

CHURCH AND FAMILY NEWS

May already! Our Lent journey was a full and emotional one. It was another time when all the many talents of Beulah came together to make something truly special. Many thanks to all the people involved, from our worship leaders, Ministers David and Martha, Rev David Simpson and Mr Matt Jones. Also, thanks to all those who led worship in the reflections on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.



Our Good Friday service saw our young people take the lead including many of our 'older' young returning to us to take part. It was a reminder that our faith goes forward with the next generation. Again we had wonderful music from all our organists, pianists and music group. The church looked beautiful and the Good Friday lunch and Easter Sunday breakfast were an excellent opportunity to share time together. Thank you for the hard work of all

those organising this and in the kitchen. I hope I have not missed anyone out – it was a whole church effort.

On the Saturday following Easter, 6th April, Beulah was the host for the induction of Rev David Salisbury our new Moderator. It was a joyous and moving ceremony and we look forward to working with David in the future. Again thanks to everyone involved in preparation and on the day, it was a wonderful Beulah and URC event.

We had another gardening group session on 5th April as the garden was prepared for Spring and Summer. As usual it was a very convivial session as well as hard

work. Thanks to Ian for organising. Anyone wanting to join the gardening group, get in touch with Ian McDowell.

Personal thanks for the celebration of my Induction on the 7th April. It was more than I had expected and to share time with so many of the church family after the lovely service led by David, meant a great deal to me. Thank you to Ann Grimes and Lesley Richards for the cake and fizz, and to the Revill Family for tea/coffee. It has been a time of reflection for me and it was an opportunity to thank some of those who have encouraged me along my faith path in Beulah.

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Letter from the Manse

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The gift of the Holy Spirit enables God's story to evolve. For us that may mean work on eco-church. It may mean a continued commitment to Christian Aid. It does mean being part of a pastorate and sharing ministry. How else can you see God's story evolving in our context?

God's story is as unfinished in our world as it was for the first disciples. Sometimes the evolving story of God's work means there are changes in us. Perhaps there are changes in how we are called to serve God personally. Perhaps there are changes in how we understand God or see God at work in our lives. These changes may be influenced by what happens in

our world - like wars, or rumours of war - or they may be related to the personal changes we experience - like the loss of loved ones, change of job, difficult personal circumstances. God is so much more than we can imagine so the evolution of our understanding of God may help us navigate the challenges life throws at us. 'The answer is in the story and the story isn't finished.'

As we celebrate Pentecost and mark Christian Aid Week, may we remain open to the Holy Spirit's work in and around us; may we grow with each other, and may we allow God's story to evolve.

Peace,
Martha and David

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I first met the Beulah knitters whose welcome and kindness was my stepping stone. They continue to encourage and support me. Elinor Ludlow was in my thoughts a great deal too. Elinor was one my nominees when I first joined the Eldership and her kindness and deep faith had, and continues to have, a profound effect on me.

I look forward to taking up the role in full when I return from my operation.

Family News

Good wishes to all those returning to College and School after the Easter break. A number of our congregation are unwell, at home or in hospital, and we wish them all the very best for a speedy recovery.

Every Blessing,

Anne

Future Dates

Pastorate Day

14 July we will have a pastorate celebration day at City URC. We will gather for worship in the morning, have lunch together, followed by workshop options, afternoon tea and closing worship.

Caldey Island Returns

13-16 September we have the opportunity to go to Caldey Island. David and Martha will lead the weekend. The cost is £70 per night per person. There is a list in the porch or speak to Martha.



Space4U Food Collection

A reminder that a box will be available in the porch on the 1st Sunday of each month, 5th May and 2nd June, 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



Church Transport

Need a lift to and from church on Sundays? Please mention it to your Pastoral Elder, or Tony Webb, and he will do his best to arrange it.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

The concerts in Beulah are going well under Nicola Rose's leadership so why not give them a try?! The dates for the next two concerts are as follows

Wednesday 29th May at 1.00 pm

The Welsh College's Baroque group - Ensemble Ordinario

A great opportunity to hear a different sound world with harpsichord as well as strings.

Expect some Handel as well as some other lesser known composers

Wednesday 26th June at 1.00pm

A first class saxophonist plus a first class pianist combine for this programme showing us what a saxophone can do!!

In Nicola's words 'a thrilling end to the summer recital season.'

Next concert is in September after the summer break

Tickets for both concerts are £8 on the door.

Trix

Beulah Social

There are sign-up sheets in the church porch for the following shows at the Wales Millennium Centre:

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'Only Fools and Horses' -
£42

on Thursday, 15th of May
2025

'Juliet' - ticket £35
on Thursday, 19th of June
2025

Any questions?

Please call Ann Grimes

Everyone is welcome.



KIN

Dates for your diary ...

