

CHURCH NEWS



As British Summer Time comes to an end, it won't be long until the start of Advent!

I have been listening to a podcast of the books of the Bible while on my daily commute, and had some time to reflect at the start and end of the day. Conflict has been around for thousands of years in the Middle East and are not any easier today. I was able to attend the Christian Aid Peace Vigil in Llandaf Cathedral last week, a thoughtful service led by Revd. Andrew Sully the Interim Head of Christian Aid for Wales. We look forward to welcoming him back to Beulah in the future.

We also heard after the Synod Meeting that Revd.

David Salsbury has been appointed as the new Moderator for Wales Synod, he is due to start in the New Year.

During November, look out for another TED Service on the 19th, the last of the Autumn Lunchtime concerts on the 29th and WRB (Whitchurch Rhiwbina Birchgrove) Prayers on the 25th and Church Meeting after the service on the 26th.

A gentle reminder that I will finish as Secretary at the end of the Year, I am very grateful for the opportunities that have come with that, and like everyone, not so keen on all the Covid-19 changes that came along too.

Best Wishes to all,

Anne

PRAYERS

As you will know, The Huddle meets in the Whittaker Lounge on Wednesday mornings in term time from 11.00 a.m. for Bible study, prayer followed by chat over tea and coffee.

If you have an hour to spare on a Wednesday morning, do come along and enjoy what is a special time in the middle of a busy week.

However, whether you can attend or not and you have someone you would like to be included in their prayer time, please let Fleur Richards know.



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Letter from the Manse

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watch and work: you don't give up.' Hope comes in the midst of times like this. Hope is more than a word; it is work and prayer. It brings, eventually, a dawning of new options.

So, in these times of remembrance, we have to keep 'hoping' the work of hope looks like sitting with those who are weeping and hold their sadness; joining together in praying for peace; listening to those who see the world differently than we do and learn from them; continuing to care for those who are vulnerable.

Remembrance and the work of hope come together.

As we remember, let us pray for peace. Let us engage in the work of hope, allowing the transformative power of the resurrection to fill us so that we can become peacemakers in our corner of the world and for the life of the world.

Yours in Christ,

Martha and David

Editor's Note

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



December 2023
edition of **Crossroads** is
Sunday 19th November.

Whittaker Lounge



Mondays/Tuesdays -
**Miss Tilley's
Community Café**

Thursdays -
Caffi Dosbarth

Fridays/Saturdays -
Whittaker Lounge Café

Lunchtime Concerts

Dear All

Sadly, Sam has had to resign as organiser of the concerts because of pressure of work.

In the meantime, Nicola Rose - well known to Beulah audiences from the past, is keen to take on the role, and will start properly in January.

"All's well that ends well!"

Love to all

Trix x

Beulah Social

There are sign up sheets for: An Officer and a Gentleman and, Come From Away, and Hamilton (December 2024) in the church porch.

Ann

Beulah Church Family Christmas Meal at Whitchurch Golf Club

Just a reminder, in case you haven't noticed the sign-up sheet in the church porch, for the Christmas Meal.

(At 7.00pm on Thursday 7th December).

The cost of the meal will be £26 and should be paid to Ann or Colin by Sunday 5th November.

It may be possible to squeeze in some 'late to the party' individuals, so the list will be in the church porch until Sunday 26th November. Please add your name as soon as you can. The menu has been added to the poster, so please indicate your meal choices.



If you would like to come, and are unable to sign up in the porch, please contact Ann or Colin Grimes, no later than Tuesday 28th November. We're sure we'll be able to 'squeeze' you in!

Ann and Colin

KIN

Together we care and together we share

Rhiwbina Winter Festival
Saturday 2nd December
from 4-7pm

Our buildings will all be in use as we welcome visitors into the Canolfan, the church and the Whittaker Lounge.

In the Canolfan we will be raising money for Space4U

There will be the traditional craft stalls and we will be serving mulled wine and mince pies.

We will also be running a Christmas Raffle.

In the Whittaker Lounge and the church, we will be raising money for Tenovus

There will be hot drinks and cakes & biscuits, including 'special' hot chocolate. Visitors will be able to join in

with a scavenger hunt and Christmas crafts as well as enjoying festive music, including live performances from the Tenovus Community Choir.

Please come along and enjoy the evening.

