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#### An Elder writes ...

#### A Welcome at Van Road

I like to think that our church is a place of welcome. As long as we have tea, coffee (Fair Trade of course) and milk in the fridge, plus a smile and kind words, it is not difficult to welcome a stranger or a needy person into our midst.

Many of us remember Billy. He was not really homeless, but enjoyed our hospitality for quite a while.

In Genesis, Abram and Sarai, soon to be Abraham and Sarah, offered hospitality to three men who suddenly appeared near their tent. These strangers predicted that a son would be born to them. Were they messengers from God? Were they angels?

In Hebrews we are told to always welcome strangers as they might be angels in disguise!

We have created for ourselves opportunities to welcome people through our doors.

The monthly coffee morning has resumed, thanks to Margaret B. Bible study is also open to all. We welcome people from other denominations or no denomination to our fellowship lunches.

We have a few new faces at our services. Communion is served to all who wish to partake. No questions asked.

These small acts help us to continue to Walk in the Way of Jesus.

Margaret C

From the Editor .....

John Donne ends his poem, 'No Man is an Island,' with ....

... "Ask not for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee."

The outpouring of grief on the death of Queen Elisabeth is truly amazing. At 96 her death should come as no surprise, but somehow, we kind of assumed she would be around for much longer. She was always there!

I am not an ardent royalist but I, like so many others, was truly upset on hearing of her death and have been moved by the many tributes to her and by so much out pouring of love and appreciation.

Her life was one of service and love supported by her strong faith. She was ever present and coming to terms now with her absence, is very strange.

We pray for her and her family and for King Charles, that he, like his mother, will rule wisely and well and with much love.

→ Diane





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#### **CAERPHILLY FOOD BANK**

The Harvest service will see an opportunity to donate to Caerphilly Food Bank.

Times are very hard at the moment for many individuals and families having to cope with ever bigger bills and difficult choices whether to spend their money on rent, food or gas / electric.

# Suggestions for donations -

Tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, UHT milk, tea, coffee, biscuits, juices / squash, soup, tinned meat and fish, tinned vegetables, pasta / curry sauces.

At the Food bank we like to put in some 'extras' when we have them, for example -

Shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, chocolate / sweets.

Please note that Pasta and beans are not needed at the moment.

Carrier bags also needed.

Please remember that in future weeks, there is a box for donations at the back of the Church.

THANK YOU!



# Worship



#### October

2nd,10.30 am

Rev Malcolm Shapland

Harvest and Communion

Celebratory Lunch after service

9th, 10.30am Mrs June Maxwell

16th, 10.30am Rev David Salisbury

23rd, 10.30am Rob and Diane Moverley

One World Week

Café Church

30th, 10.30am Richard and Sarah Edwards

**Mid-month Communion** 

Wednesday 12th October, 10.30am

Rev. Malcolm Shapland



# **Lectionary Readings**

October



2nd Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

9th Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12;
 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

16th Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104;

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

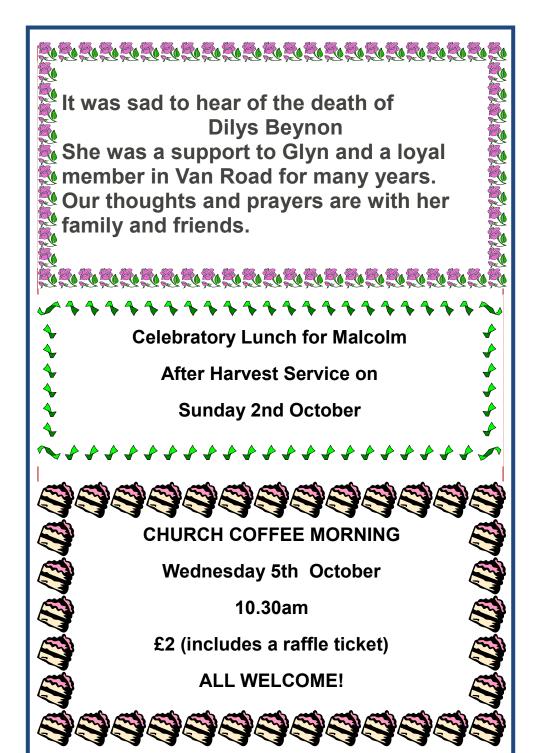
23rd Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65:

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14

30th Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144;

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10





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Charity Registration number 1109193

# October 2022 Report

Most groups will have returned in September. We plan to restart the Art Group in October and will meet on Thursdays at 1.00.p.m.

# 20th Anniversary Year

Two October concerts which will bring the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concerts to a close.

#### 8th October at 7.00 p.m.

#### **Volante Tenors**

Will give a performance of songs and arias for the tenor voice. The performers are David Fortey of Only Men Aloud, Huw Llewellyn and Simon Cosby Buttle of Welsh National Opera Chorus. They will be accompanied on piano by Ryan Wood. The Guest Artist is Nathan Isaac - Clarinet. David and Ryan are well known at VAN-guard, but it is a first time for us to hear the other tenors sing here. Some years ago, Nathan played at the Memorial Gala Concert given by Ryan's Noteworthy Choir. On that occasion he received a standing ovation. At the time he was then still in school but by now has completed his university studies. We look forward to once again hearing him play. It will be a splendid evening of first-class music.

