



# CHURCH NOTES

Lent began for some in the congregation with a joint service at All Saints for the imposition of the ashes – this was a new experience for me, and was helpful in marking the beginning of this season as a time to reflect and pray as we move through the church year towards Holy Week and Easter. In preparation for our evening service on the first Sunday in Lent, I found myself wondering about how we would feel at this time if we did not know the rest of the story. Of course, we do need time to think of what is wrong and take time to repent and seek forgiveness, but we also have the assurance that because of the events of Easter morning, love has overcome death and we need no longer fear it.

I have received a programme from Cytun outlining many of the designated 'days' that are being marked through the year. It turns out that February 17th was 'Random Acts of Kindness Day', which led us to think about kindness in our lives – given and received. God's overwhelming generosity and kindness to us should be mirrored in our own lives, so we made a garland of paper flowers (to contrast with the ashes), linking it together with

thoughts of thanksgiving for the kindness shown to us in so many ways.



Alongside the things we give up in Lent, we could also focus on what we can take up – such as responding to Christian Aid's challenge to walk alongside neighbours throughout the world who have been displaced from their homes. (Count your Blessings Appeal, 2018). The money you raise through this, or from your Alms Bowls can be brought to church on Easter morning.

We are also marking Lent with a series of Joint Study Groups with City URC on four Wednesdays from the end of February. All are welcome to attend these – dates and times are given in the calendar and weekly notices – we look forward to seeing you.

## FAMILY NEWS

We extend the sympathies of the church family to Tony Webb on the recent death of his father. Tony, Sarah, Ben and Harry are in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. It was with sadness too that we heard of the death of James Hall's mother and remember James, Sue and all the family in our prayers.

Several members and friends have received medical treatment this month: Viv Jones, and Gill Grivas have undergone surgery, and Anne Rees has broken her ankle. Our good wishes are sent to them, and also to Pat Agland and Cyril Cazenave who are receiving on-going treatment. We remember these, and all others facing health problems, as well as those who care for them.

We were pleased to hear that Ann Smith has recently become a grandmother and send congratulations to her and all the family at this happy time.

Birthday wishes and congratulations are sent to Alan Wilson as he celebrates a special birthday this week.

*Every blessing,  
Louise*

## THANK YOU

*Thank you for all the kind messages of condolence and flowers that our family have received, following the sudden death of my father, David. It has been a great comfort to us all. With love and gratitude, Tony, Sarah, Ben and Harry Webb*

## Pastoral Committee Meeting

The next pastoral committee meeting was arranged for 12th April but the Sanctuary will now be in use on that date and the Whittaker Lounge will also be needed.

The new date will now be Thursday 19th April at 7.30pm. Everyone interested in the pastoral work at Beulah is welcome to attend.

*Betty*

## Church Secretary:

**Mrs. Louise Morgan,**

## Church Treasurer:

**Mrs. Barbara Rhys,**

## **Transition on a Mission**

(Continued from Front Page)

But ... returning to Christchurch: this cardboard Transitional Cathedral is a beautiful, creative and created thing. It's far from a flimsy stand-in, as it has been designed to last 50 years or more. In time, it will be given to the congregation of the Church of St John the Baptist, also ruined in the earthquakes and on whose foundations it is built. It turns out that transition itself, not just the destination, can yield things, ideas and attitudes of lasting value.

*Cathy and Andy Wales*

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

During the vacancy we have been pleased by the number of people who have been willing to be involved in leading worship – many for the first time. However, we have a number of Sundays this year which are vacant. If you would like to be involved in leading a service, please speak to Louise. There are many people who would be happy to help you with this.

*Louise*

## **Concerts at the Crossroads**

### **Lunchtime Recital**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1.05pm**

**Charlie Lovell-Jones – violin**  
**David Palmer – piano**

I am very excited about the March lunchtime concert when Charlie Lovell-Jones, who first performed in Beulah back in 2009, comes to perform for us. He was aged just 10 then! He will be travelling back from Oxford with a friend to play the piano for him for the Beulah recital. He has prepared a lively and varied programme playing some pieces that he wants to use in competitions including Bach, Mendelssohn and Poulenc.

#### Date for your diary

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 1.05pm**

**Tomos Xerri – harp**

**Tickets £5 on the door**

*Trix*



### **Eco Church ..... the next steps**

**Monday, 19th March at 7.30pm in the MWL**

As many of you know, in 2015, Beulah became an Eco Congregation.

