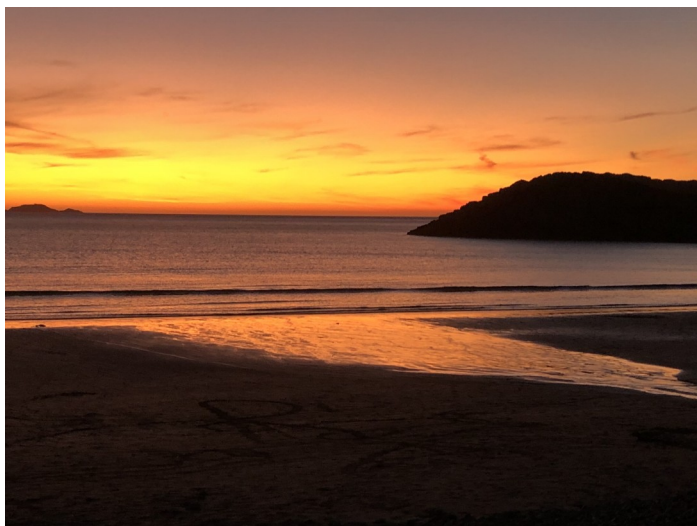


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An Elder writes ...

In the fourteenth century there was not a single copy of the Bible in English! It was only available in Latin, the language of the clergy, and those were chained to the podiums of the cathedrals. Then a prominent professor of divinity at Oxford University said,

‘This is not right. People should be able to read the Bible in their own language.’

Church leaders branded him a heretic. Like Noah, who pounded the nails into the ark while people ridiculed and scorned him, John Wycliffe began translating the scriptures as a flood of persecution emerged around him.

When he completed his translation of the Scriptures, he wrote this :

‘This Bible is translated and shall make possible a government of the people, by the people and for the people.’

Thirty years after Wycliffe died he was again proclaimed a heretic, consequently, his body was exhumed, his ashes cast into a river. A contemporary historian describes the scene like this:

‘This book has conveyed his ashes into the river Avon, Avon into the Seven, Seven into the narrow seas, then into the ocean. And thus ashes...are the emblem of his doctrine...now...dispersed the world over.’

‘All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
The grass withers and the flowers fall,
But the word of the Lord stands forever.
And this is the word that was preached to you.’
(1Peter1:24-25)

Thanks to John Wycliffe, God’s word stands forever and can be read forever by all.

Phyllis



OCTOBER INFORM

Please note that Rob and I are away for much of September so the October edition is unlikely to be out before Sunday 1st October

From the Editor

It has been a funny old summer weather-wise. Scorching earlier on and then rain, rain and more rain since. 'Well, it could be worse!' we might say as we look abroad to see the devastation caused by fire and flood and start to feel grateful for escaping those tragedies.

Global Warming is causing devastation for people, communities and wildlife. Our hearts and prayers go out to all those affected.

The charity, 'A Rocha UK' works 'to protect, nurture and restore God's creation.'

As a church we are signed up to 'A Rocha's' movement to become a more Eco friendly Church. and to do what we can to help nature along the way. We have started to fill in questionnaires assessing where we are on the journey and how to improve and develop.

Many churches have been awarded bronze, silver or gold awards for their efforts. We, too might go down that route, However, whether we gain an award or not, we must commit to doing what we can.

We can use environmentally friendly products, purchase Fairtrade goods if possible to show support for overseas communities, reduce waste and recycle when possible, enhance our gardens with bee and butterfly friendly plants etc, etc.

I expect I am preaching to the converted.

Let us pray that those in power really commit to saving our world.

