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

June magazine: All items by Friday, 24th May 2019 to Jan T

June Magazine to be issued on Sunday, 2nd June 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.
FROM THE MANSE

Dear Friends,

Didn’t the church look beautiful for Easter? Both inside the sanctuary and in our entrance display, creative members of our congregation took us on a visual journey. (See the photos later in the magazine).

In the entrance we went from Palm Sunday, through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to Easter Day with displays that reflected each service.

In the sanctuary, the hill of Golgotha where we watched and waited on Good Friday was transformed into the Easter Garden, with the empty tomb front and centre; the Good Friday cross was transformed into a Resurrection Cross which we all decorated during our Easter service.

Thank you to all the creative people who worked so hard. It’s wonderful when our worship can touch all our senses, for so often in that way we are brought closer to God.

Music as well brings us closer to God, and on Easter Sunday we said thank you to Janet who has played the organ in Sketty for 40 years. For health reasons, she now has to give up playing – but her musical contribution over these years has enhanced our worship. Janet, we say a huge thank you for the way you have contributed to our worship over the last 40 years.

Our other musicians will continue to play – and we are so grateful to them. Alan and Eleanor have also been playing in Sketty for 40
years, whereas Ceri has joined the team in the last couple of years – and how glad are we for that! But sadly Bob will also be leaving us soon, as he and Andy move to North Wales. We don’t know when yet, as it is dependent upon the solicitors sorting out house contracts etc, but we will miss them. So, we will go from five regular organists to three regular organists. Many more than lots of churches have, I know, but they all have multiple other commitments. This means that there will be times when we won’t have a ‘live’ (!) organist, but instead use modern technology. And here we are grateful to the time and gifts of Les, who has produced a marvellous spreadsheet, which means that through the computer we can sing hymns to accompanied music. We’ve tried this once in an evening service, and it worked wonderfully! However if there are any budding pianists or organists reading this, do get in touch….

So to all those who contribute through the year to our worship, through their various creative and practical gifts, a very big thank you – or as the hymn says:

Lord, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure all combine.

(Singing the Faith 39 – Angel voices ever singing)

With love,

Leslie
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!

Leslie

A CALL TO PRAYER
The Methodist People of Wales have been asked to dedicate themselves to a year (well, 15 months) of prayer. The purpose is to pray for God to lead and guide us, that we may listen to the Spirit.

Each month a different Circuit will take up the challenge – and Swansea and Gower Circuit has May. During this month, the churches will be engaging in a variety of ways. Here in Sketty, our Breakout Service will focus on prayer, and our evening service on 26 May will be a quiet prayer service. As part of this month’s magazine there is also a prayer diary for your personal prayers which focuses mainly on the life of our church, and Janet has produced an Outdoor Prayer Walk that can be used anywhere. Look out for this in due course!

Leslie
# A CALL TO PRAYER – PRAYER DIARY

As part of our month of prayer, you are invited to use this prayer diary and pray each day for:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Prayer Request</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wed</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>The other churches in our URC region, and the regional meeting tonight.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thu</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Our Church Meeting this evening, that God will lead us and guide us.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Those in our congregation who are housebound.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sat</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>The work of Christian Aid during this Christian Aid Week.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>The Interfaith LGBT service being held in Swansea today.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>Our Stewards and Elders as they seek to lead our church.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tue</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>Our Rainbows and Brownies, and their leaders.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Our Wednesday Toddler Group, the children, parents and leaders.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thu</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>Our house groups, their leaders and members.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>The people in the news headlines today both locally and internationally.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sat</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>Tools for Self-Reliance, our Methodist Circuit Project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>Our children and young people, and all those who lead them.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>Wesley Club and all its members.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tue</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>Our Cubs and their leaders as tonight they learn more of our church.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>YOUSELF! It’s the middle of the month and you are precious and loved.!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thu</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>The members of Madcaps and their performance tonight and tomorrow.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>People around the world, caught up in war and terror.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sat</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>Those in our congregation who are ill or sad or distressed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>That we may be inspired to pray more, as a result of our Breakout service.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Our craft group and for all who enjoy creativity.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tue</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>Girls who are victims of FGM, the theme of our Reel to Real film tonight.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>Our minister Leslie that she may serve faithfully.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thu</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>Our pastoral visitors, who are meeting together this evening.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>Our world, facing the effects of climate change.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sat</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>The various community groups who use our church building.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>Our preachers, organists and those taking part in the services today.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>Those who look after our resources, both property and money.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tue</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>The people of Zimbabwe – our URC Commitment for Life focus this year.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>Our Faith and Fellowship groups, that our faith may be deepened.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thu</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>The joy of reading, and our Cover to Cover group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>Justice and peace in our world.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
COMMITMENT FOR LIFE- ZIMBABWE
Cyclone Idai has devastated Eastern Zimbabwe. It has deepened the suffering of a nation, already grappling with economic and ecological woes. The scale of destruction is unprecedented, torrential rains and 170 kilometre per hour winds swept away roads, homes, bridges and knocked out power and communication lines. The United Nations estimates that 5.3 million people will require food aid in Zimbabwe. Christian Aid is well positioned to compassionately respond to this crisis.