Christian Aid Week
12th – 18th May

Big Brekkie
in the Canolfan
11th May

Editor's Note

You may recall Nigel's message in the April edition, which explained our slight departure from the usual monthly issue of Crossroads. The next edition will cover the period of last two weeks of June and all of July.



The **deadline** for articles to be included in the **June/July 2024** edition of **Crossroads** is **Sunday 9th June**.

Nigel has exams, and is working hard for those, so we wish him all the best, and the June/July edition will therefore be edited by Colin. Contributions should be sent to Colin, in person, by post or by email at:
crossroads@beulahurc.org.uk

Ny Ako

bringing Malagasy culture to Wales

Tuesday June 18th is a date for your diary. At Beulah we will be hosting a talented group of 13 musicians, singers and dancers from Madagascar.

Having seen the group perform previously, at Penrhys and at St Davids Uniting Church Pontypridd, and having met with them when I was in Madagascar last summer, I can assure you of an evening full of colour, energy and Christian joy.

As I write the group is preparing for their 2024 international tour – to Germany, France, Switzerland and Belgium, finishing up in Wales and finally London. There will be 26 concerts in Wales alone, between 14th June and 11th July. It is an ambitious programme!

Ny Ako (which means 'The Echo') is under the auspices of Scripture Union in Madagascar. Performers are involved on a voluntary basis; many of them are employed or self-employed in completely different lines of work. For them, Ny Ako is a way of sharing the Christian message and joy of life through their regular tours, both within Madagascar as well as internationally.

If you'd like a sneak preview, have a look at this lovely video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N95YvwFIEDk> (and there is plenty more on You tube).

Concerts are free but with donations taken at the door. Madagascan crafts will be sold after the show – it all helps to cover the costs of the trip.

The group will be accommodated at Penrhys from 14 – 20th June and we have agreed to support Penrhys by providing for their lunch (at Penrhys) and supper (at Beulah) on 18th June.

Please support this concert if you can and tell your friends too. If anyone would like to offer practical help with catering for meals on that day, please have a word with Fiona Liddell.

Omission and apologies

As the Church Life Elder for Outreach, part of my brief is to report for the AGM on Canolfan Users along with KIN, the Eco Group and Community Art Projects.

On reflection, I realise that this year I failed to report in any way adequately on Beulah's relationship with Canolfan Users and, in particular, the work that it takes to ensure a meaningful interface between the church and those who book the Canolfan for activities.

We cannot thank Barbara enough for her tireless work over so many years taking the bookings, meeting and greeting people at Canolfan, dealing with the finances and making sure everything ran smoothly. She also undertook to find her own successor and we are extremely grateful to Mike McCarthy for taking over the role. Thanks are due also to those on the rotas for locking and unlocking.

The Canolfan continues to be a vibrant, much used and loved part of the Rhiwbina community. As well as those turning up for specific classes, the Repair Café, village festival days, Come and Play, Monico Movies and many other activities are great opportunities to invite others into our buildings.

Eileen Newington

The Space4U Clothing Team needs your help!

There is always a great need for men's trainers and shoes - it's very hard to keep up with the demand for waterproof shoes. We would be so grateful if you have anything you could give us, and they would be much appreciated by those who come to the drop-in.

We mostly need trainers for men, but shoes for women

and children would also be great.

While you're looking at the back of the cupboard, backpacks for college and suitcases are always needed as well!

Please contact Jackie Allen if you have any items you'd like to donate.

(07962232043).

Thank you so much.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12th – 18th May 2024



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

BIG BREKKIE

Saturday, 11th May in Canolfan from 9.30 – 11.30am

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

Please join us for continental breakfast, conversation,
fundraising and a raffle.

**JOINT CHRISTIAN AID WEEK SERVICE with Bethany
Baptist Church and All Saints**

Beulah URC on Sunday, 19th May at 6.00pm

We will be joined by Jennie Weaver, Church Engagement
and Fundraising Officer Christian Aid Wales

DELIVERY-ONLY ENVELOPES

**Please think about volunteering to deliver envelopes
during this year's Christian Aid week.**

You don't need to go back to collect your envelopes anymore,
so it's a much easier job!

We need your help so, if you can take on a couple of streets,
please sign the list in the church foyer.

DONATING IN BEULAH

There will be Christian Aid envelopes available on Sundays
12th and 19th May for donations.

Thank you.

Geraint Richards

a Tale of Joy

On Friday 31st May at 7.30pm the Amalthea Ensemble will be putting on a concert in aid of the charity Joy of Learning at Beulah URC, and they'd love for you to come along! The ensemble is made up of cellist Alice Cheer and flautist Meg Diamond, and they will be joined by clarinetist Will Hammond and pianist John Cheer for this leg of their summer fundraising tour. Come along for an evening of varied music, a short presentation about the charity and a Ugandan Craft Stall, and help us to change the lives of children now living all over Uganda through Joy of Learning.

