



## CHURCH NEWS

### Church News

Happy New Year! This is my first newsletter and I want to thank Anne Wilkes for her advice and help in preparing me for this new role and to wish her well in all that she does next. I am very aware of the long line of excellent Beulah secretaries that have gone before me and am honoured to have been asked to serve the church in this way. I look forward to taking up the post fully in the Spring.

For Beulah it was a busy, if very wet Advent, both in terms of worship and in social activities. It was lovely to see so many events well attended and to see the signposting of Advent in our artwork on the Canolfan wall.



Many thanks to Jo Jones and the Beulah knitters for their hard work.

It is impossible to thank everyone, as it is truly a church effort, but many thanks to Martha and David and all the worship leaders, the musicians and organists, Junior Church Leaders and children, the flower arrangers and church decorators and those catering throughout Advent and for the New Year's Day Brunch.

We began with our Light for Our Loss service in early December and worship continued through our Advent services to Christmas Day. We did not light the Bethlehem Advent candle in solidarity with those suffering in the conflict in Israel and Gaza and continue to remember them in our prayers.

Our neighbours in Y Groes put out a plea for help to celebrate with carols around the tree on 18 December and it was wonderful to see so many come out to sing in spite of very wet weather! We are looking at making this part of our Advent celebrations calendar next year.

The Blessing The Crib service was a highlight on Christmas Eve and a joy to see so many

of our children taking part and our young people returning for Christmas.

As we start a new year there will be challenges ahead for us all, both as a church and as individuals.

This blessing was used in our Midnight Communion Service that was led by Martha and may we all keep these words in our hearts in the New Year.

When the song of the angels  
is stilled  
when the star in the sky is  
gone  
when the kings and princes  
are home  
when the shepherds are back  
with their flocks  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost  
to heal the broken  
to feed the hungry  
to release the prisoner  
to rebuild the nations  
to bring peace among the  
people  
to make music in the heart.

(Howard Thurman)



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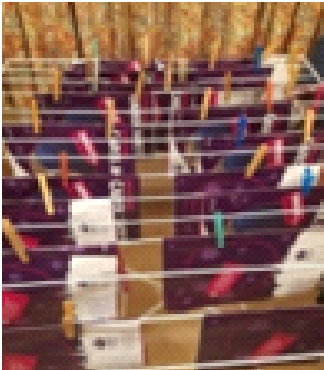
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## Church and Family News

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Wet Carol sheets, drying off ready for next year.



Light for Our Loss.

Every Blessing, *Anne*

### Space4U Food Collection

A reminder that a box will be available in the porch next Sunday (1st Sunday of the month) for donations of food items for Space4U - long life milk, fruit juice and tins of tomatoes.

Thanks  
*Jenny*

### THANK YOU

Barbara, Gethin, Fiona, Elinor, Sioned and the rest of the family would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported them in the loss of John. Thank you to Martha and David for sharing in leading such a special funeral service for John both in the Church and at the Crematorium; to Revd Glyn Tudwal Jones for his part in both these acts of worship; to Alun for playing the organ; to Karen for the most beautiful flowers, and especially for the cross from the family on his coffin; to Jill for reading and Lorraine for her prayers; to Colin, Tony and Arlene for stewarding and Andrew for the AV which enabled some family and friends to watch on livestream; to Liz (Kidd) for overseeing everything and last, but by no means least, to Ann, Louise and their team for the truly splendid refreshments in the Canolfan and for looking after friends and family for us whilst we were at the Crematorium.

As many of you know, John was not well for 3 weeks before he passed away peacefully at home and we were always aware of the love, thoughts and prayers of so many friends that sustained us through that time. They have continued to uphold us and we would also like to thank you for the very many messages and cards we have received alongside the flowers and visits.

We have lost a very special person and his loss has left a John-shaped hole in our lives, but we know that with your continued support we will come through the darkness and into the sunlight. God bless you all.

### Letter from the Manse

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look forward. How is God calling us to live together *today*? What do we need to do to be inclusive *today*? How do we create worship and events that are as inclusive as they can be given the needs of our community? We are people who have made and want to keep making the table round.

Finally, the branding of 'inclusive' is important for those outside the church to see. Non-church goers do not always understand church language. 'Inclusion' is a concept that most people in our culture do understand. When they hear us use it, they will know that they are included whatever their background, experience, needs. When they see it on our website, they trust they will find a place of welcome here.

Chuck Lathrop speaks of the work it takes to make long tables into round ones--lots of sawing and re-shaping, perhaps chiselling and remaking. God calls us to this hard work. Being part of the Inclusive Church Network is the work of God's people, welcoming all who are created in God's image. We join with others to do the work, no matter how difficult, and proclaim the message, no matter how challenging, that church is a community for all.

Welcome to the round table church, the Inclusive Church that is found here.

