



*Walking the Way - Living the life of Jesus today*

## Summer: Waiting or preparing...

For many of the younger members of the congregation, summer is an opportunity to rest, recuperate and reset. For a large proportion, a period that presents challenges of the childcare variety. But the Summer holidays are a time to prepare for what's to come in September. In many ways, this is just as important and just as exciting.

Over the past couple of months, I've been preparing for my second year at the University of Leeds. Having had a fantastic first year and started to plan a few big projects for the next term, the next few months promise to be busy, if nothing else (but hopefully quite exciting too)! Similarly, in Summer 2016, I was busy preparing to launch a school radio station. Equally as hectic as this year, I spent the summer months recruiting volunteers, preparing jingles, and meticulously planning the launch show – literally to the second.

But sometimes, it's impossible to make many plans at all. Summer 2017 was a time of waiting to find out the direction of my future. The only thing I knew about the future was that I'd hopefully be studying journalism in Yorkshire, with Sheffield my second university choice if I didn't get the A-level results I needed for Leeds. By 2 marks in an English exam, I made it into Leeds, which

was where I really wanted to be, but I didn't know that until results day, so I couldn't make any plans.

There's nothing I love more than planning way in advance. I was well into planning a big student radio show for Children in Need (in November) before we were halfway through August. I've even decided on the theme music already. So spending most of my summer last year not knowing the city where I was going to be spending the next 3 years of my life was quite frustrating. And even then, it was impossible to know what Leeds was going to really be like until I got there. But then that's all part of starting out on a new adventure, whether that's leaving home for university, going to a new school, or starting a new job. We have to trust that although we may be challenged along the way, if we wait patiently for God, we'll get some answers to our questions, as well as a companion to keep us company on our new adventure.

Whether you've spent Summer preparing for the next year, or you're waiting to see what happens when you start a new adventure in the coming months, I hope you've had a pleasant Summer, and wish you well for any upcoming adventures.

*SeB Cheer*

# BEULAH CROSSROADS

**September  
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The  
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Beulah URC

# CHURCH NOTES

**D**uring the past weeks many will have taken a break from their work and education commitments, but also from some of the church ones too. Richard Edwards in a service in August reminded that us that although God gives us time to do everything we need, we sometimes fill it up with so many cares and distractions, that we can easily forget the really important things. Spending time with family and friends, slowing down and taking time to think, reflect, pray, read, chat – all these help give us a different perspective on our priorities.

It is easy to feel guilty if we are not rushing around filling every minute, and ticking off everything on our 'to do lists' – but even God rested from his labours, and it is important that we do too. So I hope that we have all had some time for that this summer and return to work, school and church refreshed and ready for the challenges ahead.

Not all of us rested completely over the holiday period, as work continued on producing the church pastorate profile, and I am grateful to the Transitional Support Group and the Elders for the time they have given to this. The combined profile of the 6 Cardiff churches should be ready early in October – Beulah

will hold a special Church Meeting after worship on **October 28<sup>th</sup>** to discuss this – please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Elsewhere in Crossroads you will read of events such as the Harvest weekend, where we will have opportunities to learn more about Bright Futures and the campaign for divestment in fossil fuels.

Other autumn events taking place include some worship workshops with the Revd. Stephen Best, and membership preparation sessions with the Revd. Gethin Rhys. If you would like to join the membership sessions to explore issues of membership and faith, but without committing yourself to membership at this stage, you are still welcome to attend – please see me for details of times and places.

## **FAMILY NEWS**

During the summer weeks a number of people in the church family were unwell: John Rhys spent some time in hospital, as did Robert Owen. They are both home now, and we send our good wishes to them, as well as to any others who have been affected by health concerns.

