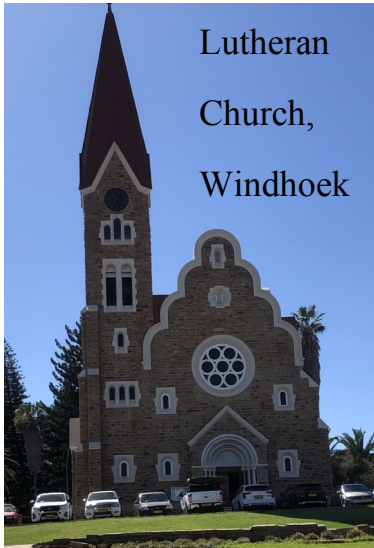


# INFORM



Lutheran  
Church,  
Windhoek

**URC**  
**VAN ROAD**  
**CAERPHILLY**  
**November 2023**

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### **An Elder Writes ....**

**As we enter November, we have recently put the clocks back an hour and the days are shorter and darker. My mother loved this time of year together with our family, safe in our home. Today we know there are those, for whatever reason, don't have a home and we pray that their situation improves.**

**At the end of November we start preparing for Advent and then the birth of Jesus. We are aware that as we come out of darkness into the light that Jesus loves us all whatever our circumstances.**

**'Come descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord. '(Isaiah 2:5)**

**I hope that this period of the year is joyful. As we reflect on the problems of the world we pray that peaceful solutions are found, that we protect God's creation by striving to change the way we live in order to play our small part for the climate and environment.**

**We remember our families, those with us and those no longer with us. We remember each other and our congregation family.**

**We look forward to the light and season of Advent, with joy and hope.**

**Cathy**

From the editor.....

### **A Change of Perspective.**

In Windhoek the capitol of Namibia, we visited a Lutheran church which was built in 1907. It was interesting how different the architecture was from Van Rd, despite them being of the same era.

This Church had very beautiful stained glass windows along the side and at the front. Apparently, the windows had to be made in Germany and transported to Windhoek as there was no manufacturing ability locally at the time. Unfortunately, the first set of windows arrived broken and damaged. After a legal battle the manufacturer was ordered to make new ones. There was initial concern when these windows were delivered because there had been a fire on the train, but fortunately the fire damage only affected the casing the windows were carried in. For 76 years the windows were admired by everyone until one day a tourist 'in the know' pointed out that they had been put in the wrong way round - the outward facing glass should have been facing in! What a shock this was. The Church decided to bring in an expert to change them all, turning each piece of glass individually.

Although the congregations over the years had loved the windows, they could look at them now in a new light, have a greater appreciation of them.

When we take time to try to take a new perspective on the familiar, then we might also see things in a new light.

Diane



**STATEMENT FROM CHRISTIAN AID  
REGARDING THE HOSTILITIES IN ISRAEL AND  
GAZA.**

‘Thousands of people have been killed and over a million displaced after the escalation of violence in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory.

In Gaza a humanitarian crisis is unfolding. 3,800 Palestinians have been killed and 12,500 injured. Over 1 million have been displaced from their homes; supplies of water and food are fast running out.

We’re urging all parties to abide by international law to protect innocent civilians and agree to an immediate de-escalation of this unprecedented violence. ‘

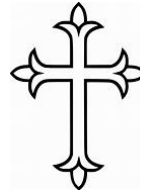
*“We didn’t sleep last night. We are so scared. Many people have been killed. Some of our staff are evacuating and some of them have lost their houses already. We’ve not had any electricity for more than 24 hours.”*



Christian Aid partner in Gaza.

- Donations can be made on the CA website or to Rob Moverley on CA’s behalf.

