

INFORM



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From our Minister ...

This month begins with Pentecost Sunday, as we continue to tell through the year, the story of God's love in Christ. Pentecost was a day when the followers of Jesus, who had already grown in number, were changed and filled with the power of God's Spirit. The descriptions of the early church are inspiring. Luke tells us how the barriers of human languages were broken down, and that they shared everything they owned with people in need, as they lived the new life of Christ in prayer and breaking of bread together. Pentecost is often described as the 'birthday' of the church.

In the church calendar, a week after Pentecost, we next observe Trinity Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the one God who has shown us and shared his love, as Father, Son and Spirit, and shares the gift of community with humankind. It is the only special Sunday which celebrates a doctrine rather than an event in the Biblical stories.

With an election looming we are very aware of the need to care for the delicate fabric of our communities, of our society, and the relationships between different nations. We are also aware of the role the church is called to share in the world, globally and locally.

As part of Christ's church we learn and pray and grow, as we worship together. There are people called to help lead worship, and new people also learn to fulfil that calling and are offered training. As a Pastorate, we have been asked to welcome two people who are training to become URC accredited lay preachers through the TLS course ('Training for Learning and Serving'). Their names are Richard and Sarah Edwards and they live in Cardiff. They will be with us from September 2017 to June 2018, and during this time they will preach, lead whole services of worship, and do

another 'alternative' worship project where the students are encouraged to be imaginative and experimental. They are encouraged to attend other acts of worship and activities of the church where this is appropriate and possible.

The relationship is two way: I hope that they will benefit from the placement in the Valleys Pastorate, and also that we will learn from their reflections on the lives of our three churches. We pray for them, for the many relationships in the church and in our wider community at this time.

SPI



Caerphilly Churches Pentecost Celebration

Family Fun afternoon

Sunday 4th June

3:00-4:00

Owain Glyndwr Fields, Crescent Road

All-age Service

4:00-4:30 in the marquee

It's the church's birthday!!



Together in Prayer

Perhaps you might invite those who lead the prayers of intercession week by week in your church to incorporate this prayer calendar into their prayers. A single document containing the prayer calendar for the whole of 2017 is available by [e-mail](#).

Week 23	4th June	Pray for Caersalem United Church, Ebbw Vale and Penuel United Reformed Church Pray for Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland
Week 24	11th June	Pray for St. David's Ecumenical Church, Cardiff and New Street Presbyterian Church of Wales/ United Reformed Church, Welshpool Pray for Angola and Mozambique
Week 25	18th June	Pray for St. Mellons Local Ecumenical Partnership, Cardiff and Sarnau United Reformed Church Pray for Brazil
Week 26	25th June	Pray for Pontprennau Local Ecumenical Partnership, Cardiff and Horeb United Reformed Church, Builth Wells Pray for Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay

Prayers for countries and regions of the world are based upon the World Council of Churches publication
["In God's Hands: The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle"](#)

From the Editor

The Amazing Constance Coltman (nee Todd)

Recently, Rob and I attended the William Hogkins Lecture at City Church which was given by Rev. Dr. Kirsty Thorpe. It was a talk celebrating 100 years of women in ministry.

Constance was brought up in the Presbyterian church but felt that God was calling her to full time ministry. The only position offered to women in the Church at that time, was to become a deaconess; this was not what Constance felt called to. She felt a deep commitment to serve poor or deprived communities.

It took a lot of persuading to have herself accepted to read Theology at Mansfield College, Oxford. She convinced the principal at the time, William Selbie, that her call was genuine. She could not be ordained in the Presbyterian Church but was ordained into the Congregational Church of England and Wales in September 1917. The day after she was ordained she got married to Claude and they became ministers in Kilburn, a poor London borough. She died in 1969.

She was a trail blazer! The times were difficult as the First World War was raging, she supported Women's Suffrage and at that time women, once married, were expected to give up work. Undeterred and along with her husband, she served her different communities for many years gaining love and respect and promoting and encouraging women in ministry.

