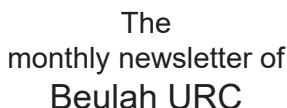




BEULAH

CROSSROADS

February 2020



Editorial notes: 'Crossroads can only be as good as the material submitted. Space, and that involves cost, will not allow for long articles, but short items and letters on Church matters that concern you will be welcome... A regular letters page may be possible but please help by making your contribution as concise as possible'.

Elders meeting suggested a £1 a year contribution for the newsletter.

Lent Series with All Saints Church.

Beulah Players were starting rehearsals for 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

Christmas Day 1989 had a record 78 guests attend and 10 meals delivered to homes.

Beulah Weekend at Trefecca in June - organised by Mary Prosser.

Groans For the Month

Why are adults boring? -

'Cos they're groan ups.

Who makes suits and eats spinach? - **Popeye the**

Tailorman

What do frogs drink? -

Croaka Cola

1980

Interim Moderator - Rev. Selwyn Roberts

Talks had been held with a Minister from Dunstable, Beds. who had met with the church officers and at his request the leaders of the young people. It was too early to say whether this would lead to something more positive. (Rev Kenneth Graham).

It was difficult to find ministers available to lead worship as most were booked well in advance some had no dates free in the next 4 years!

Housegroup - 6 week bible study sessions on "The

Crucifixion'.

2020

Ministers: David Dean & Martha McInnes

We are now part of Cardiff & Penarth Pastorate URC, while retaining links with All Saints Church and Bethany Baptist Church in Rhiwbina.

Still at the Crossroads...

*With Every Good Wish,
Anne*

CHURCH NOTES

Thank you all for your good wishes in my new role as Church

Secretary.

We had a lovely service and meal on Sunday. Louise has also passed on lots of information, so along with my 'Toolbox' I'm well prepared!

Before moving on to 2020 though, thanks must also go to all involved in our Advent and Christmas traditions on the theme of Hopes and Dreams, including:

all Advent worship leaders; the Seniors and Youth Fellowship (and Elvis); those involved in the Advent writings and booklet production, the writings are always thought provoking. Thanks also for the beautifully decorated

Church; Creative artwork and knitting that adorned the Canolfan Wall and not least to the music group and all musicians for our Services and Afternoon Tea entertainments.

In December, I attended a lovely Induction Service with Barbara at Rhiwbina Baptist Church for their new leader Gareth Lloyd.

The New Year male Brunch team had a new member - thanks David. We had new faces at Brunch with friends coming from City too. Then our New Year party with great food and quizzing. Our table was particularly stumped by the noisy insect - humbug.

Afternoon Tea and entertainment on the 4th January was in place of the usual Christmas Day Lunch and nice that so many familiar friends were able to attend.

Throughout December you were invited to express your interest in Church Life Elder roles. Elders are now finalising these positions and Pastoral Elder nominations will be opened in February. I would like to offer sincere thanks and best wishes to Serving Elders Fleur Richards and Anne James for all their hard work and contributions. Also to Gaynor Rees, Viv & Harley Jones, Liz Kidd, and Ian McDowell who are also retiring Elders and have agreed to continue until changeover in April. Our Safeguarding Officers Frank and Anne Rees have also relinquished their duties

and I would like to thank them and Naomi and Martin Williams who have agreed to take over this very important Church role.

Looking ahead, 2020 will provide us with further opportunities to strengthen and develop our faith and ties with our Ecumenical and Pastorate churches, including Stepwise and discussion groups. Also reflection time for us at both Trefecca and Caldey.

FAMILY NEWS

As you may know GDPR regulations require permission for names to be published.

Please let me or your elders know any family news you are happy to share.

Bereavement is particularly poignant at Christmas and New Year. We remember and pray for the families of Grace Weaver, Olive Frost and Bryan Williams and extend our deepest sympathies. Also prayers to the Cheer family on the death of Brenda's step-grandmother, Auntie Joan.

