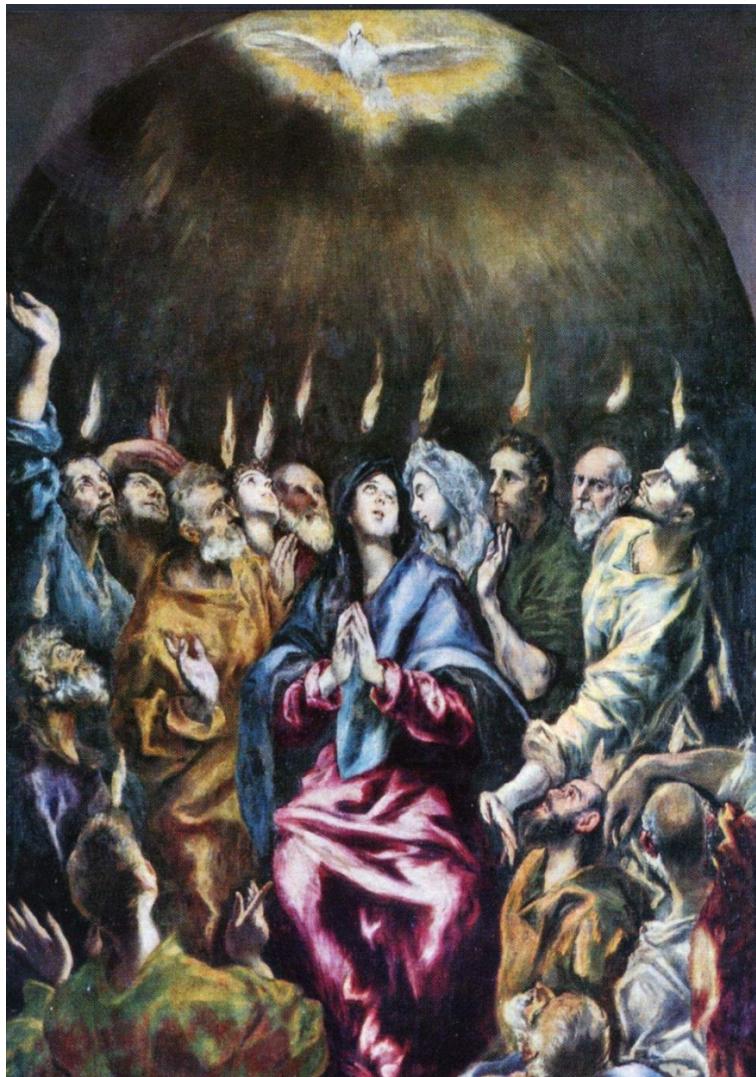


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JUNE - JULY, 2023

CANTON UNITING CHURCH



Doménikos Theotokópoulos; 1 October 1541 – 7 April 1614),^[2] most widely known as **El Greco**

The Cretan-born artist, who spent the years of his maturity in Toledo, in Spain, created the work in about 1600. Most El Greco scholars believe that it was created as part of a multi-panelled altarpiece commissioned for the Colegio de Dona Maria de Aragon, an Augustinian seminary in Madrid for the training of priests. That splendid altarpiece, for which El Greco had received the unprecedented sum of almost 6,000 ducats, was dismantled in 1810, during the French occupation, when Joseph-Louis Bonaparte suppressed the Spanish religious orders. Nowadays, *Pentecost* is to be seen in the Prado Museum, in Madrid. It is one of the masterpieces of the artist's late and so-called "mystical" style – a style memorably dismissed by the eighteenth-century Spanish art theorist, Palomino, as "the Greek's extravagant manner."

Canton Uniting Church Deacons

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Dear Friends,

June, 2023

I came to faith while I was a university student. At that time I was part of a very conservative Christian group. I am grateful for what they taught me, and their friendship; however, it wasn't long before I realised I could not remain part of that community.

It was when my small group leader said to me that it was part of God's plan for my dad to die at age 36, leaving two young children and a widow, I knew I had to leave. I determined that I would find another view of Christianity that made more sense to my experience of life.

