



Walking the Way - Living the life of Jesus today

Shakespeare and the Bible

Are the following quotes from the Bible or Shakespeare? (Answers at the end)

1. *They have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind.*
2. *God shall be my hope, my stay and lantern to my feet.*
3. *Great men are not always wise.*
4. *Light seeking light, doth light of light beguile.*

We live in turbulent times, but most times are turbulent. This made me reflect on my love of Shakespeare and to look at his life and work from a faith perspective. He lived in a time of persecution for your faith, poverty and injustice that has parallels with our own.

It is a common myth that nothing is known of Shakespeare's life. By the standards of today that is true, as the idea of posterity was not uppermost in people's minds. However there are many clues, including the records of Holy Trinity church in Stratford and the Globe theatre; the compliments and insults of fellow playwrights; a court case concerning his landlord in Sliver Street, in which Shakespeare was a witness and in the dedication of the first folio by his friends. There are records of his father John, a glove maker and bailiff (mayor) in Stratford and the family properties in Stratford too. Shakespeare's religion

however, is a much debated topic.

In the years before Shakespeare's birth the country was a terrifying and dangerous place. It swung between Catholicism and Protestantism with Christians being persecuted and executed for their beliefs. Shakespeare lived during the reigns of Elizabeth I and James I when attendance at church was a legal requirement. Missing church meant you were suspected of being a Catholic, as there was a strong underground Catholic network.

Shakespeare's father was fined twice in 1592 for non-attendance at church. Some say Shakespeare was a clandestine catholic, some a protestant and some that he had little, if any, faith. His work shows a thorough grounding in the Bible as well as a knowledge of Greek and Latin and he was in the service of the King when the King James bible was being written.

Shakespeare's writing has a strong undercurrent of Christian values, as well as an emphasis on moral dilemmas and human nature. We often see his characters wrestling with exactly what it is to be human in a way that is rooted in faith. In Hamlet, the prince seeks vengeance on his uncle for the death of his father. Coming across him at prayer, Hamlet realises if he murders him he will send his father's

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murderer straight to heaven. The soliloquys in Hamlet are deeply expressed struggles with the nature of life and death and life beyond the grave. In Macbeth, both Macbeth and Lady Macbeth are brought down by their consciences. The title of Measure for Measure would evoke the Bible for Shakespeare's contemporaries - Matthew's gospel 'Judge not, that ye be not judged' and the deep hypocrisy of some of the characters is clear. In Sonnet 73 Shakespeare mentions the bare ruined choirs, which is seen as a lament for the destruction of the monasteries. The tragedies often evoke struggles between good and evil, the right and wrong path. Finally, Portia's speech in The Merchant of Venice has a strong Christian theme:

*The quality of mercy is not strained, it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven, It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.
'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes The thronèd monarch better than his crown.
His sceptre shows the force of temporal power, But mercy is above this sceptred sway.
It is enthronèd in the hearts of kings;
It is an attribute to God Himself;
And earthly power doth then show likest God's When mercy seasons justice.*

Answers

1. Hosea 8:7
2. Henry 6 Part 2 2.3
3. Job 32:9
4. Love's Labours Lost (1.1)

CHURCH NOTES

I hope that everyone has been able to enjoy the recent spell of good weather after our extended winter. It has been heartening to see trees and plants suddenly bursting into life and the hedgerows and banks colourful with spring flowers. Perhaps we will all feel our spirits lifted and our energies renewed for the summer activities ahead.

When we were children my father taught us to look out for 'signs of spring', and one feature that has become a recognisable 'sign' (although not perhaps exactly what he meant!) is the sight of people walking around our streets with red bags and knocking on doors – the Christian Aid collectors, of course. Our thanks go to all who collected this year. We are so grateful once more to Lynne Davies who organises and co-ordinates this work so brilliantly. The week was also marked by a united service on Ascension Day at All Saints, a delicious soup lunch at Bethany and a united morning service at Bethany on Pentecost Sunday. Some of us also attended a united Christian Aid Service at Bethel URC in Llanishen. All these are signs of our willingness to look for unity with each other as churches.

