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Letter from the Manse

Dear Friends,

Sabbatical Update No. 2

My sabbatical has been full of transitions between home and other places. I have been to some places I have never been before and to places I have been many times.

One of the places I have been, and through, many times is the mountains of North Carolina. They are part of the Appalachian Mountain Range, the oldest range in the US on the East Coast. They run from Georgia in the south to Maine in the north.

Parts of them are called the Great Smokey Mountains and another part is called the Blue Ridge Mountains. I never really knew why they were called this, but I discovered this on my trip. See the photos below.



Staying in the mountains for a few days, each morning I awoke to thick fog. Because there is no ocean nearby, I was surprised by the fog and its density—smokey mountains.

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CHURCH NOTES AND FAMILY NEWS

Church Notes

Although I am fairly new to writing the Church Notes for Crossroads, I have sometimes been involved in writing for the front page over the years. During minsters' sabbaticals and during vacancy, volunteers have taken over the writing of the front page. I used to cheat a little and ask our junior church group to create material for these pages. Ten years ago, we 'volunteered' to write for the November issue and our young people wrote about memories, Armistice Day and poppies. They discovered some interesting facts about white poppies (sold by the Peace Pledge Union, who say: 'war cannot create peace'); purple poppies (remembering animals lost in war); black rose poppies (remembering the contributions of black, African and Caribbean communities to the war effort) as well as the traditional red poppies.

As part of this project they chose to write some Haiku poems, a selection of which I have shared below. Haiku poetry is a traditional form of Japanese poetry with strict rules which is designed to encourage mindfulness and express ideas succinctly.

Memories of war
The war that will end all wars
Never forgetting
*

Poppies remember
The war of mass destruction
We never forget
*

Red, white, purple, black
Poppies that you've always seen
Wearing, always peace
*

At the beginning of October we welcomed our new elders, Hollie, June and Norman who were ordained (Hollie) and inducted (Hollie, June and Norman) during the communion service. This was followed by a church family lunch which was delicious, relaxed and a great opportunity to spend time together. Thank-you to everyone who made quiches, salads and desserts and to those who willingly served and cleared up.

During the same weekend, a number of us had the opportunity to watch a screening of the 'People's Emergency Briefing' in the Canolfan. It is a powerful film and well worth seeing when you have the chance. There are more details from the Eco Group elsewhere in this edition.

The following week, Arlene led our 'big autumn clean' in the church. A few small groups on different days washed and polished all the wood-work and seats – it's surprising how much wood there is in Beulah when you start to wash it! Thank-you to all who helped with this and thank-you to Arlene for organising and motivating us. The results speak for themselves. We also have new scatter-cushions to help keep us comfortable in the pews, some of which are particularly special and were made by Gaynor Rees.

The cleaning was perfectly timed to coincide with the wedding of Beth and Aimee on 10th October. This was a very happy occasion and they were surrounded by the love of friends and family.

As we continue through November, our thoughts inevitably turn towards Christmas celebrations and preparations. I have included the December Church calendar in this edition so that you can be sure to get all the dates in your diaries early. One particular date to note is November 29th, the first Sunday in advent when we will be joining with the other pastorate churches at Canton Uniting Church for a joint communion service. This promises to be another special time of sharing and lifts will be available if you need help with transport.

Family News

To any of our Beulah family who are unwell, in hospital or at home, and those who are concerned for their loved ones, our prayers are with you.

