

CONWAY ROAD METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE SHEET – September 2022



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Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I write this, my first letter to you all at Conway Road.

Cardiff is a familiar city to me in many ways. I grew up here and once knew it very well indeed. However, I'm sure you don't need me to tell you that road layouts have changed dramatically in the ten years since I last called Cardiff 'home'. My journeys from A to B are often thwarted by unexpected one-way systems, blocked shortcuts and roads that don't lead where they once did. I usually make it to my destination but rarely using the route I had planned in my head. Perhaps you can relate!

Like my journeys around Cardiff our own paths of faith are rarely as straight and wide as we would wish. I know this past year has been a time of uncertainty for you as it has for me - the road to my being appointed as your minister this year has not been entirely conventional! However, throughout my preparations to join you I have turned again and again to the first four words of the Book of Genesis, words chosen to start the adventure into the Scriptures: 'In the beginning, God...'

Before we were, God was. If we rely on our own sense of direction, instead of focusing on God, we end up getting lost and confused. The path may have bends and bumps as well as straight, flat sections; but we can be sure that God will be before, behind and beside us. I hope these words bring reassurance to you as they do to me.

I look forward very much to getting to know you all better in the coming months as we seek to find out what God is already doing in this community and to join in.

Every blessing,
Laura

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.

September

Sun 4 th Sept	Dr Alun Hughes – Holy Communion
Sun 11 th Sept	Deacon Laura Evans
Sun 18 th Sept	Deacon Laura Evans
Sun 25 th Sept	Mrs Avery Pendry

Deacon Laura Evans.

A warm welcome to Laura who starts with us this month – great to have you on board Laura! Laura will be working with us in a part-time capacity and will generally be available Sunday to Wednesday.

Junior Church

Junior Church are delighted to see our little veg patch grow. This is a photo of Tom playing with a beautiful Cabbage White Butterfly, who have been dancing around the garden. The leaves may have got a little scorched by the sun in the 30degree heat and a little nibbled by the slugs, but all the same we are hoping to harvest soon!

We will be returning on Sunday 4th September for the Autumn/Winter term. We are also delighted that our new Minister Laura will be joining Junior Church when there is a 5th Sunday in the month - this will be a real treat for us and the children.

See you all soon!

Chloé



Dates for your Diary

Sat 17th Sept	9.30am	Church Work Morning Back at its old slot – the third Saturday of the month A chance to catch up on jobs required around the Church All volunteers very welcome!
Sun 9th Oct	10.30am	Harvest Festival Service – gifts of dried and tinned goods, coffee, tea, chocolate etc. very welcome
Tues 25th Oct	7.00pm	Church Council – held in the New Room (There will be no separate Property and Finance Committee)
Sat 12th Nov	10.00am	Autumn Fayre – could those prepared to run stalls please let Heather know - thanks

Conway Road 50+ Group

Wed 7th Sept	The amazing Ukulele Nights: back by popular demand Ukulele players and singers led by Christine Crawford
Wed 14th Sept	The Benefits of Doll Play in Children Dr Sarah Gerson: School of Psychology, Cardiff University
Wed 21st Sept	Norway & Cardiff: The historic and current links Wenche Davies & Torill Heavens: Welsh Norwegian Society
Wed 28th Sept	Music, Arts and Politics: My journey to Riverside Councillor Leonora Thomson

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

Family News



Huge congratulations to **Harri Brown** who has done very well in his GCSEs and will be going on to A levels when the new term starts.

Michael and Jennifer would like to thank everyone who supported our coffee evening. It was a very convivial way to raise £135 for church funds!

Thanks to you two as well for opening your garden for this lovely event!

**Thank
You!**

Our condolences, love and prayers go to the family of **Norman James** who died at his home this week. Norman was a long-time member of this Church – our Sunday School Superintendent for many, many years, an excellent pianist on Sunday evenings and a pretty mean organist as well.
He will be much missed!

And to finish:

Love the Lord your God...

Lord, this is easy – of course I love you!

(easy to say, not so easy to do with ALL my heart, soul, strength and mind)

Teach me to love you with ALL that I am.

Love your neighbour...

Lord, this too is easy

(depending which neighbour I have in mind)

Teach me to love ALL my neighbours with ALL that I am.

...as yourself.

Lord, sometimes this feels impossible

(for I do not always believe that I am loveable: I see the things in me that are hidden from others)

Teach me to accept your love and set me free

so that together our love may heal your world. Amen.

(Rachel Deigh, presbyter and mission partner, Sierra Leone)

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