



## CHURCH AND FAMILY NEWS

March has been a busy month. I'm sure you will have attended at least one event! I have been to the Lent Study Group on a Wednesday evening, at either Beulah or City Church, there have been some interesting discussions around The Lord's Prayer. Perhaps you have joined in the Zoom sessions?

Revd. Jason Askew, who is the Wales Synod Training and Development Officer led a service on his first visit to Beulah. We will be seeing a few different faces leading worship during April, May and June, while David is on his Sabbatical, and we send our good wishes for safe travelling. I watched last Sunday's service from home and appreciated the picture and sound (and content) quality. Thanks to all who set up the AV each week, it is nice to have the connection still when unable to attend.

The Whittaker Lounge continues to be busy and I have heard (not literally) that the Come and Sing on Wednesday afternoons has been well attended, thanks to all involved.

There will be many opportunities in April for Worship, particularly during

Holy Week, with prayers in the lounge Monday - Wednesday. Please look out for further details. On Good Friday the 'Young' people will put on a Drama Service, after the Walk of Witness starting in Bethany Baptist Church, and then All Saints This will be followed by lunch in the Canolfan.



Revd Fiona Bennett, Moderator of the URC will visit the Pastorate on the 22nd and 23rd April. This is the rearranged visit after the 50th Anniversary Celebrations were postponed due to a rail strike. On the 22nd she will be at Beulah for the Sustainable Fashion Show – it sounds great and the clothes being upcycled are looking fabulous. Please come along to one of the workshops if you can, I can vouch for the fact that all levels of sewing ability are catered for.

On Sunday 23rd there will be a service for all the family at Canton Uniting Church, there won't be a

service in Beulah. If you are able to travel to Canton by car and have space available can you indicate this in the porch sign-up sheet and likewise if you require a lift, we can arrange a car share. After the service at Canton, there is a lunch at City Church. This will provide an opportunity to wish Revd. Simon Walkling, our Moderator well as he prepares to move on to local ministry. After lunch there will be the film shown, 'After the Flood'.

Monday 24th April at 7.30 p.m. will be our A.G.M. and this year with a slightly different format. Please can I have your reports by Sunday 2nd April to allow time to collate a booklet, and time for you to read it all before the AGM. On the evening we will have a summary of each area of Church Life, in the church before moving to the Canolfan for cheese and wine.

### Family News

Safe travels for those heading off on holiday over Easter, and good luck with the exam preparations.

Best wishes to those unwell at home or in hospital.

Anne

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## Letter from the Manse

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everlasting arms.” No matter what dreadful things take place, that remains the heart of reality. There is that wonderful thing from the British saint, Julian of Norwich: “All shall be well, and all manner of things will be well.” The written narrative may be shadowy and unclear, but the message is not - all will be well with God.

So, Christ is risen. Hope dawns in our lives again. Let's celebrate God's love that promises all shall be well.

Peace,

*Martha (and David, though he starts his sabbatical on 1 April!)*

## Warm Space

**Every Friday  
& Saturday  
10:00 - 12:30**

- A warm space
- Free hot/cold drinks
- Free Wi-Fi
- Companionship
- A warm welcome



## Pastorate Weekend

Following the celebrations of 50 years of the URC on 15 April in London, we have our own special weekend to share across the pastorate.

The events of the weekend begin with the sustainable fashion show at Beulah on 22 April.

Then on Sunday, 23 we have two options for worship.

At Canton we are welcoming Rev Fiona Bennett, the General Assembly Moderator. She will be leading our worship. Or we can go to City where Rev. Simon Walkling will be leading worship, his last as the Synod of Wales Moderator before moving to Swansea in the summer. After worship, we will all have lunch at City during which we can thank Simon for his leadership, chat to Fiona, and enjoy time with each other.

Then following the lunch there is the opportunity to watch the film, 'After the Flood' about slavery and the bible. Look forward to seeing you at these events!

## THANK YOU

The Yardley family would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped for Jean's funeral. We are so grateful for the kindness and support shown to us all.

