

INFORM



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An Elder writes ...

Earlier this month I gave a talk to Young Wives about my life on the farm I lived on for the first nine years of my life. A childhood free from all health and safety regulations.

It set me thinking about our move to Caerphilly when the children were young and we began looking for a church with a vibrant Sunday school. We went to Van Road, didn't look any further and vibrant it was !!

Who can remember the annual trip to Tenby? Rob on the bus looking after the children, David following in the car with Diane and me as we didn't travel well on a bus. Peter Noble's shorts always a point of conversation. Halloween parties? What were we thinking of! Christmas Nativity , Christmas parties, Spring Fairs etc. We are the proud owners of the Van Road Car Rally 1987 trophy - the last one ever held and much prized by Daniel.

Moving forward, a year before the Pandemic we lost many of our members and suddenly our congregation became much smaller. The effect of the pandemic on our churches was hard to accept and to be locked out was difficult even if we knew it was for our own good.

During the first lockdown I would walk down the lane opposite the Watford Chapel on a Sunday morning. There is a place where there is a beautiful view of a field where nothing has changed. No sign of the roads, pylons, buildings. That spot became my church on a Sunday morning beside an ancient tree at the top of the rise. Somewhere I could pray,

be still and reflect that whatever was happening around, life was going to go on. Walking back to the main road branches of the trees form a tunnel , light at the end of the tunnel.

Thankfully things are now changing for the better, we can meet again, restrictions are easing but things have changed and now we must learn to adapt. Churches are closing, ministers are few and far between and a working knowledge of technology is getting to be essential,

A quote I read recently and can't quite remember accurately said...

...“I was born to this religion but it is faith that is moving me forward.“

I think that this is what we can do as a church - go forward with confidence, harness the hidden talents of our congregation, adapt to the changes and let faith be our cornerstone.

Enfys



Flower Festival - June 17th-19th

From the Editor

If you have had Covid, I sympathise!

Until recently Rob and I have managed to escape / avoid the virus but it hit us with a vengeance after returning from holiday. We can't be certain but we think it was contracted at the airport queues or on the airport buses to the terminal.

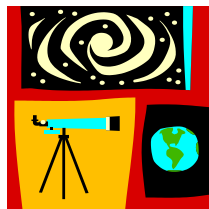
Our symptoms were that of a heavy cold. Luckily we have good neighbours and family to do shopping for us.

It took us right back to the Lockdown era except now we were rather poorly and feeling sorry for ourselves. The one benefit, however, was as we gradually felt better, we tackled jobs in the house and garden which had been being put off and Rob did some catching up on treasurer's work as well.

It doesn't take long, however, for the novelty of catching up on tasks begins to wear off. The enforced confinement started to make me feel grumpy. (As I write this I have still not had a negative test and this is day 6.)

On page 14 we see a list of the fruits of the spirit. They can be hard to live up to but 'patience' is the one that haunts me most at the moment and I have to keep reminding myself that, even if I am not displaying the other fruits, then I am very fortunate to have those nearby that are; I am so very grateful for that.

Diane



Young Wives

The meetings for June are as follows:-

Young Wives Programme

- 6th Mrs Carol Jones - Musical Quiz
- 13th Summer meal
- 20th Beetle Drive
- 27th Mrs Sally Ball - China
- Carolyn



CAERPHILLY FOOD BANK

Box for donations of food, toiletries etc. at back of the church.

Pasta and beans are not needed at the moment, thank you!



Carrier bags are needed urgently please.

Worship



June

5th, 10.30 am Pentecost
Spring bank Holiday
Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Lynda Jones
-followed by Jubilee lunch

12th, 10.30am Mr Clive Maslyn

19th, 10.30am Fathers' Day, Flower Festival
Rev Robin Wood

26th, 10.30am Mr Dave Clarke



Mid-month Communion

8th June, 10.30am
Rev. Malcolm Shapland

BIG DAY OUT!

Saturday 25th June

At the Royal Welsh Showground

**This is the main event for the URC's
Golden Jubilee**

Lectionary Readings



June

5th Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34;
Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17

12th Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8;
Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

19th 1 Kinga 19:1-15a; Psalm 42-43;
Galatians 3:23-2; Luke 8:26-39

26th 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20;
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62



JUBILEE LUNCH

SUNDAY 5th JUNE

After service (Donations to Charity)

All Welcome!

**From Pentecost
by William Blake (1757-1827)**

Unless the eye catch fire,
The God will not be seen.

Unless the ear catch fire
The God will not be heard.

Unless the tongue catch fire
The God will not be named.

Unless the heart catch fire,
The God will not be loved.

Unless the mind catch fire,
The God will not be known.



**We pray for peace and stability in
Ukraine and for those fleeing
from war and those trying to
help them.**



The VAN-guard Centre

Charity Registration number 1109193

20th Anniversary Year

It was in October 2002 that the Constitution of the VAN-guard Centre was adopted. In June of the previous year the Inaugural Meeting of the Centre had taken place and the first committee formed in September 2021. It was after the constitution of the centre was adopted that it became an established community facility for Caerphilly after months of preparatory work had taken place. We always remain grateful to Mr. Mike Bridgman, the then Deputy Director of the Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations, who guided us through the legal structure of the Constitution. Mike became a particularly good friend and great support to us in the early days. We will celebrate this anniversary with the resumption of concerts beginning in July.

Group reports:

In May 'Only Boys Aloud' recorded their new album made possible through the generosity of the public.

At their May meeting U3A had a wonderful talk on Dr. William Price by Dr. Dean Powell. He gave such a spell-binding talk, you could have heard a pin drop in the room. All the books he brought along were all sold. Hopefully, he will come to give another talk later in the year. The next meeting will be on 10th June at 1.30 p.m. registration for 2.00 p.m. talk which will be by a member of the Dogs Trust.

