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Dear Friends,

2 October 1993—can you remember, if you were born—what you were doing then? We landed at Manchester Airport to begin our work on the Wirral with two churches.

We knew we would have to learn new things and adjust to a new culture, but life was full of surprised. The first Harvest Martha, not knowing any different, picked the wrong kinds of hymns. She had to be told to change to Harvest hymns. One time someone asked one of us to pray for them so we stopped in the aisle of the church and prayed with him, making the gentleman quite uncomfortable.

We quickly learned that though we all spoke English, people used vocabulary that we did not understand. We had to listen carefully to determine the meaning in the context of the conversation.

Coming to Wales has had similar elements of learning—not just a different language—but a national culture. We had been listening carefully, attempting to understand the significance of Welsh identity.

Each church community has a culture. We suggest that 'church' culture is an un-

known to many people. Church-speak doesn't make sense to other people. 'Sin' may not be a word which connects with people, but most understand the need for 'forgiveness.' Eating the body and drinking the blood of Jesus may seem strange, but people often understand the need to eat with your family. In one sense, communion is a meal we share with God and our extended family. We know it is more than that, but that is a basic meaning people is something outside the church might understand. We could go on with examples, but you get the point.

We worship together. Worship is an important part of church 'language' which may not connect with those not part of church. How else can we create a community that is open and uses ordinary language and ordinary actions to connect with our neighbours? This is mission.

Our desire to show God's love in our community may demand we learn a new language in order to relate to those who don't know our language. It may require listening carefully to determine what their lan-

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CHURCH NEWS

It has been good to see more people in Beulah on a Sunday morning for worship and particularly nice to have children in church for the Family Service and induction of new elders.

We continue to wear face coverings indoors and if you are sitting downstairs please enter and exit via the Whittaker entrance. Upstairs seating via the main entrance on Beulah Road, a record of names/ contact information for track and trace will be taken.

Communion will continue on the first Sunday of the month and from this month this will be served by Elders however you are welcome to bring your own if you prefer.

There was plenty of opportunity to join with different events for Rhiwbina's Green Week in September. The Green Fayre looked to be a great success, thanks to all involved on the day and for those who were able to create a leaf for the green tree. Living Jesus looked great too.

The next Synod meeting will be held at Llandrindod Wells in person on Saturday 16th October. I have further details for anyone interested in attending, please let me know.

Cop26 will start at the end of the month. Many people around the world will be looking to Glasgow and pray that change will continue. It's been good to see different ways to engage and the efforts people are making to travel there sustainably.

Family News,

Sincere condolences to Frank Kinsey on the death of his sister Dorothy Ladd, our thoughts and prayers go to all the family. Regards also to Joan Ridley whose sister died this week.

Congratulations to Carol and Chris Coleman on their Golden Wedding Anniversary I hope you both had a lovely day.

Best Wishes to all, please let me know news you are willing to share.
Anne



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READERS AND PRAYER ROTAS

Many thanks to all those who have signed up to read the lessons and lead intercessions. Their contribution adds richness and depth to our worship.

However, we would welcome a few more people to share in this important work, so that the same people are not having to do it too often. Many of us have contributed in the past, and now that more are returning to church it would be wonderful if a few more could offer to join the rotas.

If you feel able to do this (or if you are not yet coming to church, but could write a prayer for another to read), please can you let Helen White (our administrator) or Louise Morgan know.

WHITCHURCH RHIWBINA BIRCHGROVE CHURCHES

AUTUMN MEETINGS FOR PRAYERS

October 30th All Saints, Rhiwbina

November 27th St Teilo's R.C. Church, Whitchurch

December 18th Rhiwbina Baptist Church, Rhiwbina

All at 10.15am- 10.45am.

Please contact Louise Morgan or Anne Wilkes for details as to whether in person or Zoom.

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guage is and how our stories connect. It may require creating a new way of 'worshipping.' Maybe we have a meal regularly and asking 'spiritual' questions, listening to each other and exploring our responses. This may focus our hearts on God as much as a service with hymns, prayers, readings, and sermons. It might even connect more closely with helping us understand how to follow Jesus in our everyday lives.

As we emerge from Pandemic lockdowns, we face into how to be church. Perhaps the most important part of our calling now is to listen—to each other, to God, and to our communities. Perhaps in the listening, we will find God's calling revealed.

We look forward to listening together.

