Minister: Reverend Leslie Jane Noon

Senior Elder: Pat D
Senior Steward: Jan C
Weekly Notices by Friday morning to Lynne W

Sunday Services: 10.30am including regular All-age Worship.
   Refreshments in the Wesley Room following morning worship.
   Evening at 6.30pm
   Adventurers: 10.30am Departments 3-15 years
   Creche available on request – please speak to a Church Steward
   Baptisms on Sunday mornings by arrangement with the Minister.

This Magazine is available on Memory Stick for the vision impaired. We are also able to record some of our services on Memory Stick for anyone unable to attend, whether regularly or on a particular Sunday. Please contact Jean K for further details.

If you would like to receive the weekly notices and/or the monthly magazine via email (pdf file), please contact Lynne W

Please submit all items for the November magazine to Jan T by Friday, 26th October 2018.

The Magazine for October will be issued on Sunday, 4th November 2018.

Redevelopment Fund-raising
Some of the funding we have been granted to assist with the building project, in order to improve facilities for community use, require that we should show the sponsors’ logos on certain documents including magazines.
FROM THE MANSE

Dear Friends,

- I’m going on holiday and I need to wash, iron and pack—no time to write for the church magazine!
- I need to get ready for the builders who are coming in to do some work while we are away and for the removers who are removing some of our furniture—no time to write for the church magazine!

Although probably by the time you read this, I’ll be back from holiday and the work on the manse will have been completed and furniture moved back in again, as I write this, this is how I feel!

But even in the rush of things, I am reminded of the importance of communication. Good communication leads to better community and deeper understanding. We are seeing in politics on both sides of the Atlantic various politicians who have perhaps not been wise in their choice of language—and the consternation and damage this can cause.

- The bible is essentially all about communication—God seeking to communicate with humankind.
- Prayer is about communication—it’s the way we talk and listen to God.
- Worship is about communication—the spoken and written word, the music, the prayers and the conversations we have.
- Jesus is the Word of God—the ultimate communication of how to live.

This means that the way we communicate with others in our church community and our neighbours is central to our desire to build positive relationships. A thoughtless word, a careless comment can cause damage which lingers. Or, as it says in the Letter of James:
Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless (James 3:12)

Earlier in September Jan Chaplin organised a group of people to go to Pantgwyn to host a coffee afternoon there, so that we could share some of the activities going on in our church – we are all aware of the growing issue of loneliness in older people and Pantgwyn is literally on our doorstep. This was of course another form of communication and we hope that residents may wish to find out more about us. But if not, we will not give up! Christian service and evangelism relies on us communicating the good news in word and action!

I hope that as individual Christians and as a church community, we will learn to communicate well and kindly.

Leslie

HARVEST – SUNDAY, 21st OCTOBER
We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Sunday 21st October. During this service we will be focussing on the Circuit Project which this year is Tools for Self Reliance and we will find out more about this charity during the service. Following the service we will share together in a Hunger Lunch of bread and cheese, asking that money you may have spent on your Sunday lunch be given to this charity. As usual, our harvest gifts will go to the local food banks.

BREAKOUT CHURCH – SUNDAY, 21st NOVEMBER
We are always on the lookout for new people willing to help plan our Breakout Church. We work together as part of a team – do you fancy being part of it? If so, see Leslie.
NIGHT SHELTER

We will once again be playing our part in the Swansea Night Shelter scheme by hosting the night shelter on Saturdays, between 5th January and 9th February. Last year large number of people from our church helped in different ways – from being on one of the shifts (evening, overnight or morning), to doing some cooking, making deserts, opening up to receive the bedding, doing the shopping. Each night that we do the shelter, we probably need around 15 people to cover the shifts – plus others who will help in other ways. If every volunteer offered to do two shifts, we would need 45 volunteers. If you helped last year, I very much hope you will be able to do so again this year – in due course forms will be available for you to say what days and times you can do. If you haven't helped before, please consider if this is something you would like to do.

New volunteers MUST do an evening training session and returning volunteers must do a shorter refresher training session. As soon as I have the dates for these, I will let you know.

So if you are interested for the first time, have a chat with Leslie. If you are willing to volunteer again, look out for the forms which will appear around the end of October.

Thank you in advance!

Leslie
**ADVENT BOOK**

Our very own Rev Ivor Rees has written an Advent Book called *Pathways to the Stable*. The book sheds new light on a story with which we are so familiar and helps the story to speak into our own experience. I am intending that we will use the book for our Advent studies this year (well, probably not all the chapters, but selected ones). The price of the book is £9.99 and if you would like a copy, please see Ivor or Delyth after church.