The Christian Aid theme this year was 'God's kingdom is stronger than storms', and this was also the theme of the devotional 'Thy Kingdom

come' which this year encompassed Christian Aid Week. This is an ecumenical global prayer movement which covers the 11 days between Ascension Day and Pentecost. Writing in the foreword to the devotional, Archbishop Justin Welby reminds us that whatever we do during Christian Aid Week, as kingdom builders we are "stepping out in God's mission to the world's poorest people...to help (them) thrive abundantly, because we believe in life before death. This work helps bring the Kingdom close."

On Pentecost Sunday the devotional challenges us to join in the mission to love our neighbours, "wildly, wholeheartedly and sacrificially". Can we do this, here in Rhiwbina? Can we find more ways to show God's love in action in our lives and the lives of those around us?

Our transitional work continues to inspire us to find new ways to do this – from taking action to reduce plastic usage to considering divestment away from fossil fuels, to supporting Miss Tilley's in enabling more young people to develop their skills– where else will the Spirit beckon us in the coming months, I wonder? This is the prayer that was used in the 'Thy Kingdom come' material: "*Holy God, In your Kingdom the strong ... cont. p3*

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need the weak, the rich are transformed by the poor, the fortunate are welcomed by the homeless. Your Kingdom is built by those who expect their God to come. Amen."

Family News

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of the Revd. Dewi Lewis. (appropriately, perhaps, at the beginning of Christian Aid Week). Dewi has been a good friend to Beulah for many years, and will be missed by many, both in Rhiwbina and in the wider church, where he is well-known through his work in establishing Christian Aid Wales. We send our deepest sympathies to Valerie and Iona, as they face another sad loss so soon after the death of Valerie's mother, and also to Tamsin, Jaspal and all the family.

We send our sympathies to Trix Pryce on the death of her brother in law. Others, too, are grieving for loved ones – they are all held in our prayers.

Get well wishes are sent to Heather Coles who recently had a cataract operation, and to Rubina Lewis who has had surgery on her hand. Alun Jones and Ruth Williams have both 'been in the wars', and it is good to see that they are healing nicely. Eileen Davies has been discharged from hospital and is now living in a residential home in Caerphilly. To all those who are undergoing treatment, and those who care for them, we send our love and prayers.
Congratulations to Richard

Plastic, Plastic, Everywhere... and Not a Solution in Sight

Are you as bemused as I am about the messages everywhere today about plastics?

The wonder materials that make things we can't live without – phones, cars, clothes...have now apparently got into everything, and are pretty much unavoidable but they are also ruining our only planet and destroying the livelihoods of the poorest people around the world

So what should we do? How can we practically reduce our use of plastics?

How can we dispose of those that we do use, better?

Are you, like me, completely confused as to what can and can't be recycled?

How can we be better stewards of the planet – and of our local bit of it?

Fear not – help is at hand!

June 10th – All Age Junior Church – workshops looking at how we can do our bit – and beginning an artwork with Jo Jones.

June 30th - Festival Saturday 2018 - the theme this year for the festival is the sea. Building on the work created by our young people, and highlighting the close link between plastic waste and our seas and coastlines, we plan displays outside and within the church. Hoping as well to explore how we and our wider community can best tackle the plastics challenge, there will be information, family activities and the chance to contribute to the artwork.

The artwork will involve creation of a net, from the plastic net bags that satsumas etc are packaged in. Please collect these over the next few weeks and bring them along to church.

If you would like to know more or to help out, please speak to Eileen Newington or Pat Ruddock

Sweetnam on completing the 10yFan challenge which involved climbing Pen-y-Fan ten times in one day. This was to raise money for children's cancer charities; Richard accomplished this in 18 hours - a fantastic achievement!
*Love and blessings,
Louise.*

Church Secretary:
Mrs Louise Morgan

Church Treasurer:
Mrs Barbara Rhys,

Concerts at the Crossroads

Lunchtime Recital

Wednesday 27th June at 1.05pm

The Vesta Trio

Megan Morris – harp; Alex Griffiths – flute; Lowri Thomas – viola.

These three different instruments provide exciting possibilities of sound. “What a heavenly sound the Vesta trio make” so said one of the reviews after a concert.

The Vesta Trio was formed at the RWCMD in 2013. Since then they have given many performances and have been much praised wherever they have performed. They are musicians on Yehudi Menuhin’s Live Music Now scheme. This will be light classical, easy to listen to music for the last concert before the summer break.