Marion



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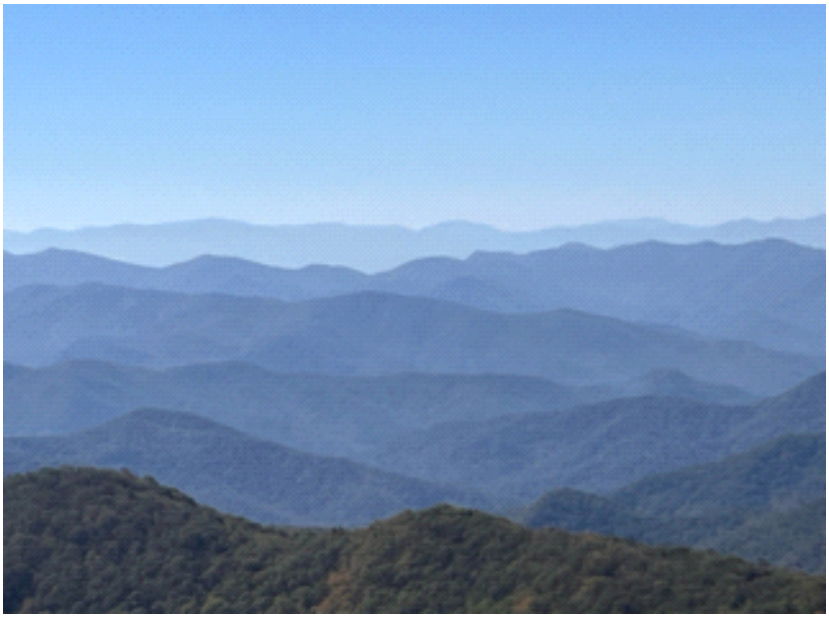
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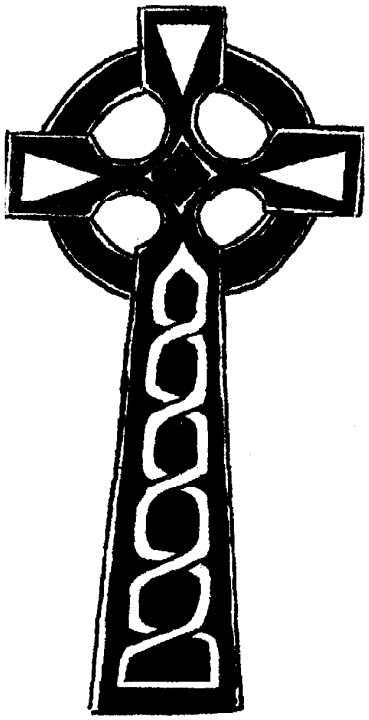
Then, driving along the Blue Ridge Mountain Parkway, begun in the Depression as a project to create work for those without it, the vistas took my breath away—and I say the blue ridges!





I wondered why I, having been in this area before, never noticed the mountains or the fog. Of course, it could be because there was no fog—or my memory might be poor. I wondered, however, if there was another reason. Is it because I simply didn't 'notice' what was around me? I have written before about the spiritual discipline of 'noticing'—stopping what we are doing long enough to see what is in front of us.

Life can be so busy and so full that we rush through things and fail to see what is around us. We can miss the autumn colours, the smile of a small child, the gentle touch of a friend, the smell of the coffee, or the vista in front of us. Did I simply fail to notice the wonder of the Appalachian Mountains? This time I certainly was able to stop and notice and thank God for the gift of noticing them.



As we enter November, I invite you to give yourself some time to notice the wonder of a moment. What do you see, hear, feel, taste, smell? And having noticed, offer a simple prayer of gratitude for what you experienced—a thank you to the Creator for the gift in that moment.

'This is the day (the moment, the scene, the gift) the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.' Psalm 118.24

Peace,

Martha (and David)

Visit the Beulah website at: http://www.beulahurc.org.uk/

Harvest Donations
A Big Thank you!

Thank you for your very generous donations of socks, pants / boxers, dried and tinned food and toiletries for Space4U and The Huggard Centre on Harvest Sunday.

I am always amazed how many of you are organised to buy the items and remember to bring them on the correct Sunday!

Space4U has moved back to the Trinity Centre following the lengthy renovations to the building. We continue to use St German's Hall for the Clothes store as there was insufficient storage in Trinity for our very large operation. We regularly see about 30 people at the Clothing store each Monday morning and men's clothes and shoes are always needed.

The drop-in at Trinity now operates out of two halls with pool, table tennis and a selection of table top games, including dominoes like you have never seen it played before, largely by the Sudanese! There is a dedicated office now for one-to-one Help and Information and our English Language classes benefit from large digital screens which are a great help. In addition we have extra space for an art table, sewing machine, a food bank and a volunteer barber. Each Monday and Thursday afternoon we see on average about 80 people who clearly enjoy the safe space, make some friends, practice their English Language and enjoy a delicious hot meal, currently cooked by our Iranian chef, Alex.

Beulah is very well represented at Space4U. Eileen continues to be the Lead Volunteer looking after the Clothing store with Keirsten, part of the team. Jackie looks after our kitchen and coffee bar, making sure all runs smoothly, and steered us to a rating of 5 in our recent Food Hygiene Inspection. I teach English and help to oversee the drop-in on Mondays and Thursdays together with a team of 8 Lead Volunteers and about 30 volunteers, including some from the refugee and asylum seeking community. Let me know if you would be interested in volunteering.

