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 Les W 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  
**October magazine:** All items by Friday, 20th September, to Noel D  
**October Magazine** to be issued on Sunday, 29th September 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,

I hope you had a good summer. August tends to be much quieter in church: many people go away on holiday and most weekly activities take a break. But that doesn’t mean that things haven’t been happening since the last magazine! Two things of note to mention here:

At the beginning of July, Ian and I attended a special meeting of the URC Synod Trust in Cardiff, in order to give a presentation on Project Hall and request some of the money from the sale of Bethel. The presentation was well received and I’m delighted to say that the URC have agreed to fund a large proportion of the costs of Project Hall. (The rest will be made up from money that our church has in savings, and, we hope, a smaller grant from the Methodist District).

Then at the end of July, about 60 of us from church, went along to the Swansea Registry Office to attend Atif and Saima’s British Citizenship Ceremony. It was a wonderful occasion, and you can read about it elsewhere in this magazine. We will be building on this wonderful occasion in a special service in church on 22nd September. During the morning worship, the Atif family will share with us something of their journey, and this will culminate in Angel’s baptism. Afterwards there will be a church lunch. Watch out for information about this in the weekly notices.

The quieter month of August now gives way to September – when everything starts up again. Please join me in praying for God’s guidance in the year ahead, for all that we seek to do and be in Uniting Church Sketty.

With love, Leslie
PRAYER WITHOUT CEASING, PRAY

September

WEEK ONE:
We pray for everyone living in the streets near our church, Lewis St, Llewelyn St, Park View Terrace, Cory St, Dela Beche Road and Dillwyn Road. We do not know what joys and sorrows they and their wider families are facing.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

WEEK TWO:
We pray for the churches and congregations around us, St. Paul’s, Holy Trinity, Bethel Welsh, Trinity (Glanmor Park Rd), Sketty Community Church (Sketty Baptist) and the 7th Day Adventist Church, that we begin to work more closely with them.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

WEEK THREE:
We pray for other districts of Swansea where life is much tougher than ours. We pray for parent and toddler groups where they are desperately needed. We pray for families where no-one has a job.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

WEEK FOUR:
We pray for the world around us with all its beauty and wonder. We marvel at sunrises and sunsets, clear blue skies and beautiful beaches, but we also acknowledge that in some areas of our world the seas and oceans are polluted because of people’s thoughtlessness and greed.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
WHO ARE THE LEADERSHIP TEAM AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

Before we became a uniting church, Bethel United Reformed Church had Elders and Sketty Methodist Church had Stewards. When we joined together Stewards and Elders, they became the Leadership Team. Although most of what they did and still do, remain the same, including the responsibilities and duties shared by both traditions, there are some differences.

In both traditions, the leaders have responsibility for the full scope of the church’s life and activities, of course, shared with the Minister, working as a team and working to the strengths of its individual members, as well as recognising others’ gifts and involving others when necessary. The Constitution of the Methodist Church states that, Stewards need to have vision and good planning skills as well as being caring, supportive and mindful of others’ needs. Similarly, the URC Basis of Union states that Elders are to, “Foster in the congregation concern for witness and service to the community, evangelism at home and abroad, Christian education, ecumenical action, inter-church relations and the wider responsibility of the whole church.”

In Methodist documentation, there is a lot of emphasis on Sunday duties and looking after the preacher; possibly because the Methodist tradition is to have many different people leading worship, which has not been the case in the URC, where the Minister will take most services. In Bethel those on duty, undertook all the duties in the vestry: praying with the minister, welcoming visitors and the congregation and only Elders served Communion.

It must be emphasised that in spite of wideranging responsibilities, the Leadership Team do NOT take important decisions, although they may make suggestions or recommendations to Church Meeting. It is the Church Meeting and Trustees of the church which make important decisions. However, as Church Meeting meets infrequently there are day
to day decisions which the Leadership Team need to make to ensure that the church functions efficiently e.g. ensuring there are people on duty for special services like weddings and funerals, that necessary, inexpensive repairs are undertaken, that there is representation at local and national meetings and activities. Elders and Stewards are expected to attend Church services and Church Meetings regularly, to exhibit qualities of trust, reliability and confidentiality, as well as being faithful in prayer and worship, which of course, all members of the Church are called to do.

