



Part of the United Reformed Church Cardiff and Penarth Pastorate

CHURCH AND FAMILY NEWS

Church News

Suddenly it's December and next week the beginning of Advent. As usual there will be plenty of activities in Beulah during the month and into January.



Each Sunday evening there is something happening starting on the 3rd of December with the Light for Our Loss Service, many of us have experienced loss this year and it is always especially poignant at Christmas, a time for families. The next TED Service on the 10th again a lovely reflective service in the Canolfan and time to recharge for the week ahead. Our Christmas Carol Service is in the evening of the 17th, the service in the morning will be led by our young people. Finally on Christmas eve after Blessing the Crib it is our Midnight communion service. I hope you are able to join in with some of these.

Look out for further details of all the advent activities including singing outside the Whittaker Lounge on Saturday 23rd before the Christmas Coffee Morning.

There will be some new rotas for the New Year, thank you to all who have helped, now being

back in church is our normal, let us know if you are able to help.

Into the New Year and new challenges ahead for all. This will be the last newsletter from me, A lot has happened over the last four years, and the last few months have flown by.



While I am looking forward to a different work life balance and listening to the service online in my pyjamas; it is not without some sadness too, as it has been a privilege to be involved with all the activities in Beulah. There is always something going on and many people to help each bringing different time talents and skills.

In January the week of prayer for Christian Unity is 18-25th and the theme next year is 'You shall love the Lord you God... and your neighbour as yourself'. The materials are prepared by an ecumenical tea from Burkina Faso.

Family News

Please do get in touch, it's good to know how everyone is and to share good news and celebrations; and to support in the difficult times. Let your pastoral elder know any news you are happy to share for the newsletter.

With all Good Wishes for Christmas, A braw Hogmanay and Ne'erday and a guid New Year tae ye A'.

Anne



Church Transport

If **you** would like a lift to and from church on Sundays, please mention it to your Pastoral Elder, or Tony Webb, or Ann and Colin, and we will do our best to arrange it.



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Letter from the Manse

(Continued from Front page)

Hope may be crushed or feel broken, but it is not dead. We hope by working to create places of safety and security. We create them in churches and wherever we work in our world. We tell stories about lives that have value beyond financial wealth. We sing songs which indicate love is at the centre of our community. We highlight kindness and connection. We work to create a world, or a corner of the world, where these values are upheld and central. We model another way. Even if we don't feel hopeful, we commit ourselves to working in these ways and we are embodying hope. Hope is hard work, and we keep at it.

As we prepare to mark the birth of Jesus, hope is central to who we are and what we do - even when it feels the world is falling apart. We prepare for his coming *and* we live the life he taught. When we do this, despite the pain around, love wins.

Peace for Christmas,

Martha and David

Whittaker Lounge



Mondays/Tuesdays -

**Miss Tilley's
Community Café**

**Thursdays -
Caffi Dosbarth**

**Fridays/Saturdays -
Whittaker Lounge Café**

Pastoral

A note to say that Barbara Gray is home after three weeks in hospital and would welcome visits from any friends. She loves hearing Beulah news.

Arlene

HAMPSON FAMILY



'Christmas is our most special family time of the year. This year is even more special as our daughter Kate is getting married to James, in Beulah, on Saturday December 30th at 12.00 noon. Many of you have known her since she was a small girl and it would be lovely if you were able to come to the church to see her walk down the aisle.

Love peace and good wishes for Christmas,

Bev and Ian Hampson

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all at Beulah for the care we have received during the last months of Huw's illness and death. Your cards, flowers, cakes, messages and visits, love and prayers have sustained him and us in so many ways.

Our thanks to all who attended the service, to all those who helped at the church to enable it to run smoothly, and to those who provided the refreshments in Canolfan, resulting in a wonderful Beulah feast!

We thank Martha and David for leading a moving and fitting tribute to Huw – and to Alun and John for providing the music that meant so much to him, as well as to the friends who read the lessons and poem. We are also grateful to Karen for her beautiful flowers, in the stunning autumn colours which Huw so liked to photograph.

Finally, a special 'thank you' to Viv Morgan, who has cared so brilliantly for my Pastoral District in recent months, when I have not been able to.

As we enter the season of Advent, we remember the promise at the beginning of the Gospel of John: that 'The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out.'