Thank you for your continued support for the work of Space4U with refugees and asylum seekers. Your interest, practical support in donations of food, clothing and money are greatly appreciated.

Jenny

Beulah URC

Family Film Shows

Beulah Family Films have returned and absolutely everyone is welcome!

Family favourites on the big screen

Suitable for all ages*



Saturday afternoons 3.00pm

Sat 17th Oct and Sat 21st Nov

Canolfan Beulah, Rhiwbina Village

FREE of charge

Interval ice cream No booking required

Call or text 07891 707039 for enquiries or further details

**** Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult***

ROTAS

Date	Readers	Intercessions	AV	Flowers	Arranger
November					
1st	Bev Hampson	Roger Bidnell	Ian McDowell	Viv Morgan	Karen
8th	Audrey Budding	Duncan Pugh	Richard Sweetnam	tbc	Viv Jones
15th	Andrew Glanfield	Ian McDowell	Nigel Barwise	Trix Pryce	Marianne
22nd	Louise Morgan	Anne Rees	Andy Wales	Eleri John	tbc
29th	**Pastorate Communion Service at Canton Uniting Church**				
December					
6th am	Brenda Cheer	Nigel Barwise	Andrew Glanfield	Flower Fund	tbc
6th pm			Andy Wales		
13th	Vicki Grimes	Mary Bidnell	Ian McDowell	Flower Fund	tbc
20th am	Arlene Ramasut	Anne James	Richard Sweetnam	Flower Fund	tbc
20th pm			Nigel Barwise		
24th 5pm			Andy Wales	Flower Fund	tbc
24th 11pm			James Hall		
25th	Andy Wales	Marianne Barwise	Andrew Glanfield		
27th	Mary Bidnell	Worship Team	Ian McDowell	Flower Fund	tbc
Jan 2027 3rd	Jonathan Grimes	Liz Kidd	Richard Sweetnam	tbc	tbc

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Wednesday 25th of November at 1.00pm

Freddie Roberts-Brown - piano

Alys Roberts-Brown - soprano

Thomas Verity - clarinet

We end the year of recitals with music for voice, piano, and clarinet, which will include Schubert's beautiful Shepherd on the Rock.

This trio are all outstanding musicians in their own right, and are putting together a programme especially for us a t Beulah URC.

Please join us for refreshment afterwards as we celebrate our final concert of 2026.

Tickets £10 on the door (Cash or Card)

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CANTON GROWING TOGETHER …

… is the title we at Canton Uniting Church have recently adopted for our building and garden project. A name that encapsulates not just our green aspirations but our vision of being an open church - open to God, open to each other and open to the community which we serve - in order to show God's love.

Project aims

- To provide an improved facility that can better serve the community.
- Significantly to reduce our carbon footprint.

Major project-related steps in the last two years

- Planning permission was obtained on 18th August 2025, to demolish the old and energy-inefficient halls and replace them with a much smaller new build and community garden.
- The 25 year old flat roofs over the sanctuary and around the front of the church were resurfaced in 2025 at a cost of £51,000, as an urgent requirement although not directly related to the project objectives.
- A Synod-sponsored heating survey in September 2025 confirmed the huge energy savings from our project but also highlighted opportunities from solar panels and/or a heat pump facility.
- A re-costing of the project was undertaken in March 2026, as a preliminary to seeking grants and other fundraising. This put the total project costs at £1.2 million.
- A professional fundraiser was contracted to support our external fundraising efforts from April 2026.
- From May 2026 onwards we have conducted a community survey, obtaining 250 completed questionnaires to date. We have interviewed partners and other groups with a view to getting qualitative input for the project objectives from outside the church.
- We have started to develop a business plan, which helps to cement our thinking.
- A decision was taken by Church Meeting on 6th September 2026 to seek a revision to the Council approved plans, to recognise important changes:
- Provision of an office for two part-time employees for community development and administration.
- Replacing the proposed new foyer that would have had limited use for meetings, with a meeting room and a separate corridor from the southern entrance.
- Repositioning the room that is designated for use by Alcoholics Anonymous, so that they can get access at all times of day directly from the road.
- Provision of an air source heat pump, with a view to reducing carbon emissions for the church and new build by around 67%.
- At the time of writing, we expect the planning application revision to be submitted in the next few days.