Peace,

*Martha and David*





## LENT 2024 Pastorate Bible study

Once again this year during Lent we plan to meet together as a Pastorate for a weekly bible study - we will meet alternate weeks at City and at Beulah and will work through the Christian Aid **Act on Poverty** Lent study. (Martha will be running the same study at the Tuesday afternoon Pastorate zoom bible study, if that suits you better.)

Christian Aid has teamed up with partner organisations across the UK to develop a 6 week Lent study that will enable small groups to meet together to gain a deeper understanding of the experiences of poverty - local and global. There will be stories of faith and activism that challenge the status quo, videos, bible readings with questions for discussion, as well as inspiration for actions big and small that we can all take to tackle poverty together.

We will meet on Thursdays at 7:30pm: 22 February, 7, 21 March at City in the Old Chapel, and 15, 29 February, 14 March at Beulah.

Please do consider joining us- everyone is welcome!



### Lunchtime Concerts

The new season of lunchtime concerts is now up and running (always the last Wednesday of the month) and takes place on Wednesday 28th February. A very special young cellist from the Welsh College called Rhys Herbert, together with his pianist Rebecca Selley, is coming to entertain us.

We have not heard this beautiful instrument solo for some time in Beulah, so now is the chance to rectify that!

Expect a classical concert of the highest order. He is the College's concerto prize winner. Hope to see you then.

Tickets are £8 on the door.



### CHILDRENS SERVICES

To Ann, and the members of Beulah Church,

Thank you so much for your donations of Christmas treats for families in need.

They were really appreciated.

Many thanks for your kind gesture.

Best wishes,

*Karen Feehan*

On behalf of the  
Cardiff Family Support Team

### Good Friday Drama

There will be opportunity again this year for children (7 years upwards) and young people (including those who have moved away and are returning home for Easter) to take part in our Good Friday service on Friday 29th March.

Please let Fiona or Carol Coleman know if you/ your family members are available and would like to be involved. Advance notice is helpful as Carol will be writing a script expressly for those who we are expecting to take part. (It is amazing how she does it, isn't it!).

We meet at 9.30 for a workshop/rehearsal and the service is at 12.00. Our friends from neighbouring Rhiwbina churches will be joining us for worship.

*Fiona Liddell*



## No Faith in Fossil Fuels

Lent Vigil for Climate Justice

ASH WEDNESDAY  
14th FEBRUARY 2024  
12.00 noon – 1.00 pm  
CITY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH  
WINDSOR PLACE  
CF10 3BZ

Please join us as we gather in vigil to pray for creation, for our global neighbours and for bold action from the UK Government.

Starting on Ash Wednesday, people from across the UK will be holding a ten-day, around-the-clock vigil for environmental and climate justice outside Westminster Parliament.

Together, let us declare,  
No Faith in Fossil Fuels, Amen

## No Faith in Fossil Fuels Lent Vigil

**Pray for an hour, pray for a day! Join the vigil to declare No Faith in Fossil Fuels.**




There will be a service of prayer, reflection and stillness for climate justice in City URC on Ash Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February at 12.00 noon.

Starting on Ash Wednesday, people from across the UK will be holding a ten-day, around-the-clock vigil for environmental and climate justice outside Parliament in Westminster. They will be gathering in vigil to pray for creation, for our global neighbours and for bold climate action from the UK government.

Churches can also choose to vigil from home. The Ash Wednesday service in City is a Pastoral occasion and open to all churches across Cardiff. Please join us if you can.

For further details, please speak to Eileen



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## ORGAN FUND



The Organ

Thanks to those of you who attended the Brunch on New Year's Day, the Organ Fund is well and truly up and running. You raised £360.00, virtually all of which was gift aided. Fantastic!

We will be continuing fund-raising throughout the year and if you would like to make a cash donation via BACS, please contact me for bank details if you do not already have them, and use the reference 'ORGAN'.

There are already a one or two fundraising ideas in the pipeline,

but we are always open to more. If you have any such ideas could you please contact Lesley Richards, details in the Church Directory.

We look forward to not only raising a good sum of money – target £20,000.00 at the moment – but to having fun along the way. Thank you.

*Barbara*  
Church Treasurer

## ROTAS

Date	AV	Readers	Intercessions	Flowers	Arranger
<b>February</b>					
4th	James Hall	Matt Jones	Jill Ferdinando	Bev & Ian Hampson	tba
11th	Andrew Glanfield	Andrew Glanfield	Roger Bidnell	tba	tba
18th	Harley Jones	Giles Ballisat	Ruth Williams	Marion & Kevin Williams	Marianne
25th	Richard Sweetnam	Helen Harries	Marion Williams	Heather Bishop	Ann Brown
<b>March</b>					
3rd	Nigel Barwise	Ruth Williams	Neil Kidd	Lesley & Mary Richards	tba
10th	James Hall	Roger Bidnell	Fiona Liddell	Gaynor Rees	tba
17th	Andrew Glanfield	Derek Evans	Bev Hampson	tba	tba
24th	Harley Jones	Pat Ruddock	Mary Edwards	tba	Ann Brown
31st	Richard Sweetnam	Cathy Wales	Lorraine Larcombe	Karen & Fleur	Karen

Cardiff and Penarth URC

### Dementia Friends Session

We are pleased to be able to offer a session to learn more about dementia and raise awareness of the condition. The session will help us support those that are living with dementia in our community.

