



# CHURCH NOTES

Holy Week and Easter were marked in Beulah in a variety of ways which helped us to enter the experience at many levels. Our Palm Sunday service was a joyful and lively affair as we gathered in Canolfan and then processed and sang our way over to church. The story was told in dramatized readings by our children, and the Senior Department helped us to make a 'tree' of footprints on which we had written some thoughts and prayers. Each night a small group met in the Whittaker Lounge to reflect on an aspect of the events of Holy Week which we linked to prayers about issues in our world today. On Maundy Thursday we were led through the communion by the Revd. James Hall through the telling of the events of that night as recorded by Mark. The symbolic 'stripping' of the table was particularly powerful, and we moved to the garden to hear the final words of the story before moving quietly away into the night.

On Good Friday we joined our friends from Bethany and All Saints in a Walk of Witness, beginning with a service in Bethany, moving on to All Saints and finally to Beulah, where our young people and their leaders told the story of the crucifixion in a dramatic recreation. This was followed by a soup and cheese lunch, which was a time of fellowship with friends from the other churches joining us.

Easter Sunday dawned fair and bright and we welcomed the Resurrection morning in the garden with a short act of worship followed by the Easter Breakfast. This was particularly special for our family this year, and I am so grateful to the Sweetnam and Sampson families (assisted by Youth Fellowship members) who have ensured that this decades old tradition has continued. Two

further services completed our Easter celebrations – a family service led by Revd. Roger Bidnell of joy and thanksgiving, and a quieter reflective evening service led by Dr Alun Jones. We walked the way through Holy Week together, and I am grateful to all the people involved who made this a truly memorable and meaningful Easter, which I am sure will help us as we journey forward in our exploration as to who and what God is calling us to be in our community here and in the wider church.



When we contemplate the world around us with growing concern over the escalation of tensions in the international community and no end in sight to the violence in Syria and the Yemen, we may wonder what the future holds for the world which God loves so much. As we sang on Easter morning our hope must continue to be 'From the fear of death and dying Christ has set his people free; The Lord is risen indeed' – and this is a message the world so badly needs to hear. In our lives and relationships let us make it known, with confidence and joy.

## **The Transitional Process:**

We were pleased that about 80 members and friends stayed behind after worship on Palm Sunday for a special Church Meeting to discuss a suggested option for ministerial deployment to send to the new Regional Pastoral Committee when it meets at the end of April. This option was approved

overwhelmingly by those present, and we look forward to hearing back from the Committee in May.

A Transitional Day was held at Parkminster on April 14, which was attended by members from all the Cardiff URCs. It was good to meet and chat with friends from the other churches over coffee and lunch together. The morning session looked back on all that has happened over the past 18 months, and in the afternoon we heard from the Revd. Gareth Dyer who is the new Training and Development Officer for the Synod of Wales (South). He talked about discipleship and worship, and a meeting was arranged for Wednesday, May 23rd at 7.30pm at Synod Office. This is for all of us who are interested in developing a Cardiff-wide Worship Team – if you have been involved in leading worship over the past two years, I would encourage you to come along – this is one of our commitments given on our Feedback Form, and will help us identify the training and mentoring that we need to develop skills and confidence in this area.

*Louise*



## **Church Secretary:**

**Mrs. Louise Morgan,**

## **Church Treasurer:**

**Mrs. Barbara Rhys,**

## Dear Diary .....

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own feelings, disappointments or anger that we fail to see Jesus when He is near. Jesus doesn't give up on us, He comes to find us on the road and, thousands of years later, His love is still revealed in the breaking of the bread. This verse, from Alan Gaunt's hymn, seems to sum it up:

Come, living God, when least expected,  
When minds are dull and hearts are cold,  
Through sharpening word and warm affection  
Revealing truths as yet untold.

*By members of Junior Church  
Seniors Department*

## Family News

We are sorry to hear that Valerie Hannagan Lewis's mother has died and also James Hall's mother in law. We send our thoughts and prayers to both families at this sad time.

Happier news for Dewi & Valerie is the engagement of Iona to Jaspal. They are now busy planning for their wedding in July. Congratulations also to Gill & Geoff Grivas on the engagement of David to Kirsten. Best wishes to both families.

Special greetings to Chris Phelps and Alan Gray who celebrated significant birthdays recently. Sue Revill also celebrated a big birthday at the end of April and Barbara Cliff has one to come in May. Warm wishes to you all.

