

**The Monthly
Newsletter
of Beulah
United
Reformed
Church**

March 2023



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CHURCH AND FAMILY NEWS

As we move into March, we are now into Lent. I didn't do very well with my goal of walking 10,000 steps a day last year, like Robert the Bruce's spider, I am going to try harder this time. There are many charity events, I was daunted about taking on CAFOD's The Big Lent Walk, aiming to walk 200km in 40 days, it took me a little while to work out the maths and realise 10,000 steps is more than that.



I am looking forward to joining the Lent study this year reflecting the Lord's Prayer in caring for God's creation. Thanks to those leading the sessions, and it's good that we can join in person alternating from Beulah and City on Wednesday evenings or via Zoom.

In March we have another TED (Towards the End of the Day) evening service in the Canolfan, led by John Cheer. This is a Taize style service with opportunity to take part with readings, prayers or music.

In Synod news, Simon Walkling, completes his time as Synod Moderator will be moving to local ministry at Christ Well and the Swansea region in the summer, we send our good wishes.

There is a new date for the Anniversary Service, celebrating fifty years of the URC. It will be on Saturday 15th April at Methodist Central Hall Westminster from 2.30pm. There is an open Church House event on the same day at 10-12noon, at 86 Tavistock Place, London. Volunteers are welcome to join the Anniversary Choir and act as Stewards. Further details on the URC website.

Our postponed visit from Revd. Fiona Bennett, Moderator of the URC General Assembly will be the weekend of April 22nd & 23rd. Further details next month, however this will include a joint service being held at Canton Uniting Church on the Sunday.

Anne



THANK YOU

Cardiff Children's Services send their thanks for all the Christmas food sent to them. "The generosity of everyone was overwhelming and much appreciated by both staff and the families that we support."



Warm Space

**Every Friday
& Saturday
10:00 - 12:30**

- A warm space
- Free hot/cold drinks
- Free Wi-Fi
- Companionship
- A warm welcome



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Letter from the Manse

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confronted with the temptations to power and personal authority, he responded by trusting God. He already knew God as love greater than humans can imagine, as present throughout life. Jesus trusted what he knew of God and found his way through the wilderness to his next phase of life - for him a new ministry.

We too have spent years learning about God's identity. We know God, as revealed in Jesus. Our God seeks to create a broad community with varied people, a community where love is the guide and justice is practiced. When we find ourselves in a 'wilderness of waiting,' we know God is with us. We are not alone. When the waiting feels too much, love comes to us. Love comes through the care of old friends, through the concern of people dealing with our care, through the people who are with us.

Of course, the 'wilderness of waiting' seems like it lasts forever - forty days and forty nights, or forty years. Yet we know that at the end of our Lenten journey, there is Easter - a day of surprises. Whether in the garden or at the empty tomb, Jesus is present. The first

visitors to the garden found they were not alone. Either they were together, they found a risen Jesus, or they encountered a stranger with a message of hope. The companionship and hope of Easter are promises to which we can cling when the waiting seems so very long.

Maybe our forty days and nights are only the journey of Lent. Maybe they are something more challenging which we are facing. Whether Lenten challenges, or life challenges, we offer you these blessings:

May you find good companions.
May you feel God's presence.
May your Lenten forty days and nights be full of love. May your encounters during Lent call you further toward being workers for justice and peace in Jesus' name.

And may Easter remind you, that God surprises us with hope - even during the longest days and nights. May the Resurrection bring you with the warmth of companions - who share love freely and bring you joyful surprises.

Yours in Christ,

Martha and David



LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Tomos Boyles - Piano

March 29th at 1.05 pm

Two concerts on from the beginning of the year and Sam Baxter seems to be settling in well.

In January 2020 John Cheer and myself set off in search of a replacement Beulah piano. And we came up with the one you currently see nestling by the old organ. It is a fine instrument fitting the remit of a "resonant piano we could all hear clearly"

For this third lunchtime recital of 2023 we were recommended to hear and subsequently book a young Cardiff pianist and ex-Cathedral school, called Tomos Boyles, who has been winning prizes and generally starting to make waves in the profession.

We look forward to his piano recital.

Enjoy and tell your friends and neighbours. I think it will be something special.

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NB I was most moved after the Trios performance in January to receive flowers and a thank you card.

