Minister: Reverend Leslie Jane Noon

Senior Elder: Pat D  
Senior Steward: Jan C

Weekly Notices: All items by Friday morning to Lynne W

Sunday Services:
10.30am Morning Service including regular All-age Worship.
10.30am Adventurers: Departments 3-15 years
Refreshments in the Wesley Room following morning worship.
6.30pm Evening Service
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.

May magazine: All items by Friday, 19th April 2019 to Jan T
May Magazine to be issued on Sunday, 28th April 2019.

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.
Dear Friends,

As I write this, and as you read this, we are only part way through Lent. Still before us lies Holy Week, when we will travel together remembering Jesus’ last journey to Jerusalem and all that lies ahead of him. In our Maundy Thursday service, we will recall and re-enact that last meal he shared with his friends. On Good Friday we will wait at the cross, as Jesus dies an agonising death. And why? What had he done?

This good man, this God-man had revealed to his followers an understanding of God that was different from what they had ever known before. God was like the father who welcomed the prodigal son, like the widow who hunted endlessly for the lost coin, like the shepherd who went out to search for the lost sheep. Jesus showed them a God whose love did not stop at the boundary of their love or at the border of their group or even of their religion.

The God that this Jesus revealed was a God of infinite life, love and forgiveness, who called them to be new people. But now he was dead – how could this be? How would we feel if everything we knew and understood about God was to be suddenly taken away from us? Although we cannot fully put ourselves in the shoes of those first followers, perhaps we do know something about loss of faith and loss of love. Perhaps, although it’s not the same, we do know what it feels like to feel empty, to feel panicked, to feel as if nothing will ever be the same again. For those of us who are experiencing those emotions, or have experienced them in the past, Good Friday is a painful familiarity.
But here’s the thing. After Good Friday came Easter Sunday. The Easter resurrection shows us that God is not limited by death or loss. The story of Easter is one of hope that cannot be defeated, of joy that will not be denied, of peace that overcomes. Easter Sunday tells us that love always has the last and loudest word.

So even if you are trapped in Good Friday, know it is not the end. Know that Easter Sunday is coming! But before it comes please, please join us for one of our Holy Weeks services – details later in the magazine.

With love,

Leslie

ACTION AROUND BETHLEHEM FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY
Our December Communion collections were given to ABCD, Action around Bethlehem for Children with Disability. We have received a letter from Val Jourdan, founder of ABCD, expressing thanks for, "A splendid cheque for £564.04 from Uniting Church Sketty, which was raised through Communion collections". Val wishes us all, "A very healthy and peaceful 2019".

We have also received an e-mail from Alison expressing the appreciation of Alison and husband Karl for the welcome they received here. Their small stall, of Bethlehem carved wooden goods, raised over £300.
So, Thank you everyone, Diolch yn Fawr.

Ivor R
The Spring Synod was held in Llandrindod Wells, on Saturday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} March, attended by myself as our church's representative, as well as Ivor and Delyth Rees and Anne Vaughan. Following opening worship the Rev. John Proctor, who is the General Secretary of the URC, led an interesting and thoughtful bible study on the theme 'Saints: God's Holy People'. He reminded us that the Saints are ordinary people who offer a witness to the world and try to make a difference in ordinary ways.

During the day a number of churches told their stories of work in their communities; the Minister of Uniting Church Pontypridd posed the question 'Should we ditch the sermon?' and spoke about their film and chat evenings and the use of a set of videos 'Living the Questions' which they use in evening services. St John's Church, Tenby described a creative arts project with young people, we heard about the development of a community garden by Uniting Church Barry and work with Syrian refugees in Pembrokeshire.

The Synod papers included a working plan 'The National Synod of Wales and our part in God's Mission' which covers Proclaiming the Gospel, Serving Communities, Transforming Injustice, Sustaining the Environment and Working with Partners for the Common Good. This is what we are about and merits discussion.

Of course, there were some reports regarding business matters, finance and the Nominations Committee report. You may be interested to know that I am still on the Ministerial Discipline Committee (which we all hope does not have to meet) and am a URC representative on the Commission of the Covenanted Churches in Wales. Business was dealt with quickly, earning an accolade from a Methodist minister present, so that discussion, sharing and worship were the main focuses of what was a very lively and interesting day.