Fast-forward 30 years, in conversation with a friend who keeps in touch with that group, she stated that at a reunion they were talking about all the people from that generation who went into ministry. 'I added your name to that group,' she said proudly. I guess those present, if they even remembered me, were very surprised. I was probably the last person they expected to be a minister. I was shy, avoided speaking in groups, and lacked confidence. God had ideas for my life that may not have been apparent at that time.

Recently, I have been asked to consider a church role which surprised me. In fact, I laughed out loud when I was told about. 'You are kidding me!' I said to the person.

I wonder whether you have been asked to do something which surprised you? Have you taken on a role at work that you never expected? Have you done something in your family that was harder than you imagined it would be but you managed, survived, or even thrived doing it?

The life of the church has changed a lot in recent years. We no longer have full-time ministers based in one church--as you well know. I think the church has adapted to this change incredibly well and graciously. But because of this change in church life, there may be times that you are asked to do something that you never expected. Is God asking you to think about what you can offer to the life of the church that you never expected? Is it to take on a role contributing to worship? Is it looking into something practical? Is it providing activities for the children/young people? Is it offering pastoral support within the church? Do you have a vision for an activity that might enhance the life of our church or the community?

The Synod has developed a booklet called 'The Whole People of God.' It is, in effect, reminding us that we all have a role to play in the life of the church. Your role, or calling, is essential for us to continue being church and sharing God's love in the community. None of us, me, David, or anyone in leadership, can do it alone. We have to do it together. We are 'the whole people of God.' One of the hymns that always touches me is 'I, the Lord of Sea and Sky.' The refrain is an answer to God's question of who will serve: 'Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, where you lead me. I will hold your people in my hand.' This is a willingness to answer God's calling with a 'yes'. When you are asked to do something, perhaps you will at least pause to listen for whether this is God's request.

Now, perhaps you are wondering what role caused my surprised response. I was asked whether I would let my name go forward for General Assembly Moderator of the URC. This is a role that is voted on by the members of Assembly in July. While it is not a role I would have every sought, I felt I had to say 'yes' to the initial question. What happens next is determined by those at Assembly.

Are you being asked to say 'yes'? Maybe God has a new direction for you in the whole people of God.

Yours in Christ,

Martha

Canton Uniting Church Secretary Annual Report, May 2023

Much of my report last year talked about how, as a church, we were starting to return to normal after over 2 years of living with covid and restrictions. It is so good this year to be able to reflect on our church life where it has largely been 'business as usual'.

We have been able to resume many of the activities that were running pre-covid, and it is great that our buildings are being used so much by others outside of the church, such as choirs, other community groups and for birthday parties. Audrey is kept very busy managing all of this, and we are extremely grateful for her hard work with this as well as tirelessly looking after the church premises.

The Pastorate churches under the leadership of Martha and David have found an increasing number of ways of working together over the past year. Alison and I represent CUC on the Pastorate leadership team and Ceri George is our voice on the Regional Pastoral Committee – groups that meets a few times each year to discuss what is going on in each of the churches and look for ways we can collaborate and support each other. We are also thankful to have the guidance of our ministers.

We have held a few events this year as a pastorate which has helped friendships to develop across the churches, including the 'Big Day Out' reimagined and the Twmpath that were hosted here. More recently, there was a weekend packed full of activities including the Sustainable Fashion Fair in Beulah, the service at CUC taken by Rev Fiona Bennett (the URC General Assembly Moderator) and the 'After the Flood' film and lunch at City. Continuing the practice that began pre-covid, the young people across the pastorate meet up for a day of activities during most school holidays, and it is great to see these friendships blossom. Mid-week Bible studies continue and this year's Lenten series was a blend of online and face-to-face sessions.