Love and blessings,

*Louise, Rachel, Naomi,
Chris, Martin, Ruby and Ella*

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REPEAT NOTICE

THANKSGIVING PLAQUES

Some of you will already know about these, and may even have family or friends whose names are included on the existing plaques.

If you aren't aware of them, there is a picture frame, containing three 'plaques', displayed in a corner of the Garden Room, downstairs in Canolfan. When they were first produced, in 2003, they were displayed on the landing, where a lot of people would have been able to see them. Following a redecoration of the Canolfan, they were relocated to the Garden Room. Over a number of years, quite a few people have asked if the names of their loved ones could be added to these Thanksgiving Plaques. As a form of remembrance, it would be nice to update the plaques, in order that we remember those that have gone before us.

This is my appeal to you, to send me the names of anyone who you wish to be remembered in this way. If you would like to include any brief words of endearment, or thanksgiving, then also include those.

Many thanks,
Colin

CHRISTMAS GIFTS 2023

We would be grateful to once again receive your gifts of Christmas Food/ Chocolates for families who are supported by The Intervention Service at Cardiff Children Services.

(No alcohol, please.)

Please bring your gifts along to Church on or before Sunday 4th December, or hand them to Ann Grimes.

Thank you very much.



Christmas Post Box

This year we will be bringing back the "Christmas Post Box." The post box will be for the Beulah church family only.



The post box will be available for posting during December, and the cards will be available for collection on Sunday 17th December.

The 'Big Christmas Card' will still be available in church for members and friends to sign, if they wish to send their 'Greetings' to the rest of the Church Family.

It can't be Christmas without the...

KIN Christmas Coffee Morning!



- Live music to enjoy – and join in with if you're really keen! (percussion instruments for all volunteers available...)
- Breaks between music for festive chat!
- Coffee and mince pies, obviously (other beverages available)
- Family friendly
- Raffle – in aid of the UNICEF appeal to protect children in the Gaza crisis
- Visit by mystery celebrity from the North Pole (well somewhere snowy, presumably) who is keen to meet children of all ages...
- And, even if 'The weather outside is frightful', a warm welcome awaits everyone in the Canolfan!

Saturday 23rd December: 10.45 – 12.00

Canolfan Beulah



Beulah Music around Christmas

‘How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given’, says one of my favourite Christmas carols. Mostly, though, we’re not very good at silence around Christmas, and, for many of us, ‘Repeat the sounding joy’ is probably a bit nearer the mark!

There is something special and joyful about making music around Christmas, even if it does involve a lot of repeating. I think one reason is how it can bring people together around the common ground of music which, for many of us, resonates with memories of Christmas stretching back over the years.

With this in mind, if you enjoy singing or playing an instrument, please consider yourself warmly invited to join the music group in leading music at any or all of:

- The Carol Service, on 17th December at 6pm
- The KIN Christmas Coffee morning, on Saturday 23rd December at 10.45

• **Midnight Communion – as you would expect, on Sunday 24th December.**

If you would like to know more, please speak with Brenda or John.

John Cheer



24th October 2023

KIN, Beulah URC

Dear Geraint/Members of Beulah

We wanted to thank you for the very generous gift of £1500.00 from the members of Beulah. This will go a long way to helping us do essential work on one of our emergency overnight projects. With the spiraling costs of food and utilities and at a time when we are seeing an increase in the number of clients accessing our services the replacement of furnishings takes a back seat. This money has been ring fenced to put curtains up in some of the accommodation pods a small thing and it may not be seen as an essential item but when a small POD containing a bed, side table and chair is your only refuge having curtains makes a huge difference to keeping the room cozy and warm.

I would also like to thank your members for their generosity at Harvest when you very kindly sent us a large amount of underwear and toiletries. Again, it is difficult to express how important these donations are to help us continue to support some of the most marginalized in our society.

Beulah has supported our work for the past 20 years, initially we had just a day centre and housed 20 clients a night, this year we are housing over 100 client a night and our intervention centre now offers a full wrap around service including food, volunteering, advocacy, activities, outings, and harm reduction support for those who are addicted to substances. All of your donations go directly into front line services enabling us to continue to offer these services to anyone finding themselves homeless in Cardiff.