Thank you all for that and the comments I have received. What a pleasure it has been. As you see, you have not seen the last of me. I will be writing for Sam each month.

Date for Your Diary

Celebrate the King's Coronation with the
Beulah Church Family on Sunday 7th May.
More details will follow.

KIN

A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise our fundraising over Christmas and to everyone who supported the events and gave so generously.

The money raised was allocated as follows:

Samaritans (Coffee Morning) £367.00
Papyrus (Coffee Morning) £367.00
Red Cross (Winter Festival) £900.60
Shelter Cymru (Christmas Card) £481.20
Space4U (Christmas Coffee Morning) £390.00
Ty Hafan (Carol Singing) £637.95
Place2Be (Blessing the Crib) £354.07

Thank you to Barbara for all her work dealing with the money raised.

Calling All Theatre Enthusiasts

If you like live theatre, musicals and plays, etc., then this should be right up your alleyway!

All of the below shows will shortly be coming to the Wales Millennium Centre. If any, or all of these, appeal to you, and you'd like to go along with a group of like-minded folks, then please don't hesitate to sign up on the sheets in the Church porch.

All seats are in the Raised Stalls.

'Ocean at the End of The Lane' (Play)

7.30pm on Wednesday, 31st May. Sign up by 5th March.
Ticket £34.50

'Annie' with Craig Revel Horwood

7.30pm on Wednesday, 5th July. Sign up by 26th March.
Ticket £39

'Life of Pi'

7.30pm on Wednesday, 18th October. Sign up by 28th May.
Ticket £35

'Shrek. The Musical'

7.30pm on Wednesday, 22nd November. Sign up by 2nd July.
Ticket £37.50

'Sister Act'

7.30pm on Weds, 13th November. Sign up by 6th August.
Ticket £35

If you need more information, please contact Ann G

KIN at Easter

Alms Bowl for Christian Aid

As in previous years we ask that you put aside small change during Lent, as you are able. You can then bring your donation to church on Easter Sunday, give it to your Pastoral Elder or use BACS transfer to Beulah with the reference ALMS BOWL.

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We have held three retiring collections in February to help earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria. The money raised will be divided between Mary's Meals (already working on the ground in Syria) and ShelterBox. **Going forward, we will continue to support the aid efforts by donating the money raised on Good Friday and at the Easter Breakfast to the Disasters Emergency Committee.**

Good Friday Lunch in the Canolfan at 12.30 pm

This is a family meal of soup, bread and cheese to which all are warmly invited. It will take place directly after the Good Friday service. We hope to be joined by our friends from All Saints and Bethany and donations can be made on the day.

Easter Breakfast

The Easter Breakfast is a wonderful way to begin our Easter celebrations and is held after early morning worship in the garden. All are very welcome.

To help us with numbers, please sign the lists in the church porch if you plan to come along to the Good Friday lunch and/or Easter Breakfast. Alternatively, you can contact Eileen.

With good wishes and thanks from the KIN committee.

ROTAS

Date	Readers	Intercessions	AV	Flowers	Arranger
March					
5th	Neil Kidd	Janet McCormack	Nigel Barwise	Mary Richards & Lesley Richards	Karen
12th	Liz McCarthy	Roger Bidnell	Andrew Glanfield	Gaynor Rees	Beverley
19th	Richard Edwards	Giles Ballisat	Harley Jones	John, Kevin & Marion Williams	Beverley
26th	Peter Ferdinando	Ruth Williams	Richard Sweetnam	Grace & Ken Liddell	tbc
April					
2nd	Gaynor Rees	Mary Bidnell	Nigel Barwise	Janet Richards	Vivienne Jones
6th	Maundy Thursday		James Hall		
7th	Good Friday		Andrew Glanfield		
9th	Colin Grimes	Jonathan Grimes	Harley Jones	Fleur Richards & Karen Holbrook	Karen
16th	Richard Sweetnam	Duncan Pugh	Richard Sweetnam	Ann & Colin Grimes	tbc
23rd	Naomi Williams	Bev Hampson	James Hall	tbc	tbc
30th	Vicki Grimes	Anne James	Nigel Barwise	Rachel & Chris Snelson	Ann Brown

