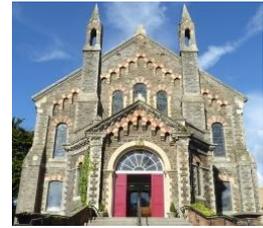


CONWAY ROAD METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE SHEET – October 2021



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Dear Readers,

We find ourselves engaged with the rhythm of the seasons once more.

September ends with the Harvest Festival on September 26th in which we give thanks to the God who has provided whilst asking if we could not have used the bounty better.

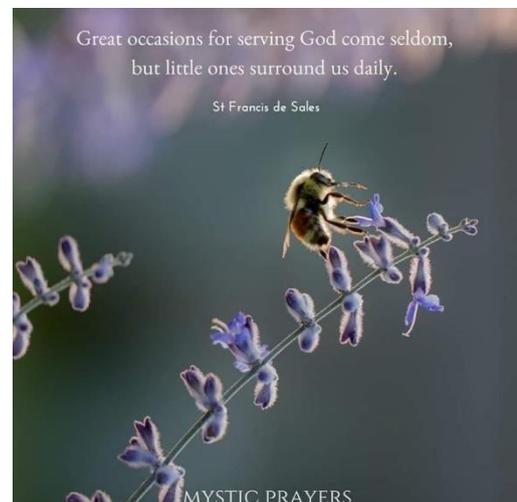
October will end the day with a special service on Sunday October 31st in which we shall remember and give thanks for those who have left this life but who live on in our hearts. This will be particularly poignant in the light of the pandemic but is an opportunity to focus on all those who have meant something to us. There will be an opportunity for you to ensure that your loved one is remembered by name. Details on this will go out in the first half of October. Of course, two weeks later on Sunday November 14th, our focus will be on those who have suffered and died as a result of war.

I like to use the church calendar as it takes us through the important themes of our faith as well as connecting with those events which deeply impact upon our world and also our individual lives.

May we travel through this year open to be touched and drawn into the great love of God who is ever present with us in our joys and sorrows.

Your friend and minister

Paul Martin



Sunday Services

For Sunday morning worship the church doors will open from 10.15am and worship will commence at 10.30am.

Please ensure you adhere to all social distancing requirements and wear a mask – many thanks

- Sunday 3rd October – Mrs. Avery Pendry
- Sunday 10th October – Mr. Munawar Amaf
- Sunday 17th October – Rev. Alexis Mahoney
- Sunday 24th October – Rev. Paul Martin (Baptismal Service)
- Sunday 31st October – All Saints Service led by Rev. Paul Martin

Evening Services are currently postponed for this quarter.

There will be a Circuit Zoom Service on the last Sunday of every month.

Singing is now allowed during the services provided you are wearing a mask.

Junior Church

Over the warmer weeks we have been delighted to be meeting outdoors putting an emphasis on the natural environment in our teachings. We will however, move back indoors as the weather becomes more unpredictable but we hope to still have a few sessions in the fresh air when the sun shines.

This is a photo of the children making a shelter, as we imagined how it would have been for Elijah finding shelter in the desert.

Chloe



Toddlers

We are still looking for someone to run our popular **Toddler Group** on Tuesday mornings from 9.15 to 11.15am. Additional help running the group would also be very welcome.

Please put the word out with colleagues and friends – it would be a shame to see this group close. Pass on details of any willing volunteers to the stewards – many thanks!



Monday Breakfasts

Conway Road was open for breakfast for the first time on Monday 13th September and had three takers for the first week. There were seven on the second week and we are hopeful that once word gets around numbers will increase.

Thanks to Heather's letter, Shelagh has had several offers of help and once numbers increase, she will be in touch with those who have volunteered. A big thank you to all of them!

Dates for your Diary

Sat 16 th Oct	9.30am	Monthly work morning – all help greatly appreciated!
Wed 20 th Oct	7.45pm	Church Council – to be held in the New Room
Sun 31 st Oct	10.30am	All Saints Remembrance Service
Sun 7 th Nov	3.00pm	Family Activity Afternoon

Conway Road 50+ Group

Programme for October is as follows:

29th September	Beyond Limits: Some of the challenges faced Lowri Morgan - TV presenter, adventurer, ultra-marathon runner. Copies of 'Beyond Limits' on sale.
6 th October	Current affairs – a viewpoint from Westminster Anna McMorrin - MP for Cardiff North
13 th October	Rum and Gunpowder - a curious tale – with music & pictures from the Edwards family archives. Phil Edwards -retired teacher, musician & raconteur
20 th October	Half term trip to the Physic Garden, Cowbridge - using our bus passes for travel
27 th October	To be confirmed

There is no longer any need to book – you can register your attendance on the day. Social distancing requirements will continue as before – and all attendees need to have had both their vaccinations. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Bible Study

We will be starting a Bible study on October 21st entitled "Walking with Micah." This will be an opportunity to explore the vision of Micah nearly 3,000 years ago which reminds us that working for justice is an important part of being the people of God. This year it is very much a theme within the Methodist Church. We will be doing this through the medium of zoom and I shall be sending out guidance in advance.

Further details will be sent out in next couple of weeks.

Rev. Paul Martin



Family News



100th Birthday - warmest congratulations to **Elsie Binstead** who will be 100 on 3rd October.

And **90th birthday wishes** for **Heulwen Eynon** on the 28th September

On Sunday October 24th we shall be delighted to host the baptism of **Sophia Davies**, daughter of Gareth and Rachel. This takes place in our morning service, and we hope as many as possible can share in this joyful moment.

We send good wishes to:

Ian Dodd – who is recovering from a recent operation
Stuart Bailey as he begins his radiotherapy and chemotherapy treatments
Alan Whitaker as he recovers from his broken femur

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

And to finish:

AUTUMN by Jayne Powell

'I don't believe it!' Victor Meldrew was heard to say.
But it is honestly less than 100 shopping days to Christmas Day!
Will there be anything in the shops? –
Will we be looking for this and that and probably shop until we drop!
Covid is still with us, lurking around in various places
And people seem to have forgotten about the 2 metre spaces.
With no lorry drivers, and staff to work the tills –
What will we do when again there's no loo rolls and kitchen rolls to mop up the spills?
Just take a look at the beauty around us –
Autumn colours, trees an orangery brown, dewdrops on the grass.
Creation is such a wondrous sight –
Who cares if the darkness comes a bit early at night?
Take a breather, look beyond the shops –
And before long again there will be snowdrops.
Nature comes and goes throughout the seasons
Varying in colour, weather, hot, cold, wet – Many combinations.
This Autumn and harvest time, remember God gives us His love
And surely all good gifts around us, are **really** sent from heaven above?