The training will be held on

**Monday 19th February 2024 at 7pm**

**In the main hall of the Canolfan,  
Beulah Road, Rhiwbina CF14 6LT**

We have been advised that the session will last approximately 1 hour.

All are welcome, no need to sign up.

Any queries contact [secretary@beulahurc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@beulahurc.org.uk)



### Llanfair Uniting Church Furniture Bank



Llanfair Uniting Church is coordinating a Furniture Bank with Trivallis, to help provide household items for people living in Penrhys. If you have any furniture or white goods to donate - there's a particular need for washing machines and fridge freezers - please contact Claire, on 029 2019 5728, for more details.

## ***ELDERS' DUTY ROSTER***

Date	Elder on Duty & Stewards	Vestry Prayer	Communion		
			Minister's Right	Minister's Left	Prep
			Prayer (P)		
February 4th Communion	Louise Morgan DE	Eileen Newington	Bev Hampson	Secretary	Bev Hampson
	Giles Ballisat (S)		Beverley Clay	Arlene Ramasut (P)	
	Lesley Richards (S)		Jenny McDowell	Eileen Newington	
February 11th	Andrew Glanfield DE	Ian McDowell			
	Hollie Glanfield(S)				
	Kaye Mundy (S)				
February 18th	Jonathan Grimes DE	Beverley Clay			
	Cathy Wales (S)				
	Marianne Barwise (S)				
February 25th	Beverley Clay DE	Fiona Liddell			
	Ann Grimes (S)				
	Viv Morgan (S)				
March 3rd Communion	Tony Webb DE	Marianne Barwise	Louise Morgan	Secretary	Louise Morgan
	Viv Jones (S)		Barbara Rhys	Bev Hampson (P)	
	Harley Jones (S)		Philippa Ballisat	Beverley Clay	
March 10th	Colin Grimes DE	Mary Bidnell			
	Liz McCarthy (S)				
	Fiona Liddell (S)				
March 17th	Geraint Richards DE	Louise Morgan			
	Naomi Williams (S)				
	Mary Edwards (S)				
March 24th Palm Sunday	Eleanor Mills DE	Jonathan Grimes			
	Audrey Budding (S)				
	Richard Sweetnam (S)				
March 28 <sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday Communion	Bev Hampson DE		Anne James prep	Ian McDowell	
	Mike Warsop (S)		Kaye Mundy	Geraint Richards	
March 31st Easter Day Communion	Arlene Ramasut DE	Colin Grimes	Marion Williams	Secretary	Marion Williams
	Mike Warsop (S)		Barbara Rhys	Ruth Williams (P)	
	Andy Wales (S)		Jonathan Grimes	Marianne Barwise	

### **THANK YOU**

It was a lovely surprise to receive a birthday card signed by members at Beulah and some beautiful flowers for my recent special birthday. Thank you all very much for your kind thoughts and wishes.

*Val Williams.*

### **Church Transport**

Need 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.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The World Day of Prayer [formerly known as the Women's World Day of Prayer] will be held at Bethany Baptist Church, Heol Llanishen Fach on Friday 1st March 2024 at 2.00 pm.



As you will recall, the service is held in countries around the globe every year.

This year's service was prepared by the women of Palestine long before the beginning of the war which started in October 2023.

The theme is, "I beg you, bear with one another in love" which is aptly poignant at this time.

A warm invitation is extended to everyone and refreshments will be provided after the service.

We hope that as many people as possible will attend.



# Beulah United Reformed Church

## February 2024

### All welcome

<b>Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Worship (Communion) - Revd. Martha McInnes</b> <b>Junior Church</b>
<b>Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Worship - Revd. David Dean</b> <b>Junior Church</b>
<b>Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Worship-Ms Maggie Kilbride</b> <b>Junior Church</b>
<b>Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Worship-Dr Andrew Glanfield</b> <b>Junior Church</b>

#### **Mondays**

<b>Miss Tilleys Community Cafe:</b>	<b>9.30-12.00 (termtime)</b>
<b>Womens Fellowship</b>	<b>2.00-3.00</b>

#### **Tuesdays**

<b>Miss Tilley's Community Café</b>	<b>9.30-12.00 (termtime)</b>
<b>Beulah Tots</b>	<b>9.30-11.00 (termtime)</b>

#### **Wednesdays:**

<b>The Huddle</b>	<b>11-12.30 (termtime)</b>
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#### **Thursdays**

<b>Café Dosbarth</b>	<b>9.30-12.00 (termtime)</b>
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#### **Fridays and Saturdays**

<b>Whittaker Lounge Café</b>	<b>10.00-12.30.</b>
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#### **Sundays**

<b>Youth Fellowship</b>	<b>7.15 - 9.00 (termtime)</b>
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