

CHURCH AND FAMILY NEWS

Church News

We have had a lovely August and already into September and a new term begins. August held the Come and Play for 0 - 7yr olds and I heard that it was a great success and over 100 in attendance. Thanks to Louise for preparing our Prayer walk into a Virtual Walk Service, bringing the local community to Beulah and including songs from Alun and John.

September will bring many opportunities to get together and starts with a flourish in the Grown not Flown Flower Festival which I hope you are able to attend. Other events in September will include, Prayer Walks, and Stepwise taster session, Harvest thanksgiving and another Barbeque before it is packed away until next year.

It is lovely to see 'old' and new faces in Beulah and for anyone interested in Membership please remember there is a meeting in the Manse, (at 30, Nant-y-Wedal, Cathays) on September 23rd.

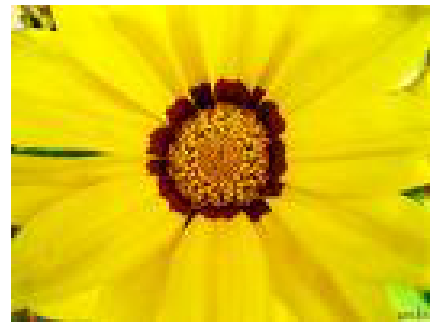
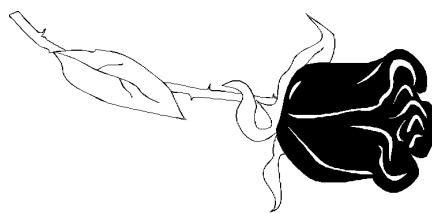
Looking forward to October and the 50th Anniversary of the URC we have a joint service on the 2nd October led by Revd. Fiona Bennett, Moderator of the URC. Do you remember what you were doing on that day 50 years ago? Please let me know. It would be lovely to hear some stories.



Family News

Many congratulations to all the young people on the exam results including GCSE and A-Levels and we wish you well on the next stages in College, University and beyond.

Anne



Thank you

I would like to thank my Beulah family for surprising me with flowers and a theatre voucher a few weeks ago following my decision to step down as a Junior Church leader. As I have said on many occasions, our young people are a joyful source of surprise and inspiration. I have learned so much from so many over the years. It has been a privilege to be involved in their growing up within the church family.

If helping in Junior Church is something that you have been considering, why not give it a try? New helpers are always welcome and you would be in very good company. Have a chat with Fiona Liddell or any of the leaders that you know.

Marion Williams



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Letter from the Manse

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words give us a sense of hope in troubling times?

We have been thinking a lot about how we support people in these times. What can we do personally? What can the church do? These words by Morgan Harper Nichols struck a chord: 'I cannot tell you what will happen, but I can tell you it will be different when the light gets in.'

Music is one way for the light of Christ to enter our lives. Whether we want to sing a new song or sing an old standard, singing together is an affirmation of faith. In addition, the words of the hymns can be a poetry of hope. Music offers a creative outlet to address anxiety. (Creativity itself is helpful in addressing anxiety - we may find useful, personally, as well as corporately.)

In addition to music, we have prayer to comfort and enable us. When we feel anxious, we can centre ourselves in prayer, offering prayers for ourselves and others to address a broad range of needs. In prayer we are in connection with God - who is the ultimate music maker and the foundation for all we do and offer in love to the world - our help in ages past and our hope in years to come.

Our connection to God in prayer can also move us to action. What is it we need to do to address the anxiety of these times? Do we

provide food for people who can only pay their heating bills? Do we help them find free uniforms for their children? When they cannot pay to take their children on holiday, do we offer a free environment for them to play? Do we make sure our buildings are warm so people can take refuge from cold homes in our church? Do we listen and pray with people trapped by their fears for their futures and their children's futures? Do we join with others campaigning for reduction in costs or demanding change for climate justice?

There is so much and there is no one way to respond. We do not know what you should do, but we know that all of us are called to reflect God's love in our world today, to be bearers of light which brings change and difference to our communities. Let us listen - to the needs around us and the voice of God. After listening, let us find ways to respond creatively to what we hear, so that we and our

Editor's Note

The **deadline** for articles to be included in the **October 2022** edition of **Crossroads** is **Sunday 18th September** and **Huw** will be editing.

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church are identified as ones bringing hope and healing in these anxious times, enabling the light of God's love to continue to transform our communities.

We add a final note - we are grateful for the creativity which is already embodied in our church and the commitment which is shown to our callings. Thank you. We trust God to continue to guide us together.

Yours in Christ,

Martha and David

Dates for Your Diary

1st October

50th Anniversary of the
United Reformed
Church

2nd October

Visit of URC General
Assembly Moderator,
Revd Fiona Bennett

10.30am
All Pastorate Service
at Beulah
Followed by Lunch

6.00pm
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at City Church

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

KIN

Together we care and together we share

Harvest Sunday, 25th September

This year we will be collecting toiletries to be donated to the Foodbank and to the Huggard Centre for people who are homeless and sleeping rough.