Tickets on the door £5 as usual

PS You may be interested to note that the two last sopranos to sing in Beulah lunchtime concerts, Ellen Williams and Jessica Robinson, have been selected to sing in the Welsh Singers Showcase to select the Welsh competitor for the Cardiff Singer of the World competition next year. The Showcase is on Saturday 30th June in St David’s Hall at 7.30pm

Stop Press

An extra concert is being organized in Beulah by the **Caritas Consort.**

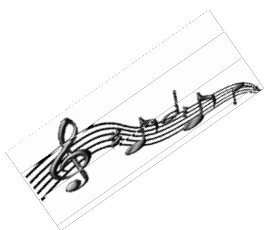
They are a Cardiff based group of professionally trained singers who come together to raise money for charity and for the sheer joy of singing. I have heard them and they are great.

7th July at 12 noon.

Tickets Adult £7 Students/children £5 in aid of the Red Cross Syria appeal

They will sing a selection of beautiful choral music from the sixteenth century to the present day.

All are welcome!



Croeso i Bawb!

Film Night June 17th @6pm.

The film I have chosen this year is

Made in Dagenham.

This film, set in the 1960’s, follows the emotional journey of a group of friends, working for Ford in Dagenham, from the factory floor to the House of Commons. With

the help of the Union shop steward they prove nothing is impossible if you stand up for what you believe. What they want is equal pay for women. This problem is still relevant today 50 + years on.

Betty Evans

Feedback from Cardiff & Penarth URCs

In her service on May 13, Anne Wilkes took the theme of journeying, linked to Walking the Way and Transition. She had filmed the journey in her car from Beulah to the other URCs in Cardiff and Penarth, and we had great fun in guessing where we were going – with the musical accompaniment of 'The journey is long', led by John and the music group. More difficult was her other challenge – Anne shared extracts from all our Feedback forms and we were invited to identify which church was which. In response to a request from some in the congregation, we show here these extracts – only this time you don't have to guess! If anyone would like to see a full copy of the forms, please see Louise or Derek.

Elfed Avenue Uniting Church, Penarth

We have progressed with transition and we see a vision for the future.

Much has been achieved and our enthusiasm is running high.

We have surveyed our members and church users where we have a large footfall and have identified how we can benefit the community.

Our IT has been updated and we have a Facebook presence.

We have a new organ. We have an excellent supply of worship leaders.

Our site is ideally placed out of town with multipurpose buildings.

We see our role for the community providing facilities for young and old irrespective of beliefs.

Parkminster URC, Roath

We have learned that an ordained minister however committed cannot do everything.

Within our membership we have a good number of people who are themselves committed and talented and willing to help lead worship.

We do not envisage this participation as being only or even principally a matter of sharing in a minister-led pastorate. We would like to help and participate in:

- Regular sharing of expertise, ideas and creativity amongst the worship leaders
- Developing a wider group of worship leaders after TLS

We are convinced that a shared leadership model of some kind is the only practical option for our future, including -

- Support for our lay leaders
- Expertise to help our liaison with the URC and ecumenically
- Some theological guidance for the eldership and worship leaders and as and when requested by individual members
- We would like to be involved in joint Cardiff URC Bible study; we are keen to deepen friendship with our URC neighbours.
- The transition group felt we should think about deepening our links with the community groups who use our buildings during the week.
- We are willing to share

in the consideration of calling a church related community worker (CRCW).

Bethesda URC, Tongwynlais

We have built upon our inherent strengths, enabling us to turn outwards.

We are open to imaginative ways of resourcing our mission.

Our theology is in tune with the rest of the Cardiff churches.

People are no longer Sunday church focused, our mission focus is weekday orientated.

A wish to care pastorally for the local community has led to exploration of setting up a cyber cafe.

We see ourselves as an ideal church for emerging worship leaders and lay preachers, where they can come and develop their skills.

Ministry and mission belong in areas of need.

We see our mission as collaborative service in the community which does not necessarily need to be minister focused. The part time involvement of a CRCW would be a suitable alternative.

Canton Uniting Church

We have a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

The building which opened in 2000 showed we are open to God open to each other and open to the community.

