



## CHURCH AND FAMILY NEWS

### Church News

April is one of my favourite months bringing with it the promise of spring and summer. As I write we are just beginning our Lent Week with our Palm Sunday service which reflected on the meaning of the journey into Jerusalem.

On March 3<sup>rd</sup> David gave us a thoughtful sermon on the turning of the tables and talked about the work of Karen Armstrong. I had her autobiography on my ever growing 'to be read' pile and this inspired me to read it now. It covers the period when she left Holy Orders after 7 years, and her difficulties in facing a changed world. She recounts that the period 1962-1969, when she was in the convent, saw life in the UK change dramatically. It caused her to reflect on the disorientation, loss and invisibility she felt and how those who are forced to flee their homelands, also feel adrift and disorientated in a world that is so different and often hostile. We can forget that a society that is normal to us can be very strange to others.

Our Lent Study was Act on Poverty and looked at many of these issues in a stimulating and challenging way. If you

were not able to attend, the material is on the Christian Aid website for each week and is well worth looking at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/act-on-poverty>.

Other projects are underway including a new Eco Project which began with a walk on the Wenallt on 24 March, led by Jo Jones, to collect leaves, petals and bark. It will be interesting to follow the project as it develops towards completion in June. Please save any leaves that you can donate to help the project grow.

As spring is a time of change, Beulah is now having to change how it recycles in line with the requirements of Cardiff Council. Thanks to the many people who have put their heads together to find a solution to the new requirements. It has not been easy as the new regulations are quite different and more complex than the previous green bags. The arrangements will be monitored as we get used to the new system.

On 6 April, Beulah will host the induction service of our new Moderator, Rev David Salsbury, and we were able to also welcome him to lead our

service on 17 March. Beulah will host attendees from across the Synod and further afield.

Every Blessing for Easter,  
Anne



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## THANK YOU

### Duncan Yardley

The Yardley family would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who played a part in Duncan's funeral. We are so grateful for the kindness, love and support shown to us by the Beulah family.

To David – thank you for your suggestions and helping us find the right words to reflect the person that Dad was – it was a very fitting and moving service.

To Alun – thank you for your wonderful music.

To Ann and Mary for working tirelessly in the Whittaker lounge serving endless cups of tea and coffee – thank you both.

To everyone who made the delicious sandwiches and cakes – we thank you all.

To Barbara, Pat and Mary – thank you for welcoming our family and friends at the church doors.

To Karen for the beautiful flower arrangements – thank you.

He would have been deeply touched that so many people came to say goodbye.

Love,  
Liz, Rob & Catherine, Emily,  
Lucy & Millie

## Letter from the Manse

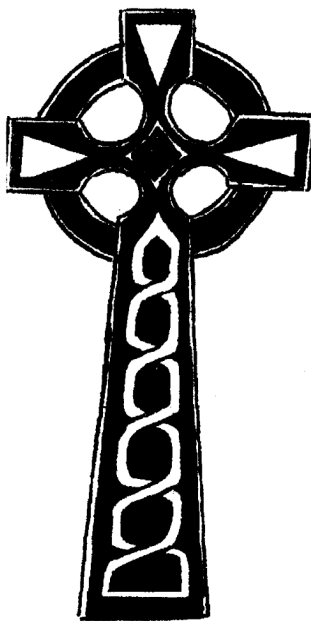
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women were together. Connection is part of being Easter people. To address injustice not only do we need to see it, we need to connect to give power to our voices for justice and change and energy to do what is needed. It is in connection we find the energy and the vision to carry on--even with the powers of Good Friday seem overwhelming. It is together that God's love and energy carry us forward in faith, hope and love.

We are Easter people. We are not Good Friday people--we simply live in this broken world. As Easter people, love and hope are the foundations of our living. When we say, 'Christ is Risen,' may God's actions in Jesus, through the resurrection, in his teaching and in the ways he connected with people, give us courage to be Easter people. As Easter people, we don't just proclaim 'He is Risen,' we address the Good Friday world--sitting with those in pain, feeding the hungry, addressing injustice and living the resurrection.