In Canton we have held several other events as a fellowship. Last September we hosted a Macmillan Coffee morning, and simultaneously enjoyed a pilgrimage walk around community gardens in the local area. In December, Andrew's musical expertise made for a very memorable Silent Movie Night where a collection was taken up for the work of Cardiff Mind. As a church we continue to collect for Cardiff Food Bank, and made this charity our special focus at key points in the year such as Harvest, Advent and - more recently - on the weekend of King Charles' coronation. On Ash Wednesday we held our first dinner church, and look forward to the second one next week when we will have a family film night with a bring and share meal. We haven't had a gift day event this year and so hope to plan something during the next few months.

As you may be aware, a lot of work goes on behind the scenes and we are thankful for those members I have not yet mentioned whose expertise keeps the church running - there are so many people that have made things happen this year, including:

- Those who look after the technology in church, particularly remembering Richard Edge who has made sure that the equipment for live streaming is up and running, and installing the new projector after the last one died on us.
- Katie Munnik who has taken over our social media on Twitter and Facebook
- Alison Walker and Ceri George who ensure that the safeguarding policies and processes are all in place and up-to-date
- Richard and Alison who recently wrote our Health and Safety policy, and Audrey, Steve and Richard who deal with most of the maintenance issues as they arise
- Everyone who leads worship in the church, and of course Megan who, as our pulpit secretary, never has a rest
- Those who make tea and coffee, welcome us on Sunday mornings, look after the garden,

deacons and officers, Hugh as Newslink Editor and Alan as assistant treasurer...
... the list goes on, and we thank God for them all and their commitment to His work in this place.

I would particularly like to mention Alison as church chair whose role seems to have extended far beyond that which she originally signed up for – genuinely I think the place would grind to a halt without her, so thank you Alison.

During the last year we have been saddened by the loss of dear friends, and in particular we think of our members Mary Jones and Cath Blakemore, and remember with joy the times of fellowship we shared with them.

We delight in worshipping God with old faces and new, we welcome both occasional visitors and those who stay and become friends. Last Autumn were delighted to receive Michael and Katie Munnik into membership and thank God for the contribution their family makes to our Church.

We have heard from many others today about what has been going on and what WILL be going on over the coming months and years. So, let's get excited about the opportunities the future presents, let's get ready to roll up our sleeves and get our hands dirty – both figuratively and literally – as well continue to 'grow' as a fellowship, serving God in this church, and in our Community.

Fiona Harding
Church Secretary

Worship Group Report AGM

It's been the first full year of worship at Canton Uniting Church. It's good to be back and we should never take for granted again the gift that we are to each other as a church community and the great privilege we have of worshipping together. All that we do as a church community comes from our Worship at CUC.

Some things feel a little different; we are missing a few people for a variety of reasons, but we are blessed that new people have joined us and have taken an active part in our worshipping community. We have evaluated how we feel post pandemic in a series of services led by Martha and members of the Worship Group last Autumn.

We continue to be blessed by Martha and David's Ministry and wise counsel. We've also been blessed by a wide range of Worship leaders whilst maintaining the quality of Worship we expect at CUC. We continue to be flexible with different layouts for worship to suit the needs of all our congregation. We've experienced both Café and Lego church. We are aware that we need to work on some of the practical problems that worshipping together sometimes gives us so that everyone is included. For example, we've asked worship leaders where possible to provide appropriate sized large print copies of any words shown on screen. In addition, we are trying to sort out an issue that has arisen with the hearing loop system. We now have the Scribble table for those who need to sit and do something as they worship.

We will continue to find new and different ways to Worship together in the coming months.

We are also blessed by our young people who have taken an active part in the worship of the church by taking services for us. Services which are filled with their fantastic ideas.

Finally, some Thank You's

- To the music group you continue to bless us with their ministry of Music.
- Thank you to anyone who has taken part in a service in any way by leading it, reading, praying etc.
- Thank you too for those who work 'behind the scenes'.
- The computer and projector 'boffins.'
- Those who organise the Rotas.
- Stewards and those who welcome at the door
- Those who put the kettle on and make tea
- Anyone who does any little job however small.

May we continue to worship God together and become a blessing to our community as we move into exciting times at CUC.