David for conducting the beautiful service, the lovely music played by Alun, the ladies in the Whittaker Lounge who provided tables covered with white cloths & pink roses & served sandwiches, home-made cakes & endless cups of teas and coffees.

Jean had been going to Beulah since the mid/late 1950's. She loved her church and it played a huge part in her life. In the early days, she was a Sunday school teacher & was in charge of the Cradle Roll. In later years, she was an elder, volunteered to make cakes & helped in the Whittaker Lounge.

We brought her back to her beloved Beulah for one last time & she would have loved it all.

Love

*Duncan, Liz, Robbie &  
Catherine, Emily, Lucy &  
Millie*



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# BOOKINGS MANAGER

Beulah is looking for someone to manage the room hires for the Church, Whittaker Lounge and Canolfan Beulah as from 1 September 2023. The Canolfan is a busy building with many regular bookings. This is a post that could be shared and it is hoped to offer an honorarium - the amount to be negotiated.

The person(s) will need to be flexible, computer literate, and enjoy meeting and dealing with people. Our clients are very important to us and many have been using our premises for a very long time.

## JOB DESCRIPTION

- Overall management of the Canolfan Monday to Friday, including help with opening and locking the building from time to time.
- Take and record all bookings: by email, telephone, or verbal.
- Pass details of bookings to the Treasurer where required to enable the raising of invoices/receipts.
- Monitor the diary to ensure no overlap of bookings.
- Meet any potential new clients.
- Deal with heating cycles

which are in place to conserve energy.

- Deal with queries and reported faults and ensure they are dealt with appropriately.
- Liaise with the Caretaker and the Cleaner.
- Liaise with the Premises Management Group.
- Order supplies of hand towels, toilet rolls, soap.

The Treasurer is currently dealing with all bookings and will be happy to talk with anyone who is interested in this post.

For further information please contact: Barbara Rhys, email: [treasurer@beulahurc.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@beulahurc.org.uk)

## SECURITY

Alongside the above, we are looking to expand the number of volunteers who kindly lock the Canolfan when our Caretaker is not available. Gavin normally does this from Monday-Friday, and Mike McCarthy has kindly been helping out with opening and locking on Saturdays but will be finishing on 31<sup>st</sup> August this year. We also have a small

number of volunteers who carry out the same task each Sunday. We are grateful to each and every person who is involved in this important task.

We would very much like to combine the Saturday and Sunday duties into one, meaning that whoever was on key duty would cover the whole weekend, i.e. Saturday and Sunday. If we could get just a few more volunteers it could mean that this job would only come around, say, every 8 weeks at the most. This is not a hugely time-consuming task but an essential one and training will be given.

Please give this some prayerful thought and contact either Barbara Rhys, Mike Warsop or Chris Wilkes if you would be interested or you would like more information. Contact details in the Beulah Directory.

Also, could the occasional and Sunday 'lockers up' also let one of us know if they feel able to take on any of this extra work. Thank you.

*Barb.*

## Lunchtime Concert April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1.05pm

**Jessica Robinson – soprano**  
**Nicola Rose – piano**



This will be a great opportunity to hear some of the items that Jessica will be singing in the Cardiff Singer of the World Competition in June this year.

She was the singer chosen by a jury to represent Wales in a public competition last autumn.

She is accompanied in Beulah by Nicola Rose.

Nicola who has played in Beulah on many occasions, makes a welcome return.

Their programme will include songs by Rossini and Schubert and arias by Handel, Mozart and Donizetti.

Tickets on the door £5 or more if you can.

NB further concerts will be held on the last Wednesday of the month, May 31st and June 28th. Watch this space for performer details!

*Trix*

## Holy Week Prayers

If you are coming to prayers on the Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week and would be prepared to take part, please let Fiona, Marion and Anne James know. We would like help from people to do readings, take part in drama and to give tech support.

