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## Letter from the Manse

Dear Friends,

You have probably all heard the saying, 'It takes a village to raise a child.' When we see grandparents and friends supporting parents to raise their children, we see this saying in action.

Author, Kate Bowler, adds to this saying by stating: 'No one gets through life alone. It's true that we all need a village, but there will be unique times when we get to BE the village for someone else.' We all need a community/a village. Much of Paul's writing in the New Testament is about how the newly formed churches need to find new ways to live together based on their developing faith in Jesus. These churches have to overcome culture and social preferences to create Christian community. In Philippians, that means putting arguments aside, and not take sides against each other. In Acts, Jewish believers have to overcome dietary laws which limit what can be eaten and with whom they can eat. Putting those laws aside enables them to broaden their community. In Corinth, the wealthy have to wait until the servant-classes of Corinth finish their work to share meals together. Paul stated that it was inappropriate for the wealthy to eat and drink before the others arrive.

Inclusion meant waiting *and* eating together.

Paul also uses the body of Christ imagery to stress the importance of each part of the community. According to Paul those labelled the 'least' important are as significant as those labelled the 'most' important. The body does not function properly without every part.

All of this reminds us of the importance of each person in our community - the church is a village where every person has a role, and every role is essential.

This summer there will be lots of times for our 'village' to be together. The first is a joint service at Elfed Ave on 29 June. We will gather with our wider URC 'village' - sharing worship and friendship together with a lunch afterwards. In July, Ken Graham celebrates 60 years of ordination. As Ken has had so much influence on so many people in the area, the celebration of his ordination is a 'village' event - a gathering of a community that he has shaped and that has shaped him.

But being a village is not just these public events. Perhaps the most important part of being a village (the body of Christ) is those simple mo-

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Part of the United Reformed Church Cardiff and Penarth Pastorate

## CHURCH AND FAMILY NEWS

### Church News

*June is the pearl of summer,  
shining with warmth and joy.*

*L M Montgomery*

June is upon us and we have been having some lovely weather and thoughts of gardens are uppermost for many. We were very pleased to learn from the ECO Group that Beulah has now has been awarded an A Rocha Eco Church Gold award. So much hard work has been put into this by the group and by all those who care for the garden, so many congratulations to everyone who contributed to this award.



In May we took part in Mental Health Awareness Week with an event on Saturday 10th May outside the Church, where Papyrus, Head above the Waves and Andy's Man Club had stalls, handed out leaflets and information (as well as lovely cakes from Miss Tilley's), and chatted to passersby. We also took part in Christian Aid Week with the Big Brekkie.

Thanks to everyone who came to our AGM on 28 April. We

had a good attendance and it was wonderful to hear the wide range of work we do across the church and the plans for the coming year. Thanks to everyone who makes Beulah such a vibrant and caring community.

In June we have some dates for your diaries – the Summer Festival on 21 June in Parc y Pentre, where we will begin work with an artist on a new church project and on the 29th June, we will be having our Pastorate Day at Elfed Avenue with a service and meal.

### Family News

A number of our congregation are unwell, at home or in hospital, and we wish them all the very best for a speedy recovery.

Every Blessing,

*Anne*

### Beulah Players 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



The Beulah Players will be celebrating 40 years of performances on June 28th. We are holding a party for all past and present members in Canolfan Beulah at 6.30pm on that date.

If you would like to come along, please drop me an email, or a message on Beulah Players' Facebook page.

I look forward to seeing lots of old friends to join our celebration.

*Carol Coleman*



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ments of sharing time together. It's finding space to share a meal or a drink. It's taking the time to offer someone a lift or sharing a laugh after church. It is showing up to offer a helping hand when someone is struggling with life. This is the privilege of 'being there' for people. When Bowler says we get 'to be a village for someone else' she is reflecting on these 'simple', informal actions which make such a difference for others.