We also need pants and socks for the Huggard.

Please bring these items with you to church on Harvest Sunday. Alternatively, you can leave them in Eleri's porch (4, Heol y Bryn) or arrange with your Pastoral Elder to have them collected.

Collection for Pakistan and Africa

We have all seen the devastating consequences of recent flooding in Pakistan and drought in Africa.

We will be having a collection soon for these events so please keep a look out in the Church Notices.

Thank you in advance from the KIN committee

Growing Eco Church

How we have made progress and what can we do next . . .

an evening of information, discussion and inspiration with

Delyth Higgins

(A Rocha Eco Church Officer For Wales)



Wednesday 14th September 2022

7:30pm to 9.00pm

email: jason.askew.urcwaless@urc.org.uk

to register and obtain the ZOOM link

**The United Reformed Church National Synod of Wales
Journeying together as Eco Church**



BEULAH CONCERTS

Little did I think way back in February 2020 it would be 30 months before I wrote the next article on forthcoming concerts in Beulah!

My mind has been very focussed these last few months on trying to find a way forward for them.

In personal terms I knew reluctantly I had to recognise the fact that I was getting past my "sell by" date in terms of organising them. What to do?!

So many people have contacted me, in particular over the last months, asking when they would start again.

One person I didn't recognise stopped me in the midst of the green man crossing at the traffic lights outside Beulah, the lights turned to red and the horns blared and still she was talking to me

I then had to risk life and limb scarpering for the opposite side of the road and shouting keep an eye on the notice board! A close shave!

The search was then on for my replacement. I started to look for a professional musician who was also skilled at admin and ideally had a Rhiwbina connection. To my great delight I think I have found that person.

His name is Sam Baxter, a professional oboist who trained at the RWCMD and whose parents happen to live in Rhiwbina.

From January 2023, Sam will be taking over from me hopefully enabling me to relax more during concerts.

He will run them on the same lines that they have been run since their inception back in March 2008.

Meanwhile some exciting news

Rebecca Evans and Michael Pollock were scheduled to give a lunchtime recital at the end of March 2020. As you may remember we had to cancel it due to the lockdown.

NOW

Rebecca and Michael now have rescheduled that recital making it an evening recital - please note.

The date is November 4th starting at 7.30pm.

There is an optional wine and cheese buffet available afterwards on a pre-booked ticket only basis. 70 tickets are being printed.

Tickets are available from Sunday 18th September from "Serenade" in the village, Trix Pryce or Jill and Peter Ferdinando

Concert only - £10

Wine and cheese - £6

Payment by Cash or Card only

Trix Pryce



Peter Cruchley-Jones wrote the following at the beginning of the concert series way back in 2008. These principles I have tried to adhere to and it has been a privilege to do so. *Trix.*

"Concerts at the Crossroads" came about as we considered what more we could do as a church to express the fullness of the life God has called us to. Music speaks so deeply to us, expresses so many facets of our life. Thus, we thought that we should embark again on making Beulah a venue for live music that expresses at times the range of human emotion and at others some of the precious moments of Christian experience.

FAMILY HISTORY VIDEO

Some Beulah folk may remember hearing me talk a few years ago about my ancient Portuguese Jewish ancestry. In recent months, I've been cooperating with Harley and Viv Jones, using their great technical and artistic ability and experience, to produce a video, in which I outline the story of my Jewish forebears, and also bringing the story more up to date, through five generations of Spitalfields handloom silk weavers and my father's early life as an orphan under the Poor Law administration of London's East End and the First World War Merchant Navy.

Anyone interested in watching the video can find it on YouTube using the link:

<https://youtu.be/LPscLqTOO8k>.

Peter Ferdinando



Shoebox Appeal

Operation Christmas Child



It is time to start thinking about Shoeboxes. Last year, Beulah members and friends filled and delivered 70 boxes for distribution to children who otherwise would have very little or nothing at Christmas. Thank you, so much, to all those involved in that effort.

So, again, this year we will be having a shoebox collection to help with the cause. If you are unable to make up a box, yourself, we will be happy to receive your items or donations. The collection date for items will be revealed soon, so keep a lookout in the next Crossroads, and the weekly notices. We will have leaflets available soon to provide you with guidance, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please ask Denise Dickman or Ann Grimes. Thank you,

Team Shoebox.

ROTAS

	AV System	Bible Readers	Intercessions
Sept 4	Andrew Glanfield	Andy Wales	Jonathan Grimes
Sept 11	Harley Jones	Bev Hampson	James Hall
Sept 18	Richard Sweetnam	Hollie Glanfield	Ann Brown
Sept 25	Huw Morgan	Eleri John	Richard Sweetnam
Oct 2	Nigel Barwise	Giles Ballisat	tba
Oct 9	James Hall	Matt Jones	tba
Oct 16	Andrew Glanfield	Marion Williams	tba
Oct 23	Harley Jones	Derek Evans	tba
Oct 30	Huw Morgan	Jonathan Grimes	tba

Junior Church News

Moving Up and Moving On

As we start a new school year we will once again be celebrating those children who are 'transitioning' from one stage of their education to the next, whether from primary to junior, junior to senior school or those leaving school to go on to further study or training elsewhere. This will be acknowledged in our service on Sunday 25th September and we encourage families to come if they can.

