



**Part of the United Reformed Church Cardiff and Penarth Pastorate**

## CHURCH AND FAMILY NEWS

### CHURCH NEWS

I hope everyone has had a good summer and enjoyed the sunny days and long warm evenings. We are now looking towards the autumn and the season that brings the vivid colours of nature but also the darker, colder days and nights Beulah will have plenty of activities to stave off the winter blues.

Beulah was active over the summer with the Family Films continuing and also Theology on Tap.

On Sunday 13 July we saw the unveiling of a plaque to all our former and current ministers. This was unveiled by Mair, the daughter of Glyndwr Jones, who attended with her family and joined us in a meal after the service. The plaque is now in our porch.

A booklet on the lives of our early ministers will be available in the autumn.

We also had the second part of our current art project in August

– making tiles on the theme of hope. The finished project should be displayed in the autumn.

### Family News

#### Examination congratulations!

Congratulations to our young people who have recently had their A-level and GCSE results. We send our good wishes for all those going on to new schools, university or jobs in September.

We send our love and thoughts to all those who are ill at home or in hospital and wish them a speedy recovery.

*Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit."*

Every blessing,  
Anne

Eglwys BEULAH Church Ministers	
1849 - c1852	Revd John Jones
1852 - 1857	Revd William Russell
1860 - 1872	Revd John Lloyd James
1872 - 1874	Revd W. Meurig Rees
1875 - 1917	Revd D. Gwernydd Rees
1919 - 1940	Revd Samuel Jones
1941 - 1946	Revd Elfed Jones
1948 - 1950	Revd T. George Phillips
1952 - 1958	Revd Clifford O. Thomas
1959 - 1979	Revd T. Glyndwr Jones
1980 - 2001	Revd Kenneth Graham
1992 - 2000	Revd Kristin Ofstad
2001 - 2016	Revd Dr Peter Cruchley Jones
2002 - 2006	Revd Patricia Clamp
2019 -	Revd Martha McInnes & Revd David Dean

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## **Trefeca Retreat**

**20-22 October**

### **Wisdom made Visible**

Led by David and Martha,  
Including Group and Personal  
Reflection Time, Craft, Prayer,  
and a Film.

£210 per person. Single rooms  
available.

If you wish to come and have  
not already signed up please  
contact Anne James as soon as  
possible as we are now  
confirming numbers.

*Anne James*

## **Letter from the Manse**

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year--even in the 'stony' soil.  
There was a resurrection of  
sorts in that community  
through the sunflower.

Faced with lands blighted by  
war, rhetoric 'othering'  
people, fear about the future  
of creation, it is easy to chop  
down the things that are  
growing, to be hopeless.  
Instead, we invite you to  
reflect on what kinds of seeds  
you scatter?

Our world needs the seeds of  
love, respect, peace and  
kindness. We must keep  
sowing the seeds that reflect  
the way of Jesus and trust that  
even if we can't see them  
growing at the moment, they  
are there, preparing to sprout  
up at unexpected times and in  
unexpected places.

Take heart. Keep sowing.  
Remember love wins.

Yours,

*Martha and David*

## **NEEDED !!**

Non-Serving Elders prepared  
to go on the rota for  
occasional Communion  
serving duties

More stewards to fill our  
Steward Rota and act as  
Stewards for Sunday Service.

Please let Anne James know if  
you are can to help.

## **Special request!** **Space4U** **Food Collection**

Thank you for your  
continuing support for the  
Space4U Food collection each  
month.

A box will be available in the  
porch as usual on the 1st  
Sunday of the month. We  
have quite a lot of long life  
milk at present but very little  
fruit juice. Could I ask for  
fruit juice this month instead  
of long life milk. Tins of  
tomatoes, pasta and tuna are  
also welcome.

Thank you.

*Jenny*

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY** **2025-26:**

This is now being prepared,  
so please can you let  
Louise Morgan know of any  
amendments, deletions or  
additions to your entry by  
September 15. Thank you.

