



Walking the Way - Living the life of Jesus today

BEULAH

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When Judy Harris came to lead worship at the start of October, she asked the congregation which of us had read *The Pilgrim's Progress*. I was one of those who wasn't able to put up my hand, so I decided to right that wrong and so ordered a copy online. It turned up a few days later and I then realised why it had been so cheap....I'd bought a copy of a version of the story called 'The Pilgrim's Progress in Words of One Syllable'. The idea behind this being that it would be more approachable to a wider range of readers of differing abilities. In reality there's a bit of cheating: 'pathway' becomes 'path' and 'way' and 'into' becomes 'in' and 'to'. There are also quite a few one syllable, but obscure, words, such as 'vex', 'twixt' and 'bade', which doesn't seem very accessible. Regardless, I did think it quite an interesting idea and I have also now read *Pilgrim's Progress*. So, I thought I'd try this approach out for this edition of Crossroads.

Fall is a sad time. The trees lose their green coat. The days lose their length and the nights grow to take their place. The warmth of past months, of May and June, is now far gone and the cold of the year end draws nigh.

Fall is a glad time. The start of a new school year. Walks in warm coats. Snug gloves and hats found at the back of chests of drawers. Warm food, pies, soups and bakes. Hot yule wine and roast bird now not long off. Come with me calls Christ. Go

where I go first. Do as I do. Love as I love. Care as I care. Walk through the brown leaves and think of me. Chase home from grey skies to pray with me. Walk with me, talk with me. I call you to God, hear my words.

And if we make no noise, and if we let our ears and hearts be free from the huff and puff of life, then we will hear our Lord's voice. He just asks us to be as he was – such a meek plea, not hard. Or is it? Turn that cheek. Give that gift. Love the world, use less, waste not. Care more. Care for those near, far, that we love, that we hate. We can do this, can we not? Hear the cries of the sad, the lost, those in need. But more than hear – Act! Do! Shout that THIS IS NOT FAIR. Tell those who lead that we want things to change, to be good, to be new, to be built on love. A small few have too much and the rest have not. We need change. Christ, Lord, change us. Change our whole world.

Matt, Mark, Luke, John. They told us of your life, your ways, your birth, your death. Born low and then strung high. And all this for us. You took our sins and we must hold this in our minds, keep this in our hearts. Would we have done the same for you? For our friends, our mums and our sons? Hmmm.... But would we have done the same for those we have not yet met, those who are not known to us. Those that we do not see eye to eye with. Those who we think are not one of your flock. But they are, and you see this.

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CHURCH NOTES

A couple of weeks ago I went with Sarah and Richard Edwards to the URC Synod of Wales Lay Preachers' and Worship Leaders' Conference in Llandrindod Wells. The weekend was led by the Revd. Samantha White of Westminster College, Cambridge, and was centred on aspects of pastoral care from the point of view of leading worship. This highlighted for me the notion that pastoral care is not something separate from what happens in church on a Sunday, but is embedded in absolutely everything we do as a church and as individuals.

Pastoral care is, of course, about providing support in times of trouble, but its work also goes on in the pew each Sunday – leading us to a deeper understanding of ourselves, others and God. This involves all of us, as we are called to live 'relationally' in a community of faith. Worship helps us to grow to maturity in Christ. Ideally, our worship will equip us to go and live and grow in this way, enabling us to confront issues of injustice and inequality where ever we find them.

Ensuring that worship speaks to the needs of each member of the congregation, and draws it together in community must always be a challenge – and perhaps it seems even more so during a period of ministerial vacancy, where we rely on visitors who may not know the congregation well, and people from within the congregation who may feel lacking in experience and confidence (speaking personally, anyway!).

Our Moderator, the Revd, Simon Walkling, led our October Communion service, and talked about the meaning of the word 'minister'. We have come to see

this as meaning a professional person who may have special knowledge and skills, but we are now reminded of its fuller meaning – *one who cares for, and serves others*.

In future ministering to each other will become ever more important, in and outside of worship. By doing this, perhaps developing our own worship team to plan and deliver more services ourselves, we will find ourselves ministering more strongly to each other and helping each other grow in confidence and maturity in our journeys of faith.

