

# **INFORM**



**URC  
VAN ROAD  
CAERPHILLY  
June 2024**

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

June is a month of joys and memories of hardship. On June 6th we remember all who 80 years ago, took part in the D Day Landings in France,As many people will know, my father, Ray Matthews servrd in the Royal Navy during WW2. He was a serving Elder treasurer of Van Road for many years.

During the D Day Landings he took part in 19 crossings over 12 days beginning on 6th June.

Twenty years ago my mum, my husband and I went with dad to France a few weeweeks after the anniversary and we all learned more about Dad's war experiences during those few days than he had ever spoken about before.It is sad to think that there are so few veterans left but it is important that we remember them.

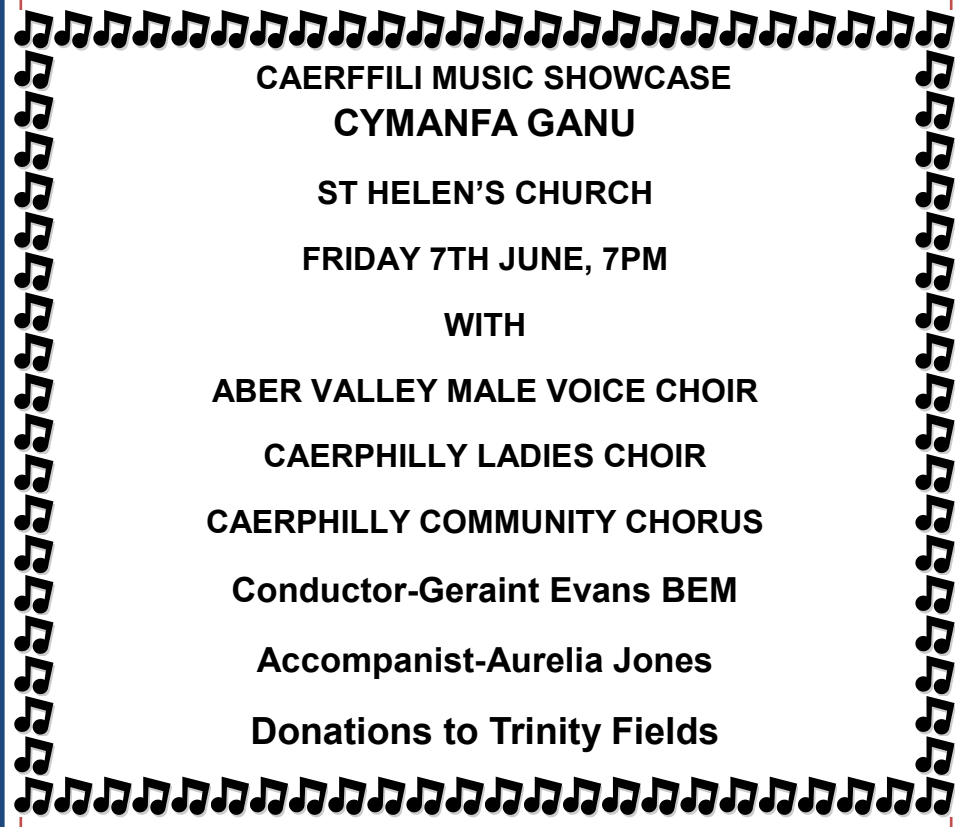
Also in June there is Fathers' Day when we give thanks for fathers past and present. It is a special day when we can thank them and remember what they mean to us.

We will also participate in the Flower Festival. It is an event that many churches and organisations take part in. It is always a happy weekend when a number of people work hard to make the Church welcoming to visitors and other Church communities and an opportunity to meet new people who might be coming in for the first time.The work and planning are worthwhile when so much happiness is shared.

In one of the Prayer handbooks, there is a prayer entitled, 'So much for so little' This sums up both sacrifice of everyone at D Day and the work undertaken to stage the Flower Festival.

**'Loving God, you have given us so much, may we respond with generosity and love for you and all people.' God Bless!**

Cathy



### **CAERFFILI MUSIC SHOWCASE**

### **CYMANFA GANU**

**ST HELEN'S CHURCH**

**FRIDAY 7TH JUNE, 7PM**

**WITH**

**ABER VALLEY MALE VOICE CHOIR**

**CAERPHILLY LADIES CHOIR**

**CAERPHILLY COMMUNITY CHORUS**

**Conductor-Geraint Evans BEM**

**Accompanist-Aurelia Jones**

**Donations to Trinity Fields**

From the editor .....

