

<page-header><page-header><page-header><image><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><text><text><text><text><text><text><text>

BEULAH CROSSROADS BEULAH

from p.1.....

I am reminded of a verse in Isaiah 43 (1b):

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine."

For me, Lent is about standing still for a moment to reflect on who we are, why we are here and the question of God: who is, what is God in all this? Lent reminds us that Jesus sensed loss and his own demise even in the midst of apparent popularity and success. He spent 40 days and nights in the wilderness facing his own demons, wept over the death of a close friend and sweated blood as he prayed desperately for release in the garden of Gethsemane. God as seen in Jesus is never remote and austere but close and present, whether we sense him or not. God experiences all our sorrow and stress and through that pain, God takes himself and us into resurrection! I find Timothy Rees' hymn, 'God is Love' really helpful and especially relevant for today:

"God is love, and is enfolding

All the world in one embrace;

With unfailing grasp is holding

Every child of every race;

And when human hearts are breaking

Under sorrow's iron rod,

That same sorrow, that same aching

Wrings with pain the heart of God."

Happy Easter! James Hall

CHURCH NOTES

Family News

This past month has been, and continues to be, a very difficult time for many members of the Beulah community. I hope you will understand that for this edition I have only been only been able to write the family news.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Tony Vinall at the end of February. Tony, with his late wife. Jean. had been a member of Beulah for many decades and gave great service to the church including as an elder. He will be missed by his many friends and neighbours, and we send our sympathies and prayers to Sue, Judy, Tim and all the family. The funeral service was a great tribute to Tony, and many of his closest Beulah friends contributed to make it the kind of day he would have wanted.

We then received the sad news of the death of Jennifer Collins, who had been in hospital for several months. A quiet, gentle lady, Jenny will also be greatly missed by her friends and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband, Jeff, her children, Paul and Rachel, and her sister, Ann, along with all of their families. We are grateful to the Revd. Roger Bidnell for conducting her funeral service, in which some of her Beulah friends also participated.

This week has seen the sudden and unexpected death of Elaine Edwards, who was one of our serving elders, Junior Church leader, Youth Fellowship leader and Drop-In leader. Elaine has given so much to both Beulah and the wider church, particularly in all her work with young people and there are not sufficient words to express our feelings on the loss of such a dear friend at far too young an age. We offer our loving support, sympathy and prayers to Ann, Colin, Jonathan, Vicki, Becky and Elinor. Funeral arrangements for Elaine will be shared when they are known.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with Mary and Mike Warsop on the sudden death of their brother-in-law, who was also a close friend to them both.

Several friends have received medical treatment this month, at home or in hospital, or are unwell, and

cont p.3.....

Church Secretary: Mrs Louise Morgan

Church Treasurer: Mrs Barbara Rhys,

email: secretary@beulahurc.org. uk

Visit us at...... http://www.beulahurc.org.uk/

from p.2
we think of Cathryn Hales,
Alex Quinlan, Marg Jones,
Mary Warsop, Vera Williams,
Rob Owen, Ben Wilson and
Peter Stevenson. At the time
of writing, Carol Coleman is
seriously ill in hospital, and
our hearts and prayers go
out to Chris, Steven, Tracey

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK -12 – 18 MAY 2019

The focus of Christian Aid Week 2019 is on maternal health and a reduction in infant mortality in Sierra Leone.

Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mother:-

- 10 women die every day in giving birth
- 1 in 9 children don't live to 5 years
- 10% of health workers died in the last Ebola virus outbreak

Women should be able to look forward to the birth of a child with joy and hope, however for most women in the poorest of countries this is not the case.

Jebbeh was heavily pregnant and her main emotion was one of fear. Her sister Fatmata (living in a nearby village) was also pregnant. When she went into labour there was no ambulance available, she had no option but to walk in the baking sun to the nearest hospital (some 3 hours away). Jebbeh explained "My sister was crying out with hunger, she died at the side of the road without giving birth". As she movingly says "All mums should live". Jebbeh herself

and all the family as they wait and hope for better news.

We send our warmest wishes to Vera Williams who has moved to a nursing home following her hospital treatment, and hope that she settles in quickly.

gave birth to a healthy baby but her worries for herself and her growing child are not over.

