

CHURCH NEWS

During Lent some of us have been joining together either online and or the Whittaker Lounge. We have used the book *The Long Road To Heaven* after watching the film *The Way with Martin Sheen*. It has been good to reflect on the film and our own faith journeys.

Events in Ukraine have been very much on our thoughts and prayers. Thank you for your generosity in retiring collections, and also to those who have donated for the silver crosses. If you have not yet been able to get one and would like to please get in touch. Thanks to Arlene and Noi for their donation of them.

There will be a Walk of Witness this year, moving from Bethany and then All Saints to Beulah on Good Friday for the service at mid-day. Please see further details in Crossroads about the Easter services and sign up as required.

April will also see our AGM return in person in Church on Monday 4th April at 7.30 p.m.

If you are following the Mixcloud services Beulah weekly Services will be recorded for Mixcloud (worship leader permitting) so if you miss the service or livestream you will still be able to catch up with Mixcloud.

Family News

The funeral Service for Amanda James was held in March - she was the daughter in law of Mair Sims, daughter

of the late Lillian and Vernon Llewellyn, our prayers and sincere condolences to all of the family.

Covid is still affecting many of us, we wish you well and a speedy recovery. Best wishes to those who are or have been in hospital too.

Congratulations to Geraint Richards on his award at the recent Tennis Wales award 2022 for Performance Coach of the Year.

Also, Congratulations this month to Ann & Colin Grimes on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary. I hope you have a lovely day.

Best wishes to Iona Hannagan Lewis and Pali, who have had a baby boy called Idris.

It's coming up to exam time of year again, I hope there is no further disruption this year, Good Luck all.

If you have any family news to share, please let me know.

Good Wishes, Anne

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We may need to find ways we can make changes to care for the people and earth that God created. It doesn't always make sense—what difference can one person make? But look at Greta Thunberg—she started alone and has galvanised a movement. Look at Jesus—he started alone, gathered a small group of followers, and still gathers us today.

As you follow Jesus, may you be filled with love and joy—and do the little things that help you practice resurrection. Happy Easter!

*Yours in Christ,
Martha and David*



After the refurbishment of the Whittaker Lounge there are a few items which are surplus to requirements.

Large wicker basket
Glass cake display cabinet
Wooden coat stand

If anyone is interested in any of the above items for a donation to KIN please contact Christine Pugh on 029 2075 4608.

Many Thanks

Christine

Sing a New Song

As a church we have chosen to adopt a theme: 'Sing a New Song.' As we begin to engage with this theme, we may wonder what this means for us? Does it literally mean learning some new songs for worship? It might mean this, but it is broader than that.

For me, reflecting on 'singing new songs,' means this: We have lived, and learned, through two years of the Pandemic. We are now watching a war unfold on the edges of Europe. We are wondering how we face the economic changes to our society. We these questions and some more personal questions, we are wondering how this connects with us as people of faith and how we do church. We have changed, and are changing. How do we 'sing a new song'? How do all these changes connect with what it means to be a community of faith.

'Singing new songs' is about finding a way to be church that fits us. It is about finding opportunities to praise and lament. It is about being creative. It is also about the continued journey of faith. We find ways, new and old, to encounter the life-giving love of God.

Howard Thurman wrote the following words:

*The old song of my spirit has
wearied itself out.
It has long ago been learned
by my heart;
It repeats itself over and over,
bringing no added joy to my
days or lift to my spirit.*

I will sing a new song.

*I must learn the new song for
the new needs.*

*I must fashion new words
born of all the new growth
of my life – of my mind – of
my spirit.*

*I must prepare for new
melodies that have never
been mine before,
that all that is within me may
lift my voice unto God.*

*Therefore, I shall rejoice with
each new day
and delight my spirit in each
fresh unfolding.*

*I will sing, this day, a new
song unto the Lord.*

He wrote them in 1973 as he watched people respond to challenges, i.e. inflation, price rises, political scandals, and international conflicts. He saw that the old song wasn't going to work anymore. He was ready to create a new song for a new time. So, as a community of faith, the theme challenges us to engage with a continued journey, listening to where we need to try something new or where we need to affirm old traditions or where we simply need to be still.

