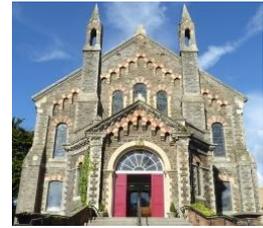


CONWAY ROAD METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE SHEET – June 2021



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Dear Friends,

We are now experiencing the latter stages of Covid restrictions. After 15 difficult months, we are emerging from a dark period eyes blinking at the light that is beginning to emerge. Indeed, today the combination of sunshine and a successful vaccination programme fills me with the hope of a Summer in which we enjoy the gift of life to the full.

Of course, we should not forget those who have died, been bereaved, or are still living with the health consequences of Covid. They should have an ongoing place in our hearts. On October 31st, our morning service will centre on the memory of those whom we have lost during this difficult time.

We are now looking to the future, and it is great to see organisations and activities returning to our church. We are a church that values people and we take joy in being able to get to know each other and building relationships. That is why lockdown was so hard with our being physically apart. I thank all those who through various media have kept people in touch with each other during the pandemic.

Now we look to rebuild. I was yesterday asked by a former connexional officer how much this would mean rebuilding that which was as opposed to creating a new future. At the moment I cannot answer that but I believe having gone through this testing time we are equipped to look ahead with abundant hope.

Mindful of the value of the online world I shall be resuming my use of it as a backup to face to face work. Every Saturday evening I shall post a video of me reflecting on the gospel reading for the following Sunday. I shall also be posting on Wednesdays on a faith-related topic. You can find them at

<https://www.facebook.com/reverendpaulmartin>

<http://revpaulmartin.blogspot.com/>

From there choose the Faith on the Edge blog

Your friend and minister,

Paul

Sunday Services

Conway Road Methodist Church is open for Sunday morning worship
Church doors open from 10.15am and worship commences at 10.30am

- Sunday 6th June – LA led by Alison Garner
- Sunday 13th June – Rev. Paul Martin.
- Sunday 20th June – Rev. Robin Wood
- Sunday 27th June – Rev. Irfan John



Please remember when attending to wear a mask and follow social distancing rules.

During the service on Sunday 13th June, we will be welcoming **Sanjiv and Bethan Mirando** into membership which is lovely news. Sanjiv has kindly agreed to take over the role of Safeguarding Officer at the Church – many thanks to **Sarah Davies** who held the role so competently for us for many years – a hard act to follow Sanjiv!

Lectionary for May

6th June - Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15), 16-20 (11:14-15) Psalm 138 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1 Mark 3:20-35

13th June - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 13 June - 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13 Psalm 20 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17 Mark 4:26-34

20th June - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 Psalm 9:9-20 or 1 Samuel 17:57 – 18:5, 10-16 Psalm 133 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35

27th June - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43

Opportunities for Worship (Timings relate to 6th June and may change throughout the month.)

BBC One - Songs of Praise on Sunday at 13.15pm,

The Power of Music – At Salisbury Cathedral, Katherine Jenkins explores the harmony between music and faith

BBC Radio Wales:

Celebration on Sunday at 7.30am

All Things Considered on Sunday at 9.00am

BBC Radio 4 – Sunday Worship at 8.10am

From St. George's Chapel, Windsor - marking the centenary of the birth of the late Prince Philip



HOME MISSIONS

Whilst the world and our lives have been turned upside down, the work done by Mission in Britain has carried on. Hospital and Prison Chaplains have worked tirelessly, Lay Workers, evangelism in all areas especially in rural and urban communities has continued to carry on. Your contributions towards this work are very welcome. If I could ask that you let me have your donations for 2020/21, in whatever way you support Home Missions, before the end of July that would be very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Jayne E Powell