John's Mum has also had a fall at Christmas time.

Many other members, friends and family are going through tough times and ill health and have been in an out of hospital. We send you all our love and prayers.

Our thoughts go to Debbie Vaughan, Chris Phelps, Rubina Lewis, Lindsey Allan and Denie Leech. I'm pleased to report Sally Jones is much better and back home now.

Gaynor Rees has finally heard that she will shortly be

receiving treatment. We wish her a speedy return to good health

We send our best wishes to you all.

Jamie Allan has achieved his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award with Air Cadets.

Congratulations to new parents Jonathan and Vicky Grimes on the birth of their son Aidan Edward James Grimes. Congratulations to new Grandparents Ann and Colin, Great Grandmother Elinor and not forgetting Auntie Rebecca.

Congratulations also go to Nia Holbrook and Alex Pike who are delighted to announce their engagement.

There have been Birthday celebrations and Special Birthdays too. Happy Birthday Neil Kidd, Alice Cheer and soon Emily Cheer, not forgetting Rhian and Lynsey Wilkes!

My apologies to anyone I have left out.

*With All Good Wishes,
Anne.*

Junior Church Appeal for help

We are looking for someone to help out with children aged 7 – 11 years (Junior Department) on a Sunday morning. If you are interested, please speak with Hollie Glanfield, Fiona Liddell or Elin James.

Thank you

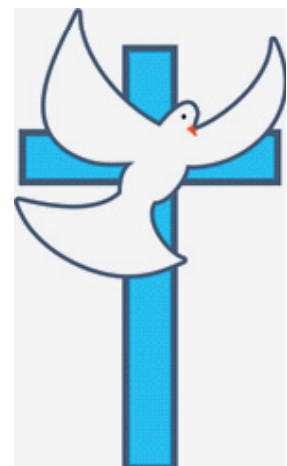
A Date for your Diary World Day of Prayer 06/03/2020

On behalf of our local committee, Mary Bidnell and I would like to invite everyone to this year's World Day of Prayer service which will be held at Rhiwbina Baptist Church, Lon Ucha, Rhiwbina on Friday 6th March at 2.00 pm and will be followed by light refreshments.

Everyone is welcome – ladies and gentlemen - and we hope that Beulah will be well represented as usual. The service has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe and is entitled, "Rise! Take your mat and walk."

More detailed information will be in the next edition of Crossroads.

Diane Burton



Pastoral Elder Nominations February 2020

Our Church Meeting in November agreed to a change in the Church Leadership Structure.

We will have Church Life Elders (CLE's) in specific areas of Church life:

Young People, Pastoral, Worship & Faith, Church Community, Outreach and Communication.

Church Meeting also requested another CLE for a new Elder 'Without specific area of responsibility'.

The CLE's will liaise with the Church organisations in their area, meet at monthly Elders meetings and represent their area at Church Meeting. They will also undertake Sunday duties.

Pastoral duties will be optional.

Alongside CLEs we will have Pastoral Elders who will have responsibility for the pastoral care for a district. They will not have responsibilities for any Church organisations.

Sunday duties will be required, however attendance at Elders' meetings will be optional. Each Pastoral Elder will have a 'Pastoral Helper' for their district.

We are currently finalising the CLE roles and we will probably require 7 new Pastoral Elders.

You are invited to make your nominations for Pastoral Elders during February. Members should have re-

ceived nomination forms with Crossroads and the nomination box will be available in the Church porch on the Sundays of the 2nd, 9th and 16th February.

Nominated Pastoral Elders will have some time to reflect and then make their decisions before an additional Church Meeting on 29th March 2020 ahead of a planned Induction Service on 5th April 2020.

Please spend some time thinking and praying while considering your nominations. This is an important time in the life and work of Beulah URC while we grow as part of the Cardiff and Penarth Pastorate.