## **Church Transport**

Need 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.



Helping churches to care for creation together



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

### Beautiful Sustainable Flowers

Since I joined the flower arranging rota last year I have been trying to follow the Beulah's Eco commitment to use flowers that are grown locally and ethically. Many of you will have visited the amazing Beulah Grown not Flown Flower Festival Karen Holbrook co-ordinated a couple of years ago, which gave much inspiration. It is not easy to know in supermarkets and flower shops what has been grown in the UK, let alone locally. To be ethical it is also important flowers are grown sustainably, and without use of pesticides.



I have struggled to grow flowers and time them for

when they are needed for cut flower displays, and I know not all of us have space or time to grow our own.



Therefore I have been searching for a local ethical flower producer and have recently had the pleasure of finding Coalfield Flower Farm, run by Katie and Chris at Celyn Isaf, Tonyrefail, Rhondda Cynon Taf. CF39 8AN. [www.coalfieldflowerfarm.co.uk](http://www.coalfieldflowerfarm.co.uk). They run the flower farm as a Social Enterprise, it is situated on a steep hill, with beautiful views towards the Rhondda valley. They both come from a background of working in mental health and clearly have green fingers. Their website states 'Our vision is to create a

beautiful, nurturing and sustainable farm in which people, flowers and wildlife can thrive and grow. Flowers are like us, they simply need care and the right conditions to grow. Growing a flower from seed in the midst of mental health challenges is an act of determination and hope that the future will be brighter. We take great delight in our flowers, knowing they bring joy and convey care to both those who grow them and those who receive them. They act as a reminder that we can all contribute to making the world a more vibrant and colourful place.' Their flower farm is open for volunteering and wellbeing sessions, and open by arrangement to the public to collect cut flowers.



Recently I visited with Barbara R and Joan S and we were treated to a tour and cup of tea before cutting our own flowers. We all agreed it is an inspiring and beautiful project and we are keen to support them and spread the word. If you are planning to visit it is on a steep hillside and tucked away off the main road, and

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## Obituary - Rev Dr Peter Cruchley

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the death of Peter Cruchley, our former minister in Beulah and a dear friend to many.

Peter had been suffering from colon cancer and died in Geneva where he had been living, on Friday morning with his family around him. Our hearts go out to Lena, Eleri, Enfys, Will and Dylan and to Rhiannon.

Peter came to Beulah having served as Minister in the Ely Pastorate churches from 1992 -2001. He served as our Minister from 2001 until 2016 and left us to join the World Council of Churches in Singapore and then in Geneva. At the time of his death Peter was director of the WCC Commission on World Mission and Evangelism.

Peter was a larger than life character in many ways. He was a unique inspirational church leader who made Beulah an exciting, vibrant place of worship. Paper planes flew from the balcony, frequent cacophonies of musical noise rang out as children clanged their bells to the music of the hymns. Graffiti Jesus, camping trips, play days all followed, led by a man in a vibrant coloured shirt who inspired a generation of young people in Beulah and encouraged many in their faith journey. He was brimming with ideas about how to communicate his faith to today's world and his legacy lives on here in Rhiwbina but also in the worldwide church where his recent work had taken him.

His passing is a devastating loss for his family and friends but also for the church. It feels like a very bright light has gone out.

We will hold a memorial service for Peter in Beulah on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm.



*Eleanor Mills, Jenny McDowell and Anne James.*

can only be visited by arrangement. You can cut your own or they cut and prepare the flowers for you and are very reasonably priced. There are other flower farms locally, but the ethos, welcome and position I hope you agree is worth sharing here. *Marianne*

## Lunchtime Recitals, Autumn 2025

**Wednesday 24nd  
September at 1pm**

### Quartet Draig

**Caroline Heard - violin  
Jessica Meakin - violin  
Daire Roberts - viola  
Tabitha Selley - 'cello**

Welsh String Quartet, Quartet Draig are a prize winning group who formed in 2020 during their studies at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. We are delighted that they will open our Autumn season of recitals with an exciting and eclectic programme to include a Haydn quartet and some Welsh repertoire by living composers. This fresh & innovative quartet are not to be missed!