Status of fundraising

- Including recent grants from the URC Synod of Wales Mission Development Fund and central URC Legacy Fund, together with a donation from Parkminster URC, and £15,000 raised internally since January 2025, actual/promised funds now total £575,000.
- Applications for grants from the Senedd Community Facilities Programme and National Lottery People and Places are both at the final stages; we are working to make our final submissions by mid-December. We await responses from Landfill and Principality for grant applications submitted. An application is in progress to the Benefact Trust.
- We have also signed up for the Big Give 2026 Christmas Challenge. We have reached our target 'pot' of £10,000 in pledges – we need donations of £10,000 or more to release this match pot. If successful, that will add £20,000 or more to our building fund.
- A dream result from our fundraising would be to have more money than we need, so that we could add solar panels to the project, in addition to the heat pump ……

Help and encouragement from our sister churches in the pastorate

- You – the members of the pastorate churches – are warmly invited to share in an 'update' event at Canton on Friday 6th November. Refreshments will be served from 6pm to 6.20pm, during which you will be able to look at drawings of our revised planning. Then a few presentations, including from one of our partners and time for a chat.
- We recognise it would be valuable to continue to seek people's views on what we are aiming to achieve in Canton, especially from outside Canton. If anyone in the pastorate churches would like to answer the 5 minute questionnaire, here is the QR code:

- We very much appreciate the support and interest of our sister churches in the pastorate. If anyone feels they would like to contribute to the Big Give Christmas Challenge, please watch out for the link to the Big Give portal that we will be circulating before 1st December.

Beulah Weekend Rotas

Over the last few weeks, some of our Beulah rotas have been moved into one joint rota on Google Drive. This means that you can see all your commitments in one place and it can always be up to date with any swaps or changes. If you are on any of the following rotas, you should have received a link by email to access the combined document:

Elders & Stewards, AV, Canolfan weekend opening & closing, or readers' rota.

If you are on one of these rotas and don't yet have the link or are having problems accessing it, please let Marion Williams or Colin Grimes know. We are also happy to record any swaps if required.

If you are the owner of a Beulah rota and are happy for it to be available on the joint document, please get in touch with Marion or Colin.



One Wednesday morning in July, members of The Huddle created musical notes with crayons, pens glue, stickers and, in true Blue Peter style, empty cereal packets. We were invited to think of a song or music which keeps us going when things get tough and then decorate the note accordingly. We shared stories, music, laughter and a few tears along the way.

Our notes were then taken to Greenbelt in August by Fiona Harding, from Canton and proudly displayed in the URC Café and Craft tent.

BEULAH DIRECTORY

The new Directories will be distributed over the coming weeks.

The Directories contain personal contact information, which is published with your consent, so we wish to ensure that when no longer needed, the Directories are disposed of safely.

This is to remind you that the old Directories need to be destroyed, and NOT put in our recycling bags or general waste, so if you have a home shredder, please can you shred your copy. If you do not have a shredder, you can give your Directory to your Elder when they give you your new one.

Alternatively, there will be a box available in church on Sundays through November where you can deposit your old one, which will then be shredded in the church office shredder.

Please also check that your entry is correct in the new Directory, and let Louise know of any errors or amendments for next year.

Many thanks.

Louise

What's On in our Pastorate

This news page is where we celebrate everything that is happening in the churches of the URC Cardiff and Penarth Pastorate. Everyone is always welcome at any of the churches at any time but here we share information of events and services which may be of particular interest.

Canton Growing Together: Canton Uniting Church warmly invite members of all the pastorate congregations to join them, their neighbours and sponsors on **Friday 6th November** at an 'update event'. *Refreshments will be served from 6pm to 6.20pm, during which you will be able to look at drawings of our revised planning. Then a few presentations, including from one of our partners and time for a chat.* There is a separate article with more information about the project in general.

The next Theology Book Club will be discussing 'J*oyful, Anyway'* by Kate Bowler. The meeting will take place on Monday 30th November, 7 p.m., at Martha and David's house. If you are interested, let Martha know you plan to attend.

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Sunday 29th November: **Pastorate Service at Canton Uniting Church** at 10.30am (Theobald Rd, Canton CF5 1QL)

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At Beulah (Beulah Road, Rhiwbina CF14 6LT)

Sunday 8th November 6.00pm: Towards the End of the Day (TED service). We are invited to gather at 5.45 for tea & cake ahead of the service at 6.00 (in Canolfan Beulah).

Tuesday 10th November at 7.30pm: Theology on Tap in the Deri Inn.

