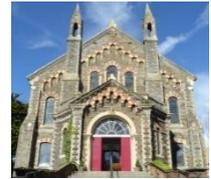


CONWAY ROAD METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE SHEET – June 2022



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Dear Friends,

June is knocking on the door. The weather is bright, and it feels like a good time to be alive. The beginning of the month will be dominated by the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This offers an opportunity for people to get together. I am sure that for some of you this is an opportunity to celebrate 70 years of Queen Elizabeth the Second on the throne and your memories of the longest reign in our island history. If that is not your thing, it is still an

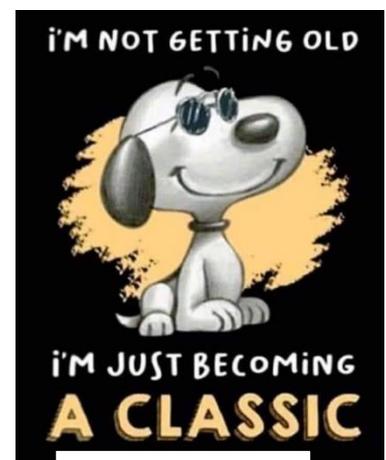
opportunity for a happy get-together with both a looking back and anticipation for the future. After the dark days of the pandemic, such celebrations are to be treasured. We have come through a dark episode and can once more enjoy each other's company.

June is also a time for holidays once more. My family will be making a return to our beloved Cornwall. Even if you are not travelling anywhere, this is an opportunity to take the best quality time you can get. If taking a break was good enough for Jesus, then it is good enough for you. Of course, the tough world awaits us, the world that is currently dominated by a bloody European War and a cost-of-living crisis. The church will need to be a part of the response to these things. Finding how we can best serve as a church will be a challenge and indeed a General Church Meeting in July will be exploring this.

But now I ask you to take time for yourselves. After all you are precious to God. In the words of Brennan Manning;

“My deepest awareness of myself is that I am deeply loved by Jesus Christ and I have done nothing to earn it or deserve it.”

Your friend and minister,
Paul



Sorry – just had another birthday!
Heather xx

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 5th June – Mr. Anthony Thomas
- Sunday 12th June – Rev. Paul Martin (Holy Communion)
- Sunday 19th June – Local Arrangement
- Sunday 26th June – Mrs. Avery Pendry

Junior Church

We wanted to combine our teachings with something that would show our support for Ukraine. We therefore decided that we will plant the national flower of Ukraine - the Sunflower. We have been looking at the parables in the bible that are to do with seeds and the children have enjoyed making biodegradable plant pots and planting sunflower seeds in them. They have also decorated some lovely plant labels in the shape of flowers and Ukraine flags. The seeds are germinating at present, but we hope to plant them outside soon.

"This is what the kingdom of God is like: A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how." Mark 4:26-27 (NIV)

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RIPE	KINGDOM	SOIL	SPROUT
DAY	GROUND	SEED	GRAIN
HEAD	GROWS	NIGHT	GOD
SLEEP	HARVEST	SCATTER	STALK

Golden Wedding Anniversary

I'd like to say 'it started with a kiss' –
 These 50 years of our married bliss.
 But not everything for all is lovey dovey,
 For then I didn't know he even liked me!
 Two young Chapel going people, always on the go –
 John attending a different Church-I was a Primitive didn't you know!
 I sang with a group of men and women who formed a choir
 With John being a 'Groupie,' for to be a member, a voice you did require!
 The 60's and early 70's-Me, with a figure so slender that I wore miniskirts-
 I suppose today I would be considered a right old flirt!!
 And so, we courted in the proper manner of the day –
 Planned our futures and discussed our route along the highway.
 The years have galloped by – Loved ones have passed –
 For no one can predict an absolutely perfect life forecast.
 All in all, it's not been too bad – A family raised. Grandchildren born –
 And off we go again into another circle of life into which we are drawn.
 Someone once remarked, 'That we were the perfect pair',
 Don't know about that – As some days we get by on a wing and a prayer!!
 We give thanks for all that we have achieved –
 And in a sense, I suppose we are actually relieved,
 That we arrived at this half a century mark -
 In a foreign country and to be celebrating with our own British Monarch!!
 Fifty years of John and I – Married on the 10th of June 1972 –
 Would we do it again?? For an answer form an orderly queue!!!



