



# CHURCH NEWS

June was another busy month. It seems a long time already but started with the River of Hope banners going up which was lovely and some hard work from all in Beulah and contributions from the wider community. Then our Family BBQ, the weather couldn't have been kinder and finishing with a beautiful rainbow.

There was an opportunity to make/knit or craft flowers at Canton Uniting and then also to attend the re-arranged Synod Day out at Canton Uniting Church, linking with some of the Synod Service from Swansea and opportunity for all to join via zoom.

On 26<sup>th</sup> June we will have Dr Alison Gray lead our service, Dr Gray is the Director of Studies and Tutor in Old Testament Language, Literature & Theology at Westminster College. Staff from the college will also be at City Church that afternoon.

21<sup>st</sup> June was the second meeting of Theology on Tap at The Deri Inn, while not everyone who attended previously was able to attend there were some new faces this month too. This will be a regular monthly event and everyone is welcome.

Thank you to everyone involved in all these activities both behind the scenes and to those attending.

Nominations for Pastoral Elders have been over the last few weeks and our thanks go to Mary Bidnell and Tony Webb for all their support. Thanks also to Pat Cazenave who continued serving for an extra year. The next Church Meeting will

be after the service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

## Family News

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of Irene Bragg who died on 6<sup>th</sup> June. Her funeral service will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, in Beulah at 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. at Thornhill Crematorium. There will be refreshments at Beulah afterwards.

Covid is still with us (as I seem to have said last month too!). Best Wishes to all those isolating or recovering from Covid and I hope you all feel better soon. Best wishes also to those in hospital or home recovering. We are thinking of you all.

Many congratulations to David Edwards (son of Richard and Sarah) and Laura Larkin, who will be getting married on July 15 in Teconnaught, County Down.

Best wishes to Lindsey Allan who is running this year's London Marathon for Tenovus. It was great to hear Lindsey tell us about her run and if you haven't been able to donate yet there is still time before the marathon.

Finally, exam time is coming to a close and our teenagers less stressed (thankfully in our house anyway) I hope you all have a great summer and please let us know what your plans are.

If you have a special occasion or Family news to share, please let me know.

Anne

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children prepare for school or take them to multiple activities. After a busy Sunday, we may look forward to the routine of Monday.

As we think about the value of sabbath, of rest, of disruption of routine, of an unplug from our culture, we wonder whether a few of our summer weeks might be for us a sabbath. Perhaps our summer holidays can a small piece of sabbath. Yes, there will be some busy days, but maybe there will also be a few long, quiet days, with peaceful evening light, a drink in the garden, a chat with friends, the delight of children, and the loving presence of God, which fill us with peace and joy, reminding us of the goodness of life.

May you find rest, holy disruption, an invitation into God's story, some sabbath in the weeks of summer.

Summer Sabbath

## **Summer gratitudes:**

*For the long evenings, when the sun slants through our windows and the sky darkens slowly;*

*For the days filled with options and activities;*

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*For the growing garden,  
glowing with the riot of colour;*

*For the joy of sound, laughter  
of friends, waves rolling on  
the shore, a gentle rain on the  
roof;*

*For a different rhythm of life,  
for a week, a weekend, six  
weeks;*

*For the precious memories of  
past summers.*

*Blessings for summer  
sabbath.*

*May the days and nights of  
summer hold peace and  
possibility for each of us.*

*May the days and nights of  
summer offer us time to see  
and hear the blessings of  
God's presence.*

*May the days and nights of  
summer give us the  
refreshment we need to face  
into the requirements of the  
days to come.*

*May the days and nights of  
summer fill us up with love  
and gratitude.*

*Peace,  
Martha and David*

## Theology on Tap

This idea is to provide a space for people to be together, to talk and catch up with each other in a more informal setting, the Deri pub. It is open to all – believers and non-believers alike, friends and family very welcome and we are hoping to be joined by others from across the pastorate.

Please contact Andrew Glanfield or David Dean if you would like to know more.

## Children and young people - bits and bobs

### Junior Church

Junior church will continue throughout the summer with all age activity in the Canolfan. We may spend the whole hour in the Canolfan on some weeks, but will make sure that the door stewards know where to direct you!

We have begun making celebratory bunting with the children, to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the United Reformed Church; the actual birthday weekend is at the beginning of October, when our bunting will add to the decorations. The URC has produced a booklet 'Celebrate together' and we have copies for every family: we hope that you will enjoy reading it with your children and finding out a bit more about the URC.

