

INFORM



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From our Interim Moderator

My Job Description.

I have been appointed Interim Moderator of the pastorate. This means that I am to negotiate between the pastorate, the Synod Moderator and any prospective ministers who may show an interest in the Valleys Pastorate. That is what an interim moderator is obligated to do.

If the interim moderator chooses, s/he may do more, such as hospital visits or any matters that may need the presence of a minister. With your help I choose to do a bit more than just the basic role.

But I need your help to know who is in need. I don't mean that Mr X twisted his ankle or Mrs Y sneezed. You can contact me through your church elder or church secretary. I am retired and am not an interim minister, but in cases of need, please let me know.

I am confident that we will continue to do what we have started with SPI, or Stephen, and in God's hands we will progress.

Best and kindest
Malcolm.



Editor's Comment: It is with great joy and gratitude that Malcolm has again agreed to share his love and experience with us.

Many thanks, Malcolm, you're a star!

An Elder writes ...

If there is one reason not to become an Elder - this is it! ' An Elder writes ' or in this case ' An Elder can't '.

Over the years I have tried to avoid this onerous task. There must be a site somewhere that can help me but it wouldn't be me, you'd think that Daily Devotions and Mair's excellent Bible Study would help, but for the last two months I have struggled to find a theme. Diane's informative Editorials don't help my confidence either!

October sits between the end of our lovely summer and before the excitement of Christmas but it does have one thing going for it, especially around half term, the trees' spectacular change to a riot of wonderful colours worthy of the best of firework displays - hence my theme CHANGES.

One way or another our lives will change in the next few months. We worry about predictions relating to Brexit, will there be food and medicine shortages? The country is divided and it seems impossible to find a way out and it is easy to see how these worries have taken over some people's lives.

We are also facing changes within our church, SPI has moved on and we wish him well. We must start the process of hopefully finding a new Minister.

Our membership has declined over the last few years ,dear friends have passed away and there has been more sorrow than joy in the last few months.

While writing this article old memories came flooding back, the car rally that had us following clues all around Caerphilly stopping suddenly and not always responsibly in

search of a clue. Tenby trips with David driving Diane and me in the car with Rob in charge of the children on the bus, fancy dress parties and of course lots of children to make it fun. Sadly, at the moment, these days are behind us, but a saying that has helped over the last few years can be easily adapted to our church today,....

' We must be willing to let go of the life we planned so as to have the life that is waiting for us.'

Yes, we may never return to past days, society has changed and we must change as well. We must welcome children that visit but no longer despair that we do not have a Junior Church. We must cherish the good things and look at ways we can be a small but active presence in the life of Caerphilly, strengthening our church family as we go.

As I write this today's prayer in Daily Devotions says that we mustn't lament the small congregations and lack of children, but keep the door open and remember it is God who lights the flame of faith in our hearts and keeps the flicker going, and our role is obedience and trust.

ENFYS



From the editor

YOUR HARVEST GIFTS

Many thanks for all the donations to the Caerphilly Foodbank over the years. Currently it is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 1pm. The hours have been extended as the need has increased.

There is the opportunity to donate every Sunday in the crate at the back of the church, however, if past Harvest services are to go by, there will be a very generous amount of food on 20th October.

There is a need for a wide variety of food and we particularly run short of such items as tinned fruit, rice pudding, juices / squashes and UHT milk.

What we don't need at the moment is tinned beans or pasta or tea—there are plenty of these on the shelves as people have been very generous.

Although the groceries supplied to clients are basic, when possible, we also add 'extras' that have been donated, such as boxed cakes, sweets, chocolate, toiletries and toilet rolls.

Recently, Glanmor's has been supplying bread not sold the previous day, which is very helpful.

Monetary donations are also welcome to purchase groceries that are running low.

Thank you for your continued support. Diane

YOUNG WIVES

From 7.30pm



October

7th Mr Keith Jones
Wales First Tycoon

14th Mr Roger Foster -The Lusitania

21st Pictionary / Articulate

28th HALF TERM

NOTICE

Please order your URC Handbook and /
or Diary by 6th October.

Orders can be placed with Margaret Craig
or Rob Moverley

Worship

October

6th 10.30a.m. TBA

13th, 10.30a.m. Mr Lewis Lewis-Head
Communion

20th, 10.30a.m. Richard and Sarah Edwards
Harvest
Followed by lunch

27th, 10.30a.m. TBA

Mid-week Communion

Wed 16th October

10.30a.m.

Mr Rob Moverley

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS

The coffee mornings have been running for 11 years
and have provided great fellowship and £4480. Many
thanks, Enfys, your hospitality is greatly appreciated.

From October, however, please note that due to the
unknown quantities needed, there will no longer be
cakes but biscuits instead.

Diary Dates

October

- Wed 2nd, 10.30am Coffee with Enfys
- Thurs 3rd, 10.30am Fellowship and Bible Study
- Tues 8th, 6pm Elders' Meeting
- Thurs 17th, 10.30am Fellowship and Bible Study
- Sat 19th, 10.00am –12 Autumn Fair
- Sun 20th, after service Lunch
- Sat 26th, 7.30pm Concert of Musical Theatre
and Opera

AUTUMN FAYRE

Come along and support our Autumn Fair in aid of church funds. Enjoy –
Refreshments Cakes and Produce
Cards Raffles etc



Rotas for October

Stewards
TBA
TBA
Communion
Enfys Hawthorn
Cathy Vernalls

Rotas for November

Stewards
Steve Ackerman
Hilary Ackerman
Communion
Margaret Craig
Lynda Jones

If unable to steward or serve

Please ask ANOTHER to cover

FLOWERS

October
6th Carol Jones
13th Chris Harling
20th Carolyn Jenkins
27th Margaret Baldwin