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**Wednesday 29th  
October at 1pm**

**Ryan Vaughan Davies -  
tenor  
Freddie Brown - piano**

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**Wednesday 26th  
November at 1pm**

### Top Brass Trio

**Corey Morris - trumpet  
Tom Taffinder - horn  
Dafydd Thomas -  
trombone**

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**Tickets on the door £8 as  
usual**

# KIN REPORT

## MONIES RAISED AND DONATED

**Christian Aid Week** a total of £997.65 was raised from the Big Brekkie, envelopes from members and from the community via the Whittaker Lounge. A large proportion of this was Gift Aided.

### Médecins Sans Frontières and British Red Cross

£1,000.00 was sent to each of the above for their work in Sudan. This money was made up of £1,300.00 from Mair Williams' gift (agreed by Church Meeting) and £700.00 which was kindly donated by the family from the sale of Chris Phelps' paintings.

### Cardiff Foodbank

£395.00 was donated and was made up of £90.00 raised in the Whittaker Lounge earlier in the year when we provided a Warm Space for customers and £305.00 from the Community Lunches. We will be continuing to raise money for the Foodbank from the lunches.

### Papyrus

Tenovus kindly donated £250.00 to KIN following their successful play held in the Canolfan in May. This has been sent to Papyrus.

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## HARVEST



A reminder that we will be holding our Harvest Supper on the evening of **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October** along with both a Sugar Bag Auction and Silent Auction during the evening. We hope you have been saving any gifts you might like to make over the past few weeks and we would ask you to please bring them along to the Canolfan on either of the following dates:

**Sundays 7<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> September.**

The gifts for the Silent Auction, together with bidding slips, will be available at coffee time on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September** for those who are unable to come along on the 4<sup>th</sup> October.

We will be raising money for Christian Aid's Harvest Appeal for their work in Sierra Leone. Please come along on the night if you can for an evening of food and fun.

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## NEXT KIN MEETING

There will be a KIN meeting after the service on **Sunday 7 September** in Canolfan Studio and, as always, there is a warm invitation for anyone to come along. Please bring your cup of coffee and find out more about the work of KIN. We will be planning for the Harvest Meal and Auctions. Please join us to help develop fund raising ideas. We would love to see you.

*Barbara*





Joy of Learning would like to invite you to a

# BARN DANCE!

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

6.30pm till 9.30pm in Canolfan Beulah

**With Live band!**

Free entry – there will be a collection for Joy of Learning and an opportunity to buy Ugandan Crafts. In between dances – while you get your breath back! – you'll be able to hear about what Joy of Learning has been getting up to recently.

The evening will include hot dogs and ice cream (served separately!☺) ....so please let us know if you would like to come so we can cater for all.

RSVP to [cheerfamily1@outlook.com](mailto:cheerfamily1@outlook.com) or [joyoflearningug@outlook.com](mailto:joyoflearningug@outlook.com)



**Joy of  
Learning**

Beulah URC

# Family Film Shows

Family favourites on the big screen

Suitable for all ages\*



**Saturday afternoons 3.00pm**  
**20<sup>th</sup> September**

**Canolfan Beulah, Rhiwbina Village**

**FREE of charge**

Interval ice cream      No booking required

Call or text 07902 853978 for enquiries or further details

*\* Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult*

## Editors' Note

The **deadline** for articles to be included in the **October 2025** edition of **Crossroads** is **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September**.

Contributions should be sent to Colin, in person, by post or by email at: **[crossroads@beulahurc.org.uk](mailto:crossroads@beulahurc.org.uk)**

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## **A Letter of Gratitude and Hope**

**To: All members and adherents of United Reformed Churches and our Local Ecumenical Partnerships**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
Grace and peace to you all.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the faithfulness and generosity you have shown to God's work through your local churches. Your contributions—whether through time, talents, or treasure—have been a beautiful expression of discipleship and community.