There are a number of Elders who will not be available for nomination this time, these are:

Marianne Barwise, Mary Bidnell, Pat Cazenave, Lynne Davies, Mary Edwards, Derek Evans, Jill Ferdinando, Colin Grimes, Gill Grivas, Anne James, Harley Jones, Viv Jones, Liz Kidd, Ian McDowell, Gaynor Rees, Fleur Richards, Tony Webb and Ruth Williams.

CALDEY RETREAT, 2020



Thursday, September 17th – Monday, September 21st

There are 13 places available, so if you are interested in going, please sign your name on the list in the porch as soon as possible.

The cost is £50.00 per night per person (ie total £200) which includes accommodation in simple single rooms with full board at the guest house, St Philomena's. A deposit of £50 per person is required by the guest house to be paid on booking.

All those who have been to the beautiful island of Caldey know what a wonderful and special time this can be – if you would like to know more, please speak to Louise.



Musings from the Manse

Dear Friends,
February 2020

We recently came across an article in which a former politician in the USA wrote that climate change is not a real issue. The author took this view because she understood Noah's experience with the flooding as God promised last flooding of the world. In the face of research, it was a shock to read such a naive misuse of the Bible. (And we have to ask is God or are we causing the raised sea levels?)

I wonder if part of the reason for this claim is that the author is not willing or has no idea how to make a difference to rising sea levels and air temperatures. Climate change, world peace, knife crime, Brexit, homelessness, lack of mental health services, waiting listings—there are many issues facing us and we too may wonder if we can make a difference. Each issue takes a lot of work to change and sometimes we cannot commit our whole lives to these issues. What can a single person, or even a small group of people, do?

I spoke with a friend recently who told me the story of a 100 year old woman. This woman stood on a street in her town every Friday for 30 years demanding the government work for peace. As she entered her 100 year, she faced an election.

She and her granddaughter made sure she had her postal ballot to vote in what was to be her last election. These may seem like little things, but she was involved. She took the actions she could. And maybe over 100 years her actions made a difference. She took small and sustained actions in keeping with her values.

Our values are shaped by our understanding of God. Maybe that is what we can each do—commit to actions in keeping with those values. And we can trust that over the course of our lives, our actions will work with the actions of others and will help bring about a world that looks more like the Kingdom of God. Small, consistent actions joined with the actions of others make a difference.

Rather than thinking of what we cannot do, perhaps we think of what we can do and trust that God will use what we do for the good of creation.

*Yours in Christ,
Martha and David*

An Opportunity to Think about Theology

Are you interested in thinking more deeply about theological issues? Now and then there will be opportunities to gather and learn about specific theological topics guided by David.

The first of these opportunities is happening in February. The topic is atonement—"the reconciliation of God and humankind through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ." There are a number of ways to think about atonement. Come along and learn about them. Reflect on what makes sense to you and in your relationship with God.

This event will happen at the Manse, on Thursday, 20 February, at 7.30 p.m. If you would like to know more, please speak to David.

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Revd. Martha McInnes

Revd. David Dean

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Church Secretary:

Mrs Anne Wilkes

email:

secretary@beulahurc.org.uk

Church Treasurer:

Mrs Barbara Rhys,

Concerts at the Crossroads

Beulah Lunchtime Recitals,

Lunchtime Recital

Wednesday 26th February at 1.05pm

Jâms Coleman – piano

Jâms is regarded as one of the outstanding young musicians in Wales. After studying in Cambridge and the RAM he has come to settle in Cardiff. He is an award - winning pianist and subsequently became a Fellow at the RAM. His programme will include Beethoven and Chopin. A February treat!

Wednesday 25th March at 1.05pm

Centenary concert

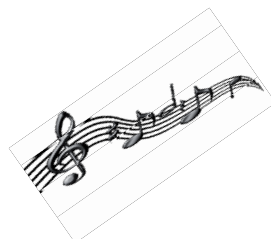
Rebecca Evans – soprano

Michael Pollock – piano

I never thought that I would write Rebecca's name coupled with a Beulah concert! When I mentioned the fact to her that the concerts were serving the community as well as trying to keep classical music alive she readily agreed to come and celebrate the 100th concert with us. Michael is one of her regular accompanists and well - known to the Beulah audience. This promises to be a very special occasion – a date for your diary.