Many thanks to all who donate flowers for worship



Love and Care

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HEART-RENDING HEARTBROKEN TENDERNESS

EMPATHY GOODWILL HEARTFELT KINDNESS

AFFECTION SYMPATHY PASSION EMOTIONS

LOVE CARE SPIRIT COMPASSION FAITH

JOY

We hold in our prayers -

Jean Mutter Frank Frayling Roy Collins

Rev Malcolm Shapland

Lynda and Alison Jones and family

Jane, Carolyn and families Vernon Holland

Sally and Michael Ball

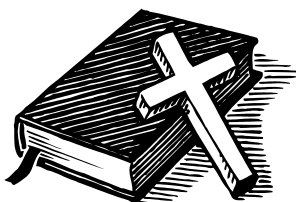
Judy and Rod Jarman



Lectionary Readings

October

- 6th Psalm 37:1-9 and Lamentations 3:19-26;
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:1-14;
Luke 17:5-10
- 13th Jeremiah 29:4-7; Psalm 66:1-12,
Psalm 111; Luke 17:11-19; 2 Timothy 2:8-15
- 20th Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 121;
Psalm 119:97-104; Luke 18:1-8;
Timothy 4:14-4:5
- 27th Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65;
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84:1-7;
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14



**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS AND LOVE TO
VERNON ON HIS 90th BIRTHDAY!**



The VAN-guard Centre

Charity Registration number 1109193

October 2019 Report

Friday 30th August lunchtime concert – ‘Songs of Love and Fantasy’ with Sopranos Sofia Kirwan-Baez and Elizabeth Barrow, accompanist Alex Norton- Postgraduate students from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

This was a fantastic concert by three very talented performers from America, Australia and the U.K. Our overseas visitors continue to thrill us with their musical excellence. However, the date was obviously not convenient for many of our usual supporters; therefore they sadly performed to a small but appreciative audience.

Wednesday 25th September at 4.00 p.m. Tickets £7.00
‘Concert and Cake’

A Piano Recital by Dan Phelps, a talented local composer who will be launching his new album. This concert will be followed by afternoon a tea. I shall report on this concert in November’s edition of Inform.

The VAN-guard Concert Series up to Christmas 2019.

Saturday 26th October at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £10.

Night at the Theatre: Musical Theatre and Opera Classics. With Helden tenor, Lee David Bowen; tenor, Richard Lee Thomas; soprano, Angharad Watkeys; accompanist Nicola Rose. This should be excellent event as was their performance in the autumn of 2018. They enjoyed being here so much they requested to come back. As busy opera singers it takes time to find a slot in the diary when all are available. **Don’t miss this opportunity to hear some great singing.**

Sunday 8th December at 2.00 p.m. tickets £10.00

'Cantare at Christmas'

The annual Christmas extravaganza with David Fortey, tenor, OMA; Angharad Morgan soprano, Welsh National Opera Chorus. Accompanist Ryan Wood. It wouldn't be Christmas at VAN-guard without them.

Friday 20th December at 1.00 p.m.

The First Christmas Concert of 'Caerphilly Winds and Strings'. This group is growing rapidly in number and we are delighted that their home is here at VAN-guard where they practice every month. All members are experienced musicians led by Mr. Nigel Jones. It is also planned to have some vocal contribution during this performance.



ALSO

Friday 13th December Caerphilly Community Christmas Concert - 7.00 p.m.

The ARTS, CRAFTS ANDS LITERARY EXHIBITION 12TH – 22ND NOVEMBER

A reminder that the exhibition is not too far away. Details will be as in previous years and will be available soon. Time to think about participating and also to pass on news to others who may be interested.



Mair

Together In Prayer

Please pray for ...

October

6th **Edwardsville URC, Treharris, The Plough URC/
Union of Welsh Independents in Brecon**

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

13th **Bethesda'r Fro URC, St Athan and Sardis
Road URC, Llangynidr**

**Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,
Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan,
Uzbekistan**

20th **Senghenydd and Abertridwr URC, Ebenezer
URC, Upper Chapel**

Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan

27th **Bethesda URC, Tongwynlais, Hanover URC,
Llanover**

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka



I Will

I will go quietly where noise pressures me
slowly walk through the haste and confusion;
find gold of silence where voices riot,
speak my thoughts plainly but with grace in truth.

I will escape from bitter comparison
without surrendering a sense of worth;
enjoy achievement as much as planning;
always be aware of my better self.

I will not be cynical for hurt pride
poisons my love at its deepest source,
and cheats the soul of its wise heroism;
loses love, finds fickle affectation.

I will give up with humour youth's daring,
entering the strange country of old age
with courage of meekness to possess it
and wealth of experience to enjoy it..

I will not be distressed with vain longings
nor dim soul's sight with sad imaginings;
my eyes shall see the far city of friends
until I walk peacefully through its gate.

Rev. Dr. William Hodgkins



Thank You For This Bounty, God

Thank you for this bounty, God
that you give to me

for grain that grows within the field
and fruit upon the tree

Thank you for the little seeds
that in the spring are sown
and with your gifts of sun and rain
have through the summer grown

Thank you for the farmers, Lord
and bless them for their toil
as now they gather in the fall
this bounty from your soil

Robin. L. Glass

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

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



***In those days when you pray, I will
listen. If you look for me in earnest,
you will find me when you seek me.***

Jeremiah 29:12-13