We are delighted to report the safe arrivals of several babies associated with the church family:

congratulations to Mark and Sarah Stephens on the birth of their son, a brother for big sister Charlotte; to David Rhodes, the captain of Beulah United, and Rhian, who also have a baby son, who is called Jac; to Sue and John Revill whose daughter Geraldine has given birth to a baby boy, Joshua. Warm wishes too to Anne and Frank Rees who recently became grandparents for the sixth time. Congratulations also to Naomi and Martin Williams on the birth of their first child (and our first grandchild!), a daughter called Ruby Louise. Huw and I would like to thank the Beulah family for all your kind messages at this happy time.

Birthday greetings are sent to John Rhys who celebrated a special birthday in July - although in hospital at the time, John was able to enjoy a family celebration during the following week.

The wedding of Nia Williams and Chris Hockley in July was a truly joyous Beulah family celebration and we wish Nia and Chris every blessing as they begin their married life together. May I also belatedly send warmest congratulations to Lynne and Jeff Davies, who have celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Several people have been in  
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training for special events to raise money for particular causes – well done to Pat Ruddock who undertook the Velothon in aid of Diabetes UK; Alice Cheer who did her second (!) sky dive for ERIC, and Eva and Hollie Glanfield who participated in the Race for Life in aid of cancer charities.

Continuing the sporting theme, we were delighted to hear that Beulah United Football Team has been promoted to Division One in the League, and particularly thank James Hall for all his hard work with the team.

We are pleased to be able to report more of our young people's achievements in their examinations: Emily Cheer, Emily Hughes and Stuart McDowell have all graduated from university, and Rebecca Grimes has achieved her MSc in Nursing. Ben Webb has done well in his 'A' levels and is going to University in Bournemouth to study History – many congratulations to them all,

and we wish them well in the next steps of their lives, assuring them always of the love and support of the Beulah family.

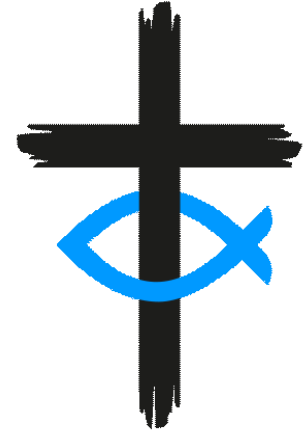
I have also heard that our young people sitting their AS Levels have had good news – at the time of writing the GCSE results are not known, but we hope that this group will also find that their hard work has been rewarded.

Important though they can be, we need to reassure young people that exam results are not everything – the pressures placed on them to achieve seem to be greater each year.

Hearing about the time spent on Caldey by our Youth Fellowship reminds us that there is far more to their lives than their academic achievements, and we are indeed blessed in having such a thoughtful, caring and well-rounded group of young people in our midst – we can learn a lot from them!

Every blessing,  
*Louise.*

## Preparing and Leading Worship



Over the last couple of years, a growing number of us have become involved in preparing or leading worship. Perhaps Pat has asked you to write intercessory prayers?

Or you have been asked to take part in a service by doing a bible reading, preparing a reflection, or the children's address?

Maybe you would like to help lead worship and are looking for some support?

Stephen Best has offered to support a number of workshops through the autumn for 'new' or 'emerging' worship leaders or teams in Beulah. The first of these will be very much an exploratory session for anyone who would like to build their confidence in preparing aspects of worship. This first session is on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30 pm in the Whittaker Lounge. Please come along to find out more – no strings attached!

Further diary dates for worship workshops at Beulah:

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

For further information, or if you would like to know about future opportunities, please contact Marion Williams or Louise Morgan.

Don't forget .....

### ***Exploring Worship and Pastoral Care***

URC National Synod of Wales is holding a weekend conference for Lay Preachers and Worship Leaders on 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October, at Llandrindod Wells.