Tickets £5 on the door

All are welcome!



Croeso i Bawb!

Thankyou

I would like to express my deepest and heartfelt thanks to all the Beulah family for your generous gifts and kind words at my last service as Church Secretary.

It has been an exciting four years, and we have all found ourselves in situations we never expected and taking on new roles and tasks. But we have worked together through it all and I will be ever grateful for the love and kindness which we share together, and which has upheld and sustained me as we found our way through.

We are now entering another period of change, with a new secretary and two ministers to share our journey. I know that they too will be blessed and surrounded by your love and care in this next chapter of the 'church at the Crossroads.'

At Peter's leaving service, we sang a hymn by Mervyn Dine, which reminds us that as Christians we are forever travelling, and that Christ is both our guide and goal – words which I have often turned to during these past four years:

*When we set up camp and settle
To avoid life's risk and pain,
You disturb complacent comfort,
Pull the tent pegs up again;
Keep us travelling in the knowledge
You are always at our side;
Give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.*

I have not, of course, 'retired' from Beulah, and still hope to be involved in many ways. I will retain the role of Pulpit Supply secretary, and will continue as part of the 'Crossroads Team', including organising its distribution each month. But, for now, I hope to be doing maybe just a little less!

Love and blessings,
Louise

Thankyou

We would like to thank the drivers who transport us to Beulah every Sunday, they are: Audrey Budding, Giles Ballisat, Colin Grimes, Harley Jones, Keith Jones, Huw Morgan, Bill Sampson, Catherine Tyler, Michael Warsop and Tony Webb.

We are so grateful to them all and really appreciate their continued commitment.

This year we are very sorry that Rubina, Sally, Heather Coles and Joyce have often been unwell but hope that 2020 will be a better year for them.

We lost, with sadness, Margaret Maynard and Grace Weaver and send our love and sympathy to their families.

To all our drivers and their families we send our grateful thanks and best wishes for a happy, healthy 2020.

Heather Coles, Betty Hulston, Bronwen James, Margaret Johns, Sally Jones, Rubina Lewis, Elinor Ludlow, Joyce Matthias, Joan Ridley and Ben Wilson.

HOW DOES SHE DO IT?

**What a wonderful meal we had on Sunday.
Barbara fed a big crowd with the most delicious food.**

**Many, many thanks from a really delighted crowd
to Barbara and all her well trained helpers!**

CHURCH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Sunday 2nd	10.30am	Rev. Gethin Rhys Junior Church Coffee after Worship
	6.00pm	Joint Communion Service (Beulah)
	7.15pm	Youth Fellowship
Mon 3rd	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship
Wed 5th	10.30am	Mid-Week Meeting Point
Sat 8th	10.00am	KIN Cake Stall
Fri 7th	3.15 pm	Youth Drop In
Sunday 9th	10.30am	Sarah Edwards Junior Church Coffee after Worship
	7.15pm	Youth Fellowship
Mon 10th	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship Stepwise (City URC)
	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting
Tues 11th	7.30pm	Stepwise (Beulah – MWL)
Wed 12th	10.30am	Mid-Week Meeting Point
	7.30pm	Cardiff & Penarth Pastorate Discussion Group – Elfed Avenue
Thurs 13th	2.30pm	Stepwise (Bethesda URC)
Sunday 16th	10.30am:	Louise Morgan & Vera Ruddock: Communion Junior Church Coffee after Worship
Mon 17th	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship
Wed 19th	10.30am	Mid-Week Meeting Point
Sat 22nd	10.15am	WRB Prayers (Whitchurch Methodist Church)
Sunday 23rd	Crossroads Deadline	
Paradise Run Collection	9.00am	Holy Habits: Prayer
	10.30am	Rev. David Dean Junior Church Coffee after Worship
	11.30am	Church Meeting
Mon 24th	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship Stepwise (City URC)
Tue 25th	7.30pm	Stepwise (Beulah MWL)
Wed 26th	10.30am	Stepwise (Elfed Avenue) Midweek Meeting Point
	1.05pm	Lunchtime Recital: Jâms Coleman
Thurs 27th	2.30pm	Stepwise (Bethesda URC)
Sat 29th		Synod of Wales Meeting in Llandrindod Wells