We have a vibrant junior church. We have a music group led by skilled musicians which contributes positively to worship.

There is a clear sense of a desire to engage with the

local community and be a valuable social resource to the community.

We would be happy to work with the other churches in community projects or joint activities e.g. Bible Studies, shared youth programs.

Our experience of engaging across denominations will send us in good stead for working partnership with an interest in our ministry.

As an ecumenical church we want to keep our interdenominational links in considering the way forward. As we have been without a minister for some time we have adjusted our expectations, we have been thinking differently about ministry and our future without a minister.

The idea of a CRCW within Cardiff would be received enthusiastically

CITY URC

Our reports and interviews have revealed an enthusiasm about who we are and what we do, with a positive impact on visitors and our worshipping community.

We continue to offer quality worship and other activities and are involved in many arenas within the communities we live.

We believe we should focus our energies on areas of ministry where people are already involved and or those that people are passionate about.

We share theology with many of the other URC's.

We have an emerging Lay Preachers Team.

We see the need to build strong lay leadership that will support the local churches

We are developing links with other URC's to hold combined

study groups.

We share a vision for mission with the other churches, pooling our volunteering focus could make us more effective.

We value our location and the community we are in; we recognise our differences to other locations and are aware that no church can continue to be self-sufficient.

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Our reassessment has shown we are very much at the heart of our community.

There is a growing awareness that the future has to be approached differently.

Many are concerned about missing style, innovation, counselling and something deeper - spirituality and theological challenge.

There is much talent within our church and other URCs which could help support many elements of ministry.

Joint work with other URCs has resulted in successful activities.

We have a longstanding tradition of children's ministry and reaching out to families in the community is both a key ministry activity and an important area of growth

A formal worship team will need to be established to support ordained ministry and provide richness, spirituality, quality and continuity in and of worship.

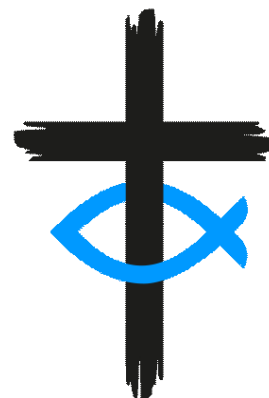
All churches want the best for their future.

Working together on shared projects is more likely to develop relationships and be successful rather than simply inviting to join existing activities.

We are committed to sharing and developing ministry across URCs.

Above all we seek to be led by the Spirit so that we can fulfil our mission to be:

"The visible expression of God's love for all people here in the communities of Rhiwbina and North Cardiff and wherever we may find ourselves."



Membership

In Beulah we regard everyone as belonging, but, like all denominations, the United Reformed Church recognises one or two distinctions between members and adherents, one of which is that only members can vote at Church Meetings, although all are welcome to attend and participate.

I have had a request from someone who is considering becoming a member – if there is anyone else who would like to think about taking this step and wants to know more about what it entails, please speak to me as soon as possible.

It is always nicer if a few people can do this together, and we can then arrange some preparation sessions. We welcome people into membership either by transfer from another church, or by confession of faith.

Louise.

CHURCH CALENDAR:

MAY

Weds. 30th: 10.30am: Mid-Week Meeting Point
10.30am: Church Office
1.05pm: Concert: Blackweir Brass

JUNE

Sun. 3rd : 10.30am: Morning Worship: Revd. James Hall
Junior Church
Coffee served in Canolfan after service
6.00pm: Joint Communion Service at Beulah

Mon 4th: 2.00pm: Women's Fellowship

Weds: 6th: 10.30am: Mid-Week Meeting Point
10.30am: Church Office

Sat. 9th: KIN Cake Stall

Sun. 10th: 10.30am: Mrs. Louise Morgan
All Age Junior Church
Coffee served in Canolfan after worship
7.15pm: Youth Fellowship

Mon. 11th: 2.00pm: Women's Fellowship
7.30pm: Elders' Meeting

Weds. 13th: 10.30am: Mid-Week Meeting Point
10.30am: Church Office

Sun. 17th: 10.30am: Revd. Ken Graham, with Communion
Junior Church
Coffee served in Canolfan after service
6.00pm: Film Night in MWL: Mrs. Betty Evans; *"Made in Dagenham"*
7.15pm: Youth Fellowship