## Flower Festival

### 'Give Thanks'

June14TH-16TH

For this to be a success as in previous years, it needs more support please.

To date I have only had volunteers to do 6 windows, I need 2 more.

Please can you ask friends and family if they would be willing to help? They would have support from the contributors. We set up on Thursday 13th.

Many thanks to all who have already offered their support in any way.



Diane

## Van-Guard Events

### Saturday 1st. June at 2pm. "Crystal Tears"

I was fortunate to be present at a rehearsal of this performance, the first time I had heard the Lute, It was a very special experience and one not to be missed.

### Saturday 22nd June at 6 pm. "Burt Bacharach"

A Jazz concert of Burt Bacharach music. Details to follow.

### Friday 2nd. August at 6pm "Young Stars"

A concert by up and coming young students of Angharad Morgan. This is a return of this concert which were a regular part of the Vanguard calendar some years ago and we welcome its return.

### .Saturday 7th. September "The David Hawthorn Memorial Gala Concert"

Our annual tribute to our late chairman of the Vanguard Committee and all deceased Trustees.

Further details of these concerts will be sent out as they become available.

Regards, John.



## CHRISTIAN AID

Many thanks if you have collected and / or  
donated to CA.

It is not to late to do so. Either give your  
donation to Rob or go on line

[www.christianaid.org.uk/donate](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/donate)

Many Thanks



### From A Rocha—Possible Easy Eco Tip for June


Join '30 Days Wild. One of A Rocha UK's firm beliefs is that we are more likely to nurture and defend God's creation if we spend time enjoying it. The Wildlife Trusts' '30 Days Wild Challenge is a great opportunity to engage with nature as an individual, household or with church friends. Find some wild ideas at -

[wildlifetrusts.org/30-days-wild](http://wildlifetrusts.org/30-days-wild)

**GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK**

June 8th-16th Go to -

[Arocha.org.uk/wild-christian](http://Arocha.org.uk/wild-christian)



## The Significance of Flowers in Biblical Times

Caerphilly will shortly be celebrating its annual festival of flowers.

Flowers hold a special place in the Bible, serving as symbols of beauty, purity, and life. Flowers in the Bible are often used to convey deeper meanings and spiritual lessons.

In biblical times, flowers held both practical and symbolic value. They were used for various purposes, such as food, medicine, and decoration. Many plants and flowers were also used to create fragrances and perfumes, which played an essential role in religious ceremonies and rituals. Additionally, flowers served as powerful symbols representing divine messages, moral teachings, and important events in the Bible. In the Bible, flowers often symbolize various virtues, such as love, faith, and hope, as well as significant events in the lives of biblical figures. For example, the lily represents purity, innocence, and resurrection, while the rose symbolizes love, beauty, and hope. Flowers also serve as reminders of God's presence and love, as they are often used as metaphors for divine qualities or attributes.



**Lily**

"I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys." (Song of Solomon 2:1) Lilies are often associated with purity and innocence in the Bible. In the Song of Solomon, the lily is used as a metaphor for love and beauty. Lilies also represent resurrection and new life, as they bloom in the spring, symbolizing the promise of eternal life in Christianity.

**Rose**

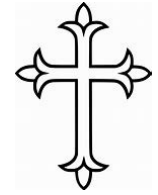
"I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys." (Song of Solomon 2:1)

The rose is used as a symbol of beauty and love. The "rose of Sharon" signifies the beauty and perfection of the beloved in the love story between the two main characters in the Song of Solomon. The verse highlights the appreciation of beauty and the deep, passionate love that exists between the two.

The next time you encounter a rose or lily remember the rich symbolism and lessons they hold within the pages of the Bible. May they serve as reminders of the beauty and wisdom that can be found in the word of God.

Lynda

**Worship**



**June**

**2nd, 10.30am**

**Rev Gareth Dyer**

**9th, 10.30 am**

**Mr Lewis Lewis-Head**

**16th, 10.30 am**

**Fathers' day Flower Festival / Service of Praise**

**23rd, 10.30 am**

**Rev David Salsbury  
Moderator of Wales URC  
Communion**

**30th, 10.30 am**

**Mr Dave Clarke**

**Mid Week Communion**

**Wednesday 12th June**

**10.30am**

**Rev Malcolm Shapland**



**It is wonderful to have Malcolm back with us to lead us in Communion.**

**Many thanks, Malcolm.**



## It Happened in June

- 4th, 1783** The Montgolfier brothers made their first balloon flight
- 1940** The British completed the evacuation of Dunkirk
- 11th, 1776** John Constable born
- 15th, 1215** King John signed the Magna Carta
- 21st, 1377** Pope Urban VIII condemns Galileo for claiming that the earth moves around the sun

## YOU CAN DO IT!

I would be very grateful if members of the congregation could send me items to include in Inform. They do not have to be original. You may want to share a favourite poem, reflection or prayer. You might want to tell of an experience that has moved you or pleased you in some way. They can be short or long.