MARCH

Sunday 1st	10.30am	Lent1: Worship Team Junior Church Coffee after Worship
	6.00pm	Joint Communion at All Saints
	7.15pm	Youth Fellowship
Mon 2nd	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship
Wed 4th	10.30am	Midweek Meeting Point Stepwise (Elfed Avenue)
Thurs 5th	7.00pm	Service of Celebration: 400 th Anniversary of Welsh Bible, Capel Tabernacl, The Hayes, Cardiff
Fri 6th	2.00pm	World Day of Prayer: Rhiwbina Baptist Church
Sunday 8th	9.00am	Holy Habits: Giving
	10.30am	Lent 2: Richard & Sarah Edwards Junior Church Coffee after worship
	7.15pm	Youth Fellowship

As promised, the Christmas Crossword answers are appended, for February's Crossroads.

I suspect the readership is largely divided into those who have got them already and those who don't care!

Andy



Across

1. Panto
4. Turkey
5. Jesus
9. Shoeboxes
12. Wise Men
- 14, 28. Blessing the Crib
16. Swags
17. Glass slipper
19. Yule Log
- 20, 22. Christmas pudding
23. Immanuel
26. Herod
27. Advent

Down

2. Angel
3. Baubles
6. Stable
- 7, 24. Queen's message
8. Sleigh
9. Santa Claus
10. Nowell
11. Elves
13. Mary
15. Shepherds (9, not 8, letters – apologies)
18. Stocking
- 20, 21. Carol singing
22. Present
25. Joseph

As I'm sure you are aware, Beulah's audio-visual equipment – the screens and the sound system – has begun to show its age, Pictures are sometimes a bit wobbly, and we have all been startled by unexpected loud noises!

I am pleased to report that work has now begun to update the equipment: the video system has been re-cabled to the latest standard, and the sound system will very shortly also be upgraded. I hope you will notice the improvements, but, as we learn our way around the new equipment, would you please excuse any hiccups that occur?

Thank you
Huw

Canolfan Garden Team: Occasional Helpers Needed

As we move into spring we are looking for some occasional helpers with the Canolfan garden
An hour every so often is all that would be needed – for some watering, weeding, pruning
For further information please speak with Ian McDowell or Ann Brown

Thank you
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Meeting Dates

Elders:

January 20
February 10
March 9
May 11
June 8
July 13
September 14
October 12
November 9
December 14

Church:

Sunday, February 23
Sunday March 29th
Monday April 27 (AGM)
Sunday, June 21
Sunday, September 13
Sunday, November 22

Church Directories

Thank you to all who have returned GDPR permission slips for entry into new Directory. There are still some outstanding replies. There are also some changes being made to the Districts which will be completed once the new CLE and PE are finalised. This means that the new directory will now be available in April when all new Elders have been inducted.

National URC Synod of Wales

Next Synod meeting is 29th February, if you are interested in attending please let me know or your elder as we may be able to lift share.

Reminder that there is a monthly eNewsletter which can be accessed via the website. You can also subscribe from there or via Facebook.

Elders' and Steward rota goes up to the end of March . If you haven't received your copy there is a list up in the porch and noticeboard.