Kirsty then brought us up to date with information on other women who had been inspirational over the century. We

have come a long way but there is still a long way to go before women and men are accepted as having equal and valid ministry. If you would like to see a short film made by Kirsty and Kevin Snyman reimagining her call, just enter 'Youtube Constance Coltman' in your Search Engine. It is well worth a view.

At Pentecost we focus again on the Holy Spirit and give thanks for those, like Constance, who acted on the Holy Spirit's influence to serve. May we ask the Holy Spirit to continue to motivate us to serve in whatever way we can.

Diane



GIFT DAY

Sunday 16th July

In the church meeting in November 2016 it was agreed to have a Gift Day some time during 2017. The date has now been set for Sunday 16th July to coincide with the worship during the Flower Festival weekend.

This will give church members the opportunity to respond to God's good gifts in the context of some beautiful flowers. It will also hopefully raise some funds to support the ongoing maintenance of the church building (and put a smile on the treasurer's face!)

Rob Moverley

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

Thurs 1st, 10.30am

Bible Study

Sun 4th, 3-4.30pm

Pentecost celebrations at the Owain Glyndwr Field. Crafts, games and races.

Mon 5th, 7pm

Air Ambulance talk at Windsor Road

Tues 6th, 7pm

Elders' Meeting

Wed 7th, 10.30am

Coffee with Enfys

Thurs 8th,

Building used for voting

Sat 10th, 10am

Worship group meeting

We 14th, 1pm

Lunchtime concert by Bass Matthew Clark

Thurs 15th, 10.30am

Bible Study

Sat 24th, 2.30pm

Strawberry Tea at Cathy and Phil's

Looking Ahead

Saturday 22 July 7.00p.m.

The David Hawthorn Memorial Gala Concert

'Cantare and Friends'

Fri 14th-Sun 16th July - Flower Festival

Pulpit Supply

June

4th, 10.30am Rev. Stephen Lewis
Pentecost (*communion*)
11th, 10.30am Mr John Bisset
Trinity Sunday
**18th, 2.30pm Service at Windsor
Road**
25th, 10.30am Rev. Judy Jarmen

Mid Week Communion

Wednesday 14th June
10.30am

Mr Rob Moverley



NOTICE RE: INFORM

**Please note that, unlike previous years,
there will be a July edition of Inform.**

**As Rob and I are away during August and
September there will be one edition of
Inform covering August and September.**

Thank you!

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION

**Many thanks to all who supported Christian Aid this
year particularly those who were able and braved
shops and streets to collect.**

**So far over £1150 has been counted with more to
come in shortly.**



CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

June

3rd	Diana and Sally
10th	Jen, Caroline and Dave
17th	Enfys and Dorothy
24th	

Thank you to all volunteers

We hold in our prayers -

Bill and Jean Mutter

Denis Woods and family

Dorothy Banfield and family

Tony Moore Phyllis Colwell

Russell and Carole Boothe

Vernon Watkins

Veronica Moverley

All families and friends affected by the terrorist bombing in Manchester



The VAN-guard Centre

Charity Registration number 1109193

June 2017

The Portrait Class.

The class has now ended for the summer break, but Jenny John will be returning for a new academic year in September. The class will resume in its usual Wednesday slot, on 20th September, at 1.00 p.m. Other groups continue to meet as usual.

Recent event:

Young Stars Perform 30th April was another splendid afternoon with young students singing for their families and friends. The audience was as large as ever. It was wonderful to see and hear the talent that many young people possess and all credit is given to their parents and tutors who encourage and teach them.

NEW

Lunchtime concert: Wednesday 14th June at 1.00 p.m.
Tickets £5.

There is a welcome return visit by Matthew Clark, who is a Bass, Lay Clerk, at Gloucester Cathedral. Matthew loves performing here and many of us have enjoyed his previous performances. We look forward to this recital.