In Soula village health centre there is only one nurse (Nurse Judith) who was instrumental in saving the life of Tenneh's second child (her first child died).

These are horrifying and almost unimaginable facts which this year's Christian Aid Week's fundraising is aiming to address, namely that women don't routinely die in childbirth and that babies are safely delivered. To this end they are helping to support the Rehabilitation and Development Agency (RADA) in rebuilding and equipping health centres in villages in Sierra Leone.

In addition the Christian Aid Week focus for Schools and Youth projects is Women/ Girls' Education in Sierra Leone.

Despite the fact that charity house-to-house collections have mostly been discontinued, the local Christian Aid office still feel that this is worthwhile as a lot of money continues to be raised. Our collections over the last 3 years have been falling and this is reflected in the Cardiff Local Authority CAW fundraising:-



G€16 - £66,544 G€17 - £64,720 2018 - £58.075 A total of £189.339 has been collected in the last 3 years. Since 2012 they have raised £434,477 during Christian Aid Week and are hoping to raise £65,523 to reach a target of £500,000 this year. We have decided that for the Beulah house-to-house collection 2019 we will reduce the number of routes from 48 to 30, concentrating on houses in the Beulah vicinity. The list of routes will be placed on the noticeboard in the vestibule from the middle of April, and if you feel that you are able to collect this year then that would be great (but no pressure, we can only do what we can do!) We have also decided to use the Whittaker Lounge during Christian Aid Week for displaying information and for collecting donations via a tin and envelopes. Many thanks to Christine, Barbara and Louise for allowing the takings for Thursday 16th May to be donated to this cause. so please turn up to have a cuppa with us and swell the coffers.

With love and grateful thanks Lynne

BEULAH THEME, 2019: Flowing Streams, Bringing Life

At the February Church Meeting, many interesting suggestions were made as to how to carry this year's theme forward. The Elders looked at the ideas and they have been collated into groups, with possible suggestions as to how they might be implemented. The table *alongside* shows all the collated ideas. We don't want to add to the load that people already have, but perhaps groups could bear these ideas in mind when planning their normal activities. Some are already under way!

If you think you could help with one of the ideas, either as part of a group or as an individual, please let Anne James or Louise know. We will not cover all of these ideas, but it would be great if some could be tried. They are your ideas – we need you to realise them!

Greenbelt- save the date!

Greenbelt is an inspiring and exciting Christian Arts Festival that runs every August Bank Holiday. This year it is the 23rd -26Th August. It takes place in the beautiful, landscaped grounds of Boughton Estate, Northamptonshire, three miles from Kettering town centre. The weekend is packed with music, workshops, performances, debates, talks, activism, faith and worship. There are events for families, youth and the more mature that run throughout the day and night. Greenbelt sustained and developed my faith as a teenager, allowing me to experience many challenging speakers, styles of worship and Christian rock bands. It is a camping festival, but has glamping and indoor accommodation options also. I am keen to attend and take a group from Beulah and other Cardiff URC churches. We already have a couple of people interested from Beulah. Booking prices are on a sliding scale, if you book before the end of April it is £165 per adult and £50 per youth, Fri to Monday, covering the August bank holiday. I hope we can organise transport.

Come and talk to me or Fiona L. if you want to know more, or look at their website <u>https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/info/</u> and save the date. *Marianne Barwise*

More Family News

We are pleased to send love and congratulations to Alun and Marg Jones as they celebrate their Blue Sapphire (65th) Wedding Anniversary this week.

Congratulations also to Denise Dickman, who will be celebrating a special birthday later in April.

Congratulations, too, to Edward Hampson who married Mariana on March 1st in St Patrick's Church, Tobago. There will be a Wedding Blessing for the happy couple in Beulah on Friday April 19th at 4;00 p.m.

Finally, we send love and congratulations to Michael Williams (Ruth and Gavin's son) on the occasion of his marriage to Catherine this weekend. We hope that the sun has shone for them, and wish them every happiness in their life together.

Blessings, Louise.

YOUTH STRATEGY GROUP

At a meeting earlier this year this group took the decision that its work has run its course and is no longer needed in its current form. It was also agreed to discontinue the monthly 'All Age Junior Church' sessions.