When we look at the state of our world, we may despair and wonder what we can do. Perhaps the seemingly simple actions of creating a village/being the Body of Christ are an act of resistance. They remind us that we are not alone. They focus us on God's presence, still, in this crazy world. And perhaps, most importantly, they offer hope to a broken world.

As social forces seek to drive us apart, following Jesus, being part of the village/Body of Christ brings us together. The togetherness creates community where all are welcomed, nurtured and valued.

No matter who you are or where you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome in our 'village.'

Your part in this 'body of Christ' is important.

Thanks for being here.

Yours in Christ,

*Martha and David*

## **Dates for your Diary**



**21 June**

### **Summer Festival**

Parc y Pentre – we will be launching our new art project centred around tile making at the festival. Join us at our stall and take part.

**29 June**

### **Pastorate Day**

This will take place at Elfed Avenue, Penarth, this year with a service at 10.30am, followed by lunch.

**Sunday 13 JULY**

Beulah and City URC will host a **Joint Celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of The Revd Kenneth Graham.**

There will be a service in Beulah at 10.30am followed by a celebration meal. Sign up sheets will go up in the Porch in beginning of June.

**Retreat to Trefecca-**

Monday 20 October to Wednesday 22 October - proposed Retreat to Trefecca. More details and sign up information to follow.

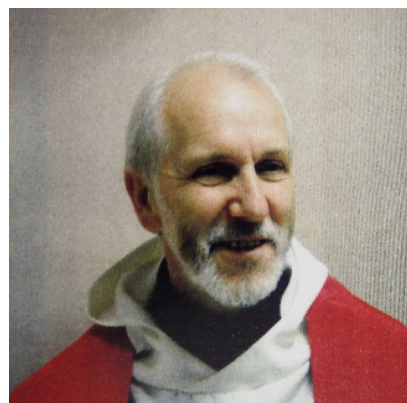
*Anne James*

## **Reverend Ken Graham:**

### **Celebrating 60 years of Ministry**

**July 13, 2025**

This summer will mark the 60th anniversary of the ordination of Ken Graham into church ministry. Ken was the minister at Beulah from 1980-2002, and following his retirement, he and Liz became members at City URC. To recognise this



occasion, there will be a joint service with City in Beulah on July 13, and a buffet lunch in Canolfan afterwards. We hope that as many people as possible will be able to join with Ken and Liz to enjoy a wonderful celebration on such a special day.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the porch nearer the time, and we will be appealing for help on the day with catering, setting up and clearing away.



## You're never too old to ride a bike – or a trike!

This month we celebrated Vera's Dad's 94th birthday.

We hired a side-by-side tricycle from Pedal Power in Pontcanna Fields. Pat and Michael rode gently round the park for about an hour, accompanied by Vera on her own bike. Michael could pedal if he wanted to, or not. We stopped by the river to enjoy the sun and the views.



It was a great way of extending the range we could go with Michael, compared with walking or using a wheelchair. The staff made sure he was comfortable on the bike - it's very adjustable and the seats have cushions, a supportive back, and arm rests too.

Afterwards we had home-made soup in the Pedal Power cafe, and of course cake.

It was such a success, we'll be thinking of repeating it. It also got us thinking, who at Beulah might enjoy this? Pedal Power have quite a few side-by-sides, and you can easily hire ordinary bikes too, so a small group ride would be very possible. There is parking on site, though it's quite limited, so if we did take a group, car

sharing would be a good idea.

Pedal Power is open 6 days a week (not Mondays) from 10am to 5pm. Pat Ruddock volunteers there, so knows the ropes, and would be happy to explain more.

The website with lots more information is here <https://www.cardiffpedalpower.org/>

Finally, should you just wish to experience the joy of riding a bike – or a trike – with lots of lovely people, do consider joining the Pedal Power Ride for All on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June. This is a short fun ride around the Park and the streets of central Cardiff, for **anyone** and **everyone**.

[Ride for All 2025 | cardiffpedalpower](https://www.cardiffpedalpower.org/)

## Editors' Note

As is our usual practice, Nigel and I will soon be taking a brief break from editing the monthly newsletters, i.e. there won't be an August edition.

