

CONWAY ROAD METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE SHEET – September 2021



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Dear Reader,

Being peculiar people, we Methodists have our own 'New Year'. It begins in September and is a time when new ministers arrive and when the cycle of meetings concerning our way ahead begins once more. It is especially pertinent for me as this will be the last Methodist year I spend with you.

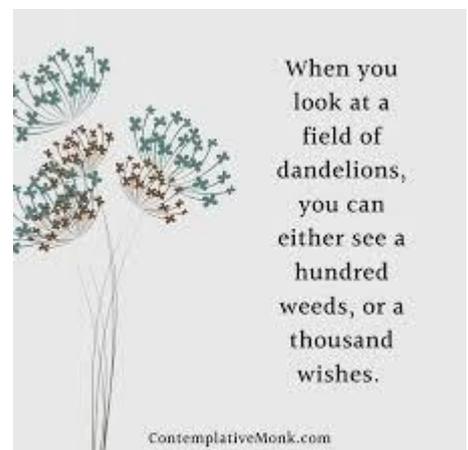
We are now hopefully coming out of the trauma brought to us by Covid 19. This should be a year of recovery. That means not just going back to where we were but of also looking ahead to being in a better situation. Some things never change - money and property are matters to which we constantly need to pay attention and we would be poor stewards if we did not do so. The issues that I hope we can build on include:

Worship
Bible study
Prayer

With an over-arching theme of 'Seeking Justice' – for which the Methodist Church's "Walking with Micah" initiative will be pivotal.

I would like to stress that church is about all of us. Each of you has a part to play so please come to the General Church Meeting on September 12th after the morning service. Otherwise please share your hopes and dreams with the stewards or me. Together let us make things happen.

Your friend and minister,
Paul



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 5th September with Holy Communion – Rev. Robin Wood
- Sunday 12th September – Rev. Paul Martin followed by the Church GCM
- Sunday 19th September – Local Arrangement
- Sunday 26th September – Harvest Festival led by Rev. Paul Martin

Evening Services will be returning in September – two each month – one of which will be Holy Communion. These will be led either by Rev. Paul Martin or another Circuit minister.

Church doors will open at 5.15pm and worship commences at 5.30pm

- Sunday 12th September with Holy Communion
- Sunday 19th September

In addition, 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.



Message from the Parish of St Theodore and St Teilo (Russian Orthodox Community)

There are no words to express how grateful we are for the blessing of being able to worship in your church.

Aside from a couple of weeks during which we were on holiday, we continue to serve the Divine Liturgy every Sunday at 3:00 p.m., and since moving into Conway Road, have seen our small numbers grow. As you can imagine, having a home such as we do now, gives people a greater sense of permanence and belonging, which, in our case, after drifting for two years, means a great deal. The fact that we have been able to erect an iconostasis (icon wall), together with the rest of our furnishings, and to worship according to the fullness of our traditions, has been an equally great blessing.

Our hope is that, in the next few months, we will be able to arrange at least a couple of social evenings with you, in order that we all might get to know each other a little better.

But, at this stage, although you may not see us, we are very conscious of our Methodist family, and regularly pray for the whole community. You will always be most welcome to join us for our services (even if it is only because you want to see what we do!), and we look forward to growing together with you over the coming weeks and months.

Junior Church

Junior Church will be commencing from Sunday 5th September. We will continue to be outdoors on our lovely patch of mowed grass, if the weather permits. There will be a drink and biscuit for the children, reflection on their week, a bible story, followed by an appropriate game or craft. All children are welcome.



Toddlers

We are looking for someone to run our popular Toddler Group on Tuesday mornings from 9.15 to 11.15am. Val Davidson is very willing to assist anyone willing to take on the role.

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!

Coffee Evening

Many thanks to **Michael and Jenny Langham** for running their August Coffee Evening – a very enjoyable evening was had by all, and they raised £200 for Church funds. Many thanks to Jenny and Michael and to all who generously donated.

Dates for your Diary

Sun 12 th Sept	After morning worship	General Church Meeting Please do your best to stay for this meeting. Wendy Barwise from Canton, Wesley will be providing a creche for the youngsters so that parents can stay. It has been decided that we will not stay on for a picnic afterwards.
Sat 18 th Sept	9.30am	Monthly work morning – all help greatly appreciated!
Sun 26 th Sept	10.30am	Harvest Festival led by Rev. Paul Martin Our harvest gifts will be dried goods for the Trinity Centre please (Pasta, rice, tinned beans and fruit, fruit juice, coffee etc.)
Wed 20 th Oct	7.30pm	Church Council – to be held in the New Room

Conway Road 50+ Group

Sessions recommenced on Wednesday 1st September – programme is as follows;

8 September	The Ukulele Nights - a welcome return to 50+ with a smaller band but usual non-stop programme of tunes and songs from our youth
15 September	The Rebecca Riots: a rising that arose out of despair Brian Drew: Historian
22 September	Piano Duets – everything from Handel to Billy Joel Heather Cox and Catherine Dodd
29 September	Beyond Limits: Some of the challenges faced Lowri Morgan - TV presenter, adventurer, ultra-marathon runner. Copies of 'Beyond Limits' on sale.

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.

Family News

The **Perkins family** are delighted to announce the safe arrival of the latest addition to the clan, little Neve Kennedy, born on 5th August and weighing in at 8lb 4oz. Neve is a second daughter for Freya and Nathan, and a second granddaughter for Carol and Derek.

Our commiserations go to **Abby** who has had a huge disappointment - unfortunately due to an administrative error by the University she has lost the opportunity of going to Korea to study for the year. She will now be returning to Preston to finish the final year of her degree.

The **Stamper-Webster family** are looking forward to Cécile starting Reception at Llandaff City Church in Wales with her big sister Coco, who will be going back into year 4. Coco was Christened Antonia Coco but we have always called her Coco, as it seemed more fitting for a little baby. We assumed that we would revert to her 1st name when she was a little older, but she was never keen, until now. She has recently decided that she would like to be called Antonia but is happy to answer to either name (which is handy, as we are finding it rather difficult).

Shane had a lockdown birthday in April so we celebrated it last weekend at the British motor show since he loves supercars!!! We got to have a ride in a Nissan GT-R for a Teenage cancer Trust charity as well as wish we had thousands of pounds for new a car. We also met Tim and Fuzz from the car show S.O.S.



90th Birthday - warmest congratulations to Heulwen Eynon who will be 90 on 28th September.

We send our prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Alan Whittaker** who has broken his femur.

And to finish:

*Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude,
the spiritual blindness that prevents us
from appreciating the wonder that is this world,
the endless cycle of nature,
of life and death and rebirth.
Forgive us for taking without giving
reaping without sowing.
Open our eyes to see
our lips to praise
our hands to share
May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread
and our footsteps be worthy of following
for they lead to you.*