Christian Aid Prayer for Zimbabwe
Jehovah - Jireh, Jehovah - Rapha, Jehovah- Shalom.
God of liberty and righteousness, God of peace and truth, you feed your people on the mountains, by the watercourses, and in the plains.
Where there is hunger in Zimbabwe bring prosperity; where the economy has been ravaged, bring restoration and recovery.
Let there be abundance in Zimbabwe and may all the people flourish.
AMEN

Commitment for Life is the Global Justice Programme of the United Reformed Church, UK

Mary J

THE COFFEE MORNING IN APRIL FOR PETTIFOR TRUST
The Pettifor Trust Coffee morning held at UCS on the 6th April 2019 raised £342.60. and members of the Trust would like to express their thanks for your welcome and continued support of their work and activities. Many thanks
Jon D
THE CENTENARY OF SAVE THE CHILDREN

2019 is the centenary of Save the Children. It was founded by Eglantyne Jebb, as a result of the images of starving children she saw in the aftermath of the First World War. She took to the streets to spread the word and raise money. She was joined by her sister Dorothy and Save the Children Fund was launched on 19th May 1919 at a public meeting in the Albert Hall.

The first major appeal, was to help feed children caught in the Russian famine. Over the following decades, the fund's work spread across the world. Eglantyne drafted The Declaration of the Rights of the Child, which in 1924, was adopted by the League of Nations, the forerunner to the United Nations. In 1984, they were the first to raise the alarm about the famine in Ethiopia. By September of that year, 7000 malnourished children were being fed every day. £47,000 was raised by the Swansea branch through an Evening Post appeal. In recognition of this, the Princess Royal, who is the president, attended a concert in Swansea at the Brangwyn Hall.

Save the Children, is a member of the D.E.C and is often one of the first agencies on the scene of a disaster, having offices in many of the poorest parts of the world. There are many projects in the U.K. including Families and Schools Together and Building Blocks in Wales.

In countries like Yemen and Syria, children are more at risk in conflict than at any time in the past 20 years. Eglantyne probably did not envisage the fund still existing in the 21st century, but the need to protect children across the world continues.

Tina L
MATTHEW’S HOUSE

Matthew’s House exists to provide a warm and welcoming building in the heart of Swansea, with the expressed intention of being accessible for the homeless and most vulnerable in Swansea. The aim is for it to have the feel of a home, where hospitality is given to all who enter the doors, regardless of their background, beliefs or circumstances. Matthew’s House operates through six expressions: Matt’s Café, The Homeless Period Swansea, Matt’s Showers, Matt’s Laundry, Matt’s Cwtch and Matt’s Community Choir.

Matt’s Café, is a pay-as-you-feel, waste food café that, as of April 2019, has served over 35,000 meals since opening its doors in March 2017. Food is used from local supermarkets, farms and restaurants that would have been thrown in the bin, but instead is used to create delicious meals to feed hungry bellies.

The Homeless Period Swansea, is aimed at tackling period poverty through dignity packs, that are filled with essential sanitary and hygiene products. Over 550 packs have been distributed to guests and organisations around Swansea; called “a life saver”, by one.

Matt’s Showers, will be opening in the coming weeks. Together with Matt’s Laundry, priority will be given to those who are ‘street homeless’, with the expressed aim of providing dignity and hope when there is little.

Matt’s Cwtch, is the living room which will be the future home of Matt’s Buddies, a scheme that will support our guests through the simple concept of a friend. An advocate, someone to talk to, fill out forms with, walk to the bank with and so on.

Matt’s Community Choir, will enhance the wellbeing of our volunteers and guests through the joy of song.
Matthew’s House is volunteer-led and funded. There are 84 volunteers who cook, collect food, garden, paint, sort donations, fundraise and welcome guests. Everyone is essential in providing hospitality and hope in the heart of the city; funded primarily by small, monthly donations from “Friends of Matthew’s House”. These are individuals who believe in the work we do and support us each month, by keeping the lights on and the water running. Now, with the showers just about to open, support like this is more important than ever.