Therefore, if you have any articles or information for August, or early September, that you wish to bring to the attention of our readers, please send it in for the July edition.



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

the **July/August 2025** edition of **Crossroads** is **Sunday 22nd June**, and **Nigel will be editing**.

Contributions should be sent to Nigel, in person, by post or by email at:

[crossroads@beulahurc.org.uk](mailto:crossroads@beulahurc.org.uk)

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# Hope in Our Hands Clay Tile Workshop

with

Beulah United  
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Answering the question:

## What does 'hope' mean to you?

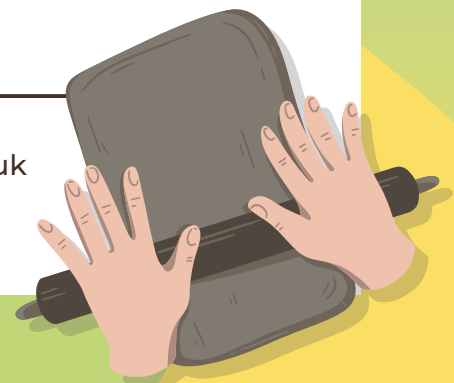


Help us create a collective artwork at the  
**Rhiwbina Summer Festival -**  
Built by the community, for the community!

Parc y Pentre, Rhiwbina Garden Village  
June 21st 2025  
10am to 3pm

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Helping churches to care for creation together



AN A ROCHA UK PROJECT

Eco Group news –  
what we're doing and how you can get involved!

## Beulah's Eco Church Gold Award

As most of you will know by now, Beulah was awarded A Rocha's Eco Church Gold Award at the beginning of May. The award scheme is a framework which enables churches to care for creation through practical action and helps congregations to 'go green' in all areas of church life.

We submitted our completed survey at the end of January, along with extensive evidence of our environmental activities as a congregation over many years. Then on 28<sup>th</sup> April Delyth Higgins, Eco Church Officer for Wales, and Julia Edwards, Church in Wales Climate Champion, visited Beulah as our assessors. They carried out a walk-through of the buildings and garden and then Martha, David, Ian, Marianne and I sat down with them for a conversation.

You are all part of Beulah's continued Eco Church journey, and I thought you would like to read how our assessors began their feedback ...

We are impressed by the breadth of your action and commitment across all the categories of the programme, and you provided us with a wealth of information and details about activities etc. As soon as you step into the church, you realise that environmental issues and the joy of creation are at the fore of worship and teaching and underpin the very identity of Beulah. The church oozes environmentalism.

We will order our new Eco Church plaque and hopefully find an opportunity for a celebratory photograph!

*Eileen*



## Elders Nominations 2025

It's that time of year again when we consider our Eldership. We give thanks to those who will be finishing this Summer – for all their service and care for Beulah and our wider community. We thank Beverley Clay, Philippa Ballisat, Marianne Barwise, Kaye Mundy and Eleanor Mills, who have served as Pastoral Elders, all looking after their communities with kindness and devotion. We thank Andrew Glanfield, Ian McDowell, Jenny McDowell, Eileen Newington who have served as our Church-Life Elders and Liz Kidd who has served as Chair of Elders and Church Meeting. We also thank Barbara Rhys who has served as Church Treasurer for many years.

We are therefore looking for Pastoral Elders and Church-Life Elders to start this Autumn.



As in previous years, our process starts with nominations by members of the congregation. All members of Beulah, both those who have not been an Elder before, and those who have previously served, are eligible for nomination. The nominations process will begin on Sunday 25 May and will run for 3 weeks until Sunday 15 June.

We will have a nominations box in the porch and nominations can also be submitted by email to [secretary@beulahurc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@beulahurc.org.uk) or popped through the Church letterbox in a sealed envelope marked 'Nominations'.

Nomination forms will be sent out by email with the notices each week during the 3 nomination weeks and will also be available by the nominations box in the porch.