Dates for your Diary

Sat 19 th June	9.30am - 12.00	Monthly work morning – all help very welcome
Sun 29 th June	12.00 noon onwards	Church Family Picnic in Pontcanna Fields Bring your own food and chairs and enjoy the sunshine (hopefully) together. Everyone welcome – just be there from 12 noon onwards – scavenger hunt for the children (or any adults who fancy the challenge!) See you there!
Sun 4 th July	10.30am	Church Anniversary Service led by Rev. Paul Martin
Wed 14 th July	7.00pm	Open meeting to discuss the Methodist Church's report ' God in Love Unites Us ' – a time to consider the report and particularly the question of same sex marriage. The meeting will give all a chance to speak or just listen to the discussion – then over the few weeks following the meeting there will be some time to reflect and then feed back to our stewards your thoughts on the issue – this will help the Church Council decide whether to permit same sex marriages at Conway Road.
Sun 12 th Sept	After morning worship	General Church Meeting A creche led by Wendy Barwise, our Circuit Steward, will be provided so that our young families can join us Please bring a picnic lunch so that we can have some time after the meeting as a Church Community having lunch.
Sun 26 th Sept	10.30am	Harvest Festival
Tues 12 th Oct	7.30pm	Property and Finance Committee
Wed 20 th Oct	7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
Sun 31 st Oct	10.30am	Special All Saints Day Service – an opportunity to reflect on what we have been through and what we have lost during the pandemic
Sat – 20 th Nov	11.00am to 1.00pm	Provisional Autumn Fayre Date – definite decision to be made in September Here's hoping!

Conway Road 50+ Group – Wednesday Club

This group will be returning on Wednesday 9th June – however due to Covid safety restrictions only 30 places will be available. Book by ringing Iona Gordon on 029 2034 1768

Arrive at 10.30am for a 10.45am start.

First two weeks programme are;

June 9th - Miscellany of Songs from music hall, stage and radio

Performed live with his own arrangements on guitar with vocals - **Richard Tester**

June 16th – Guides International Service: the Guides role in post-war Europe – **Catherine Dodd**

Star of the Month - Catherine Dodd



Without whom there would have been no Spring Fayre! She produced our 'virtual' Spring Fayre catalogue – processed all the orders - made sure those of us making stuff knew how many of what were required – and then made sure all the correct goods got delivered to all the correct people at the correct time – no mean feat! Thank you, Catherine you are definitely a star!



Virtual Spring Fayre Update

Thank you once again to everyone who made this such a successful event. The fantastic news is that we made an amazing total of:

£2291.25



Junior Church



We are so pleased to be back up and running. For the rest of the term we will be studying stories from the bible in the Christian calendar and playing games. We are meeting in the main hall with all covid restrictions put in place or if it is warm enough, we hope to meet outside on the grass surrounding the church.

Meeting Point – the end of an era

We have finally decided that the time has come to say goodbye to Meeting Point, We have been part of Conway Road since the 1950s when the group began as a Young Wives. It is sad that we now have to end, We have had a lot of interesting things going on - lovely days out, lots of baking and sewing for various fund-raising events, hosted concerts and not forgetting the jumble sales that raised several thousand pounds along the way for Conway Road. We have also supported quite a few charities over the years as well.

There are now only two members under the age of 80 so this seems a good time to bow out. We remember with fondness all the friends we have lost over 70 plus years. We have missed them.

I would like to say thank you to all who have supported us at the various events. Hopefully, we shall continue to do our bit at the Wednesday meeting.

From Shelagh and June



And thank you to **Shelagh and June** - we are all very grateful for all the time and effort you have put in over the years!

News from Stamper-Webster's:

Like many we have enjoyed meeting up with our families, for the 1st bank holiday Mark took the girls to see his mum in Peterborough (Chloé had to work) and then we went to Knutsford to see Chloé's family for the 2nd. We all enjoyed the produce from the Spring Fayre it was to an excellent standard and Coco is keenly looking after her planter. Over the last month Coco has taken up sailing in Cardiff Bay which she seems to find exhilarating and this month little Cécile will turn 4. Sadly, Mark's mum is in hospital with a suspected hip fracture but we hope to have more news soon.