One of the ways that worship and pastoral care are linked is the rota of drivers who bring people to church each week. This service has been provided at Beulah for many decades and is becoming ever more important as people have to give up their cars, or can no longer walk to church. As Betty wrote in last month's Crossroads, we are in urgent need of more drivers to help with this as most Sundays now we really need two cars. Please consider helping if you can - Colin Grimes would be delighted to hear from you.

FAMILY NEWS

We are aware of members and friends who are going through difficult times, and send our love and prayers to those who are suffering bereavement and illness. Some are facing test results and the anxiety brought by this, others are juggling many family commitments and trying to support relatives who are unwell. The love of the Beulah family surrounds you all.

Some have moved house recently, and it is good to welcome Heather Coles back amongst us as she has returned

to Cardiff after several years living in Neath.

We hope Steve and Keirsten Eales are enjoying their Sabbatical year, which is involving a lot of travelling- we look forward to hearing more about their travels as time goes on.

It has been lovely to have Rebecca Grimes amongst us over the past few months, and wish her well as she leaves us now to take up her first nursing post in London.

Finally, a date to note in your diaries – I have been told that Trix Pryce will be appearing on BBC Songs of Praise on December 9, giving an interview about the singer, Katherine Jenkins, a former student of hers.

*Blessings,
Louise*

... from p1

And you knew this and you died for us all, for them, for me.

Fall is the time that lets us know your birth is close. You will come soon. We will wait, but not for long. We long for you to come to us but we must hold on, be calm, pray for the new which we know is near.

Trees will be put up. Lights hung. Gifts bought. Cards full of words and love sent with a Scout stamp! Snow may fall. Hearths are lit. We spend time with kin, with friends. But we must not lose sight of the truth of our lives, of our world. That we are born to walk in your ways, do as you have done. That we must make our lives and our deeds be as yours and then will we find your true love and the peace of God.

Amen (and yes, that's two syllables)

Andrew Glanfield

Concerts at the Crossroads

Autumn 2018

Lunchtime Recital

Wednesday 28th November at 1.05pm

Huw Ynyr Evans – tenor
Conal Bembridge Sayers – piano

Huw is an outstanding young Welsh tenor currently studying on the Opera Course at the RWCMD. He is preparing a mixed programme which will include some Welsh and English song. Some German lieder and of course some opera arias! It promises to be a lovely concert.

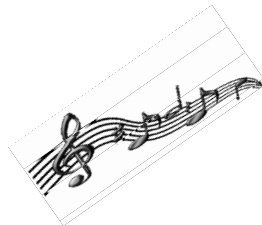
Another enticement, should you need one, is the traditional free coffee and mince pie afterwards in the Canolfan!

Tickets £5 on the door as usual.

NB

Next lunchtime recital is Wednesday 31st January 2018 with Opera students from the RWCMD.

All are welcome!



Croeso i Bawb!

Sine Nomine Lunchtime Carols

An early date for your diary. Sine Nomine will be returning to Beulah again this year with a seasonal programme of music at 1.05pm on Wednesday 19th December. More details later.

Peter Ferdinando

Church Family Christmas Meal

This year, Beulah will again be having a Church Family Christmas Meal, which will be held at Whitchurch Golf Club, on Friday, 14th December, at 7.00pm.

More details will follow soon, but keep your eyes on the Notice Board in the Church Porch, during the next few weeks, for the sign up sheet.

Ann Grimes

Thank You

I'd like to thank everyone who helped and supported the Marie Curie coffee morning which raised a magnificent £619. Also to the people who could not attend and gave me donations.

Ruth Williams



We would like to say thank you to Beulah for the lovely flowers we received following the birth of our baby son on 5th July 2018. He was mentioned in the Church notes (Crossroads, September 2018) but he did not have a name then. He does now and is called Robin William Patrick Stephens.

Many thanks and best wishes from Mark, Sarah and Charlotte.