The significant difference between Elders and Stewards is that Elders are ordained for life in a special service according to the Faith and Order of the United Reformed Church. Elders may serve for a specific length of time, but subject to the agreement of the Church Meeting can serve for any length of time. There are in our own church a number of non-serving Elders who by choice, age or health reasons are no longer serving but they remain Ordained Elders. A second difference is that all Elders are expected to have a Pastoral list of Members/Adherents for whom they exercise pastoral care. Stewards may or may not have this responsibility.

Our serving Elders are Gaynor B, Gwyn B, Julie G and Pat D, who is also Church Secretary for URC purposes. The current Stewards are Maggi C, Jan C, Elizabeth E, Alan J, Pauline L, Amy W, Les W. Photos of them all are on the wall near the Wesley Room.

The Leadership Team are happy to serve the congregation but encourages anyone who has a suggestion, idea or concern to share this with a member of the team. Obviously, not every individual wish can be met, but all ideas are welcome, are considered seriously and will be brought to Church Meeting if appropriate.

Pat D
NEW CITIZENS!
Atif, Saima, Elisha and Maresha left their home in Pakistan in 2011 and came as asylum seekers to the UK. Elisha was 9 and Maresha was 5. They were placed in Swansea and soon found their way to our church. We were delighted to welcome them, and before long they found their way into our hearts with their generosity and deep faith. When Angel was born, we all celebrated!

And so it was with great delight that around 60 of us descended on Swansea Civic Centre to support Atif, Saima, Elisha, Maresha and Angel as they became British citizens. The Registrar said she had never seen so many people come to support one family before. Our singing drowned out the recordings of the British and Welsh national anthems! And when the Registrar asked Atif what church they went to, he proudly told her, ‘Uniting Church Sketty – and they are my family’.

I’d like to think that Atif’s words sum up what we are about as a church. A family which seeks to support one another through the ups and downs of life. A family that seeks God together. May it be so!

Leslie

NEW COMMUNITY WORKER
We are delighted to welcome Adella amongst us. Adella is the new Church Related Community Worker (CRCW). This is a URC appointment, and Adella will work with us as well as a number of other URC churches in the Swansea region. We hope that over the coming months, she will get to know us and also get to know our local community – and then with her experience and her gifts, help us to move forward in finding ways of building bridges between our church and our community. Adella will be living in Sketty with her husband and will be worshipping with us.

Leslie
TWINNING

The possibility of a twinning partnership with Pauluskirche in Kaiserslautern, Germany, is still quietly on the horizon. It’s not a done deal yet, but both our church and their church are hoping that it is something that can be brought to fruition. Here is a letter from Pastor Karl Graupeter.

Dear Rev Leslie and the Congregation of Uniting Church Sketty,

Since some months, the elders in our congregation were exploring the possibility of a twinning between our two churches as you did on your side also. All we know about you is, you are a Christian congregation and you are a united church, as we are. So we also praise God and his blessings: He links people out of different languages and different countries, for his Spirit encourages people to confess their faith in Christ and built a community all over cultures and states: a world-wide community of believers. We are a united church. Reformed and Lutheran Churches in Palatinate united 200 years ago, ending a long quarrel between these Churches with this act of unifying. However, this was the gain of our ancestors; we try to live this profit. Many couples in the area of our town Kaiserslautern, the Lämmchesberg, come from Protestant and Catholic Church, so we try to organize our life in an ecumenical “together”. Our experience tells us: together we can move something. Each of us on his own does not have the power for a good spiritual life. In our way together, we can feel the Spirit of God. We also look forward to continuing to explore the possibility of twinning with you. We like to become acquainted with you and to learn from your way of partnership between your Churches and your spiritual life. We trust in the Spirit who may lead us into a wider horizon as he did with the apostles when he founded his church 2000 years ago: people of different cultures, languages and continents came together under the sign of Christ. Thus increases our hope for peace and justice in a world, which may come close together.