Saturday 21st November at 3pm: Family Film Show (free of charge, including internal ice cream).

Sunday 22nd November at 12.00pm: Community Meal.

Wednesday November 25th at 1pm: Concert at the crossroads:
Freddie Roberts-Brown - piano/organ; Alys Roberts-Brown – soprano; Thomas Verity – clarinet.
We end our year of recitals with music for voice, piano and clarinet, to include Schubert's beautiful Shepherd on the Rock. This trio are all outstanding musicians in their own right and are putting together a programme especially for us at Beulah URC. Please stay and join us for refreshments afterwards as we celebrate our final concert of 2026.

Wednesday 25th November at 6.30pm: Bible Study in the Whittaker Lounge.

Saturday 28th November: Rhiwbina Christmas Festival 4-7pm. There will be local choirs singing in the Church; craft stalls and mulled wine & Mince Pies in the Canolfan as well as street stalls and entertainment around the village.

Kin update Nov '26

(Beulah's charity community fundraising team)

Thank you to all who supported the Harvest meal and Auction, the total reached was over £1,200 for Christian Aid. Much of this amount was from the auction of promises, which are playing out over the coming months. Promises such as a Murder Mystery Night, Coffee Morning, Brunch and IT support, all building friendships, whilst raising funds. Also many of you generously donated items at Harvest for the Huggard and Space4U, which are always much appreciated.

As ever if you have any causes you would like us to support, or ideas of how to fundraise please speak to Marianne. KIN are planning more fun social events for the coming year, so watch this space!

There are many Beulah events booked in the Christmas run up. As KIN we are really keen to support 2 important village events

-Rhiwbina Tap Wed 9th Dec. Jingle and Mingle, at 7pm, come along for a relaxed evening singing Christmas songs and carols.

-Carol singing Y Groes on 18th Dec, at 6pm

Our regular Christmas KIN events include-

-12th and 19th Dec 10am carol singing out side the Church, fund raising for Calon Hearts.

-KIN Coffee Morning and Carols on 19th Dec, at 10.45-12 in the Canolfan. Pastorate Music group carols with coffee and mince pies, including a visit from Santa.

-Rhiwbina Winter Festival on Nov 28th, at 4.30-7pm The church will be running our usual hot drinks in the Whitaker Lounge and Mulled Wine in the Canolfan. We also have 2 children's choirs singing in the church as well as the Tenovous Singers. We will be running a bottle stall in the Canolfan, to do some fundraising, and are looking for contributions of bottles of all types other than alcoholic. If you would like to help with any of these events, or have bottles to contribute, please speak to Marianne Barwise.

Eco Group screening of the People's Emergency Briefing in Canolfan

Beulah's Eco Group collaborated recently with the Rhiwbina Eco Team to host a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing https://www.nebriefing.org/the-film

We welcomed about sixty people from within Beulah and across the community to Canolfan to watch the film which explores the climate and nature crisis and what it means for communities, services and long-term resilience. With evidence from leading UK experts in climate science, health, food security, economics, national security and nature, it is an overview of the risks facing everyday life in Britain.

After the film we allowed for a moment of reflection, then Nia and Naomi from the Rhiwbina Eco Team facilitated conversation and discussion, beginning with how people had felt after watching the film and what had stayed with them most.

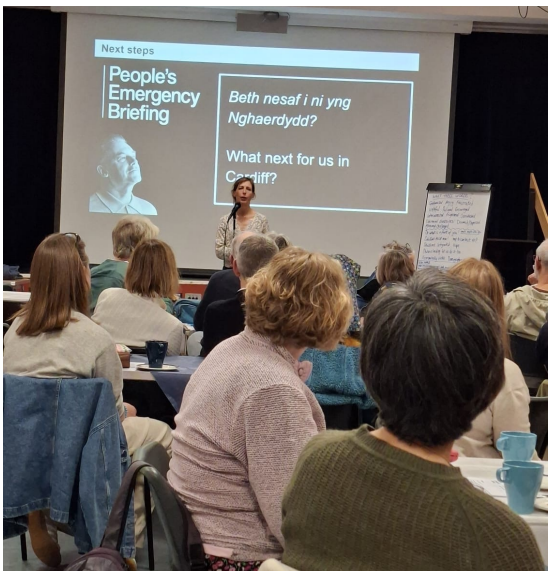
We went on to consider our recent experiences of climate change here in Cardiff such as wildfires, flooding, pollution in streams, shorter growing seasons, services unable to run and some people being isolated because of the weather. But we also shared examples of local action and what that can achieve. The Rhiwbina Eco Team showed a slide with photos of their planting in Parc Y Pentre and outside the library, litter picks and other community action. The Eco Group explained Beulah's part in the Cardiff Eco Churches' successful lobbying of Cardiff Council to endorse the Fossil Fuel Treaty.

