

CHURCH NOTES

Last weekend provided an opportunity to put our theme for the year into action as the URC Big Day Out in Warwick arrived at last. Nineteen Beulah people, ranging in age from 3 to - well, a lot more than that! - travelled by coach with twenty four friends from City URC and Canton Uniting Church to join with people from all over the UK in a day of celebration at Warwick Castle. Despite the rain, a celebratory picnic with worship went ahead, and there were speakers and displays on a range of subjects – as well as the chance to visit this wonderful castle.

The next day was our 'theme Sunday' for the month, where we took the topic of celebrating our children and young people, and the challenges of generational change. At Communion we were moved by the prayers which the Seniors contributed, and were delighted by the colourful decorations which the younger ones had made to create 'Trees of celebration'. In the afternoon we shared tea with friends from All Saints and Bethany, followed by a united service to celebrate the work of Christian Aid, where we were joined by Huw Thomas of Christian Aid, Wales, who talked about the work which the street collections make possible. Thanks to all involved, but in particular, thanks to Lynne Davies for her indefatigable work in organising it all again – and getting the money in and banked in time for her to go into hospital!

This week I know we are all shocked and bewildered by the terrible attack in Manchester, and we grapple to make sense of it. In our TLS group, we are looking at Isaiah and the theme of light, and many may wonder where the light is to be found in all of this,

and question whether light is indeed stronger than darkness. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families affected, and also to all those in other parts of the world who live with this kind of terror daily. I can only think of the verse of Timothy Rees's hymn which describes how, when human hearts are breaking, 'That same sorrow, that same aching wrings with pain the heart of God.'



FAMILY NEWS

Quite a number of our members and friends are experiencing ill-health this month, and we send them all our good wishes for their recovery. There may be others, but I am aware that Lynne Davies, Christine Rose, Barbara Gray, Mair Williams, Mair Hayward and Mary Warsop have been (or still are) receiving hospital treatment. Our thoughts and prayers are with Phil Edwards, Dewi Lewis and Keith Jones who are also unwell, as are Elinor Ludlow and John Rhys. As we think of them, we also remember those family members and friends who care for them.

We send our prayers and sympathy to Hollie Glanfield and Melanie Bartley, and all the family, on the death of their father. We were concerned to hear that Ian, husband of Alison Henson Jones, suffered a heart attack recently, but is now recovering at home.

Many of you will have noticed that Mary Parberry has not been

around for a long while, and we have discovered that she has stayed on in New Zealand where she was visiting her son.

Some of our young people have been busy lately, and we congratulate Rhian and Lauren Wilkes who represented Wales in the European ITF TaeKwan-do Federation Championships in Liverpool – Lauren won a Bronze medal in the 'Team Patterns'.

We are also very proud of Alice Cheer for her brave sky dive which raised money for the charity, ERIC.

Warmest congratulations must go to Patrick McDowell who has completed his medical training and qualified as a doctor this month. We wish him every success as he begins work in the summer in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham.

Finally, I would like to wish Liz McCarthy a very happy birthday for her special day which comes later this month.

Every blessing,

Louise

JUNIOR CHURCH: APPEAL FOR HELP

WE are looking for someone to help out with children aged 7-11 (Junior Department) on a Sunday morning. If you are interested please speak to Hollie Glanfield, Marianne Barwise or Elin James.

Thank you

Church Secretary:
Mrs. Louise Morgan,

Church Treasurer:
Mrs. Barbara Rhys,

EVOLUTION

(Continued from front page)

We experienced a short period of shock; during which we declined to accept that we had to change too. However, we have not only accepted the challenge; but thanks to the many gifted people with whom we are blessed, we have gone a long way towards developing our own special "modus vivendi". We don't want to be "isolationists": But (maybe it's just my age) although I know we have to share, I would find it difficult to depart from the concept of a ministerial appointment being confirmed by the whole congregation.

May I offer you a few words from Tennyson's "Idylls of the King"?
"The old order changeth, yielding place to new, and God fulfils himself in many ways."