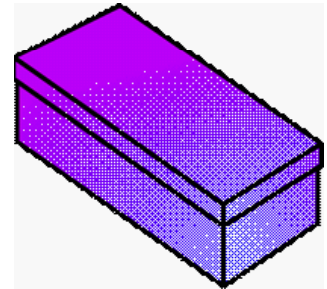


Cyfarchion o Diddewi/Greetings from St David's

This is just a note to add to our earlier Facebook post and send warm wishes to all at Beulah from our new home in West Wales. Thanks also for the lovely cards, flowers and good wishes that we've received from the church. We are gradually settling in to our new life in the 'wild west'. Such a beautiful part of the world, and Gracie is very much enjoying hurling herself into the waves in Whitesands Bay after school (usually joined by her two loyal sheepdogs), and various other aspects of country life. She likes her new school, but of course she misses her old friends and teachers from Ysgol Gartholwg. She also misses Beulah (as do I) and I'm afraid we've yet to find a local church with a Sunday school, but we'll keep trying and I'm sure we will find the right place for us before too long. No doubt we'll be back for a visit sometime before the end of the year, and in the meantime, if anybody is in the area they would be most welcome to pop in for a cup of tea (please just give me a call or text)

*Diolch yn fawr a pob bendith i'r dyfodol.
Gyda chariad, Gracie, Trevor and Rachel xx*

If anyone is interested in subscribing to the Reform Magazine please contact Laura or Barbara for further information regarding the magazine and costings.



"Operation Christmas Child"

Beulah has been involved with this project for over 20 years. I am always grateful for the incredible generosity of people.

Since 1990, more than 157 million children in over 160 countries have experienced the gift of a simple shoebox. This year I will yet again be organising this appeal. Lynne Davies has already wrapped many shoeboxes, for our use, so please ask if you need one. Any gifts or donations of money would be gratefully received if it is not possible for you to fill a shoebox yourself.

I will be giving out leaflets soon.

The drop off date for filled boxes will be 11th November.

Thank you in anticipation for your continued generosity and support.

Love, Elaine.

CHURCH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Sun	4 th	10.30a.m.	Revd. Martin Wheadon Junior Church Coffee served in Canolfan after worship
		6.00p.m.	Youth Fellowship Caldey Service
Mon	5 th	2.00p.m.	Women's Fellowship
		7.30p.m.	Elders' Meeting
Wed	7 th	10.30.a.m.	Church Office
		10.30a.m.	Mid-Week Meeting Point
		7.30p.m.	Worship Preparation Workshop – Intercessions - MWL
Fri	9 th	3.15p.m.	Youth Drop In – MWL
Sat	10 th	10.00a.m.	KIN Cake Stall
Sun	11 th	10.30a.m.	Mrs Ruth Williams Remembrance Service Junior Church Coffee served in Canolfan after worship
		7.15p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Mon	12 th	2.00p.m.	Women's Fellowship
Wed	14 th	10.30am.	Church Office
		10.30a.m.	Mid-Week Meeting Point
Sat	17 th		Community Messiah
Sun	18 th	10.30a.m.	Mr Derek Evans and Mrs Louise Morgan Communion and reception of new members Coffee served in Canolfan after worship
		7.15p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Mon	19 th	2.00p.m.	Women's Fellowship
Wed	21 st	10.30a.m.	Church Office
		10.30a.m.	Mid-Week Meeting Point
		7.30p.m.	Church Meeting
Fri	23 rd	3.30p.m.	Youth Drop-in
Sat	24 th	10.15a.m.	WRB Prayers – St Teilo's Church, Old Church Rd, Whitchurch
		4.00p.m.	Rhiwbina Festival
Sun	25 th	10.30a.m.	Mr Andy Wales Junior Church Paradise Run Collection Coffee served in Canolfan after worship
		7.15p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Mon	26 th	2.00p.m.	Women's Fellowship
Wed	28 th	10.30a.m.	Church Office
		10.30a.m.	Mid Week Meeting Point
		1.05p.m.	Lunch Time Concert - Huw Ynyr Evans - tenor, Conal Bembridge-Sayers – piano

DECEMBER

Sat	1 st	10.00a.m.	Beulah Bazaar
Sun	2 nd	10.30a.m.	Worship Team Junior Church Coffee served in Canolfan after worship
		6.00p.m.	Joint Communion Service: Towards the end of the Day Canolfan
		7.15p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Mon	3 rd	2.00p.m.	Women's Fellowship
Wed	5 th	10.30a.m.	Church Office
		10.30a.m.	Mid-Week Meeting Point
Fri	7 th	3.15p.m.	Youth Drop-In
Sat	8 th	10.00a.m.	Kin Cake Stall – MWL
Sun	9 th	10.30a.m.	Revd Ken Graham: Baptism of Ruby Louise Williams Junior Church Coffee served in Canolfan after worship
		6.00p.m.	Light for our Loss: Revd. Roger Bidnell
		7.15p.m.	Youth Fellowship



BEULAH PLAYERS PRESENT

“BLESS ‘EM ALL”

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**AND TO COMMEMORATE THE FOUNDING OF THE R.A.F. AND
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ADULTS £8

CONCESSIONS £7

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Church Treasurer:

Mrs Barbara Rhys,

KIN

Together We Care And Together We Share

There is so much need in our world at the moment and set out below is a list of fundraising events or items we shall be seeking your help with over the next few weeks.