Throughout the evening there were contributions from across the whole room and although some had felt frightened, angry or overwhelmed by the challenges we face, there was also great optimism, determination and hope.

Perhaps the most important take away from the evening was that we must use our voices locally at the Council elections, and nationally, to call for the implementation of the solutions that we know already exist.

https://www.nebriefing.org/the-film for more details and to find a local screening.
Huge thanks to Andrew and Hollie for running the film for us and helping with the tech!

Eileen







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Eco Group news –
what we're doing and how you can get involved!

Elders' Meetings and Church Meetings 2027

Date	
January 11th	Elders 7.30pm Whittaker Lounge
February 8th	Elders 7.30pm Whittaker Lounge
February 15th MON	AGM & short Church Meeting Time & location tbc
March 8th	Elders 7.30pm Whittaker Lounge
April 12th	Elders 7.30pm Whittaker Lounge
April 26th MON	Church Meeting 7.30pm in the Church
May 10th	Elders 7.30pm Whittaker Lounge
June 14th	Elders 7.30pm Whittaker Lounge
June 28th MON	Church Meeting 7.30pm in the Church
July 12th	Elders 7.30pm Whittaker Lounge
September 13th	Elders 7.30pm Whittaker Lounge
September 19th SUN	Church Meeting After worship, in the Church
October 11th	Elders 7.30pm Whittaker Lounge
November 8th	Elders 7.30pm Whittaker Lounge
November 22nd MON	Church Meeting 7.30pm in the Church
December 13th	Elders 7.30pm Whittaker Lounge

Collecting Stamps

Over this year there have been two collection boxes for used postage stamps , one located in the Whittaker Lounge and one in the Canolfan. I thought you'd like to know where they go to and that I have so far collected four bags full of stamps. Two bags went to Hedgehog Rescue in Caerphilly and two bags to the RNIB. Both charities are very grateful for the used stamps, which they use to sell onto stamp collectors, therefore bringing a little extra money to the charities. This is such a good way to do something small to help others.

I will continue to keep the two collection boxes for used postage stamps and if you can collect any stamps you receive that would be great. To be honest I was surprised to have collected that many, but with all of us collecting stamps it really has made a difference and is easy to do. If you know of any other charity that can use the used postage stamps then let me know.

Many thanks

Eleri

TCS London Marathon 2027 - Lindsey Allan

I just wanted to say a massive thank you to those who sponsored me yesterday at my cake fundraiser during coffee after church. I raised £114.61 from collections plus another £55 via online contributions. Now I really am going to have to run this marathon in April!!

If you didn't get the chance to eat cake, I will hopefully be back in the New Year, or you can sponsor me via the link here ⇨ ⇨ ⇨ ⇨ ⇨ ⇨ ⇨ ⇨ ⇨

I will keep you all updated on my progress and once again, thank you :)

https://2027tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/lindsey-allan

Heavenly (or earthly) music…

'Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God…'

I wonder what kind of sounds the gospel writer had in mind? I think we can be fairly certain it wasn't Hark the herald angels sing or Ding dong merrily on high…not even in a rendition by the refined voices of a great cathedral choir! And I wonder where we would look for our 'heavenly music', against an almost inescapable background of seasonal tunes from mid-November onwards…

I suspect we would often regard the music we make at Beulah as being distinctly earthly much of the time – we're only human after all! But perhaps for some of us there can be moments when something happens in music: Perhaps we feel suddenly connected through our singing or playing together, or perhaps the familiar texts somehow draw us into the story we are celebrating. Or perhaps it's just the 'magic' of the music which only really comes out once a year, before being packed away again in a box with the decorations. So maybe, for me at least, with our very ordinary skills and resources, there can still be some very special moments in our Christmas music making.

If you agree that this could be true, please come and join in! There are quite a few opportunities for everyone, including:
Open air singing, outside Canolfan on Saturdays in December (please check elsewhere for dates and times) and in Y Groes on Friday 18th December: It's actually fun – especially if there are plenty of singers – and is chance to encounter, even if briefly, others in our local community.

