

CONWAY ROAD METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE SHEET – July/August 2022



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Dear Friends,

This is the final monthly letter that I shall be writing to you. After nearly eight years in Cardiff, I shall be moving the vast distance that it takes to get to Barry from where I shall be serving in the Vale of Glamorgan Circuit for a designated five-year spell.

It has been a delight to get to know you all. I can say without hesitation that I shall take a bit of Conway Road with me. I have always found you to be a very warm congregation with a strong desire to serve God and the local community.

As I write this letter, I cannot confirm who will follow me. Please trust our Superintendent Minister, Cathy Gale, to ensure the right appointment is made. The outcome that I expect will be very positive for the church. Please give my successor the love and support you have given to my family and myself so that together you might discern the way ahead.

Making the shortest move of my ministerial life, I shall take my leave of Cardiff. My focus must move to my new appointment. As is customary in Methodism I have to stand back. However, I will enjoy the moments when our paths cross. As of my final service in the Cardiff Circuit, I cease to be your minister, but I continue to be your friend.

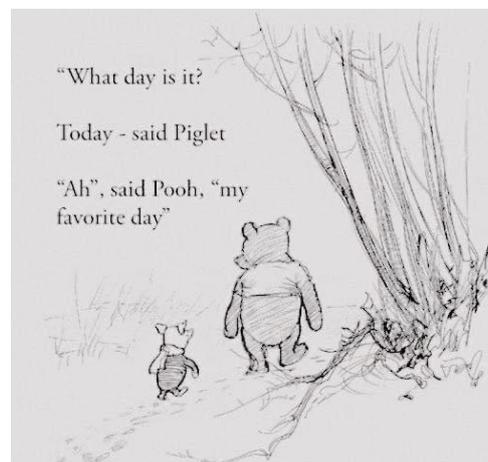
So thank you for the eight years I have spent with you. I wish you all well as a church and in your individual lives.

I leave you with the dying words of John Wesley which I used during the pandemic - words that remind us we continue to be linked to the God of love whether in Cardiff or Barry.

"The best of all is God is with us."

Your friend and minister

Paul



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.

July

- Sunday 3rd July – Church Anniversary Service with Rev. Paul Martin (Holy Communion)
- Sunday 10th July – Rev. Paul Martin (followed by General Church Meeting)
- Sunday 17th July – The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Crittenden (visiting us from the Metropolitan United Church of Canada)
- Sunday 24th July – Dr Maurice Wentworth
- Sunday 31st July – Mr Roger Yeo

August

- Sunday 7th August – Local Arrangement
- Sunday 14th August – Rev. Paul Martin (Holy Communion)
- Sunday 21st August – Dr Alun Hughes
- Sunday 28th August – Mrs Vera Ruddock

Upcoming Events

Trinity Open Day



The

Sororitas Concert



Dates for your Diary

Sat 9 th July	10.00am	Trinity Open Day (see poster opposite) A chance to meet all the people who work out of the Trinity Centre – and understand the work that goes on there A fun morning with lots of activities Refreshments provided
Sun 10 th July	After Morning Worship	General Church Meeting – please try and attend this important meeting – let your voice be heard in the future planning of our Church. Jo Cox (Heather’s daughter) has agreed to look after any children during the meeting
Sat 16 th July	2.30pm	Sororitas Summer Concert (see poster opposite) At Insole Court - £5 admittance - in aid of Rethink Mental Illness
Sun 24 th July	12.00	Farewell Party – in the hall downstairs after morning worship Sandwiches and cakes with coffee and tea – a chance for us to say goodbye to Paul and Andrea and family.
Sat 30 th July	9.30am	Church Work morning – please come along and help if you can, all tools provided! Thanks
Wed 17 th Aug	7.00pm	Michael and Jenny Langham will be holding their annual Coffee Evening at 11 Denison Way. There will be the usual bring and buy stall with all proceeds going to Church Funds. Everyone Welcome.

Conway Road 50+ Group

Wed 6 th July	30 Years of British TV Comedy Steve Abbott MBE. Manager - RAF Air Cadet Wing, Maindy Barracks
Wed 13 th July	Keeping our Precious Sight: Age related macular degeneration Dr Krishna Pattni, Optometry, Cardiff School of Medicine
Wed 20 th July	Swifts and their need for habitat protection – Julia Barrell
Wed 27 th July	Cardiff through the eyes of the Lord Mayor Rodrick Mckerlich, Lord Mayor of Cardiff 2020/22,

Trinity Sanctuary for All Project – Fund-raising Events

All churches in the Circuit are being asked to run a couple of fund-raising events for Trinity as the time for the big refurbishment approaches. Conway Road is great at raising funds so perhaps you could all have a think about what two events we could run. Anything from coffee mornings to sponsored runs! Let me know any good ideas you may have!
Thanks Heather

Mission in Britain Fund

Don't forget - Jayne Powell needs your contributions by the end of July.
Many thanks.

Junior Church

Over the last few weeks, we have been discussing the Lord as our shepherd; Father's day – concentrating on all the important male figures in our lives and the story of Zacchaeus, looking on how God saw the good in him when most of Jericho could only see the bad. We talked about how people may be different in different situations and with different people – we are not always just one thing and God can see that.

There is a puzzle up on the board in the hall downstairs. This is what it says: The Shepherd is looking after one of his sheep, they have come to a river, where there is a boat, wolf and a cabbage. The shepherd must get the sheep, cabbage and wolf to the other side on the boat. The rules are: Only 1 animal or vegetable is allowed in the boat at any time; Under no circumstances must the sheep be left with the cabbage, as the sheep will eat it; Also, under no circumstances must the sheep be left with the wolf, as the sheep will be eaten. How do they all get to the other side? I am pleased to say Tom worked it out.

The activity afternoon was really great and we are all delighted with our 'Junior Church's Kitchen Garden' – big thank you to Stuart and Mark!



We also all really enjoyed the Church Family Picnic, especially the rounders and tug of War!



Junior Church will take a break over the summer holidays, Sunday 24th July will be the last one until the start of September.

And to finish:

*Gracious God, we know the theory of welcoming all, that in Christ there is "no longer Jew or Greek ... there is no longer male and female", * but we all have our preferences and biases. It is comfortable to be among those who are like us. Yet you call us not to be comfortable, but to comfort – to encourage and strengthen others, including those who are troubled. It is not easy, but it is possible because you are a merciful God, a forgiving God, a hope-giving God. Through Jesus you have made room for all, so may we share your hope, your forgiveness and your mercy with those who discomfort us. Amen. (*Galatians 3:28)*

Andrew Fox, Deputy Chair, Shetland District

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