To sign up to become a Friend, please follow the link to our website https://matthewshouse.org.uk/donate/ or pick up a sign-up form from Matthew’s House today.

Pauline L

COMMUNION COLLECTIONS FOR MAY
As May is Christian Aid Month, our communion collections will go to this worthy cause. They help in emergencies such as Cyclone Idai, floods in South Asia and the aftermath of war in Syria along with long term efforts to help people out of poverty.

Susan G
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY THURSDAY, 2nd MAY
The Annual Congregational and Church Meeting will take place on Thursday, 2nd May at 7.30, followed by the Annual Trustees Meeting. Please make every effort to attend this valuable part of our church life. Please let me know if you are unable to attend.

Sonia B

COVER TO COVER
Our book for May is, The President's Hat by Antoine Laurain. We are meeting at 10.am on Thursday, 2nd May in the Bethel Room.

Mike W

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 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. If you would prefer to bring knitting or your own project, please do so. All will be most welcome to join our very friendly group.

Kath D
TRAIDCRAFT

Our next Traidcraft stall will be on Sunday, 12th May.

Following last year’s announcement about Traidcraft being in difficulty, it is now carrying on. It appears that most of the craft type items may be discontinued which will not affect our stall too much. There are still craft items available on the website at significantly reduced prices, but there are no updated catalogues at present.

If you are interested in a craft item, please check on the website to ensure it is still available. Please then contact us and we can add it to our regular order that we have every month. Although many of the food items are still available, those producers who were supplying Traidcraft with craft items, are going to be severely affected by the changes.

Traidcraft Exchange, which is the sister charity to Traidcraft shop, is trying to support these retailers as much as possible and is asking for Traidcraft supporters, to consider giving a donation to support their work with this.

Food items appear to be mostly still available although in some cases the packaging has changed. The monthly stall will therefore continue until July when we will have a better idea of what is going to be available longer term, but I would imagine will carry on as usual after the Summer break. Please contact us

Jackie and Gary C
**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.

_Sandra C_

**PASTORAL GROUP MEETING**
The date of the next _Pastoral Meeting_ has been changed from 9th May to **23rd May 2019 at 7:30 pm** in the Wesley Room.

_Gwen D_

**SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB**
We will be gathering together for our _Sunday Lunch in May on Sunday, 26thMay_ at the _Vivian Pub, Sketty Cross_. The pub serves an excellent carvery, but numbers are limited, so please sign the list in the porch asap. Any queries contact Pauline

Please note the _change of venue_ and _time, 12 noon for 12.15 pm_.

_Pauline L_
During Holy Week our entrance display told the story from Palm Sunday, through to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and finally Easter Day.
The front of the church was transformed from the bleak cross on the hill of Golgotha on Good Friday to the Empty Tomb on Easter Sunday. The Good Friday cross was transformed to an Easter cross, proclaiming our faith that love triumphs over hate, life triumphs over death and light triumphs in the darkness. A very big thank you to everyone who worked so hard, and especially John Blythe who made the tomb to fit over the communion table and the stone.
CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12th TO 18th OF 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
IT’LL NEVER TASTE THE SAME

MADCAPS is presenting this play as part of our church's Christian Aid fund raising and consequently all money taken will be given to Christian Aid. It'll never taste the Same, is a two act play which is set in Swansea during World War Two. As with all good plays, it has comedy and pathos. Also, because it's a MADCAPs presentation, it might even have an element of audience participation!

So please come and support us. If you really want to get into the mood, why not wear a wartime outfit or even just a hat, to help set the atmosphere.

Performances are at 7.30pm on Thursday, 16th and Friday 17th May.

As usual, tickets priced at £5, are available from our one and only John D.

Jan C

EASTER OFFERING AT MUMBLES ON SUNDAY, 19th MAY

“Longer tables, lower fences”, is the theme for this year’s Easter Offering. Our circuit service will be at Mumbles at 6pm on Sunday, 19th May; please note time. The speaker will be Rev Margaret Adams. All are welcome.