Pat D
OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

The American pastor/author Charles Swindoll once said: “We are all faced with a series of great opportunities, brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.” As I reflected on this word, I brought to mind how often in my life and ministry I discovered this truth, both in myself and in the lives of those whom I had the privilege to accompany for a time in their lives.

How encouraging it is to hold on to this truth, when you feel stuck in deadend situations. This is even more heartening when we find how Charles Swindoll's words resonate with Scripture! I can think, for example, of the Joseph story (Warning! In the following you are being challenged to open your Bible!) in Genesis 37 + 39-50 (go on, read it again; it's one of the most beautiful stories ever told!); or of the apostle Paul's time in jail, especially in Acts 16:16-34; or, of course, the crucified Jesus, e.g. Matthew 27:46+50 and a multitude of other references: impossible situations, brilliantly disguised opportunities!

Are you finding yourself in some such situation at the moment? Then I would like to encourage you to look out for the hidden opportunity arising from that situation and opening up to you. May God give you eyes to see and discover it, and allow Him to enrich your life with the experience.

With every blessing,

Frieder K
TO SEE OR NOT TO SEE
Leslie, my fellow stewards and elders and of course myself, are concerned that on the occasions when we use the screen in church, whether for hymns or spoken responses, some of us have difficulty seeing. This may be because of where we sit; because we need to sit when others are standing, or dare I say, because we are vertically challenged, whereas the person in front of us seems like a veritable giant!

Whatever the reason, we are anxious to make sure that each of us has all we need for every service. So, we are proposing to have printed sheets whenever we use the screen. However, wanting to be environmentally friendly, we don't want to print hundreds, if we only need a few.

I wonder therefore, whether those of you who come to church regularly and would find this facility helpful, would simply let me know, only once and we will then make sure you have a screen print out whenever necessary.
I look forward to hearing from you.
Jan C

YPF GUIDE DOGS FUNDRAISING
Although Mitre the Guide Dog Puppy will be moving on, the YPF are still fundraising for Guide Dogs. We are asking for people to bring in any bags of loose change, so please bring in anything you have, however small. It all adds up!
We will be taking it to local supermarkets to exchange it for notes. Please give your change to any of the young people. We are hoping to reach a target of £1,500 before August, so will let you know the current total over the next few weeks.
YPF
MADCAPS PRESENT PANTO CHEQUE
Three members of Ty Garnogoch Dementia Centre, came along with John Pearson and his daughter Claire, to our Madcaps evening on Wednesday, 20th March, to receive the cheque for £1600; our 2019 panto proceeds. Sue Williams told us of the numerous items our money will enable them to purchase, for the benefit of patients and carers. We are delighted that we have been able to provide many extra items, for such a wonderful service to so many sufferers of dementia in our community.

Whilst looking through our fund raising efforts, kept by John Dumelow, we feel proud to share the fact that since 2005, our group of members, past and present, through pantos, dramas and murder mystery evenings, have raised over £30,000! All this has been donated to the church; very necessary in our building redevelopment years, and also numerous local charities. In all this fundraising, we enjoy each other’s company in many fun evenings and we always welcome new members to join us.
Our next performance, entitled, *It’ll Never Taste The Same*, is a two act play. It will be performed on **Thursday, 16th & Friday, 17th May**. All proceeds for *Christian Aid*.

Linda J

**COMMITMENT FOR LIFE**
As you know, as a church we support a number of different charities, raising funds through communion collections, coffee mornings and special collections. In addition to this each year we focus on supporting and learning about two particular charities. This year we are focussing on **Tools for Self Reliance**, which is the Methodist Circuit project and as part of our URC support for Commitment for Life, we will thinking about Zimbabwe. Julius Mugadzaweta (Siperire’s husband) will come and share in a service where we can learn more about life in Zimbabwe, so that our prayers and raising of money is more informed. Leslie

**CHRISTIAN AID ZIMBABWE SUPPORT FAIR TRADE**
Commitment for life partner, *Christian Aid Zimbabwe* is a pioneer in conservation agriculture. The team promotes the market-linked, high value, Fair-trade and organically certified production of climate- resistant crops, that benefit marginalised communities. Remember to buy Fair-trade, as much as you possibly can, for the sake of justice, this Lent. Madeline is a member of the Mthombowesizwe Market and said, "We now get enough to pay for what we need and send our children to school. Our lives have changed."
When I went on the visit to Zimbabwe with Commitment for Life, it was a very moving experience to see that the families that were taking part in the projects, were able to pay the school fees, probably for the first time, to send their children to school. Mary J
Followers of Jesus

We have been having good conversations in our Lent Faith and Fellowship sessions so far. The remaining sessions are as follows:

Tues 2 Apr at 10am and at Weds 3 Apr at 7.30pm: James, Son of Thunder

Tues 9 Apr at 7.30pm: Film

Tues 16 Apr at 10am and Weds 17 Apr at 7.30pm: Mary Magdalene

As you will see, on Tuesday 9th April at 7.30pm we are merging with 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. Please note therefore the change in dates to the last session, which have moved into Holy Week.