The award lasted for three years, so now is the time for us to start thinking about what we might like to do to continue walking the way of Eco Church.

There will be a meeting on Monday, 19th March at 7.30 pm in the Margaret Whittaker Lounge to discuss environmental issues and possible actions we could take as a church.

Please do join us if you are interested ..... we would love to hear your ideas and opinions.

If you can't come along to the meeting, but would like to be involved or have any thoughts you would like to share, please contact Eileen on 20624967 or email: richardeileen2009@hotmail.co.uk

### **CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

Mrs Louise Morgan,  
Beulah URC,  
Beulah Road,  
Rhiwbina,  
Cardiff

Dear Louise,  
We are writing to thank you all for all the lovely food you gave us this Christmastime. The gifts were exceptional and were liked very much by both the children and parents. Please thank the members of your church for their kindness. It is very much appreciated. As you know, the families we work with are very needy and your gifts gave the families lots of happiness this Christmastime.

Very Best Wishes,  
*Cath Rigden and Ann Grimes*

Family Support Team  
Cardiff County Council

# KIN Fundraising Group

In our last KIN meeting we had £253.41 in hand to distribute. We gave £250 to Space 4U.

We looked at the events already planned and here are the list of dates for your calendar....

4th March - Soup and Sandwich Lunch in the Canolfan after the Sunday Service - Youth Fellowship are raising money for their summer trip to Caldey Island.

10th March - KIN cakes sale - Saturday morning in the Margaret Whittaker Lounge - bring some cakes or buy some!

11th March - More information regarding HHI - Health Help International - will be available in the Sunday service, as we have been fundraising in the last few months for HHI.

24th March - Eve Appeal cake and coffee morning 10.00 to 12.30 in the Canolfan - help raising awareness and funds for research into womens gynaecological cancers. Come and join us for a cup of tea/coffee and chat, cakes, raffle, jewellery and gifts to buy.

30th March - Good Friday Soup Lunch in the Canolfan - local churches joining together for lunch after joint worship.

We will be raising money for Shelter Box - see below and more details in the weekly notices.

Lent Alms Bowl Collection - Are you giving something up for Lent or doing something extra and different? If so could you put money aside during Lent as part of our Alms Bowl collection?

All money raised can be brought to our Easter Sunday Morning service and will be sent to Christian Aid.

1st April - Easter Morning Breakfast - all monies raised will be sent to Shelter Box.

ShelterBox provides emergency shelter and tools for families robbed of their homes by disaster. Shelter Kits containing a selection of materials, toolkits, ropes, fixings and heavy duty tarpaulins that can be used to make emergency shelters, repair damaged buildings and create foundations for new homes.

They say ..... In the aftermath of natural disasters and conflict, you might expect to find families desperate and defeated. But time and time again, when Shelter Box meet families in the midst of chaos, the overwhelming emotion is of hope, incredible resilience and positivity in the face of disaster.

ShelterBox met Fawaz, he had turned despair into hope for Syrian children by setting up a school in the camp he lives in. From humble beginnings the school now has six classes, catering for 199 children. This is Rebuilding Hope, Rebuilding Lives.

ShelterBox also say ....

Recently you will have seen stories in the news about safeguarding in the humanitarian sector. ShelterBox would like to reassure you that ShelterBox is proud to have safeguarding and protection policies in place designed to protect the families we help and the local communities we work with.

So we ask you to please keep looking at the weekly notices on the service sheet for other future fundraising events, as we will try and give you lots of notice for your diaries, and for your Beulah calendar!!

If you would like us to fundraise for a particular charity then please let us know, come to the next KIN meeting, or just come and join us fundraising.

Please come and support these events if you are able.

Kind Regards  
*Eleri and Eileen*

## Church Meeting:

### 18th March – after morning worship

At this Meeting we will be considering what proposals for ministerial deployment we may be presenting to the other Cardiff URCs alongside the Feedback Forms on the Transitional Process which we considered in February. It is important that as many of us as possible are present at this meeting, members and adherents alike – the importance of our ministry to young families and children make it important that their voices are heard. Please make every effort to attend and share your views – whether you have been coming for decades or only a short while, your opinions matter and are important. How we shape our proposals and responses will affect the whole life of this church and community as we strive to seek to follow Christ here in Rhiwbina, both now and for years to come.