**Worship**



**November**

**5th, 10.30 am Rev. Malcolm Shapland  
(Communion)**

**12th, 10.30 am Ms Maggie Kirkbride  
Remembrance Sunday**

**19th, 10.30 am Dr. David Jenkins**

**26th, 10.30 am Rev Gareth Dyer**

**Mid-month Communion**

**Wednesday November 8th, 10.30am**

**Rev Malcolm Shapland**



*Beverley's*  
**WORLD  
 OF MUSIC**

Written and performed by

*Beverley Humphreys MBE*



Accompanied by

*Ryan Wood*



**Friday, 3 November 2023  
 at 7pm**

**Vanguard Centre**  
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**In Christ There is No East or West**

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**Autumn**

**I love the fitful gusts  
That shakes the casement all the day  
And from the mossy elm tree takes  
The faded leaf away  
Twirling it by the window-pane  
With thousand others down the lane,  
I love to see the shaking twig  
Dance till the shut of eve,  
The sparrow on the cottage rig  
Whose chirp would make believe  
That spring was just now flirting by  
In summer's lap with flowers to lie.  
I love to see the cottage smoke  
Curl upwards through the naked trees  
The pigeons nestled round the coat  
On dull November days,  
The cock upon the dung hill crowing,  
The mill sails on the heath a going,  
The feather from the raven's breast  
Falls on the stubble lea,  
The acorns near the old crow's nest  
fall pattering down the tree,  
The grunting pigs that wait for all  
Scramble and hurry where they fall.**

**John Clare (1793-1864)**

**Church Finances**

Each year the United Reformed Church sets a budget for contributions to its Ministry and Mission (M&M) Fund. You will remember that the M&M is a family affair, where all members of the family work to support our Ministers and Church Related Community workers across the United Reformed Church, no matter where we are. This budget is then delegated down to local Churches through the Synods who suggest a target for each local Church.

Our target for 2024, set at £12276, was agreed by the Elders in its our October meeting. It is £2000 less than our contribution in 2023 and is based on a calculation of £486 per member. This is just one part of our outgoings (keeping the Church warm and insured and maintained are other costs we incur). However, as with the wider Church, we recognise our local Church is a family and we give based on our ability to pay in response to God's generous grace.

Rob Moverley

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOODBANK**

**Currently needed - UHT milk, tinned pudding, squashes and tea.**

**THANK YOU!**

## Lectionary Readings



### November

- 5th** Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37;  
Micah 3:5-12; Psalm 43;  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12
- 12th** Joshua 2:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7;  
Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16;, 6:17-20;  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
- 19th** Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123;  
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18;  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30
- 26th** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100;  
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

## CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

### WEDNESDAY

November 1st, 10.30am

**ALL WELCOME!**



## Young Wives

*Mondays 7.30pm*

*All ladies, any age, welcome*

### November

- 6th** Mr Martin Holdsworth –Quiz
- 13th** Mr Alan Thorne
- 20th** Your favourite photograph
- 27th** Santa Drive



### Calendar of Regular Events in the Church

Coffee Morning, 10.30am First Wednesday each month

Prayer Time, 5pm Every Tuesday

Communion service 2nd Wednesday each month, 10.30am

‘Only Boys Aloud’ rehearse Every Monday, 6.30,

Caerphilly Chorus rehearse Every Friday, 7.30pm,

University of the Third Age (U3A) First Friday each month  
1.30pm (usually)

‘Goldies’ 2nd Monday of the month, 11am-12.

‘Young Wives’ (All ladies welcome) Every Monday 7.30pm

Bible Study, 1st and 3rd Thursdays in the month, 10.30am

NB Some activities stop during school holidays.

**Something to Smile or Groan About?!**

- I'm afraid for the calendar –Its days are numbered!
- Dear Maths, Grow up and solve your own problems!
- I don't trust stairs-they are always up to something!
- I'm currently reading a book about anti gravity. It's impossible to put down!
- I wouldn't buy anything with Velcro. It's a total rip-off!
- I could tell a joke about pizza, but it is a little cheesy!
- How do you make seven even? Take away the s!
- Mountains aren't just funny, they're hill areas!
- What did the zero say to the eight? That belt looks good on you!
- When does a joke become a dad joke? When it becomes ap parent!

(‘Dad jokes to make you laugh or groan’ taken from the i Newspaper.)

**We hold in our prayers -**



**John Wade and family**

**Rev Malcolm Shapland**

**Diana Hibbert**

**Vernon Holland**

**Carol Booth**

**Hilary and Steve Akerman Judy and Rod Jarman**

**Frank Shelagh Pollard and family**

**All those affected and / or helping in Libya**

**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, Somalia, Iran, Sudan 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.**

**Those affected by wild fires and particularly Tahiti and the island of Maui. Flooding in Pakistan and Libya.**

**The leaders and people of Gaza and Israel.**

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**We pray that peace, love  
and justice will prevail.**