All are welcome to come – the sessions are informal and lead us onto talking about our own life and faith experiences.

Holy Week and Easter

QUOTES’ CORNER:
Just a little something to make us think:

Can’t sleep? Don’t count sheep!
Talk to the Shepherd.
Anon.
FOLK DANCING ON MONDAY AFTERNOONS
We have Folk Dancing classes from 2pm to 4pm every Monday during term time. We always welcome new members, so why not come and join us! For any further information, contact Rosemary 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

COVER TO COVER
Our book for April will be, The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy by Rachel Joyce and is a companion novel to The Pilgrimage of Harold Fry. We are meeting at 10.am on Thursday, 4th April in the Bethel Room. I look forward to seeing you all.
Mike W

COFFEE MORNING ON SATURDAY, 6th APRIL FOR PETTIFOR TRUST
The Coffee Morning at 10am on Saturday, 6th April, for Pettifor Trust, will help raise funds and awareness of the trust and its activities. There will be a Table Top Sale, a raffle and refreshments. We hope that you will be able to attend and support us on the day.
Jon D
**REEL TO REAL**

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*Sandra Cuthill*

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**TRAIDCRAFT**

Our next Traidcraft stall will be on **Sunday, 14th April**; a week earlier than usual, due to Easter arrangements. We have not yet been notified of any further developments regarding the future of Traidcraft. However, we think we have sufficient stock of most food items until July.

*Jackie and Gary C*

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**SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB**

The next lunch will be on **Sunday, 14th April**; the second Sunday in the month, as Easter is the following week. Usual venue, **Hen Dderwen 12 for 12.30 pm**. Members and friends welcome, please sign the list in the porch. Contact Pauline

*Pauline L*
**CHURCH FLOWERS FOR EASTER**

It is always heartening to see the church so beautifully decorated with flowers on Easter Sunday to celebrate Christ's rising from the tomb. We should, therefore, like to invite you to bring some flowers to church on Easter Saturday, April 20th, at 10am when we shall use them to decorate the church. Ideally we would like spring flowers - daffodils and tulips - but if they are not available we'd welcome any flowers. These will be put into vases which can then be distributed as usual. Thank you.

Rosemary B

**SWANSEA INTERFAITH AND LGBT SERVICE**

On Sunday, 5th May at 2.00pm there will be an interfaith LGBT service held at the **Unitarian Church on High Street**. I don’t know if this is a first, but faith and sexuality issues are two of the things which so often divide us against each other. The world is crying out for people to come together, even when we think or feel or believe differently.

So you are all invited to come along to this service, which will last about 45 minutes, followed by refreshments. I shall be there – hope you will be too!

This service is part of **Swansea Pride**, and on Saturday, 4th May there is a **Pride March**. There is hope that an interfaith group will march together during this – please listen out for more details as I get them.

Leslie
CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12th - 18th MAY

OUR SHOP WINDOW IN THE COMMUNITY
With the months flying, by it is not surprising that we are almost at this year’s week for Christian Aid. A week perhaps, to remind us that, if we had been born in a different country, it would be us who would be hoping for aid. A week to remind ourselves of how fortunate we are. A week in which each of us, has an opportunity to transform lives, as we make our own contribution.

Christian Aid has of course become a worldwide organisation. An organisation, which responds immediately to crisis. But perhaps more importantly, an organisation which is increasingly dedicated to developing and sustaining, projects which allow people with little or nothing, to develop dignity, equality and justice. They do this by enabling, empowering and assisting people in need, to take responsibility for themselves and their communities.

At UCS we can make a huge contribution to help transform the lives of people in need. So what will we do this year?

