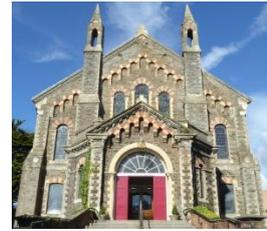


CONWAY ROAD METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE SHEET – May 2022



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Dear Friends,

We are coming off the celebration that Jesus who was killed has been raised by God. I love Easter Day and the rebirth of hope that it celebrates. It is a day of new beginnings that turns our expectations upside down.

But now we face the question of what it means for us. In the coming weeks, we remain in the season of Easter, and the scriptures we explore tell us of Resurrection appearances and challenge us to look for meaning in them and the witness of the empty tomb. This will lead us to the eventual physical departure of Jesus which we celebrate in Ascension before we see the next part of the story unfurling in Pentecost.

As we go about this journey it is worth noting that we live in a challenging world. We see around us war in Ukraine and indeed also in other locations. We have the challenges that come from the cost-of-living crisis. The theologian Karl Barth spoke of us needing the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other hand. I think he was right for our scriptures do not simply tell us of past events but help us to interpret the times in which we live.

So, I encourage you to use the scriptures as a help in responding to events around us. It makes sense!

Your friend and minister,
Paul

Refugee

So I have a new name - refugee.
Strange that a name should take away from me
My past, personality and hope.
Strange refuge this.
So many seem to share this name - refugee
Yet we share so many differences.

I find no comfort in my new name.
I long to share my past, restore my pride,
To show, I too, in time will offer more
Than I have borrowed.
For now the comfort that I seek
Resides in the old yet new name.
I would choose - friend.

@theworldwidetribe

Sunday Services

Sunday morning worship commences at 10.30am – and includes Junior Church, who meet with us in the Church and then go down for their own activities part way through the service.

- Sunday 1st May – No Morning Worship (see evening services)
- Sunday 8th May – Rev. Paul Martin (Holy Communion)
- Sunday 15th May – Rev. Roger Bidnell
- Sunday 22nd May – Mr. David Kitchen
- Sunday 29th May – Dr. Alun Hughes

Evening Services

Sunday 1st May - Circuit Communion Service (6.00pm) led by Rev. Paul Martin held in the New Room.

Junior Church

We had the delight of joining Avery in taking part in an All Age Service. The children did a fantastic job, Tom played the part of Lazarus and did an interview with Avery setting the scene for Lazarus's party. Shane was convincing as an enraged Judas, with Morgan as Jesus and both Annabella and Antonia played Mary pouring oil on his feet. Emmie was Martha and waited on with cake - which the children happily devoured! Seb clearly presented the reading to the congregation from the pulpit and both Morgan and Antonia joined Roger in the choir stands to give a solo of the first verse of This Little Light of Mine and Be Still. Avery did a lovely sermon on being thankful and the whole congregation wrote, on cut out crosses, what they were thankful for. These were then strung up in the New Room. The service came to a close with Emmie and Céce saying a little prayer they knew off by heart:

Hands together softly so, little eyes shut tight, Father just before we go, hear our prayers tonight.
We hope you all had a Happy Easter love from Junior Church.



A Message from Stuart and Marie

Stuart and Marie Bailey thank everybody for their prayers and many acts of kindness during Stuart's illness and absence from Church since August last year. We have been overwhelmed with cards, messages, letters and telephone calls, flowers, books and magazines, chocolates, offers of lifts to appointments and in many other ways. The warmth of the Conway Rd fellowship has been enormous and invaluable in helping both of us through a prolonged period of treatment at Velindre and University Hospital. This illness has brought home how blessed we are with the NHS and how skilled are the surgeons, doctors and nursing staff for which we must always thank God. We finally got back to worship on Easter Sunday, and it was great to see our friends again.

We send our good wishes to all members and friends who we have missed at worship due to the pandemic and who perhaps are now unable to join us in worship and church activities, including Heulwyn Eynon, Alan Whitaker and Norman James. Remember all those who have been isolated due to Covid 19 restrictions and include them in your prayers.



Dates for your Diary

Sat 14 th May	10.30am	Spring Coffee Morning All the usual stalls: Cakes – Heather and Jayne Gifts – Avril and family Nearly new occasion wear – Val Books – volunteer required Raffle – volunteer required Coffee and tea - Shelagh All donations gratefully received. Please let Heather know if you are able to help on the day – many thanks in advance!
Sat 28 th May	9.30am	Monthly work morning and Church Spring Clean <i>* Please note change of date for Church Spring Clean</i> All help greatly appreciated!
Sun 12 th Jun	12.00 noon	Church Picnic – on the fields by Black Weir bridge as usual. Fine weather has been booked!

Conway Road 50+ Group

Wed 27 th April	'Billy the Seal' and other Cardiff songs and stories David Simpson. Retired teacher, singer and musician
Wed 4 th May	May Day! Morris dancing and folk tunes Clocs Canton dancing the North West Morris tradition – in clogs
Wed 11 th May	'All for Norway' The Battle of the Atlantic Sept '39 – May '45 Gerald Harris: Local historian, family history writer.
Wed 18 th May	To be confirmed
Wed 25 th May	To be confirmed

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, 2-5 June

I have been thinking about putting on 'street party' for Conway Road members to get together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at some time over the celebratory weekend and possibly inviting the residents of Conway Road to join us. I have spoken to Councillor Iona Gordon, and she doesn't think we would have to apply for a road closure as we have the 'apron' in front of the church and also there are some reasonably flat areas within the church grounds, and it could always be in the hall if wet! It would be good to celebrate our Queen's amazing achievement.

Can you get in touch with me if you think it is a reasonable idea and also if you would be willing to help, with ideas, with food donations and with setting out and decorating the hall or the church railings. And being there to welcome our neighbours.



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Family News



Alison & Dave were blessed with the safe delivery of a granddaughter, **Elizabeth** at the end of March. Both mum & baby are well, and the family is settling down together happily with Oliver enjoying the role of big brother (so far at least!).

And **Heather and Stuart** welcomed their first grandchild – Aria – born to Ben and Kelly on 4th April 2022 – a bit of a night bird so not much sleep to be had in their neck of the woods!



Here is a picture of Val, out for a 70th birthday meal with 'Harmony', that singing group from years gone by!!! As well as Val, present were Gill, Carol, Catherine, Sarah, and Alison. Fran checked in by phone from the 21st birthday trip to Edinburgh. Angela couldn't be there as she is shielding while she undergoes treatment, and Jenny couldn't be there as she had just tested positive for COVID! It was a great get-together, which we hope to repeat again soon when everyone can be present!

Most of you will be aware by now that mum, **Elsie Binstead**, passed away peacefully on 13 April at The Forge Nursing Home. You will also be aware that it was a release for her, and while we mourn her loss, it is a relief for the family to know that she is finally at peace.

The funeral will be held at Conway on Tuesday 3rd May at 12.45 with Catherine Hewitt officiating. This will be followed by a short committal service at Coychurch Crematorium. If anyone wishes to join the family at Coychurch they are most welcome, but refreshments will be available from 2pm at the Old Post House in St Fagans village. We hope as many of you as possible will join us there to celebrate a long life and remember Elsie in the good times.

Jenny



And to finish –

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you
Deep peace of Christ to you...

John Rutter