Elders accepted these decisions and would like to express the thanks of the church for all the work that has been done by the members of the group over the past few years.

Theme Ideas

Worship & Faith Development	<u>Creative</u>
 To continue with monthly theme Sundays, as far as is practical A river/stream walk with stops for prayer, meditation etc; Linking other churches? Keep theme below surface in planning for other services Use as basis for theme on Caldey retreat 	 Wall art – water theme – eg Canolfan wall a river, or Graffiti Jesus biblical water scenes Art installation on balcony panels showing flow of a stream Some sort of collage in Canolfan of a river, adding posts through the year showing what the church is doing throughout the year A knitted stream Textiles – pulpit falls Pottery
Junior Church & Young People	Eco Church & Environment; KIN Campaigns and Fundraising
 A stream project along the brook: identifying fish, fauna etc; A conservation project with other youth groups in the area; link with local schools Find out how to conserve water & tell people about it Fund raising (eg for Toilet Twinning) – with fun! Use theme as basis for Holiday Club activities 	 Campaigning to parliament with other churches re environmental issues Establish a church 'gum tree' Raise awareness of use of water in cotton production: hold a sustainable Fashion Show Encourage further conservation of water in Beulah buildings & gardens, & at home A project to encourage growth of water conserving plants Raise awareness of use of water in fracking Raise money for charities such as 'Water Aid' Support Toilet Twinning – church & Canolfan, & at home
<u>Social:</u>	Community Related:
 A walk along a river , with waterfalls A bike ride along the River Taff A walk to include a picnic for all ages – a river, with somewhere for all to meet altogether. 	 Involve others in a stream walk Publicity about events etc. Engage with Canolfan users – perhaps encouraging water conservation MWL – a place to re-fill water bottles

Concerts at the Crossroads
Wednesday April 24th at 1.05pm
The Roberts family from Rhiwbina
Elen – double bass; Hannah – viola; Catrin – saxophone with Emyr – piano
All three of the summer concerts in Beulah - April, May and June, feature outstanding young musicians at the end of their formal training and on the brink of their professional careers.
Elen and Hannah Roberts both study at the RAM in London and are already involved in orchestral life. Younger sister Catrin is a National Eisteddfod and Urdd prize- winner. This is a wonderful opportunity to support a local, extremely musically gifted family.
More lunchtime recital dates for your diary
Wednesday 29 th May at 1.05pm
Mari and Elin Kelly – harp, Both harpists from the RWCMD
Wednesday 26 th June at 1.05pm
Laura Deignan – clarinet
Sioned Evans – piano
Laura was last years Stoutzker Prize winner at the RWCMD The RWCMD's highest musical award
Tickets £5 on the door as usual.
All are welcome! Croeso i Bawb!
Volunteer required for the Whittaker Lounge on a Wednesday,
1 morning in 6 weeks. If you feel you could help please contact Christine Pugh

BIG DAY OUT

The Synod 'Big Day Out' will take place on Saturday, 29th June at the Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd. It will take the form of 'a festival in a day', exploring what it means to be followers of Jesus in the twenty first century. There will be a range of activities through the day, including: music, storytelling, craft, talks and discussions, as well as quiet spaces and time to meet old friends and new. It is intended for all ages – you can come as individuals or families. Kaye Mundy is co-ordinating registration for Beulah. Registration is free, and there will also be a free coach provided for those who wish to travel that way, with friends from other churches. There will be a sign-up sheet soon – registration needs to be completed by May 28th.

Many Beulah people have enjoyed Big Days Out in the past, and we would encourage as many people as possible to go this time.

You may remember three years ago that we had the 'Yellow Bags' – this time we are invited to design a poster to take which is intended to represent the discipleship of each church. If you would be interested in helping to create the poster, please let Louise know.

Early Notice -Summer Holiday Club!

