

INFORM



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An Elder writes

Angels

What do we think about angels today?

Hebrews 12 v21-22 tells us that there are thousands and thousands of angels and just as they helped God's people in Biblical times, I believe they still help his people today.

We might not always be aware of their presence, often they are our companions. Without us knowing it; God's mighty angels are always nearby, ready to help.

Hundreds of stories document extraordinary divine interventions. The Reverend John G. Paton, a missionary told us about the night hostile natives intended to burn down the mission house with him and his wife inside. They both prayed all night for protection and in the morning the danger had passed. A year later the Reverend Paton met the chief of the natives and asked him what had stopped him burning down the mission house.. The chief answered by asking who were the big men in shining garments with swords surrounding the house. Only then did Rev Paton realise that God had sent his angels to protect him.

Corrie Ten Boom also wrote of her and her sister's experience in Ravensbruck Nazi concentration camp. She prayed for angels to cover them so that they were unseen and so the guards let them pass without checking them.

Phyllis

As we go about day to day, let's all try to be angels for those we meet.

From the editor ...

'Jews and Muslims' We're on the same page.'

This was the heading of an advertisement in the 'i' newspaper last month. It was a response to the hostilities currently ongoing in the Middle East. The 2 charitable organisations, 'Muslims Against Anti-Semitism' and the 'Jewish Leadership Council', put out a joint statement which included

'At a time when emotions are running high over the desperate situation in the Middle East, Anti-semitism and anti-Muslim hatred are spiking alarmingly across the world, and across either side of the political divide. We accept that there's much to disagree about, whichever side of the argument we sit. But let us disagree without hatred. Let us negotiate in good faith in search of a just solution.'

I was moved when I read this. News headlines and reports continually emphasise hatred and aggression and it can be easy then to polarise opinions and forget that people of true faith continually strive for solutions and display great care and understanding.

Jesus is known by numerous titles and one of those is, 'Prince of Peace.'

The newspaper item concluded ...

'There are two words, one Arabic, one Hebrew, that share the same root. They both mean peace... Salaam and Shalom.' **AMEN to that.** **Diane**

Worship

Strict precautionary measures will be adhered to.
Please inform Margaret Craig if you intend to attend.

July

4th 10.30am Rev Malcolm Shapland

11th No service

18th 10.30am Mr Dave Clarke

25th No service

August

1st 10.30am Rev Malcolm Shapland

8th No service

15th 10.30 Ms Lynda Jones

22nd No service

29th Bank Holiday

The elders will meet in early August to make a decision
on future service arrangements following the most up to
date guidelines.



**Remember, alternative church worship can
be found at -
dailydevotions@urc.org.uk**

Together In Prayer

July

Please pray for ...

4th Bethel URC, Pontllanfraith, Aberedw URC,
Builth Wells

Columbia, Ecuador, Venezuela

11th Sardis Community Chapel, Ynysddu,
Bryn Zion URC, Builth Wells

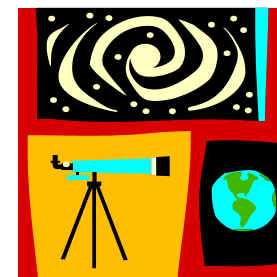
Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama

18th Cwmbran URC, Salem URC, Maesmynis

Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico

25th Ebenezer URC, Pontnewydd,
Bridgend United Church

Caribbean



Together In Prayer

August

Please pray for ...

- 1st** **Central Church, Maesteg**
USA and Canada
- 8th** **Barry Uniting Church, Christchurch,**
Ogmore Vale
Aotearoa / New Zealand and Australia
- 15th** **City URC, Cardiff, Trinity URC/Methodist,**
Porthcawl
Oceania
- 22nd** **Abergavenny URC,**
Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia
- 29th** **Brthal, Cardiff and Talgarth Uniting Free**
Church
Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia



Lectionary Readings



July

- 4th** **2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-19; Psalm 48;**
2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
- 11th** **2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24;**
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
- 18th** **2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37;**
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
- 25th** **2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14;**
Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