Megan Atherton

CUC Development Group Report for AGM 21.5.23.

I am pleased to present this report on behalf of the Development Group but had to take a step back during the year to look after Phil. I am very grateful to Alison for ensuring that things continued to move forward.

There was a delay while the Development Group waited for the final costings for the chosen Plan from Caroe and Partners. However, a subgroup was set up to develop the plans for the garden, and this Garden group were able to forge ahead. They have made links with Grow Cardiff and have led the consultation with local people.

We finally received the costings and were able to agree on a Plan which we could afford with the church. We got back some momentum in a Consultation event with our members and the public in October 2022.

At the beginning of this year, on 11th January, we took our Plan to the URC Synod Finance and Property Board and it was well received. At the same time, we began to think about the Council planning application we need to make. Caroe and Partners will put in the application but we have been able to obtain a sketch plan for the new garden from an experienced landscape gardener. We also had a meeting with two of our Canton Councillors, who looked at our building and saw our situation first hand. They were interested and supportive with helpful suggestions.

In the meantime, we have been thinking about fundraising. As things stand, there will be a shortfall of £117K between the amount of funding that we can draw on and the sum estimated by the quantity surveyor. This is a large sum of money and we will need to pull out the stops to raise it, but we do have some confidence that it will be possible. We will not be able to start the demolition until we have raised all the money needed... so that is an incentive to get cracking!

The Deacons supported the idea of employing a specialist fundraiser to scope the project with initial research and identify organisations we can apply to, as well as sending off the applications needed. We are very grateful to Ken Woods who volunteered to co-ordinate the fundraising efforts for us. Thanks very much Ken.

We have started to formulate ideas about what we can do to raise funding within our membership, and this has included a series of musical events; individual contributions and requests for support from our fellow Pastorate churches. So we are hoping that you will all become involved in these efforts, and any ideas you have for fundraising will be very gratefully received.

I want to thank all the Development Group members for their patience and hard work over the past year in helping to get us to this point. In particular, I want to thank Alison, who stepped in to move things forward, and Chris, who has given us his knowledge and expertise over many hours, freely and without payment. A big thank you to them. We are lucky to have them.

As I have said, the deacons supported the idea of using a specialist fundraiser to help us with this project. However, we also need the church to agree. Experience in other churches has shown that the funding raised has justified the investment. We can apply to the URC for funding towards scoping the Project, which is a Grant up to £10K, but we will need to use church funds as well. This is a motion that comes from the deacons so doesn't need a proposer or seconder.

Thank you.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR ACCOUNTS ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 2022

The account for the year ended 31st December 2023 on the General Account show an Income of £55,989.80 as against Expenditure of £53,007.91, a Profit of £2981.89 for the year.

EXPENDITURE.

- The Overall Expenditure has increased from 2021 by £8500.
- ASSESSMENT. The URC payments have remained static from 2021.
- ADMINISTRATION. This includes the Insurance for the Buildings, this increased slightly in 2022. However it has to be noted that Insurance cost has risen by £750 or 20% in 2023. This section also includes the new Laptop, Wifi Fees, new Sound & Vision Equipment, ROOTS magazines, Baptist Together fees and the necessary Copyright Licences.
- PULPIT COSTS. The majority of this category was recorded in January 2022 relating to Expenses incurred in 2021 of nearly £2000.
- CLEANING. As the Building was back in full use after the pandemic, the cleaning had to be increased to cover the weekly services and use of the facilities. Bills have increased but this was taken into account when the new arrangements were agreed.
- ENERGY. As we were back in full use of the building in 2022 and with higher cost of Gas & Electric, the Expenditure is greatly higher than the previous two years as anticipated. We fully expect the cost of Energy to rise again this year.
- SUNDRIES. This category includes the Youth Group Expenses and contribution to the Children's prizes.