For further details, please contact Louise Morgan

# Concerts at the Crossroads

## Autumn 2018

September 26<sup>th</sup> at 1.05pm

**Marmen Quartet**

Johannes Marmen and Ricky Gore – violin  
Bryony Gibson-Cornish – viola and Steffan Morris – cello  
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October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1.05pm

**Nuno Lucas – piano**  
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November 28<sup>th</sup> at 1.05pm

**Huw Ynyr Evans – tenor and Conal Bembridge-Sayers – piano**  
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On September 26<sup>th</sup>, after a three month gap, the lunchtime recitals are about to recommence. During that time I have been busy finalizing the details of next years recitals. Contacting artists, asking for recommendations - then checking them out - discussing programmes etc. Whilst doing this I am trying to get a balance of instruments and always conscious of the audience and the standards that have been set. A real juggling act!

I hope that you will like the mix as I have tried again to find a variety of music/style etc.

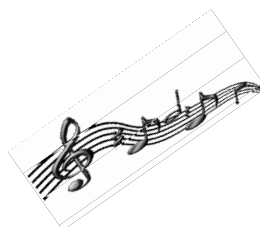
The Marmen string quartet, who will open the new series in September, are in a league of their own and are regarded as being the finest **new** string quartet in the UK. Definitely the Wigmore Hall comes to Beulah! They are performing a very classical programme, a Haydn quartet and a Beethoven quartet.

The talented young Portugese pianist Nuno Lucas, came to try the Beulah piano and has chosen to play some Chopin and Ravel in his October recital.

After discussion with the College, I like to select one of their exciting singers at some time during the year to give a solo recital. Huw Ynyr Evans fits that bill perfectly. In November he is going to sing some Welsh song, German lieder and operatic arias.

I hope that you find something here to enjoy and at the same time know that you are supporting young artists as they learn to perfect their craft and entertain us at the same time.

*All are welcome!*



*Croeso i Bawb!*



## Beulah United AFC promoted to League One!

It's not only Cardiff City FC who need to step up! We are entering our second year having a men's football team in the United Christian Churches League ([www.ucclfootball.co.uk](http://www.ucclfootball.co.uk)) in September! The League is affiliated to the Football Association of Wales. All players and friends are delighted that Beulah's Elders and Church Meeting have been so supportive of this new venture. The UCCL has 28 teams associated with a wide range of churches across South Wales. We are the first team to be hosted by a United Reformed Church. A new team is joining the League this year from Bethel Baptist church in Pontyclun.

Last season's all-important statistics:-

*Players signed during the season: 18*

*Transfer out: 1*

*League Two matches played: 8*

*Won 6, drew 1, lost 1*

*Cup matches played: 4*

*Won 3, lost 1 (group stage)*

*and made it through to the semi-final (which we lost by a fine margin)*

*We finished second in the League and were therefore promoted to League One for the 2018-19 season! Like Cardiff City, Beulah now must now up its game to thrive in the top flight!*



So far, we have signed 12 players for the next season (fortunately, our deadline is months away!) but believe that the final squad could number 19 or 20! We need strength and depth to cope with all the weddings, holidays and occasional injuries, let alone growing families! Last year's captain and partner have just had a baby boy (and were delighted to receive the church flowers!). One of our midfielders and partner are expecting their second baby. Our right back has just got married and another defender is getting married in the autumn! This season's captain is Tom Hall, a left midfield player returning after a serious injury (ACL) in the very first match last September. We have signed a player from Glenwood Church whose team sadly folded at the end of last season. We are seeking a main goalkeeper as our usual goal-mouth hero (Mat Hall) has to return to Bath University for his final year (and needs to concentrate on his studies, say his parents!), so if anyone knows of a good

'keeper with spare Saturday mornings, please get in touch with the team manager, James Hall (07917 355541)! Matches are nearly always played at 10.30 on Saturday mornings and our home pitch is Cardiff University Sports Fields, Mendip Rd, Llanrumney CF3 4JN. Fixture details to be announced very soon. It has been great to have support from Beulah friends alongside team family members and friends and we encourage anyone to join us (but please keep an eye on Facebook and notices for match details as these can change). Our thanks to the Ninja Knitters for the amazing red and black scarves (our team colours) and for those who have sponsored the team kit. Team members have joined in a couple of Beulah services and activities during the year and have felt most welcome. I see this team as one of many great community links in Beulah and part of God's mission. The UCCL's purpose is very clear: to provide an opportunity for men to enjoy football in a supportive, Christian environment and to encourage churches and players to consider what Jesus' good news means today.

