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From the Editor

I was looking at the overloaded bookshelves debating what, if any, I could part with. Among the children's books were a set of the Narnia stories by C.S.Lewis. (My favourite was, 'The Horse and His Boy.') I remembered how much I had loved the stories.

'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' was the first book written (though not the first in the series.) Lewis wrote it for his goddaughter, Lucy. In the front of the book he noted that by the time he finished it she might be, 'too old for fairy tales.' He continued ...

...' But some day you will be old enough to start reading fairy tales again. You can then take it down from some upper shelf, dust it, and tell me what you think of it.'

I decided that I was now 'old enough, 'to start reading fairy tales again,' and was very easily transported to another time and a fantastical place.

C.S. Lewis was a devout Christian. One can be in no doubt of this as the books are full of Biblical themes such as love, forgiveness and redemption. Aslan, the wonderful Lion brings Narnia into being (the tale told in, 'The Magician's Nephew,') and he is there at its end (the tale told in, 'The Last Battle.')

When I first read the books I was transfixed by the characters, particularly the talking animals and the triumph of good over evil. Reading them again and having a little more knowledge of the Bible now, gave me a greater insight into the subtleties and nuances that I had not really grasped before.

Perhaps I need to investigate the children's books on my shelf more closely to see what else I can learn.

Diane

An Elder Writes.....

During June and July, the United Reformed Church and the Council for World Mission Europe Region have hosted a 'Face to Face' learning programme for an international group of theology students to deepen their insights and understanding on issues of migration and human trafficking.

The National Synod of Wales was thrilled to be hosting two students - Samuel Phiri (from Zambia) and Joshua Immanuel (from South India) - for four weeks, based in Penrhys, Pontypridd and Cardiff. Below are Samuel's reflections following his 2 weeks in Penrhys and Pontypridd. I felt his words express something of my own experience, but he says it much better than I can!

.... "Mission has now moved to seeing that the gospel meets the real need of communities rather than from having huge and fancy church halls.

Llanfair Uniting Church in Penrhys is a perfect example of what it means to do mission from the marginalised to and for the marginalised. Despite how hard and costly it is to run the children's library, the cafe, the homework club and the laundry service, the church continues to strive seeing to it that these services are provided to the community. Another perfect example that has taken the mission of Christ at heart is St David's Uniting Church in Pontypridd which is helping a lot of refugees from southern Sudan, Eritrea and Syria and the homeless citizens to find shelter. It is wonderful that the two churches, in offering their support and help, are not selective - it does not matter what your creed is, your religious affiliation or your nationality.

To some individuals, mission is about proselytising their faith and converting others. They are not concerned about social needs, which is very far from what true mission is and should be. These two weeks I have worked in Llanfair and Said Davi's with volunteers such as Sharon, Rebecca from India and Miara from Madagascar in Penrhys as well as the Rev Phil Wall and Beverley Humphreys from BBC Wales in Pontypridd who are doing great work. I have reviewed that doing the mission of Christ is about showing the love and care of Christ.

Helping a person should never come with any ulterior motives but should be motivated by wanting to share God's love. The mission of God is simply choosing to become friends with people of other cultures and faiths. Mission is to strive for a just world; it is choosing to be a voice to the marginalised and the poor and above all telling the good news of Jesus Christ that needed no words or preaching and with no intentions of converting anyone to Christian faith by force or manipulation. Therefore, what should motivate the church today is not the promotion of our denominational differences rather how the Churches can choose to see to it that the kingdom of God is realised in people's lives through its mission of justice, compassion, solidarity and peace. "

Amen to that!

Rob Moverley



Worship

AUGUST

6th, 10.30 Rev. Stephen Lewis
(Communion)

13th, 10.30 Mrs June Maxwell

20th, 10.30 Mrs Mair Wade

27th, 10.30 Bank Holiday –TBA

Mid-week Communion

Wed 9th August 10.30a.m.

Rev. Stephen Lewis

SEPTEMBER

3rd, 10.30 Rev. Stephen Lewis
(Communion)

10th, 10.30 Mrs Sally Ball

17th, 10.30 Mr Richard Edwards and
Mrs Sarah Edwards
(Harvest)

24th, 10.30 Dr. David Jenkins

Mid-week Communion

Wed 13th September 10.30a.m.