Based on material published by Wild Goose Publications, The Iona Community, our themes will be:

- Monday: Love wastefully and save the world
- Tuesday: This is the House of God
- Wednesday: Asking Questions

Prayers take place at 7pm in the Margaret Whittaker Lounge.

## THANK YOU



Thank you Beulah Family for the beautiful flowers Eleanor brought me. They are a picture. My best wishes to you all for a Happy and Healthy Spring.

From Margaret (Clee)

## Treasure Trail for all the family: Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

Meet in the Margaret Whittaker Lounge on the Sunday of the first May bank holiday weekend (April 30th) for a Treasure Trail adventure around Rhiwbina. It will involve an easy walk, possibly muddy in places, lasting about 1.5 hours. In mixed age groups we will be solving clues in order to find the location of the fictitious hidden treasure. Tea and cakes for everyone afterward in Margaret Whittaker Lounge to celebrate our assured success!

All the directions you need will be given on the day. Suitable for ages 6 upward - and it's fun for adults as well as children.

For more information, or if you would like to come and help prepare refreshments to welcome the adventurers back to base, please contact Fiona or Hollie.

## Editor's Note



The **deadline** for articles to be included in the **May 2023** edition of **Crossroads** is **Sunday 23rd April**

## The Big One



The Big One climate protest in Westminster runs from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023. During this time, Parliament Square will be filled with tens of thousands of people - all calling for action from the government and those in authority to tackle the environmental and climate crisis. Many familiar organisations will be there including Christian Aid, Tearfund, CAFOD, Operation Noah, Green Christian, the Iona Community and A Rocha.

Alison McQueen from City URC and I are travelling up to London for the day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April and we would be delighted to have others join us. There's a service at St. John's Waterloo led by Christian Aid and others, then a pilgrimage to Parliament. Please do get in touch if you'd like to come along.

*Eileen*



## ROTAS

| Date         | Readers          | Intercessions    | AV               | Flowers                         | Arranger       |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>April</b> |                  |                  |                  |                                 |                |
| 2nd          | Gaynor Rees      | Mary Bidnell     | Nigel Barwise    | Janet Richards                  | Vivienne Jones |
| 6th          | Maundy Thursday  |                  | James Hall       |                                 |                |
| 7th          | Good Friday      |                  | Andrew Glanfield |                                 |                |
| 9th          | Colin Grimes     | Jonathan Grimes  | Harley Jones     | Fleur Richards & Karen Holbrook | Karen          |
| 16th         | Richard Sweetnam | Duncan Pugh      | Richard Sweetnam | Ann & Colin Grimes              | tbc            |
| 23rd         | Naomi Williams   | Bev Hampson      | James Hall       | tbc                             | tbc            |
| 30th         | Vicki Grimes     | Anne James       | Nigel Barwise    | Rachel & Chris Snelson          | Ann Brown      |
| <b>May</b>   |                  |                  |                  |                                 |                |
| 7th          | Marion Williams  | Nigel Barwise    | Andrew Glanfield | Jill & Peter Ferdinando         | Jill           |
| 14th         | Audrey Budding   | Hollie Glanfield | Harley Jones     | tbc                             | tbc            |
| 21st         | Jonathan Grimes  | Richard Sweetnam | Richard Sweetnam | Rhian Jones                     | Ann Brown      |
| 28th         | Bev Hampson      | Tony Webb        | Nigel Barwise    | Natalie & Rhodri Samuel         | tbc            |

|                        | Duty Elder/<br>Stewards  | Vestry Prayer   | Serving Communion<br>P-Prayer                         |   | Communion<br>Prep |
|------------------------|--|-----------------|---|---|-------------------|
| April 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Pat Cazenave<br>Viv Morgan(S)<br>Marion Williams (S)                         | Jonathan Grimes |   |   |                   |
| April 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Kaye Mundy<br>Colin Grimes(S)  |                 |   |   |                   |
| April 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Eileen Newington<br>Audrey Budding (S)<br>Ann Grimes(S)                      | Louise Morgan   | Marianne Barwise<br>Ian Mc Dowell<br>Andrew Glanfield | Secretary<br>Arlene Ramasut P<br>Pat Cazenave | Marianne          |
| April 16 <sup>th</sup> | Jenny McDowell<br>Mary Edwards (S)<br>Gaynor Rees (S)                        | Pat Agland      |   |   |                   |
| April 23 <sup>rd</sup> | No service at Beulah: Service at Canton Uniting Church: Revd. Fiona Bennett. |                 |   |   |                   |
| April 30 <sup>th</sup> | Ruth Williams<br>Nigel Barwise<br>Marion Williams                            | Arlene Ramasut  |   |   |                   |