1. House to house collections: In recent years these have become more and more difficult and last year we had only 3 collectors. As a result, we have agreed that we will not appeal for collectors this year. However, I do have all the necessary items and so, if those 3 or indeed any others are willing to collect, we will be very grateful.
2. Coffee Morning, table top and cakes sales on Saturday, 4th May.
4. Madcaps Play on Thursday, 16th & Friday, 17th May.
5. Communion collection.

The Chief Executive of Christian aid has said, “Without you, there would be no Christian Aid.”
She means you and me, us. Thank you.

Jan C
MONTH OF PRAYER
The Wales Synod of the Methodist Church is having a year of prayer. Every circuit is being asked to take a particular month and in that time to focus time and energy on a renewed call to prayer and revival. Swansea and Gower has the month of May. As part of this, our Breakout Church on 19th May will have ‘Prayer’ as its theme and our evening service on 26th May will be a prayer service.

Prayer however is more than what we do together. Each of us draws into a closer relationship with God when we pray on our own. So as part of our Month of Prayer, I am asking if anyone has any prayers that they find helpful? If so, please give them or send them to our editor Jan and we will put them in the magazine for May. If we have too many (and wouldn’t that be wonderful), then we can include a prayer in future magazines – which thinking about it, would be a VERY GOOD THING! Thanks,
Leslie

CYMANFU GANU ON SUNDAY, 4th AUGUST
Regarding our Cymanfu Ganu, which will take place on Sunday, 4th August at 6.30pm; a Circuit Service led by Rev Dr Noel Davies. The box is now in the porch for you to add your choice of hymn for the service. The box will be there until the end of April. Please put the title of the hymn you would like sung, and the tune, if you wish. Please only one hymn per person and do NOT add your name to your choice. Some of the hymns with the most votes will be sung. I am sure that you will appreciate that we cannot sing every hymn chosen, as we only have a limited time available. More details will be available nearer the time.
Janet N
BIG DAY OUT (National Synod of Wales)
Saturday, 29th June, at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Showground.
Jesus said, "Follow Me". Come. This will be a day of worship, activities, workshops time to chat and eat! This event happens every two years and is an enjoyable day to spend with members of other churches; many united churches. I hope that there will be a group of us able to go. Those who went last time thoroughly enjoyed it, so please put it in your diary.

Please note that there will be free transport paid for by the URC. A coach will be leaving from outside our church, so I hope this will encourage you to attend! There will be a variety of activities, presentations and displays on the theme of, Following what it means to be Disciples of Jesus in the 21st Century.

There will be a worship and contemplative prayer spaces, opportunity to join a scratch choir, exploring mission space, refreshments, places to sit relax and chat about a wide variety of displays and presentations.

All churches have been given a large board on which to depict their church in any way they wish; drawings, craft work, photos etc. If you have any ideas about how you think we should describe UCS or could help prepare the board which we will take with us please let me know.

Pat D
EASTER IN JERUSALEM 1948

Easter Sunday was a lovely spring day, the sun shone and many of the streets were lined with flowering trees, even the rocky hills around the city showed a hint of green here and there. Our Observation Post had been moved after Christmas, to the flat roof of an apartment building in the Mea Scherim district, to give better coverage of events in the Old City. The five men and a sergeant who manned the Post, were billeted across the street in a Palestine Police Station.

After lunch I was on watch with Dicky Bird, a student of Surveying in civilian life. About three in the afternoon, I heard a female voice calling. Peering through our barbed wire fencing, I saw two English women waving up to us from the street below. Dicky and I waved back, called a greeting, then returned to our duties. The women walked on, arm in arm, heading towards the city centre. About a hundred yards further on, they came to a spot where there was a gap, probably enough for two houses. On the side of the street nearest to the Old City, as the women neared the centre of this space, they were spotted by an Arab sniper in the Old City. He opened fire with a machine gun, hitting the older woman in the face. The two women fell to the pavement and endeavoured to shelter from a hail of fire, behind a low garden wall.

Hearing the gunfire, I at first tried to spot the sniper, but he was out of sight behind buildings. Only then did I see the two women on the ground, the elder lying face down struggling to raise her head. The younger lying beside her trying to hold her down under the cover of the low wall. The sniper appeared to have an inexhaustible supply of ammunition and kept on spraying the scene with bullets.
I immediately reported all this by radio to Control, who ordered me to stay ‘on net’ and keep them informed. Dicky took our Bren light machine gun and climbed onto the roof of a small outbuilding to try and spot the sniper, but to no avail. The women lay there for what seemed to be an age, until eventually an armoured car and an ambulance appeared on the far side of the gap. A young officer put his white handkerchief on a stick and started out across the opening, only to leap back when the sniper opened up again. After a few moments, the armoured car moved forward with stretcher bearers crouched behind for cover. The sniper carried on firing all the while, until the gunner in the car fired three rounds, whereupon the sniping at last ceased. The younger woman scrambled to her feet, apparently unhurt, but the elder had to be lifted onto the stretcher. We heard later that she died in hospital that evening.