Rev. Stephen Lewis

Diary Dates

August

- Wed 2nd, 10.30am Coffee with Enfys
- Thurs 3rd, 1pm Concert with Vocal Quartet
- Wed 16th, 1pm Concert with William Morris

No Bible Study during August

September

- Wed 6th, 10.30am Coffee with Enfys
- Thurs 7th, 10.30am Bible Study
- Sat 16th, 7pm Recital by Neil Parker
- Sun 17th, 11.45am Harvest lunch after the service
- Thurs 21st, 10.30am Bible Study

September 29th—October 1st

Church Weekend at Trefeca

Planning meeting Fri 22nd September, 1.30pm



Books of the Bible

P	H	I	L	I	P	P	I	A	N	S	H	A	E
T	M	A	R	K	W	E	H	T	T	A	M	K	E
C	O	R	I	N	T	H	I	A	N	S	U	N	J
P	G	A	L	A	T	I	A	N	S	L	T	A	E
S	T	N	E	L	U	L	T	J	A	A	C	V	S
N	A	O	S	H	T	T	P	H	L	S	O	O	U
A	A	I	A	E	E	H	N	T	V	N	L	H	S
M	E	T	T	B	I	E	E	N	A	A	O	E	T
O	H	A	A	R	J	J	N	V	T	I	S	J	I
R	R	L	S	E	U	I	O	I	I	S	S	T	M
E	S	E	T	W	D	S	N	H	O	E	I	I	O
O	N	V	T	S	E	S	I	I	N	H	A	T	T
I	I	E	G	E	H	T	J	S	S	P	N	U	H
O	N	R	S	E	P	S	J	A	M	E	S	S	Y

- SALVATION
- HEBREWS
- EPHESIANS
- LUKE
- CORINTHIANS
- GALATIANS
- JEHOVA
- TIMOTHY
- COLOSSIANS
- PETER
- JUDE
- ROMANS
- JOHN
- MARK
- PHILIPPIANS
- REVELATION
- JESUS
- MATTHEW
- TITUS
- JAMES

Play this puzzle online at : <http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/3899/>



Bible Quiz

Women of the Bible

Match the question with the answer on the right.

- ___ What relationship was Ruth to Naomi?
- ___ Who was Jacob's mother?
- ___ Who did Abram marry?
- ___ What was the name of Moses' sister?
- ___ Which woman was a seller of purple goods?
- ___ With whom did David commit adultery?
- ___ What was the name of Ahasuerus' new queen?
- ___ What was the name of Yeshua's (Jesus) mother?
- ___ What did Ruth do to Boaz while he was sleeping?
- ___ Which female judge described herself as 'a mother in Israel'?
- ___ Who did Yeshua appear to first after His resurrection?

1. Deborah
2. Mary
3. Miriam
4. Sarai
5. Daughter-in-law
6. Esther
7. Bathsheba
8. Rebekah
9. Lydia
10. Mary Magdalene
11. Uncovered his feet and lay down next to him



Rotas for August

Stewards

Dorothy Woodward

Chris Harling

Communion

Margaret Baldwin

Cathy Vernalls

Rotas for September

Stewards

Enfys Hawthorn

Carol Jones

Communion

Phyllis Frayling

Diana Hibbert

If unable to steward or serve

Please ask ANOTHER to cover



We pray for

Bill and Jean Mutter

Vernon Holland

Dorothy Banfield and family

Tony Moore

Phyllis Colwell

Russell and Carole Boothe



Birthday Greetings and Blessings

to Bill Mutter

On his 90th birthday (July 26th)

We send our love and best wishes



Flowers



August	September
6	3 Jen Viggers
13 Cathy Vernalls	10 Bob Andrews
20 Jan Holdsworth	17
27	24 Mair and John Wade

Many thanks to all who donate flowers for worship

YOUNG WIVES PROGRAMME



Sept	4th	No Meeting
	11th	Business and Biscuits
	18th	Leprosy Mission
	25th	Mr Mike Sullivan-Photographer

GIFT DAY

Thank you for the gifts received on Gift Day.

To date £2615.31 has been received.

If there is any more to come the treasurer will always receive it gratefully.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way to the Flower Festival.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To

Phyllis Colwell

100 years old in September



CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

August		September	
5		2	
12	The Moverleys	9	
19		16	
26		23	
		30	



HARVEST

SEPTEMBER 17TH

Dried, tinned etc. produce donations for the
Caerphilly Food Bank

Any cash donations for Christian Aid

THANK YOU!



CHURCH WEEKEND

Trefeca

Friday September 29th to Sunday 1st October

**Please give your names to Diane or Rob as to whether
you are coming for the whole weekend or just for
Sunday**

Cost £105 for the weekend, all meals included

Transport can be arranged.