Thank you again for your continued support

From staff and client of Huggard

S Liney

Sarah Liney, Finance Officer.

THE HOMELESS



HUGGARD, HELPING

Beulah Social

There are sign up sheets for: An Officer and a Gentleman and, Come From Away, and Hamilton (December 2024) in the church porch.

Ann

Editor's Note

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



February 2024

edition of **Crossroads** is
Sunday 21st January.

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Wednesday lunchtime concerts, always take place on the last Wednesday of the month

As I mentioned in the last Crossroads we have a new concert organiser in Nicola Rose. She has prepared the following details. Lets all support her as she assumes this role! TX

Wednesday 31st January 2024 at 1pm

Students from The David Seligman Opera School, RWCMD, accompanied by Dora Seaton (piano).

We will kick-start our New Year of concerts with these four young singers, currently in their first year of the Opera School at RWCMD. Please join us to hear the next generation of Artists as they share with us an exciting programme of Opera arias and ensembles and song.

Wednesday 28th February 2024 at 1pm

Rhys Herbert - 'cello

Rebecca Selley - piano.

We welcome the 2023 RWCMD concerto winner to Beulah URC, accompanied by pianist, Rebecca Selley. Rhys is currently studying joint 'cello and orchestral conducting at the Welsh College and is due to give his concert as the concerto winner in Spring 2024.

Wednesday 27th March 2024 at 1pm

The 2023 Towyn Roberts Scholarship winner, **Erin Rossington** joins us for the first time at Beulah URC for Concerts at the Crossroads. Welsh Soprano, Erin, is currently studying at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London on the Opera Course and we are thrilled to welcome her to share her programme of opera, song and oratorio for our lunchtime recital in Easter Week.

Tickets £8 on the door

Macmillan Cancer Support

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Whittaker Lounge on Saturday 7th October.

We raised a massive £373.11 which I have now sent in.

Thank you to everyone who bought cakes, had a coffee and chat with us. It was a lovely morning.

Also, thanks to everyone who helped by making cakes and organising this event.

Many thanks,

Eleri

READERS

We are grateful to all those who read the lessons in Sunday morning services.

If you have not read for a while, and would like to, or you would like to be added to the rota for the first time, please can you let Louise know.

Thank you.

Louise

Diary Date:

**Whitchurch, Rhiwbina,
Birchgrove Prayers**

10.15-10.45am

30th December

Rhiwbina Baptist, Lon Ucha,
Rhiwbina, CF14 6HL



ROTAS

Date	AV	Readers	Intercessions	Flowers	Arranger
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December

3rd	am	Andrew Glanfield	Sophie Jones	Tony Webb	Flower Fund	tba
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	pm	Richard Sweetnam				
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10th		Harley Jones	Jonathan Grimes	Cathy Wales	Flower Fund	tba
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17th	am	Richard Sweetnam	Youth Fellowship	Youth Fellowship	Flower Fund	tba
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	pm	Richard Sweetnam				
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24th	am	Nigel Barwise	Richard Sweetnam	Jenny McDowell	Flower Fund	tba
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	5.00pm	Harley Jones				
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	11.15pm	Nigel Barwise				
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25th		Nigel Barwise				
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31st		James Hall	Jill Ferdinando	Colin Grimes	Kate	Karen
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January 2024

7th		Andrew Glanfield	Jenny McDowell	Pat Ruddock	Ann & Colin	Karen
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14th		Harley Jones	Mark Stephens	Matt Jones	tba	tba
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21st		Richard Sweetnam	Eleri John	Derek Evans	tba	tba
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28th		Nigel Barwise	Hollie Glanfield	Richard Edwards	Pat Cazenave	tba
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February

4th		James Hall	Matt Jones	Jill Ferdinando	Bev & Ian H	tba
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11th		Andrew Glanfield	Helen Harries	Marion Williams	tba	tba
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18th		Harley Jones	Giles Ballisat	Ruth Williams	tba	tba
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25th		Richard Sweetnam	Andrew Glanfield	Roger Bidnell	tba	tba
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ELDERS' DUTY ROSTER