### **Celebrating Faithful Stewardship**

In these challenging times, when many families have faced difficult decisions about household budgets, rising energy costs, and the ongoing cost of living pressures, your continued commitment to supporting God's work has been truly remarkable. We have witnessed the church at its best: caring for one another, maintaining mission and ministry, and trusting in God's provision.

Your financial contributions through the Ministry & Mission Fund have enabled us to continue our shared calling across England, Scotland, and Wales. Through this Fund, we support ministers' stipends, theological training, Assembly gatherings, and the vital central services that strengthen our witness and ministry in every community we serve.

### **God's Provision in Action**

We rejoice that in 2024, despite significant economic challenges, your collective giving to the M&M Fund reached £16.2 million—slightly behind our budget, but late contributions in early 2025 would have taken us over the budget, had the auditors allowed us to bring them in. This achievement reflects not just financial commitment, but spiritual resilience and trust in God's faithfulness.

We are particularly grateful for the additional support from our synods, who contributed approx. £2.0 million of the amount noted above, demonstrating the interconnectedness of our church family. Total income for 2024, including investment income and grants etc. was £18.5 million.

While our expenditure of £20.0 million resulted in a deficit of £1.5 million for 2024, we remain committed to balancing our budget over the next 4-6 years through difficult, but necessary reductions in central costs and continued partnership between local churches and synods.

### **Looking Forward with Hope**

As we move through 2025, we recognise that challenges remain. Economic pressures continue to affect both individuals and churches. Yet we face the future with confidence, knowing that God's call to faithful stewardship remains constant, and that together we can continue to serve Christ's mission in our communities.

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## ***ELDERS' DUTY ROSTER***

### **Elders and Stewards Rota, September - October 2025**

Date	Elder on duty (DE) & Stewards (S)	Vestry prayer	Communion		
			Minister's right	Minister's left	Preparation
			(p = Prayer)		
<b>7th September</b> <b>Communion</b>	Jenny McDowell (DE)	Kate Hampson	Arlene Ramasut	Secretary	Arlene Ramasut
	Gaynor Rees (S)		Louise Morgan	Ian McDowell (P)	
	Denise Dickman (S)		Colin Grimes	Kiersten Eales	
<b>14th September</b>	Marion Williams (DE)	Andrew Glanfield			
	Eleri Jones (S)				
	Hollie Thomas (S)				
<b>21st September</b>	Bev Hampson (DE)	Bev Hampson			
	Mike Worsop (S)				
	Tony Webb (S)				
<b>28th September</b>	Mark Stephens (DE)	Ian McDowell			
	Naomi Williams (S)				
	Fleur Richards (S)				
<b>5th October</b> <b>Communion</b>	Mary Bidnell (DE)	Mark Stephens	Andrew Glanfield	Secretary	Andrew Glanfield
	Nigel Barwise(S)		Mark Stephens	Marion William(P)	
	Andy Wales (S)		Jonathan Grimes	Bev Hampson	
<b>12th October</b>	Colin Grimes (DE)	Arlene Ramasut			
	Barbara Clift (S)				
	Richard Sweetnam (S)				
<b>19th October</b>	Ian McDowell (DE)	Kiersten Eales			
	Derek Evans (S)				
	Denise Dickman (S)				
<b>26th October</b>	Bev Hampson (DE)	Anne James			
	Mary Edwards (S)				
	Helen Harries (S)				

### **AV, Reader, Intercessions, Flower Rotas**

Date	AV	Reader	Intercessions	Flowers	Arranger
<b>September</b>					
7th	Ian McDowell	Jonathan Grimes	Roger Martin	Roger Martin	Beverley
14th	James Hall	June Henderson	Duncan Pugh	Wedding of Rebecca & James	Karen +
21st	James Hall	Giles Ballisat	Louise Morgan & James Hall	tba	Karen
28th	Andy Wales	Helen Harries	Marion Williams & Jenny McDowell	Viv Morgan	Beverley
<b>October</b>					
5th	Nigel Barwise	Ruth Williams	Anne James	Jenny & Ian McDowell	tba
12th	Andrew Glanfield	Norman Henderson	Andy Wales	Elin James	tba
19th	Ian McDowell	Geraint Richards	Tony Webb	Louis, Rachel, Naomi	Karen
26th	Richard Sweetnam	Jenny McDowell	Revd David Simpson	Marion Williams	tba