Leslie

**PATHWAY TO THE STABLE DOOR**

Pathway to the Stable by Ivor Rees, is a 21ˢᵗ century introduction to the story of the birth of Jesus, with reference to the promises of the Old Testament, for those seeking a deeper understanding of the Bible’s Christmas story. Ideal for individuals or groups seeking a deeper understanding. It is also available as an e-book.

Comments from:
1. Rev Dr Stephen Wigley, Chairman, Wales District of the Methodist Church.
"Pathway to the Stable offers a thoughtful, biblical and prayerful introduction to the Christmas Story. I commend it to all who seek to delve deeper into these familiar stories and uncover more of the mystery of Christ's Incarnation."

2. Rev Simon Walkling, Moderator, National Synod of Wales, URC.
"In this companion to his work on the Passion, Ivor sees Christmas and Easter as part of one action. He draws on his years... as a minister preaching about Christmas and considers the historical aspects... and by ending each chapter with a prayer, he helps us to consider how we might be God-enablers and God-bearers in our time and place.”
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COFFEE MORNING

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped or supported our coffee morning on 1st September. It was super to see the Wesley Room so full, with everyone happily conversing over their coffees and biscuits. People were also so generous by making lots of delicious cakes which all sold very quickly. The total at the end of the event has now risen to an amazing £580.75 of which £130 is gift aided.

We assure everyone that the money will be very well spent to ensure that every box processed in the Swansea warehouse will be of a good standard, giving a lot of pleasure to the recipient. We cannot say a big enough thank you for your generosity.

We hope as many as possible will join us at Wesley Club on Monday, 29th October for our Shoebox Packing Party. In the walkway there are pre printed Go boxes for sale at 40p each, for those who wish to purchase them, but covered shoe boxes are also welcome. Once again, a very big thank you,

Linda and Alan, Jan and Mandy

P.S.
John D kindly collected all the unsold items and delivered them to the Pettifor Trust shop in Killay. Both John and the Trust expressed thanks for our support of their excellent work.
METHODIST MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The Methodist Church has traditionally given Membership Cards to all members to remind them of what it means to belong to the church. A couple of years ago, after discussion in the Church Meeting, it was felt that because this process divides us between URC and Methodist, that we would NOT automatically give Membership Cards to our Methodist members. Instead they would be given only to those who requested them. A small number of our congregation did request these cards, and they will be receiving them shortly. This is just another opportunity for anyone who wishes to receive a Methodist Membership Card to let me know.

Leslie

We will be continuing with our study of the Lord's Prayer over the coming sessions.

October: Tuesday, 9th at 10am and Thursday, 11th at 7.30pm.
November: Tuesday, 6th at 10am and Thursday, 8th at 7.30pm.

All welcome to join our interesting and thought-provoking sessions.
COMMUNION COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER
Communion collections for October will be for **Tools for Self Reliance**, which is the current circuit missions project. This is a UK based charity which mainly works in Ghana, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Uganda and Zambia. It works with small-scale community groups to provide tools and vocational training to enable people to make a living. One example is Akello Esther from Uganda, “I have five children, and now I can contribute to their education and our home is neat and happy. My sewing machine is my everything”.
You can find out more at [https://www.tfsr.org/](https://www.tfsr.org/). There will also be a hunger lunch after our harvest service in aid of the project.

Susan G

FOLK DANCING ON MONDAY AFTERNOONS
We have Folk Dancing classes from 2-4pm every Monday during term time. We always welcome new members, so why not come and join us!

Rosemary B

CRAFT GROUP
We meet in the Wesley Room every Tuesday, from 2pm to 4pm during term time. We look forward to seeing everyone and extend a warm welcome to any who would like to join us. Please feel free to pop in for a tea or coffee and find out more about the work we do. Anyone who would prefer to bring knitting or their own project would also be very welcome to join our very friendly group.

Kath D
REEL TO REAL
Due to copyright issues we are unable to display any information regarding film chosen in this online version of the church magazine. For details please see posters in the church or the paper copy of the church magazine.

The discussion will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 2nd October
Sandra C

COVER TO COVER
Our next meeting will be at 10.30am on Thursday, 4th October at the usual time of 10.30am. Our book for October is, Nella Last’s War: The Second World War Diaries of Housewife 49. Caroline will lead our discussion.
Mike W

CARDIFF HALF MARATHON ON SUNDAY, 7th OCTOBER
On Sunday, 7th October, together with my daughter Claire, I will be running the Cardiff Half Marathon in aid of MIND. If you feel you would be able to sponsor me, I should be very grateful. The sponsor form is on the table at the entrance to the church. I also ask for your thoughts and prayers on the day itself. Many thanks to you all. Ceri P
CHURCH MEETING AND TRUSTEES MEETING ON TUESDAY 9\textsuperscript{th} OCTOBER
The next church and trustees meetings will be on Tuesday, 9\textsuperscript{th} October at 7.30pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend as your ideas and opinions are valued.
Ian H