Rachel, Gareth, Ella & Sophia Davies



It has been a busy, happy and often challenging time here in the Davies household since the pandemic began. As a teacher and Gareth an acting headteacher we have both worked harder than ever to adapt and deliver the best support possible to the families who attend our schools in Barry and Penarth. From Hub schools, to delivering food parcels, the recording of online lessons, pages of risk assessments and the hours spent phoning families, it often resulted in our own children (Ella and Sophia) not having the best of their mummy and daddy. The winter lockdown was particularly hard as I was still

suffering the after effects of Covid, I felt better roughly 3 months after I fell ill, thankfully Ella recovered much quicker. This week we have also sadly said goodbye to Gareth's grandfather, he was like a second dad to him as he lived with his grandparents from the age of 12 and it has been the first loss for Ella too. Through it all what I have learned is how resilient our two gorgeous girls are and how beautiful the bond between them truly is. Ella was 7 at the end of March (her second lockdown birthday) and Sophia will turn 3 on Sunday. We are thankful to be their parents and their love definitely gave us peace during uncertain times. We hope to see you in church soon, however you will find us sneaking in and going straight downstairs as we'll be racing to church after Ella's swimming lesson!

From Jenny and Michael Langham

The family all helped Alys celebrate her first birthday on 6 May. It's amazing where that year has gone – she's walking, starting to talk and is very familiar with zoom calls! We are looking forward to meeting up with friends and family over the summer and introducing Alys to those who haven't yet had a chance to meet her.

Also – regarding a potential Coffee Evening in August

Michael and Jenny are happy to host a coffee evening as usual in August but it would find it helpful if people could let them know whether they would feel confident enough to come out - before fixing a date.



This Month's Quiz from Roger - Odd One Out

- 1 Peter, Andrew, James, Matthew
- 2 Genesis, Acts, Jonah, Psalms
- 3 Rome, Babylon, Athens, Ephesus
- 4 Sophia, Esther, Miriam, Rachel
- 5 Tryphena, Martha, Lydia, Isabella
- 6 Reuben, Dan, Benjamin, Esau
- 7 Bethsaida, Cana, Damascus, Capernaum
- 8 Zebedee, Alphaeus, Nicodemus
- 9 Simon, Jacob, Saul, Bartholomew
- 10 Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra

From Jayne Powell - as we look forward to singing again.....



(All hymn numbers taken from Hymns & Psalms)

- 744 O thou (Covid) who camest from (who knows where) above
- 714 Making us all captive –
- 220 But God is love – His the care
- 707 And are we yet alive
- 663 Awake, our souls, away our fears
- 664 Away with our fears! The glad morning appears
- 68 Lead us Heavenly Father, lead us
- 81 Come thou long expected (freedom) Jesus
- 686 When our confidence is (has been) shaken
- 97 (Let's all) Come and join the celebration
- 19 With gladness we worship, rejoice as we sing
- 811 Earth, rejoice, our Lord is King.
- 402 (And) For the healing of the nations
- 479 (Let's be) Powerful in making us wise to (vaccination) salvation.

Answers to Roger's Quiz	
1	Matthew – the other three disciples were fishermen
2	Acts – the others are Old Testament books of the Bible
3	Babylon – Paul visited the other places on his missionary journeys
4	Sophia – the others are women in the OT
5	Isabella – the others are women in the NT
6	Esau – the others were sons of Jacob
7	Damascus – the other places were visited by Jesus
8	Nicodemus - the other two were fathers of disciples
9	Bartholomew – the others were re-named
10	Ezra – the others are Bible books in two parts

A real blast from the past – courtesy of Roger Yeo

A page from a predecessor of this Notice Sheet – some fifteen to twenty years ago – read and enjoy! (Just asking but is that a sexist joke?!!!!) Roger can only find fourteen books of the bible in the Bible Brain twister – so consider the gauntlet well and truly laid down!

BIBLE BRAIN TWISTER

Can you find sixteen books of the Bible in the following piece?