Shoe Boxes for Romania

A reminder that these need to be with Elaine Edwards no later than **11 November**. If you are able to fill a shoebox there are some ready wrapped for you to collect from the Whittaker Lounge. Gifts of money would also be much appreciated.

Sing Messiah: p.m. 17 November

John Cheer is organising another evening which we can all come along and take part in, either singing or listening/or both! There will be a retiring collection for **Christian Aid** and refreshments at the end of the evening. More information regarding rehearsals and performance times will be available nearer the time.

Sweets for Romania: 18/25 November

Denise Dickman would be grateful for gifts of any of the following sweets but, unlike previous years, they will not need to be wrapped as they will be put into gift boxes and distributed to villages where they can be shared by everyone.

Fruit Pastilles, Love Hearts, Mints, Millions, Wine Gums, Small Haribo packets (multi-packs), Skittles, Dolly Mixtures, Fruitelle, Chew-its, or similar.

Please bring your gifts along on either of the above 2 Sundays.

Rhiwbina Winter Festival: 4.00-6.30 p.m. 24 November

As usual we will be serving mulled wine and mince pies in the Whittaker Lounge for **Space4U** and a range of hot food from the kitchen in the Canolfan to raise funds for **Action for Children**.

Beulah Bazaar: 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 1 December

We will be raising money for **Save the Children Fund**. We shall be glad of your help with this and there will be sign up lists nearer the time. We will also be glad of your gifts of cakes, preserves, toiletries and jewellery etc.

Who's Doing What and When

Mini-Bus Driver

Duty Elder

Stewards

Pulpit Reader

November

4th	am	Huw Morgan	Gaynor Rees	Pat Agland & Ann Stevenson	Audrey Budding
	pm		Gaynor Rees	Youth Fellowship Service	
11th	am	Catherine Tyler	Marianne Barwise	Jill & Peter Ferdinando	Brenda Cheer
18th	am	Keith Jones	Gill Grivas	Rubina Lewis & Richard Sweetnam	Betty Evans
25th	am	Ian Budding	Ian McDowell	Eleri John & Ann Grimes	Bev Hampson

December

2nd	am	Tony Webb	Liz Kidd	Helen Harries & Barbara Clift	Cathy Wales
	pm		Towards the End of the Day .. United Communion Service at Beulah		
9th	am	Colin Grimes	Nigel Barwise	Betty Evans & Eleanor Mills	Chris Phelps
16th	am	Harley Jones	Trix Pryce	Chris Phelps & Diane Burton	Colin Grimes
23rd	am	Mike Warsop	Viv Jones	Pam Penny & Denise Dickman	Derek Evans
24th	pm		Anne James		Diane Burton
					Christmas Eve
25th	am		Ruth Williams	Christine & Duncan Pugh	Elaine Edwards
					Christmas Morning
30th		Huw Morgan	Nesta Thomas	Frank Kinsey & Harley Jones	Eleanor Mills

Flower Rota

November

4th	Barbara Clift
11th	Jenny & Ian McDowell
18th	Eleri John
25th	Trix Pryce

December

2nd	Elin James
9th	Alan Wilson in memory of John
16th	Tanya & Nick Hampson
23rd	Mary & Lesley Richards
25th	
30th	Gill Grivas & Angela Holliday

PARKING

As it is becoming more and more difficult for our clients who use the Canolfan to find parking spaces, particularly during the day, it would be much appreciated if Beulah members and friends did **NOT** park in either the drive or on the slabs by the railings between **2.00 and 5.00 p.m.** Monday to Saturday. Many thanks.

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Editors' Note

The deadline for articles for the December edition of Crossroads is Sunday, 18th November, and Colin will be editing.