Christ is Risen Indeed!  
Happy Easter.

Yours,  
*Martha and David*



## Space4U Food Collection

A reminder that a box will be available in the porch on the 1st Sunday of the month, 7th April, for donations of food items for Space4U – long life milk, fruit juice, tins of tomatoes, tins of tuna and packets of dried spaghetti.

Thanks  
*Jenny*

## WILDFLOWER AREA in PARC-Y-PENTRE Consultation Survey



**PARC Y  
PENTRE**

Survey closing date: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

Scan the QR code to complete this survey online.

The Rhiwbina Eco Team have been asking for a wildflower area and pesticide free zone in Parc-y-Pentre for several years. There is now a formal consultation and they have asked if we would like to complete the survey. It is available in the library, I can send it to you direct by email or you can you can complete it online:

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/interview/4fab58da-ec97-4a27-96da-56991bdd226c>

Thank you, *Eileen*

### Lunchtime Concerts

**Wednesday 24th April  
at 1pm**

Three months in and the increase in our audience numbers seem to be holding. One hundred was reached in February. (Fingers firmly crossed as I write this!)

The next concert planned by Nicki is a little bit different in that we welcome a duo of clarinetists.

Chris Gibbons and Rae Todd - clarinets. Both graduates of the RWCMD.

They have prepared an interesting and eclectic mix of music for their programme ranging from Mozart to more contemporary composers.

Tickets £8 on the door.

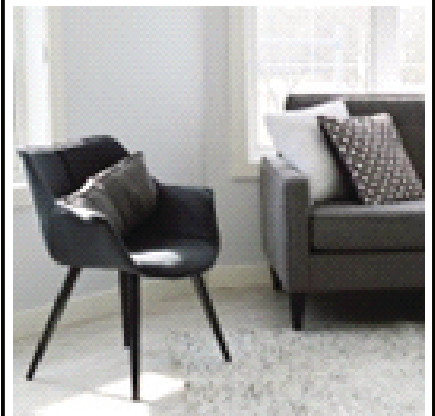
### Moderator of the National Synod of Wales of the United Reformed Church

The induction Service for Rev David Salsbury will take place on 6 April at 2.00 pm in Beulah with refreshments to follow. It will include attendees from all over Wales and places are limited.

Sign up via [bit.ly/URCInduction](https://bit.ly/URCInduction) or [megan.price.urcwaless@urc.org.uk](mailto:megan.price.urcwaless@urc.org.uk).

The service will also be streamed online.

### 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.

## Insulating our Roof Spaces to Reduce our Carbon Footprint and Fuel Bills



In church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December you may have noticed we had visitors! -large rolls of loft insulation in the gallery of the church and in the garden room of Canolfan. The following week they were installed above the ceiling of the church and most of the upper rooms in Canolfan (studio, kitchen, landing and youth room). We now have 300mm of rockwool type insulation which is the buildings standard for minimising heat loss. It was installed by contractors Robert Szot Construction Ltd. They also installed walkways in the roof spaces so we have good access to services if needed. This will reduce our carbon footprint and keep our heating costs under better control for the long term. Something to think about for our own homes as well?



Pat Ruddock and Ian McDowell in conjunction with Beulah Eco Group and Buildings Group



## 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>April</b>					
7th	James Hall	Liz Kidd	Nigel Barwise	Ann & Colin Grimes	Karen
14th	Andy Wales	Arlene Ramasut	Duncan Pugh	Mary & Roger Bidnell	Beverley
21st	Andrew Glanfield	James Hall	Harley Jones	Arlene Ramasut	Arlene
28th	Richard Sweetnam	Colin Grimes	Jonathan Grimes	Mary Richards	Karen
<b>May</b>					
5th	Nigel Barwise	Liz McCarthy	Giles Ballisat	Jill & Peter Ferdinando	Jill
12th	James Hall	Naomi Williams	James Hall	Rhian Jones	Ann Brown
19th	Andy Wales	Peter Ferdinando	Mary Edwards	Marianne & Nigel	Marianne
26th	Andrew Glanfield	Neil Kidd	Hollie Glanfield	Viv & Harley	Viv