Date	Elder on duty & Stewards	Vestry Prayer	Communion		
			Minister's Right	Minister's Left	Prep
			Prayer (P)		
Dec 3rd Communion	Marion Williams	Beverley Clay	Ian McDowell	Secretary	Ian McDowell
	Tony Webb (S)		Marion Williams	Eleanor Mills (P)	
	Arlene Ramasut (S)		Bev Hampson	Mary Bidnell	
Dec 10th	Ian McDowell	Helen Harries			
	Mike Warsop (S)				
	Cathy Wales(S)				
Dec 17th	Philippa Ballisat	Eileen Newington			
	Louise Morgan (S)				
	Liz McCarthy (S)				
Dec 24th am	Helen Harries	Jonathan Grimes			
	Richard Sweetnam (S)				
	Mary Edwards (S)				
Dec 24th eve	Jenny McDowell		Philippa Ballisat	Secretary	Philippa Ballisat
	Giles Ballisat		Pat Cazenave		
Dec 25th	Marianne Barwise	Louise Morgan			
	Colin Grimes (S)				
	Gaynor Rees (S)				
Dec 31st	Kaye Mundy	Pat Agland			
	Derek Evans (S)				
	Audrey Budding (S)				

2024	Elder on duty & Stewards	Vestry Prayer	Communion		
			Minister's Right	Minister's Left	Prep
			Prayer (P)		
Jan 7th Communion	Marianne Barwise DE	Kaye Mundy	Andrew Glanfield	Secretary	Andrew Glanfield
	Eileen Newington (S)		Helen Harries	Ian McDowell (P)	
	Andy Wales (S)		Colin Grimes	Fiona Liddell	
January 14th	Jenny McDowell DE	Geraint Richards			
	Eleri John (S)				
	Eleanor Mills (S)				
January 21st	Ruth Williams DE	Jenny McDowell			
	Denise Dickman (S)				
	Helen Harries (S)				
January 28th	Fiona Liddell DE	Andrew Glanfield			
	Derek Evans (S)				
	Nigel Barwise (S)				

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH

Our traditional New Year's Day Brunch, will be held again, on New Year's Day (obviously!!), at 11.00am. Please join us in the Leaver Room, in Canolfan.

We also hope to arrange a New Year's Day Walk (to walk off the Brunch), but this will depend upon the weather!

Ann Grimes



"We refuse to be enemies" – Voices of Peace in the Holy Land



On the morning of Saturday December 2nd at St Paul's United Church, Bangor Road, Penmaenmawr, we are delighted to be hosting the Rev'd David Hardman, the Methodist Liaison Officer based in Jerusalem.

David is back in the UK because of the conflict in Israel / Palestine and he is taking this opportunity to travel around churches and share his experiences and insights.

This event will start at 10.30 and will end by noon. Refreshments will be available from 10am.

There is on street parking close to the church.

The event will also be available by Zoom using the following link
<https://zoom.us/j/94990600584?pwd=dDJTRUZUTEZReXhRVnRuS0dhRCs0QT09>

Meeting ID: 949 9060 0584 Passcode: 173990



Editor

Colin Grimes,

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Beulah United Reformed Church

December 2023 All Welcome

Sunday 3rd Dec.	10.30 a.m.	Worship & Communion: Revd. Martha McInnes
	6.00 p.m.	Junior Church start in the Canolfan Light for Our Loss Service: Revd. David Dean & Revd. Martha McInnes
Sunday 10th	10.30 p.m.	Worship: Revd. David Dean
	6.00 p.m.	TED Reflective Service in Canolfan
Sunday 17th	10.30 a.m.	Worship: Led by Junior Church
	6.00 p.m.	Christmas Carol Service
Saturday 23rd	10-10.40 a.m.	Carol Singing outside the Whittaker Lounge
	10.45-12.00 p.m.	KIN Christmas Coffee Morning in Canolfan
Sunday 24th Christmas Eve	10.30 a.m.	Worship: Revd. Martha McInnes
	5.00 p.m.	Blessing the crib Service
	11.15 p.m.	Midnight Communion: Revd. Martha McInnes
Monday 25th Christmas Day	10.30 a.m.	Worship: Revd. David Dean
Saturday 30th	10.15-10.45 a.m.	WRB Prayers, Bethany Baptist Church, Heol Llanishen Fach.
Sunday 31st	10.30 a.m.	Worship: Mrs. Maggie Kirkbride

Mondays

Miss Tilley's Community Café

9.30-12.00 p.m. Term time

Women's Fellowship

2-3 p.m.