We are also in discussion with Conal Bembridge-Sayers, an excellent pianist and organist who is hoping to arrange a lunch time and an evening recital with colleagues. As I write other ideas for summer concerts are also possible.

Also booked into VAN-guard

Tuesday-Thursday 18th-20th July-3 days of workshops for young opera singers under the tuition of Audrey Hyland from the Royal Opera House. London, with accompanist Nicola Rose from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Private booking.

REMINDER

Saturday 22 July 7.00p.m.

The David Hawthorn Memorial Gala Concert 'Cantare and friends'

David Fortey, tenor, Cantare Vocal Duo; Craig Yates, baritone; Huw Euron, bass, are all members of 'Only Men Aloud.' They will be joined by Angharad Morgan, soprano, WNO Chorus and Cantare Vocal Duo and Caroline Carragher, mezzo soprano, Opera Holland Park. They will be accompanied by the brilliant Ryan Wood on piano. This concert is in aid of MNDA and is a ticket only concert. If you wish to reserve tickets please let me know a.s.a.p. Tickets are £15 each.

ALSO-

If you can take a poster for the Gala Concert to put up at home or somewhere prominent please ask for one. Thank you!

N.B. a few weeks prior to the concert I shall give out the tickets reserved for the Gala Concert by church members. I would be grateful if you could pay me at that time, because it is going to be very busy at the door on the night, with many visitors coming to the concert needing to collect their tickets and pay.

Autumn/ Christmas Events

Wednesday 4th October Aber Valley Male Voice Concert in aid of Parkinson's Disease. This is an evening concert. More details to follow.

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 'Cantare at Christmas'. An evening concert with David, Angharad and Ryan, a favourite, annual seasonal event, not to be missed. It is always a great Christmas treat.

The VAN-guard Centre AGM will be held on Tuesday 30th May at 2.00 p.m.



YOUNG WIVES

June

(7.30pm)



- 5th Origami - Mrs Jen Viggers
(Leprosy Mission money in please)
- 12th Songs of the 60's -Mrs Gael Humphreys
- 19th Quiz -Mrs Linda Thomas
- 26th Summer meal

Lectionary Readings



June

- 4th Acts 2:1-22; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23
- 11th Genesis 1:1-2a:4a; Psalm 8;
2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20
- 18th Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;
Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)
- 25th Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 32-35;
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

URC Daily Devotions

Every morning a reading, reflection, and prayer is sent out by email from the URC. They are written by a team of around 100 people from different places and perspectives and provide inspiration in our inboxes! The devotions are designed to help enrich our discipleship and, whilst designed for personal use, have been found helpful for Bible Study groups, service preparation and devotions at the start of meetings. You can read them all by going to <http://devotions.urc.org.uk> where you can also sign up to receive them yourself using the link on the bottom left of the screen.



ROTAS

June

Stewards

Carol Jones

Phyllis Frayling

Communion

Rob Moverley

Diane Moverley

July

Stewards

Diana Hibbert

Cathy Vernalls

Communion

Lynda Jones

Margaret Craig

**If unable to steward or serve
Please ask ANOTHER to cover**

FLOWERS FOR MAY

4th	Pentecost
11th	Mair Wade
18th	Service at Windsor Road
25th	Bill and Jean Mutter

Thank you to all who donate flowers for worship

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

Strawberry Tea

On Saturday 24 June 2017

At Cathy & Phil's

5 Cae Nant Gledyr

From 2:30

£3:00 per head

Raffles are welcome!

CHURCH ELDERS

Mrs Margaret Baldwin	02920 867027
Mrs Diana Hibbert	02920 831653
Mr Lewis Lewis-Head	02920 889958
Mrs Enfys Hawthorn	02920866840
Ms Lynda Jones	02920 884022
Mrs Diane Moverley	02920 866336
Mr Robert Moverley	02920 866336
Mrs Cathy Vernalls	02920 887112
Mrs Phyllis Frayling	02920862285

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)