Tony Vinall

CHRISTIAN AID



HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTION

14 - 20 MAY 2017

Dear Collectors, Contributors and Supporters,

Once again my grateful thanks to you all for your invaluable help, support and donations again this year. Despite the fact that we were unable to collect from 19 of the 48 routes we still managed to achieve an excellent total. This was boosted by the collection at the Christian Aid service on the evening of 21 May which raised a sum of £427.70.

The end result is shown with a comparison of 2015 and 2016:

	2015	2016	2017
Money raised	2,645.00	1,927.10	2,014.00
Money Gift-Aided	1,172.03	962.80	882.28
Total from Gift Aid	293.00	240.70	220.50
FINAL TOTAL	2,938.03	2,167.80	2,234.50

Once again I would like to thank you all for your time and generosity.

Lynne



Margaret Whittaker Lounge 'Coffee Lounge' Volunteers

We desperately need two volunteers to join the Wednesday rota for the MWL coffee lounge. Just one morning, one week in five. Anyone able to help on the Friday rota (again one week in five) would also be welcomed!

Please telephone Christine Pugh
Many thanks

Christine

Beulah Social Events

Dates for your diaries ...

18th June - Picnic after Church at Cosmeston Lakes - for the whole Beulah community.

1st July - Rhiwbina Summer Festival + KIN

16th July - Family BBQ

29th July - Salisbury Day Out Bus Trip

31st August - Skittles evening

8th - 10th September - Camping

16th September - Murder Mystery evening

24th September - Harvest + Family BBQ

25th November - Beulah Bazaar

2nd December - Rhiwbina Winter Festival

CHURCH MEETING: DATE CHANGE

We have been trying to organise a Church Meeting on a Sunday after church as some of you requested in your response to our questionnaires last year. We had scheduled in June 11, but this became difficult because of a baptism, so Elders moved it to June 18. Realising that this is Fathers' Day, we have decided that this meeting will now take place on Monday, June 19 at 7.30pm. I hope you will appreciate that we have tried hard with this, but June is proving just too busy. We will try again with one of the Autumn meetings!

Louise

TRAINING FOR USE OF A DEBIFRILLATOR / AED

You will be pleased to know that we are arranging another training session as above on:

EITHER Wednesday 12th July OR Wednesday 19th July and it will take place from 7.00 p.m. in the Church.

If you would like to attend, could you please sign the list in the Church Porch under your preferred date, or both if you can do either. **We do need to know numbers beforehand.** We will let you know which is the chosen date nearer the time.

If there is anyone who would still prefer a **Saturday morning**, could they please contact Barbara (Rhys) direct.

For information, we are currently experiencing problems with the outer casing for the AED and until these can be resolved, the Co-operative on Heol-y-deri, has kindly agreed to house the defibrillator. They are open every day **from 7.00 a.m. until 10.00 p.m.** and we are very grateful to them for their help.

Barbara

Soup and Sandwich Lunch

Youth Fellowship are holding a soup and sandwich lunch on Saturday, the 24th of June, at 12.00 midday to 2.00pm.

We are raising money for our visit to Caldey Island in August. There will also be a cake stall with cakes made by the young people themselves.

Please come along and support our young people. No charge, but donations are very welcome.

Hope to see you there.

Thank you.

Elaine

Celebrating a Century of Women's Ministry with Kirsty Thorpe on Thursday, 18th May 2017, at 7.30pm

This is a significant year for the history and ministry of women in these islands. A century ago the first woman minister in a main-stream denomination – Constance Coltman – was ordained to serve with her fiancé in a small, struggling Congregational Church mission station in London's East End. So began a story which, just recently, finally led to women bishops in the Church of England and Church in Wales.

In this talk, Kirsty Thorpe will reflect on the life of Constance Coltman, and some other women, across the churches of these nations, whose pioneering ministries have made the last century so fascinating for those who like stories of pioneers.

The evening will also include a showing of the film 'Constance', made by URC minister and one-time Welsh resident Kevin Snyman. This offers a brief, dramatized version of the life of Constance Coltman.

