

# INFORM



**URC**  
**VAN ROAD**  
**CAERPHILLY**  
**April 2025**

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### An Elder Writes ....

I write this on the day after the combined Service at St David's Uniting Church led by Clare Nutbrown-Hughes.

What a splendid Service it was! We benefited from a large congregation with singing that raised the roof. Clare was obviously at ease and conducted affairs smoothly and graciously. I got a strong impression that she will be offered the ministerial appointment and, presumably, will accept it. Of course, there is voting yet to come but no apparent reason for a negative vote.

Making an impact at every one of four churches will not be an easy task for a newly ordained minister but I am reminded of the problems Paul had with his churches.

At Corinth, the church had become disreputable and much of 1 Corinthians consists of Paul vehemently urging the church members to mend their thinking and behaviour. Thankfully, none of the churches in our Pastorate has a disreputable image for a new minister to contend with! On the contrary, I would expect a great deal of support and encouragement from all four churches.

Turning to world affairs the news is grim. Open warfare is rife. A lasting, just peace seems far away as long as ruthless aggressors hold power. Christians are persecuted and killed in Africa and the middle east.

In darkest days we do well to remember God's covenant with us. To remember from Jesus,

'I am with you always even until the end of the world'.

Let us look forward to Easter Day when the Easter Acclamation may ring out again -

Alleluia Christ is risen!

**HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

Peter

**May all your prayers be answered  
and may you feel the Lord's presence near  
you, not only for Easter, but always.**



From the Editor ...

## 'Preaching With a View'

It was a privilege to meet Clare Nutwood-Hughes and her husband, David and daughter, Indigo over the weekend of 22nd and 23rd March. A coffee morning at Van Road and an afternoon tea at Hope and Market Square gave the opportunity for congregations to get to know Clare a little better and learn something of her journey to ministry.

The Pastorate joint service, which she led at St David's Uniting Church, was a joyous occasion. Clare gave us plenty to think about on the overarching theme of 'Gifts.'

Personally, I found the service and the communion with members of our partner churches, most uplifting and Clare's warmth and good humour were in abundance.

Everyone I spoke to was very impressed and I am very sure very grateful that she decided to put herself forward for consideration to be the minister of our pastorate.

We know that God will guide her now and in the future and we send our love and prayers for her future ministry.

Easter Blessings,

Diane.



## When My Love for God Grows Weak

When my love for God grows weak,  
when for deeper faith I seek,  
Then in thought I go to thee,  
Garden of Gethsemane.

When my love for people grows weak,  
When for stronger faith I seek,  
Hill of Calvary I go,  
To thy scenes of fear and woe.

Then to life I turn again,  
Learning all the worth of pain,  
Learning all the might that lies,  
In a full self sacrifice.

And I praise with firmer faith  
Christ who vanquished pain and death; And to  
Christ enthroned above,  
Raise my song of selfless love.

John Reynell Wreford (and others) 1800-81

- **What do you call a dancing chick?  
Poultry in motion.**
- **Why paint Easter eggs?  
Because it is too difficult to wallpaper them.**
- **Why was the Easter Bunny hired for the job?  
Because he had the most eggsperience.**

## Young Wives



*Mondays 7.30pm*  
*All ladies, any age, welcome*

### April

- 7th Mrs Mary James Visit to Iceland  
14th No meeting  
21st No meeting  
28th Spring Supper

### Lenten Lunches for Christian Aid.

Every Friday from March 7th to 12th April

At Wesley Methodist Church

12 noon-1pm



## Worship



### April

- 6th, 10.30am Mr Rob Moverley  
*Communion*
- 13th, 10.30am Palm Sunday  
Mr Rob Moverley
- 20th, 10.30 am Easter Day  
Dr Peter Speakman
- 27th, 10.45 am Rev Gareth Dyer

### John Wade asked to share the following letter:

Dear friends at Vanguard

The Tommy Cooper Society has great pleasure in donating the Vanguard Centre this cheque for four hundred and fifty pounds as a token of our admiration for the great work you do for our community and with fond memories of the happy occasions we have shared with you and especially through the devotion of our good friends Mair and John Wade.