**Let us know if you intend coming just for the Sunday
so that we can book lunches please**

Fri 22nd September 1.30: Weekend planning meeting

THANK YOU!



The VAN-guard Centre

Charity Registration number 1109193

August -September 2017

Flower Festival July 2017

As a member of the VAN-guard Centre Art Group I was delighted when some members of the group were happy to have a window to 'decorate' – not with fresh flowers, but with paintings of flowers. The flowering Air Plants were provided by John Wade. Thank you to all who participated by contributing to the decoration of the window.

Tribute to Mr. Denis Woods

Denis was a prolific and talented writer of prose and poetry. He used the pen to express his thoughts and memories of the horrors he experienced in the Korean War. He also wrote about everyday things too. A few years ago, when he was well enough, he participated in some Remembrance Sunday services arranged by John. We were pleased that he submitted poetry to the Written Word Section of the VAN-guard Centre Art Exhibitions. When well enough he read his poetry, when he could no longer do it, his work was read by Cathy and John. We were pleased to have his participation in the Art Exhibitions and regret that his involvement has come to an end.

Forthcoming events

Thursday 3rd August A lunchtime concert at 1.00 p.m.

A Vocal Quartet of students and their accompanist, all students at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff, make their first visit to VAN-guard. We look forward to their performance and hope to have a good audience to welcome them. Their music will consist of a mixture of opera and classical pieces.

Tickets are £5 which will include light refreshments at the end of the performance.

Wednesday 16th August at 1.00 p.m.

Lunchtime concert with William Morris, tenor.

William is a tenor and has been tutored for a few years by David Fortey and Angharad Morgan. He performed at VAN-guard in the summer of 2016 as one of 'the Shooting Stars'. William has just finished his first year at Bath University. He has a lovely voice, and I am sure everyone will enjoy hearing him singing at VAN-guard once again.

Tickets are £5.00, which will include light refreshments at the end of the performance.

Saturday 16th September at 6.00 p.m. An evening recital with Neil Parker, tenor.

Neil has appeared a number of times with David Fortey and Angharad Morgan's students and was a great hit when he also sang with 'the Shooting Stars' last summer. Neil is a Head of Department of Music at Cwmbran Comprehensive School. He has a powerful tenor voice and is an exciting performer with a great stage presence. Also he belongs to a Jazz Group that performs most weekends. This will be an event to relish and will be a great start to our autumn programme of music.

Tickets are £5.00 and will include light refreshments at the end of the recital.



REMINDER

Autumn/ Christmas events

Wednesday 4th October an evening concert with **Aber Valley Male Voice Concert** in aid of Parkinsons' Disease. Tickets are £5.00. The time is yet to be confirmed.

14th-24th November **The 5th VAN-guard Centre Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibition.**

Please pass on the dates to friends who might be interested in submitting items for the exhibition. More details will be forthcoming in a few months' time.

Monday 18th December an evening performance 'Cantare at Christmas'. This has become a regular Christmas delight when David, Angharad and Ryan always provide a superb festive performance. Tickets £10.00.

As I write this report two July concerts will not have taken place. I will therefore write a report with news of those events, and the fundraising sums raised, and distribute it at a later date.

I also hope that we will be able to provide good audiences for the students that will be performing here in August.

The next VAN-guard Centre Management Committee will be held on Tuesday 22nd August at 10.30 .a.m.

Mair



Lectionary Readings



August

- 6th Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15;
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21
- 13th Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22;
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33
- 20th Genesis 45:1-15; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Psalm 133; Matthew 15:10-28
- 27th Exodus 1:8-2:10; Isaiah 51:1-6;
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

September

- 3rd Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28; Exodus 3:1-15
- 10th Exodus 12:1-14; Ezekiel 33:7-11;
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
- 17th Exodus 14:1-12; Psalm 103:1-13;
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35
- 24th Exodus 16:2-5; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45;
Jonah 3:10-4:11; Philippians 1:21-30;
Matthew 20:1-6

A Celtic Blessing

May the road
rise to meet you;
May the wind
be always at your back;
May the sun
shine warm upon your face,
The rain
fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you
in the hollow of His hand.

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Any items for the next edition should be submitted by the 19th of the month

to

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(or if not on e mail then items can be left in the box at the back of the sanctuary)



St. Patrick's Breastplate

I gird myself today with the might of heaven:

The rays of the sun

The beams of the moon

The glory of fire

The speed of wind

The depth of sea

The stability of earth

The hardness of rock.