

CONWAY ROAD METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE SHEET – November 2022



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Dear Friends,

November, surely, is a month of remembering. Whether it's All Saints or All Souls Day, Armistice Day or Remembrance Sunday, or even Bonfire Night, this is a time to step back and reflect on memories of those people and places that form part of our individual and wider stories.

As we approach Advent are there things that are holding you back from focusing fully on that period of excited and expectant waiting?

November doesn't just represent a once-a-year opportunity to remember but rather a chance to get into the habit of reflecting. Taking time to pause and remember the important events of our own lives, so that we can travel forward into Advent with a clearer understanding of who and what we are as Children of the Living God.

Luke's account of the crucifixion tells us of an unnamed criminal, hanging at Jesus' side, who asks to be remembered. Jesus, the Son of God who knew all that man's crimes, hurts, joys and sorrows promised that he would be. We each have good and bad memories and I'm sure many of us have some that we would rather forget – but ours is a God who takes us as we are, whatever it is that we carry, a God who cannot and will not forget us.

In November we remember. We remember who we are and where we have come from. We remember those we have loved and lost and those world events that have caused others to lose loved ones. We remember that ours is a God who loves beyond reason. We offer all of these things and more to a God who always remembers.

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.

November

Sun 6 th Nov	Dr Maurice Wentworth
Sun 13 th Nov	Remembrance Sunday Service led by Deacon Laura Evans
Sun 20 th Nov	Deacon Laura Evans
Sun 27 th Nov	Rev. Robin Wood (Holy Communion)

“Harmony” Afternoon Tea – in aid of the Trinity Centre

We sang together as “Harmony” for many years and have always kept in touch. That is: Alison, Angela, Carol, Catherine, Fran, Gill, Jenny, Sarah, & Val. Having read last month of the need to fund raise for Trinity, we decided that afternoon tea, with everyone bringing an item of food, would be a fun and easy way of having a ‘food’ event, without hassle.

Catherine provided the venue. Fran arrived with bunting and paper flowers, (which Carol spent the next hour making into decorations), tablecloth and cake stands plus homemade cakes, Gill brought 3 magnificent trays of various finger sandwiches, and Alison produced brioche with smoked salmon and cream cheese. The rest of us were less adventurous, calling on the aid of certain famous brands!! The result however was a mighty spread.



We had 100% attendance, plus Alys, brought along by Jenny. The sun shone so that some of us were even able to sit out in the garden.

Then, when the clearing up was done, we counted the donations that had been placed in a bag to find that we had raised £160. (Thanks also to Megan for her donation). All for having a great time which lasted over 3 hours. Highly recommended and something we might consider repeating, perhaps on a different theme?

And here’s the proof.



Thanks to all from ‘Harmony’ – and so glad the event was such a success.

So just a quick reminder to the rest of you - Trinity Centre Fundraiser:

Eat out with friends!’

Chefs among us offer to host food events – could be a curry evening, an afternoon tea, a Sunday roast, soup and a roll - whatever – hosts say how many they can invite – guests sign up (this could be any friends, acquaintances, people you met once a long time ago or friends at Church) and then pay what they consider a fair price for the event, (considering they have just consumed a delicious home cooked meal!)

Hosts take out their expenses and the remainder goes to the project.

Hosts/guests take some photographs and write a few reviews – and there you go!

Dates for your Diary (of which there are a lot!)