	Duty Elder/ Stewards	Vestry Prayer	Serving Communion P-Prayer		Communion Prep
Mar 5 th	Geraint Richards Giles Ballisat (S) Colin Grimes (S)	Ian McDowell	Jenny McDowell Bev Hampson Fiona Liddell	Secretary Louise Morgan P Helen Harries	Jenny McDowell
Mar 12 th	Anne James Liz McCarthy (S) Mike Warsop (S)	Beverley Clay			
Mar 19 th	Bev Hampson Cathy Wales(S) Eleri John (S)	Helen Harries			
Mar 26 th	Arlene Ramasut Kaye Mundy(S) Eleanor Mills(S)	Eileen Newington			

Editor's Note

The **deadline** for articles to be included in the **April 2023** edition of **Crossroads** is **Sunday 19th March** and **Colin** will be editing.

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World Day of Prayer

Friday 3rd March 2023

The World Day of Prayer is an annual global event which is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world – through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

This year it is the turn of Beulah URC to celebrate the event in our area, assisted by ladies from Bethany Baptist Church and Rhiwbina Baptist Church and we invite other churches in North Cardiff to join us.

The service has been prepared this time by the women of Taiwan. It is a service is for everyone and we hope that many of you will join us.

The service will begin at 2.00pm and, afterwards, light refreshments will be served in the Canolfan.

This is always a heart warming service, so please join us.

Diane Burton and Mary Bidnell.

A prayer for the 40 days of Lent

*Lord, help us to grow
in faith and love over
these next forty days,
and may we be
brought even closer to
you in our lives. Lord,
you are our God and
we are your people,
may we never veer
from the perfect path
which you have set
before us. Be our rock
and our strength
Amen*

25th MARCH

St Thomas', Pantbach Rd.,
Birchgrove, CF14 1UE

29th APRIL

St Andrews Methodist Church,
71 Caerphilly Road,
Birchgrove, CF14 4AE

27th MAY

Bethel Baptist Church,
Penlline Rd., Whitchurch,
CF14 2AA

24th JUNE

Beulah United Reformed
Church, Beulah Rd.,
Rhiwbina, CF14 6LT

There are a further six dates
to the end of the year. I will try
to remember to put them in a
forthcoming edition!! Ed.

Good Friday

Good Friday – calling children and young people to take part

Our ecumenical Good Friday service, will be at Beulah once again, and led by our children (over 7s) and young people (i.e. any age until you stop regarding yourself as 'young').

Carol Coleman will prepare a script, tailored to suit those who we know will be available to take part.

It would mean turning up at 9.30 in the morning on Good Friday, when scripts will be handed out and there will be time for preparation, ready for the service at 12 noon.

So, although Easter may seem a long way off (after all, we have only just started Lent!), it will be helpful to know who is available, by Sunday 12th March, if possible, so that Carol has time to put something together. If you (or family members) are interested but not yet sure if you will be available, it's helpful to know that too.

So please contact:
Fiona or Carol
if you'd like to take part.



Calendar

Friday 3 rd March	2-3 p.m.	World Day of Prayer
Sunday 5 th	10.30 a.m.	Worship & Communion: Rev. Martha McInnes Junior Church start in Canolfan
	5.00pm	Preparation for TED Service
	6.00pm	'Towards the End of the Day' service in Canolfan
Sunday 12 th	10.30 p.m.	Worship: Revd. Jason Askew Junior Church
Sunday 19 th	10.30 p.m.	Worship: Dr Andrew Glanfield Junior Church
Sunday 26 th	10.30 a.m.	Worship: Mr Derek Evans Junior Church
Wednesday 29 th	1.05 p.m.	Lunchtime concert: Tomos Boyles - Piano
Palm Sunday 2 nd April	10.30 a.m.	Worship: Revd. Roger Bidnell

Mondays

Miss Tilley's Community Café

Women's Fellowship

Elders Meeting – Second Monday, 13th

9-12.30pm Term time

2-3.00pm

7.30pm

Tuesdays

Miss Tilley's Community Café

Beulah Tots

Beulah on Tap - Third Tuesday, 21st

9-12.30pm

9.30-11.00am Term time

7.30pm at the Deri Inn

Wednesdays

The Huddle

11-12.30pm

Thursdays

Caffi Dosbarth

9.30- 12.00 noon

Fridays & Saturdays

Whittaker Lounge: Warm Space

With free hot/cold drinks

10-12.30pm

Sundays

Youth Fellowship

7.15-9.00pm Term time



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

CARNIVAL

of the Animals

performed by RWCMD students

all proceeds to

Severn Wildlife Reserve

SUNDAY 5 MARCH 4pm

Canton Uniting Church

Cowbridge Rd at Theobald

LENT GROUPS

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Reflect on the Lord's Prayer in light of our call to care for creation.