Mon. 18th: 2.00pm: Women's Fellowship

Weds. 20th: 10.30am: Mid-Week Meeting Point
10.30am: Church Office

Sun. 24th: 10.30am: Revd. Gareth Dyer
Junior Church
Coffee served in Canolfan after service
7.15pm: Youth Fellowship

Mon. 25th: 2.00pm: Women's Fellowship
7.30pm: Church Meeting

Weds. 27th: 10.30am: Mid-Week Meeting Point
10.30am: Church Office
1.05pm: Concert: Vesta Trio

Sat. 30th: Festival Saturday
10.15am: WRB Prayers at Ararat Baptist Church

JULY

Sun. 1st: 10.30am: Mr. Iestyn Henson
Junior Church
Coffee served in Canolfan after service
6.00pm: United Festival Service at Bethany Baptist
7.15pm: Youth Fellowship

Mon. 2nd: 2.00pm: Women's Fellowship

Weds. 4th: 10.30am: Mid-Week Meeting Point
10.30am: Church Office

Sun. 8th: 10.30am: Mrs Vera Ruddock
Junior Church Party in Canolfan
Coffee served in Canolfan after service
7.15pm: Youth Fellowship

BIBLE MONTH 2018

30 days with Jonah

#BibleMonth

This summer we will be diving into the book of Jonah as part of Bible Month 2018. The Methodist church organises Bible Month to help people engage more deeply with scripture, see <http://www.methodist.org.uk/media/5744/bible-month-magazine-2018-0118.pdf>

Jonah invites us to consider how God calls us to mission in the unlikelyst of places. It points to a God who is compassionate and loving to all, and challenges us to reflect this God in our mission. This ties in well with our theme of Walking the Way.

Jonah in July – four Sunday morning services at Beulah URC

Date	Theme	Preacher	Activities for young people
1 July 2018	Jonah 1	Iestyn Henson	Junior church
8 July 2018	Jonah 2	Vera Ruddock	Junior church summer party in Canolfan
15 July 2018	Jonah 3	Rev Cathy Gale	Junior church
22 July 2018	Jonah 4	Rev Gethin Rhys; Communion	Summer junior church

We are particularly pleased that Rev Cathy Gale from the Cardiff Methodist church will be joining us on 15th July. Cathy is one of the Methodist ministers in Cardiff North cluster (which includes Whitchurch and Llandaff North churches). When she came to Cardiff last year she said two of her priorities were ecumenism and youth work – so it will be good to get to know her.

Sunday morning worship is great, but quieter study groups or reflective services sometimes help us engage more personally with a text.

So in June we are invited to join the Cardiff North Methodist church in their explorations of Jonah.

Jonah in June – four informal Sunday evening services led by Methodist ministers in NorthCardiff

'Whales, Worship and the Word: The Book of Jonah'

Join us in exploring the four chapters of the book of Jonah across four weeks through creative story telling, reflections, conversations, prayer and praise. With Revs Cathy Gale and Alana Lawrence.

Sunday Evening Café Style Services from 6pm-7.30pm at the following churches:

- 3rd June - Llandaff North with Cathy Gale
 - 17th June - Wesley Caerphilly with Alana Lawrence
 - 24th June - Llandaff North with Cathy Gale
 - 1st July - Wesley Caerphilly with Alana Lawrence
- Refreshments provided. All are Welcome.

Thank you

We want to thank the many friends of the Beulah congregation who sent us cards, flowers and good wishes on our golden wedding anniversary, both individually and as a group. The tandem motif on the church card was especially appropriate. We felt encircled by love and good wishes. With grateful thanks

Mary and Roger

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Dear Beulah family, we are deeply touched by the many messages of support and sympathy we have received following both my Mum's and my husband Dewi's deaths within six weeks of each other. They made and continue to make a real difference to myself, Iona, Tamsin and family - we find real comfort in them. And although the wonderful videoed messages from so many of you did not reach Dewi before he died, I am confident he received them in his new life, and they were the most beautiful thing for us to discover just after his passing.

*Diolch yn fawr i chi i gyd
love and blessings
from Valerie Hannagan Lewis
xxx*

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 2018 is available to download.