Diane

Worship

September

3rd, 10.30am

**Rev Malcolm Shapland
Communion**

10th, 10.30am

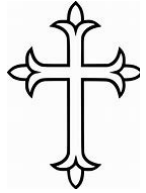
Rev Andrew J. Davies

17th, 10.30am

Rev Maggie Kirkbride

24th, 10.30am

Mrs June Maxwell



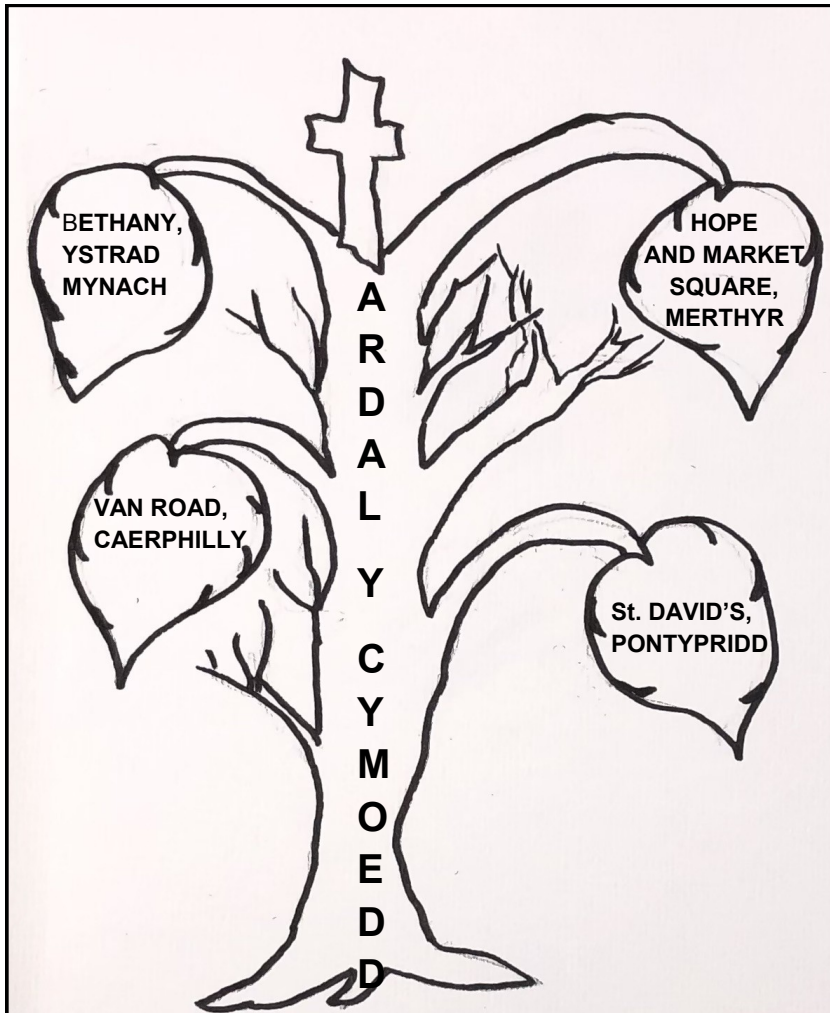
Mid-month Communion

Wednesday 13th, 10.30am

Rev Malcolm Shapland

Valleys Pastorate

Opposite is the cover of the churches combined Profiles document. The document will go to Synod in September and then outline information will be advertised on the URC website. Any ministers interested in applying will then be sent the complete combined Profiles. Please pray for the Pastorate.



VALLEYS PASTORATE

With Responsibility for the Valleys and Vale Region

Lectionary Readings



September

- 3rd **Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28**
- 10th **Exodus 12:1-14; Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20**
- 17th **Exodus 14:19-31; Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-13; Matthew 18:21-35**
- 24th **Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Jonah 3:10-4:11; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16**

TRIBUTE TO A WONDERFUL LADY

It was a shock when we heard of the death of Mair Wade. Mair was a very committed member of our church for many years. She contributed so much to the life of the church and, with John, gave 'blood, sweat and tears' to seek and acquire support and funding for the church and Van-guard. Her leading of bible study will be sorely missed. Although her physical health caused her problems, she soldiered on, always giving of herself wholeheartedly to ensure all events were well planned and all details accounted for. She will be greatly missed.