*Louise*

## SAFEGUARDING

Our Safeguarding Officers have recently reviewed our policy which was approved by the Elders at the February meeting. We are compliant with the URC policy on Safeguarding matters. If you have any Safeguarding concerns, whether for children or vulnerable adults, please speak to Anne or Frank Rees.



## **EASTER BREAKFAST**

The Easter Breakfast has been held in Beulah for many decades – originally it was organised by the then Youth Club, but for the past twenty-ish years it has been the responsibility of one family. Times change, and this year we are looking for some new people to offer this to the church. It is a wonderful way to begin our Easter celebrations, following the early morning service in the garden, and we want the tradition to continue. It could be done by a family, or a couple of families, or a group of individuals – you need at least four or five on the day. Others always help with the clearing up. Louise and Huw will be happy to offer help in the planning – if you are interested, please let Louise know as soon as possible. Many thanks.

## **DIRECTORY AMENDMENTS**

Following the printing of the Directory Amendment sheet, we have become aware that we have an old telephone number for Margaret Maynard. If you would like the correct number, please see Margaret, or contact Louise.

## **DATA PROTECTION**

Many of you will be aware that the General Data Protection Regulation comes into force in May 25, 2018, and churches need to be compliant with this law. Guidelines have been sent by the URC and these are currently being looked at by Elders. We need to carry out an audit of the kinds of data that we hold and how it is stored and accessed. When this is done we will establish what steps we need to take to be compliant with the law - you will be kept up to date via Crossroads and Church Meetings.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The AGM will take place on Monday, 16th April, at 7.30pm in the church.

Please would all church organisations prepare their reports to present to the meeting or arrange for someone else to do so if unable to attend. Please give a copy of the report to Louise – either paper or electronically.

## **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

We are grateful to Anne James who has now taken on this role.

In future, if there are any amendments to your names and details, please can you contact Anne, - but please also copy Louise in as well.

## **Good Friday: Ecumenical Walk of Witness**

On Good Friday we are invited to join with our friends in All Saints and Bethany in a Walk of Witness through Rhiwbina. It will begin at 9.30am with an act of worship at Bethany, moving on to All Saints for 10.30am where there will be worship and hot cross buns. It will finish at Beulah where the young people will lead the service at 12 noon. All are welcome to stay on at Beulah for a soup and bread lunch afterwards. Children and young people from the other churches are invited to join ours for the preparation and leading of the service. You are welcome to join the walk at whatever point you are able.

## **Dates for your diaries**

Following a very successful (and over-subscribed) couple of Summer Holiday Club days last year, the team is planning three consecutive days this coming summer,