Kirsty Thorpe is a United Reformed Church minister, and former Moderator of the United Reformed Church's General Assembly, who lived in Wales for 20 years during the 1980s and 90s. She studied Theology at Cardiff and is now based in Cheshire. Her interest in feminist theology and women's history in the Church are a continuing spur to research and study.

At City United Reformed Church,
Windsor Place, Cardiff

The William Hodgkins Lecture marks the 2017 Anniversary
of the founding of the Cardiff Adult Christian Education Centre.

It is a free lecture with a retiring collection.

Eva's Dog Walking Service

Hi, I'm Eva. I'm 10 years old and I'm dog mad.

My mum and dad (Hollie and Andrew) won't let me have a dog because we don't have the time for one, so I came up with the idea of offering a dog walking service. If you live in Rhiwbina, and would like me to walk your dog, I would love to help. I'm available after school and on weekends. Let me know after church one Sunday My mum or dad will be walking with me. Don't worry I'll pick up after the dogs! There's no charge for the service.

Eva Glanfield

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WE NEED YOUR PLASTIC!

Festival Saturday (1st July) happens to fall on the first day of the Climate Coalition's "Speak Up, Week of Action."

We will be holding an event on the street outside Beulah to talk to people about two important environmental issues as our way of :

SPEAKING UP FOR THE PLANET

One of the issues we want to highlight is the campaign around trying to reduce our use of plastic and, in particular, the amount of plastic that ends up in the world's oceans.

This is where we need your help

On the day, we hope to construct a sculpture made from waste plastic and so we are asking you to bring brightly coloured (only) plastic for recycling to the Canolfan on Sundays 11th, 18th and 25th June.

There will be a white bin to put it in.

Thank you so much.

(Further details in next month's Crossroads or from Eileen)



VOLUNTEER DRIVERS FOR SUNDAY ROTA

Each Sunday, a group of ladies emerge from a car outside the doors at Beulah, for Sunday morning worship, who otherwise would have some difficulty getting there. After coffee (after worship), these lovely, and very appreciative ladies are then returned to the comfort of their own homes.

This service is voluntarily provided by a small, but dedicated 'band' of drivers, with their own cars, who operate on a rota of approximately one week in every seven. If you drive and have your own 4 door car, would you be ready and willing to help us keep this much appreciated service going, to transport 'our ladies' to Sunday worship each week?

If you would like more information, or indeed would like to volunteer, please contact me . Thank you, in anticipation,

Colin

TOGETHER IN PRAYER



The Together in Prayer section of the monthly newsletter is proving popular with individuals, churches and chapels. In response to a request that it be circulated in time for inclusion in church magazines and newsletters, we are now sending an additional mailing each month containing that information for the forthcoming month.

Together in Prayer

Perhaps you might invite those who lead the prayers of intercession week by week in your church to incorporate this prayer calendar into their prayers. A single document containing the prayer calendar for the whole of 2017 is available by e-mail.

Week 23 - 4th June

Pray for Caersalem United Church, Ebbw Vale
and Penuel United Reformed Church
Pray for Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland

Week 24 - 11th June

Pray for St. David's Ecumenical Church, Cardiff
and New Street Presbyterian Church of Wales/ United Reformed Church, Welshpool
Pray for Angola and Mozambique

Week 25 - 18th June

Pray for St. Mellons Local Ecumenical Partnership, Cardiff
and Sarnau United Reformed Church
Pray for Brazil

Week 26 - 25th June

Pray for Pontprennau Local Ecumenical Partnership, Cardiff
and Horeb United Reformed Church, Builth Wells
Pray for Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay

Prayers for countries and regions of the world are based upon the World Council of Churches publication "In God's Hands: The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle"