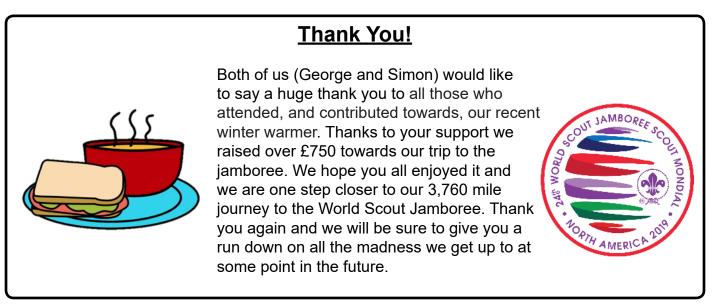
To lovely parents and super-lovely helpers, just a short note to let you know that the elves are stirring, and Beulah Holiday Club is going to run this year for three days, Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th July). Please make a note in your diaries. Further details to follow!

Andy Wales

AGM, April 29th 2019

Please make a note of the date for this year's AGM. Please could all organisation representatives prepare and present a brief report to give to the meeting. Please bring a second copy to go with the Minutes.





CHURCH CALENDAR

APRIL

Mon	1 st	2.00p.m.	Women's Fellowship
		7.30p.m.	Rowan Williams Global Strategy –Christian Aid talk
			Ararat Baptist Church Whitchurch Common
Wed	3 rd	10.30a.m.	Mid-Week Meeting Point
			Church Office
		7.30p.m.	Lent Study Group City URC
Sun	7 th	10.30a.m.	Worship Team
		0.00	Junior Church
		6.00p.m. 7.15p.m	United Communion Bethany
Wed	10 th	7.15p.m. 10.30a.m.	Youth Fellowship Church Office
WCu	10	10.30a.m.	Mid-Week Meeting Point
		7.30p.m.	Lent Study Group MWL
Fri	1 2 th	3.15p.m.	Youth Drop In MWL
Sat	13 th	10.00a.m.	KIN Cake Stall
Sun	14 th	10.30a.m.	Worship Team
			Junior Church
Mon	15 th	2.00p.m.	Women's Fellowship
		7.30p.m.	Holy Week Prayers Beulah
Tues	16 th	7.30p.m.	Holy Week Prayers Beulah
Wed	17 th	10.30a.m.	Church Office
Thurs	• 1 9 th	7.30p.m. 7.30p.m.	Holy Week Prayers Beulah Maundy Thursday Communion Upper Room
Fri	19 th	9.30a.m.	Good Friday Walk of Witness – Bethany Baptist Church
1	15	10.30a.m.	Walk of Witness – All Saints Church
		12.00a.m.	
			Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson
Cun	04 st	12.00a.m. 4:00p.m.	Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson
Sun	21 st	12.00a.m. 4:00p.m. 8.45a.m.	Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson Easter Breakfast – Canolfan
Sun	21 st	12.00a.m. 4:00p.m.	Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson Easter Breakfast – Canolfan Revd Roger Bidnell
Sun	21 st	12.00a.m. 4:00p.m. 8.45a.m.	Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson Easter Breakfast – Canolfan Revd Roger Bidnell Family Worship with Communion
		12.00a.m. 4:00p.m. 8.45a.m. 10.30a.m.	Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson Easter Breakfast – Canolfan Revd Roger Bidnell
Sun Wed		12.00a.m. 4:00p.m. 8.45a.m.	Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson Easter Breakfast – Canolfan Revd Roger Bidnell Family Worship with Communion Deadline for Crossroads
		12.00a.m. 4:00p.m. 8.45a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m.	Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson Easter Breakfast – Canolfan Revd Roger Bidnell Family Worship with Communion Deadline for Crossroads Church Office
Wed	24 th	12.00a.m. 4:00p.m. 8.45a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 1.05p.m.	Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson Easter Breakfast – Canolfan Revd Roger Bidnell Family Worship with Communion Deadline for Crossroads Church Office Lunchtime Concert – The Roberts Family WRB Prayers – St Andrew's Methodist Church Revd Sally Thomas
Wed Sat Sun	24 th 27 th 28 th	12.00a.m. 4:00p.m. 8.45a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.05p.m. 10.15a.m. 10.30a.m .	Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson Easter Breakfast – Canolfan Revd Roger Bidnell Family Worship with Communion Deadline for Crossroads Church Office Lunchtime Concert – The Roberts Family WRB Prayers – St Andrew's Methodist Church Revd Sally Thomas Junior Church
Wed Sat	24 th 27 th	12.00a.m. 4:00p.m. 8.45a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.15a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 2.00p.m.	Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson Easter Breakfast – Canolfan Revd Roger Bidnell Family Worship with Communion Deadline for Crossroads Church Office Lunchtime Concert – The Roberts Family WRB Prayers – St Andrew's Methodist Church Revd Sally Thomas Junior Church Women's Fellowship
Wed Sat Sun	24 th 27 th 28 th	12.00a.m. 4:00p.m. 8.45a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.05p.m. 10.15a.m. 10.30a.m .	Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson Easter Breakfast – Canolfan Revd Roger Bidnell Family Worship with Communion Deadline for Crossroads Church Office Lunchtime Concert – The Roberts Family WRB Prayers – St Andrew's Methodist Church Revd Sally Thomas Junior Church