We send you our warmest Christian greetings.

Yours in friendship Karl Graupeter, Pfarrer
COMMUNION COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER
Communion collections in September will be for Action for Children, helping disadvantaged children across the UK. Amongst other services they provide support for parents, respite care for disabled children, protect abused and neglected children and provide services to help children to find a loving home.

Susan G

COFFEE MORNING ON SATURDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER
In September our monthly coffee morning will be to raise money for our own church Benevolent Fund. We plan to have cakes, courtesy of our wonderful cake makers and books. We would also be pleased to have a miscellaneous stall selling items that maybe you have had as unwanted gifts or that you love but need space. Please no items that actually would be better in a black bag! You can bring things to church whenever they are ready and leave them in a corner of the walkway. Many thanks and look forward to seeing you and your friends and neighbours for coffee on Saturday, 7th September.

Jan C

COMMUNITY RELATED CHURCH MINISTERS’S INDUCTION SERVICE
Adella P has recently been appointed as the CRCM for the URC’s Swansea Region of Churches. Adella replaces Rosie B, who is now a CRCM in Huddersfield. The Induction Service for Adella, will be held at ChristWell URC, Manselton Road, Manselton at 2.00pm on Saturday, 21st September. ALL are welcome to attend and there will be a Bring and Share tea, cakes, sandwiches, etc., after the service. Details of the Order of Service will be announced in the weekly church Newsletter nearer the date. It would be helpful if those planning to attend could let me or Pat D know.

Gwyn B
WESLEY CLUB
We will resume our meetings on **Monday, 9th September.**
Pauline L

COME AND JOIN US
When I used to go to the Salvation Army with my mum in law, we often sang, "Come and join us, come and join us, come and join our happy throng". You will be pleased to know that I am not going to sing to you, but these words just seem very appropriate for extending a Wesley Club invitation to those of you who do not join us on a Monday evening. I believe we are a "happy throng" and we certainly laugh a lot and often cheer each other up at times when maybe life isn't so good for someone.

We have super speakers on a great variety of subjects. Okay, not all appeal to everyone, but generally they are of an extremely high standard and we can learn a lot; it isn't mandatory to remember what you've learned! Maybe, most importantly of all, I think we genuinely try and care for one another. So, if you are free every Monday, or on an occasional Monday, you can be sure of a welcome. Don't forget also, this club is not only for Church family. We welcome neighbours and friends, some of whom attend other churches and some who don't go to church at all. Wesley will extend friendship and care to all.

Jan C
HAIKU CREATIONS FROM BREAKOUT CHURCH IN AUGUST

As part of August's Breakout Service, a group of us reflected on the service's theme of creation by writing Haiku. Haiku is a short poetry form originating from Japan. A haiku usually contains about 17 syllables arranged in three lines and doesn't rhyme. The theme of the poem is usually nature or the seasons, making it a perfect way to think about the beauty of God's world. Members of the group were happy to share their creations with the rest of the church and to have them in our magazine.

**Elizabeth E**
Just a leaf
Beautifully manicured
Floating down

**Jean**
A squirrel holds an acorn
Tenderly, daintily,
Munching

**Jean**
Azure sky, blue sea,
White sand, fish, water creatures,
God’s creation all

**Delyth**
In the beginning
World black
God, ultimate being.

**Pat B**
Amphitheatre-
Green peaks, morning mists
Pay ancient dramas

**Jackie**
The Seventh day giv’n
To rest and reflect
As God did in Eden

**Elizabeth**
FOLK DANCING ON MONDAY AFTERNOONS
Folk Dancing will meet again at 2pm on Monday 9\textsuperscript{th} September. We will give a warm welcome to everyone who comes and joins us. We even have time for a cup of tea and a chat; so we look forward to seeing you! For any further information, speak to 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. 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