Experience the joy of **In Person** Lent Groups on **Wednesday evenings** or the comfort of a *Zoom Group* on *Tuesday afternoons*.

Tuesdays, 2- 3, beginning 28 February on Zoom

Ask Martha for further details or use the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81449470697>

Wednesdays, 7.30 - 9, In Person

1 MARCH AT BEULAH
8 MARCH AT CITY
15 MARCH AT BEULAH
22 MARCH AT CITY
29 MARCH AT BEULAH

If you would like to attend on Wednesday, but prefer not to be in person, please speak to Martha.



**A Concert in Support of
Good Neighbours in North Cardiff**



Something Wonderful !

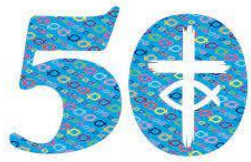
*An evening of songs from the world of film and stage
including music by George Gershwin and Cole Porter*

**Saturday 18 March 2023 at 7.30pm
in Beulah United Reformed Church
Rhiwbina**



**Alwyn Mellor – Soprano
Michael Pollock – Piano**

**Concert tickets £10 from SERENADE in Rhiwbina Village
or phone 029 2075 3937 (Julia)
or phone 029 2075 8237 (Phil)**



Save the date!



SUSTAINABLE FASHION FAIR

Saturday, 22nd April

Canolfan Beulah

Rhiwbina CF14 6AX

Times to be confirmed

Talks and demos, mending and up-cycling,
haberdashery, pre-loved clothes and a catwalk ...

please join us to re-imagine our relationship with
fashion and fight the climate crisis with what we wear.



'The Big One'

Climate Protest in London from 21st April

Christian Climate Action, Extinction Rebellion and other climate groups are inviting all who care about our planet to be part of a protest in Parliament Square, Westminster, to call on the UK government to take more action on its environmental commitments. They aim to harness people power by building relationships of inclusion and cooperation.

They say: "Gathering at the Houses of Parliament day after day in large numbers means we can leave the locks, glue and paint behind and instead demonstrate faith in a critical mass of people to create a moment that's impossible to ignore. The invitation is to all humans, all movements, all organisations to come together and stay for as long as you can."



Ways to join in:

- Travel to London for a day, e.g. Friday 21st or Saturday 22nd April.
- Find out if others in your area are going and travel with them.
- **Eileen is going to London on Friday 21st : please let me know if you're planning to take part - it'd be great if we could travel as a group.**
- Organise a special church service or local gathering if it's too far to go to Westminster.
- Share news of the event with others.
- Let the organisers know you're coming: extinctionrebellion.uk/

You can find out more about the principles behind the gathering, as well as the tactics that will be used before and during the action: extinctionrebellion.uk/the-big-one.

Nonviolent direct action is a form of protest or activism that involves the use of peaceful, nonviolent tactics to bring about social, political, or economic change.

A blue poster with white and orange text. At the top, it says 'THE BIG ONE' in large white letters. Below that, it says 'DEMONSTRATE FAITH IN A CRITICAL MASS OF PEOPLE TO CREATE A MOMENT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO IGNORE.' in white. In the middle, there are two columns of text: 'CHRISTIAN CLIMATE ACTION, EXTINCTION REBELLION AND OTHER CLIMATE GROUPS ARE INVITING ALL WHO CARE ABOUT OUR PLANET TO BE PART OF' and 'A PROTEST IN PARLIAMENT SQUARE, WESTMINSTER, TO CALL ON THE UK GOVERNMENT TO TAKE MORE ACTION ON ITS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS.' Below this, it says 'MORE INFORMATION AT EXTINCTIONREBELLION.UK'. At the bottom, there is an illustration of a group of diverse people holding flags and a sign that says 'THERE'S NO PLANET 'B''. The bottom of the poster has an orange band with the text 'CLIMATE PROTEST WESTMINSTER, FROM 21 APRIL' in white.

'THE BIG ONE'

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