Janet N

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.
PRAYERS FOR MAY

23rd Psalm – Japanese version
The Lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush
He makes me pause and rest for quiet intervals
He provides me with images of stillness, which restore my serenity
He leads me in ways of efficiency, through calmness of spirit
His guidance is peace
Even though I have a great many things to do each day
I will not fret, for His presence is here...His timelessless
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity
By anointing my mind with his oil of tranquillity
My cup of joyous energy overflows
Surely harmony and usefulness shall be the fruits of my hours
For I shall walk at the pace of my Lord
And dwell in His house forever
Supplied by
Pauline L
**Thought, Word and Deed**
Give a thought to others as you travel along and greet each new day with a smile and a song.
Put away all selfish thoughts for oneself,
And determine to keep them, up there, on the shelf.
Utter a kind word, to all those in need, listen to their troubles, so they can believe.
That others will appreciate the problems they bear,
For you can lessen their burden by just being there.
Undertake a good deed no matter how small
Never mind if upon reflection you cannot recall,
Just what it was, just remember the need,
For the reward you gain is in that kind thought, word and deed.
Anon.

**Supplied by Pauline L**

**THE SERENITY PRAYER**
God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference.
Anon.

**Supplied by Jan T**
Role Play

Since the beginning of time, humans have told stories. They have painted them on the walls of caves, handed them down through generations, told them around camp fires. Today we tell stories through film (Reel to Real), books (Cover to Cover) and of course television. Stories – real or imagined – help us to make sense of life, help us to experience the world beyond our own, help us to empathise and learn.

The Bible is full of stories – indeed it was Jesus’ main way of teaching. Stories and accounts handed down from community to community were eventually written down. But so often when we study the Bible, we do so using our heads. We ask ‘head’ type questions and have ‘head’ type discussions. Of course, this is good, but it doesn’t have to be the only way. Using our imaginations to enter the story is another way. Our Summer Faith and Fellowship sessions are going to attempt this! We’re going to be looking at stories from the Bible and entering into them using role play!

For a great many people this is a real eye-opener, bringing the biblical world and its characters to life in a way never before experienced. Others find it more difficult – but you never know until you’ve tried it! So why not come along and see what you think. For each story, as well as having participants who will role play, we will need participants who will observe. So there’s definitely something for everyone. Come along, be with us and try it out!

**May**  
Tuesday 28th at 10am and Wednesday 29th at 7.30pm

**June**  
Tuesday 18th at 10am and Thursday 20th at 7.30pm

**July**  
Tuesday 23rd at 10am and Thursday 25th at 7.30pm
PUPPY LOVE AND TIME DOGMA

One lovely sunny afternoon, a couple of weeks ago, we found ourselves in a stream of traffic, approaching the mini roundabout, at the top of Sketty Lane. For some reason, we were at a standstill for about ten minutes. In front of our car, was a large cement mixer lorry. Suddenly, the door of the lorry opened and we saw two big boots emerge, followed by an extremely large, bald, bearded man, in dungarees. Clearly he had become annoyed and mystified by the unexplained holdup.

I stretched my head out of the window; just like all the other frustrated drivers. Suddenly, the culprit came into full focus! Racing up the middle of the road, was a black and tan sausage dog, with the most lovely bouncy and velvety ears. The large man in dungarees, transformed himself into the BFG, Big Friendly Giant and tried to help the innocent little canine.

At the roundabout, we could see that a car had stopped, to try and help the owner of the dog, retrieve his naughty little rascal, who seemed to be enjoying all the attention and chaos caused. On seeing the BFG, little Mr Sausage Dog turned tail and headed back towards the roundabout. The driver of the car on the roundabout, together with the dog owner, quickly took hold of the precious puppy, who was then cradled with love.

The BFG returned to his big truck and I waved to him and applauded him, together with others, for his kind efforts. All cars then started up and without a single hoot or toot, we all slowly slipped down Sketty Lane with smiles on our faces.

So often, it is the innocent little animals, that bring the best out in impatient Human Beings.

Jan T
BLUE SWANSEA
On Tuesday, June 4th at 10.30am, you are invited to join members of the Swansea Hebrew Congregation in the Wesley Room to hear part 2 of the blue plaques of Swansea.

Janet N

GOWER CHORALE SUMMER CONCERT
At St Mary’s Church Swansea
7pm on Saturday, 22nd June 2019
Cantique de Jean Racine Faure
Chichester Psalms. Bernstein
Lux Aeterna. Morten Laurisden
Huw Tregelles Williams Organist
Llywelyn Ifan Jones. Harpist
Tickets £15. Children free of charge.
(Change of venue, due to organ repair work at All Saints, Oystermouth)

Preliminary notice
Swansea Summer Choral Music School will take place from Monday, August 12th until Friday, August 16th
at West Cross Community Centre 10am – 4pm
Music Director Ros Evans and colleagues
Grand finale concert on Friday, August 16th at 7 pm
at All Saints Church Oystermouth
More details will be given in our June Magazine

Anne W
TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

1. **Speak to people:**
   There is nothing as pleasant as a word of greeting.

