

CHURCH AND FAMILY NEWS

April was another busy month in Church. It started with Holy Week prayers which was good to reflect, as the week progressed to Easter, and included some spikenard oil. The weather was fine for the Walk of Witness on Good Friday, with friends from Bethany and All Saints. Martha led our Easter Day service in the Garden and Family Service, it was great to see everyone and the confetti was great and did get everywhere!

Thank you to everyone involved in all the services and preparation for Easter and also to Jo and knitters for updating Graffiti Jesus. It's always interesting to see how he continues to change.

The Sustainable Fashion Fair was a great success and the photos on Facebook reflected that. Thank you to all who took part and to Marianne who worked hard coordinating all the upcycling sessions.

Canton Uniting hosted us for the joint service led by Revd. Fiona Bennett before moving on to City URC for lunch where we could also meet with Revd. Simon Walkling. The film following 'After the Flood' was very thought provoking.

The month finished with our AGM, in the Canolfan with a

slightly different format. A booklet of reports to read beforehand and then summaries from each Church Life Elder, followed by Cheese & Wine. Thank you to all, it was a busy year in 2022. Thanks to all who contributed, Colin for collating the booklet and to those who helped on the night. And, advanced notice, we will be doing similar next year and a request that reports from organisations will be required by at least one month before the AGM, in order to allow time to collate and publish the information in the booklet. Look out for the date early next year!



Moving onto May, there will be plenty of opportunities to meet up again. There is a Coronation Party after the service on Sunday 7th including competitions and quiz. Please make sure to sign up. Christian Aid week is 14th – 20th May, look out for further information about that.

Nominations for new Elders will be open from Sunday 7th

– 21st May. This year there are vacancies for two Pastoral Elders. Thanks to Pat Cazenave who is finishing as PE and to Colin Grimes for his help with Pastoral Duties in the last year, however he is not currently a nominated Pastoral Elder. There is also a Church Life Elder vacancy as Geraint Richards is finishing as CLE for Invitation, Geraint will continue as Pastoral Elder.

Family News

For those unwell at home we wish you well and look forward to your return.

Best Wishes,

Anne



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Letter from the Manse

(Continued from Front page)

joy. Today I sat with people remembering Marg Jones. Today a little girl waved at me as she danced across the street. Mourning and joy in one day; celebration and sorrow; laughter and life. As we remember those we love who have died, may our community support those who mourn, making space to listen to those life-shaping stories. May our community also find ways to celebrate with 'dancing' and joy.

Blessed are we who remember the person who shaped the now-empty chair, the joke they laughed at before finishing telling it, the recipe they left behind, the love that gifted us when we were sad. Blessed are we who are learning to make sense of a world that doesn't make sense without them. Blessed are we who create space to cherish those who are grieving and help them feel loved. Blessed are we who are learning that in life and in death, love is.

Yours in Christ,

Martha (And David)

Thank You

I lost my wonderful Mum to Dementia in January & I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those within Beulah for their cards, emails, flowers, kindness & messages of sympathy & support.

Thank you all very much, it has meant a great deal to me & my family & it is really appreciated.

Chris Wilkes.

Thank you!

I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers, cards and messages I have received over the last few weeks. They really cheered me up! I am now about to move on to a new stage of treatment and hope to be fully back in action before too long.

Liz Kidd

Thank You

I would like to say a very big 'thank you' for my lovely flower arrangement. It is really beautiful, with such a variety of flowers.

Thank you also to Karen for arranging the flowers, and to Eleanor for delivering it.

Love, thoughts and prayers,

Cynthia xx

THANK YOU

Alan would like to say thank you for his birthday card and lovely flowers. He was very moved that so many of the congregation had signed his card, it was so thoughtful.

With our very best wishes,

Alan and Barbara Gray

June Elder's Meeting Change

Please note the date of the Joint Pastoral Elder and Church Life Elder meeting is moved from 12th to 19th June. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Anne W



June 2023

edition of **Crossroads** is

Sunday 21st May
and **Colin** will be editing.

Editorial Team

Colin Grimes,
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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

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 31st 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.

KIN - Together we care and together we share

Easter Fundraising

Good Friday Lunch
£247.00

Easter Breakfast
£198.77

Total £445.77
for Turkey/Syria
through the DEC

Easter Raffle £124.00
Alms Bowl £340.03
Total £464.03
for Christian Aid

A big thank you to all who helped organise and run

the Easter events, and to everyone who supported KIN so generously.