August

- 1st** **2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12;**
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
- 8th** **2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130;**
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51
- 15th** **1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111;**
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
- 22nd** **1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84;**
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69
- 29th** **Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9;**
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:14-15, 21-23



HOLIDAYS

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BEACH	BUCKET	HOTEL	SEASIDE	CRUISE
CARAVAN	TOUR	SEA	SUNCREAM	SPADE
TENT	CAMPING	MOUNTAINS	VIEWES	
SWIMMING	WALKING	CYCLING	SAND	
LAKES	COAST	SUNBED	FLYING	

Van-guard Centre Report

July 2021

Sir Simon Boyle

It was with great sadness that we recently learned via the VAN-guard e mail list that Sir Simon Boyle had died. He had passed away on 4th September 2020 aged 79 years.

He was the Lord Lieutenant of Gwent when we first met him. In that capacity he visited the Church and the VAN-guard Centre to attend activities and events.

He and his wife attended the Rededication Service of the Church after the restoration of the worship area. He also participated with the un-veiling of the memorial plaque to the Rev. Edward Bush on the centenary of the first minister's death. On that occasion he was joined by Mrs. Linda Williams, the granddaughter of Rev. Edward Bush, and Mr. Paul Dennis, who designed and made the plaque which he gifted to the church. We have many photographs of both occasions.

Sir Simon also attended a good number of VAN-guard concerts as well as performances by Cwmpas Theatre, of which he was a Patron.

It was through him that John and I received the invitations to attend the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Service in Ebbw Vale and his farewell service as Lord Lieutenant of Gwent at St. Woolos Cathedral in Newport.

He was also the President of the Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations (GAVO) of which both the Church and VAN-guard are members. We would therefore meet him at their Annual General Meetings and other events. We were always grateful for his interest and encouragement in

what we were doing both as a church and centre. We have written to Lady Boyle expressing the belated sympathy and condolences of both church and centre to her and the family.

Mair.

The VAN-guard Centre

We continue to receive inquiries from some of the VAN-guard groups and performers about the possibility of resuming community activities and events in the autumn. We hope to be able to give them some positive news in the not too distant future.

Mair



Don't let
worry get
you down!
Remember,
Moses
started
out as a
**BASKET
CASE!**

Thank you to Emma.

Emma has been a great support on the eldership of the church and her contribution will be really missed. The past year has been challenging for her and she feels she would benefit from a break in eldership responsibilities.

We wish her well and send our thanks, love and best wishes.



We hold in our prayers -

Jean Mutter Frank Frayling Roy Collins

Rev Malcolm Shapland Diana Hibbert

Vernon Holland Barbara Lloyd

Carol Booth Margaret Baldwin

Dorothy Woodward Judy and Rod Jarman

Carol Jones and family on the death of her sister

**All affected in any way by Coronavirus in the UK, Europe
and in developing nations.**

All those working in the NHS and in Social Care.

Those who have died and their loved ones.

**Shop workers, delivery people, post people, milk people,
transport workers,**

Teachers and children

**Those who have lost their employment and those fearful
for their jobs.**

**Neighbourhood volunteers, scientists, researchers and
makers of testing kits and PPE and vaccines.**

Those countries facing conflict .

Those organising and administering the vaccines.



YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

**We have been so grateful to Margaret C for all the
work she has undertaken with regard to these
challenging times looking after the church building,
writing risk assessments etc.**

However, she should not be, 'a one woman band!'

**Please get in touch with her and offer help if you can
whether cleaning or welcoming people at the church
door.**

Many Thanks!



FAIR DO's—Canton

Now open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

APPEAL - £10,450 needed

**Thank you to those who have responded with gifts to
support this appeal to fund the repairs in the tower which
has already realised nearly £1000. We have also had an
offer of a concert from Megan (Phyllis' granddaughter)
when restrictions permit.**

**We continue to explore a way forward with our insurers to
try to reduce this liability.**

**Please hold in your prayers the challenge this presents
the church and consider how you / we can respond.**

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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)



He fills my life with good things.

Psalm 103:5