**Congratulations
 Jayne and John on
 the occasion of your
 Golden Wedding on
 June 10th.**

Dates for your Diary

Sun 5 th June	12.00 noon	Conway Road Jubilee Celebration Following directly after the morning service - do join us for afternoon tea, with scones and jam and cream (in the correct order!) Also, a Jubilee Quiz and some fun and games All welcome – please invite all the family!	
Sun 12 th June	12.00 noon	Church Family Picnic on the fields by Black Weir bridge Bring your own food and chairs and enjoy the sunshine together. Everyone welcome – just be there from 12 noon onwards. Usual games and scavenger hunt for the children (or any adults who fancy the challenge!) See you there!	
Sat 25 th June	9.30am	Church Work morning – please come along and help if you can, all tools provided! Thanks	
Sun 26 th June	3.30pm	Family Activity Afternoon – Don't worry, be happy All the usual creative fun – with games, music and stories All welcome to tea afterwards at 5.00pm We would be grateful for a few extra volunteers - if you are available – please let Heather know	
Sun 10 th July	After Morning Worship	General Church Meeting Make sure you make a note of this date – it is an important meeting for us all!	

Conway Road 50+ Group

Wed 1 st June	Grassroots Community Action in Uganda Jon Sait, Founder of Trio Uganda
Wed 8 th June	A Right Royal Jubilee Quiz Quizmaster – Paul Davidson with Able Assistant Stuart Bailey Followed by a royal strawberry cream tea
Wed 15 th June	Norwegians In Cardiff – History and Culture Speaker from the Cardiff Norwegian Society
Wed 22 nd June	Stories and Songs for the Summer Solstice Guto Dafis, Storyteller, musician and singer
Wed 29 th June	The Marcher Lords David Brinson: Local historian

Mission in Britain Fund

Through the Mission in Britain Fund, we Methodists practice hospitality and generosity and help people in our communities and beyond. Your contributions to 'home missions' are always very welcome – please forward to Jayne Powell before the end of July. Many thanks.

Spring Coffee Morning

Huge thanks to all who helped and supported this event – we have made a brilliant **£821** so far – another resounding success!



Family News



Heulwen Eynon, our lovely Welsh-speaking, retired junior school teacher, sadly died on 26th April, aged 90. She had worshipped at Conway for over 30 years since moving to Cardiff on her and Arthur's retirement. Not only was she a regular at worship, she

supported the Guild, Meeting Point, the Abba Group and latterly, the 50 plus Club which she enjoyed immensely. She had been unable to attend worship since Covid and missed it terribly and was always so grateful for the newsletters and phone calls which kept her up to date on everything going on at Conway. She was always so interesting and interested in everything and had a strong sense of social justice and never forgot the hardships of her youth in the Depression. She loved all the Welsh arts, especially the Welsh Poets. This poem, by Idris Davies, from her home town of Rhymney, was a great favourite.

*Let's go to Barry Island, Maggie fach,
And give all the kids one day by the sea,
And sherbet and buns and paper hats,
And a rattling ride on the Figure Eight;
We'll have tea on the sands and rides on the donkeys,
And sit in the evening with the folk of Cwm Rhondda,
Singing the sweet old hymns of Pantycelyn
When the sun goes down beyond the rocky islands.
Come on, Maggie fach, or the train will be gone
Then the kids will be howling at home all day,
Sticky with dirt and gooseberry jam.
Leave the washing alone for today, Maggie fach,
And put on your best and come out to the sun
And down to the holiday sea.
We'll carry the sandwiches in a big brown bag
And leave our troubles behind for a day
With the chickens and the big black tips
And the rival soup-kitchens, quarrelling like hell.
Come, Maggie fach, with a rose on your breast
And an old Welsh tune on your little red lips,
And we'll all sing together in the Cardiff train
Down to the holiday sea.*
By Idris Davies – from Rhymney

We also learnt of the passing of **Audrey Drew**, also in her 90's. Joan and Reg attended her funeral, and Jayne Powell went to the service in the Salvation Army Citadel afterwards. Audrey's husband, David Drew, was a Conway Road stalwart, acting as a Steward for many years, and as an enthusiastic member of the Wesley Guild. Although always a Salvationist, Audrey was also a regular member of the Guild and joined in many events with us. Condolences were passed on to their daughter Susan, who many of us remember from Guides here at Conway Road.



Alys celebrated her 2nd birthday on 6 May with a party in her grandparent's garden and an amazing Peppa Pig cake made by her mum. Fortunately, the weather was kind and a good time was had by all. **Jenny and Michael Langham**

Elsie Binstead – the family would like to thank everyone for their support and kindness during this time. A total of £200 was collected on the day of the funeral to be donated to The Amelia Trust Farm – a fitting tribute to a long life and in particular the many years when Conway Road was such an integral part of both her and David's lives.



Our good wishes go to **Ian Dodd**, who had an ear operation earlier this week. Hope the recovery goes well and you're back with us very soon Ian!

And to finish: Lord, may my life preach more loudly than my lips - Amen