Wed Sat Sun	24 th 27 th 28th 29 th	12.00a.m. 4:00p.m. 8.45a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.15a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 2.00p.m.	Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson Easter Breakfast – Canolfan Revd Roger Bidnell Family Worship with Communion Deadline for Crossroads Church Office Lunchtime Concert – The Roberts Family WRB Prayers – St Andrew's Methodist Church Revd Sally Thomas Junior Church Women's Fellowship
Wed Sat Sun Mon	24 th 27 th 28th 29 th	12.00a.m. 4:00p.m. 8.45a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.15a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 2.00p.m.	Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson Easter Breakfast – Canolfan Revd Roger Bidnell Family Worship with Communion Deadline for Crossroads Church Office Lunchtime Concert – The Roberts Family WRB Prayers – St Andrew's Methodist Church Revd Sally Thomas Junior Church Women's Fellowship
Wed Sat Sun Mon	24 th 27 th 28th 29 th	12.00a.m. 4:00p.m. 8.45a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.15a.m. 10.30a.m. 2.00p.m. 7.30p.m.	Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson Easter Breakfast – Canolfan Revd Roger Bidnell Family Worship with Communion Deadline for Crossroads Church Office Lunchtime Concert – The Roberts Family WRB Prayers – St Andrew's Methodist Church Revd Sally Thomas Junior Church Women's Fellowship Annual General Meeting
Wed Sat Sun Mon MAY Wed Fri	24 th 27 th 28th 29 th 1 st 3 rd	12.00a.m. 4:00p.m. 8.45a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.15a.m. 10.30a.m. 2.00p.m. 7.30p.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 12.00a.m.	Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson Easter Breakfast – Canolfan Revd Roger Bidnell Family Worship with Communion Deadline for Crossroads Church Office Lunchtime Concert – The Roberts Family WRB Prayers – St Andrew's Methodist Church Revd Sally Thomas Junior Church Women's Fellowship Annual General Meeting Church Office Mid-Week Meeting Point Wedding of Rachel Morgan and Christopher Snelson
Wed Sat Sun Mon MAY Wed	24 th 27 th 28th 29 th	12.00a.m. 4:00p.m. 8.45a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.15a.m. 10.30a.m. 2.00p.m. 7.30p.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m.	Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson Easter Breakfast – Canolfan Revd Roger Bidnell Family Worship with Communion Deadline for Crossroads Church Office Lunchtime Concert – The Roberts Family WRB Prayers – St Andrew's Methodist Church Revd Sally Thomas Junior Church Women's Fellowship Annual General Meeting Church Office Mid-Week Meeting Point Wedding of Rachel Morgan and Christopher Snelson Mr Geraint Richards
Wed Sat Sun Mon MAY Wed Fri	24 th 27 th 28th 29 th 1 st 3 rd	12.00a.m. 4:00p.m. 8.45a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.15a.m. 10.30a.m. 2.00p.m. 7.30p.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m.	Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson Easter Breakfast – Canolfan Revd Roger Bidnell Family Worship with Communion Deadline for Crossroads Church Office Lunchtime Concert – The Roberts Family WRB Prayers – St Andrew's Methodist Church Revd Sally Thomas Junior Church Women's Fellowship Annual General Meeting Church Office Mid-Week Meeting Point Wedding of Rachel Morgan and Christopher Snelson Mr Geraint Richards Junior Church
Wed Sat Sun Mon MAY Wed Fri	24 th 27 th 28th 29 th 1 st 3 rd	 12.00a.m. 4:00p.m. 8.45a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.5p.m. 10.5p.m. 10.30a.m. 2.00p.m. 7.30p.m. 10.30a.m. 	Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson Easter Breakfast – Canolfan Revd Roger Bidnell Family Worship with Communion Deadline for Crossroads Church Office Lunchtime Concert – The Roberts Family WRB Prayers – St Andrew's Methodist Church Revd Sally Thomas Junior Church Women's Fellowship Annual General Meeting Church Office Mid-Week Meeting Point Wedding of Rachel Morgan and Christopher Snelson Mr Geraint Richards Junior Church United Communion – All Saints Church
Wed Sat Sun Mon MAY Wed Fri	24 th 27 th 28th 29 th 1 st 3 rd	12.00a.m. 4:00p.m. 8.45a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.15a.m. 10.30a.m. 2.00p.m. 7.30p.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 10.30a.m.	Walk of Witness – Beulah followed by Good Friday Lunch Wedding Blessing of Ed and Mariana Hampson Easter Breakfast – Canolfan Revd Roger Bidnell Family Worship with Communion Deadline for Crossroads Church Office Lunchtime Concert – The Roberts Family WRB Prayers – St Andrew's Methodist Church Revd Sally Thomas Junior Church Women's Fellowship Annual General Meeting Church Office Mid-Week Meeting Point Wedding of Rachel Morgan and Christopher Snelson Mr Geraint Richards Junior Church