Christian Aid Week
14th - 20th May

Want to change the world
over breakfast?
Please join us for this
year's BIG BREKKIE!

Saturday, 20th May
9.30 - 11.30 am
in the Canolfan

Delivery only Christian Aid envelopes

We will use the delivery only Christian Aid envelopes again this year. On the envelopes will be details of how and where to donate. Delivery only envelopes are much easier than envelopes that have to be collected so please think about volunteering for a couple of routes. Details and sign up sheets to follow.

Eileen



ROTAS

Date	Readers	Intercessions	AV	Flowers	Arranger
May					
7th	Marion Williams	Andrew Glanfield	Jill & Peter Ferdinando	Jill
14th	Audrey Budding	Hollie Glanfield	Harley Jones	Viv & Harley Jones	Viv
21st	Jonathan Grimes	Tony Webb	Richard Sweetnam	Rhian Jones	Ann Brown
28th	Bev Hampson	Tony Webb	Nigel Barwise	Natalie & Rhodri Samuel	Karen
June					
4th	Sophie Jones	Fleur Richards	Andrew Glanfield	Bev & Ian Hampson	Beverley
11th	Mark Stephens	Andrew Glanfield	James Hall	Thelma Ward	Karen
18th	Andy Wales	Marianne Barwise	Harley Jones	Jenny & Ian McDowell	tbc
25th	Eleri John	Kaye Mundy	Richard Sweetnam	Arlene Ramasut	Ann Brown

Date	Duty Elder Stewards(S)	Vestry Prayer	Communion		
			Minister's right	Minister's left Communion prayer (P)	Preparation
May 7 th Communion	Marianne Barwise	Pat Cazenave	Ruth Williams Bev Hampson Eileen Newington	Secretary Jonathan Grimes (P) Geraint Richards	Ruth Williams
	Derek Evans (S) Naomi Williams (S)				
May 14 th	Andrew Glanfield	Bev Hampson			
	Jill Ferdinando (S) Peter Ferdinando(S)				
May 21 st	Fiona Liddell	Eleanor Mills			
	Eleri John (S) Viv Morgan (S)				
May 28 th	Jonathan Grimes	Ruth Williams			
	Harley Jones (S) Viv Jones (S)				

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

Whittaker Lounge

Have you ever thought of being a volunteer and helping out in the Whittaker lounge on a Friday/Saturday morning, or even on a Thursday morning during school holidays? It's good fun and benefits the local community (see the feedback item on a recent survey).

We are looking for people who we can add to our reserve list - so no actual definite commitment, but people we would be able to ask at times when/if we need cover. But if you can't make it, don't worry!

We can also run through with you what you have to do, and you'll always be volunteering with someone who has done it before!

Can you let us know if you are interested? We are trying to keep the Whittaker Lounge open during school holidays and extending the reserve list will help.

Thanks
*Eleri John, Philippa
and Giles Ballisat*

Whittaker Lounge Survey

As you are aware Beulah Church and the Whittaker Lounge were part of Cardiff Council's Warm Space initiative from November 2022 through to the end of March 2023. We asked for feedback from Whittaker Lounge users on one Friday and Saturday at the end of the initiative and here are some of the results which we thought

would be positive to share with you.

Which of the following is the reason for you visiting the MW Lounge (tick as many as apply)

To meet friends: 20

To have free tea/coffee: 10 (5 had crossed out the word free)

To use the wi-fi

To make use of the warm space: 6

To see people /have some company: 19

To be part of a group: 7

To look at the books: 12

To have something to eat: 9

Somewhere warm to go during the daytime (saving heating my home during the day): 1

Why do you like using the MW Lounge?

Lovely atmosphere

Friendly volunteers

Cheaper food/drinks

Meeting others

Warm and friendly welcome

Nice and quiet space

Friendly

Polite

Warm and welcoming

Meeting friends

It's pleasant and the service is good. It isn't too noisy.

Because it's friendly.

Meeting people. My husband has Parkinsons so it gets me out for a couple of hours which means a lot to me.

Good coffee and toast

Friendly volunteers who serve us and are there week by week

It's nice and warm and cosy

Nice to relax and chat to my friends

It's a warm comfortable and friendly space

Very comfortable and cosy.

Lovely atmosphere.

