

# *Salisbury Park URC*

Minister - Rev. Brian Matthews



**There is a time  
for everything,  
and a season for  
every activity  
under the heavens**

**ECCLESIASTES 3:1**

*February and March  
Newsletters 2019*

# *Our Church* **Your Church**

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***Regular morning worship  
every Sunday at 10.45am  
A church for everyone***

# *A word from our Minister*

Dear everyone,

There is no obvious theme for this newsletter, Christmas is over, but not Incarnation of course, we are well into 2019 and Lent and Easter are far off, as Easter is almost as late this year as it can be, April 21st.

Life is like this. We have our special times, our festivities, family occasions, birthdays, anniversaries and so on, but most of our lives are moving on from one day to the next without anything special.

Unless of course, we treasure every day as being special. The earth is orbiting the sun being in a slightly different position each day and we notice this as the evenings begin to draw out. It is spinning on its axis everyday and life is moving all the time and we are privileged to be part of it and it can be exciting if we want it to be. The variation of the seasons is a wonder to behold.

We meet people all the time, some we are close to, some we meet for a short time at the supermarket till, but they are moments to cherish either for deeper relationships or fleeting ones. Speak or smile to a lonely person and you might be the only person to do that all day!

I get the impression from reading the gospels that Jesus knew this as He talked about sowers sowing seed, and about fig trees and mustard bushes and signs from the seasons. Psalmist sang beautiful songs about the Creation. Everyday is a day to know and worship God in spirit and in truth however humdrum it may appear. Let us rejoice in our Faith.

Every blessing,

Brian.

# What When Who?

## Leading Service

February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Revd Chris Howard
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Revd Brian Matthews
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Sue Allen
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Mark Rodgers
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Revd Chris Howard
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Revd Brian Matthews
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Bryn Williams
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Revd Elaine Hodge
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mr Mark Rodgers

## Duty Elders

February	Barbara Jones
March	Michelle Berry

## Flower Rota

<u>February</u>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs Barbara Jones
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Doreen Pryce Jones
17 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Carole Blackwell
24 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Judith Dolben
<u>March</u>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs Michelle Berry
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Sheila Cherrett
17 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Susan Rowlands
24 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Barbara Jones
31 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Pat Taylor

# What When Who?

## Morning Tea

### February

3rd	Yvonne
10th	Sheila and Barbara
17th	Glenys and Merfyn
24th	Sharon and Terry

### March

3rd	Shirley and Thelma
10th	Mark and Collette
17th	Michelle and Christine
24th	Susan
31 <sup>st</sup>	Gordon and Thelma

## Door Stewards

February	Shirley
March	Thelma

*If anyone would like to volunteer for any of the rotas please contact Barbara Jones. If there is anything you would like included in the newsletter please contact me [markrodgers73@outlook.com](mailto:markrodgers73@outlook.com) Cheers*

# What When Who?

## Readings

### February

- 3rd – OT Reading: Jeremiah 1.4-10 **Michelle Berry**  
NT Reading: Luke 4.21-30 **Michelle Berry**  
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 13.1-13  
Psalm: Psalm 71. 1-6
- 10th – OT Reading: Isaiah 6.1-8 **Barbara Jones**  
NT Reading: Luke 5.1-11 **Barbara Jones**  
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11  
Psalm: Psalm 138
- 17th – OT Reading: Jeremiah 17.5-10 **Sharon Langford**  
NT Reading: Luke 6.17-26 **Sharon Langford**  
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12-20  
Psalm: Psalm 1
- 24th – OT Reading: Genesis 45.3-11,15 **Christine Anderson**  
NT Reading: Luke 6.27-38 **Christine Anderson**  
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.35-38, 42-50  
Psalm: Psalm 37.1-11,39-40

# What When Who?

## Readings

### March

- 3rd – OT Reading: Exodus 34.29-35 **Shirley Devaney**  
NT Reading: Luke 9.28-36 **Shirley Devaney**  
Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 3.12–4.2  
Psalm: Psalm 99
- 10th – OT Reading: Deuteronomy 26.1-11 **Mark Rodgers**  
NT Reading: Luke 4.1-13 **Mark Rodgers**  
Epistle Reading: Romans 10.8b-13  
Psalm: Psalm 91.1-2,9-16
- 17th – OT Reading: Genesis 15.1-12,17-18 **Yvonne Owen**  
NT Reading: Luke 13.31-35 **Yvonne Owen**  
Epistle Reading: Philippians 3.17–4.1  
Psalm: Psalm 27
- 24th – OT Reading: Isaiah 55.1-9 **Judith Dolben**  
NT Reading: Luke 13.1-9 **Judith Dolben**  
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13  
Psalm: Psalm 63.1-8
- 31<sup>st</sup> - OT Reading: Joshua 5.9-12 **Carole Blackwell**  
NT Reading: Luke 15.1-3,11b-32 **Carole Blackwell**  
Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.16-21  
Psalm: Psalm 32