Having just benefited from the support of KIN, and from the wider Beulah fellowship, now may be an appropriate time to say a little more about the work of Good Neighbours in North Cardiff.

Established back in 1981 - by the Llanishen Council of Churches Llanishen -Good Neighbours (LGN) as it was originally known has been supporting residents in Llanishen, Thornhill, Lisvane, Heath, Lakeside, Roath Park and most of Cyncoed for some 38 years. There were seven such good neighbour together, schemes which, covered all of Cardiff. Sadly, given the financial constraints impacting on local authorities, in 2014/2015 Cardiff Council withdrew all financial support to all seven good neighbour schemes.

The Radyr scheme ceased operation within just a few months. Age Connects (part of Age Concern) operated five of six remaining schemes but they too closed (including Rhiwbina) after a couple of years leaving LGN as the sole surviving scheme of its type in Cardiff.

In the months leading up to the decision to withdraw financial support, we had many meetings with Council committees, with local councillors, influential directors, cabinet members, the council leader (and our AM) to name but a few. We presented what was accepted as a strong business case in

THE WRONG SIDE OF CAERPHILLY ROAD?

support of maintaining financial support demonstrating that it would (and now does) cost the council much much more to put care packages in place, doing much of the work we could do at a fraction of the cost – all to no avail.

We took professional advice as to how we might obtain funds to replace that lost as a consequence of the council decision, and as part of that we were advised to come up with a name which more accurately described the area we serve (much more than just Llanishen). Whilst not perfect, after lengthy research, Good Neighbours in North Cardiff was the best we could come up with definition (everyone's of north Cardiff is different!). So that's who we are!!

We have continued to grow presently complete and approaching 2,500 jobs each vear (transport. shopping companionship) for and clients who might suffer from loneliness, mobility problems, memory difficulties, confidence problems, depression, other disabilities and/or have a lack of support. Using our network of 60+ volunteers, we do not charge for our services and depend on voluntary donations as well as our own fundraising (charitable trusts, approaching businesses, local fundraising targeting residents events. etc.)

in being, we had to have agreed boundaries and on the "western" side, we extended up to Caerphilly Road (where Rhiwbina Good Neighbours took over). Now, each week we receive requests from residents in Rhiwbina seeking our support but we simply don't have the resources to extend at this time. We have sought to conduct a feasibility study into extending to cover Rhiwbina (there are real issues of cost, volunteer recruitment, working hours, office space, equipment, computer facilities, management, grant support etc.) but Cardiff Council have twice rejected applications to support us in this feasibility study stating that they do not see us having a future and question that there is a real demand. You can understand why we are frustrated by the fact that the council continues to refer new clients to us - we will never refuse these as it would be the client who would suffer and it is not within our ethos to cause that.

There are many very worthwhile charities out there and it is sad that we each increasingly compete for the same limited pot of money which may or may not be available. As many people in Beulah who work with charities know all too well, it's a tough world out there which is why the support that we have received from KIN/Beulah is so important and so welcome. A big thank you!!