When my watch was over, I returned to the police station for the evening meal. On the reception desk were two bloodstained books, retrieved from the scene. One was a Prayer Book, the other a copy of Hymns Ancient & Modern. The women had been on their way to a service in the Anglican Cathedral when they were hit. The whole incident really brought home to me the utter futility and beastly brutality of war and its random cruelty. John P
THE STORY OF SHUKTARA

I cannot believe that anyone will be unmoved after reading the remarkable story of Shuktara, a charity set up in Kolkata, with the aim of providing a safe and caring home for abandoned children with severe learning difficulties and life limiting disabilities. Shuktara was founded and is run by David E, who is the son of our own Denis E.

Before starting Shuktara, David had been a successful businessman, selling vintage clothes. On a visit to Kolkata, to source fabrics, David discovered that children with disabilities were often overlooked. He decided that he would do something for them. Therefore, he returned to the UK, sold up and moved to Kolkata.

David was told about two 16-year-old boys, who could no longer be cared for in the institution where they lived; Anna and Sunil had learning difficulties, Sunil was also profoundly deaf. They had nowhere to go, so David took them into his own small flat in Kolkata, located above a beauty parlour. He had some help with cleaning, cooking and washing, but nothing else. The two frightened boys soon adjusted to evenings watching television and days playing with helpers that David had brought in. Neither of the boys had ever held a pencil or seen a drawing book. David didn’t know what he was doing when he presented the boys with such items; he quickly realised that he had a lot to learn!

Anna had epileptic seizures and deeply disturbing behaviour. Sunil would throw buckets of water from the balcony, onto the heads of the permed and coiffed society ladies of Kolkata below! Consequently, they were asked to leave the flat. With two boys and very little money, David found ground floor accommodation in a working class neighbourhood and employed staff to help. The last of David’s available money was spent on a television, a fridge and a 1940s style washing machine! In no time, more children were
brought to David’s small flat, which was soon at bursting point, with Anna; Sunil; Shantara; Bapi, Sanjay and Bablu Lal. So, David took on another small flat, with two staff and two young deaf boys, Kedar and Ramesh. Each of Shuktara’s children have their own, very touching and emotional story. These are two: Raju Das was born on the pavement at Kalighat. His mother died and the father left, leaving him on the street in the care of his grandmother, who was unable to cope and died shortly afterwards. Raju had cerebral palsy and was unable to walk. He was constantly crawling under cars and into the street, causing everyone deep distress. Thanks to the care at Shuktara, including physiotherapy, he soon become more agile and independent.

Sumon, a 6-year-old boy, was found naked and abandoned at a railway station. Unable to walk due to his cerebral palsy, the Shuktara staff went to pick him up and found 10 rupees tied to his wrist in a handkerchief; perhaps a plea from his family for someone to care for him? Sumon was very distressed, nervous, untrusting and very, very frightened. His family had left him there after removing his clothing and rubbing his body with dirt. Today, Sumon is a happy, bright young man attending a Cerebral Palsy Unit for people with disabilities. Still unable to walk, he is very independently minded and loves to be in control of what is being watched on television; cricket being at the top of his list!

Like many of the Shuktara young people, he will never be totally independent. They rely on the help of the Shuktara staff for most of their needs. The small flat soon had 6 boys with the arrival of Pinku, a 10-year-old deaf boy, and Ashok, an intelligent young man with cerebral palsy. Although Ashok cannot speak, he fully understands Hindi, Bengali and English. His cerebral palsy affects all his movements, but it doesn’t restrict him from anything at all. He is very determined and refuses any kind of help. He is now employed at Shuktara Cakes Patisserie Training Centre.
With two small flats and 12 boys, David was told that one of the homes had to close, because the landlord was taking it over. It was then that David decided to move everyone into one large house. This has been a great success, caring and helping each other with daily activities, taking each other to school and serving food and drink to those who don’t have mobility. This became the model to start a small home for girls, starting with Tamina, Rekha and Ipshita. Both Rekha and Ipshita are completely deaf and Tamina has severe learning difficulties.