We wish you continued success in all you do. On behalf of all the supporters, past and present of the Tommy Cooper society.

Signed Trevor Jones and Margaret Jones

*(The donation is really appreciated. Many thanks.)*

Van-guard

Rechoir Concert

(A Cardiff pop choir singing music with a twist)

and BTM Brass Band

Saturday 5th April, 7pm, £15, under 16, £5

Caerphilly Chorus and guests host a

Memorial Concert

for

Brian Perry

*(who was a member of the Chorus)*

Friday 11th April, 7.30

*£10 (includes a raffle ticket)*

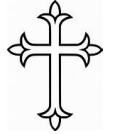
*No Interval but refreshments served at the end of the concert*

Concert by Matthew Tilley (Baritone)

Saturday 26th April , 7pm, £10

Matthew returns to Vanguard with a concert featuring well known songs and arias

**Lectionary Readings**



April

6th

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;  
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

13th

Holy Week  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40;  
Luke 22:14-23:56

17th

Maundy Thursday  
Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

18th

Good Friday  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22:  
Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19, 42

20th

Easter Day  
Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;  
I Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-8;  
Luke 24:1-12

27th

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29;  
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31



**PLEASE ADVERTISE THIS FORTHCOMING  
EVENT TO ANY LOCAL ARTISTS THAT MAY BE  
INTERESTED IN EXHIBING AND/OR SELLING  
THEIR WORK**

**ART EXHIBITION**

**VANGUARD AT VAN ROAD URC**

**TUESDAY 11TH MAY-SATURDAY 17TH MAY  
10am-4pm**

**Submissions must be able to be hung and can  
be brought to the church rooms on  
Friday 9th May from 1.30pm-5.30pm**

**Up to 3 submissions per person at a donation  
of £2 per submission**

**Commission will not be taken but it is hoped  
that any artists selling a work will make a  
donation to Vanguard**

**Further information from-  
Diane at**

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**THANK YOU!**

**Calendar of Regular Events in the Church**

**Coffee Morning, 10.30am First Wednesday each month**  
**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)**  
**U3A singing group Thursdays fortnightly, 2pm**  
**‘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.**



**Coffee Morning**

**Wednesday 3rd April**

**10.30am**

**ALL WELCOME!**



**EASTER**

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HE IS RISEN CHRIST RESERRECTION TOMB  
 PALM SUNDAY LAST SUPPER CROSS GARDEN  
 TRIAL JERUSALEM BREAD WINE PRAYER  
 HALLELULIA LOVE MARY ANGEL  
 DISCIPLES HOPE LIFE PEACE

We hold in our prayers -



Rev Malcolm Shapland

Enfys Hawthorn

Carol Booth

Cathy Vernalls

Margaret Craig

Hilary and Steve Akerman

Phyllis Frayling

Frank Frayling

Wendy Angove

Barbara Stewart

Diana Hibbert

Dave and Carolyn Jenkins

Those suffering in Gaza, Israel and the West Bank.  
 Hostages and refugees.

Those who have lost their employment and those fearful  
 for their jobs and struggling with the rising cost of living.

All those without a home or warm shelter.

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.

World leaders that they make sound, fair and just  
 decisions particularly in the USA new administration.

## CHURCH ELDERS

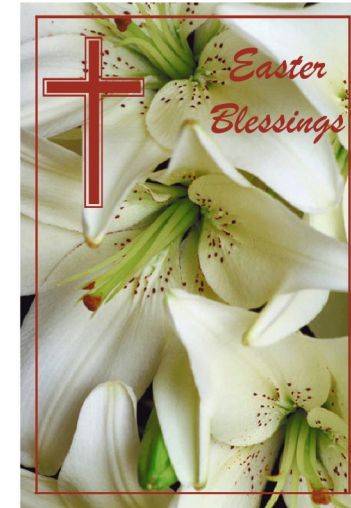
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Any items for the next edition should be  
submitted by the 19th of the month

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**Ecumenical Services for**

**Holy Week**

**Maundy Thursday**

**Wesley Methodist 7pm**

**Good Friday**

**Bethel Pen yr Heol 10.30am**