- TRANSFERS. The Charity , Christian Aid and Next Steps items are all contra accounts, i.e. money in = money out.
- BUILDING MAINTENANCE. This category is now a lot lower in 2022, this is because in 2021 the main Expenses was the clearance of the Loft area. This category also includes Europest Treatments, Capital Fire for Alarms & Extinguishers, Roof Repairs and Boiler Maintenance.

	2022	2021
Assessments	23980	23980
Pulpit Supply	3711	588
Admin Costs	5793	4078
Energy Costs	7663	2678
Transfers	1800	NIL
Sundries	262	32
Charity Payments	536	200
Christian Aid	372	105
Next Steps	1800	6300
Building Maintenance	1827	3658

INCOME

- COLLECTIONS. Most of the Collections are received on a Monthly Standing Order Basis and has increased from 2021 by 10%. If any Church member wishes to make their contributions by Standing Order rather the Good Old Cash, then please see Alan for a form.
- GIFT AID. This continues to be a valuable source of Income, it is claimed on a 3 monthly basis which gives an Annual Income of approximately £7000.
- PREMISES. Our Building has the potential to be another valuable source of Income. In 2021 it generated just £1938 but in 2022 the Income was £6611, this is obviously due to greater access to the facilities following the pandemic. This should continue to grow but we must be aware that any impending Building work could impact on Hire Income. In 2019 (pre pandemic) the Income was nearly £9000.
- DONATIONS. Main source of Donations was from Archer Trust, URC Grants and a donation from Yiping.
- GIFT DAY. This is another valuable source of Income with the Gift Day in February raising £3229, as usual CUC members giving generously.

	2022	2021
Collections	38491	30093
Gift Aid	6458	8815
Premises Income	6611	1938
Donations.	2025	2383
Gift Day	3229	NIL
Buildings	3600	8676
Charity	506	349
BMS Donation	68	NIL

Junior church

On behalf of JC I'd like to thank the church for their continuing support for our children. We have a lovely group of regulars, around 10-12 every week ranging from age 1 half - 13. Over 13 's tend to stay in church now for the sermon. They all get on and are great friends who like to come to church and join in activities. They all have their own talents and contribute to other church groups and are not afraid to air their opinions which we encourage here. 😊

We have had a lovely year and are starting to do more activities since covid including a much needed and overdue Christmas party which was amazing and lots of fun.

We continue to support and sponsor a child from a developing country via the old tear fund. At the moment we are helping a young girl called Dashley, to attend school. I know very little about her I'm afraid, as during covid we had hardly any correspondence, but I'll endeavour to find out some more information. We pay £28 pcm via our JC account. If you would like to donate Alan is your man, as he is our treasurer.

If anyone would like to help out with JC at all, please let us know. Our door is always open. We don't mind if it's teaching or any support really. It doesn't have to be regular, just when you can. Thank you to Megan and Fiona who have offered to help when they can.

Last but not least , and I'll be honest here as I will be biased, Mum has made it official and has stepped down as 'superintendent' of JC. Mum has been part of Sunday school (Llandaff Road days) and JC ad CUC for as long as I remember. Well it feels that way. Since I was small, I remember mum standing in front of all us kiddies and telling us stories of Jesus. Mum has always been a faithful Christian and faithful member of CUC. Her fingers were in many pies so to speak with never a word of complaint. She loved it, particularly her pastoral work and being with the children. I know she misses it, but it's time to rest.

Thank you mum for everything. You're a tough act to follow. You are missed 'auntie Toni' !!

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these

Thank you

Abi, Ann, Alan, Sian

The Teens Group

As CUC Teens Group, we have met a lot in the past year, with our average number of participants each meetup being around 5-7. We have discussed topics such as friendship, love and climate change (our window display on global warming is still up) and have led services with the younger children a few times throughout the year. We hope to meet up more in the coming year with more people, as the recent exams have taken priority for many of our members and we haven't met up as much as we would like to.

As a Pastorate group, we have met once every half term to play games, talk about Christian life and build as a youth community. We have really enjoyed spending time with other churches and making new friends - we've taken part in film nights, made crafts such as God's Eyes and many more activities which I'm sure we will continue to enjoy going forward.

