

INFORM



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An Elder Writes

How do we support The Vanguard Centre moving forward? That is the question the Church Elders considered during its September meeting. Since Mair Wade died in 2023, John has been holding fort as best he could, despite dealing with his own bereavement and health issues. For that, the Church should be extremely grateful. However, as John expressed in a letter to the Elders, the way Vanguard operates, particularly as a charity and the associated responsibilities to the Charity Commission, together with his own personal responsibilities, cannot continue in its current form. John has explored ways of involving others but this has had little success. John, quite rightly, needs to be able to spend time with friends and family when it suits him. His responsibilities with Vanguard have not always allowed him to do that.

There seemed to be a number of options - wind Vanguard up; find others who are willing to continue running Vanguard in its current form; get the Church more active in the running of Vanguard, recognising it as the way the Church does its outreach.

Through Vanguard, the Church engages with its local and wider community. Through the concerts it supports, the groups that use the building (U3A, Community Chorus, Wind and Strings, only Boys Aloud) it shares the Church's welcome and desire to share God's love with all we meet. It also has a reputation that is known and understood far and wide.

The Elders therefore felt the way forward was to explore ways that the Church can become more active in the management of The Vanguard Centre. This means things

will change. How, we do not know as yet, but we wish to be working actively with the current Vanguard Management in exploring what this means.

Someone said to John the other day 'so I heard The Vanguard Centre is no longer taking bookings'. That is definitely not the case. We want Vanguard to flourish and continue long into the future. As a Church we will need to consider this challenge carefully and prayerfully, and whilst the Elders have agreed in principle to this, the Church Meeting will need to affirm this decision if we are to move forward.

There are a couple of ways of viewing this decision. The first is to think 'I don't want Vanguard to close so...' The other is to think 'I would like Vanguard to flourish and excited to find out how', My vote is in the 2nd camp.

Rob Moverley

FOODBANK AND HARVEST Oct.6th

**Please bring items for the foodbank.
Suggestions: UHT milk, tinned meats, fish, rice
pudding, fruit and vegetables,**

Soups, pot noodles, pasta and curry sauces,

Cereals, Tea and coffee,

Toiletries are also needed.

Cash donations are also welcome.



From the editor

From time to time I find myself quoting my mother's favourite phrases ...

'- It won't cut butter hot' (not 'hot butter', don't ask me why?) to describe a cutting implement that wouldn't do the job properly.

- 'Rub against wood, sure to be good.' (to cure a problem with an itchy hand and bring good luck.)

When reflecting on the Israel and Gaza conflict another saying comes to mind-

'Two wrongs don't make a right.'

We look in horror at so many 'wrongs' happening in our world and grieve for all those caught up in it.

We know that it just, 'Isn't right!'

As individuals, we know we are not able to have a direct influence and make change happen, but we can play our part by praying and in taking action in some small way when we can. For example, contributing to charities and humanitarian organisations. We can also purchase fairly traded goods to help workers in many nations stop being exploited and help them out of poverty , giving them dignity.

Also, In this day and age, it is a tragedy that so many people have to rely on Foodbanks.

This harvest time we give thanks for what we have and pray and act as we are able, for those who find themselves in a situation that they cannot act for themselves.

Diane



VAN-guard Concert

NOT TO BE Missed!

Sunday 6th October

2pm

£5

Dan Phelps , pianist

Music included-

Einaudi

Yiruma

Ivor Novello

Plus piano works from Dan's albums

Message from John—

'One of the best £5 investments you can make. Dan is no stranger to Van Road and has never failed to thrill the audience.

Hope to see you there! '



Young Wives

Mondays 7.30pm

All ladies, any age, welcome



October

7th Mrs Alyson Godfrey Club 707 Schools

14th Mrs Chris Harling Pictionary

21st Mr Martin Holdsworth Quiz Night

28th No Meeting Half Term

From A Rocha—Possible Easy Eco Tips for October Resources free to download -

Contribute to wildlife conservation. Clean bird feeders to prevent diseases spreading to winter migrants. Install a nest box well before the breeding season to provide a cosy retreat for small birds on winter nights. Prepare to support more birds next year with more tips at-

Arocha.org.uk/give-a-bird-a-home

As you observe the birds reflect on the verse,

'I know every bird in the mountains and the insects in the fields are mine.' (Psalm 50:11)

Can You Hear the new Thing Coming? (Tune Calon Lan)



As we tell the church's story,
As we celebrate the past,
This is not the final ending,
God still calls us to the task.

Chorus

Can you feel the new thing coming?
Can you see the new day dawn?
Can you feel the spirit moving?
In this place where God is known.

God has always told God's people,
Keep on moving, follow me,
I will help you on your journey
Even still the raging sea.

Chorus

In the desert, God is with us,
Forming highways, smoothing ground,
Making streams of flowing water
That refreshes life around.

Chorus

God creator and new-maker,
As we struggle in our places,
Sharing stories, serving others,
Streams of your transforming grace.

Chorus

Rev. Ian Kirby



Pastorate News

The members of St David's Uniting Church have now moved from Pontypridd to Treforest.

(The church building there has been refurbished.)

They will be having a service of thanksgiving in November and everyone will be welcome.

Ian Kirby

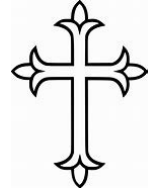
It is with great sadness to hear of the death of Ian. Ian was a faithful member of Van Road as was his mum and dad, Olive and Dennis and sister, Jane and niece, Louise.

He left our church when called to the ministry and has served in several churches since and recently at the Brecon Beacons Pastorate with his wife, Julie.

Julie and family and congregations are in our thoughts and prayers.



Worship



October

6th, 10.30 am Rev Malcolm Shapland
Harvest

13th, 10.30 am T.B.C.

20th, 10.30 am Mr Andrew Glanfield

27th, 10.30 am Ms Maggie Kirkbride

Mid Week Communion
Wednesday 9th October

10.30am

Rev Malcolm Shapland



Saturday 5th October
Harvest Ploughman's'
4.30pm for 5pm

Lectionary Readings



October

6th Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 1:1-4. 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

13th Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-5; Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

20th Job 28:1-7, (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Isaiah 63:4-12; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

27th Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 126; Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52



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.



CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

WEDNESDAY 2nd October

10.30am

ALL WELCOME!



All is Safely Gathered In

S	K	E	E	L	S	R	E	P	P	E	P
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T	M	N	H	L	E	N	A	L	L	E	G
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COURGETTE RUNNER BEANS CABBAGE
 CAULLIFLOWER TOMATOES POTATOES APPLES
 PARSNIPS SWEDE PLUMS ONIONS PEPPERS
 PEAS PEARS CARROTS PEACH KALE
 CORN LEEKS BERRIES LEMON LIME

We hold in our prayers -



John Wade Rev Malcolm Shapland
Carolyn and Dave Jenkins and family, Dorothy Lewis
Carol Booth Cathy Vernalls Martin Holdsworth
Hilary and Steve Akerman
Frank Frayling Wendy & Roy Angove
Barbara Stewart Diana Hibbert
Family, friends and congregations of Julie and Ian Kirby
Those in Gaza, Israel and the West Bank.
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.
Those affected by the recent riots.
Young people starting university or college or seeking
work following the end of their school education.

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

to



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**All good gifts around us are sent from heaven
above,**

Then thank the Lord, Oh, thank the Lord

For all His love.