

INFORM



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A Message from our Pastorate Minister, Rev. Clare Nutbrown-Hughes

Annwyl ffrindiau,

Dear friends,

There's a flower bed alongside the path up to our front door which we have to pass day in day out as does every single visitor to our house. Over the years I have spent a fair bit of time trying to get it right. It only has sun until mid-morning, it used to have a pyracantha hedge in there which deprived it of moisture and the soil is poor quality. Not only time but also money has gone into trying to match the right plants to the space, improve the quality of the soil and trying to keep it as a point of interest across as much of the year as possible.

The result? A miserable fail. Even in early summer when it should be at its best the tall foxgloves have decided to move to the very front of the bed, not much is flourishing behind them and this year as if to underline quite how much of a fail it is, some flowers have decided to leave the bed behind altogether and creep across the gravel next to it where they are thriving on the poor ground.

I have two choices, I pull them up and double down on improving the bed and maintaining the border between bed and gravel, or I quit while I'm ahead admit defeat and enjoy what we've got.



Having just celebrated Pentecost with you and the power

of the Holy Spirit to inspire us, guide us, take us places we hadn't expected, it feels as if the bed is a reminder each time I walk past, that, to use the words of the prayer attributed to Oscar Romero, 'We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.'

As we move into summer, and the high days of the church calendar are behind us until Advent, perhaps we can lean into the freedom of this. We don't have control over everything and sometimes that can be wonderful as well as frustrating. Gardening and a life of faith both require humility, we are not the master builder and there's beauty in that.

Have a wonderful start to the summer,

Pob bendith,

Clare



From the Editor ...

We have recently come back from a lovely holiday with our family. Everyone enjoyed it and the comment was made that it contributed to the many happy memories that would stay, particularly with the children, forever.

I am sure we all have happy memories stored inside us. Some happy memories for me were spending time with my Great Aunt Flo. I often had tea with her on a Saturday when I was young.

She gave me a poem which I still go back to from time to time.

God be thanked for little things that mean so much to me,

The laughter of a little child, a blue tit on a tree.

Snowdrops or a primrose,
raindrops on new sprung grass,

The first kiss of morning dew,
frost patterns lined on glass,

And oh, the bliss of little thoughts that love has
blessed with wings

To fly straight to the lonely heart,

Praise be for little things. (Anon)

May we revel in our memories, not necessarily nostalgically, but with thanks and warmth that continues to fill our hearts. Diane

From the editor ...

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
May 10th-16th
Turning Hunger to Hope!



Many thanks to all who supported Christian Aid Week in any way particularly the Art Exhibition which raised £416. 13

Our church raised ££35.30

Well done to David Nutbrown-Hughes and Rob Moverley on their trek of 21 miles on the pilgrimage route from Llandaff to Penrhys to promote Christian Aid Week



If chance can dance the dust afar

in myriad motions to a star,

If chance can mould with pollen gold

the silken seeds where lilies are,

If chance one daisy can unfold-

Then God the hand of chance must hold.

Anon



An evening of music

with

Cantorion Pontyclun

Ladies' Choir

and

Dowlais Male Voice Choir

Saturday 6th June 2026 7:30pm

**at Vanguard Centre,
Caerphilly,
CF83 1JZ**



with guest soloist Anne Wilkins
who appeared as
"Tonight's Unexpected Star"
on Michael McIntyre's Big Show.

Adults £10,
Concessions £8
Children £5



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ring Fran:
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Lectionary Readings



June

7th

**Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12;
Hosea 5:15-6:6; Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

14th

**Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7); Psal 116:1-2, 12-19;
Exodus 19:2-8a; Romans 5:1-8;
Matthew 9:35-10:8-23**

21st

**Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-18;
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39**

28th

**Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Jeremiah 28:5-9;
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23;
Matthew 10:40-42**



FLOWER FESTIVAL

June 19th-21st

Theme: 'These we Admire'

Stewards and helpers needed please.

Pulpit Supply



June

7th, 10.30am Dr. David Jenkins

14th, 10.30am Mr Lewis Lewis-head

**21st, 10.30am Café church
Rob and Diane Moverley**

28th, 10.30am Rev Robin Wood

Calendar of Regular Events in the Church

**Communion service 2nd Wednesday each month, 10.30am
(TBC each month)**

‘Only Boys Aloud’ rehearse Every Monday, 6.30,

Caerphilly Chorus rehearse Every Friday, 7pm,

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

Young Wives’ (All ladies welcome) Monthly 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.**

June Eco Suggestions from A Rocha

Take part in a Citizen Science or a local nature event. Citizen Science is a way for ordinary people to get involved in scientific research or data collection.

There are many projects to choose from and it’s easy to make a contribution. Invite others to get involved with you too. Here are some projects you could help with.

Search a local beach with a shore survey:

wildlifetrusts.org/shoresearch

Join in with Churches Count on Nature (6th-14th June):

Arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/churches-count-on-nature

Do a bee walk:

beewalk.org.uk

Join Great Big Green Week (6th-14th June)

greatbiggreenweek.com



We hold in our prayers -



Rev Malcolm Shapland

Enfys Hawthorn

Carol Booth Family and friends of Cathy Vernalls

Hilary and Steve Akerman

Phyllis and family

Barbara Stewart Diana Hibbert

The people of Gaza, Israel and Palestine and those involved whether willingly or not, in the Iran war.

All those without a home or warm shelter.

Those countries facing hardships, particularly in Madagascar, 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.

Permanent peace in Gaza and a just peace in Ukraine.

Foodbank Donations

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PASTA AND CURRY SAUCE				CEREAL POTATOES			
RICE	COFFEE	JUICE	BISCUITS	FRUIT			
SOUPS	SPAGHETTI	TUNA	MEAT	SWEETCORN			
CARROTS	PEAS	TEA	MILK	BEANS			
FISH	MONEY	VEG	TOMS				

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

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Renewal does not begin with our effort.
It begins with the flow of divine life
already moving among us. Faith is to
notice that movement and to join it with
open hands.

Revd Dr Seoyoung Kim.