Joy of Learning (charity no: 1194700) was set up in 2021 to support children who have been resettled with members of their extended families after living at Sanyu Babies' Home in Uganda. Sanyu Babies' Home cares for orphaned and abandoned children aged from 1 day to 4 years old, with the primary aim of resettling the children with family members or, where that is not possible, finding them a local foster family.

Joy of Learning seeks to enable reunited children and their siblings to attend school by finding Educational Sponsors to support each child's education. As well as this, Joy of Learning makes sure that each family's basic needs are met by providing food, clothing, hygiene products and medical support where needed. Joy of Learning is a unique charity and the families it supports live all over Uganda.

Alice Cheer

a Tale of Joy

Amalthea Ensemble · Joy of Learning

BEULAH UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CARDIFF
FRIDAY 31ST MAY at 19:30

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON DOOR | PAY AS YOU FEEL
UGANDAN CRAFT STALL (STOCK PERMITTING) & REFRESHMENTS



The Amalthea Ensemble is going on tour in aid of Joy of Learning! Alice Cheer (cello) and Meg Diamond (flute) will be joined by clarinettist Will Hammond and pianist John Cheer. The programme will include a wide range of chamber music by composers such as Bartok, Weber and Alwyn, plus a brand-new commission by Millicent B James. All proceeds will go to Joy of Learning (charity no: 1194700) which supports the education and wellbeing of children previously cared for by Sanyu Babies' Home in Kampala, Uganda. Join us for a wonderful evening of live music, and help to change the lives of children who now live all over Uganda.



ROTAS

Date	AV	Readers	Intercessions	Flowers	Arranger
May					
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	tba
26th	Andrew Glanfield	Neil Kidd	Hollie Glanfield	Viv & Harley	Viv
June					
2nd	Ian McDowell	Bev Hampson	Kaye Mundy	Bev & Ian Hampson	Ann Brown
9th	Richard Sweetnam	Audrey Budding	Mary Bidnell	Mary Edwards	Beverley
16th	Nigel Barwise	Richard Edwards	Mark Stephens	Arlene Ramasut	Arlene
23rd	James Hall	Fiona Liddell	Marianne Barwise	Vicki & Jon Grimes	Beverley
30th	Andy Wales	Derek Evans	Janet McCormack	tba	tba

Date	Elder on Duty & Stewards	Vestry Prayer	Communion		
			Minister's Right	Minister's Left	Prep
			Prayer (P)		
May 5th Communion	Philippa Ballisat DE	Marion Williams	Helen Harries	Secretary	Helen Harries
	Giles Ballisat (S)		Arlene Ramasut	Kaye Mundy (P)	
	Viv Morgan (S)		Bev Hampson	Ruth Williams	
May 12th	Ian McDowell DE	Helen Harries			
	Viv Jones (S)				
	Harley Jones (S)				
May 19th	Jenny McDowell DE	Kaye Mundy			
	Mike Warsop (S)				
	Beverley Clay (S)				
May 26th	Marianne Barwise DE	Philippa Ballisat			
	Liz McCarthy (S)				
	Mary Bidnell (S)				
June 2nd Communion	Kaye Mundy DE	Ruth Williams	Pat Agland	Secretary	Pat Agland
	Gaynor Rees (S)		Marion Williams	Eileen Newington (P)	
	Ann Grimes (S)		Ruth Williams	Colin Grimes	
June 9th	Helen Harries DE	Beverley Clay			
	Richard Sweetnam (S)				
	Arlene Ramasut (S)				
June 16th	Geraint Richards DE	Marianne Barwise			
	Audrey Budding (S)				
	Marion Williams (S)				
June 23rd	Ruth Williams DE	Pat Agland			
	Mary Edwards (S)				
	Tony Webb (S)				
June 30th	Fiona Liddell DE	Louise Morgan			
	Naomi Williams (S)				
	Colin Grimes (S)				

For the sake of the children

We love to welcome children at Beulah – in our worship, Junior Church and all aspects of church life.

It takes time and commitment to maintain a programme of activities that enable children to be part of our church. Whilst the current team sustains the core work ably and with dedication, week by week, we would like some additional help with a range of specific tasks – see below. Please give some prayerful thought as to whether you feel called to help with any of these. If so, or to find out more, have a word with Fiona Liddell.

Come and Play Tuesday August 20th

We are beginning to plan for another Come and Play morning 10 – 12 am, for children 7 years and under (with the parent/carers). The number and range of activities that we can offer depends on the number of adult supervisors we have from amongst our church community. At least 10 volunteers are needed. You would be briefed on the event and what is expected of you and asked to supervise a particular room or activity.