*James Hall  
Manager (aka 'Gaffer!'),  
Beulah United AFC*

# Thank You



We would like to say thank you to everyone at Beulah for the good wishes at our wedding.

The ceremony was perfect - our guests were all commenting on how personal the service was and were very impressed by the Beulah singing !! All felt very welcome.

The flowers were also absolutely beautiful !!

Thank you to everyone who was involved to make our day so special.

Best wishes

Chris and Nia Hockley.x

Jeff and I would like to thank our friends at Beulah for the beautiful flower arrangement and the many cards, gifts and good wishes on the occasion of our Golden Wedding. They were very much appreciated.

Love to you all

Lynne (Davies)



Thank you to all at Beulah for all the good wishes, gifts and cards sent to us on the birth of our daughter Ruby Louise, on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Ruby enjoyed lots of cuddles on her first visit to Beulah.

*Love from Martin, Naomi  
and Ruby*

Sue & John Revill are delighted to announce the birth of their newest grandchild, Joshua, on 1st August 2018. A son to Geraldine and Garry, and a baby brother for Seren. Many Thanks for all good wishes, cards and gifts from our own Beulah Family.



## **Pastoral Meeting**

There will be a Pastoral Meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup> in the Whittaker Lounge at 7.30pm.

All those involved in any way in the pastoral work of the Church are welcome at this meeting and especially those who would like to be involved.

Any queries about this please ask.

Betty Evans

## **Calling all Beulah Needlecrafters!!**

After I displayed some of the Beulah Banners in last Sunday's service, it was suggested that we should make archive labels for them. In some cases I don't know who took part in each project.

So I would like to invite everyone who helped in making any of the banners or the cushions for the communion chairs to come to the Whittaker Lounge on Sunday afternoon the 16<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00 p.m. for a reunion teaparty so we can find out who did what, in a fun way.

If you worked on any of our projects but cannot come on the 16<sup>th</sup> could you let me know what you did, so that I can add your name on to the labels which will be sewn on to each of the banners.

