunday 15th May**. St Paul's Church, Arran Quay, will be the venue for the **Closing event**, a Musical Celebration of Creation, on **Sunday 22nd**, and on **Thursday 19th** for a Symposium on climate change and a Panel Discussion. **NB** Some central events require pre-registration.

**EBW Local Events - from 7.30 to 9.00 p.m.: Monday 16th** Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Road *The God in whom we live and move and have our being - finding God every day* - **Bernadette Toal**.

**Tuesday 17th** Salvation Army, Swan Centre Rathmines *Reading the scriptures mindfully - The Bible and the Contemplative Tradition* - **Brother Richard Hendrick OFMCap**

**Wednesday 18th** Rathgar Methodist Church, Brighton Road *The Bible and Migration* - **Rev David Montgomery**. Please do your best to support at least one of these interesting events.

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