Christmas Coffee Morning, Saturday 19th December: This highly traditional and long running Beulah fixture is always a sure sign that Christmas has nearly arrived. There always seems to be a happy, multi-generational buzz in the hall, and somehow mince pies, coffee, Christmas pops from the band and the visitor from the north still works.

Carol service preparation, Saturday 19th December afternoon: Would you like to be involved in preparing for or taking part in the carol service? If so, you could join us to sing, play, write or in some other creative activity – there's often an art or craft element. If Saturday afternoon doesn't suit you but you'd like to be involved let us know and we'll see what we can do! Look out for more information or please chat to us to find out more.

Community Carol Service, Sunday 20th December at 6pm: Why do we call it a 'Community' carol service? You could argue that every carol service is a community carol service, because we join our voices together in a community of singing. But also we hope to offer something which is welcoming to those who don't usually come to our services. As a practical example, in the last couple of years we've been delighted to welcome friends from Miss Tilley's to the service, as well as representatives of other churches. This has all helped to make it a special and unique evening. I wonder if there are others we could all think about inviting?

John & Brenda Cheer

Christmas Wreaths

I am planning on running an afternoon on the 4th December to make Christmas wreaths, to be held in Canolfan from 2 pm until 4pm the charge for the afternoon will be £35.00 any money raised will be donated to the safe foundation.

The SAFE Foundation is a Cardiff-based international charity founded in 2006 that works to improve the lives of marginalized communities globally and support local social projects in Wales.

I have 20 places available anyone interested can add their name to a sign up sheet in the porch or contact Karen Holbrook.

Thank you

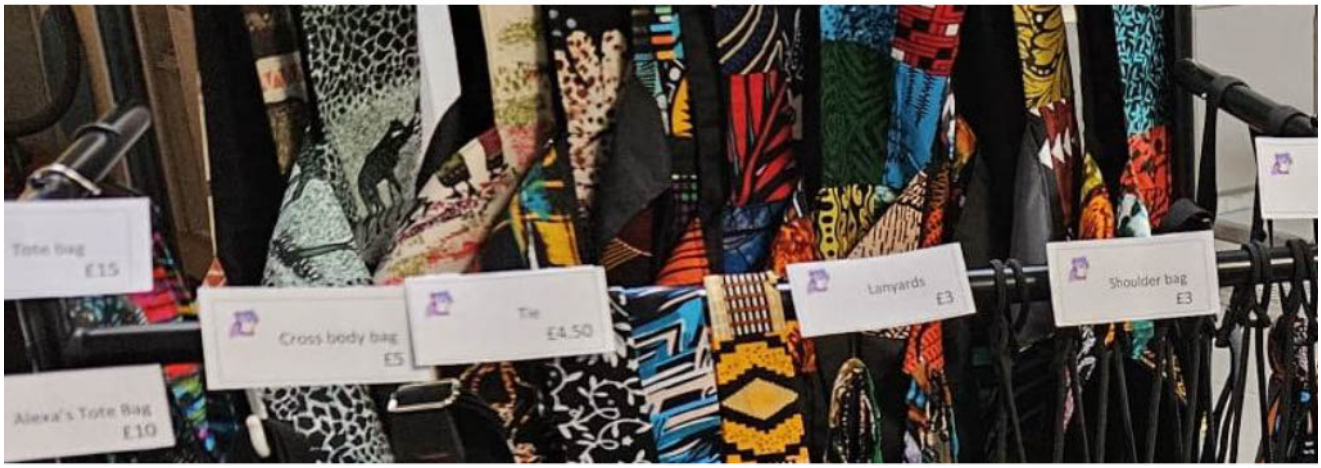


Looking for Christmas presents..?
Look no further!