on  
**Wednesday to Friday  
25th to 27th July**

**Watch this space!**

*Angie Hughes and her Elves*



## **Editorial Team**

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And

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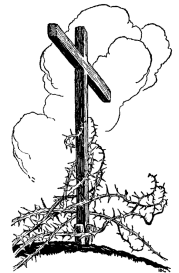
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# CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4th:</b>	<b>10.30am:</b>	<b>Rev. Sally Thomas Junior Church Coffee served in Canolfan after service Youth Fellowship Soup &amp; Sandwich Lunch</b>
		<b>6.00pm:</b>	<b>United Communion Service at Bethany Baptist</b>
		<b>7.15pm:</b>	<b>Youth Fellowship</b>
Mon	5th:	2.00pm:	Women's Fellowship
		7.00pm:	Safeguarding Training
Weds	7th:	10.00am:	Church Office
		10.30am:	Mid-Week Meeting Point
		7.30pm:	Joint Lent Study Group with City URC in Whittaker Lounge.
Sat	10th:	10.00am:	KIN Cake Stall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11th:</b>	<b>10.30am:</b>	<b>Mr Edmund Plummer, Health Help International All Age Junior Church Coffee served in Canolfan after service</b>
		<b>7.15pm:</b>	<b>Youth Fellowship</b>
Mon	12th:	2.00pm:	Women's Fellowship
		7.30pm:	Elders' Meeting
Weds	14th:	10.00am:	Church Office
		10.30am:	Mid-Week Meeting Point
		7.30pm:	Joint Lent Study Group with City URC in Windsor Place
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18th:</b>	<b>10.30am:</b>	<b>Rev. Ken Graham, with Communion Junior Church CHURCH MEETING</b>
		<b>7.15pm:</b>	<b>Youth Fellowship</b>
Mon	19th:	2.00pm:	Women's Fellowship
		7.30pm:	Eco Church Meeting, Whittaker Lounge
Weds	21st:	10.00am:	Church Office
		10.30am:	Mid-Week Meeting Point
		7.30pm:	Joint Lent Study Group with City URC in Whittaker Lounge.
Sat	24th:	10.15am:	WRB Prayers at St Thomas's Church, Pantbach Road
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25th:</b>	<b>10.30am:</b>	<b>Family Worship for Palm Sunday Paradise Run Collection Coffee served in Canolfan after service</b>
		<b>7.15pm:</b>	<b>Youth Fellowship</b>
Mon	26th:	2.00pm:	Women's Fellowship
		7.30pm:	Prayers for Holy Week, Whittaker Lounge
Tues	27th:	7.30pm:	Prayers for Holy Week Whittaker Lounge
Weds	28th	1.05pm:	Concert: Charlie Lovell-Jones: violin
		7.30pm:	Prayers for Holy Week, Whittaker Lounge
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>29th:</b>	<b>7.30pm:</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday – Communion in the Upper Room: Rev. James Hall</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>30th:</b>	<b>9.30am:</b>	<b>Ecumenical Walk of Witness starting at Bethany</b>
		<b>12.00 midday</b>	<b>Service for Good Friday led by children &amp; young people Followed by soup &amp; bread lunch</b>
<b>April</b>			
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1st:</b>	<b>8.45am:</b>	<b>Worship in the Garden, followed by Easter Breakfast</b>
<b>Easter Day</b>		<b>10.30am:</b>	<b>Family Worship with Communion – Rev. Roger Bidnell Coffee served in Canolfan after service</b>
		<b>6.00pm:</b>	<b>Communion in the Whittaker Lounge – Dr Alun Jones</b>
Weds	4th:	10.30am:	Church Office Mid-Week Meeting Point
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8th:</b>	<b>10.30am:</b>	<b>Mrs Vera Ruddock Junior Church Coffee served in Canolfan after service</b>



## ELDERS' AND CHURCH MEETINGS, 2018

### DRAFT (AMENDED)

#### ELDERS

Tuesday, January 9  
Monday, February 12  
Monday, March 12

Monday, *W/C May 7: TBC*  
Monday, June 11  
Monday, July 9  
Monday, September 10  
Monday, October 8  
(Monday, November 5?)  
Monday, December 10

#### CHURCH

Monday, February 26  
  
Sunday, March 18 – after worship  
Monday, April 16 - Annual General Meeting  
Sunday, May 13 – after worship  
Monday, June 25  
  
Monday, September 17  
  
*Wednesday, November 21*

We will need to be flexible about these dates in the light of the Transitional Ministry process, calling extra ones when necessary, or rearranging as we respond to the wider situation in Cardiff re: Ministerial deployment.

# Walking the Way

Living the life of Jesus today

The next service featuring the Beulah theme for 2018 *Walking the Way Living the life of Jesus today* will take place on Sunday 24 March, Palm Sunday, led by the Worship group with participation from the young people.

Copies of the book recommended by the URC, *Holy Habits* by Andrew Roberts is available in Beulah to borrow. It is an accessible and interesting read. In the first chapter it discusses the meaning of discipleship:

The Greek New Testament word translated into English as 'disciple' is *mathetes*. It is often said to mean either follower or a learner. The literal meaning is 'one who learns as they follow'. (*Holy Habits*, p19)

If like me, you did not know this, it is something to think about as we continue on our theme journey this year.

You can find out more about the theme at the URC website: [/www.urch.org.uk/our-work/walking-the-way](http://www.urch.org.uk/our-work/walking-the-way).

*Anne James*

## The Transitional Ministry Process

### – update on Timescales

As you will know from Church Meeting, we now have a time scale to work to for this stage of the process.

All the Cardiff churches are invited to submit their Feedback Forms on the process by 31st March, along with any proposals for ministerial deployment. Our Feedback Forms were initially developed by the Transitional Ministry Support Group, and were then considered and amended by Elders' and Church Meetings. The Group is now working on Ministerial Proposals which will be discussed by Elders, and then brought to Church Meeting on **18th March** after morning worship.