Importantly, our process only works if people make nominations. You can nominate someone for any, or all of the roles, so please do think about who we might ask to serve in those roles and make a nomination.

Please note that we have reduced the Pastoral Elders' districts by two, so we are looking to fill three vacancies for Pastoral Elders.

If you have any questions about the nominations process or how to make a nomination, please speak to Anne James who is looking after the process for us this year.

## ROTAS

Date	AV	Readers	Intercessions	Flowers	Arranger
<b>June</b>					
1st	Andy Wales	Andrew Glanfield	Bev Hampson	Bev & Ian Hampson	Karen
8th	Andrew Glanfield	Neil Kidd	Andrew Glanfield	Mary Edwards	Beverley
15th	Ian McDowell	Bev Hampson	Richard Edwards		Marianne
22nd	Richard Sweetnam	Audrey Budding	Pat Ruddock	Karen	Karen
29th	Pastorate Day at Elfed Avenue, Penarth, at 10.30am, followed by lunch				
<b>July</b>					
6th	Nigel Barwise	Marion Williams	Norman Henderson	Christine & Duncan Pugh	Ann Brown
13th	Andy Wales	Kate Hampson	Mark Stephens	Kaye Mundy	tbc
20th	Andrew Glanfield	Gaynor Rees	Revd David Simpson	Viv & Harley Jones	Vivienne
27th	Ian McDowell	Richard Sweetnam	Tony Webb	Barbara Rhys	tbc
<b>August</b>					
3rd	Richard Sweetnam	Brenda Cheer	tbc	tbc	tbc



**A huge thank you to everyone for your generosity this Christian Aid week 2025.**

The total raised will be published in next month's Crossroads.

Thank you to those who delivered envelopes and helped at the Big Brekkie. Your support is invaluable. We were also grateful to Miss Tilley's for the cakes we were able to share at



the Big Brekkie and coffee after worship.

Thank you to Gethin for his focus on Christian Aid Week on Sunday – the scent of lemongrass a beautiful way to connect with Guatemala. Signing the Restore Campaign petition adds Beulah's voice to the call for climate justice.



## **Lunchtime Recitals**

**June 25th 2025 at 1.00pm**

**Sage Taylor - violin**

**Caradog Williams - piano**

**Tickets are £8 on the door as usual**

We have come to the last concert before the summer break which will show case a young upcoming talent with 18 year old Sage Taylor on his violin accompanied by well known pianist Caradog Williams.

Nicola Rose, our concert organizer, now wants to showcase a young artist each year, thereby giving a performing opportunity to a talented pre-Music College student. Sage performed at last years Eisteddfod and all who heard him there were thrilled at his talent.

The concert series continues to develop well after Covid with audiences now in the pre pandemic 100/120 bracket for each concert. It is

good to remember that Peter CJ wanted the series as part of Beulah's outreach programme. Some stalwart members of Beulah help in the background with this. Our thanks are due to Jill and Peter Ferdinando, Viv and Harley Jones, Barbara Rhys, Mary Bidnell and non-Beulah member Richard Carter who helps with the programmes. It is a great team where we all have our jobs and 'just get on with it!'

I know that the programme for the next academic year is well on the way to being finalized and gives us something to look forward to!

Thank you for your support.