Elder's Meeting – 11th Dec

7.30 – 9 p.m.

Tuesdays

Miss Tilley's Community Café

9.30-12.00 p.m. Term time

Beulah Tots

9.30-11 a.m. Term time

Wednesdays

The Huddle

11-12.30 p.m.

Thursdays

Caffi Dosbarth

9.30- 12.00 p.m. Term time

Whittaker Lounge Café

10-12.30 p.m. in school holidays

Fridays & Saturdays

Whittaker Lounge Café

10-12.30 p.m.

Sundays

Youth Fellowship

7.15-9 p.m. Term time

Together we create a comfortable and welcoming space, especially for people who are seeking asylum or are refugees.

We give friendship and support and respond quickly to immediate needs. We work to ensure that dignity is maintained, hope is not lost and justice is pursued.



If you called in to **Space4U** you would find a vibrant and welcoming community.. In the course of our afternoon sessions we usually welcome around 60 asylum seekers and refugees from many troubled parts of the world such as Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Syria, Eritrea and others.

At the drop-in, our **coffee bar** provides tea, coffee, squash and biscuits and we have also introduced fresh fruit as a healthy option which has proved very popular. Hot meals are cooked by chefs from the community of asylum seekers and refugees, with on average around 35 meals provided at each session. **Recreational activities** include arts and crafts, table tennis, table football and board games – all of which support contact and friendship amongst our user community.

Our **Help & Information service** provides assistance to those in need at the drop-in sessions and also through phone contact. Our experienced volunteers provide help with issues of homelessness and poor accommodation; understanding solicitors' letters and official correspondence to do with the asylum process; help accessing healthcare and understanding related correspondence; referrals for food and clothing support; help with one-off essential living costs when no other funds are available; and help with managing anxiety and isolation. We also liaise with other local organisations in finding help for those in need. Last year our team provided help to a total of 79 individuals ,often with regular appointments over several months.

Our team of **Food Store** volunteers have regular contact with many local organisations who provide generous donations of food and household supplies. Our volunteers receive and sort these donations and organise

weekly distributions of food and essential items for those with little or no other means of support. On average, the food store helps around 18 people every month. This includes both regular support for those facing long-term destitution and one-off support for those temporarily in crisis. Through managing referrals and regular contact, our food store volunteers have often provided wider support to those in need, reducing isolation and signposting towards sources of help.

Our **Clothing Store** volunteers, which include *Eileen Newington, Keirsten Eales and Jackie Allen*, receive and sort a large volume of clothing, baby equipment, bedding and household items generously donated by members of the public. Our volunteers provide a weekly clothing service for individuals and families in need, including managing referrals from other organisations as Space4U is the main local organisation providing these essential items to asylum seekers in Cardiff. With many new arrivals in Cardiff during the year, the clothing team provides assistance to around 20 individuals and families with children every week.

English classes are provided twice a week for beginners and intermediate levels, with several experienced teachers in our team of regular volunteers, including *Jenny McDowell*. Our classes are open to all, with no prior registration needed and are often a starting point for learners before they are able to access college courses. Around 30 regular learners come to the classes, with many different nationalities and first languages. We also support a popular English conversation class on one evening a week, run by the Student Action for Refugees group at Cardiff University.

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We organise **trips and outings** during the year to places such as the National Museum in Cardiff and St Fagan's. Groups attended a performance by the No Fit State circus group in Cardiff, with tickets generously donated by No Fit State. We were also very pleased to be able to visit Knighton for the day once again, where our friends in the Knighton & District Refugee Support Group provided food, activities, music and dancing for our community.

Behind the scenes, a major challenge for Space4U has been the search for **new premises**, with associated funding, as our long-term home at the Trinity Centre is now closed for an ambitious renovation project. We were delighted to reach an agreement to use St German's Church Hall in Star Street in Splott for our drop-in centre while this takes place. Although there have been quite substantial additional costs involved in the move, this has ensured that all our usual activities and services can continue while our long-term home is renovated.

A big **"Thank you"** to all at Beulah who generously support the work of Space4U throughout the year.

Jenny McDowell

How can you help Space4U?

