

# INFORM



**URC**  
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**CAERPHILLY**  
**OCTOBER 2021**

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**An Elder writes .....**

Hopefully, when you read this, I will be on holiday in Devon. When the holiday was booked I was taking a chance that it could potentially be cancelled because the numbers with Covid had again risen.

While writing this in September ready for the October edition, the sun is streaming through the window, everything in the garden seems to be blooming. However, as I look further down the garden at the trees, I see that they are starting to change into autumn colours and a scattering of leaves cover the ground.

We regularly hear talk of global warming and how it affects the seasons, but in God's world, it is just like when I was a child (a while ago now,) we had hot summers ending in thunderstorms, cold winters with snow and ice and a dreary November with fog and mist.

I like to see the seasons changing. It is harvest time at the moment and before you know it, it will be Advent and then another new year. But let's get back to the here and now. We are dealing with Covid and trying to get back to some sort of normality. It is lovely to be able to worship with one another and it will be nice to see all the groups back within the church building.

It has been a long time since the start of Covid and so many things have happened during this time, but our love and faith in God and for one another has brought us through it; we must look forward with faith and hope to a brightened future for all those living in countries with famine and war. We must keep them in our prayers.

A thought for today—

When the night is dark  
Reach out for a star,  
When the world disappoints you  
Reach out for love,  
And always, always reach out with hope.

Margaret B.



**NEWS**

**Barbara Lloyd is now in Dyffryn Frwyd and would welcome visitors**

**From the editor ...**

**Do you have a favourite harvest hymn? When I think of those I've sung over the years they can seem dated and not of our time, for example. 'Come ye thankful people, come' and 'We plough the fields and scatter.'**

**If they were here today, would the 19th century hymn writers be able to compose a new romanticised view of harvest? Farming practices have changed enormously over the years but we still rely on our farmers and food producers at home and overseas. Like many people, I didn't know until recently that carbon dioxide was so essential to our food industry. I thought that it was only trees and green plants that thrived on carbon dioxide, playing an essential role in reducing this greenhouse gas.**

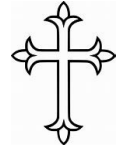
**Modern developments have given rise to greater yields and more convenience foods but scientists look at what we have been doing to our world in the name of 'progress' and the possible consequences for our children and future generations is alarming. We know that extreme weather conditions have caused drought or flooding, damaging the harvests and causing starvation and hardship.**

**Charities like Christian Aid are responding to the needs overseas but it is a never ending battle.**

**We can't sit back, we must all do whatever we can, to show our care for God's creation and show care to all in need.**

**Diane**

## **Worship**



**Precautionary measures will be adhered to as necessary.**

**Please inform Margaret Craig if you intend to attend.**

**October**

**3rd, 10.30 am**

**Rev. Malcolm Shapland  
(Communion)**

**10th, 10.30am**

**Mrs Sarah Edwards JP**

**17th, 10.30am**

**Rev. David Salsbury**

**24th, 10.30am**

**Mrs Sally Ball**

**31st, 10.30am**

**Mr Lewis Lewis-Head (HARVEST)**

**Mid-month Communion**

**October 13th, 10.30am  
Rev. Malcolm Shapland**



**Also, remember, alternative church worship  
can be found at -  
[dailydevotions@urc.org.uk](mailto:dailydevotions@urc.org.uk)**

## Together In Prayer



October

Please pray for:

3rd Edwardsville URC, Treharris, The Plough URC/  
Union of Welsh Independents, Brecon

Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan,  
Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

10th Bethesda'r Fro URC, St Athan,  
Sardis URC, Llangynidr

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

17th Senghenydd and Abertridwr URC,  
Ebenezer URC, Upper Chapel

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

24th Bethesda URC, Tongwynlais,  
Hanover URC, Llanover

Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius,  
Seychelles

31st Elfed Avenue URC, Penarth,  
Staff in the Synod office

Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda



## Lectionary Readings



October

3rd Job 1:1. 2:1-10; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12;  
Mark 10:2-16

10th Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-33

17th Job 38:1-7, (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c;  
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

24th Job 42:1-6; Psalm 34:1-8; Mark 10:46-52

31st Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Mark 12:28-34



## Prayer Handbooks and Diaries

Please let Rob know if you would like to order  
any. Not sure of the price as yet.