Learning a new song takes experimentation and practice. We might try a melody that we find doesn't quite fit with the lyrics. So we have to keep working on it until we get both melody and lyrics right. Then the song has to become lodged in our hearts. We have to practice and sing it again and again until we know it by heart. Both creating the song, modifying it, and learning it take time.

I wonder what the new song we sing will be? It could be, 'Do less, spend more time with each other.' It could be, 'Find a way to affirm what people do outside the church and create a space for refreshment at church.' It could be, 'Focus on one programme rather than lots.' There are many options. We are in a different place—changed and continuing to change because of the world around us. How best do we respond as Beulah URC? Psalm 137.4 says, 'How shall we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land?' We are in a different 'land' now. What is the song we will sing together? As we gather, we worship, we laugh, we work, we cry together, we will sing and discover God's song for us.



Dear Beulah family,

Iona, Pali and I are so grateful for the lovely flowers we received from you, to celebrate the arrival of baby Idris. It was very kind of you and we really appreciate it. Idris and Iona are now home, and doing well. We're all settling joyfully into our new roles and are very happy!

Thank you once again,

Love from Valerie Hannagan
Lewis xx

WRB Prayers: 10.15-10.45 a.m.

30th APRIL St Thomas', Birchgrove

28th MAY St Marys, Whitchurch

25th JUNE tbc

30th JULY Beulah URC

27th AUGUST Whitchurch Methodists

Dates for your diary — meetings

	Church Life Elders (CLE)	Joint CLE & Pastoral Elders	Church Meeting	AGM
April				Mon 4th April 7.30 p.m. in Church
May	Mon 9 May 7.30 p.m.			
June		Mon 13 Jun 7.30 p.m.	Sun 19 Jun after Church	
July	Mon 11 Jul 7.30 p.m.			
August				
September	Mon 12 Sep 7.30 p.m.		Mon 26 Sep 7.30 p.m.	
October	Mon 10 Oct 7.30 p.m.			
November	Mon 14 Nov 7.30 p.m.		Sun 27 Nov after Church	
December		Mon 12 Dec 7.30 p.m.		

Junior Church and Youth Fellowship— Good Friday service

Good Friday is a central part of the Christian story and we are delighted that there is opportunity for children of 7 years and upward, together with Youth Fellowship, to prepare and lead the service this year.

There will be a workshop from 9am, to explore the theme and prepare a dramatic presentation, ready for the ecumenical service at 12 noon.

All this will be under Carol's expert leadership.

Under 7s will be involved in some way also, but we will be in touch with parents about that separately.

Please make this known to those with children who might be interested to take part – those known to Beulah and friends/family will be welcome.

There is no need to learn a part –Carol will provide written scripts for people to read on the day.

We do need to know who can come, ideally by the end of March, so that Carol can prepare a script that suits the number and range of people who are able to take part. If you know someone who would like to take part and hasn't already let us know, please Carol directly on mummycoleman@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

Junior Church leaders

Please remember to bring a flower to Church on Easter Sunday to decorate the Chrismon Tree.

Thank you.

I would like to say "thank you" to all my Beulah friends and family for all the cards, messages of support and flowers following my diagnoses and treatment for breast cancer. It was a shock, but I'm on the mend now and have been given the positive news that the operations were a success and I don't need chemo therapy.

Thank you for thinking of me and all my family

Lindsey Allan

Beulah U R C - April services

All are Welcome.

Sunday 3rd April

10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion:

Revd. Martha McInnes

10:30 a.m. Junior Church

7.15 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Sunday 10th April

10.30 a.m. Worship: Revd. David Dean

10.30 a.m. Junior Church

Thursday 14th April

7.30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion

in Canolfan Beulah: Revd. David Dean

Friday 15th April

Walk of Witness

9:30 a.m. Bethany Baptist Church

10:30 a.m. All Saints Church

12.00 p.m. service in Beulah, followed by lunch

Sunday 17th April

8.45 a.m. Worship in Canolfan Garden

9.00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10.30 a.m. Family Worship with Communion

Revd. Roger Bidnell and Mrs. Louise Morgan

Sunday 24th April

10.30 a.m. Worship: Mrs. Marion Williams &

Mrs. Jenny McDowell

10.30 a.m. Junior Church

7.15 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Our services are also available via livestream.