Tickets are £10.00 and payable at the door.

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#### 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 p.m.

#### **Serenata Autumn Concert**

Will include works by Mozart, Saint-Saens, Elgar, and Faure. This choir is based in Cardiff gave the last performance before lockdown in March 2020, and what an excellent concert it was. We look forward to their return as much as they look forward to performing at VAN-guard. Over the years we have got to know some of their members who come along and support some of our other concerts. Their Music Director is Giovanni Ferla, who has given a piano recital at VAN-guard.

Tickets are £10.00 and payable at the door.

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# **Looking further ahead**

## Sunday evening 27<sup>th</sup> November

A fundraising concert for Cardiff Opera

Performers include Caitlin Ellis, soprano; Megan Strachan, soprano; Alexander White, tenor; Adam Brown, baritone, and William Stevens bass-baritone.

They will perform extracts from Cardiff Opera's future performance of Mozart's Magic Flute as well as other arias and ensembles exerts. Accompanist will be Sian Davies, who accompanied the performance of Cosi fan Tutte in July.

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Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00 p.m. Caerphilly Wind and

Strings under the leadership of Mr. Nigel Jones return for a performance. Some of you will have enjoyed previous concerts with them and are we delighted to welcome them back.

# Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00p.m. 'Cantare at

Christmas'. It has become a tradition at VAN-guard to have a performance by Angharad Morgan of Welsh National Opera Chorus, David Fortey of Only Men Aloud and their ever-popular accompanist Ryan Wood to delight us with Christmas music. These are always very special concerts which we have enjoyed for about ten years.

More details will become available about these concerts nearer to the time.

It is pleasing that at last our concerts are slowly returning. They give so much pleasure to folk in our community who

come along and enjoy professional performances locally.

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#### Fellowship and Bible Study

We resumed our sessions on 8<sup>th</sup> September and will continue on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 10.30 a.m.

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For the fruits of all creation,

Thanks be to God.

For His gifts to every nation

Thanks be to God.

For the ploughing, sowing reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safe-keeping,

Thanks be to God.

For the harvest of the spirit,

Thanks be to God,

For the good we all inherit,

Thanks be to God,

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,

Most of all, that love has found us,

Thanks be to God.

# For The Fruits of all Creation

By F. Pratt Green

In the just reward of labour,

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God's will is done,

In the help we give our neighbour,

God's will is done.

In our world wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

In the harvests we are sharing,

God's will is done.





# ECO Box—October

# ONE

# WORLD

# WEEK

#### Ubuntu

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in action. (1 John 3:18)

#### Reflecting on The Vision of OWW

Here is the vision statement from the One World Week website www.oneworldweek.org together with relevant bible passages. Take time to reflect on the Bible passage and discuss it in relation to One World Week's Mission. We are "People working together to build a just, peaceful and sustainable world". Our MISSION—We want to build a sustainable world" network of co-operating individuals and organisations to provide opportunities for people from diverse background to come together to:

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- b · learn about global justice, spread that learning and act on b it: Proverbs 2:1-15; how can we learn about justice and b share that learning? Psalm 36:5-9
- take action to increase equality, justice and the health of compositions of the health of th

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#### **LET US PRAY**

Read or sing Bryn Rees' hymn, "The kingdom of God is justice and joy."

Look over the Lord's Prayer. Such familiar words and yet words that speak of the coming of the kingdom of God.

Wow! Let us pray for the kingdom to come . . . . [pray the Lord's Prayer slowly, dwelling on each phrase.]

#### **Get Active:**

- Discover the true meaning of 'UBUNTU',
- Read Archbishop Desmond Tutu's book, "No Future Without Forgiveness"
- One World Week is about actions, just like Acts 2, Proverbs 2 and Micah 6 are. Commit to God's kingdom way of life

**Resources For One World Week** 

17th-24th October

www.oneworldweek.org/resources

# WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Coed Cadw (Woodland Trust Cymru) are working with the Welsh Government to give households in Wales a free tree to plant in their garden or in a community space.

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Trees will be available from over twenty hubs across Wales from October 2022. There will be guidance and support on how to plant and care for your tree.

Full details at:

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https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/about-us/where-we-work/wales/

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

#### HARVEST SERVICE DONATIONS

Packets and tins will be given to Caerphilly Food Bank.

Monetary donations for Christian Aid Pakistan Appeal.

### It's all about .....

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WIND GLOBAL WARMING ENERGY FLOODS
RAINFOREST DROUGHT ICECAPS RECYCLE
PROTECTION RENEWABLES REUSE CARE
CREATION WILDLIFE PLANTS TEND OIL

#### We hold in our prayers -

Frank and Phyllis Frayling Roy Collins



Rev Malcolm Shapland Diana Hibbert

Vernon Holland Barbara Lloyd

Carol Booth John and Mair Wade

**David and Carolyn Jenkins** 

**Huw and Mary James and family** 

Judy and Rod Jarman Dennis and Shelagh Pollard

Margaret Webb The family of Dilys Beynon

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.

Those countries facing hardships, particularly in Pakistan, 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.

Charities such as Christian Aid as they set about helping those in need particularly those affected by the floods in Pakistan.

Queen Elisabeth, King Charles and the royal family.

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