

CHURCH AND FAMILY NEWS

The month of May seems to have passed by quickly. Three Bank Holiday Monday's and I could get used to that every week very easily! We had a lovely Coronation Lunch after church on the 7th. There was a lovely atmosphere and great hats and quiz, although I have heard since that King Charles plays the guitar, so maybe we should have a recount? Thank you to our new catering team. Of course, thanks go to Barbara and Pat for all their hard work over many years, and to Ann Grimes, Richard Sweetnam and Louise Morgan, and The Team, who are taking up the mantle.

I hope you were able to hear about the work of Christian Aid and Jennie Weaver at the Big Brekkie. And taste the pigeon pea bread or biscuits expertly made by Marion. We had some peas/beans to plant and I'm intrigued to see how mine fares on my windowsill.

Elders nominations have taken place and we should have further information by Elders Meeting/Church Meeting this month. Please note the dates in your diaries. If there are any queries please get in touch.

We have had two TED The End of the Day Sunday evening services recently. These are led by John & Brenda Cheer and a lovely reflective service. There will be another opportunity to attend again this month. Come along at 5pm if you would like to be involved with music, singing or reading/prayers. Tea and Cake is served before the service starts at 6pm.



You will have seen in the notices and also in this edition of Crossroads to 'Save the Date' on Sunday 9th July. We have a Pastorate Day Out planned to go to Porthcawl. There won't be a service in Beulah that day. We are meeting for lunch at 1.00pm. You can come along all day or part of the day. There is a service in Trinity Methodist Church at 10.30am and then a Sea Service at 6.00pm. There is an opportunity to wander round town, swim in the sea or get fish and chips. There will be some sign up sheets

in the porch to get an idea of numbers please let us know if you plan to attend and make your own way/ require a lift / or have space to share.

Family News

To those remembering loved ones, we are thinking of you.

Good Luck to all studying for exams, particularly GCSE's and A-Levels. Thankfully there are none in our household this year - the first year in 9 that we don't have exams!

Best Wishes.

Anne

THANK YOU

Jill and Peter would like to thank all our Beulah friends for their cards and good wishes on our recent Diamond Wedding celebration, and thanks also for the beautiful flowers which we were surprised to be presented with in church.

Jill & Peter Ferdinando

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Letter from the Manse

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you are asked to do something that you never expected. Is God asking you to think about what you can offer to the life of the church that you never expected? Is it to take on a role contributing to worship? Is it looking into something practical? Is it providing activities for the children/young people? Is it offering pastoral support within the church? Do you have a vision for an activity that might enhance the life of our church, or the community?

The Synod has developed a booklet called 'The Whole People of God.' It is, in effect, reminding us that we all have a role to play in the life of the church. Your role, or calling, is essential for us to continue being church and sharing God's love in the community. None of us, me, David, or anyone in leadership, can do it alone. We have to do it together. We are 'the whole people of God.'

One of the hymns that always touches me is 'I, the Lord of Sea and Sky.' The refrain is an answer to God's question of who will serve: 'Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, where you lead me. I will hold your people

in my hand.' This is a willingness to answer God's calling with a 'yes'. When you are asked to do something, perhaps you will at least pause to listen for whether this is God's request.

Now, perhaps you are wondering what role caused my surprised response. I was asked whether I would let my name go forward for General Assembly Moderator of the URC. This is a role that is voted on by the members of Assembly in July. While it is not a role I would have ever sought, I felt I had to say 'yes' to the initial question. What happens next is determined by those at Assembly.

Are you being asked to say 'yes'? Maybe God has a new direction for you in the whole people of God.

Yours in Christ,

Martha

PS For those wondering where David is, he has been on Iona since the end of April. He said he is 'in his element.' He has made lots of connections and is loving being a maintenance volunteer. In early June he will leave Iona and make a slow return to Cardiff to be here by the end of June.

Lunchtime Concerts

As you read this there is just time to remind you of the Bute Wind Quintet on 31st May.

Beulah has a great tradition of supporting students from the Welsh College and this is another of those opportunities as they come highly recommended.



Now to the 28th June concert when Rhiwbina born viola player Hannah Roberts makes a return visit after completing her studies at the Guildhall.