The helpers are invariable friendly and cheerful. Its always 'service with a smile'

Meeting friends

Meeting people

Company/friends/family catch up

To see family and friends and to catch up.

Statistics

We also worked out the numbers of people visiting on a Friday/Saturday.

From November 2022 to March 2023 we had:

On Fridays - 264 people visit the Lounge

On Saturdays - 525 people visit the Lounge

Total = 789 people

These are actually the minimum approximate figures, as there are also additionally people who are working in the church on a Friday/Saturday and others who pop in to see people, but then stay for a cuppa!

But it does mean we have had at least 789 people through the Lounge doors over the winter Warm Space period on a Friday/Saturday- and not all from Beulah! For this we want to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who give their time - it means so much.

Thanks
Eleri, Philippa and Giles

Memories of life in Taiwan (Mary Richards)

Each year, material for the Women's World Day of Prayer is prepared by Christian women of a different country. This year it was Taiwan's turn, and I'd like to share an early memory of my Church in Taipei.

In mid-April 1949, my family escaped from mainland China to join my father who had already left to set up his shipping company in Taipei. My brothers, sisters and I should have completed the school year before joining him, but as the political situation was deteriorating, we had to leave. We reunited with members of our Church in Shanghai and decided to set up our own Church. The local Presbyterian Church held services in the morning, and kindly let us use their building for evening worship led by our minister, Reverend Chen.

In the same year, under the leadership of President Chiang Kai Shek, the Kuomintang retreated to Taiwan. The President and Madame Chiang were devout Christians and built their own Church close to their home. They needed a minister and Reverend Chen was able to accept their invitation to lead morning worship at their Church.

The organist at the President's Church wanted to form a double quartet choir. For security reasons, choristers were limited to being children of government officials. As Reverend Chen knew our family well, he was able to take me, my eldest sister, and my eldest brother, along to complete the choir.

President Chiang Kai Shek was born and raised as a buddhist, becoming a methodist upon his marriage to his fourth wife, Soong Mei Ling. I continued to sing at their Church until November 1953 when I went to the USA to study, and witnessed first-hand the strength and sincerity of the couple's Christian faith.

In the meantime, the Church that we'd founded on our arrival in Taipei flourished. My father, brother and brother-in-law were Elders at the Church, and generations of our family sang in the choir. Each time we return to Taipei, we visit the Church. My last visit was with Lesley in 2011. But we remain connected, receiving monthly newsletters which still refer to some of my family members.



The President and Mme Chiang's choir (I'm top row, second from left)



Reverend Chen



Our Taipei Church choir (I'm at the right of the middle row)



My father with 4 of his 6 children and 11 of his 15 grandchildren (plus husbands, wives, friends!) after a Church service in Taipei in 1973. Spot Lesley (4th from the left with a bow in her hair) and Geraint (3rd from the right!)



Beulah United Reformed Church

May 2023

All Welcome

Sunday 7th	10.30 a.m.	Worship & Communion – Revd. David Simpson Junior Church
	12.00 p.m.	Coronation Lunch Party
Sunday 14th	10.30 a.m.	Worship – Mrs Marion Williams & Dr Andrew Glanfield Junior Church
Sunday 21st	10.30 a.m.	Worship – Ms Maggie Kirkbride Junior Church
Sunday 28th	10.30 a.m.	Worship – Mr Geraint Richards, Mr Jonathan Grimes & Mr Matt Jones Junior Church
Sunday 5th June	10.30 a.m.	Worship & Communion – Revd. James Hall Junior Church

Mondays

Miss Tilley's Community Café (not on Bank Hols) 9-12.30 p.m. Term time

Women's Fellowship (not on Bank Hols) 2-3 p.m.

Elders Meeting: 15th May 7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Miss Tilley's Community Café 9-12.30 p.m. Term time

Beulah Tots (not on 30th) 9.30-11 a.m. Term time

Beulah on Tap: 23rd May 7.30 p.m. at the Deri Inn

Wednesdays

The Huddle (not 31st) 11-12.30 p.m.

Lunchtime Concert: Wed 31st May 1.05- 1.55 p.m.

The Bute Quintet

Thursdays

Caffi Dosbarth 9.30- 12.00 p.m. Term time

Fridays & Saturdays

Whittaker Lounge Café 10-12.30 p.m.