Our Food Store is stocked from donations of food items and constantly needs to be topped up. Recently we have had to buy items from our funds. We are asking for some specific items for the Food Store please. A box will be in the church porch on **the first Sunday of the month starting on 7th January**

The particular items which we would like are:

Long life milk

***Cartons of Fruit Juice
(Orange, Apple, Mango)***

***Tins of tomatoes
(chopped or whole)***



Viv Morgan, and her late husband, Alan, were founder members of the choir, Forget-me-not Chorus, of which Kate Harri, is the Director of Development and Communications. Kate has sent us the message below, and seeks our help for a little known charity, but a very worthy cause. Many of you will know Kate as Jackie Allen's daughter, Auntie Viv's niece, and big sister to Sean and Niall Allen. It would be really good to lend as much support as we possibly can!

Described as 'a spa for the soul', Forget-me-not Chorus supports those living with and alongside dementia through the power of song. Over 12 years' experience has taken the charity from one Cardiff-based pilot community choir to a unique and pioneering service now accessed across the UK and beyond.

Today, over 1700 care homes subscribe to their online pre-recorded singing sessions, 30 care homes are part of their



FORGET ME NOT CHORUS Singing Strong Care Home programme, and they run community choirs in North and South Wales. Calon Chorus supports those in Cardiff and the Vale who have loved and lost someone with dementia. Their expert team of 30 musicians uses the power of shared song in community, care home, hospital, and online settings, to improve health and wellbeing, build community and bring joy!

You can learn more at www.forgetmenotchorus.com

For 12 days in December, Movement for Good are drawing 10 charities per weekday between December the 1st and 18th to each receive £1000.

Please nominate FMNC today using their charity registration number 1151812

<https://benefactgroup.com/movements-for-good/>

Thank you!

NB Nominations close on the 17th December 2023

Junior Church bits and bobs

Christmas

Blessing the Crib

As usual this will take place on Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December at 5pm



Rehearsals will take place during Junior Church time and also **after** church on Sundays 3rd, 10th and 17th with the Dress Rehearsal on Friday 22nd. If you have not already spoken with leaders about your child's availability/willingness to be involved, please have a word with them.

Advent packs

Advent activity packs are available for all families to help children to prepare for Christmas in a non-commercial and meaningful way.



Available in Junior church. Or get in touch and we can arrange to get one to you .

Younger Youth

Older members of Junior Church (11 – 14 years) are invited to meet as Beulah Younger Youth on the first Sunday of each month, in the small room off the Nance Lever Room, starting on Sunday 3rd December. We will meet at 10.30 and then, along with all Junior Church, join the main service for communion.

The group will be facilitated by Matt and Sophie Jones and Fiona Liddell. The aim is to support young people in exploring Christian faith, discipleship and church life in whatever way they wish - what we do will largely be directed by those who take part.

We propose to have our own WhatsApp group (for the young people attending, the leaders and parents) to keep one another in touch with arrangements.



Anyone of this age group is welcome to come, so feel free to pass the invitation on to anyone who may be interested.

Parents and Leaders Whatsapp

If you would like to be part of a wider Junior Church WhatsApp group, please let Fiona know. It would be away to check out what's happening on Sundays – especially regarding special arrangements at festival times - including Blessing the crib rehearsals – and for keeping in touch generally. This is entirely optional.

Consent forms

We do require consent forms from parents to be renewed every year. Please take a form from your Junior church leader if you haven't already had one, and return it at your earliest convenience. Fiona will be around at Blessing the Crib rehearsals to chase them up (you are warned!).

It is important that we have up to date information about allergies, parents contact details, permissions regarding photographs, and so on, so please **RETURN YOUR FORM12.**

Fiona Liddell





Beulah United Reformed Church

January 2024

All Welcome

Monday 1st	11 a.m.	New Year's Day Brunch (booking required)
Sunday 7th	10.30 a.m.	Worship & Communion- Revd. David Dean Junior Church start in Canolfan
Sunday 14th	10.30 a.m.	Worship – Mr. Matt Jones Junior Church
Sunday 21st	10.30 a.m.	Worship – Revd. Andrew Sully Junior Church
Saturday 27 th	10.15-10.45 a.m.	WRB Prayers, Rhiwbina Baptist Church, Lon Ucha
Sunday 28th	10.30 am.	Worship – Revd. David Simpson Junior Church

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RAISE YOUR VOICE WITH THE ECO GROUP!