With all these activities planned, we need your help!!

If you are able to give up some time to help either in the WL, the church or Canolfan please let Marion Williams know (marion.williams@btinternet.com). There will also be a sign-up sheet in the church nearer the date.

Marianne Barwise would be pleased to receive donations of wool in Christmas colours for the craft activities.

A date for your diaries:
Saturday 23rd December
Carol singing and the KIN Christmas Coffee Morning raising money for Ty Hafan

10.00-10.40

Carol singing outside the Whittaker Lounge

10.45 – 12.00

Warm up in the Canolfan with coffee and mince pies, alongside music and carols, for all the family.

Please join us!

KIN Committee

Christmas Post Box



This year we will be bringing back the "Christmas Post Box."

The post box will be for the Beulah church family only.

The post box will be available for posting during December, and the cards will be available for collection on Sunday 17th December.

The 'Big Christmas Card' will still be available in church for members and friends to sign, if they wish to send their 'Greetings' to the rest of the Church Family.

REPEAT NOTICE

THANKSGIVING PLAQUES

Some of you will already know about these, and may even have family or friends whose names are included on the existing plaques.

If you aren't aware of them, there is a picture frame, containing three 'plaques', displayed in a corner of the Garden Room, downstairs in Canolfan. When they were first produced, in 2003, they were displayed on the landing, where a lot of people would have been able to see them. Following a redecoration of the Canolfan, they were relocated to the Garden Room. Over a number of years, quite a few people have asked if the names of their loved ones could be added to these Thanksgiving Plaques. As a form of remembrance, it would be nice to update the plaques, in order that we remember those that have gone before us.

This is my appeal to you, to send me the names of anyone who you wish to be remembered in this way. If you would like to include any brief words of endearment, or thanksgiving, then also include those.

Many thanks.
Colin

A Charitable Association Providing Musical Instruments for youth groups and schools in Patagonia



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Registered Charity No. 1170987

All of the team of trustees at PIP would like to thank you choosing to make your very generous donation from the estate of Alan and Mair Haywood to Patagonia Instrument Project.

We are a small charity based in Cardiff that was set up after the BBC National Orchestra of Wales tour to Chubut Patagonia, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the establishing of the Welsh settlement in Patagonia – Y Waldfa, in 1865. During the first week of our tour, we worked with school and youth groups in the East of Chubut, and what was very apparent, was the huge lack of resources they faced. Either instruments were not available, or too expensive for them to buy.

On returning to Cardiff, Chris Stock (Principal Percussionist) formed a charity group, independent of the BBC, to try and resolve this. It obtained full charity status in 2016.

The original plan was to send a mixed container of instruments that would be divided amongst

the various groups and schools we had worked with previously. While tackling all of the red tape to gain the right to do this, we collected 10 flights cases of instruments. It took just under 2 years to be given the right to export/import our donations and the impact within the province was immediate.

Since then, we have expanded the number of groups we work with and support. There are now 7 children's orchestras that we support by buying and repairing instruments, providing spare parts, as well as rehearsal essentials such as chairs and music stands. Alongside these groups is a children's choir that has been kitted out with a concert uniform, as well as three Welsh/Spanish bilingual schools and one English/Spanish bilingual school that have received digital pianos, and school percussion instruments. One has even received a Welsh Harp!

We have recently been asked to help support two new children's orchestras in the west of the province, and this is where we plan to use your donation. These groups wish to own their own instruments rather than rely on using those of the teachers who visit for each rehearsal. Your generous

donation will enable more children to learn and participate, and of course practice in between rehearsals! We are currently buying the Double Basses and Cellos they need, and plan to buy the smaller instruments as we continue to raise funds.

We can honestly say that we have been overwhelmed by the support our charity has received through donations, both financial and of instruments.

To date, we estimate that we have raised around £100,000, and nearly all of this has been used as was first intended, to provide musical instruments for Youth groups and schools in Patagonia.

We have received congratulations for our work from Embassies in both London and Buenos Aires, both British Council Wales and Argentina, the Royal Philharmonic Society and the Association of British Orchestras. However, the greatest satisfaction comes from seeing the impact our work has had in the communities across Chubut, and the ever-increasing number of musical opportunities available to children there. Please contact us through the website or on our social media platforms if you wish to learn

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more about us, or support our work in the future.