Week 22 3rd June Pray for Bailey Street Uniting Church, Brynmawr
and Tabernacle United Reformed Church, Rhayader
Pray for Botswana and Zimbabwe

Week 23 10th June Pray for Caersalem United Church, Ebbw Vale
and Penuel United Reformed Church
Pray for Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland

Week 24 17th 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 24th June Pray for St. Mellons Local Ecumenical Partnership, Cardiff
and Sarnau United Reformed Church
Pray for Brazil

Week 26 1st July 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"



All-age Junior Church: let's get together

Once a month, outside of festival and holiday periods, Junior Church has a proper get-together, with all departments combining for a session that we hope offers 'something for everyone'. Brilliantly, this is called All-Age Junior Church. It offers possibilities for interactions between the age groups, also some respite and resources for the hard-working Junior Church leaders ... and importantly it also offers the chance for the children and members of the congregation who don't normally come to Junior Church to have fun and learn from each other.

This last point is a key benefit that we aim for, but to be honest we can struggle to find volunteers to come along and run an all-age session. We've outlined a couple of recent sessions below, to give an idea of what we get up to. Please, please have a think about whether YOU might offer something for an all-age session. It may be linked to your work or a hobby, something you have a particular focus or fondness for, or just some experience in your life that would be interesting. We want to unearth Beulah's buried treasures!

The Junior Church leaders (bless them) still turn up to keep order and lead where needed, allowing the session organiser to coordinate and engage. If you have any ideas,

whether a fully-developed plan or just a spark that could collaboratively be worked up into a theme, Junior Church would love to hear from you! Please contact a junior church leader or Pat Ruddock.

Feb 2018: Junior Church Goes Forth!

In February, All-Age Junior Church learned about an Atlantic crossing made in a 36-foot yacht by Cathy Wales in 1994, and the accompanying challenges and problems. Fourteen children and a few adults built a boat which everyone decorated the side of (see image). We put up a mast and sails and ate our home-made banana bread (thank-you Pat C) on board. On the real trip, a whole stalk of bananas ripened together, hence the banana bread. There was no fridge, so we decided food had to be tinned, dried or made from basic ingredients. Fresh water had to be used as little as possible, so sea water was used to flush the toilet and wash up.

We thought the sailing trip was a bit like camping, except you would have to stay in the tent for three weeks, and you couldn't pop out for fish and chips! The boat seemed quite small and we decided we would have to get on with each other, come what may. Games and lots of snacks would be the order of the day!

March 2018: Seeing and Sensing

In March, Marianne Barwise

helped All-Age Junior Church consider good ways to help individuals who have sight problems. We tried on glasses that showed us how people with eye conditions such as glaucoma and macular degeneration view the world, and tried out equipment that helps them manage tasks such as pouring a hot drink and reading their post. We played fun games with a blindfold on, a ball game and taste/touch tests. As it was Mother's Day we made tactile/Braille cards which would be fun to feel and were strongly coloured. Leaders and the young people all said they learned a lot and particularly enjoyed understanding how differently the various eye conditions affect sight.

June 2018: Plastics

On June 10th, we'll be doing art and craft activities around plastics, in preparation for the Rhiwbina festival. This will be a collaboration with Jo Jones so should be a lot of creative fun – it would be great to have as many children as possible along to this.

Editors' Note

The deadline for articles for the July/August edition of Crossroads is Sunday, 24th June, and Colin will be editing.

In our ever-changing world, sometimes it's good to have some fixed points...

There are two unmissable dates in the Beulah social calendar for me – the skittles evening at the Birchgrove (thanks Eleri et al!) and Beulah going camping. When we go camping, **always**

- There are cooked breakfasts, (thanks, Tony and Chris) and fish and chips on Saturday night. The beach is huge and quiet (if occasionally damp, and usually windy – but that's good for kites)

There's lots of time to play silly games, have a laugh and just chill out together. The children and young people have a whale of a time – and so do the adults

But – some things should and do change. Last year we welcomed two 'new' families to the fold – and they both say they want to come back – so we must be getting something right.

There is always space for more. The campsite is huge, very safe for children, and we'd love more of you to join us.

You don't need lots of camping kit or experience (for some of us, this is the one time in the year we go anywhere near a tent!) Food

is organised on a 'bring and share' basis, and costs are modest.