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

## KIN

### Retiring Collections for Turkey and Syria

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to our retiring collections after the earth-quake disaster.

Over the three weeks we raised £751.50 in cash donations and £200 on the card reader. This money will be divided between Mary's Meals and Shelter-Box.

Mary's Meals serves nutritious meals to school children in some of the world's poorest communities and was already working on the ground in Syria. ShelterBox provides emergency shelter and other aid to families who have lost their homes to disaster or conflict.



## KIN at Easter

### 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 will be joined by our friends from All Saints and Bethany.

### 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.

To help us with numbers, please sign the lists in the church porch if you plan to come along to the Good Friday lunch and/or Easter Breakfast. Alternatively, you can contact Eileen.

Donations on both these occasions can be made on the day. We will be raising money for the on going Disasters Emergency Fund for earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria.

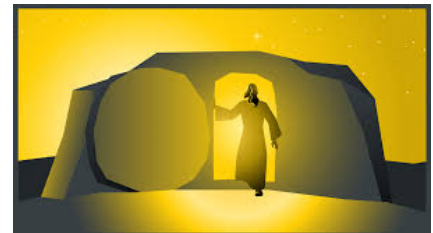
Thank you from the KIN committee.

## Come and Play

We would love to run another Come and Play session, for children 0 to 7 years with their parents/carers, during August this year, as it was such a success last time. Fleur has all the expertise for organising the activities but we need someone who will work with her and help with coordinating the publicity, practicalities, enquiries and volunteer helpers for the day.

If you feel able to support in this way, please have a word with Fleur or Fiona.

Without this necessary help, we will sadly have to give it a miss this year.



## BEULAH TOTS

Hi all,

just letting you know that there will be no Tots and huddle on 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th due to Easter holiday.



Start back date:  
18th and 19th April.

Many thanks  
Fleur x

## King Charles III Coronation Celebration

Whilst the notion of a royal family is not everyone's cup of tea, there's no escaping the fact that we have one. So, whether you're a royalist at heart, or a republican, or you just don't care, we're having a bit of a party after morning service on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May (the day after the coronation). There will be a sign up sheet in the church porch during April. Please add your name if you'd like to be there. More details to follow about catering. Look at the notice board in church, or contact Ann G.



## Beulah United Reformed Church

### Easter 2023

#### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Palm Sunday**

10.30 a.m. Worship: Revd. Roger Bidnell

#### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Holy Week Prayers**

7.00 p.m. Whittaker Lounge: Dr Fiona Liddell

#### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, Holy Week Prayers**

7.00 p.m. Whittaker Lounge: Dr Fiona Liddell

#### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, Holy Week Prayers**

7.00 p.m. Whittaker Lounge: Dr Fiona Liddell

#### **Maundy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April, Communion**

7.30 p.m. Canolfan Upper Room: Revd. James Hall

#### **Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, Walk of Witness**

9.30 a.m. Bethany Baptist Church

Walk to All Saints

10.30 a.m. All Saints Church

Walk to Beulah

12.00 Beulah URC: Drama Service: Children and Young People

Lunch in Canolfan (please sign list in porch)

#### **Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

8.45 a.m. Garden Service: Revd. Martha McInnes

Breakfast in Canolfan (please sign list in porch)