Yours in Christ,

Martha and David

SPARKLE WALK

Ann G, Jenny, Rhiannon, Eleri, Eleanor and Louise would like to thank all those who generously supported them on the 10km Sparkle Walk to raise funds for the City Hospice. If you would like to donate and haven't yet had the opportunity, please contact any one of them, or you can look for the Just Giving page. There is a photograph in the web version of Crossroads showing the ladies still smiling after the walk!

Refreshments after Sunday Services in the Canolfan

Hello everyone,
I hear that the above activity is about to restart (or already has). This gives me the opportunity to thank all of you who participated in my 'rota', I am so grateful for all your help and giving of your time.

The late elder, Mary Williams, asked me to collect names for the project and to set up the rota in 2004. The time is now come for me to finish, and Mary Warsop will be taking over. I wish her well.

I have enjoyed being involved - the laughter, the sometimes good / bad jokes, a lot of teasing, but most of all your companionship. This was the object of it all - to put names to faces, and to get to know everyone in friendship. Take care, keep safe, and hope to see you soon.

Cathryn Hales

With the opening up of the Canolfan we would be grateful to have offers of help to open and lock the Canolfan (SUNDAYS ONLY). We can then produce a rota. The more names we have, the less often any one person will need to do it. It is a very simple operation and training will be given. If you feel you could help please contact Barbara Rhys..(treasurer@beulahurc.org.uk)

Thank you.

Rainbow of Hope

... Is currently looking for a group of volunteers to come in one afternoon a week to sort through donations . They are inundated and struggling to keep up with the workload. They are also looking to open up on a Saturday morning and require volunteers. If you are able to help please get in touch.

Anne Wilkes

BEULAH DIRECTORY, 2021-22

The latest edition of the Directory is now available. Please can you check your entries and let Anne James and Louise Morgan know of any amendments.

Please dispose of your old directories carefully – ie by shredding or burning. Please do not put them in the recycling bags. If you do not have a shredder, you will be able to bring them to church office once that is open again.

Many thanks.

Louise

BEULAH TOTS

Until the pandemic hit us Beulah Tots had been running in Beulah for over 20 years. It is a group for babies and toddlers accompanied by an adult. It was meeting in the Main Hall of the Canolfan on a Tuesday morning from 9.30-11.00 a.m.

There are still toys and other equipment available in the Canolfan. This has been such a thriving and busy activity filling the Canolfan with the happy sounds of babies and toddlers, mums and dads, grandparents, child minders – and numerous prams and pushchairs! – and we miss it.

I have one person who is willing to help but is not able to take on the responsibility for running the morning. If you feel you could take this on with a friend or family member or would like more information, please get in touch with Barbara Rhys (treasurer@beulahurc.org.uk).

Thank you.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

October

Sunday 3rd	10.30 a.m.	Worship with communion: Revd. David Dean and Harvest Gifts (see p.5)
	10.30 a.m.	Junior Church
	7.15 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Sunday 10th	10.30 a.m.	Worship: Mr Iestyn Henson
	10.30 a.m.	Junior Church
	7.15 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Monday 11th	7.30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
Saturday 16th		Synod Meeting
Sunday 17th	10.30 a.m.	Worship: Revd. James Hall
	10.30 a.m.	Junior Church
	7.15 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Sunday 24th		<i>Crossroads Deadline</i>
	10.30 a.m.	Pastorate ZOOM Worship
	10.30 a.m.	Junior Church
	7.15 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Saturday 30th	10.15 a.m.	WRB Prayers
	1:00 p.m.	Wedding of Nia Holbrook & Alex Pike
Sunday 31st	10.30 a.m.	Synod Recorded Service
	10.30 a.m.	Junior Church
	7.15 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
November		
Sunday 7th	10.30 a.m.	Worship with Communion: Revd. Martha McInnes
	10.30 a.m.	Junior Church
	7.30 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Monday 8th	7.30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting

We hope to resume coffee in Canolfan after worship from October.

KIN

Together we care and together we share

Green Fayre fund raising for Christian Aid

Many thanks to Gaynor Rees, Kaye Mundy and Mary Bidnell for making jams, jellies and chutneys to be sold at the Green Fayre on Saturday, 18th September.

Gaynor and Kaye ran the stall on the morning and raised £106.00 for Christian Aid.

There was a further donation of £20 raised by the Men's Sheds Apple Press.

Supporting the Huggard Centre at Harvest on Sunday, 3rd October

If you're able to contribute to our Harvest collection this year, there are two ways of making a difference.