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PRETTY PLEASE!**

**THANK YOU!**

## St Martin's Open Church Festival

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 10 am to 2pm. Family Fun Day**

All activities are free. Quiet start 10 – 11 am for shy or neuro divergent children or children with additional needs and their families.

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June at 7.00pm Volante Opera Concert.**

Tickets are £12 (£10 for concessions.)

**Sunday 2nd June, 6pm. Joyful Noise Caerphilly**

**Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 11.00 am to 3.00pm, Organ Recital**

**Celebrating Father Willis** (1821 – 1901.) He was the greatest British organ builder of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. St. Martin's Church is proud to be the home of a Fr. Willis organ, Organists from far and wide to visit the church and play the organ.

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm Celebration Service**

A service to celebrate community and church groups

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June Secondary School Concert**

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June Primary Schools Concerts**

There will be a concert at 10 am and a second concert at 2pm.

**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00pm Afternoon tea**

Tickets must be booked in advance email Angie, aander6565@aol.com.

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June Ministry Area Summer Fete**

**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm Choir Concert**

**Margaret Craig can provide further details of these events**

**CHURCH COFFEE MORNING**

**WEDNESDAY**

**June 5th, 10.30am**

**ALL WELCOME!**



**Young Wives**

*Mondays 7.30pm*

*All ladies, any age, welcome*



**June**

- 3rd Jo's Sock Twenty**
- 10th Trinkets and Treasures**
- 17th Beetle Drive**
- 24th A Summer Supper (Last meeting)**

**Next meeting on 9th September—  
Business and Biscuits**

**Lectionary Readings**



**June**

- 2nd 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;  
Deuteronomy 5:12-15; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12;  
Mark 2:23-3:6**
- 9th 1 Samuel 8:4-20; Psalm 138; Psalm 130;  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; mark 3:20-35**
- 16th 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; psalm 20;  
Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17;  
Mark 4:26-34**
- 23rd 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-39;  
Psalm 9:9-20; Job 38:1-11;  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41**
- 30th 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130;  
Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24;  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43**





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COMING SOON



**Singing, Dancing, Music and Craft  
from Madagascar**

**Wednesday 10th July 7:00 p.m.  
Van Rd Church Caerphilly CF83 1JZ**

**FREE ENTRY—Retiring Collection**



**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)**

**‘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. Please check for  
any changes to this list.**



**Caerphilly**

**Caerphilly Street Pastor Café**  
Every month from 10.30am  
**12.30pm**

The Twyn Community  
Centre,  
Caerphilly



<b>20th January</b>	<b>17th February</b>
<b>16th March</b>	<b>20th April</b>
<b>18th May</b>	<b>15th June</b>
<b>13th July</b>	<b>24th August</b>
<b>14th September</b>	<b>19th October</b>
<b>23rd November</b>	<b>14th December</b>



## FLOWERS

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PRIMROSE    PEONY    LAVENDER    VIOLET    DAISY  
 DAHLIA    SUNFLOWER    GERANIUM    HYDRANGEA  
 LILY    ZINNIAS    MARIGOLD    COSMOS  
 ALLIUM    SWEET PEA    BEGONIA    PETUNIA

## We hold in our prayers -



**John Wade                      Rev Malcolm Shapland**  
**Diana Hibbert                  Carolyn and Dave Jenkins and family**  
**Carol Booth                      Cathy Vernalls**  
**Hilary and Steve Akerman    Judy and Rod Jarman**  
**Frank Frayling                  Wendy & Roy Angove**  
**Those in Gaza, Israel and the West Bank.**  
**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**  
**earthquake in Japan. The volcanic eruption in Iceland.**  
**The uprising in Haiti.**

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

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**Consider the lilies of the field, they toil  
not, neither do they spin, but I tell you,  
even Solomon in all his glory was not  
adorned like one of these.**