We are also growing ornamental grasses for the 'no fly' flower show at Beulah in September. If you would like to join in, please ask Marianne for supplies.

Another resource you may like to use at home is the 'Families on Faith Adventures' activity sheet which is emailed weekly from our Youth and Children's worker, Judy. If you would like to get this mailing, please let Fiona know.

After many years of amazing service to Junior Church, Marion Williams is taking a break from the end of July. We express our heartfelt thanks to her.

### Come and Play

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August you are invited to bring children up to and including 7 years to enjoy play, chat and refreshments together in the Canolfan - hopefully a bouncey castle too!

More details to follow, including on Beulah Friends facebook page. Meanwhile note the date and tell your friends.

### Want to help?

It is a privilege to work with the wonderful children that have at Beulah. We are always keen to welcome additional helpers, so if you fancy getting involved on a Sunday or coming along to help at our August play session, have a word with Fiona (or email her [Fiona.liddell1@virginmedia.com](mailto:Fiona.liddell1@virginmedia.com)).

## MARATHON!

Following on from the service last week I would like to thank all those at Beulah who donated towards my marathon run. I was overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of everyone and have raised over £400 towards my Tenovus target and marathon run.

Guess I will have to do it now!! 😊

I will keep you updated on my progress and thank you again,

*Lindsey Allan. xx*

If you would like to sponsor me, you can donate online at <https://tenovuscancercare.enthuse.com/pf/lindsey-allan> or let me know and I can pass on a paper sponsor form."

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## JULY

<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Revd David Dean: Communion</b>
	<b>7.15pm</b>	<b>Junior Church</b>
		<b>Youth Fellowship</b>
Mon 4th	9.30am	Miss Tilley's Community Café: MWL
	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship
Tues 5th	9.00am	Beulah Tots
	9.30am	Miss Tilley's Community Cafe
Thurs 7th	9.30am	Whitchurch High Resource Base Café: MWL
Fri 8th	10.00am	Whittaker Lounge Café
Sat 9th	10.00am	Whittaker Lounge Café
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Revd. Stephen Best</b>
	<b>7.15pm</b>	<b>Junior Church</b>
		<b>Youth Fellowship</b>
Mon 11th	9.30am	Miss Tilley's Community Café: MWL
	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship
	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting
Tues 12th	9.00am	Beulah Tots
	9.30am	Miss Tilley's Community Cafe
Thurs 14th	9.30am	Whitchurch High Resource Base Café: MWL
Fri 15th	10.00am	Whittaker Lounge Café
Sat 16th	10.00am	Whittaker Lounge Café
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	<b>10.30am:</b>	<b>Worship Group, led by Dr Andrew Glanfield</b>
		<b>Junior Church</b>
		<b>Church Meeting after service</b>
	<b>7.15pm</b>	<b>Youth Fellowship</b>
Mon 18th	9.30am	Miss Tilley's Community Café: MWL
	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship
Tues 19th	9.00am	Beulah Tots
	9.30am	Miss Tilley's Community Cafe
Thurs 21st	9.30am	Whitchurch High Resource Base Café: MWL
Fri 22nd	10.00am	Whittaker Lounge Café
Sat 23rd	10.00am	Whittaker Lounge Café
<b>Sunday 24th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Revd. Martha McInnes/David Dean</b>
		<b>Junior Church</b>
Mon 25th	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship
Sat 30th	10.15am	WRB Prayers, Beulah
<b>Sunday 31st</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Synod Worship, Cardiff &amp; Penarth Pastorate</b>
		<b>Junior Church</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>		
<b>Sunday 7th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Revd. Martha McInnes: Communion</b>
		<b>Junior Church</b>
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mr Richard Edwards</b>
		<b>Junior Church</b>

**July 3rd**  
**July 10th**  
**July 17th**  
**July 24th**  
**July 31st**  
**August 7th**  
**August 14th**  
**August 21st**

**AV System Rota**

Huw Morgan  
James Hall  
Richard Sweetnam  
Nigel Barwise  
Andrew Glanfield  
Huw Morgan  
James Hall  
Richard Sweetnam

**Bible Readings**

Fiona Liddell  
Peter Ferdinando  
Roger Bidnell  
Pat Ruddock  
Liz Kidd  
James Hall  
Liz McCarthy  
Huw Morgan

**Prayers**

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Roger Bidnell  
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Tony Webb  
Fleur Richards  
Hollie Glanfield  
Mary Edwards  
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