Animal Man

After the church BBQ on that day, 25th September, there is another treat in store for children: the return of the 'Animal Man' with his display of reptiles, insects and other animals. Children are free to decide whether they want to observe or to touch the animals! This starts at 1.30 and parents are welcome too.

Consent Forms

We will be asking parents to complete a new general consent form as this needs to be updated annually. You have been warned!

Junior Church Leaders

Denise Dickman has decided to step down from junior church leading at the end of the autumn term. Denise has been a stalwart leader for many years. We are so grateful for her long years of service and we

shall miss her from the team!

Marion Williams also indicated some months ago that she would step down at the start of this term and during Covid, Elin James ended many years of leading in Junior Church. We and our children owe a big debt of thanks to these three.

So you may not be surprised to know that we are looking for new people to join us in the 7 – 14s group, whether as Leaders (who prepare sessions, based on the lectionary based Roots material, or as Helpers (who play a vital support role, helping on the day as required), or even as *'Helpers with a view to becoming Leaders!'*

Although numbers of children in our 7 – 14s group are currently small, we still need two adults each week to be able to meet, and it is important that all leaders/helpers have opportunity to join in adult worship in church regularly too.

We have a collective responsibility as a church to provide for the nurture of our children so please give it your prayerful consideration. If you feel this may be for you, or if someone comes to mind who you think would be ideal, or if you would just like to know more, have a word with Fiona.

Mindful Doodling

We are hosting a number of workshops over the coming months, with opportunity for all ages to have fun and discover their inner creativity, under the guidance of a professional tutor.

The first, on the evening of Monday 19th September, for those aged 16 and over, is part of Adult Learners Week. Booking for this one is through the website www.adultlearningcardiff.co.uk (Go to 'Learning for Life' and search for the course 'Expressive Art'. You need to register on the site to be able to book onto the course. Alternatively enrol by phone, 02920 872030, choosing option 2 for Llanover Arts Centre).

Other sessions are on various Sunday afternoons, October to December. Some are for all ages as an intergenerational activity (suitable for 5 years upward – children must be accompanied by a participating adult); others are specifically for 11 – 16 year olds (Years 7 – 11). We hope that church members and friends and people from the wider community will come along. Sessions are free but booking is essential and numbers are limited. For further details and to book a place go to Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/mindful-doodling-sessions-for-all-ages-953279>. Or get in touch with Fiona

CHURCH CALENDAR

Friday 2nd – 4th September

'Grown not Flown' Flower Festival

Sunday 4th Sept 10.30am

Worship with Communion: Mrs. Louise Morgan
Junior Church start in Canolfan

Monday 5th Sept 9.30am

Miss Tilley's Community Café

2.00pm

Women's Fellowship

Tuesday 6th Sept 9.30am

Miss Tilley's Community Café

Beulah Tots

Friday 9th Sept 10.00am

Whittaker Lounge Café

Saturday 10th Sept 10.00am

Whittaker Lounge Café

Sunday 11th Sept

10.30am Worship: Revd. Stephen Best

Junior Church

Monday 12th Sept 9.30am

Miss Tilley's Community Café

2.00pm

Women's Fellowship

7.30pm

Elders Meeting

Tuesday 13th Sept 9.30am

Miss Tilley's Community Café

Friday 16th Sept 10.00am

Whittaker Lounge Café

Saturday 17th Sept 10.00am

Whittaker Lounge Café

2pm – 4pm

Prayer Walk and Afternoon Tea

Sunday 18th Sept 10.30am

Worship: Revd. Peter Cruchley

Junior Church

Monday 19th Sept 9.30am

Miss Tilley's Community Café

2.00pm

Women's Fellowship

Tuesday 20th Sept 9.30am

Miss Tilley's Community Café

9.30am

Beulah Tots

Friday 23rd Sept 10.00am

Whittaker Lounge Café

Saturday 24th Sept 10.00am

Whittaker Lounge Café

Sunday 25th Sept 10.30am

Worship: Harvest Service – Revd. David Dean

Junior Church

Followed by Family Barbecue

Monday 26th Sept 9.30am

Miss Tilley's Community Café

2.00pm

Women's Fellowship

7.30pm

Church Meeting

Tuesday 27th Sept 9.30am

Miss Tilley's Community Café

Beulah Tots

Friday 30th Sept 10.00am

Whittaker Lounge Café

Saturday 1st Oct 10.00am

Whittaker Lounge Café

Sunday 2nd Oct 10.30am

All Pastorate Worship with Communion:

Revd. Fiona Bennett, URC General Assembly Moderator

Followed by Family Lunch