She is accompanied by Jennifer Carter on the piano. Expect an interesting and accessible programme in celebration of Welsh music.

Both concerts start at 1.05pm and cost £5 plus a donation if you wish

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Editor's Note

The **deadline** for articles to be included in the



July/August 2023
edition of **Crossroads** is
Sunday 2nd July
and **Colin** will be editing.

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KIN - Together we care and together we share

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to Beulah's fundraising during this year's Christian Aid Week. Many thanks to Marion and Andrew who marked the beginning of the week with our Christian Aid service and thanks then to all those who delivered envelopes in local streets.

We were pleased to welcome Christian Aid's new Church Engagement and Fundraising Officer, Jennie Weaver, to the Big Brekkie and it was good to have guests from other Rhiwbina churches as well as Beulah on the morning. Details of how much money was raised will be in next month's Crossroads.

Eileen



Picture of the happy band of gardeners in the Canolfan on Monday, 8th May – it stayed dry – despite the weather forecast.

In response to Caleb's question – the food on that day was Coronation cakes!

We also cleared weeds from round the outside of the Canolfan which now looks much better, but didn't have time to do round the main church building.

If anyone has some time it would be good to clear weeds from round the church and the Whittaker Lounge and they can go on the compost heap.

Thank you

Ian



PASTORATE DAY IN PORTHCAWL

Meet at 1 pm for Lunch

Bring your own lunch - Placeto be notified closer to the date.

Options for the day:

- Meet at Trinity Church for Worship at 10.30am
- Play in the sea.
- Wander around the town. Get fish and chips
- Attend the Sea Service at 6.00pm
- Find a friend(s) and come together

Date for your Diary

The date is set for the Beulah Christmas Meal at Whitchurch Golf Club!

Thursday, 7th December.

The Sign up sheets should go up on the Church Notice Board (in the porch) around middle of September, but don't forget to save the date!

Also, keep a look out for shows at the Wales Millennium Centre - sign up sheets in the porch!

ROTAS

Date	Readers	Intercessions	AV	Flowers	Arranger
June					
4th	Sophie Jones	Lorraine Larcombe	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
July					
2nd	Hollie Glanfield	Harley Jones	Nigel Barwise	Christine Pugh	tbc
9th	Pastorate Day Out at Porthcawl				
16th	Matt Jones	Anne James	Andrew Glanfield	Mary Edwards	Ann Brown
23rd	Jenny McDowell	Nigel Barwise	Harley Jones	Kaye Mundy	Viv Jones
30th	Andrew Glanfield	Richard Edwards	Richard Sweetnam	tbc	tbc

	Elder on duty & Stewards (S)	Vestry Prayer	Communion		
			Minister's right	Minister's left	Preparation
			Prayer (P)		
June 4 th Communion	Eleanor Mills	Andrew Glanfield	Louise Morgan	Secretary	Louise Morgan
	Richard Sweetnam(S)		Bev Hampson	Beverley Clay (P)	
	Gaynor Rees (S)		Fiona Liddell	Philippa Ballisat	
June 11 th	Bev Hampson	Jenny McDowell			
	Audrey Budding (S)				
	Liz McCarthy (S)				
June 18 th	Ian McDowell	Geraint Richards			
	Mike Warsop (S)				
	Andy Wales (S)				
June 25 th	Eileen Newington	Kaye Mundy			
	Mary Edwards(S)				
	Nigel Barwise (S)				
July 2 nd Communion	Geraint Richards	Fiona Liddell	Eleanor Mills	Secretary	Eleanor Mills
	Derek Evans (S)		Anne James	Helen Harries (P)	
	Hollie Glanfield (S)		Pat Agland	Colin Grimes	
July 9 th	Pastorate Day Out				
July 16 th	Philippa Ballisat	Beverley Clay			
	Giles Ballisat (S)				
	Viv Morgan (S)				
July 23 rd	Helen Harries	Ian McDowell			
	Ann Grimes (S)				
	Ruth Williams (S)				
July 30 th	Kaye Mundy	Eileen Newington			
	Cathy Wales (S)				
	Andrew Glanfield (S)				



Joy of Learning

As some of you may know, after many years of volunteering at Sanyu Babies' Home in Uganda, I set up my own charity called Joy of Learning. We were registered with Charity Commission in June 2021, we officially launched in January 2022, and finally in April 2023 our charity bank account was opened! It has been a long journey getting to this point but we are so excited to now be a fully functioning charity!