2. **Smile at people:**
   It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile.

3. **Call people by name:**
   The sound of your own name is very reassuring.

4. **Be friendly and helpful:**
   There is nothing like a friendly face and a helping hand.

5. **Be cordial:**
   Speak and act as if everything you do is a real pleasure.

6. **Be genuinely interested in people:**
   You can love everyone if you try.

7. **Be generous with praise and cautious with criticism.**

8. **Be considerate of the feelings of others.**

9. **Be thoughtful of the opinion of others.**

10. **Be alert to give service** - what counts most in life is what we do for others.

    Anon.
    Supplied by Pat B. D
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
CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
I would like to thank everyone at UCS, for all the cards, visits, phone calls and prayers, during my recent illness at Morriston and Gorseinon Hospitals. I am making a steady recovery and trust that I will be able to return to church life in the near future. With love and best wishes to you all.

Graham B

A Big Thank You
Alan and Liz would like to thank all their Church family for the cards, messages, flowers, cakes and loving support they have received during the past six months. Alan's treatment is continuing and he is responding well.

Liz R

LOVE AND BEST WISHES TO JEAN AND JOHN K
John has recently suffered a fall resulting in a broken ankle and a stay at Morriston Hospital. Our love and thoughts to John and Jean at this very difficult time.

A HUG BIG THANK YOU TO JANET N
From all your church family and friends Janet, a huge big THANK YOU for all the lovely music you have given us for over forty years.

BIRTHDAY MESSAGES
To all our church family and friends, who will be celebrating a birthday in MAY
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
# MAY 2019 DIARY

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Thurs</td>
<td>7.30pm</td>
<td>The Annual Congregational and Church Meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Sat</td>
<td>10-12noon</td>
<td>Coffee Morning for Christian Aid</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Sun</td>
<td>10.30am</td>
<td>Rev Leslie Noon: <strong>Communion</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>6.30pm</td>
<td>Miss Sue Raad</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Mon</td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>No Wesley Club</strong> meeting (Bank Holiday)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Tues</td>
<td>7.30pm</td>
<td>Tuesday House Group studying John Chapter 18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Sun</td>
<td>10.30am</td>
<td>Rev Ivor Rees</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>6.30pm</td>
<td>Mrs Anne Gregson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Mon</td>
<td>7pm</td>
<td>Wesley Club: Rosemary &amp; John B: Mechanical Magic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Thurs</td>
<td>7.30pm</td>
<td>Madcaps: It Will Never Taste The Same Again</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Fri</td>
<td>7.30pm</td>
<td>Madcaps: It Will Never Taste The Same Again</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Sun</td>
<td>10.30am</td>
<td>Rev Leslie Noon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>6pm</td>
<td><strong>EASTER OFFERING</strong> at Mumbles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Mon</td>
<td>7pm</td>
<td>Wesley Club: Dr Anthea Symonds: Health care before the NHS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Sun</td>
<td>10.30am</td>
<td>Mrs Heather Coleman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>6.30pm</td>
<td>Rev Leslie Noon: <strong>Communion</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Mon</td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>No Wesley Club</strong> meeting (Bank Holiday)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**START OF JUNE 2019 DIARY**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Sat</td>
<td>10-12noon</td>
<td>Coffee Morning for Marie Curie</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
ROTAS FOR MAY 2019

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

Welcome Teams: Myrddin P

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>5 MAY</th>
<th>12 MAY</th>
<th>19 MAY</th>
<th>26 MAY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ian &amp; Susan G</td>
<td>Sonia B</td>
<td>Harry O</td>
<td>Allan &amp; Joe A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shirley J</td>
<td>John N</td>
<td>Grosvenor H</td>
<td>Caroline C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John P</td>
<td>Grosvenor H</td>
<td>David P</td>
<td>Tina L</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Paul E</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Sound

Elisha G | Myrddin P | Gary C | Harry O

Evening

Myrddin P | Keith M | At Mumbles | Anne V

Flowers: Rosemary B

Giver:

Jean K | Caroline & Susan C | Sonia B | Carole H Crimp

Arranger:

Pam T | Rosemary | Chris | Una

Distribution of the Flowers: Anne W

Gaynor | Anne | Sonia | Janet

Sunday Morning Coffee: Paul H E

Myrna C | Mike & Anne W | Lynne W | Pauline L
| Liz R | Kath & Bill D | Pam E
| Julie G |