Joy of Learning's Ugandan Crafts Stalls:

Sunday 29th November at Canton Uniting Church tbc
Sunday 6th December at Beulah

After the morning service – pay by cash or card





Editors' Note

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

December 2026

edition of **Crossroads** is **Sunday 22nd November, and Nigel will be editing.**



Contributions should be sent to Nigel, in person, by post or by email at:
crossroads@beulahurc.org.uk

BEULAH UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

November 2026

ALL WELCOME

Sunday 1 November	**10.30am**	**Revd Stephen Best & Mrs. Marion Williams** **Communion** Junior Church
Sunday 8 November	**10.30am**	**Worship – Mrs. Jenny McDowell** Junior Church
	5.45pm	TED Service
	6.00pm	BWise
Monday 9 November	7.30pm	Elders Meeting
Tuesday 10 November	7.30pm	Theology on Tap, Deri Inn
Sunday 15 November	**10.30am**	**Worship – Mr. Iestyn Henson** Junior Church
Saturday 21 November	3.00pm	Family film - Canolfan
Sunday 22 November	**10.30am**	**Worship – Revd David Dean** Junior Church
	12.00	Community Lunch - Canolfan
Weds 25 November	6.30-8.00pm	Bible Study in the Whittaker Lounge
Saturday 28 November	4.00-7.00pm	Rhiwbina Christmas Festival
Sunday 29 November	**10.30am**	**Pastorate Worship at Canton Uniting Church**

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BEULAH UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

December 2026

ALL WELCOME

Sunday 6 December	**10.30am**	**Revd Martha McInnes/Revd David Dean** **Communion** Junior Church
	6.30pm	**Light for Our Loss Service**
Tuesday 8 December	7.30pm	Theology on Tap, Deri Inn
Wednesday 9 December	7.00pm	Jingle & Mingle at Rhiwbina Tap
Saturday 12 December	10.00am	Carol-singing at the crossroads
Sunday 13 December	**10.30am**	**Worship – Mrs. Jenny McDowell & Ms. Anne James** Junior Church
	5.45pm	**TED Service**
	6.00pm	BWise
Monday 14 December	7.30pm	Elders Meeting
Friday 18 December	6.00pm	Carols in Y Groes
Saturday 19 December	10.00am	Carol-singing at the crossroads
	10.45am	Christmas Musical Coffee-Morning - Canolfan
Sunday 20 December	**10.30am**	**Worship – Mr. Geraint Richards & BWise** Junior Church
	6.00pm	**Community Carol Service**
Christmas Eve	**5.00pm**	**Blessing the Crib** (family-friendly nativity service)
	11.15pm	**Mid-night Communion Service**
Christmas Day	**10.30am**	**Worship – Revd David Dean**
Sunday 27 December	**10.30am**	**Worship**
	12.00	Community Lunch - Canolfan

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Elders and Stewards Duties

Correct at time of going to press!

Date	Duty Elder & Stewards	Vestry Prayer	Communion (Minister's right)	Communion (Minister's Left) (P)=prayer after communion	Communion Preparation
1st November Communion	Gaynor Rees (DE) Harley Jones (S) Viv Jones (S)	Jenny McDowell	Mary Bidnell Jonathan Grimes	Jenny McDowell (P) Bev Hampson	Mary Bidnell
8th November	Andy Wales (DE) Liz McCarthy (S) Tony Webb (S)	Andrew Glanfield			
15th November	Marianne Barwise (DE) Kaye Mundy (S) Liz Yardley-Richards (S)	Bev Hampson			
22nd November	Mary Bidnell (DE) Naomi Wiliams (S) Neil Kidd (S)	Colin Grimes			
29th November	*Pastorate*	*service*	*at Canton*		
6th December Communion	Jenny McDowell (DE) Giles Ballisat (S) Philippa Ballisat (S)	Geraint Richards	Colin Grimes Liz McCarthy	Marion Williams (P) Ian McDowell Mary Edwards	Colin Grimes
6th December 6pm Light for our loss	Marion Williams (DE) Eleanor Mills (S)	N/A			
13th December	Marianne Barwise (DE) Helen Harries (S) Barbara Clift (S)	June Henderson			
20th December Morning	Mark Stephens (DE) Eileen Newington (S) Viv Morgan (S)	Jenny McDowell			
20th December 6pm Carol service	Marianne Barwise (DE) Barbara Rhys (S) Eleri John (S)	N/A			
24th December 5pm Blessing the Crib	Junior Church				
24th December Midnight service	Ian McDowell (DE) Andrew Glanfield (S)	N/A	Andy Wales	Nigel Barwise	Andy Wales
25th December	Colin Grimes (DE) Mary Edwards (S) Anne James (S)	*TBC*			
27th December	Barbara Rhys (DE) Beverley Clay (S)	Mary Bidnell			
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3rd January	June Henderson (DE) Norman Henderson (S) Liz Yardley-Richards (S)	Ian McDowell	Bev Hampson Ruth Williams	Andrew Glanfield Colin Grimes (P)	Bev Hampson