The new Regional Pastoral Committee for Cardiff will consider all the submissions by the end of April, and recommendations will be sent to the churches to consider in early May. We have a Church Meeting now scheduled for **Sunday, 13th May** after worship to consider these proposals.

If you have not seen a copy of the Feedback Form, please ask Louise or Derek for one.



## 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>
<b>March</b>						
4th	am	<b>Ian Budding</b> Weather permitting!	<b>Nigel Barwise</b>	<b>Eleanor Mills &amp; Eleri John</b>	Brenda Cheer	<b>Lesley &amp; Mary Richards</b>
	pm	<b>Colin Grimes</b>	United Communion Service at Bethany			
11th	am	<b>Harley Jones</b>	<b>Mary Edwards</b>	<b>Philippa &amp; Giles Ballisat</b>	Anne Thomas	<b>Dr. Haydn Jones</b>
18th	am	<b>Mike Warsop</b>	<b>Trix Pryce</b>	<b>Harley Jones &amp; Helen Harries</b>	Betty Evans	<b>Rhian &amp; Sally Jones</b>
25th	am	<b>Huw Morgan</b>	<b>Viv Jones</b>	<b>Jenny McDowell &amp; Karen Sampson</b>	Bev Hampson	<b>Marg &amp; Alun Jones</b>
29th	pm	<b>Colin Grimes</b>	<b>Colin Grimes</b>		Mary Edwards	
30th	am	<b>Huw Morgan</b>	<b>Liz Kidd</b>			
<b>April</b>						
1st	am	<b>Colin Grimes</b>	<b>Nesta Thomas</b>	<b>Kate Stanbury &amp; Kaye Mundy</b>	Cathy Wales	<b>Fleur &amp; Hywel Richards</b>
	pm	<b>Colin Grimes</b>	<b>Nesta Thomas</b>		Diane Burton	
8th	am	<b>Keith Jones</b>	<b>Fleur Richards</b>	<b>Keirsten Eales &amp; Mary Prosser</b>	Chris Phelps	<b>Ann &amp; Colin Grimes</b>
15th	am	<b>Ian Budding</b>	<b>Lynne Davies</b>	<b>Mary &amp; Mike Warsop</b>	Colin Grimes	<b>Cathryn Hales</b>
22nd	am	<b>Tony Webb</b>	<b>Lorraine Larcombe</b>	<b>Jill &amp; Peter Ferdinando</b>	Derek Evans	<b>Gaynor Rees</b>
29th	am	<b>Catherine Tyler</b>	<b>Liz McCarthy</b>	<b>Peter Stevenson &amp; Frank Kinsey</b>	Elaine Edwards	<b>Jill &amp; Peter Ferdinando</b>
<b>May</b>						
6th	am	<b>Harley Jones</b>	<b>Elaine Edwards</b>	<b>Richard Sweetnam &amp; Ann Grimes</b>	Eleanor Mills	<b>Viv &amp; Harley Jones</b>
	pm	United Communion Service at Beulah				

## Operation Christmas Child



I'm sorry for the lateness of this notice because I missed last month's crossroads. Our shoe boxes are taken to a warehouse in Llantrisant where they are checked and then sent out. Beulah sent 101 boxes to this warehouse for them to be distributed.

Facts are that S.E Wales sent 24,214 boxes to 4 destinations.

Albania	10,900
Romania	3,666
Bulgaria	3,262
Belarus	6,385

This includes 3,000 boxes from a West Midlands warehouse who needed a helping hand.

Once again, I'm so grateful for Beulah's generosity and support for this appeal. Thanks go to those who donated shoe boxes, gifts for the boxes and money. Thanks also to the knitters for their work throughout the year contributing hats, scarves and gloves. A special thanks to Lynne for her mammoth wrapping of boxes. In fact, she has already started wrapping for this year! Also, I must say a big thank you to Colin, who transports the boxes to the warehouse for me.

So, it's a great team effort. Children who live in such appalling conditions have had a little joy brought into their lives. They have

something of their own. The gifts mean so much to them. Thanks to all who have supported this appeal.

Information is already coming out for 2018. The collection dates are 12th - 19th November, so keep an eye out for items for the boxes. Try and get a bargain. Denise has already filled some boxes!

So, on to 2018, and a huge thanks.

*Love Elaine*

## Editor's Note

The **deadline** for articles to be included in the **April 2018** edition of **Crossroads** is **Sunday 18th March 2018** and **Huw** will be editing.