Sundays

Youth Fellowship (not 28th) 7.15-9 p.m. Term time



Coronation Lunch Party



**Please join us to celebrate the Coronation of
King Charles III and Queen Camilla
after Morning Worship on Sunday 7th May 2023**

Bucks Fizz on arrival

Children's Fancy Dress Competition

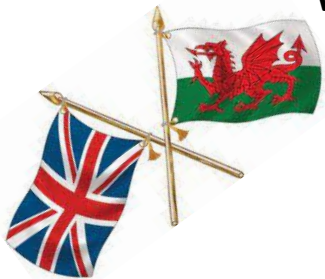
Where Did You Get That Hat? Competition

Quiz

Music

Please bring your own drinks

**Please let Ann Grimes know if you wish to attend, and if you
can provide a salad, or dessert, just indicate which one.**



Elder Nominations 2023

Elder roles are normally for a 4-year term, although shorter periods can be considered. Job-share can also be considered. This year we have **two Pastoral Elder and one Church Life Elder Vacancies**

Pastoral Elders (PE) are supported by a pastoral helper and Church Life Elder (CLE) for Pastoral Care, they have responsibility for pastoral care of a District, including Crossroads distribution, and organisation of District Teas. Church Life Elders have responsibility for an area of Church Life. See Appendix A

Gratitude and Thanks

We would like to extend our very grateful thanks to those who are completing their service as Pastoral Elders: Pat Cazenave who has completed 5 years and Colin Grimes for the last year. However, Colin is not currently a nominated Pastoral Elder. Thanks also to Geraint Richards for his work as Church Life Elder initially without Portfolio and now for Invitation.

Nomination Process

Please can all Beulah members submit nominations for up to **five** suitable candidates for Pastoral Elders **and one** Church Life Elder. Please complete using the form provided which must be received by mid-day on Sunday 21st May. We will then contact nominated candidates, and once confirmed, inform you at Church Meeting on Monday 26th June.

Once elders are confirmed there will be a meeting with our Ministers, Secretary, CLE for Pastoral Care including orientation regarding the roles and support required. The induction/ordination service will be Sunday 1st October 2023.

Nominations can be returned by:

- The nomination box in the Church Porch,
- Post through the Church letterbox
- e-mail to secretary@beulahurc.org.uk

(A reminder that all PEs who have sufficient nominations will

be contacted. The CLE nominees will be contacted in order of nominations received, as agreed by Church Meeting.)

Note: PEs can also serve in the role of CLE (and vice-versa) these roles are not mutually exclusive. Serving elders therefore could be nominated.

Current Serving Church Life Elders are: Fiona Liddell, Jenny McDowell, Anne James, Ian McDowell, Eileen Newington, Andrew Glanfield, Alun Jones and Ruth Williams.

Current Serving Pastoral Elders are: Kaye Mundy, Eleanor Mills, Beverley Clay, Helen Harries, Marianne Barwise, Philippa Ballisat, Louise Morgan, Pat Agland, Beverley Hampson, Arlene Ramasut, Jonathan Grimes and Geraint Richards.

If you would like any further information about the nomination process, please speak to one of the Leadership Team (David, Martha, Anne, Barbara, Liz and Andrew)

Yours In Christ,

The Leadership Team



BEULAH UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
NOMINATIONS 2023

PASTORAL ELDER (UP TO 5 NAMES)	CHURCH LIFE ELDER (ONE NAME ONLY)		
1.	1.		
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE

Nominations to be returned by 12:00 on 14th May 2023, via:

- The nomination box in the Church Porch
- Post through the Church letterbox
- e-mail to secretary@beulahurc.org.uk

Appendix A: Key Duties of Beulah's Eldership Team

Beulah's Eldership Team			
	Leadership Team	Church Life Elders	Pastoral Elders
Link with a Specific Church Life Area	No	Yes	No
Undertake District Pastoral Duties	No	No	Yes
Attend Monthly Elders Meetings	Yes	Yes	Optional
Receive Minutes of Elders Meetings	Yes	Yes	Yes
Attend 6 Monthly Eldership Team Meetings	Yes	Yes	Optional
Attend Church Meetings & AGM	Yes	Yes	Yes
Provide Report to AGM	Yes	Yes	No
Undertake Sunday Duties	Optional	Yes	Yes
Meet in Fellowship Before Sunday Worship	Yes	Yes	Yes
Be Beulah's Representative to Synod	Potentially	Potentially	Not normally