"I once made a remark about the hidden books in the Bible. It was a lulu, kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books are not capitalised, but the truth finally struck home to a number of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there are some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will admit it usually takes a minister to find one of the 16, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better."

Thanks to Joyce Reynolds for this teaser which has had quite a journey. It appeared in Contact, the Hereford Circuit magazine, having been copied from a Canadian Church magazine!

Joyce says she has found 15, like a preacher who found 15 in 20 minutes and took three weeks to discover the 16th! Let Joyce know!

A RECIPE FOR EVERY DAY.

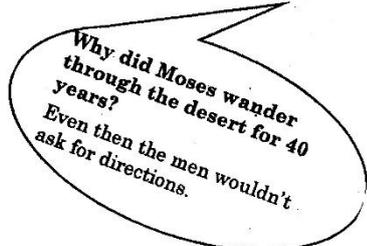
2 ozs Patience
4 gs Goodwill
Bunch of Faith
Cup of Kindness
Pinch of Hope

To those add:-

1 pint of Prudence
Both handfuls of Industry
and a little sympathy
1 Handful of Humility
a jar brimful of the syrup of
Good Humour

Season the mixture with common sense and simmer in the pan of daily content and a good result is assured.

from Margaret P Thomas
(Meeting Point)



If your brain could do with a good work-out, set it to pondering this remark, not from a Buddhist master, but overheard when a young boy (age 4) was speaking to his older brother (age 6) in the back of a car:

"This is an invisible silence"

Eternal Life in Christ

1 John 5:11

To find out what 1 John 5:11 says, block out all the letters that appear above the odd numbers. Then read the letters that are still uncovered and see what they say.



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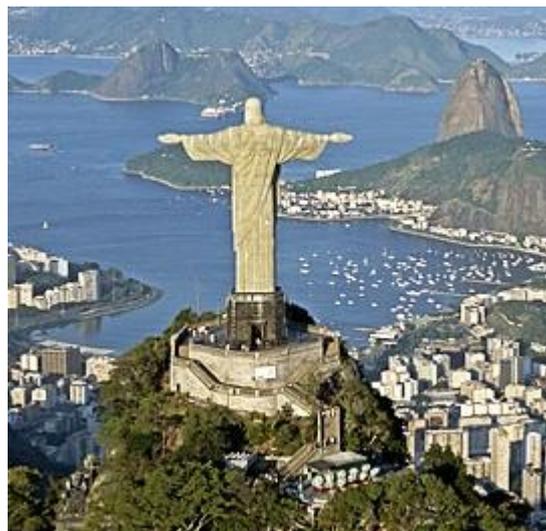
1 John 5:11

To finish – from the blog of the President and Vice-President:

Christ the Redeemer – Rio de Janeiro

(4th June 2021)

On our final morning in Rio de Janeiro, before going to catch our flight home, we had the amazing privilege of visiting the Christ the Redeemer statue on top of the Corcovado Mountain. It was interesting being close to the statue and I really prayed that this amazing image of our Lord Jesus would have an impact on people's hearts and lives. During my visits to various places around Brazil I had been recording various Bible readings and on this final part of my journey, felt it was right to read from Colossians 1 about the incomparable Christ. As I began to read the passage amongst the pressing crowd, I felt really anointed and it was a powerful moment.



'He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.'

I pray as you read this today, that you will experience the power and presence of the incomparable Christ in your heart and life and that as you look at the image of this iconic statue that you will sense Jesus opening his arms to welcome and accept you today into his love.

Carolyn Lawrence (Vice-President of the Methodist Conference)

Everyone, over the past year - we have been receiving a monthly News Sheet compiled by Heather Cox. This has been a joy to receive, and we wish to thank her for all her very hard work in collating, distributing and keeping everyone informed of all sorts of events.

So, Heather a **HUGE** thank you,
from the Stewards and everyone at Conway Road.



And from Heather – it has been a joy and pleasure!

This will be last one in this style – back to just the four-page booklet from now on – however, I will send it out by email each month and ensure those unable to get to Church and without computer access get one delivered – by snail mail!