For logistical reasons, when all seven schemes were

Duncan J Pugh



Easter Lilies

If you would like a visual reminder of a loved one this Easter, you could donate a lily which will be used to decorate the windowsills in the church for the Easter weekend.

£4.00 will cover the cost of one name and one lily. Any money over will be donated to Cruse Bereavement Care

Please place money in an envelope with the name of the person to be remembered.

Please remember to indicate if you wish to gift aid your donation

Many thanks Karen Holbrook



KIN

Together we care and together we share

Good Neighbours in North Cardiff

Many thanks to everyone who supported the recent coffee morning in aid of Good Neighbours in North Cardiff. We raised £441.23, which was superb.

.....

KIN at EASTER

Alms Bowl Collection

During Lent this year some of you may be following the Christian Aid **Count Your Blessings** booklet which contains daily reflections to help us give, act and pray for our neighbours around the world affected by climate change.

There are suggested donations which can be put aside for the Alms Bowl collection on Easter Sunday. (Please remember the daily giving amounts are only a guide). If you are not following Count Your Blessings, you are still invited to set aside money for the Alms Bowl. Thank you.

Good Friday Lunch

Our soup, bread and cheese lunch will be held after the service at 12 noon. This is a family meal and all are warmly invited. This year we'll be raising money for the **United Mission to Nepal's Disability Programme**, and specifically for children who are born with clubfoot.

Easter Breakfast

The Easter Breakfast is held after early morning worship in the garden and all are very welcome. The money raised this year will go to **Space4U** drop-in for asylum seekers and refugees.

.....

A date for your diary

Christian Aid BIG BREKKIE

in the Canolfan Saturday 11th May 10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Ready to change the world over breakfast? Please come along to our Big Brekkie . We'll be serving up a delicious morning meal, while raising money and campaigning to fight poverty and save lives.

Beulah Recipe Book.

I know a couple of you told me that you would be interested in helping create/edit this. If anyone else is interested, please let me know and I'll set a date for us to have a first meeting on it. The idea is to re-create a new Beulah Cookbook with easy (and successful) recipes for both young and older people to create. If you have a recipe or would like to help in any way, please contact me. Thanks, Eleri

Who's Doing What and When					
		Mini-Bus Drivers	Duty Elder	Stewards	Pulpit Reader
April					
7th	am	Bill & Colin	Anne James	Kaye Mundy & Bev Hampson	Kate Hampson
	рт		(U	nited Communion at All Saints	
14th	am	Huw & Giles	Lorraine Larcombe	Chris Phelps & Lynne Davies	Lynne Davies
18th	pm		Gill Grivas	Maundy Thursday	Derek Evans
19th			Jenny McDowell (Good Friday	
21st	am	Harley & Catherine	Colin Grimes	Diane Burton & Andrew Glanfield	Eleanor Mills
28th	am	Mike & Keith	Liz McCarthy	Mair Haywood & Fiona Liddell	Anne Thomas
Мау					
5th	am	Tony & Audrey	Viv Jones	Nesta Thomas & Marianne Barwise	Bev Hampson
	рт				
12th	am	Bill & Colin	Liz Kidd	Phillipa & Giles Ballisat	Lorraine Larcombe
19th	am	Huw & Giles	Trix Pryce	Karen Sampson & Audrey Budding	Ruth Williams
26th	am	Harley & Catherine	Fleur Richards	Barbara Clift & John Prosser	Jenny McDowell

April

7tĥ	Fleur Richards
14th	Ann & Colin Grimes
21st	Cathryn Hales
28th	Jill & Peter Ferdinando

May

5th	Rachel & ChrisWedding
12th	Ann Brown
19th	Marianne & Nigel Barwise
26th	tba

Your parents take you to Church to be christened. Your friends take you to Church to be married. Your family take you to Church to be buried. Why can't you come on your own sometime?

Betty Hulston

Colin Grimes,

Huw Morgan,

Please note, new editorial e-mail: crossroads@beulahurc.org.uk

Editors' Note The deadline for articles for the May edition of Crossroads is Sunday, 21st April and Colin will be editing.