COVER TO COVER
Our book for September is, The Woodlanders, by Thomas Hardy. We will meet at 10.am on Thursday, 5\textsuperscript{th} September in the Bethel Room. Pat D will lead our discussion.
Mike W

TRAIDCRAFT
Our next Traidcraft stall will be on Sunday, 15\textsuperscript{th} September. Some of favourite items are no longer available, so we will keep you updated over the coming months. If you have any queries, 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. If anyone is not able to attend the viewing, please see Leslie for a copy of the film, to watch before the discussion. All are welcome.

Please Note the times: This term we are showing the films during the afternoon, with the option of watching a copy at home, in order to save costs of heating, but also to avoid coming out twice in the darkening evenings. We have kept the Discussion time the same to enable those who work to attend. If you need any further information please contact Leslie or Sandra

Sandra C

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB
The next lunch will be on Sunday, 15th September at the Hen Dderwen, meeting together at 12 noon for 12.30pm. Please sign the list in the front porch if you would like to come; all members and friends are very welcome. Contact Pauline for any further information.

Pauline L
In our Autumn series of Faith and Fellowship we will be taking a closer look at the creeds. Unlike some traditions, we do not say the creed regularly in our church, nonetheless it is regarded as an excellent summary of the Christian faith. We will begin to explore how the creeds came into being and what they say to us today. They are an important part of our own exploration of what we believe. All are very welcome – we would love to see new people come and join us. It isn’t scary. It isn’t hard. You don’t have to be an expert. You just have to want to explore your faith in greater depth and be willing to be open to new ideas. And that should apply to all of us, shouldn’t it?

Session 1  Tuesday 24 September from 10 to 11.30am
Thursday 26 September from 7.30 to 9pm

Session 2  Tuesday 29 October from 10 to 11.30am
Thursday 31 October from 7.30 to 9pm
HIGH ROAD TO HIGHGROVE

One beautiful Friday morning in June, with the sun shining down and a sweet breeze in the air, I drove along Tetbury Road, looking for the famous, ‘concealed driveway’. I indicated right and as instructed, drove slowly upwards. A man in a navy blazer, striped tie and Panama hat, stepped out from the hedge, like James Bond and asked for my Passport, utility bill and ticket. Brexit has still not yet happened and I was a mile outside Tetbury! I loved the excitement of being on The Prince of Wales’ land! The man reached for his phone and stated, “We have an Acer red Volvo on its way up.” Gosh, suddenly I felt rather important as another man, dressed in similar attire, courteously guided me into a parking space. All was calm and quiet, apart from the sound of giggling, twittering birds.

At the visitors’ entrance, an English rose lady greeted me and pointed out all the water colour paintings by HRH and the current Royal photographs on the grand piano. We assembled in our group of twelve and were shown an introductory DVD of Prince Charles, warmly welcoming us to his beautiful gardens and explaining his beliefs in biodiversity. Our wonderful journey around Highgrove gardens then began. Nobody was allowed to use a camera or phone; quietude and security were paramount.

The land has been beautifully landscaped into a series of natural gardens, depicting different countries and cultures, structures and styles. Each garden begins with a different gate; each garden has a different colour palette; each garden contains special garden furniture and fabulous ceramic pots and water features. All gardens contain the most beautiful range of plants, colour schemes and textures. The tallest, bluest delphiniums, the greenest, most beautifully maintained hedges of Taxus baccata and Buxus sempervirens, musky perfumed roses, wonderful Wisteria and a vegetable garden bursting and buzzing with food and pollinators. We saw some of the biggest bees and were assured that they made excellent royal jelly as well as honey! Their beehives were painted
in different colours and apparently, all the bees knew which beehive they belonged to and which Queen Bee they served, well of course; Bee clever.