Once again, thanks from the team, and all the children who will benefit from this generous donation in the future.

The team at PIP

Rachel Ford, Rob Samuel, Phil Girling, Gareth Cheesman and Chris Stock (Chairman)

www.patagonia-instrument-project.org.uk

We have profiles on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter if you would to follow us.



LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Wednesday 29th November at 1.00pm

The Oneira Trio

Isabelle Harris - flute
Elliott Kempton - viola
Emily Harris - harp

All three of our artists are Welsh born and educated at the RWCMD.

I have always tried to follow that principle. Either born in Wales, educated in Wales or choose to live and work in Wales. They used to be Arts Council guide lines.

These three made a name for themselves whilst in the Welsh College and then moved to London for post-graduate study to pursue other aspects of their work.

Tickets £8 on the door including a complimentary mince pie and coffee afterwards.

What's not to enjoy!

Church Transport - At Church Meeting, on Monday 25th Sept, the matter was raised about transport to and from church services, especially for those who wish to have help with that. If **you** would like a lift to and from church on Sundays, please mention it to your Pastoral Elder, or Tony Webb, or Ann and Colin, and we will do our best to arrange it.

Diary Dates:

**Whitchurch, Rhiwbina,
Birchgrove Prayers**

10.15-10.45am

25th November

St Teilos, Old Church Rd.,
Whitchurch, CF14 1AD

30th December

Rhiwbina Baptist, Lon Ucha,
Rhiwbina, CF14 6HL

ROTAS

Date	AV	Readers	Intercessions	Flowers	Arranger
November					
5th	Harley Jones	Neil Kidd	Bev Hampson	Barbara and John Rhys	Arlene R
12th	Richard Sweetnam	Colin Grimes	Ian McDowell	Trix Pryce	Karen
19th	Nigel Barwise	Liz McCarthy	Giles Ballisat	Eleri John	Karen
26th	James Hall	Peter Ferdinando	James Hall	Trix Pryce	Ann Brown
December					
3rd	Andrew Glanfield	Sophie Jones	Tony Webb	Flower Fund	tba
10th	Harley Jones	Jonathan Grimes	Cathy Wales	Flower Fund	tba
17th	Richard Sweetnam	Gaynor Rees	Youth Fellowship	Flower Fund	tba
24th	Nigel Barwise	Richard Sweetnam	Jenny McDowell	Flower Fund	tba
31st	James Hall	Jill Ferdinando	Colin Grimes	Kate	Karen

ELDERS' DUTY ROSTER

Date	Elder on duty & Stewards(S)	Vestry Prayer	Communion		
			Minister's right	Minister's left	Preparation
			Prayer (P)		
Nov 5 th Communion	Bev Hampson	Geraint Richards	Arlene Ramasut	Secretary	Ruth Williams
	Viv Jones (S)		Marion Williams	Anne James (P)	
	Harley Jones(S)		Ian McDowell	Philippa Ballisat	
Nov 12 th	Eleanor Mills	Kaye Mundy			
	Naomi Williams (S)				
	Viv Morgan (S)				
Nov 19 th	Mary Bidnell	Fiona Liddell			
	Jill Ferdinando (S)				
	Peter Ferdinando (S)				
Nov 26 th	Eileen Newington Cathy Wales (S) Marion Williams (S)	Ian McDowell			



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FINANCE

This is the time of the year when I will be working on the budget for 2024 and it is also the time that we hear from Synod the suggested target for Beulah to pay to the Ministry and Mission Fund in 2024. The figures have not increased for the past two years as Head Office has been mindful of the financial difficulties many churches have had during and following Covid. However, next year it is to be raised by 5%.

Those of you who attended the recent Church Meeting will already be aware, but it is important that everyone, member and friend, should also know of our commitment and what it means for Beulah.

- Target per member: £486.00 [based on our membership and 25% of our adherents].
- Calculated target: £70,056.00.

This is divided into 12 equal monthly payments of £5,838.00 an increase of £278.00 per month over 2023. For those of you who do not know how the M&M Fund is spent:

At a national level of every £1 that the URC spends from the fund, 85p funds ministers' stipends and training. Less than 7p of that £1 is used for the essential work of finance, admin and governance. 95% of every £1 that is received into the M&M Fund comes from local church contributions. This is how the church provides for the URC's ministry and mission.