Contact secretary@beulahurc.org.uk or Tel: 07855 640634 for further details.

KIN at Easter

Together we care and together we share

Alms Bowl

Our Alms Bowl collection this year will go to the unfolding crisis in Ukraine. As in previous years we ask that you put aside small change during Lent, as you are able. You can then bring your donation to church on Easter Sunday, give it to your Pastoral Elder or use BACS transfer to Beulah with the reference ALMS BOWL.

All money raised at our Easter events will go to the Fridge Twinning Emergency Appeal



Millions of people are going hungry and do not know where their next meal is coming from. Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Yemen, DR Congo and South Sudan are all on the brink of famine according to the Disasters Emergency Committee.

Conflict, natural disaster, inflation and COVID-19 are some of the reasons why millions are unable to feed themselves. By twinning a fridge for only £30, a family in Ethiopia can be provided with emergency food for almost a month.

Good Friday Lunch in the Canolfan at 12.30 pm

This is a family meal of soup, bread and cheese to which all are warmly invited. It will take place directly after the Good Friday service. We hope to be joined by our friends from All Saints and Bethany and donations can be made on the day to the Fridge Twinning Appeal.

Please book your place by emailing treasurer@beulahurc.org.uk or phone 07707030787.

Easter Raffle ... Tickets £2.00

Look out for this year's Easter Raffle prizes!

Tickets will be on sale over coffee on Sundays 3rd and 10th April.

Alternatively, you can contact Eileen (20624967) or ask your Pastoral Elder. To buy tickets by BACS transfer to Beulah, please use the reference FRIDGES and transfer your money by Wednesday 13th April.

Easter Breakfast

The Easter Breakfast is a wonderful way to begin our Easter celebrations and is held after early morning worship in the garden. All are very welcome. **Please book your place by signing the list in the church porch or phone 20624967.**

A date for your diary ...

Christian Aid Week Big Brekkie Saturday 21st May.

We look forward to sharing in fundraising once again.

Thank you from all the KIN Committee.

Lent Reflection Series on Prayer

Members of churches from across the Pastorate prepared video reflections on different aspects of prayer, which have been used in our services throughout Lent. With the permission of contributors these are being uploaded to the Beulah website. If you missed any, or would like to see them again, please visit www.beulahurc.org.uk

Rotas for Readers and Prayers

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to join the rotas. If you are not already on it and would like to be included on the reading rota, please contact me. (Details in Directory). The rota will continue to be printed each month in Crossroads, and there will also be a copy on the church porch noticeboard. If you need to swap, please amend this accordingly and let me know.

Pat Cazenave has resumed the rota for intercessions, and is approaching people directly. If you would like to volunteer for this, please contact Pat (details in Directory).

	AV System Rota	Bible Readings	Prayers
April 3	Richard Sweetnam	Marion Williams	Duncan Pugh
April 10 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Harley Jones	Vikki Grimes	Mary Bidnell
April 15 <i>Good Friday</i>	Huw Morgan		
April 17 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Nigel Barwise	Audrey Budding	Marion Williams
April 24	Andrew Glanfield	Jonathan Grimes	Colin Grimes
May 1	James Hall	Naomi Williams	Giles Ballisat
May 8	Richard Sweetnam	Brenda Cheer	Ruth Williams
May 15	Nigel Barwise	Jenny McDowell	Marianne Barwise
May 22	Andrew Glanfield	Helen Harries	Andy Wales
May 29	James Hall	Neil Kidd	Pat Agland
June 5	Huw Morgan	Richard Edwards	Tony Webb
June 12	Richard Sweetnam	Mark Stephens	Nigel Barwise

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will be editing.**

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Don't forget the Easter Raffle!