The experience of 'first timers' (I can still remember ours, with a new and rather intimidating tent, and 2 young children) is that everyone mucks in and the children love playing together – and I don't need to tell you how positive it is for parents to be able to relax with other adults while the children entertain themselves.

The dates are **Friday 7th to Sunday 9th September**, (the first weekend after the schools go back), the venue is Pembrey Country Park (just beyond Llanelli, about 1¼ hours from Cardiff). The site is huge, well looked after and quiet in September. It has good 'facilities' including hot showers, and an ice cream parlour, as well as all the fun of the country park.

If you can't make it for the weekend, we are very keen to welcome day trippers to join us for the Saturday, traditionally spent on the beach, and rounded off with fish and chips (see above!) If you would like to know more please speak to the Ruddocks, the Wales, the Wilkes, the Webbs, the Barwises, the Glanfields or the Sampsons.

Pat Ruddock

Summer Holiday Club.

Roll up, roll up! It has come to our notice that there have been several recent outbreaks of warm, sunny weather ... which can only be the result of our advanced planning for this year's Beulah Summer Holiday Club. We are offering not one, not two but three, yes three, days jam-packed with activities for 7- to 11-year-olds. The days are Wednesday to Friday, July 25th to 27th. The first two days will be hosted at Beulah, with activities including cooking, crafts and art projects, treasure hunts, sports and games. On the Friday we will venture by coach to Cantref Adventure Farm near Brecon.

Beulah parents with children of the appropriate age(s) are invited to let Angie Hughes (angieruth66@yahoo.co.uk) know soon if they are interested, so we can reserve places for what last year was an over-subscribed club. We are being a little more ambitious with numbers this year, and our need for helpers has grown accordingly. Please consider offering to assist, for any or all of the days. The kids don't bite (honest), but you could be in serious danger of having some proper fun and being part of one of the best, most supportive teams since Beulah FC last put boot to ball. We think it's worth the risk. Again, Angie is your first contact point. Here's to some summer magic!

Angie and her Elves

Thank you so much for all of the support and generous sponsorship I received, both in church and on my JustGiving page, for the 10YFan challenge I recently undertook. The end result of 10 climbs up and down Pen-y-fan in 18 hours was two very sore legs but over £1700 raised for Kids Cancer Charity.

*Many thanks once again!
Richard Sweetnam*

Who's Doing What and When

	Mini-Bus Driver		Duty Elder	Stewards	Pulpit Reader
June					
3rd	am	Keith Jones	Mary Edwards	Betty Evans & Eleanor Mills	Helen Harries
	pm		Mary Edwards	United Communion at Beulah	Louise Morgan
10th	am	Ian Budding	Gaynor Rees	Chris Phelps & Diane Burton	Hollie Glanfield
17th	am	Tony Webb	Colin Grimes	Christine & Duncan Pugh	Jenny McDowell
24th	am	Colin Grimes	Gill Grivas	Pam Penny & Denise Dickman	Jill Ferdinando
				Peter Stevenson & Frank Kinsey	Elaine Edwards
July					
1st	am	Harley Jones	Ian McDowell	Phillipa & Giles Ballisat	Liz McCarthy
	pm			Festival Service - Bethany	
8th	am	Mike Warsop	Helen Harries	Karen Sampson & Kate Stanbury	Lorraine Larcombe
15th	am	Huw Morgan	Jenny McDowell	Mary Prosser & Kaye Mundy	Lynne Davies
22nd	am	Catherine Tyler	Nigel Barwise	Keirsten Eales & Harley Jones	Pat Agland
29th		Keith Jones	Mary Edwards	Mary & Mike Warsop	Pat Ruddock

Flower Rota

June

3rd Bev & Ian Hampson
 10th Mary & John Prosser
 17th Mair Haywood
 24th Vikki & Jonathan Grimes

July

1st Christine & Duncan Pugh
 8th In memory of Geoff & Sylvia Griffiths
 15th Mary Edwards
 22nd Pat & Cyril Cazenave
 29th Nia Williams & Chris

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Contemporary Worship led by Worship Band

Talk from Cathy Gale

Friday 8th June

Cathays Methodist Church

Start at 7:30pm