



Crossroads Beulah Crossroads

CHURCH AND FAMILY NEWS

No Church and Family News page this Crossroads, but look out for a bumper article in the next edition.

"TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION"

The Season of Creation begins on 1st September, the Feast of Creation, and ends on 4th October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. It is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen to and care for our common home.

The theme this year is "To Hope and Act with Creation" and faith leaders are marking the Season with a call to followers to endorse the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty https://fossilfueltreaty.org/

After decades of climate negotiations, many governments are still approving new coal, oil and gas projects. The proposed treaty would provide the global roadmap needed to halt the expansion of fossil fuels, manage an equitable phase out of coal, oil and gas, and lay the foundations for an energy transition in which no worker, community or country is left behind. There is a growing coalition of governments, cities, organisations and individuals endorsing the Treaty, including the World Health Organisation, the European Parliament, Christian Aid, Operation Noah and Green Christian.

On 21st September there will be a Global Day of Action - as churches we are invited and encouraged to approach our leaders and let them know of the Treaty and how to support it. The eco group is hoping to organise an event in Beulah ... please keep a look out!!





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Harvest Supper and Sugar Bag Auction

A Harvest Supper is being planned for the evening of **Saturday 28th September**, fund raising for KIN. It will be a sit down hot pot supper, with fruit crumble for pud. Followed straight after by a 'Sugar Bag Auction'.

Promises made by individuals at Beulah to be auctioned off to the highest bidder, for example to cook a cake, some produce from the garden, give a lift to airport or baby sit.

Marianne Barwise will be looking for helpers to prepare the meal and offers of auction promises. A fun family and community event, please invite friends.

Caldey Island Retreat

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 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*

Whittaker Lounge

Do you have a couple of hours to spare occasionally on a Friday or Saturday morning (or sometimes even on a Thursday)? We are looking to expand the Whittaker Lounge reserve list so that we can make sure we are able to keep the Whittaker Lounge open in the mornings. We are looking for people to join the rota, that is, even if you are just able to do a shift once in a while (always with someone experienced). We are also trying to ensure we keep the Lounge open every Thursday in the summer holidays too (so open on a Thursday as well as Friday and Saturday). So if you think you can spare some time, like chatting to people, make coffee and tea and toast some tea-cakes even once in a while, then chat to Philippa, Giles or myself. Many thanks, Eleri

Letter from the Manse

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the embodiment of hope. Sometimes action is needed on behalf of those who cannot sing. Our communities offer hope to the hopeless through action and presence.

In Romans Paul writes: 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit' (Romans 15:13). Perhaps Paul uses these verses to remind the community that in the midst of affliction, the God of hope opens us up for the possibility of joy and comprehensive well-being." This isn't just positive thinking. This is the work of the people of faith. Even if we cannot sing the hopeful song, we can join the community in order to hear the song being sung for us and surround ourselves with the hope found in God's people.

Anne Lamott writes, 'Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: you don't give up.' Hope does not require us to be 'optimistic.' It does require us to sing and to work. Hope asks us to hold on when others can't. May we, as God's stubbornly hopeful people, hold on, sing and work to bring healing and peace to each other and to God's world.

Yours in Christ,

Martha and David



Tuesday 20th August 2024

10 - 11.30am

Canolfan Beulah

Rhiwbina crossroads

CF14 6LT

BOUNCY CASTLE
INDOOR &

OUTDOOR PLAY
REFRESHMENTS

Activities aimed at 2 – 5 year olds, but all 0 – 7 year olds welcome

Children must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult

For further details contact Fiona

FREE entry small charge for refreshments

Beulah URC

Family Film Shows

Family favourites on the big screen Suitable for all ages*



Saturdays 21st Sep, 19th Oct & 16th Nov 2024 3.00pm for 3.15pm

Canolfan Beulah, Rhiwbina Village FREE of charge

Interval ice cream No booking required
Call or text 07902 853978 for enquiries or further details
* Please note that under 18s must be accompanied by an adult

ROTAS						
Date	AV	Readers	Intercessions	Flowers	Arranger	
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August						
4th	Jonathan Glanfield	Giles Ballisat	Cathy Wales	Ann & Colin Grimes	Ann Brown	
11th	Nigel Barwise	Helen Harries	Marion Williams	Natalie & Rod Samuel	Beverley	
18th	Andrew Glanfield	Mark Stephens	Liz Kidd	Naomi & Martin	Karen	
25th	Nigel Barwise	Eleri John	Richard Sweetnam	Kaye & Martin	Beverley	
September	•					
1st	Richard Sweetnam	Jenny McDowell	tba	Louise Morgan	Karen	
8th	lan McDowell	Ruth Williams	tba	Marion Williams	Viv Jones	
15th	James Hall	Liz McCarthy	tba	Mary & Mike Warsop	Marianne Barwise	
22nd	Andy Wales	Gaynor Rees	tba	tba	tba	
29th	lan McDowell	Richard Sweetnam	tba	Heather Bishop	Ann Brown	