Some of the gardens have a serious note, a reflective atmosphere, with many memories of loved ones from the past. All are enchanting, all are environmentally friendly; strictly no chemical use. Everything is geared towards Mother Nature and a respect for all living things. The planting, choice of plants, statues, structures, all are done to the highest standard and yet all look so natural and in harmony with one another. Everything appeared to blend in and be balanced, all was a picture of calm and tranquility; including the gardeners.

We blissfully strolled along the Thyme Walk and suddenly we were facing the entrance to Highgrove! The home of Prince Charles and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall. I was six steps away from the double doors, painted in cream, that they actually walk in and out of. So I nonchalantly walked up and touched one of the doors. Just a little claim to fame!

At the end of the two hour walk, I sipped a Sicilian lemonade on the visitors’ terrace and felt very grateful to all, for allowing us the privilege of seeing such beautiful gardens. Also for sharing the horticultural beliefs in looking after Nature, keeping things in balance and not using chemicals on insects or plants; nature’s food for other insects, birds and animals.

Jan T

‘All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small. All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.’
MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING ON FRIDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER
Yes, another year has gone by and it is time for our Macmillan Coffee Morning again. This will be held at 10am to 12noon, on Friday 27th September in the Wesley Room. Donations of cakes and items for the bric-a-brac stall will be very welcome. We look forward to seeing you.
Rosemary B

PANTOMIME -2020
Oh no! Oh YES! I am just starting to think, the operative word being ‘think’, about a theme. However, as always I need to know how many people are clamoring to be involved! Actually I am asking, if anyone who was part of our panto crew last year needs a year off? Equally if there is anyone who wasn't part of the fun, who would like to join us for our next show? Please contact me asap or else you could find yourself written in and you would prefer to be out, or not written in and you would like to be. Note how convoluted your thinking has to be to even contemplate panto! Contact asap would be much appreciated.
Jan C

GO ORANGE QUIZ
On Friday, 8th November, 6 for 6.30pm, there will be a quiz night to raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy. You can come as an individual and join a team on the night or you can come as a team with friends and family. The cost will be £5 per person, which will include light refreshments. Tickets will be on sale in October. You may wish to wear something orange on the night!
Janet N
A VISIT TO THE THEATRE

The Abbey Players
are performing
Andrew Lloyd Webber’s
JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR,
at the
Grand Theatre
from
Wednesday, 20th November to Saturday, 23rd November.

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 to the list in the church foyer.

The cost of the tickets are £18 & £16.

For further information, contact Liz
As usual, I am sure it will be a memorable experience.

Liz R
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NEWS

“It wasn’t just my first Christmas gift - it was my first gift ever. When I held it, there was joy and love in my heart such that I never felt before. I knew there were people out there who cared for me. I was not alone... We were still loved.” (Belarus)

It was because of comments like that by a child receiving a shoebox that Alan and I felt moved to volunteer as helpers with OCC at Swansea warehouse over 14 years ago. In the years following we believe that we have processed about 1 million boxes. These boxes have gone to needy children in Belarus, Liberia, Ukraine and Swaziland to name but a few of the countries we have served. None of the team of volunteers received any payment and the warehouse has the past few years been generously offered free of cost of rent or heating by a very kind Swansea businessman.

Therefore it came as a very big shock to our valiant, wonderful band of volunteers to learn recently that OCC have decided not to use the warehouse at Swansea this year, but to concentrate all of South Wales work into the larger warehouse at Llantrisant (formally known as the Cardiff warehouse). We feel very strongly that this will result in fewer boxes, but our efforts to change minds have gone unheeded.

Alan and I have decided that we feel unable to give a commitment to travel daily to Llantrisant despite the fact that we derived a great deal of satisfaction and enjoyment from the three to four weeks of work. It is, as yet, uncertain as to where collection points will be in Swansea, before being delivered to Llantrisant for processing there. However, we are delighted that Ian B (Gaynor’s husband) has
expressed a willingness to drive our boxes and fillers to the depot and as a church I hope we will continue to fill as many shoeboxes as we are able to. It would seem unfair for children to miss out because of a decision made at OCC headquarters.