*Trix Pryce*



Elders Rota June-July					
	Elder on duty  & Stewards (S)	Vestry prayer	Communion		
			Minister's right	Minister's left	Preparation
			(P = Prayer)		
<b>1st June Communion</b>	Eileen Newington (DE) Ian McDowell (S) Gaynor Rees (S)	Kaye Mundy	Eleanor Mills Barbara Rhys Louise Morgan	Secretary Beverley Clay (P) Marianne Barwise	Eleanor Mills
<b>8th June</b>	Philippa Ballisat (DE) Giles Ballisat (S) Denise Dickman (S)	Ian McDowell			
<b>15th June</b>	Keirsten Eales (DE) Mary Edwards (S) Barbara Clift (S)	Bev Hampson			
<b>22nd June</b>	Jonathan Grimes (DE) Harley Jones (S) Viv Jones (S)	Liz Kidd			
<b>29th June</b>	Marianne Barwise (DE) Nigel Barwise (S) Gaynor Rees (S)	Mark Stephens			
<b>6th July Communion</b>	Philippa Ballisat (DE) Giles Ballisat (S) Naomi Williams (S)	Ian McDowell	Bev Hampson Beverley Clay Philippa Ballisat	Secretary Arlene Ramasut (P) Marianne Barwise	Bev Hampson
<b>13th July</b>	Keirsten Eales (DE) Mary Edwards (S) Barbara Clift (S)	Marion Williams			
<b>20th July</b>	Jonathan Grimes (DE) Viv Jones (S) Harley Jones (S)	Kate Hampson			
<b>29th July</b>	Beverley Clay (DE) Tony Webb (S) Mary Edwards (S)	Mary Bidnell			



## TREASURER'S POST

As many of you know, I tendered my resignation as Treasurer some time ago and, to date, we have been unsuccessful in finding a replacement. As a result, we have decided to split the job and are now seeking a Finance Clerk to do the day-to-day jobs as per the attached. The Finance Committee have agreed that we are able to pay up to £8,000.00 per annum for this work. This would be a self-employed post with whoever is appointed paying their own NI and tax.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact me either by email or mobile phone. Or you may know someone you think might be interested. In which case please feel free to let them have my contact details which are in the Church Directory. Thank you.

*Barbara*

Job title	<b>Finance Clerk</b> <b>Beulah United Reformed Church, Cardiff</b>
Main purposes of job	To provide administrative support to Church Treasurer and to ensure day to day running of all aspects of income and expenditure as directed by the Treasurer.
Key tasks	General Funds (including the Whittaker Lounge)
All aspects of income and expenditure for the following funds:	Special Funds Restricted Funds
Key Tasks - Regular	Raise BACS payments/occasional cheques against invoices for all the above. [Weekly]  Maintain separate spreadsheets and records for all the above  Maintain and read card payments and update Treasurer on the status of these regularly [Monthly]  Banking cash as required and monitoring bank balances and deposits  Maintaining gift aid records
Key Tasks - Annual	Assist in the preparation of draft budgets and financial material/reports as required by the Church Treasurer
Job requirements	Previous accounting/financial experience Excellent attention to detail Ability to use Quick Books or similar accounting software, or willingness to learn as required
Other	Other related duties that might arise as required by the Treasurer
Reporting to	Church Treasurer in the first instance

# BEULAH UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

## JUNE 2025

<b>Sunday 1 June</b>	10.30am	Worship – Revd Martha McInnes/Revd David Dean Junior Church
	6.00pm	BWise
<b>Sunday 8 June</b>	10.30am	Worship – Revd Martha McInnes/Revd David Dean Junior Church
<b>Tuesday 10 June</b>	7.30pm	Theology on Tap, Deri Inn
<b>Sunday 15 June</b>	10.30am	Worship – Mr Richard Edwards Junior Church
<b>Saturday 21 June</b>	3.00pm	Family Film Show
<b>Sunday 22 June</b>	10.30am	Worship – Mr Geraint Richards Junior Church
	5.45pm	Towards the End of the Day, Canolfan
<b>Sunday 29 June</b>	10.30am	Worship - Pastoral Day - Elfed Avenue, followed by lunch

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Mondays	9.30-12.00	Miss Tilley's Community Cafe
	1.00-3.00	Women's Fellowship (term time only)
Tuesdays	9.30-12.00	Miss Tilley's Community Cafe
	9.30-11.00	Beulah Tots (term time only)
Wednesdays	11.0-12.00	The Huddle (term time only)
Thursdays	9.30-12.30	Cafe Dosbarth (Term time only)
Fridays & Saturdays	10-12.30	Whittaker Lounge Cafe
Sundays	7.15-9.00	Youth Fellowship (term time only)