*Thankyou  
Gaynor*

## CHURCH CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER

<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	<b>10.30am: Revd. Sally Thomas</b> <b>Family Service</b> <b>Coffee served in Canolfan after worship</b> <b>No evening ecumenical service</b>
Mon. 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	2.00pm: Women's Fellowship
Weds. 5 <sup>th</sup> :	10.30am: <b>No Church Office</b> 10.30am: Mid-week Meeting Point
Thurs. 6 <sup>th</sup> :	7.45pm: Pastoral Meeting, MWL
Friday- Sunday:	Beulah Camping Weekend
Sat. 8 <sup>th</sup> :	10.00am: KIN Cake Stall
<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10.30am: Mrs. Sarah Edwards</b> <b>Junior Church</b> <b>Coffee served in Canolfan after worship</b> <b>7.15pm: Youth Fellowship</b>
Mon. 10 <sup>th</sup> :	2.00pm: Women's Fellowship
Weds. 12 <sup>th</sup> :	7.30pm: Elders' Meeting 10.30am: Church Office 10.30am: Mid-week Meeting Point
Thurs. 13 <sup>th</sup> :	7.30pm: Worship Leaders' Workshop, MWL
<b>Sun. 16<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10.30am: Worship led by the Music Group</b> <b>Junior Church</b> <b>Coffee served in Canolfan after worship</b> <b>6.00pm: Worship in the Whittaker Lounge: Richard &amp; Sarah Edwards</b> <b>with Alan Wilson</b> <b>7.15pm: Youth Fellowship</b>
Mon. 17 <sup>th</sup> :	2.00pm: Women's Fellowship
Weds. 19 <sup>th</sup> :	7.30pm: Junior Church Meeting 10.30am: Mid-Week Meeting Point <b>No Church Office</b>
<b>Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> :</b>	<b>10.30am: Mr. Geraint Richards: Junior Church Promotion</b> <b>Junior Church</b> <b>Coffee served in Canolfan after worship</b> <b>7.15pm: Youth Fellowship</b>
Mon. 24 <sup>th</sup> :	2.00pm: Women's Fellowship
Weds. 26 <sup>th</sup> :	7.30pm: Church Meeting 10.30am: Mid-Week Meeting Point <b>No Church Office</b>
Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup>	1.05pm: Lunch Time Concert: the Marmen Quartet Cardiff Worship Team Training 10.15am: WRB Prayers, at Tabernacle Presbyterian, Whitchurch 7.00pm: Bright Now Workshop: James Buchanan from Operation Noah
<b>Sun. 30<sup>th</sup>:</b> <b>Paradise Run</b>	<b>10.30am: Harvest Communion: Revd. Roger Bidnell and Eco Group,</b> <b>with guest speaker James Buchanan from Operation Noah</b> <b>Junior Church</b> <b>Coffee served in Canolfan after worship. Family Barbecue in the Garden</b> <b>7.15pm: Youth Fellowship</b>
<b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> :	2.00pm: Women's Fellowship
Weds. 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	10.30am: Mid-Week Meeting Point Church Office
<b>Sun. 7<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10.30am: Mrs. Judy Harris</b> <b>All age Family Worship</b> <b>Coffee served in Canolfan after worship</b> <b>6.00pm: Ecumenical Communion Service at Bethany Baptist</b> <b>7.15pm: Youth Fellowship</b>
Mon. 8 <sup>th</sup> :	2.00pm: Women's Fellowship
Weds. 10 <sup>th</sup> :	7.30pm: Elders' Meeting 10.30am: Mid-Week Meeting Point Church Office
Sat. 13 <sup>th</sup> :	10.00am: KIN Cake Stall
<b>Sun. 14<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10.30am: Mr. Lewis Lewis Head</b> <b>Junior Church</b> <b>Coffee served in Canolfan after worship</b> <b>7.15pm: Youth Fellowship</b>

## Towards calling ministers to the Cardiff and Penarth Regional Pastorate

The Regional Pastoral Committee met on June 5<sup>th</sup> and approved the option for ministerial deployment that all the churches had considered since the previous meeting. A summary of the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was presented to Beulah's Church Meeting on June 19.

We have been given a timescale in which all the churches must prepare and submit their individual Profiles so that they can be combined into a Pastorate Profile in order to go through the necessary procedures for the vacancy to be declared. This time scale is reproduced below for those of you who were unable to attend the Church Meeting:

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Deadline for individual profiles from churches
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	RPC meeting to discuss collated version
First week of October	Profile sent to Church Secretaries
Later in October	Churches to plan for a Church Meeting to endorse the combined profile. Ours will be on October 28th.
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Synod Pastoral Committee to review the paperwork and declare the vacancy
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Vacancy tabled at Moderators' Meeting

The Transitional Ministry Support Group and Elders are working on preparing Beulah's profile, based upon the many documents produced during the Transitional work. If you have any questions about any of this, please speak to Derek Evans, Andrew Glanfield or Louise Morgan.



Including displays old and new to do with the Plough and Glamorgan Street Chapels and also Brecon Memorial College. The Plough is a wonderful piece of architecture as well as a place of worship - all are welcome to this event.

## Capel y Plough Lion St, Brecon D3 7AU

Saturday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>:  
**Open Day**  
From 10: 00 a.m. to 4 :00 p.m.