Sat 12 th Nov	10.00am	Autumn Fayre/Coffee Morning A welcome return for this wonderful event in its new format! Come and browse stalls full of cakes, plants, nearly new fashions, books and, with a chance to start your Christmas shopping, the gift stall. Coffee, tea and delicious cakes to be had on the morning! <i>Contributions for all stalls gratefully received before the event- thanks!</i>
Sun 13 th Nov	3.00pm	Family Activity Afternoon-Let your Light Shine <i>The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out (John, chapter 1, verse 5)</i> An afternoon of fun – crafts, games quizzes, cooking - all welcome! If you can't make the afternoon join us for tea at 5.00pm
Sat 19 th Nov	10.00am – 4.00pm	Forward in Hope Circuit conversations on our future life and mission in Cardiff and Caerphilly facilitated by Deacon Eunice Attwood Tickets are required – from Eventbrite – ask a steward if you are unable to book online This is a meeting for everyone – our Circuit, our future!
Sat 26 th Nov	9.30am	Church Work Morning A chance to catch up on jobs required around the Church Here's hoping the previous article has inspired you all! See you there!
Sun 4 th Dec	10.30am	Gift Service when monetary gifts will be gladly received for the work and mission of our Church within our local community. We are also collecting Christmas gifts for refugee families attending the Trinity Centre. Please see sheets in the New Room for details about this and for ideas of potential gifts. Thank you.
Sun 4 th Dec	3.00pm	Lutherans Advent Concert with the students of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Admission £5 to include light refreshments
Sat 10 th Dec	7.00pm	Sororitas Choir Christmas Concert Admission £5 on the door
Sun 11 th Dec	4.00pm	Christmas Party – party games and food!
Tue 13 th Dec	7.00pm	Carols on the Steps with Barry Brass Band and the Sororitas Female Voice Choir *Please note the change of date*
Sun 18 th Dec	10.30am 6.00pm	Children's Nativity Carols by candlelight
Sat 24 th Dec	6.00pm	Christmas Eve Service led by Deacon Laura Evans
Sun 25 th Dec	9.30am	Christmas Morning Service

*No service to be held on New Year's Day

FOR WHAT DO WE PREPARE?

**JESUS CHRIST AS YOU HAVE NEVER
ENCOUNTERED HIM BEFORE**

Spend a morning online with Orthodox priest & scholar, Father Jacob Siemens, as he leads us on a journey with the Church to learn more about the Person and Work of Christ



Scan here for tickets
or more information

**Enrich your
understanding of
Christmas!**

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

linktree.com/priestjacob

For What do we Prepare?

Saturday 12th December 10.00am until 12 noon

An Online Event with Father Jacob Siemens – pastor to the Russian Orthodox Congregation.

Father Jacob wanted to be clear that the event is for all Christians whatever their denomination.

If you wish to join please scan the QR code which takes you to the Eventbrite website to obtain tickets.

Conway Road 50+ Group

November 9th	Samhain: The Gaelic Festival marking the beginning of winter Cath Little - Story teller
November 16th	The Covid Vaccination Programme in Cardiff: How we did it! Councillor Jasmin Chowdhury - Public Health Wales
November 23rd	Kemi's Many Careers – and starting a new one at 60 Adekemi Nevins - Nurse, Teacher and Entrepreneur
November 30th	Camino de Santiago: landscape, agriculture, food and history across Spain Dr Alan Lane - Archaeologist, Cardiff University [Retired]

Warm Space Wednesdays

We will be keeping the Church hall open after 50+ Group on Wednesdays from 12 noon to 3.00pm. Open to anyone in need of a warm space or some friendly company. Soup will be served to from 12 noon to 1.00pm with tea/coffee available after that. Anyone wishing to come along and help give those attending a friendly welcome would be much appreciated!

From Shelagh Cannell – some thoughts for the Forward in Hope meeting:

I came across my history of Conway Road Methodist Church whilst looking for something else and of course started to look through it and I wondered if in view of the upcoming meeting on the 19th it would be good to remind ourselves of what we went through to get where we are today!

*Extract from **A BRIEF HISTORY OF CONWAY ROAD METHODIST CHURCH IN CARDIFF**, by Rev Oswald Law:*

In December 1895, 119 years after the coming of Wesley to Cardiff, a small company of those who were proud to be called Methodists met in a room in Charles Street Church for their Quarterly meeting. Among items discussed was the possibility of building a church in Canton to meet the needs of the people who were flocking there to live.

As many of you will know this eventually resulted in the Church which still stands at the junction of Romilly Road and Llandaff Road. The foundation stone was laid in March 1869 on the Conway Road site and the rest as they say is history. I hope that those who are able to attend on the 19th will have the same foresight that our ancestors did and will be able to keep our mission going for future generations. Shelagh has kindly offered to lend this little book to anyone interested in seeing it – particularly perhaps to Junior Church who are considering Methodism at this time.

And to finish:

(From the resources for Remembrance Sunday on the Methodist Church website)

A prayer for peacemakers

History can inspire or trap.

Walls can protect or divide.

Words can encourage or inflame.

Power can free or destroy.

Touch can comfort or violate.

Peace can be shared or withheld.

Gracious God, when we remember past and present conflicts, we pray for the divided peoples of the world;

that leaders, governments and each one of us

may use our resources, our opportunities and our lives, in the service of reconciliation,

for the sake of future generations and to the glory of your name. Amen.