# Church and Community

## New Year Lunch

Thanks to all who came to our lunch. Thanks to Sheila and Yvonne with peeling and cooking and to Bethan our waitress.

I think everyone enjoyed themselves. Going off the empty plates they did.

Our next meal will be Harvest. Let me know what you liked. Jacket spud with curry/chilli/tuna or ham, new pots and salad.

## Foodbank

Grateful thanks to all who continue to donate on a regular basis. We are currently in talks with the Foodbank trustees as to whether our building could be used as a satellite collection point once a week.

## Feeding the Roofless.

Our small team continues to meet and greet and feed at Trinity. Boxing Day was a quiet day with only 7 recipients but this is about right for the time of year as many do find a place for the 2 days.

Dates for this year

Feb 10th May 12th Aug 11th Nov 10th and Feb 9th  
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If any one would like to join us at any time please let me know.

Barbara



# Church and Community

## Christmas Fair December 2018

This was a resounding success and raised almost one thousand pounds for our Church, so sincere heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped in any way, whether on a stall or by donating items or any other way behind the scenes which is so vital to the success of any event.

The sale of tickets for the Big Draw Raffle is always enjoyed by our visitors and the hamper a superb prize at the festive season, so it was with great amazement that the winning ticket belonged to one of my extended family..... in Kings Lynn.....living so far apart meant it was delivered exactly in time for Christmas. So delighted was Sue that she wrote to our Church Secretary, Shirley, to thank her formally for such a great gift.

Our Social Events Committee have several plans in hand to entertain and enliven our wider social circle and further details will be announced in services and in this periodical. We hope that all our readers will find something to interest and enjoy, as always we are ready to hear of any ideas our readers may have for future events.

Thanks once again.

Judith Dolben, Treasurer

## COFFEE MORNINGS 2019

These begin in February with the distribution of monies raised in 2018 for our four charities and we look forward to sharing social time with friends on the first Saturday of each month. I wonder what delicious "eatables" will be on offer? Must remember to take a cake tin so they look just as delicious by the time I reach home!

Judith

# a Big Thank You



Shirley received this lovely Thank You card from Sue, who won the 2018 Christmas hamper.

Shirley would like to thank everybody for their hard work in making this year's fair a huge success.

# Carole's poems

Sing praise unto his name  
He is Lord of all  
In the stillness of your life  
Listen for God's call  
Every hour he cares for you  
Never Lets you go  
He'll sustain you each new day  
'Cause he loves you so  
Sing praise unto the Lord  
He will see you through  
Always he will be your friend  
Faithful, loyal and true  
Hallelujah! Shout for joy  
This is what we sing  
Praise him for evermore  
Jesus Christ is King  
Praise the Holy one  
This is what we pray  
Guide us as we travel on  
Each and every day  
Let each moment in our lives  
Echo forth a song  
Let us tell the whole wide world  
To Jesus, we belong  
Praise, praise the Lord of life  
Joyful we be  
Tell out his wondrous love  
Shown to you and me  
Hallelujah! Shout for joy  
This is what we sing  
Praise him for evermore  
Jesus Christ is King

# URC matters



Walking  
the Way  
Living the life of Jesus today

National Synod of Wales

## BIG DAY OUT

*Jesus said, 'follow me'.  
Come.*

**Saturday 29th June 2019**

**Royal Welsh Agricultural Showground**

*Further information to follow*

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## Greggs Foundation Community Projects Fund



Funding of up to £2,000 is available for groups to deliver projects or provide equipment to people in need at the heart of their local communities.

Projects should be based around people who are:

- Disabled or suffering chronic illness
- Living in poverty
- Voluntary carers
- Homeless
- Isolated older people
- Other demonstrable significant need

The closing date is 28th February 2019. Further information and application guidance is available [here](#).