THE NEW EMBROIDERY
By now, everyone will have had an opportunity to look at the beautiful embroidery that now adorns the front of our piano in the church. The sensitive colours, the textures and shapes all help to make this a beautiful piece of embroidery. We wish to thank everyone involved for their dedication and patience in making such a lovely piece.
ALZHEIMER’S MEMORY WALK IN OCTOBER

This year’s Memory Walk will take place on Saturday, 13th October and will be starting on the Museum Green, behind the National Waterfront Museum. The Event site opens at 10am and the walk will start at 11am.

Last year’s memory walk raised seven million pounds throughout the UK. The target this year will be nine million pounds. My two daughters, Catherine and Claire, and I will be walking for my wife Gillian. Gillian was diagnosed with early onset of Alzheimer’s in January 2013.

In the first two years very little happened with the disease and Gill coped with daily living. In these two years, we had support from the Alzheimer’s Society based in Ty Garngoch. This support included visits to the Feel Good Cafe, based in St. John’s Church, Gowerton and Singing for the Brain at the Civic Centre, Swansea. Three times a week we had sitters who would come and look after Gill while I could go shopping and go to church. Also, every Thursday, Gill attended the day centre at Ty Garngoch from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

Should anybody wish to sponsor us, there will be a sponsorship form in the church porch. Alternatively, please contact me in church.

John P
CIRCUIT MISSIONS SUNDAY ON 14th OCTOBER
The launch of the new circuit project, **TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE**, will take place on **Sunday, 14th October**. This is a charity that collects old and unwanted hand tools. Volunteers clean, repair and sharpen them and then assemble them into tool kits. These are then sent to grass roots community groups in several African countries.

You will hear more about this exciting project, during the morning service on Sunday, 14th October. In the evening, at 6pm, there will be a **Circuit Mission Service** at **Penlan Methodist Church**, where Rev. John Hanson from Porthcawl, will lead the service.

**Susan G**

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**QUOTES’ CORNER**
Something to make us think:

The kiss of the sun for pardon
The song of the birds for mirth
One is nearer to God’s heart in the garden
Than anywhere else on earth

**Dorothy Gurney**

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TRAIDCRAFT
The next Traidcraft Stall will be on **Sunday, 14th October**. As usual if you need something specific but won’t be here on the date of the stall, please speak to Jackie or Gary C who can order it in for you.

*Jackie and Gary C*

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB
The next lunch will be on **Sunday, 14th October at the Hen Dderwen, 12 for 12.30 pm**. All members and friends are welcome to join us. Please sign the list in the front porch. For further information, please contact Pauline

*Pauline L*

BREAKOUT PLANNING MEETING
This will be on **Tuesday, 16th October at 9.30am**, in the Wesley Room. Our next Breakout is on 18th November. It's good fun to be part of a planning team. We would be very glad of some 'fresh blood'. Please think about whether you could be part of this. You wouldn't be asked to do anything you didn't want to!

PASTORAL MEETING IN OCTOBER
Please note that the Pastoral Meeting planned to take place on **Friday, 19th October** will now take place on **Thursday, 18th October at 7:30** in the Wesley Room.

*Gwen D*
A VISIT TO THE THEATRE
This year the Abbey Players are taking us on a fantastic, fun filled, family adventure. They will be performing the amazing, **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**, in the Grand Theatre from **Wednesday, 24th October through to Saturday, 27th October**. I have made the usual block booking for the **Saturday matinee**. If you would like to attend this performance or any of the evening performances, please add your name and telephone number to the list on the notice board in the Church foyer. For further information, please contact Liz. This promises to be a stage spectacle with unforgettable songs, and you never know, we may even see a flying car!

Liz R

COFFEE MORNING AND CRAFT FAYRE IN NOVEMBER
As usual, the annual Craft Fayre will be held on the **first Saturday in November**. Due to on-going Church projects, this will be a slightly lower key event than normal. We thought we would take a different approach this year and ask members of the Church if there was anything they would particularly like the group to make for them. Also, we are open to suggestions about items to sell, that you think might be popular. Please speak to Kath D or any other members of the Craft Group, as soon as possible, so that we can start working on your requests. We hope to see as many of you as possible on **Saturday, 3rd November, 10-12noon**.

Liz R
Here is a recipe for Life.
See if you can discover the ingredients by looking them up in the Bible.
The first one is done for you.