Adrian Bulley, Synod Clerk

CHURCH CALENDAR

JUNE

Sunday	4th	10.30am:	Revd. Ken Graham, with Infant Baptism of Harry Parsons Junior Church followed by Coffee served in Canolfan
Mon	5 th	2.00pm:	Women's Fellowship
Weds	7 th	10.30am:	Church Office
		10.30am:	Mid-week Meeting Point
Sat	10 th	10.00am:	KIN Cake Stall
Sunday	11th	10.30am:	Revd Stephen Best with Infant Baptism of Oliver Watts Junior Church followed by Coffee served in Canolfan
		7.15pm:	Youth Fellowship
Mon	12 th	2.00pm:	Women's Fellowship
Weds	14 th	10.30am:	Church Office
		10.30am:	Mid-Week Meeting Point
		12.30pm:	Infant Baptism of Damarai Thomas Vaughan
Sunday	18th	10.30am:	Dr Alun Jones, with Communion All-Age Junior Church followed by Coffee served in Canolfan
		7.15pm:	Youth Fellowship
Mon	19 th	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship
		7.30pm	Church Meeting
Weds	21 st	10.30am:	Church Office
		10.30am:	Mid-Week Meeting Point
Sat	24 th	10.15am:	WRB Prayers: St Mary's Church, Whitchurch
		12.00-2.00pm:	Youth Fellowship Soup & Sandwich Lunch
Sunday	25th	10.30am:	Fair Trade Service, with Aled Packard Junior Church followed by Coffee served in Canolfan
<i>Paradise Run Collection</i>		6.00pm:	Worship in MWL: Mrs Ruth Williams
		7.15pm:	Youth Fellowship
Mon	26 th	2.00pm:	Women's Fellowship
Weds	28 th	10.30am:	Church Office
		10.30am:	Mid-Week Meeting Point
		1.05pm:	Concert: RWCMD Harpists & Guests
Fri	30 th	12.00 noon:	Wedding of Laura Thomas & Owen Williams



JULY

Sat	1 st	11.00am-6.00pm:	Rhiwbina Festival Saturday
Sunday	2nd	10.30am:	Revd. Malcolm Shapland Junior Church followed by Coffee served in Canolfan
		6.00pm:	Festival Service at Bethany Baptist
		7.15pm:	Youth Fellowship
Mon	3 rd	2.00pm:	Women's Fellowship
Weds	5 th	10.30am:	Church Office
		10.30am:	Mid-Week Meeting Point
Sat	8 th	10.00am:	KIN Cake Stall
Sunday	9th	10.30am:	Mrs Judy Harris: Family Service Coffee served in Canolfan after service
		6.00pm:	Film Night: Mrs Betty Evans

Visit the Beulah website at: <http://www.beulahurc.org.uk/>



Mmmm,
cake!



KIN

Together We Care, Together We Share

There are a number of events KIN is working towards that you will, hopefully, want to get involved with. All involve raising money for charities that are close to people's hearts.

So note the following dates for your diary:

Rhiwbina Summer Festival. - 1st July 11.00am - 6.00pm

We need you to come and help us raise money for KIN during the Summer Festival - even just an hour can help!

We will have:-

Refreshments being served in the **Canolfan**.

Margaret Whittaker Lounge will be open in the morning and remain open in the afternoon for **A Strawberries and Cream Tea** with cakes, served from 2.00pm onwards.

Cakes needed for the **KIN Cake Stall** from 10.00am, plus some for the tea - time to get baking!!

Jewellery Stall.

Also, **Climate Change activities** will be undertaken in the front of the church to engage the community.

So, lots happening and this is often our biggest fundraiser. This year we are donating the money raised to **Mencap** and **National Deaf Children's Society**.

There will be sign up lists available, so please think about offering your time, cakes, jewellery and ability to move tables around!! It all helps and together it makes it more fun!

Saturday, 22nd July - Afternoon Tea in the Canolfan.

Tickets will be available for this soon. We will be raising money for **Syrian Orphanages**.

Other provisional dates for your diary:

Harvest Family BBQ in September

Murder Mystery evening in September - KIN event.

Later this year, we are also considering holding a **Gift Bag Auction and Auction of Promises**.

So what is this?

