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CHURCH AND FAMILY NEWS

A big thank you to all involved during Lent and the Easter Services. It was good to see all the increased activities, and the first 'in person' Easter Services with Martha and David. As you may know I have finally had to isolate at home with Covid. Thankfully I was able to connect with the live-stream and good to see so many people involved.

The links for the live stream and Mixcloud are the same ones each week. I do try to include them in the weekly notices, however, I have missed some weeks! Please do keep a copy of them handy. If you are on Beulah Friends Facebook group the livestream is posted on a Sunday morning, along with the order of service, so you can follow at home.

Moving into May, Christian Aid are inviting us all to step up and take on the 300,000 steps challenge while raising funds for them. Attempting my 10,000 steps a day during lent certainly makes this seem possible.

After bringing our pom-poms for Ukraine on Easter Sunday, now Jo Jones and the Eco Group will be leading a knitted collage in the Canolfan and flags in church and in the village for a River of Hope in Rhiwbina, to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

Family News

It is with sadness, that I announce that Heather Coles passed away at the end of April. Many of us will remember Heather as a very active member in different areas of Beulah for many years. Our love and sympathy go to her family and her friends. Also, during



April, Eileen Davies, who had been living in Duffryn Ffrwd Care Home, sadly passed away. We send our love and sympathy to Ceri and all Eileen's family. Again, during April, with sadness we heard that Sarah Edwards's step-father Norman Skitt had died and our sincere condolences go to all the family. Our thoughts and prayers also go to Val Yendle on the death of her brother Jim.

Good luck to all those in school, college and University who have exams coming up. For some it will be the first time in a few years. I hope all goes well.

As ever please let me know family news you are happy to share.

Best Wishes,

Anne

Letter from the Manse

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can be. What can we create together that is church for us? It may not be the same song we have always sung. It may sound different, and even jarring at first, but what is the melody that God is calling us to create? What other ways can we be creative and do new things together? Can we let go of some of our traditions to embrace the ways God is calling us today? It may be something simple.

The URC thought it would only be in existence a short time because the hope was all the UK churches would join and create one church. This hasn't happened, but perhaps God's new vision is already within us, waiting for us to voice it to the wider church. Let's listen to each other, and for God's voice, to hear what we can create together than can be church for us and for the world.

We are grateful for the life of the United Reformed Church. Though it isn't our church of origin, the URC has welcomed us, gifted us, and shaped us. We are glad to be part of it.

We may not be ready to sing 'alleluias' at the moment, but we are able to give thanks for the URC, for this church and for the people who make up whole church. Together, as people who listen for God's voice, we are called to commemorate, celebrate and create a church which continues to reflect love and discipleship.

Yours in Christ,

Martha and David

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Beulah in a Bygone Age

I wonder how many members, or friends, can remember the inside of Beulah when it looked like this?

(Painting by A. Grayson circa. mid 1950's)

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Beulah Family for all the love, care and support you have shown to us during the sad time of Colin 's passing.

Also, many thanks for all the sympathy cards, lovely flowers, gifts and visits. We are so blessed to belong to such a caring Church, so thank you and God Bless you all.

Love Heather and Robin.

Whitchurch Rhiwbina Birchgrove Worships for 2022

10.15 - 10.45am

30th APRIL - St Thomas', Birchgrove

28th MAY - St Mary's, Whitchurch

25th JUNE - Venue TBA

30th JULY - Beulah, Rhiwbina

Editor's Note

The **deadline** for articles to be included in the **June 2022** edition of **Crossroads** is **Sunday 22nd May** and **Colin** will be editing.

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KIN

Together we care and together we share

A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise our Easter fundraising and to all who supported our events and donated so generously.

Special thanks: to Arlene for selling the beautiful crosses for Ukraine; to the Youth Fellowship for making the sunflower badges; to those who made soup for the Good Friday lunch; to Eleri for preparing the hampers and to Richard Sweetnam and his team for running the Easter Breakfast. Sincere thanks also to Barbara and Fiona for counting and banking the money.

UKRAINE:

£1,979.31
made up as follows:

Youth Fellowship Sunflowers:
£190.97
Pearl Crosses/Donations:
£1,017.00
Alms Bowl:
£571.34

Plus £200.00 (cheque made out to British Red Cross)
(Plus Gift Aid on £220.00.)

The money for Ukraine will be sent to the British Red Cross as part of the DEC Emergency Appeal.

FRIDGE TWINNING:

£760.65 made up as follows:
Good Friday Lunch: £307.65
Easter Breakfast: £133.00
Easter Raffle: £184.00
Donations: £136.00

The money raised will be used to buy fridges and provide emergency supplies, food vouchers and support to grow crops.

Christian Aid Week
15th - 21st May 2022

Big Brekkie

in the Canolfan
Saturday, 21st May
9.30 - 11.30 am



Please join us for a life-saving, world-changing Big Brekkie fundraising breakfast! Last year we held our Big Brekkie online ... this year we're back in person and looking forward to seeing you there!

Donating to Christian Aid using GIVESTAR

We now have the means to accept card payments for Christian Aid and to donate online.