**Ingredients**
1. ½lb of Judges 5:25 = *(curds)* butter
2. ½lb of Isaiah 43:24
3. 1 dessert spoon of Samuel 14: 25
4. 3 fresh Isaiah 10:14
5. ½lb of Nahum 3:12
6. ½lb of Samuel 30:12
7. 2ozs of Numbers 17:8
8. 1lb of Kings 4:22
9. Teaspoon of Chronicles 9:9
10. Pinch of Leviticus 2:13
11. Teaspoon of Amos 4:5
12. 3 tablespoons Judges 4:19

**Method**
Beat 1,2 and 3 to a cream. Add 4, one at a time, alternately with 8,9,10 and 11. Beat well and add 5 and 6, chopped and 7 blanched and chopped. Lastly add 12.
Bake for 1½ to 2hours in a moderate oven.
Enjoy.

Please turn to P.17 for the answers

**Recipe supplied by Jan C**
A BIG THANK YOU FROM PAUL
A very big and sincere thank you to each and every one of you, who has kindly sent me new home cards and gifts, as well as made enquiries as to how I am getting on. Despite one or two technical problems, I am feeling very settled in my new flat. All your kind thoughts and good wishes have been much appreciated.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR JULIE
Julie G has moved (at last!) is, Thanks to you all for your support and patience through a stressful five months.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN B
Congratulations to Ryan B on being selected to play for Swansea Schoolboys Under 11 Rugby Team.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JAN T
Congratulations to Jan Thomas for obtaining her RHS qualification in practical horticulture at the National Botanic Garden of Wales.

BIRTHDAY MESSAGES
To all our church family and friends, who will be celebrating a birthday in October,

Happy Birthday!

Answers:
COMING EVENTS

Services: 10.30am & 6.30pm  Adventurers: 10.30am
On Sundays a Steward will introduce the preacher and ask the congregation to stand as the Bible is brought in.
Please stay and have refreshments with us after the morning service in the Wesley Room.
There is an induction loop for those with hearing aids.
There are large print versions of hymns in the pews and large print notices at the door.
For evening services the offerings plate is placed at the entrance.

Weekly in term-time:
Monday  2pm Folk-dancing
       7pm Wesley Club
Tuesday 2-4pm Craft Group
       4.30-5.45pm Beavers
       6.15-7-30pm Cubs
       6.15-7.30pm Brownies
Wednesday 10-11.30am Sunbeams Play Group
       7.30pm Sketty Madcaps

Uniting Church Sketty weekly notices:
Lynne W
(Please send to Lynne by Friday morning)
Property Stewards:
Alan J
Keith M
Booking enquiries and heating requirements:
Kath & Bill D
OCTOBER 2018 DIARY

1st Mon 7pm Wesley Club: Memories of Wesley Club with Janet N

2nd Tues 7.30pm Tuesday Evening House Group

6th Sat 10-12noon October Coffee Morning for Save the Children

7th Sun 10.30am Rev Leslie Noon: Communion
  6.30pm Rev Pam Cram

8th Mon 7pm Wesley Club: History of Underwear with Vicky Hayes

9th Tues 7.30pm Church Meeting and Trustees Meeting

13th Sat 11am Alzheimer’s Memory Walk

14th Sun 10.30am Miss Sue Raad
  6pm Rev John Hanson: October Circuit Service at PENLAN
  METHODIST CHURCH

15th Mon 7pm Wesley Club: (Open Evening)
  A Bargain Hunt Experience with Jan & Anthony T

18th Thurs 7.30pm Pastoral Meeting

21st Sun 10.30am Rev Leslie Noon: Harvest Service followed with
  Hunger Lunch
  6.30pm Rev Noel Davies

22nd Mon 7pm Wesley Club: Behind the Black Door with
  Janice Richards

28th Sun 10.30am Rev Ivor Rees
  6.30pm Rev Leslie Noon: Communion

29th Mon 7pm Wesley Club: Shoebox Packing Party


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NOVEMBER 2018 DIARY

3rd Sat 10-12noon November Craft Fayre and Coffee Morning for
  Church funds
ROTAS FOR OCTOBER 2018

If you are unable to fulfil your place on a rota, please make other arrangements or contact the organiser.

Welcome Teams: Myrddin P

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- Elizabeth
- Elisha
- Myrddin
- Gary

Evening

- Keith
- Anne
- Jeff
- Pat

Flowers: Rosemary B

Giver:

- Gwyneth
- Jean E
- Anne L
- Eleanor P

Arranger:

- Lynne
- Pam T
- Rosemary
- Pam E

Distribution of the Flowers: Anne W

- Margaret
- Mary
- Gaynor
- Maggie

Sunday Morning Coffee: Paul H E

- Anne & Mike W
- John & Sandra H
- Gwen D
- Maggie C
- & Sandra C
- & Pat D