Family Film Sessions

We have run a few successful afternoon sessions so far and hope to make them a monthly feature in the autumn, using our splendid new projection equipment for the benefit of local families.

For this to happen we need to build up a team of people who are able to manage the various tasks. It will become unsustainable if it is dependent on the same few people each time.

The core tasks are:

- Operating the projection equipment to show the chosen DVD
- putting out and putting away chairs
- buying and serving ice cream in the interval
- hosting and stewarding – ensuring a warm welcome and the safety and comfort of those who come.

Training/briefing will be given for all the above. We work as a team.

Junior Church

Consent Form Collection

Our safeguarding policy requires that we get signed parental consent forms each year for children who attend Junior Church, and we aim to do this after the summer holiday, in the early autumn.

This sounds simple – but it has proved to be a challenge! We think that the best approach would be for one (or more) volunteer to wait in the Canolfan foyer at the end of the morning service, to catch parents/carers as they come to collect their children.

Parents can then be asked to either check, sign and date the previous consent form on the spot, or to fill out a fresh form.

We will provide the file of previous consent forms (which are kept, in a locked cupboard on the premises), and a supply of blank forms. You would need to be available to do the above on several consecutive weeks, to catch all our 'regulars'. This role would be particularly suited to someone who already knows many of our regular young families (or who would like to meet them!)

Fiona Liddell



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Beulah United Reformed Church

May (and early June) 2024

All welcome

Sunday May 5th	10.30am	Worship (Communion) - Revd Martha McInnes Junior Church Beulah Younger Youth (11-14)
Saturday May 11th	3.00pm	Family Film Show
Sunday May 12th	10.30am	Worship - Revd Martha McInnes/Revd David Dean tbc Junior Church
Monday May 13th	7.30pm	Elders Meeting MWL
Tuesday May 14th	7.30pm	Theology on Tap
Sunday May 19th	10.30am	Worship - Mr Geraint Richards Junior Church
Saturday May 25th	10.15am	Whitchurch, Rhiwbina, and Birchgrove (WRB Churches Together) St Thomas Church, Birchgrove
Sunday May 26th	10.30am	Worship - Revd David Simpson Junior Church
Sunday June 2nd	10.30am	Worship - Revd Roger Bidnell - Communion Junior Church Beulah Younger Youth (11-14)
Sunday June 9th	10.30am	Worship Dr Andrew Glanfield Junior Church
Monday June 10th	7.30pm	Elders Meeting
Sunday June 16th	10.30am	Worship - Ms Maggie Kirkbride Junior Church
Tuesday 18th June	7.00pm	Ny Ako: Cultural performers from Madagascar

Mondays	Miss Tilley's Community Cafe:	9.30-12.00	(termtime)
	Womens Fellowship	2.00-3.00	
Tuesdays	Miss Tilley's Community Café	9.30-12.00	(termtime)
	Beulah Tots	9.30-11.00	(termtime)
	On-line Bible Study with Revd M. McInnes	2.00 - 3.00	
Wednesdays:	The Huddle	11.00-12.30	(termtime)
Thursdays	Café Dosbarth	9.30-12.00	(termtime)
Fridays and Saturdays	Whittaker Lounge Café	10.00-12.30	
Sundays	Youth Fellowship	7.15 - 9.00pm	(termtime)

Elders Nominations 2024

It's that time of year again when we consider our Eldership. We give thanks to those who will be finishing this Summer – for all their service and care for Beulah and our wider community. We thank Pat Agland, Kaye Mundy, Helen Harries, Beverley Clay, Philippa Ballisat and Louise Morgan, who have served as Pastoral Elders, looking after their communities with kindness and devotion.



We thank Fiona Liddell who has served as our Church Life Elder for Youth Work and Ruth Williams for her service as our Church Life Elder for Pastoral Care. Fiona and Ruth have shepherded and cared for their areas of Church life with faith and dedication.

We are therefore looking for 6 Pastoral Elders and 2 Church Life Elders to start this Autumn. As in previous years, our process starts with nominations by members of the congregation. All members of Beulah, both those who have not been an Elder before, and those who have previously served, are eligible for nomination. The nominations process will begin on Sunday 19th May and will run for 3 weeks until Sunday 2nd June. We will have a nominations box in the porch and nominations can also be submitted by email to secretary@beulahurc.org.uk or popped through the Church letterbox in a sealed envelope marked 'Nominations'. Nomination forms will be sent out by email with the notices each week during the 3 nomination weeks and will also be available by the nominations box in the porch.

Importantly, our process only works if people make nominations. You can nominate someone for any or all of the roles so please do think about who we might ask to serve in those roles and make a nomination.

If you have any questions about the nominations process or how to make a nomination, please speak to Andrew Glanfield who is looking after the process for us this year.