### World Day of Prayer 1st March 2024

The service for the World Day of Prayer, which takes place in churches all around the world over a period of 24 hours, was prepared this year by the women of Palestine, before the outbreak of the present hostilities on 7th October 2023. The theme was, "I beg you, bear with one another in love," which is a poignant reminder of the problems in that part of the world, as well as in many other regions.



In Rhiwbina the service, which took place this year at Bethany Baptist Church, was very well attended. We would like to thank all those from Beulah who took part, as well as those from the other churches. At the risk of overlooking someone, we will not mention names.

Our thanks go, also, to all of you who attended. It was heartening to see so many of our friends there. We would like to thank the ladies of Bethany Baptist Church for preparing a feast of tea and cakes. The offering collected during the service amounted to the sum of £417.45. This money supports the important work of the World Day of Prayer.

Once again, our thanks to you all.

*Diane Burton and Mary Bidnell.*

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

Look out for ways to **GIVE, ACT and PRAY** during Christian Aid week this year.

### Big Brekkie

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May in Canolfan from 9.30 – 11.30 am

Take part in our popular life-saving, world-changing breakfast!

### Delivery-only Envelopes

You don't need to go back to collect your Christian Aid envelopes anymore, so it's a much easier job. We would be really grateful for your help, so please sign the list in the porch nearer the time if you can take on a couple of streets.

### Joint Service with All Saints and Bethany Baptist Church

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm (details to follow)



**And now faith, hope,  
and love remain, these  
three, and the greatest  
of these is love.**

**1 Corinthians 13:13**

**Christian Aid Week  
2024**

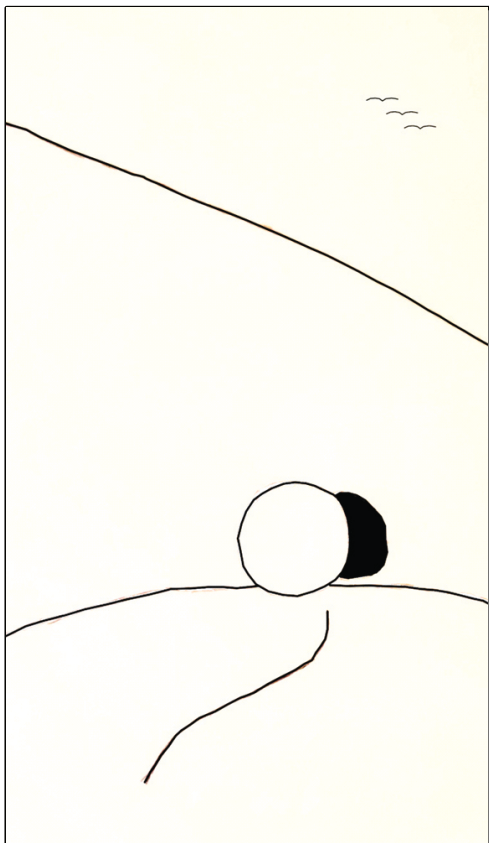


Aline Nibogora outside her house in Kayagoro village, Makamba Burundi.