We think of those among us who have been unwell, in hospital or receiving treatment including Rubina Lewis, Barbara Howells, Alex Quinlan & Cyril Cazenave and wish them all a speedy recovery. Our thoughts are with Mary Warsop who has suffered whiplash in a car accident adding to her mobility problems. We

## Concerts at the Crossroads

### Lunchtime Recital

Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 1.05pm

Blackweir Brass from the RWCMD

**Alexander Morgan, William Mead – trumpet;  
Lynn Henderson – horn; Nicolas MacDonald – trombone;  
Benjamin Pepler - tuba**

The Brass department at the RWCMD has a deservedly high reputation with a lot of its pupils coming from areas where there is a strong brass band playing tradition. I was born in the north of England and the Stockport Salvation Army Band was one of my first introductions to music as we passed the band playing in the street on our way to church each Sunday. I loved it! We can guarantee a concert of high quality as this group come strongly recommended by the RWCMD Head of Brass Kevin Price.

**Another date for your diary:**

**June 27<sup>th</sup> Vesta Trio**

**Megan Morris – harp; Alex Griffiths – flute;  
Lowri Thomas - viola**

Formed in 2013 at the RWCMD, the Vesta Trio are in high demand as a group. The unusual combination of flute, harp and viola will provide lovely, easy listening in the last concert before the summer break.

Tickets £5 on the door as usual.

*Trix*

welcome Mair Haywood back amongst us, we have missed you, and it is lovely to see Ann Rees without her crutches. We remember you all and those who care for you in our prayers.

Lauren Wilkes has been in Estonia this last week representing Wales in the Taekwondo Championships. Many congratulations Lauren, we hope you have done well. We look forward to hearing all about it.

Many of our young people will be involved in exams over the coming weeks. Our thoughts are with you and hope that all the hard work you

have put in will pay off. Good luck and all best wishes.

Many thanks to all those in the Church involved in pastoral visiting. Thank you for all the time and effort you give, it is much appreciated.

*Betty Evans*

(For more news, of the wider church family - see page 4)



## KIN (Kindred in Need)

Many thanks to everyone who came, helped and supported the recent Shelterbox and Christian Aid events which were held over Easter. Both charities undertake so much to help others.

We raised .....

**For Shelterbox:** Good Friday Lunch and Easter Breakfast raised £730.00. Virtually all has been gift aided.

**For Christian Aid:** Alms Bowl - £650.00. £347.90 of which was gift aided.

So thank you for all your continued support. If any of you would like a small Christian Aid collection box in preparation for next year, then please let us know, as we have some spare.

**With regard to future events.....**

We will be holding another KIN meeting soon, so keep an eye out in the notices for details.

We may also be holding a joint event for Christian Aid - Big Brekkie at the end of Christian Aid week, on 12th May. Details are still being finalised.

We need to start thinking about Rhiwbina Summer Festival, which will be held on **June 30th** - a date for your calendars.

I thought I'd write a little about KIN's history in case any of you are

wondering where the name came from and how long Beulah has been involved....

In 1960, Mrs Lillian Oldfield-Davies introduced Beulah to the work of the Welsh Friends of Refugees, a charity which had recently been set up in support of an international effort to meet the needs of many people throughout Europe who were still displaced and dispossessed as a result of the Second World War.

The Refugee Committee expanded its remit in order to help other charitable causes and, by 1963, had adopted the name Kindred in Need (KIN). This has developed into Beulah's major outreach organisation.

It is really good to see that we continue raising money for charitable causes that was started many years ago. I also know that many people from Beulah have been involved and supported KIN over the years.

In the recent Church AGM we were pleased to announce that Beulah raised £11,066 over the

last year.

Charities which benefitted included: Save the Children, UNICEF, Christian Aid, Space4U, Shelterbox, Healing Hands, Mencap, National Children's Deaf Society, McMillan Cancer Care (remember our murder mystery evening!!), NSPCC, Oxfam, Live Music Now (thanks to John Cheer for our Community Concert raising money for this charity), Samaritans, Action for Children, Huggard Centre (beautiful Christmas door decorations), CRUSE, Ronald MacDonald House and Health Help International (thanks to everyone involved in producing the Beulah Calendars).

So, thank you all. And a special thanks for Junior church who sell garden produce regularly and everyone who makes cakes, jams, chutney, soup, etc. for all the events we hold.

We ask for help and you continue to give and support.

Thank you from us all.

*Eleri and Eileen*

## News of the wider family

Chris Phelps shared recently, with those on Facebook, a photograph of her grandson Jacob in his RAF uniform. We share her pride in Jacob as he has graduated from Phase 1 Training, RAF Aircraft Maintenance Mechanic Avionics and wish him well in his career in the RAF.

Gwynne Rees's granddaughter Bethan has been representing Wales in athletics for several years throwing the javelin and has been Welsh champion every year since 2011 in her category. At the moment she is 2nd in the UK rankings. In March she was one of three Welsh athletes chosen to represent Great Britain in the European Throwing Cup in

Portugal in the under 23 age group – she is only 18. Keep your eyes open for Bethan in future Athletics meetings.