It is important to know that the Plan for Partnership agreed by General Assembly in 1980 defines that: *'The whole ministry of the URC is to be made available to the whole of the Church, and the financial responsibility of this ministry is to be shared throughout the whole of the Church'*. Thus contributions do not relate to the amount of ministerial time received, or: *'We don't pay for what we get, we give that all might receive'*.

I read this out in Church Meeting recently and there was unanimous agreement that we should meet our target. So, we have to find an additional £278 per month. Like everyone, I realise that the current financial climate is affecting us all but, as your Treasurer, I do have to make you aware of the situation and to ask you if you would think prayerfully about this and ways in which you might be able to help. We also agreed to our share of a contribution towards Synod costs of £675.00 in 2024.

As always, my sincerest thanks to all of you who give in this way so generously week by week, and if you are not already doing so, please speak to me about paying by monthly Standing Order. Also, Gift Aid is a very important part of our income as this allows us to claim back 25% of any monies paid in. If you have not yet signed up for this please have a word with me and I will let you have an application form.

Thank you for reading.

Barbara
Church Treasurer

On a personal note, whilst I was preparing this I heard the sad news that our dear friend Huw (Morgan) had passed away. Thank you Huw for being a loyal member of the Finance Committee for such a long time and for being persuaded to take on the Chair after Evan retired. We have already missed you and will continue to do so.

Barbara, Colin, Ruth, Eleri, Harley and Fiona.



Beulah United Reformed Church

November 2023

All Welcome

Sunday 5th	10.30 a.m.	Worship & Communion - Revd. David Dean Junior Church start in Canolfan
Sunday 12th	10.30 a.m.	Worship - Revd. Martha McInnes Junior Church
Sunday 19th	10.30 a.m.	Worship – Mr. Derek Evans Junior Church
	6.00 p.m.	TED - Reflective Service - Canolfan
Saturday 25th	10.15-10.45 a.m.	WRB Prayers, St Teilos, Old Church Road, Whitchurch CF14 1AD
Sunday 26th	10.30 am.	Worship – Revd. Jason Askew Junior Church Church Meeting after service
Wednesday 29th	1.00 p.m.	Lunchtime Concert
Sunday 3rd Dec.	10.30 a.m.	Worship & Communion - Revd. Martha McInnes Junior Church start in Canolfan
	6.00 p.m.	Light for Our Loss Service

Mondays

Miss Tilley's Community Café

9-12.30 p.m. Term time

Women's Fellowship

2-3 p.m.

Elder's Meeting – 14th Nov

7.30 – 9 p.m.

Tuesdays

Miss Tilley's Community Café

9-12.30 p.m. Term time

Beulah Tots

9.30-11 a.m. Term time

Theology on Tap – 21st Nov

7.30-9 p.m. at the Deri Inn

Wednesdays

The Huddle

11-12.30 p.m.

Thursdays

Caffi Dosbarth

9.30- 12.00 p.m. Term time

Fridays & Saturdays

Whittaker Lounge Café

10-12.30 p.m.

Sundays

Youth Fellowship

7.15-9 p.m. Term time



THIS INTERNATIONAL INTERFAITH WEEK,
JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

20+ years of the Interfaith Council of Wales

GUEST SPEAKERS - FORMER ARCHBISHOP OF
WALES DR ROWAN WILLIAMS AND FIRST AND
DEPUTY MINISTERS FOR WALES

THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER
6:30PM - 8:30PM

ENTERTAINMENT AND REFRESHMENTS

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INTERFAITH CHOIR OF WALES

A CELEBRATORY EVENT MARKING 20 YEARS OF THE INTERFAITH COUNCIL OF WALES

You may remember the notice/poster that was in our church notices a few weeks ago inviting people of different faiths, and people with no faith to come together and celebrate this occasion and the important work of the Interfaith Council for Wales.

Rehearsals have been held in preparation for this performance following the oral tradition at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Heol-y-deri, Rhiwbina on Sunday evenings, since September. I decided to go along to see what it was about and have continued to attend the rehearsals. I have really enjoyed it – my first experience of the oral tradition and meeting many different and interesting people (including people from Parkminster URC and City URC.)

The concert is free and is on Thursday, November 16th, 6.30 – 8.30pm.

Mary Bidnell