# ***ELDERS' DUTY ROSTER***

Date	Elder on duty & Stewards	Vestry Prayer	Minister's Right	Minister's Left	Prep
				<b>Prayer (P)</b>	
April 7th Communion	Eileen Newington DE Gaynor Rees (S) Eleri John (S)	Eleanor Mills	Colin Grimes Pat Agland Mary Bidnell	Secretary Andrew Glanfield (P) Eleanor Mills	Colin Grimes
April 14th	Marion Williams DE Denise Dickman (S) Derek Evans (S)	Bev Hampson			
April 21st	Mary Bidnell DE Lesley Richards (S) Hollie Glanfield(S)	Arlene Ramasut			
April 28th	Ian McDowell DE Cathy Wales (S) Ann Grimes (S)	Pat Agland			
May 5th Communion	Philippa Ballisat DE Giles Ballisat (S) Viv Morgan (S)	Marion Williams	Helen Harries Arlene Ramasut Bev Hampson	Secretary Kaye Mundy (P) Ruth Williams	Helen Harries
May 12th	Ian McDowell DE Viv Jones (S) Harley Jones (S)	Helen Harries			
May 19th	Jenny McDowell DE Mike Warsop (S) Beverley Clay (S)	Kaye Mundy			
May 26th	Marianne Barwise DE Liz McCarthy (S) Mary Bidnell (S)	Philippa Ballisat			



**Tots and Huddle**

Tots will start back on  
April 9th.

Huddle will start back  
on April 17th.

**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.

**Induction of Church Secretary**

The Induction of Anne James as our new Church  
Secretary will take place during Family Worship  
on the morning of Sunday 7th April.

There will be tea, coffee, cake and Fizz after the  
service in Canolfan, and everyone is welcome.





## ART WORKSHOPS with JO JONES

**Sundays, 21<sup>st</sup> April and 12<sup>th</sup>  
May starting at 2.30 pm in  
Canolfan**

The Eco group and Jo Jones are creating a gallery of images for the Canolfan wall during the Great Big Green Week in June. The pictures will be constructed from leaves, bark, petals and other colours and textures found in nature. They will highlight the lifestyle choices we can all make to help care for creation and protect nature.

**We are hoping some of you  
might like to be involved!**

Why not help to create the images by coming along to the workshops which are open to everyone ... all are very welcome!

Any questions, please speak to Eileen or one of the Eco Group - Marianne, Mary Edwards and Ian.

### **SOCIAL OUTING: DAY TRIP TO OXFORD ON SATURDAY 22 June 2024**

We have booked an Edwards coach to go to Oxford on the above date. Details are as follows:

0830 hrs      Leave from outside Canolfan Beulah. Travel to Oxford.  
1700 hrs      Leave Oxford for return journey to Rhiwbina.

Cost: £17.00 per head.  
[If you feel able to pay a little more that money will go into the Organ Fund.]

There is a sign-up list in the Porch. **Everyone is welcome** and if you require more information please get in touch with Barbara Rhys

### **Editors' Note**

The next edition of Crossroads ('May') will cover a longer period because the Editors will both be away at the end of May. The edition will be for May and the first two weeks of June, so please remember to include details for this longer period. **The deadline date is 21<sup>st</sup> April and Colin will editing.** Items for Crossroads to [Crossroads@Beulahurc.org.uk](mailto:Crossroads@Beulahurc.org.uk) as usual please.



# Beulah United Reformed Church

## April 2024

### All welcome

<b>Saturday April 6</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Induction of Revd David Salsbury as Moderator of the URC National Synod of Wales in Beulah URC. Streamed live online (usual link)</b>
<b>Sunday April 7</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Worship (Communion) – Revd Martha McInnes Junior Church</b>
<b>Monday April 8</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Elders Meeting MWL</b>
<b>Sunday April 14</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Worship - Revd. Gareth Dyer Junior Church</b>
<b>Tuesday April 16</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Theology on Tap</b>
<b>Sunday April 21</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Worship Mrs Marion Williams and Mrs Jenny McDowell. Junior Church.</b>
<b>Monday April 22</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Church AGM. Leaver Room. Followed by Refreshments. All welcome</b>
<b>Saturday April 27th</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	<b>10.45am Whitchurch, Rhiwbina and Birchgrove (WRB Churches Together) St Andrews Methodist Church, Birchgrove</b>
<b>Sunday April 28</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Worship -Mr Richard Edwards 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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