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ELDERS' DUTY ROSTER

	Elder on Duty & Stewards	Vestry Prayer	Communion		
Date			Minister's Right	Minister's Left	Prep
	& Stewards		Prayer (P)		
August 4th	Bev Hampson DE	Jenny	Mary Bidnell	Secretary	Mary Bidnell
August 4th Communion	Lesley Richards(S)	McDowell	Jonathan Grimes	Louise Morgan (P)	
Communion	Viv Morgan(S)		Eleanor Mills	Philippa Ballisat	
	Eleanor Mills DE	Philippa			
August 11th	Viv Jones(S)	Ballisat			
	Harley Jones (S)	Danisat			
	Eileen Newington DE	Geraint			
August 18th	Eleri John (S)	Richards			
	Gaynor Rees (S)	Thomas as			
	Philippa Ballisat DE	Eileen			
August 25th	Giles Ballisat (S)	Newington			
	Mary Edwards (S)]			
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September 1st Communion	Nigel Barwise (S)	Raye Wanay	Ruth Williams	Helen Harries (P)	
Communion	Andy Wales (S)		Colin Grimes	Ian McDowell	
	Jenny McDowell DE	Marion			
September 8th	Nigel Barwise (S)	Williams			
	Mary Edwards (S)	Williams			
	Ruth Williams DE	Jenny			
September 15th	Denise Dickman (S)	McDowell			
	Audrey Budding (S)				
	Fiona Liddell DE	Andrew			
September 22nd	Derek Evans (S)	Glanfield			
	Ann Grimes (S)				
	Ian McDowell DE	Eleanor Mills			
September 29th	Giles Ballisat (S)				
	Lesley Richards (S)				

HOLIDAY FUN IN JUNIOR CHURCH

Sunday 21 July Cooking with Barbara

Sunday 28 July Family Film with Fiona

Sunday 4 August Activities with Hollie and Andrew

Sunday 11 August Crafts with Marianne

Sunday 18 August Activities with Kate and Denise

Sunday 25 August Music with John and Brenda

Sunday 1 September Party Time!

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

I am hoping to organise a Family Day Out on Saturday 9 November 2024 to Gloucester Christmas Markets.

These take place on Gloucester Quays and close by is Gloucester's equivalent of McArthur Glen. There are lots of restaurants, and it is also within easy walking distance into the centre of town and the beautiful cathedral.

I have no price as yet but I need to know there is enough interest before booking a coach. If you would like to join the trip, can you please sign the list in the Church Porch. Barbara

Parkminster are thinking of organising a minibus day trip to Porthcawl on Saturday 14th September.

Mary John asks if there would be any interest from members of the Pastorate if they have some seats available? Please contact Mary John at Parkminster

Lunchtime Concerts

We have had a long summer break and are now ready to go with the exciting group of recitals which Nicola Rose has arranged for us. They are mostly with connections to the RWCMD.

Wednesday, September 25th at 1 pm Duo Cain

Emily Harris - harp Tabitha Selley - cello

These graduates from the RWCMD share some beautiful music for harp and cello.

Emily and Tabitha have performed at many prestigious concert venues, including the Wigmore Hall, the Royal Albert Hall, Bridgewater Hall, and St David's Hall.

This talented duo will kickstart our autumn season of recitals.

More helpers welcome for children's events.

Thanks to those who have already offered to help at our forthcoming Beulah #playday and autumn family film sessions. (See the posters for details of these).

If you would be willing to help with either of these, please contact Fiona Liddell.

There will be a briefing event for Beulah #playday volunteers on Thursday 8th August, 5pm in Margaret Whittaker Lounge.

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.

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Tots will start back on Tuesday September 10th.

Huddle

Huddle will start back on Wednesday September 11th.

Editors' Note

The deadline for articles to be included in the September 2024 edition of Crossroads is Sunday 25th August.
Contributions should be sent to Colin, in person, by post or by email at: crossroads@beulahurc.org.uk

The United Reformed Church

Beulah United Reformed Church

August 2024

All welcome

Sunday 4 th August	10.30am	Worship - Revd David Dean / Revd Martha McInnes - Communion - Junior Church Beulah Younger Youth (11-14) Space 4U collection
Sunday 11th August	10.30am	Worship - Mr Geraint Richards
		Junior Church
Sunday 18th August	10.15am	Worship - Mr Richard Edwards
		Junior Church
Tuesday 20 th August	10.00am	Beulah Playday - Please see note below.
Saturday 24 th August	10.15am	Gathering for Prayer (Whitchurch,
		Rhiwbina and Birchgrove Churches Together)
		All Saints Church, Rhiwbina and refreshments
Sunday 25 th August	10.30am	Worship - Revd David Simpson
		Junior Church
Sunday 1 st September	10.30am	Worship - Revd David Dean / Revd Martha
		McInnes - Communion
		Junior Church - Beulah Younger Youth (11-14)
		Space 4U collection
Monday 9 th September	7.30pm	Elders meeting
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August activities

Some activities will not be available during August. From 27th July the **Whittaker Lounge Cafe** will only be open on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday morning. **Miss Tilleys** will resume on 2nd September.

Beulah Tots and **The Huddle** will not meet during August. **Beulah Tots** will start back on September 10th and **The Huddle** on September 11th.

Beulah Playday Tuesday 20th August, 2024 10-11.30am aimed at 2-5 year olds but all 0-7 year olds welcome. Please see poster for more details.