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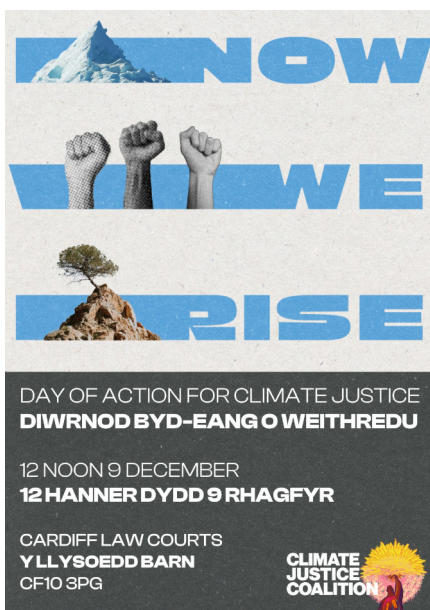
Over the coming year, Beulah's Eco Group will be working hard to lead the church towards an Eco Church gold award. The Eco Church award scheme is divided into five areas: Worship and Teaching; Land; Buildings; Lifestyle; Community and Global Engagement.

One important aspect of global engagement is campaigning, and we are encouraged to use our voices as people of faith to call for action and justice.

Make Polluters Pay

meeting with Anna McMorris MP

The Eco Group invited Anna McMorris MP to Beulah to have a conversation about the Loss and Damage Fund and climate justice ahead of COP 28. We were pleased that Martha and David could join us, as well as Jennie Weaver from Christian Aid, Revd. Peter Mortimer from All Saints and Gill and Tom from Bethany. It was great to hear about Anna's environmental work and her passion for climate justice. We initiated the meeting in response to Christian Aid's participation in the **Make Polluters Pay** movement which is calling for climate finance from the biggest polluters. We presented Anna with all the letters that had been signed by the congregation and the Rhiwbina community.



A Rocha is the Christian environmental charity that runs the Eco Church award scheme. Ahead of the next General Election, over seventy environmental charities, including A Rocha, have joined forces to create a five-point plan for decision makers. They want to see this reflected in all Party manifestos in order to put a stop to nature's decline. Please take a look at the plan and sign the open online letter to Party leaders. **action.wildlifetrusts.org**

COP 28 Global Day of Action 9th December 12 noon at the Law Courts

In a week's time world leaders will gather in Dubai for the United Nations climate talks, COP 28. On 9th December, thousands of people around the world will be taking to the streets to call for urgent action on climate change and climate justice. As in previous years a march is planned for Cardiff and hopefully once again we can take part as a Pastorate. Please look out for details of where to meet up.

(Members of the Eco Group are Eileen Newington, Marianne Barwise, Mary Edwards, Ian McDowell, Andy Wales, Pat Ruddock and James Hall. If you are interested in joining the group or have any comments or ideas, please speak to one of us. We would love to hear from you! Thank you, Eileen)



Dates for Elders and Church Meetings in 2024

2024	Elders Meeting	Joint Elders Meeting	Church Meeting
January		Monday 8 th	
February	Monday 12 th		Sunday 25 th
March	Monday 11 th		
April	Monday 8 th		AGM Monday 22nd
May	Monday 13 th		
June		Monday 10 th	Monday 24 th
July	Monday 8 th		
August	No Meetings - Holidays		
September	Mon 9 th		Monday 23 rd
October	Mon 14 th		
November	Mon 11 th		Sunday 24 th
December		Mon 9 th	

All Elders Meetings are held in the Whittaker Lounge at 7.30 p.m.

Sometimes the joint meetings may be held in the Canolfan depending on numbers.

The Church Meetings will either be Sunday after church or Monday evening, again at 7.30 p.m. and in the church.

The AGM will be held in the Canolfan, Leaver Room 7.30 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child



I don't want to leave anyone out, so I will just say a huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way, towards this year's Shoebox Appeal.

With all your generosity, we were able to send off 80 boxes to children who, otherwise, would probably not receive any presents this Christmas.

You are all fabulous!

Best wishes, *Ann Grimes* x