## Needed for Inform -

Articles, Prayers, Reflections etc.

All contributions gratefully received.

## VEGETABLES

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

BARLEY	RUNNER BEANS	BEETROOT	LETTUCE
CUCUMBER	COURGETTE	LEEK	ONION KALE
CAULLI	BROCCOLI	MUSHROOM	POTATO PEAS
CABBAGE	SPROUTS	CARROTS	PEPPER
SUEDE	RADISH	CORN	

## Harvest Hymn

Now sing we a song for the harvest;  
 Thanksgiving and honour and praise  
 For all that the bountiful giver  
 Hath given to gladden our days.

For grasses of upland and lowland,  
 For fruits of the garden and field,  
 For gold which the mine and the furrow  
 To delver and husbandman yield;

And thanks for the harvest of beauty,  
 For that which the hands cannot hold,  
 The harvest eyes only can gather,  
 And only our hearts can enfold.

We reap it on mountain and moorland;  
 We glean it from meadow and lea;  
 We garner it in from the cloudland;  
 We bind it in sheaves from the sea.

But the song it goes deeper and higher;  
 There are harvests that eye cannot see;  
 They ripen on mountains of duty,  
 Are reaped by the brave and the free.

O Thou who art Lord of the harvest,  
 The Giver who gladdens our days,  
 Our hearts are for ever repeating  
 Thanksgiving and honour and praise.

*John White Chaddwick (1840-1904)*

**HARVEST SERVICE 31st OCTOBER**

Please bring 1 food item to church to support the Brownies in their collection for St Thomas' food bank.

Monetary donations for Christian Aid please either on line or via Rob.

**THANK YOU!**

**Thankyou!**

Mary and Allan send heartfelt thanks for the messages and support they have received from folk at Van Rd with regard to Jean.

These are much appreciated.



**ONE WORLD WEEK**

**17th-24th October (United Nations Day)  
'Working together for a just, peaceful and sustainable world.'**

**AIM:**

**'To share understanding about some of the global issues that affect us all and to recognise that we can make a difference.'**

**THEME:**

**'Act now for our Children's World.'**



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17 – 24 October 2021  
www.oneworldweek.org  
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**We hold in our prayers -**

**The family of Jean Mutter      Frank Frayling  
Roy Collins**



**Rev Malcolm Shapland                  Diana Hibbert**

**Vernon Holland      Barbara Lloyd      Carol Jones**

**Carol Booth                  Margaret Baldwin**

**Dorothy Woodward      Judy and Rod Jarman**



**Chris Harling**

**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.                  The people of Haiti.**

**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  
organising and administering the vaccines.**

**Those countries facing conflict particularly in Afghanistan  
and all those desperate for their safety and future.**

**Those people helping to welcome and settle refugees.**

**Christmas Cards**

If anyone would like to order Christmas cards I am happy to make them and deliver them to you. I will sell them at 75p each or five for £3:00 which is pay for 4 and get 5.

I have the following designs available so you can decide what you would like.

- A Child is Born. Religious Images.
- Christmas Spirit. Religious Images
- A Victorian Christmas. Traditional Images
- A Magical Christmas. Snowy Images.
- Little Book of Christmas. Mixture of Cute and Traditional Images.
- Winter Wishes. Snowy and Cute Images.
- Snow Adorable. Cute Winter Images.

The money raised will be split equally between Van Road URC and VAN guard.

Thank you! Cathy.

**CONTINUED APPEAL - £10,450 needed**

**Many thanks to those who have responded with gifts. We are still a long way from the target.**

**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

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)



**Lord of the harvest,  
Lord of the field,  
Give thanks now to God  
In nature revealed.**