CALDEY ISLAND APPEAL

The monks on Caldey Island are seeking applicants as suitable caring personnel to help their religious community. The community is ageing and assistance is required for some of the Brothers.

They require someone who can offer medical and caring support,

ideally accompanied by first aid skills. If interested, please contact Louise Morgan who has more detailed information

Volunteers required to help make marmalade to sell in the Whittaker Lounge.

If you feel you could help please contact Christine Pugh on 029 2075 4608



KIN

Together we care and together we share

As some of you may know KIN (Kindred in Need) is the charity arm of our Church. We try and raise funds for local charities, raise issues and campaign on global issues which also involves working and supporting Christian Aid campaigns with regard to global poverty and climate change.

I'll write a little of the history of KIN next month - or perhaps someone could volunteer to do this?

November and December proved to be such a busy fundraising two months for Beulah. Thank you to everyone involved in all sorts of different ways - singing, making cakes, making crafts to sell, organising services, selling mulled wine and vegetables, advertising and promoting all our sales and services.

You raised a lot of money which was distributed to various charities:-

Rhiwbina Winter Festival: £400.00 for Space4U.

Light for our Loss service: £120.00 to CRUSE.

Christmas Coffee Morning: £100.00 to Emily Cheer at Sanyu Babies Home, Uganda.

Christmas Coffee Morning/Christmas Day Collection: £300.00 to NSPCC.

Carol Singing with Bethany and All Saints: £548.00 to Ty Hafan.

Blessing the Crib Service: £400.00 to 2Wish Upon a Star

We also recently sent £300.00 to HHI for the little girl, Beulah. This was raised in Junior Church during the year by selling crafts and vegetables from the Canolfan garden.

As you can see Beulah continues to look outwards to the community and see where we can help.

This brings us onto this year and its time to make more plans! .

**The next KIN meeting is on Monday 27th January at 7.00pm
in the Margaret Whittaker Lounge.**

Everyone is welcome. Please join us if you can so we can plan the next few events.

If you are not able to make the meeting but have suggestions for some fund raising events or a charity you would like us to raise funds for - then please contact Eleri John or Eileen Newington. We will also put some future dates in the notices of the next edition of Crossroads.

Many thanks for all the support you give to KIN.

from Eleri, Eileen and all the KIN Committee.

Who's Doing What and When

		Mini-Bus Drivers	Duty Elder	Stewards	Pulpit Reader
February					
2nd	am	Bill & Colin	Colin Grimes	Marianne Barwise & Kate Stanbury	Cathy Wales
	pm		Colin Grimes	United communion service at Beulah	Andrew Glanfield
9th	am	Huw & Giles	Derek Evans	Phillipa & Giles Ballisat	Diane Burton
16th	am	Mike & Keith	Ruth Williams	Jenny McDowell & Richard Sweetnam	Liz McCarthy
23rd	am	Tony & Audrey	Viv Jones	Keirsten Eales & Frank Rees	Ruth Williams
March					
1st	am	Harley & Catherine	Ian McDowell	Mary & Mike Warsop	Mark Stephens
	pm			United communion service at All Saints	
8th	am	Bill & Colin	Louise Morgan	Mary & John Prosser	Brenda Cheer
15th	am	Huw & Giles	Gaynor Rees	Bev Hampson & Kaye Mundy	James Hall
22nd	am	Mike & Keith	Liz McCarthy	Ann Grimes & Audrey Budding	Heather Bishop
29th	am	Tony & Audrey	Mary Bidnell	Karen Sampson & Louise Morgan	Lorraine Larcombe



Flower Rota

February

2nd	Joyce Mathias
9th	tba
16th	tba
23rd	Tina Taverner

March

1st	Lesley & Mary Richards
8th	tba
15th	tba
22nd	tba
29th	Fleur & Karen



**Colin Grimes,
Huw Morgan,**

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Editors' Note

The deadline for articles for
the March edition of
Crossroads is
Sunday, 23rd February and
Colin will be editing.