Hopefully during Christian Aid Week, we can make full use of this by using the link and QR code attached to Beulah's fundraising.

<https://giving.give-star.com/online/christian-aid/beulah-urc-christian-aid-week-2022>



It will, of course, still be possible to make cash donations as well.

Delivery Only Christian Aid envelopes

We are going to try using the delivery only Christian Aid envelopes this year.



On the envelopes we can give details of how and where to donate.

We can also advertise the Big Brekkie.

We very much hope that people will be encouraged to volunteer for routes, as delivering only is much easier than having to go back to collect envelopes.



Look out for Christian Aid week details in the coming weeks.

Thank you, once again, from
the KIN committee.



River of Hope Jubilee Celebration

2nd - 5th June

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Pageant will take place on Sunday, 5th June in London and will tell the story of her seventy year reign. An important part of the pageant will be the River of Hope section in which two hundred silk flags will be carried in a procession down the Mall, appearing like a moving river.

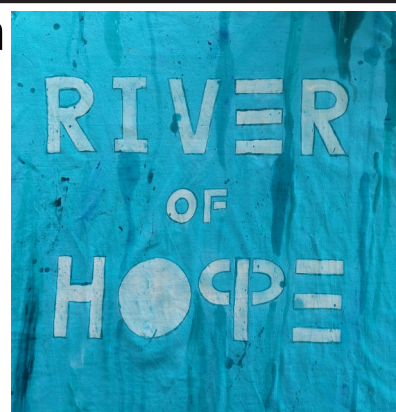
Primary and Secondary school pupils have been invited to create a picture of their hopes and aspirations for the planet over the next seventy years and two hundred images will be chosen to be made into the flags. The artwork for the flags will be focused on climate

change and incorporate the children's messages for the future.

In collaboration with Jo Jones, the Eco Group invites you to join in creating a River of Hope here in Rhiwbina. The river will consist of many flags each with the word HOPE on it.

Please see Jo's instructions on how your own hopes for our planet and future generations can be expressed and represented in Beulah's River of Hope. Please return your completed circles by Sunday 22nd May.

Fabric circles and instructions will be avail-



able in Beulah over the next few Sundays.

Please contact Eileen (richardeileen2009@hotmail.co.uk 20624967) with any questions or if you need a circle delivered.

Looking forward so much to seeing some wonderful flags ... we hope you enjoy taking part!

Thank you from the Eco Group.

River of Hope

The circles will be sewn onto the banner/flags to form the letter O in Hope. The circles will range from 18cm diameter to 28cm diameter, they will be cut from 100% cotton fabric.

You are invited to use any medium to create an artwork on the circle, but it will need to be weatherproof/shower proof and we ask that it reflects the Eco theme, so no sequins or plastic beads please.



Acrylic, fabric, or even household paints you may already have around are fine to use. You could also sew on a design using fabric, wool, felt or ribbon. You can draw using biro, markers or non-water-soluble pens.



Material is quite difficult to paint and draw on so you may find it helps to tape it down to keep it taut and to stop it moving around.



The image itself will illustrate your hopes for our world over the next 70 years, such as a symbol representing peace, nature or the climate. It could be a pictogram, or an abstract image, or even writing. You can use any colours you feel appropriate for your design.

Circles can be collected from Beulah or from participating shops in the village (look out for the river banners in the windows).

Please contact 07518750215 if you have any questions.

CHURCH CALENDAR

May

Sunday 1st May	10.30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
		Revd. Dr Peter Cruchley
	10.30 a.m.	Junior Church
Sunday 8th May	10.30 a.m.	Worship Group
	10.30 a.m.	Junior Church
	7.15 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Sunday 15th May	10.30 a.m.	Worship: Revd. Gethin Rhys
	10.30 a.m.	Junior Church
	7.15 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Sunday 22nd May	10.30 a.m.	Worship:
		Revd David Dean/ Revd. Martha McInnes
	10.30 a.m.	Junior Church
	7.15 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Sunday 29th May	10.30 a.m.	Synod Worship
	10.30 a.m.	Junior Church
	7.15 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Sunday 5th June	10.30 a.m.	Communion Service
		Revd. Martha McInnes/ Revd. David Dean
Sunday 12th June	10.30 a.m.	Worship: Mr Richard Edwards



Our services are also available to be watched 'livestreamed via the internet.
Contact secretary@beulahurc.org.uk or Tel: 07855 640634 for further details.

ROTAS

	AV System	Bible Readers	Intercessions
May 1	Harley Jones	Naomi Williams	Giles Ballisat
May 8	Richard Sweetnam	Helen Harries	Ruth Williams
May 15	Nigel Barwise	Jenny McDowell	Marianne Barwise
May 22	Andrew Glanfield	Brenda Cheer	Andy Wales
May 29	James Hall	Neil Kidd	Pat Agland
June 5	Huw Morgan	Richard Edwards	Colin Grimes
June 12	Richard Sweetnam	Mark Stephens	Nigel Barwise
June 19	Nigel Barwise	Fiona Liddell	Richard Sweetnam
June 26	Andrew Glanfield	Jill Ferdinando	Fleur Richards