Shuktara will never be a large organization; the whole idea behind the project was to create a loving, family home situation for children with life-limiting disabilities and who had lost their parents. Now that David has been able to buy two homes, one for the boys and one for the girls, they really have the security of their own home and that it could never be taken from them. The emotional pain of losing parents, not knowing how to move on and not knowing where to go, or how to express that loss, can be overwhelming for children with so many disabilities.

In such circumstances, Shuktara has proved to be a safe place to be. However deep the pain, the security of being loved and cared for with others in the same situation, soon helps them in a positive way. In the words of David,

“Our philosophy is to provide care in a home environment, not an institution. The difference that just a few months at Shuktara makes is astounding. The boys and girls grow in every sense - physically, in confidence, in skills and in communication. Their personalities blossom, they begin to come to terms with their disabilities and to fulfill their academic potential.”

There are now two homes for 19 boys and 12 girls, but there are no plans to expand Shuktara. Instead, David’s vision is that the residents have the security of a family home for life, which can
never be taken away from them. To do this, Shuktara relies on the kindness of its supporters to meet the on-going running costs, including food, clothing, household bills and school fees.

Shuktara has survived and thrived, thanks to David Earp’s untiring efforts and the donations of a close-knit group of supporters. But the charity needs a firmer financial footing to secure its long-term future and to achieve its goals. What an incredible story, indeed what an incredible man David Earp is! For more details about this wonderful charity, please log into, Shuktara Trust (UK).

Gwyn B

PLEASE WRITE AND SHARE

We all sometimes need, “.... time to stand and stare”, but perhaps we should also find time to write and share! We are all on a journey of life and hopefully a journey of faith, learning about this great big wonderful world. Sometimes we need to remember that we are all on the journey together. So let’s share our experiences and help one another along the way.
BEATITUDES FOR FRIENDS OF THE DEAF

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO SEEM TO KNOW....
    That Lip-reading is difficult and slow.
BLESSED ARE THEY WHO SHAKE MY HAND....
    And write notes to help me understand.
BLESSED ARE THEY WHO KNOW THAT I LONG....
    To hear voices, music and song.
BLESSED ARE THEY WHO SEEM TO SEE....
    When I’m lost in a group of two or three.
BLESSED ARE THEY WHO TAKE TIME OUT....
    To explain to me what they are talking about.
BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ARE PATIENT AND KIND....
    That gives me comfort and peace of mind.
BLESSED ARE THEY WHO HAVE A SMILE....
    That makes my life more worthwhile.
BLESSED ARE THEY WHO MAKE IT KNOWN....
    By faith in God’s promises: I’ll not walk alone.
BLESSED ARE THEY WHO UNDERSTAND....
As I journey to that City, “....not made with hands”.
    Anon.
    Supplied by Myrddin P
MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM IVOR R
Thank you everyone for all the expressions of good will I have received, especially during and since my January sojourn in hospital. It is so good to have a sense of belonging.

BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JOAN P
Joan Place celebrated a special birthday on Sunday, 10th March. Love and best wishes from all your church family Joan!

MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM JOAN P
A very big THANK YOU for all the flowers and birthday cards received from Wesley Club and our church family on the occasion of my 90th Birthday in March.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALEX!
Happy 8th Birthday to our rugby playing grandson, Alex on April 1st. Now looking forward to his first year taking part in Junior Triathlons.

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

APRIL
Happy Birthday!
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
        5-6pm Rainbows
        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
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ROTAS FOR APRIL 2019

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

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EASTER EVENTS

During Holy Week, the week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, we go on a journey. On the way we recall the journey that Jesus made to the cross. It is a journey of highs and lows, of pain and sorrow, of waiting and failing. If we arrive at Easter Sunday without having travelled the way, then somehow we fail to experience the fullness of the event that changes us. So you are all invited to join with us during Holy Week. The services are reflective, creative and offer meaning – not just to the crucifixion but to our lives as well. And then, by the time we reach Resurrection Sunday, we can say with hearts full of joy, “Alleluia! He is risen!”

18th April at 7.30pm: Maundy Thursday Quiet Communion
19th April at 2.30pm: Good Friday Vigil
21st April at 10.30am: Easter Sunday Celebration, Communion
21st April at 6.30pm: Easter Sunday Evening Service