The Caerphilly Community Chorus welcomed their first musical director, Mr. Nigel Jones, to rehearse with them for two weeks.

Mr Wayne David MP held a busy Constituency Surgery in late April and will be holding another surgery at 'VAN-guard' on Friday 24th June from 3.30-5.00 p.m.

Celebratory events:

Wednesday 1st June at 10.30 a.m.

Coffee Morning

Admission £2.00 includes a raffle ticket.

We are grateful to Mrs. Margaret Baldwin for generously organising this event in aid of 'VAN-guard.' We hope that you will come along and support this event. It will be an enjoyable way to start the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Friday 8th July at 1.00 p.m.

Caerphilly Wind and Strings Tickets £5.00

This group of talented musicians will present a programme entitled

'An Hour of Music for Everyone.'

Music Director: Mr. Nigel Jones.

Prior to lockdown we enjoyed a number of successful performances by the group. They are generously donating the proceeds of the concert to 'VAN-guard.'

Friday 22nd July at 7.00 p.m.

Cardiff Opera perform Mozart's Cosi fan Tutte.

The Music Director: Mr Will Stevens. It will be the first time that an opera has been performed here. The Cardiff Opera is a touring company that perform regularly in England and Wales. Will Stevens is well known to us from his days working with the Serenata Singers.

Tickets £15.00. Students and under 18 year old people £5.00.

Tickets available through **www. ticketsource.co.uk/ cardiff_opera**

Tickets will be available at the door. See me if you are interested because there is a limit on the size of the audience.

Saturday 30th July at 11.00 a.m.

'A Feast of Song' Tickets £8.00.

This is a long- awaited return by:

Angharad Morgan, Soprano (WNO)

with Ryan Wood on piano.

'Feast of Song' will include a selection of songs and arias by Puccini, Bizet, Meirion Williams, Lehar and Ivor Novello. Angharad and Ryan are both well- known and extremely talented musicians who are also great friends of 'VAN-guard.'

Please note that this will be our **first morning concert**. A lovely way to start your weekend. We will be pleased to provide any further information:

Telephone 02920 866578 or email mairjohn365@gmail.com

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N.B. Room Booking information:

From 11th -15th July and 18th - 22nd July Cardiff Opera have booked the first floor for rehearsals from 10.00 a.m-6.00 p.m. each day.

PENTECOST PRAYER

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts;

Through Jesus Chris, our Lord,

AMEN.

(Book of Common Prayer)



ECO BOX—CULTIVATING A HEART FOR GOD'S CREATION

ECO BOX REFLECTIONS FOR JUNE

First Fruits

My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples

(John15:8)



Picking at Pentecost

Pentecost is the festival of the harvest of the first fruits (cf Deut.16). Read again the passage above from John's Gospel 15:8. Now take a look at the nine fruits of the Spirit pictured above and as mentioned in Galatians 5:22-23.

- Have a discussion to draw out what each fruit might look like in your lives?
- Which fruits do other people see in your life? How are they made manifest?
- Which fruits need a bit of work? Perhaps you lack patience because your self-control is failing.
- How might you help one another in your church or your family to bear more spiritual fruit?

Let us pray:

Loving God, you provide all our needs in this, your beautiful creation. Help us always to appreciate and care for it.

Today we also thank you for the farmers of our nation, for our shop workers, lorry drivers, factory workers, all these and more who help to bring food from the ground to our tables.

Bless them all Lord, in Jesus' name, Amen!

Get Active:

In our crazy modern world where we can eat strawberries all year round and fruit like Avocado from 1000s of miles away, perhaps we could take the "First Fruits" to mean those nearest to us. Those grown locally.

- Buy locally grown food.
- Check out the mileage your food has travelled to get to your plate.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-46459714>

What's on this month

Churches Count on Nature 4th - 12th June

<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/>

WILDLIFE TRUSTS

30 Days Wild 1st - 30th June

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild>

Valleys Pastorate News Update

- ▶ Rev Sharmann Moromo is currently reapplying for a visa to come to Wales. Hopefully, if successful, he might be with us towards the end of July.



Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

What's On

Saturday 4th June—**Family Fun Day**

St Martin's Church 11am-2pm

Friday evening 3rd—Sunday 5th June

The Big Party

Owain Glyndwr Fields, Crescent Road

big.jubilee@icloud.com

BREATHE ON ME BREATH OF GOD

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BREATH OF GOD LIFE ANEW WHOLLY THINE
 PERFECT LIFE FIRE DIVINE WILL EARTHLY
 GLOWS ENDURE ETERNITY LIVE ONE
 HEART LOVE PURE FILL ME BREATHE

We hold in our prayers -

Frank Frayling Roy Collins
 Rev Malcolm Shapland Diana Hibbert
 Vernon Holland Barbara Lloyd
 Carol Booth John and Mair Wade
 Judy and Rod Jarman
 Margaret Webb Teachers and children.



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 lost their employment and those fearful for their jobs and struggling with the rising cost of living.

Neighbourhood volunteers, scientists, researchers and makers of testing kits and PPE and vaccines. Those organising and administering the vaccines.

Those countries facing hardships, particularly in Afghanistan and Yemen and all those desperate for their safety and future, particularly the people of Ukraine.

Those people helping to welcome and settle refugees.

All in Madagascar affected by the recent cyclones.

Charities such as Christian Aid as they set about helping those in need.

Rev. Sharmann Moromo and The Valleys Pastorate

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



And they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:4