Many of you will have met Laura Tilley from Miss Tilley's Coffee Shop in the Whittaker Lounge. Recently, Laura went to Lesotho with Hijinks Theatre Group. Whilst there they visited orphanages and did dance and drama workshops. Three of the group have Downs and they related particularly well with those children they met with learning difficulties. The trip was organised by Hijinks, they were there for 3 weeks and had 3 members of staff with them. Laura

has photos of her trip on a board in the lounge.

At the moment Laura is in Florida. She is part of the Welsh Para Cheerleading team, known as PARAPOM. They are taking part in the World Championships. The group won last year and are now back defending their title. We look forward to hearing all about it when she returns. Laura is an inspiration to all who meet her and each week there are different young people who now want to help in the Coffee Shop. Laura is very appreciative of all the love and support she gets from Beulah.

*Betty Evans*

## Lawn Mowing

**Please help us reach the World Scout Jamboree  
in North America in 2019!**



**We are a Scout and an Explorer who have been selected to represent Wales at the World Scout Jamboree, an event dedicated to world culture and bringing together 36,000 Scouts from all around the world. To get the opportunity to go to this event, we are raising money. About 1/3 of the money that we have to raise is given away to Scouts in 3rd world countries and poorer areas of the UK so that they can afford to go and have the time of their lives.**

**We are mowing lawns in and around Rhiwbina to raise money. Please support us by letting us mow your lawn!**

**For more information please speak to:  
Simon Ruddock or George Sweetnam**

## FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS WANTED PLEASE

I'm on the Rhiwbina Village Events committee and with Festival Saturday approaching we are looking for volunteers to help run this fun day enjoyed by our community - I know that as a church we are involved but if anyone could spare just an hour or so to help it would make such a difference.

Lots of roles available and volunteers will be well briefed.

Contact Bev Hampson

## The Rectorial Benefice of Whitchurch

We send our greetings to our friends in the Benefice on the licensing and induction of Father John Davies as the new Rector. A service of celebration took place in St Mary's on April 25, to which a Beulah representative was invited, and we send Father John every good wish for his work in the benefice.

*Louise*

## Bethel & Bethesda Coffee Mornings

There are plenty of opportunities to drink coffee in Rhiwbina, but if you are looking to go a little further afield, you might like to try our neighbouring URC churches.

Bethel in Llanishen hold a coffee morning on the last Saturday of every month, and Bethesda in Tongwynlais hold one every Tuesday morning. You will be made most welcome in each of these churches.

*Louise*

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# CHURCH CALENDAR

## MAY

Weds	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am 10.30am	Mid-Week Meeting Point Church Office
Thurs	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	TM Support Group Meeting inc. Elders
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship: Mrs Judy Harries – All Age Worship</b> <b><i>Coffee served in Canolfan after service</i></b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Ecumenical Cymanfa Ganu Service at All Saints</b>
		<b>7.15pm</b>	<b>Youth Fellowship</b>
Weds	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 10.30am	Mid-Week Meeting Point Church Office
Thurs	10 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	United Ascension Day Christian Aid service at All Saints
Sat	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	KIN Cake Stall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship: Mrs. Anne Wilkes</b> <b>Junior Church</b> <b><i>Coffee served after service</i></b>
		<b>CHURCH MEETING AFTER SERVICE</b>	
		<b>7.15pm</b>	<b>Youth Fellowship</b>
Mon	14 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship
Weds	16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 10.30am	Mid-Week Meeting Point Church Office
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>United Service at Bethany Baptist (No Beulah service)</b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Worship in MWL: Mrs Ruth Williams</b>
		<b>7.15pm</b>	<b>Youth Fellowship</b>
Mon	21 <sup>st</sup>	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship
Weds	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am 10.30am 7.30pm	Mid-Week Meeting Point Church Office Worship Leaders' Meeting, Synod Office
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	WRB Prayers at Beulah
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship: Dr. Alun Jones: dedication of new flower stand</b> <b>Junior Church</b> <b><i>Coffee served in Canolfan after service</i></b>
		<b>Paradise Run Collection</b>	
Weds	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 10.30am 1.05pm	Mid-Week Meeting Point Church Office Concert: Blackweir Brass

## JUNE

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship: Revd. James Hall</b> <b>Junior Church</b> <b><i>Coffee served in Canolfan after service</i></b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Joint Communion Service at Beulah</b>
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship
Weds	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 10.30am	Mid-Week Meeting Point Church Office
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>		KIN Cake Stall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship: Revd. Ken Graham</b> <b>Junior Church</b> <b><i>Coffee served in Canolfan after service</i></b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Youth Fellowship</b>
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm 7.30pm	Women's Fellowship Elders' Meeting



**FAMILY TRIP TO LIVERPOOL**  
**(including a visit to see the Terracotta Warriors)**  
**Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd September 2018**

As most of you will know, I am organising the above weekend trip. Quite a lot of people who had expressed an interest are not now able to go on that weekend, so there are a number of places still available. The outline programme is as follows:

- Leaving the Canolfan early on the Saturday morning and travelling to Liverpool. Spending time in Liverpool.
- Staying in a Holiday Inn Express just outside of Liverpool overnight.
- Visit to the museum housing the Terracotta Warriors scheduled for 10.30am on Sunday morning.
- Leave Liverpool to return to Rhiwbina sometime after lunch.