Joy of Learning works in Uganda with children who have been reunited with family members after living at Sanyu Babies' Home. These children are loved, well cared for, and thriving with their family members, where they belong, but are often not able to attend school. School in Uganda is expensive, and you not only have to pay fees, but you also have to pay for your exercise books, pens, uniform, toilet paper... even brooms to sweep the compound! This means that school often ends up a luxury that many families cannot afford.

The primary aim of Joy of Learning is to enable education by finding Educational Sponsors who commit to paying £15 a month which pays for a child's school fees and requirements.

Joy of Learning also makes sure the basic needs of each family are met by providing food, clothing, hygiene products and medical support where necessary.

Becoming an Educational Sponsor can quite literally change a child's life, and we would love to get as many children into school as possible in the coming year. We already have 50+ children waiting for sponsors, and we also have a long referral list of families we haven't even met yet. To find out more information about Educational Sponsorship please email joyoflearningug@outlook.com and we can send you an email with a bit more detail about what sponsoring a child looks like with Joy of Learning.

We are quite a unique charity as the families we work with live all over Uganda. That means that as well as the basic support we provide to each family, we also have to factor in big transport costs which all come from general donations made to Joy of Learning. If you would like to make either a regular, or a one off a donation to Joy of Learning please use the bank details below. If you are UK Tax Payer and you have

made a donation, please let us know so that when we are registered with HMRC, we can send you the relevant form so that we can claim gift aid on your donation.

Name of Account:

Joy of Learning

Type of Account:

Business Account

Account Number:

67284500

Sort Code:

08-92-99

To stay up to date with what we are doing please follow us on Facebook and Instagram. You can find us by searching @joyoflearningug. We also have a website:

www.joyoflearningug.com,

and a bi-monthly newsletter, so please let us know if you would like to receive that.

I am so excited to watch Joy of Learning grow, as it has been a dream of mine for so long, and it's so special for me to see it come to life. Thank you to everyone who has supported us thus far, and please get in touch if you have any questions as I would love to answer them!

Emily Cheer



WHERE THERE
IS HOPE,
THERE IS *faith.*
WHERE THERE
IS FAITH, *miracles*
HAPPEN.

**WHITCHURCH RHIWBINA AND BIRCHGROVE
WORSHIP
JUNE – JULY 2023
SATURDAY 10.15am – 10.45am**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP WITH FRIENDS
FROM THIRTEEN LOCAL CHURCHES**

24th JUNE

**Beulah U.R.C. Church,
Beulah Rd., Rhiwbina, CF14 6LT**

29th JULY

**Whitchurch Methodist Church,
Penlline Rd., Whitchurch, CF14 2AA**

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Beulah United Reformed Church

June 2023

All Welcome

Sunday 4 th	10.30 a.m.	Worship & Communion – Revd. Martha McInnes Junior Church
Sunday 11 th	10.30 a.m.	Worship – Mr Richard Edwards Junior Church
Sunday 18 th	10.30 a.m.	Worship – Eco Group Junior Church
Sunday 25 th	10.30 a.m.	Worship – Ms. Anne James & Dr. Andrew Glanfield Junior Church
	6 p.m.	TED Service in Canolfan, Reflective Service
Sunday 2 nd July	10.30 am.	Worship & Communion –Revd. James Hall Junior Church
Sunday 9 th July		Pastorate Day out to Porthcawl No Beulah Service

Mondays

Miss Tilley's Community Café

9-12.30 p.m. Term time

Women's Fellowship

2-3 p.m.

Joint Elders Meeting: 19th June

7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Miss Tilley's Community Café

9-12.30 p.m. Term time

Beulah Tots

9.30-11 a.m. Term time

Beulah on Tap: 20th June

7.30 p.m. at the Deri Inn

Wednesdays

The Huddle

11-12.30 p.m.

Lunchtime Concert: Wed 28th June

1.05- 1.55 p.m.

Hannah Roberts - Viola, Jennifer Carter - Piano

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 4th June)

7.15-9 p.m. Term time

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