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We have a clear plan: synods have committed to maintaining their enhanced support, and we are implementing careful budget reductions of an average of 3-5% annually in our central costs. This balanced approach ensures we remain good stewards while maintaining our essential ministries.

### **A Call to Continued Faithfulness**

In the spirit of 2 Corinthians 9:7, your giving has been a source of joy and strength to the whole church. As we move forward, we invite you to continue this journey of faithful stewardship, giving "as the Spirit directs and as our means allow."

We understand that every church's situation is unique, and we celebrate with those who have been able to meet their full commitments, while also deeply appreciating those who, facing their own challenges, have continued to prioritise the M&M Fund within their means.

### **Partnership in Ministry**

As officers of our denomination, we treasure our roots in local URC congregations and LEPs. We understand firsthand the joys and challenges of local church life, including the financial pressures you face. This shared experience strengthens our commitment to wise stewardship of the resources you entrust to us.

Your local church treasurer has received detailed financial information and can answer specific questions about our accounts. If further assistance is needed, our finance team at Church House stands ready to help.

### **Our Deepest Thanks**

To every member who has contributed to their local church, to every congregation that has supported the M&M Fund, and to all who have made this work a priority even in difficult times—thank you. Your faithfulness enables ministry to continue, training to be provided, and the gospel to be proclaimed across our three nations.

May God bless you abundantly as you continue to be faithful stewards of all that He has entrusted to you. Together, we participate in God's wonderful work of transformation, both in our own lives and in the world around us.

In Christ's service,

**Alan Yates**

Treasurer

**Vaughan Griffiths**

Deputy Treasurer

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7*

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## Beulah United Reformed Church

**September 2025**

**All welcome**

<b>Sunday 7 September</b>	10.30am	Worship - Rev Martha McInnes/Rev David Dean Junior Church
	6.00pm	BWise
<b>Tuesday 9 September</b>	7.30pm	Theology on Tap, Deri Inn
<b>Saturday 13 September</b>	1.00pm	Wedding of Rebecca and James
<b>Sunday 14 September</b>	10.30am	Worship – Rev Martha McInnes/Rev David Dean Junior Church
	5.45pm	Towards the End of the Day, Canolfan
<b>Friday 19 September</b>	1.00pm	Funeral of Dr Alun Jones
<b>Saturday 20 September</b>	3.00pm	Family Film, Canolfan
<b>Sunday 21 September</b>	10.30am	Worship - James Hall and Louise Morgan Junior Church
<b>Monday 22 September</b>	11.00am	Funeral of Alan Gray in the Briwnant chapel
<b>Sunday 28 September</b>	10.30am	Worship - Jenny McDowell and Marion Williams Junior Church
	12.30pm	Community Lunch

### Regular Weekly Activities

<b>Sundays</b>	7.15 – 9.00pm (termtime)	<b>Youth Fellowship</b>
<b>Mondays</b>	9.30 – 12.00 (termtime)	<b>Miss Tilleys Community Café</b>
	2.00 – 3.00pm	<b>Women's Fellowship</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	9.30 – 12.00 (termtime)	<b>Miss Tilleys Community Café</b>
	9.30 – 11.00 (termtime)	<b>Beulah Tots</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	11.00 – 12.30 (termtime)	<b>The Huddle</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	9.30 – 12.00 (termtime)	<b>Caffi Dosbarth</b>
<b>Fridays and Saturdays</b>	10.00 – 12.30	<b>Whittaker Lounge Café</b>