Is there anything you could volunteer to do for someone else that they could bid for? For example, a **flower arranging lesson, baby sitting, music lesson, organise a walk for a group of people, cook food for a meal at someone's house, plants up some potted plants in troughs, paint a picture, offer a week/weekend in your holiday caravan / holiday home, dog sitting/cat sitting, knitting a jumper, etc, etc** - the list is endless. So think about the talents you have and promises you can make - and Beulah is full of talented people!! But there will be more details to follow soon and it could well be a fun event!

Many thanks,

Eleri and Eileen

Who's Doing What and When

	<i>Driver on Rota</i>	<i>Duty Elder</i>	<i>Stewards</i>	<i>Pulpit Reader</i>	<i>Flowers</i>
June					
4th	am Harley Jones	Helen Harries	Eleri John & Pat Agland	James Hall	Bev & Ian Hampson
11th	am Mike Warsop	Anne Wilkes	Mike Warsop & Mary Warsop	Jill Ferdinando	John & Mary Prosser
18th	am Huw Morgan	Ruth Williams	Ann Grimes & Rubina Lewis	Hollie Glanfield	Mair Haywood
25th	am Tony Webb	Colin Grimes	Richard Sweetnam & Peter Stevenson	Helen Harries	Jonathan & Vicki Grimes
	pm	Colin Grimes			
July					
2nd	am Keith Jones	Ann Brown	Pam Penny & Denise Dickman	Heather Bishop	Owen & Laura Williams
	pm	Festival Service at Bethany Baptist			
9th	am Ian Budding	Liz Kidd	Mary Edwards & Mary Prosser	Fleur Richards	In Memory of Geoff Griffiths & Sylvia
	pm	Liz Kidd			
16th	am Tony Webb	Eleri John	Peter Ferdinando & Jill Ferdinando	Colin Grimes	Kaye Mundy
23rd	am Colin Grimes	Nigel Barwise	Kaye Mundy & Jenny McDowell	Elaine Edwards	Pat & Cyril Cazenave
30th	am Harley Jones	Barbara Rhys	Kate Stanbury & Keirsten Eales	Eleri John	Elaine Edwards

Concerts at the Crossroads

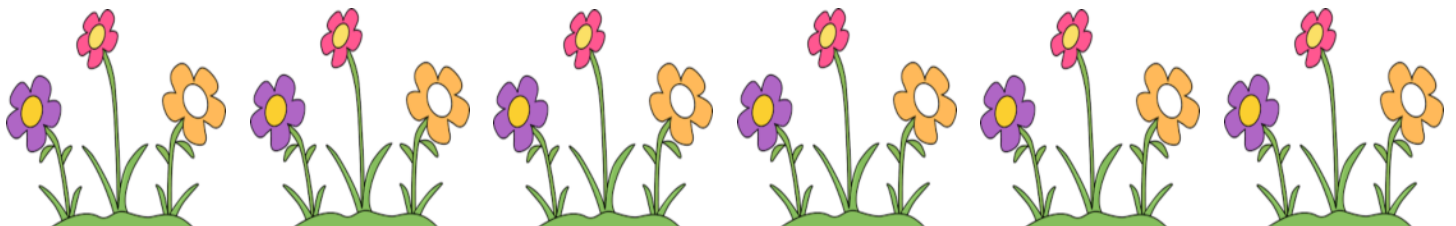
Wednesday 28th June at 1.05pm

188 strings, a flute, a singer and a distinguished composer who is celebrating his 70th birthday this year - Paul Patterson.

If you want to know what this is all about read on!

Caryl Thomas, Head of Harp at the RWCMD, is bringing a group of harpists, joined by their guests, to play in ensemble for us. This is prior to their performance at the World Harp Congress in Hong Kong. (We are going to have a fine old time fitting them all in at the front in Beulah!) I hope that this will be a great finish to the current season of lunchtime concerts!

Trix



Editor's Note

The **deadline** for articles to be included in the **July 2017** edition of **Crossroads** is **Sunday 18th June** and **Colin** will be editing.