10.30 a.m. Family Communion: Revd. Martha McInnes





## **Lectionary Readings for Holy Week. Entry into Jerusalem**

### **Palm Sunday**

Matthew 21: 1-11

Psalm 118: 1-2

### **Passion**

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalm 31: 9-16

Philippians 2: 5-11

Matthew 26: 14-27: 66 or  
27: 11-54

### **Monday in Holy Week**

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Psalm 36: 5-11

Hebrews 9: 11-15

John 12: 1-11

### **Tuesday in Holy Week**

Isaiah 49: 1-7

Psalm 71: 1-14

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

John 12:20-36

### **Wednesday in Holy Week**

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalm 70

Hebrews 12: 1-3

John 13: 21-32

### **Thursday in Holy Week**

Exodus 12: 1-14

Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

### **Good Friday**

Isaiah 52: 13-53: 12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10: 16-25 or  
4: 14-16; 5:7-9

John 18: 1-19: 42

### **Easter Day**

Acts 10: 34-43 or

Jeremiah 31: 1-6

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3: 1-4 or

Acts 10: 34-43

John 20: 1-18 or

Matthew 28: 1-10

# Calendar April 2023

## All Welcome

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| <b>Palm Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>                             | <b>10.30 a.m.</b>                              | <b>Worship – Revd. Roger Bidnell</b>   |
| <b>Holy Week Prayers<br/>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> - Wed 5<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>7.00 p.m.</b>                               | <b>Prayers in Whittaker Lounge - Dr Fiona Liddell</b>  |
| <b>Maundy Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup></b>                               | <b>7.00 p.m.</b>                               | <b>Communion in Canolfan – Revd. James Hall</b>  |
| <b>Good Friday<br/>Walk of Witness<br/>7<sup>th</sup> April</b>      | <b>9.30 a.m.<br/>10.30 a.m.<br/>12.00 noon</b> | <b>Service in Bethany Baptist Church, walk to<br/>All Saints Church Service and walk to<br/>Beulah URC for Drama Service</b> |
| <b>Easter Day<br/>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>                    | <b>8.45 a.m.<br/>10.30 a.m.</b>                | <b>Canolfan Garden Service, followed by<br/>Easter Breakfast<br/>Family Communion – Revd Martha McInnes</b>                  |
| <b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>10.30 a.m.</b>                              | <b>Worship – Mr. Richard Edwards</b>   |
| <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>  | <b>10.30 a.m.</b>                              | <b>Pastorate Worship at Canton Uniting Church,<br/>Revd. Fiona Bennett, Moderator of the URC</b>                             |
| <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>7.30 p.m.</b>                               | <b>A.G.M.</b>  |
| <b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>10.30 a.m.</b>                              | <b>Worship – Synod Sunday</b>  |

### Mondays

Miss Tilley's Community Café (not 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>) 9-12.30 p.m. Term time  
 Women's Fellowship 2-3 p.m.  
 Elders Meeting – Second Monday (not 10<sup>th</sup>) 7.30 p.m.

### Tuesdays

Miss Tilley's Community Café (not 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>) 9-12.30 p.m.  
 Beulah Tots (not 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>) 9.30-11 a.m. Term time  
 Beulah on Tap - Third Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. at the Deri Inn

### Wednesdays

The Huddle (not 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>) 11-12.30 p.m.

### Thursdays

Caffi Dosbarth (Warm Space on 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>) 9.30- 12.00 p.m. Term time

### Fridays & Saturdays

Whittaker Lounge: Warm Space 10-12.30 p.m.  
 With free hot/cold drinks

### Sundays

Youth Fellowship (not 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>) 7.15-9 p.m. Term time

# Sustainable Fashion Fair

Everyone welcome!



Local and independent sustainable brands, mending and upcycling workshops, sustainability talks, haberdashery, pre-loved clothes and a fashion show.

Repair cafe on site to mend broken clothes.

**2-5pm Saturday  
April 22nd 2023**

**In Canolfan Beulah  
Rhiwbina CF14 6AX**





HAPPY  
EASTER!



Whatever your age, why don't you colour in these pictures and brighten up your fridge door!! :-)

Happy Easter!