# KIN

## Together We Care And Together We Share



### **HARVEST WEEKEND**

#### **Act Now For A Brighter Future -**

**Workshop, Discussion and Refreshments**

**led by James Buchanan from Operation Noah**

**Saturday, 29th September at 7.00 pm in the Canolfan**

Operation Noah is a Christian charity working with the Church to inspire action on climate change. It launched the Bright Now campaign in 2013, which calls on UK Churches to divest (disinvest) from fossil fuels and invest in clean alternatives. The Bright Now campaign is inviting Churches to follow the lead of the World Council of Churches, the Church of Ireland and the URC Synod of

Scotland in committing to full divestment from fossil fuels. (See July Crossroads).

James Buchanan is the Bright Now Campaign Manager for Operation Noah. He previously worked at Christian Aid, CAFOD and for the Church of England Pilgrimage2Paris 2015.

Please do come along to hear him speak about the role that Churches can play in supporting the clean energy transition, and to see how we in Beulah might play our part in the growing movement towards divestment.

### **Harvest Service followed by Family Barbecue in aid of Operation Noah**

**Sunday, 30th September**

Harvest Donations will be very gratefully received for Space4U and the Foodbank.

Items especially needed are pasta, rice, couscous, lentils, tuna, tomatoes, kidney beans, chick peas, oil and sugar.

### **KIN Future Dates**

Dates for everyone's diaries ( or calendars) are:-

**November 3rd** - Shakespeare and Ann Hathaway evening - come and have some food, a quiz, music and lots of fun. Perhaps you can come as a character !! More details to follow.

**November 24th** - Beulah Bazaar

**December 1st** - Winter Festival.

*Many thanks*

*Eileen & Eleri*

**Church Secretary:**

Mrs Louise Morgan

**Church Treasurer:**

Mrs Barbara Rhys,

# Who's Doing What and When

		Mini-Bus Driver	Duty Elder	Stewards	Pulpit Reader
<b>September</b>					
<b>2nd</b>	<b>am</b>	Mike Warsop	<b>Audrey Budding</b>	Pam Penny & Denise Dickman	Trix Pryce
	<b>pm</b>		<b>No evening service</b>		
<b>9th</b>	<b>am</b>	Huw Morgan	<b>Liz Kidd</b>	Christine & Duncan Pugh	Vera Ruddock
<b>16th</b>	<b>am</b>	Catherine Tyler	<b>Ann Brown</b>	Eleanor Mills & Frank Kinsey	Kate Hampson
<b>23rd</b>	<b>am</b>	Keith Jones	<b>Anne James</b>	Phillipa & Giles Ballisat	James Hall
<b>30th</b>		Ian Budding	<b>Anne Wilkes</b>	Kate Stanbury & Harley Jones	Huw Morgan
<b>October</b>					
<b>7th</b>	<b>am</b>	Tony Webb	<b>Colin Grimes</b>	Jenny McDowell & Karen Sampson	Andrew Glanfield
	<b>pm</b>				
<b>14th</b>	<b>am</b>	Colin Grimes	<b>Elaine Edwards</b>	Kaye Mundy & Keirsten Eales	Andy Wales
<b>21st</b>	<b>am</b>	Harley Jones	<b>Andrew Glanfield</b>	Lynne Davies & Mary Prosser	Anne James
<b>28th</b>	<b>am</b>	Mike Warsop	<b>Fleur Richards</b>	Mary & Mike Warsop	Anne Thomas

## Flower Rota

### September

2nd	Louise & Huw Morgan
9th	Mary & Mike Warsop
16th	Betty Hulston
23rd	Heather & Colin Bishop
30th	Barbara Clargo

### October

7th	Lorraine Larcombe in memory of Phillip
14th	Alan Wilson in memory of Trudy
21st	Glenys Scott
28th	Nesta & Alan Thomas



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### Editors' Note

The deadline for articles for the October edition of Crossroads is Sunday, 23rd September, and Colin will be editing.