

CHURCH NEWS

We have just had the Summer Solstice and the days are getting shorter again! July brings the start of Summer Holidays and changes. For those in school it will be moving up to the next year, for some this will be working towards GCSE's, AS or A-Levels and for others at the end of 6th form looking to further education, apprenticeships or University.

In Beulah we have change too with some coming to the end of term or stepping down as Serving Elders and others taking on new roles. For those who have been nominated as Elders, thank you for considering how you may help. I am looking forward to report full details of the changes next month.

We continue to have worship in Beulah on the 1st Sunday of the month with Martha or David leading Communion. At present please still bring your own bread and wine. On the 3rd Sunday of the month we have pulpit supply and thanks so far to Geraint, Louise and Jenny for leading the services. On the 5th Sunday's we will continue to open and will show the pre-recorded Wales Synod Services. Please book your place in advance with Helen White.

Guidelines are changing and we have had recent information about singing in worship, and we will let you know plans for this.

After worship we can meet in the garden for tea/ coffee however for now please bring this with you too.

If you are able to help steward, lead prayers or readings please let me know.



Family News

We send our good wishes to all friends in hospital or recovering at home this month. One person has said/ told me they were following our first minister, Mr Drakeford's advice and having a 'staycation' in Wales. I don't think a hospital 'staycation' was what he had in mind!

With Best Wishes,

Anne

Funeral Details for Ron Leech

The funeral will be held at Beulah on Monday, 5th July, at 10.45am.

Due to Covid-19 regulations, there are limited seats, therefore, attendance is by invite only.

The committal service at Thornhill Crematorium will be for immediate family only.

The service in Beulah is to be live-streamed. Please contact your Elder for the link.

There are one or two spaces remaining, so if you would like to attend the funeral service in Beulah, please contact Tony Webb.

Family Flowers only, but if you wish to make a donation in lieu of flowers, you may choose to make a donation to one or more of the following:

Alzheimer's Research UK

Leukemia Research UK

Parkinsons (UK)



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Letter from the Manse

(Continued from front page)

*He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.*

It seems we find restoration, rest, and renewal in natural places: beside still and crashing waters, listening to bird song, under dark skies filled with stars, feeling the grass beneath our feet, in the coolness of the summer rain, with the reflection of the sky in the water, in the shade of a tree, breathing in the fragrance of a damp forest floor. These are just some of the places to which God leads us and where our souls are restored. Where do you find restoration in God's creation?

We hope you have some time this summer in a place and with people where your soul will experience peace and renewal. And we hope to see more of you in person so that together we can offer each other a listening ear and the renewal of our souls that is also found in relationships.

Yours in Christ,
Martha and David

Junior Church

The Creche, Beginners and Primary departments of Junior Church will be meeting in the Canolfan Garden on the third Sunday of the month between 10.30 and 11.30am, weather permitting.

18th July - "Celebration!"

Please wear appropriate clothing for outside, and bring your own drink.

We look forward to seeing you!

Pat, Pat and Ann

A message from Vera Ruddock

It's nearly five years since I first preached at Beulah.

A few months later I began to train as Methodist local preacher. It's been one of the most challenging things I've ever done. I thought preaching was about deepening my knowledge of the bible and overcoming my fear of public speaking – but as those of you who preach know - there's a lot more to it than that!



in music and drama, giving feedback on services I've led and assignments I've written, by your prayers and encouragement on the way. Special thanks to Roger Bidnell for formal feedback, the Beulah and pastorate music groups and my long-suffering family!

I will have a formal accreditation service in a Cardiff Methodist church later in the year. Hopefully there will be a Zoom option to allow a larger number to attend.

But after many services and submitting two portfolios of assignments I have finally passed! Thanks to all those who supported me in their different ways, participating

(NB The Methodist online course is a great resource for informal personal use – speak to me if you're interested).

Here's the second in the series of scribings, that we found after our Mum, Elinor Ludlow, passed away earlier this year. Mum clearly found these very humorous, and took the trouble to copy them into her little notebook - one of many!! CG

How To Know When You're Getting Old

Everything hurts - what doesn't hurt doesn't work.
The gleaming in your eye is the sun shining on your bifocals.
You feel like the morning after, but you haven't been anywhere.
Your children begin to look middle aged.
You join a health club, but you don't go.
A dripping tap causes an uncontrollable urge.
You have all the answers, but nobody asked you the questions.
You look forward to a dull evening.
You need your glasses to find your glasses.
You turn out the lights for economy - instead of romance.
You're in a rocking chair but can't make it go.
Your knees buckle but your belt won't.
Your back goes out more than you do.
Your house is too big - your medicine box isn't big enough.
You sink your teeth into a steak - and they stay there.
Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of all the candles.

Visit the Beulah website at: <http://www.beulahurc.org.uk/>

KIN

Together we care and together we share

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK ... £1,385 raised and over 5 million steps taken!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone in Beulah and across the Pastorate for your wonderful efforts and generosity throughout May. Together we've raised an amazing £1,385 (+ £236.25 Gift Aid) for Christian Aid.

We shared in a Big Brekkie, took part in a Psalmathon and smashed our Step Challenge target by reaching an incredible 5,558,174 steps!! Many people also donated in their own ways.

Special thanks to Eleri for her hard work in putting together the Big Brekkie boxes and to Helen in the office for collating all the steps!

Despite restrictions again this year, we've raised a great total for Christian Aid.

Sincere thanks once more to you all from the KIN Committee.

