

Christ Church, Rayleigh (CC) and the Bridgwater Drive Church (BDC)

NEWS & CHAT 30 JUNE 2022

The online service is live-streamed every week from Christ Church, on the Christ Church Facebook page.

SUNDAY 3 July 10am, the Minister at Christ Church, followed by Church Meeting
10.30am, Ian Miller at BDC

**If you would like a quiet prayer said for you, after church worship,
there is someone who can be by your side in the 'Quiet Space' behind the servery.**

SUNDAY 3 JULY – Church Meeting at 11.15am which will include an important decision on the Building Project. Please attend if you can.

Architect's plans of the three major changes – the organ screen, partition wall between Caley Hall and Primary, and the work to the front and outside, are now up on display in Caley Hall.

Thursday 7 July, 10.30am Space for Prayer

HARMONIE CONCERT

Harmonie Concert Band, A Summer Concert, **7.30pm 10th July**,
An eclectic mixture for all, from stage shows, films and TV
(see poster on the last page and around church, or talk to Helen or Janine for more details)

Hold the date – on Tuesday 26 July at 11am, Andy Jackson, Head of Communications for the URC, will come and lead a session for us on publicity and how to better promote our events and activities, including: branding, publicity, press releases, social media and websites.

There will be a sign-up sheet at church from this Sunday.

TALENT FUNDRAISER

See Janine Danes or contact her on 01702 511861 to collect your £5 and make it grow.

POP IT IN BOX

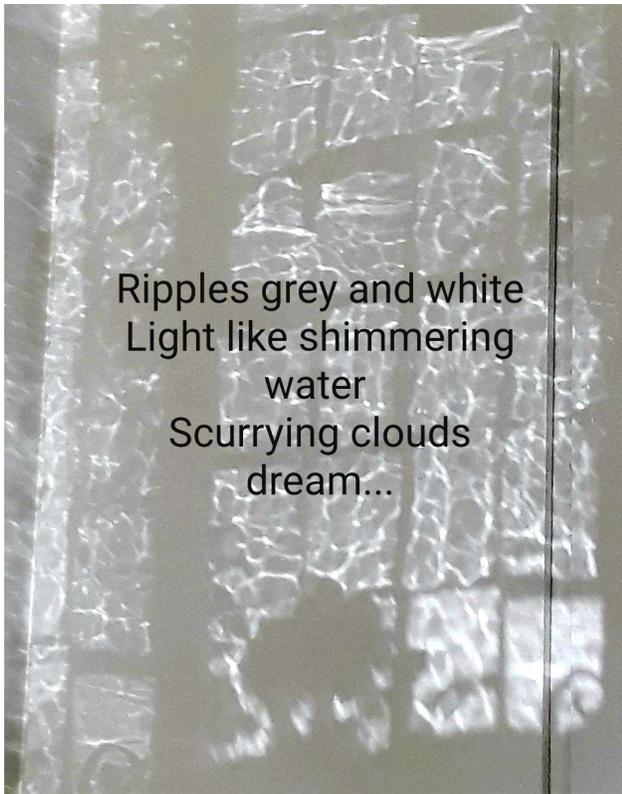
For July will support HARP. And in August will support HopeWorx

My latest novel ***Detroit Debris*** is now available from TSL books - <https://tslbooks.uk/product/detroit-debris-naomi-young-rodas/> However, **if you order from me, not only will it be cheaper - £10 instead of £10.95, but I will donate the difference from what I as an author pay (£5) to the Building Project. Please let me know if you would like a copy, so I can order in bulk which will reduce the shipping cost.** We hope to hold a Book Reading & Signing Event in October in aid of the Building Project. Thank you, Naomi

REMEMBER that our **Wednesday morning café** is happening every **Wednesday, 10.30 - 12** in the worship area. **Do come along and bring a friend!**

TIPS & IDEAS

This month #64MillionArtists have been reflecting on **listening**. However, this week, their 'challenge' seemed to be very much for professional creative people, so here is another idea. Last weekend I was at my final EM2 'retreat' at Westminster College. EM2 (education for ministry) is the first three years of ministry when you have more structured support and requirements. After that, ministers enter EM3, which is life-long learning and apart from attending Synod Spring Schools, we are encouraged to find our own training and study opportunities.



Ripples grey and white
Light like shimmering
water
Scurrying clouds
dream...



Blue, white,
rustling green
Leaves playing a
symphony
Candy floss
pillows sweep

During the weekend, we were invited to go for a reflective walk. I did this and took several photos. I later wrote haikus for a couple of them. A *haiku* is a short poem, originally from Japan, with a particular syllable pattern: 5-7-5. You might like to try this, or simply go for a walk, admire God's creation, listen to the birds, pray, meditate...

RESOURCES

The new set of reflections from St Paul's Cathedral for June are by Revd Janet Tollington, retired URC minister and retired tutor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Westminster College. This week, *The Kingship of Christ* <https://mailchi.mp/02616df29c2f/coming-up-from-st-pauls-cathedral-8251382?e=e30a1f608a>

PRAYER CORNER

I invite all of you to set aside time daily to pray for our churches and members but also for the whole nation and world. This week we pray especially for celebrations of life – funerals and weddings.

This week's prayer theme (prepared by Gwyneth). **Church Cafe.** Lord Jesus, we read so many stories about You when You were sharing a meal with people. Thank You for the opportunity You have given us to provide time and space for people to come and find refreshment in our church. We ask Lord that You will continue to bless this ministry as we seek to serve and share Your love all who come.

Particular prayer requests this week:

Frank
Family of Judy H.
Phil & Penny G.
Jeff & Gwyneth
Doreen
Della
Audrey

BDC:

Barbara
Cherry
Margaret & Ted J.
Margaret & Gerry
Kate
Clive & Jan
Jan's sister Beryl's family