In January, several members of the Pastorate from all of our churches went together as the Welsh delegation to Youth Assembly. This was an annual event where the young people (15 to early 20s) made proposals and ideas for the running of the URC, which will be raised at the General Assembly. Groups came from all over the country, and those who were there seemed to enjoy it a lot, with craft events, discussions and worship times. We hope to go again next year, especially those of us who were unable to this time.

All in all, it has been a very active year for the Teens Group. Some of us have also been invited to the General Assembly in June and an International URC Youth Gathering. Thank you all for your support.

Thank You! Have a good day,
Leo Munnik

CUC Music Group report, 2023

Music is one of God's great spiritual gifts. Some people recognise this by immersing themselves in it - finding spiritual renewal in it; some people go further and actually DO it, make it, sing it. And others look on, and maybe with a sense of failure, say they are 'not musical'. Often those people can point to a bad experience - from an unsympathetic teacher, or sibling rivalry. So we have a situation here where for years now we have the music group gradually diminishing in numbers, though old age (let's admit it) and illness (which has had a unfortunate effect on us). One profound positive pushback to this trend is the support we have had this year from the Munniks, particularly Mike, Isla and Leo, who have revived and encouraged the small number who were struggling to keep the ship afloat.

While the Munnik's talents and creativity are precious, the music group should not be assumed to be able to cope to supply an important spiritual dimension of the

congregation's needs. It will only take one or two people to be away or ill for the group to grind to a halt.

I find it extraordinary how people are connecting with musical skills of which previously they weren't aware. Gloria has discovered the piano and is now discovering the bass guitar, Emily and Isla have a context in which to play ukelele and Leo is a potential drummer of the calibre of Hugh!

Where the music group has such a need for more people to be involved, it's a shame that people (young or old) are not coming forward to join it. Perhaps you are not aware of this need. Well, now you are. So don't all rush forward at once!

AGWD May 2023

Growing Together Community Garden Report

AGM 21st May 2023

Just to remind members that an integral part of the development plan is the establishment of a community garden. The current, somewhat ambitious, plan was to a large extent born out of necessity. We cannot afford to rebuild the buildings at the back in the way we had originally wanted. However, the small garden at the side of the church has quietly, gracefully and, I must say, astonishingly, been showing us a different way of realizing our mission to be an open-fronted church. As Marieke Arthur and other members who have diligently watered and tended the garden will tell you, it has become a draw for local people who will walk by and take an interest.

Over the last year we have been working hard to transform a great idea in our heads into one that can work for our church members and our local community (in all its diversity). We have a small group of us who meet up every month (where possible) to develop our vision, aims and objectives as well as establishing policies and procedures to ensure that we proceed safely and have a clear idea of the distinct roles and responsibilities of volunteers. These are taking time as the garden is not separate from the church and some of these overlap. Once established and agreed we hope to open the garden regularly. We have also been attending the quarterly Edible Cardiff network meetings which bring community gardens across Cardiff together to share experiences and resources.

In terms of legal structure, we had discussed repurposing and reopening that of the dormant Treganna Family Centre, but it was felt that there were unnecessary complications in doing this and we need something that is fit for purpose.

There are going to be considerable challenges in transitioning to our new garden. The site is likely to be a demolition site for a while, so it is essential that we capture people's interest now and sustain it over what will be a time of disruption. In terms of involving people now, we intend to host workshops. We hosted a highly successful presentation at the end of last year from a sustainable soil expert and on the 27th May, Sophie Bolton from Cardiff Salad Garden will be helping us to plant and participants will be able to take the fruits of their own labour home. We hope some of you will be able to join us.

Katie Munnik has kindly agreed to support us with her considerable experience in communication through social media. We can also find other ways of reminding people of our existence by posting

ideas and tips as we make the transition from our existing garden to the dream garden of our future.

As reported by Ceri, the emerging plan for a community garden went to the URC Synod Finance and Property Board earlier this year but the garden still needs to be approved by Cardiff Council planning. Our sketch plan gives us the flexibility to be creative in whatever ways our church and local communities wish it to develop. We cannot really proceed with any real fundraising efforts until planning permission has been granted.