Exact timings to be agreed nearer the date.

The cost is only **£99.00 per person** sharing a twin/double room and includes return coach travel, one night stay in the hotel and entrance to the museum. You would need to pay a £50.00 per person deposit by **18th May 2018** with the balance is due by **7th July 2018**.

Currently I only have 23 confirmed bookings and the costs are based on a minimum of 35 people travelling. I have optimistically booked 40 tickets for the visit to the museum! Now we have a firm date I am hoping there are some of you who would very much like to come along but weren't able to commit before. If so, or you would like more information, please contact me as soon as possible but in any case **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY 6th MAY**

The hotel is only prepared to hold our booking until the **7th May**.

*Barbara*

## Leading Worship

We have some Sundays in June, August and September which we have not yet been able to fill. If you would be willing to lead worship on one of these Sundays, on your own, or with friends, please speak to Louise as soon as possible.

*Louise*

## World Women's Day of Prayer 2018

The World Women's Day of Prayer was hosted this year by Beulah. As you will no doubt recall, the "Beast from the East" snow storm interfered with our plans and resulted in the service being cancelled on the 2nd of March.

However, the service was subsequently re-scheduled for 23rd March. It was very fortunate for Mary Bidnell and I that everyone who had committed to taking part in, or supporting, the service on 2nd March was able and willing to do so on 23rd.

The service was very well attended and everything went smoothly for us. An amount of £221 was raised to support the work of the women of Suriname who had devised the service.

Mary and I would like to thank everyone who attended the service and, especially, all those who took part in it and those who provided and served the excellent refreshments afterwards. Thank you for making this such a memorable occasion.

*Diane*

## 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>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	Ecumenical Communion Service at All Saints				
13th	am	<b>Mike Warsop</b>	<b>Anne Wilkes</b>	<b>Bev Hampson &amp; Pat Agland</b>	Eleri John	<b>Margaret Johns</b>
20th	am	<b>Huw Morgan</b>	<b>Derek Evans</b>	<b>Audrey Budding &amp; Mair Haywood</b>	Fleur Richards	<b>Elaine Edwards</b>
	pm	<b>Derek Evans</b>				
27th	am	<b>Catherine Tyler</b>	<b>John Prosser</b>	<b>Rubina Lewis &amp; Barbara Clift</b>	Heather Bishop	<b>Anne &amp; Frank Rees</b>
<b>June</b>						
3rd	am	<b>Keith Jones</b>	<b>Mary Edwards</b>	<b>Betty Evans &amp; Eleanor Mills</b>	Helen Harries	<b>Bev &amp; Ian Hampson</b>
	pm	<b>Mary Edwards</b> United Communion Service at Beulah				
10th	am	<b>Ian Budding</b>	<b>Gaynor Rees</b>	<b>Chris Phelps &amp; Diane Burton</b>	Hollie Glanfield	<b>Mary &amp; John Prosser</b>
17th	am	<b>Tony Webb</b>	<b>Colin Grimes</b>	<b>Christine Pugh &amp; Duncan Pugh</b>	Jenny McDowell	<b>Mair Haywood</b>
24th	am	<b>Colin Grimes</b>	<b>Gill Grivas</b>	<b>Denise Dickman &amp; Pam Penny</b>	Jill Ferdinando	<b>Vicki &amp; Jonathan Grimes</b>

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all who supported our Soup and Sandwich Lunch. We raised an amazing total of £542.10p for our forthcoming trip to Caldey Island. We hope you all enjoyed the lunch and cakes as we are very grateful for your donations.

We will be doing more fundraising at the Festival. Please look out for our stall.

Thank you once again,

*Youth Fellowship.*



## Arrangements for Junior Church - May to July

6 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Service
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Church/Junior Church in Canolfan
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Church Service at Bethany Baptist
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Church/Junior Church in Canolfan
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Church/Junior Church in Canolfan
10 <sup>th</sup> June	All Age Junior Church Canolfan 10.30am
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Communion: Junior Church Canolfan/Church
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Church/Junior Church in Canolfan
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Church/Junior Church in Canolfan
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Junior Church Party in Canolfan
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Church/Junior Church in Canolfan
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Summer Activities



## Editor's Note

The **deadline** for articles to be included in the **June 2018** edition of **Crossroads** is **Sunday 20th May 2018** and **Huw** will be editing.