Young Christian Climate Network 1,000 mile relay from G7 in Cornwall to COP 26 in Glasgow, with a tributary route from Swansea to Bristol supported by Christian Aid Cymru

Eileen received this information from Christian Aid ... please let her know if you'd like to join a stage of the walk

This November, world leaders are meeting in Glasgow for important climate negotiations. The Young Christian Climate Network <https://www.yccn.uk/> home are planning a 1000 mile relay between the G7 summit in Cornwall and the UN COP26 climate summit in Glasgow to highlight the need for climate justice and creation care. The good news is that there's a tributary route between **Swansea and Bristol (125 miles)** which Christian Aid Cymru will be supporting. Will you join us as we walk together?

The YCCN welcome participation from ALL, regardless of age!

You can sign up for some/all of the route via their website: [RELAY | YCCN](#) Please feel free to share this information with friends, families and groups. Hopefully see you there!

Here's a summary of the route:

Route through Wales

Day 1: 03 July

From Swansea to Margam Abbey

Start location: St Thomas' Church, Swansea – 10am
Join in a prayer breakfast to launch the walk. [Book your ticket now](#)

Day 2: 04 July

From Margam Abbey to Pen Y Fai and Blackmill

Day 3: 05 July

From Blackmill to Penrhys

Day 4: 06 July

From Penrhys to Llantrisant

Day 5: 07 July

From Llantrisant to Llandaff Cathedral and Cardiff

Day 6: 08 July

From Cardiff to St Teilo's High School, St Mellons and Newport

Day 7: 09 July

From Newport to Undy

Day 8: 10 July

From Undy/Magor to Chepstow

Day 9: 11 July

From Chepstow to Bradley Stoke

Day 10: 12 July

From Bradley Stoke to Bristol

Thanks and every blessing,

Nathan Munday

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KIN Meeting

We'll hold a KIN Meeting after worship on Zoom on Sunday 11th July

Why not grab a cup of coffee and join us for a chat?

We'll be talking about future fundraising in Beulah and we'd welcome new faces and new ideas.

Even if you can't join us for the meeting, we'd be pleased to hear if you have any charities or projects you would especially like us to raise money for.

Contact Eleri
or Eileen

Beulah Scarecrows

We are making Scarecrows again for the Rhiwbina Village Festival, and would like your help. This year we are running a competition for the children and young people to design the Scarecrow, as well as asking for volunteers to come and make them, socially distanced in the garden. We plan to make 2 Scarecrows, one for outside the Whitaker Lounge and one in the church garden. Please submit your drawings of Scarecrow designs, one per A4 paper, by e-mail to Helen at the church office/ letterbox. We need the designs by the 9th July and plan to have them then made and installed by mid July.

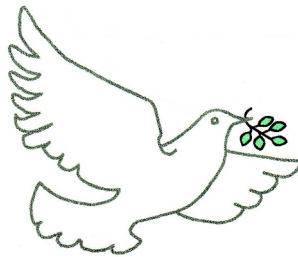
Marianne

Whodunnit Junior/Senior Church Zoom

Over the summer term Zoom Junior/Senior church has moved to fortnightly and we have been doing a range of exciting activities lead by the young people. For our final session before the summer break we are holding a zoom 'Whodunnit Event'. It is a MacMillan Cancer Society game, and it would be lovely to see as many young people as possible on line to have some virtual fun solving the mind-boggling mystery. Contact Marianne B. if you want to know more.

Hope to see you on Sunday 18th July. 11.30am-12.30pm, (mid-day).

Marianne



Editor's Note

The **deadline** for articles to be included in the **August 2021** edition of **Crossroads** is **Sunday 18th July** and **Huw** will be editing.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Now that the church has re-opened, we are looking to restart the flower rota, and I am looking for people to donate flowers on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of each month (and the 5th Sunday, when there is one!). If you would like to add your name to the rota please email me :

'A flower is not a flower alone; a thousand thoughts invest in it'

Look forward to hearing from you

Karen



Caldey Island

This is the first view for most people as they arrive at this very special place. I sincerely hope that it won't be too long before we can resume our annual retreats. CG

CHURCH CALENDAR

July

Sunday 4th **10.30 a.m. Worship: Martha McInnes & David Dean**
11.30 a.m. Junior Church Zoom: Hollie Glanfield & Marianne Barwise.

Sunday 11th **10.30 am Pastorate ZOOM Service**
10.30 a.m. Pastorate ZOOM Service
3.00 p.m – 4.00 p.m. Junior Church Outdoor Church: All ages welcome. Booking required (contact admin@beulahurc.org.uk)

Monday 12th 7.30 p.m. Elders' Meeting

Sunday 18th **Crossroads Deadline**
10.30 a.m. Worship: Mr. Richard Edwards
10.30 a.m. Junior Church in Canolfan garden
10.30 a.m. Pastorate ZOOM Service
11.30 a.m. Junior Church Zoom: Fiona Liddell & Marion Williams

Saturday 24th 10.15 a.m. WRB Prayers

Sunday 25th **10.30 a.m. Pastorate ZOOM Service**

Saturday 31st 10.15 a.m. Virtual Worship (Zoom): Led by All Saints Llandaff North

August

Sunday 1st **10.30 a.m. Worship and communion: Martha McInnes**
10.30 a.m. Pastorate ZOOM Service

Please note that we are re-introducing coffee mornings after worship – this will happen in the Canolfan garden (weather allowing) and people will have to bring their own coffee.



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