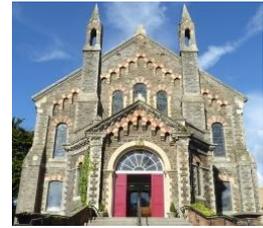


# CONWAY ROAD METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE SHEET – November 2021



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Dear All,

November is a time for memories. We begin the month with a focus on All Saints. Indeed, our service on October 31st will include the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of those whom we have loved but lost. We shall be contemplating the faithful departed souls who have often influenced our lives.

Also in November, we have Remembrance Sunday on November 14th when our focus will be on those who have died in the human conflicts that have ravaged the last century. In their memory, we shall have a two-minute silence and in the light of that remembrance, we shall commit ourselves to work for peace and reconciliation.

And yet we shall also be looking ahead. I have little doubt that the climate emergency is as big an issue as humanity has faced. For some the dangers of extreme weather are immediate but for all of us, the dangers to future generations are of massive concern. We shall be having an online circuit service focusing on climate change at 6pm on Sunday 31st October. That is the day that the COP26 gathering begins in Glasgow. I invite you to hold this gathering at the centre of your prayers for the next couple of weeks. After all, there is no better way to repay the debts of honour that we recall this month than to work to ensure there is a future for the young and those yet to be born.

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 31<sup>st</sup> October – All Saints Service led by Rev. Paul Martin (Holy Communion)
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Mr. George Craig
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Rev. Paul Martin (Holy Communion)
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Local Arrangement
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Mr. David Kitchen

**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

Junior Church has enjoyed their time outside in the warmer weather. We are now meeting downstairs in the large hall. Over the next few weeks, we will be taking a journey from Egypt to Nazareth through the stories in the bible and then onto Bethlehem. We hope to be doing a Nativity performance on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December in the morning service to celebrate the beginning of Advent.

**Chloe**



## Bible Study

Our Bible Study group will be continuing on Thursday evenings from 7.00 until 8.00pm every fortnight. (Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November)

The topic is "Walking with Micah" and is 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.

The group is being held through the medium of zoom and joining instructions will be available from Heather Cox earlier on in each week when a study is due to occur.

**Rev. Paul Martin**



## Dates for your Diary

Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov 	3.00pm	<b>Family Activity Afternoon – All Aboard!</b> Everyone welcome for lots of fun all based on the story of Noah and his ark – to include bread hedgehogs, origami frogs, investigating minibeasts, painting the rainbow, songs and a re-telling of the story. If you can't make the fun join us for tea from 4.45pm
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov 	10.30am – 12.00 noon	<b>Conway Road Autumn Coffee Morning</b> at which there will be a gift stall and a cake stall Donations of gifts (Avril) and cakes (Heather and Jayne) for the stalls very much appreciated. This will be a much smaller affair than our usual Autumn Fayre – so any monetary donations for the Church to boost are overall total would be very much appreciated!
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	<b>Nativity</b> – led by the members of Junior Church
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	<b>Conway Road Gift Service</b> – to include monetary gifts for our Church and chocolate for those who come to the Monday breakfasts
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.00pm	<b>Lutheran Advent Concert with singers from the Welsh College of Music</b> Followed by light refreshments – tickets £5
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00pm	<b>Sororitas Christmas Concert</b> – held at Conway Road Church – entrance £5 (on the door)
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00pm	<b>Carols on the steps</b> with Barry Brass Band

## Conway Road 50+ Group

Programme for November is as follows:

Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	<b>Fraud and Scam Awareness</b> <b>Tim Homan</b> - Community Banking. Nat West Bank
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Ageing Well – benefits, services and support</b> <b>Kathy Lye</b> - Age Cymru
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>A City Burning – Extracts from short stories set in Wales, Italy and Northern Ireland</b> <b>Angela Graham</b> - Author and TV Film Director
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>A Journey of Sound to Relax to</b> <b>Gail Stewart</b> - Retired nurse, complementary therapist

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 family would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind words in celebration of **Elsie Binstead's** 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Jane, Jenny & Chris were able to visit her in the Forge Nursing Home on the day, where the staff were very excited to have a centenarian in their midst and to see the card from the Queen. We spent the weekend remembering happy times – many of which revolved around Conway Road!

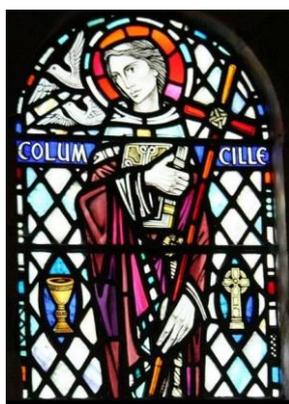


**Stuart and Marie** send their grateful thanks to everyone for the loving messages, cards, flowers, plants and gifts they have received and especially for all your prayers. **Stuart** is already a little more than half-way through the treatment at Velindre and then will need a period of recuperation before his surgery. So far, so good!

Our thoughts and prayers are very much with Rob, Eileen William's husband, who had a short spell in hospital last week with high blood pressure.

## **BONFIRE NIGHT** by Jayne Powell

Whiz, flash, sparkle and BANG –  
Lighting up the sky across the land.  
November the 5<sup>th</sup> known always as bonfire night –  
When we remember Guy Fawkes, whose plan failed to ignite!  
Parliament is still standing although crumbling here and there  
Surviving the years since 1605 notwithstanding the odd scare.  
So, we celebrate by lighting the blue touch paper  
And watch with 'Ooo's and aah's' as rockets go as high as skyscrapers.  
Standing well back from bonfires with flames of orange and yellow –  
Stay safe, be warm, when toasting those marshmallows.



### **A closing prayer to finish:**

*Be a bright flame before us, O God, a guiding star above us, a smooth path below us and a loving shepherd behind us, each day and each night, now and for ever. Amen.*

***Columba of Iona (521-597)***