Our prayers are with John and their family and friends.

A Message from Dorothy Lewis

Thank you to everyone for your love and good wishes on my 90th birthday. I appreciated every one and it helped make my birthday more special.

Thank you as well to Lynda who took over the display for the Flower Festival which started the same day as my birthday meal. The buying and arranging of the flowers and the other items was perfect. Cath and I are very grateful to her for stepping in and doing an amazing job.

Summer at VAN-gUARD

We must mention the wonderful concerts held in July: The David Hawthorn Memorial Concert, The Volante Tenors, Wind and Strings and Caerphilly Chorus with the ReChoir.

They were all very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Van-guard for continuing to bring such quality performances to the church.

From a George Herbert Hymn (1539-1633)

Teach me my God and King

In all things thee to see,

And what I do in anything

To do it as for thee.

Coffee Morning Update

I would like to say a big THANKYOU! To everyone who contributes to my Coffee Morning either by those who help or those who come along and support.

Since starting the Coffee Mornings in June 2022 I am pleased to say that we have now topped £2000; that means that 15 different charities have benefitted.

Once again, a big THANKYOU! To you all.

Margaret Baldwin.

CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 6th

10.30am

In aid of Diabetes UK

ALL WELCOME!



FRUIT AND VEG

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CAULLIFLOWER	CARROT	POTATO	PARSNIP
BEETROOT	LETTUCE	CUCUMBER	ONION
MUSHROOM	MANGO	LEMON	APPLE
PEAR	BANANA	STRAWBERRY	PEA BEAN
PLUM	PEACH	TOMATO	KALE
		LEEK	

Young Wives

Mondays 7.30pm

All ladies, any age, welcome

September

- 4th No Meeting
- 11th Business and Biscuits
- 18th Mrs Vickie Morgan—Articulate
- 25th Mrs Elizabeth Howells Dressmaker

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,

Arts and Crafts afternoon Every Thursday, 1pm

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

NB Some activities stop during school holidays.

Caring and Sharing

If you have a gift -bring it
If you have a song -sing it
If you have a talent -use it
If you have a love - diffuse it
If you have a sadness - bear it
If you have a gladness –give it
If you have a religion –live it
If you have a prayer –pray it
If you have a kind word –say it.

We all have gifts that we may bring
We all have songs that we may sing
We all have kind words that we might say
We all have prayers that we might pray
We all have sorrow and joy to give.
And what a joy life is to live
If we just scatter everywhere
These things we've been given to share.

From an order of service in St Martin's Church
Girlguideadventures.wordpress.com

We hold in our prayers -



John Wade and family

Rev Malcolm Shapland

Diana Hibbert

Vernon Holland

Barbara Lloyd

Carol Booth

Hilary and Steve Akerman

Sally Ball

Frank and Phyllis Frayling

Judy and Rod Jarman

Shelagh Pollard and family

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.

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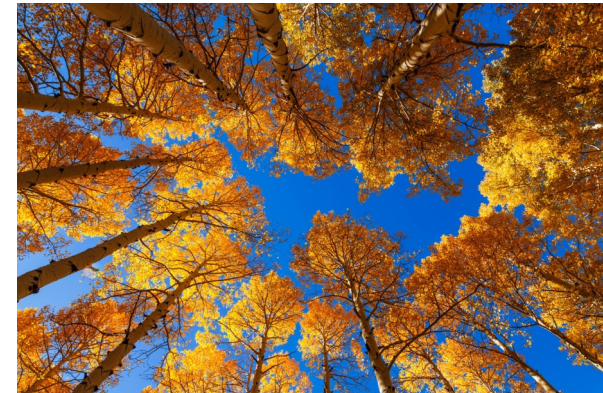
Any items for the next edition should be
submitted by the 19th of the month

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He fills my life with good things.

Psalm 103:5