- As ever, we're asking for pants and socks for the homeless. These can be brought to Beulah on Sunday 3rd October, or you can contact Eileen (20624967) or Eleri (20613835) to have them collected.

- Alternatively, you can donate to the Huggard Centre's new project which Karen Holbrook describes for us now...

As members will know, The Huggard Centre has been working with some of the most chaotic and vulnerable people in our city, offering support, food and accommodation to anyone who needs it. Huggard have been working with this group of people for the last 25 years, and our services include: a day centre, 20 bed hostel, and supported housing in the community. During the past 18 months, we have continued to be open 24 hours a day for anyone finding themselves homeless, but due to the pandemic, we have had to rethink the way in which we work.

As the Council opened more emergency accommodation, and our service had to restrict the number of clients entering the day centre, we continued to offer all of our services, such as advocacy, food, and harm reduction, but did this as an outreach service, taking our experienced specialist staff to the new accommodation, across the city.

As we start to emerge from COVID restriction, Huggard has been asked to take over one of the Council hostels. This is because we can offer a full wrap-around service for clients giving residents opportunities such as volunteering, education, harm reduction, independent living skill, and much more. The new hostel has 24 en-suite rooms and 20 emergency beds.

I am asking KIN if it could support us in this new venture by raising money to help us fit out one of the new bedrooms. We have always given our clients rooms with a small kitchen area, containing kettle, fridge and microwave, along with cooking utensils, crockery and cutlery. Each room costs around £230.00 to fit out. Anything that could be raised towards this would be very much appreciated.

*Many thanks for your continued support.
Karen Holbrook*

Money should be donated by bank transfer to Beulah's account with HUGGARD as the reference. Alternatively, you can put cash in a sealed envelope with HUGGARD written on it, and give it to your Pastoral Elder.

Many thanks to you all for your support and generosity from the KIN Committee

Operation Christmas Child

Just a short reminder, that we will be donating shoeboxes filled with goodies for needy children, again this year. The collection date for items will be the beginning of November. If you have any questions, please ask Denise Dickman or Ann Grimes. Thank you, Team Shoebox.

WHEN IS THE WHITTAKER LOUNGE RE-OPENING?

It's 18 months later, a refurbishment completed, risk assessment drafted, discussions with food safety authorities under way. Yes, we are looking to open up but not as we were pre-pandemic.

We are looking to reopen 2 days a week instead of 4 from Friday November 5th 2021. The days will be Friday and Saturday (10 - 12.30). Volunteers who have worked these days in the past will be contacted within the next week to see if they want to be on the rota.

The main reason for only 2 days is that quite a number of our volunteers have decided not to come back or want to see how things go before committing themselves again, which is understandable as the average age of our volunteers puts them into the vulnerable category (including myself and the Committee).

We are really grateful to our non-returning volunteers who have served the Whittaker Lounge loyally for many years and we appreciate the commitment they've given and will miss them.

Even to operate 2 days, we are still low on volunteers and if anyone feels they could commit to going on a rota on a Friday or Saturday morning, please give me a ring on 029 2075 4608 and I can go through what is involved. We would like to operate on a 1 week in 5 rota if we can.

There is still a lot to be done to get ready for opening but it will be worth it to see the church lounge presence in the village again.

Christine Pugh
Chair of Whittaker Lounge Committee

	AV System Rota	Bible Readings	Prayers
October 3	James Hall	Liz Mc Carthy	Richard Edwards
October 10	Andrew Glanfield	Richard Sweetnam	Jenny McDowell
October 17	Marianne Barwise	Louise Morgan	Louise Morgan
October 24		- Pastorate Zoom Service -	
October 31	Nigel Barwise	- Synod Recorded Service -	-----
November 7	Richard Sweetnam	Roger Bidnell	Derek Evans
November 14	Huw Morgan	-----	-----
November 21	Harley Jones	Richard Sweetnam	Helen Harries
November 28	Marianne Barwise	Liz McCarthy	Jenny McDowell

Monthly Sunday Services

(This is the pattern we will adopt for the next few months)

1st Sunday, Communion with Revd. Martha McInnes/ David Dean in Beulah and livestreamed.

2nd Sunday, Worship in Beulah and livestreamed.

3rd Sunday, Worship in Beulah and livestreamed.

4th Sunday, Pastorate Zoom Service

5th Sunday, In Beulah and livestreamed, showing Wales Synod Service

Contributions for the next edition of Crossroads should be submitted by Sunday, 24th October, and Colin will be editing.

Please note, editorial e-mail: crossroads@beulahurc.org.uk