As a church we have supported the warehouse by providing numerous volunteers of all ages, some of whom came daily and others whenever they could spare the time. Those who weren’t able to be with us wrote cards, supplied mountains of fillers and refreshments and always remembered us in their prayers. Our annual Wesley “packing” evening was always a time of joy and laughter and the blessing of the boxes before they were despatched to the warehouse a special celebration. So on behalf of all the children who have felt loved because of our efforts we say a huge TY. We will keep you informed of how we, as a church, can still support this very special practical token of love whilst sadly not enjoying the friendship and camaraderie built with so many from far and wide at the warehouse.

Alan & Linda J and Jan C
CHARITY CONCERT IN AID OF TENOVUS AND CANCER RESEARCH

Cantorian Llandeilo Singers and Swansea Combined Choirs
Invite You To Their Charity Concert
In Aid of Tenovus And Cancer Research

**Messe Di Gloria Puccini**

*with*
Robyn Lyn Evans, Tenor
Glyndwr Garland, Bass Baritone
Festival Te Deum Sullivan
Musical Director. Gordon Kilby

At
St Mary’s Church, Swansea

on **Saturday, 19th October 19th 7-30 p.m**
starting at 7.30pm

Tickets are £15 each and are now available from Anne.
Anne W
MAGAZINE EDITOR: GOODBYE AND HELLO

I know how much we all value our church magazine. It helps us to keep in touch with what is going on and to feel part of those things that perhaps we don’t attend personally. It’s a good way of sharing news and information.

For the last five years, Jan T has been doing a superb job producing and editing the magazine. She has taken great care and delight in putting it together and we are so grateful for all her hard work and the special touches she has brought to the magazine. However, now she is about to embark on her third and final year of the RHS course she is doing at the National Botanical Gardens of Wales – this year more demanding and time consuming than the previous two. Therefore, she has decided that because of this, she sadly must relinquish her editorial role. Thank you Jan so much, for all you have done for our church through the magazine.

After weekly appeals in our church notices and announcements in church for someone to take over from Jan, I am delighted that Noel D has offered to take up the role. He brings with him a great deal of experience of producing and editing magazines and newsletters in the wider church context. Like Jan did, he will make his own mark on the magazine and we thank him for offering to take on this role. Of course, both Jan and Noel stand in the footsteps of Jean K who did it for so long.

At the heart of our faith, we have a God who seeks to communicate with his people, a Saviour who is the Word of God. Through our small church magazine, Jean, Jan and now Noel have taken on board the vital importance of communication!

Leslie

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND ALL ITEMS FOR OUR OCTOBER MAGAZINE TO NOEL D
BELATED CONGRATULATIONS TO PAT AND NOEL D
In August, Pat and Noel celebrated 51 years of wedded bliss. Love and best wishes to you both from all your church family and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALEX J!
Congratulations and best wishes to Alex on achieving the grades he needed to follow a career at Bucks University. Alex is the first member of his family to go to university, so very well done Alex.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JAN T
This summer, Jan obtained the RHS Award for Best Horticultural Student at Coleg Sir Gar! It is never too late to learn new things and it is wonderful to feel a sense of achievement.

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO JULIE G AND FAMILY
We send our love and sympathy to Julie and her family, on the sad news that Julie's dad, Michael, passed away in August.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GREAT GRANDMOTHER MAISIE H!
A lovely great grandson named Harrison, has arrived in Maisie's family. Harrison is the baby brother of Lily, Hannah and George, son to Emily and Nathan, grandson to Peter and Helen and of course great grandson to Maisie; also great nephew to Mary and Laura. Congratulations and love to you all from all your church family and friends!
CONGRATULATIONS TO JOAN AND ERIC P
On the 15th of September, Joan and Eric will celebrate 70 years of wedded bliss. Love and best wishes to you both from all your church family and friends.

BIRTHDAY MESSAGES

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

SEPTEMBER
Happy Birthday!

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

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