Today we are also asking you formally to accept our vision, aims and objectives. Everything we do will be informed by the underpinning vision which is that the garden will be created by the community, for the community, as a place of welcome, learning, peace, sharing and healing and will be a model of biodiversity in the service of our planet. We hope that you will give us your approval today and your continuing support in what looks to be an exciting future.

Eva Elliott

The Pastoral News

In order to comply with the GDPR Act principles of protecting people`s personal information, we will need to seek people`s permission in sharing information about their personal situations. We will include those who agree to give their permission in future editions of the Newslink.

In the meantime, we remember all those who have been poorly for a while, or who are recently bereaved. You are in our thoughts and prayers.



It was **Christian Aid Week** from the 14th to the 20th of May.

One of the situations Christian Aid is currently responding to is in Malawi, where Cyclone Freddy, the longest-lasting tropical cyclone on record (lasting 34 days), hit both Malawi and Mozambique. This cyclone is the equivalent of a full North Atlantic hurricane season.

Malawi experienced a year`s worth of rain during the 4-week cyclone. The number of people affected by the Tropical Cyclone in Malawi continues to rise. Over 508,000 people are displaced and hundreds have lost their lives. There`s also an increased risk of malaria and cholera in the immediate aftermath.

Our response

Our partners and team in Malawi have been responding to the immediate recovery needs of communities. This includes:

- Corn soya blend for porridge for breastfeeding mothers and children under 5 years
- Mosquito nets for families to provide protection against malaria
- Providing temporary toilets and bathrooms, water containers and water treatment to help prevent the risk of cholera
- Mobile clinics to help people process the emotional trauma of the cyclone

- Distribution of cash to 1,000 households so that families can purchase their immediate needs

JULY

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PASTORATE DAY IN PORTHCAWL

Meet at 1 p.m. for Lunch

Bring your own lunch; Place to be notified closer to the date.

Options for the day:

Meet at Trinity Church for Worship at 10.30

Play in the sea.

Wander around the town. Get fish and chips

Attend the Sea Service at 6 p.m.

Find a friend(s) and come together

Prayer Call

June			
1st	Gareth Dyer	3rd	Abigail, Matt, Brooke and Toby Powell
2nd	Hiroko, Richard and Emily Edge	4th	Julie Richards
3rd	Toni Edwards	5th	Janice Richens
4th	Trinity Sunday: Thanks for good relationships	6th	Lucy Robinson and Andrew Wilson-Dickson
5th	Eva Elliott	7th	Barbara Smith
6th	Calum Ellis	8th	David and Malou Smith
7th	Alan Farnham	9th	Migrants and refugees
8th	Ceri and Phil George	10th	Audrey Takle
9th	Linda Gibbs	11th	David and Joy Thompson
10th	Rachel, Kate, Evan and Emily Gill	12th	Alison Walker
11th	Missionaries	13th	Liz Williams and family
12th	Bronwyn Gregory	14th	Kenneth Woods
13th	Rob, Fiona, Isobel and Alistair Harding	15th	Rita, Francis, Gloria, Gabriel and Michael
14th	Jean Hawkins	16th	Artists, writers, singers and musicians
15th	Barbara Jones	17th	Tom and Marieke Arthur
16th	Sian, Joshua and Harri Jones	18th	Chris and Megan Atherton
17th	Elinor Kapp	19th	Geraint Atherton
18th	The Baptist Assembly	20th	Gwyn Atherton
19th	Olaide, Taiwo, Ore, Korede and Nifemi	21st	Lowri and Amelia Baldwin
20th	Jenny Keenor	22nd	Keith Bick
21st	Beverley, Christopher, Ioan and Evelyn Kibble	23rd	Transport workers
22nd	Cindy Lim, Arwyn McCabe, Nye Buckle and Caian	24th	Doreen Cassam
23rd	Ann and Tom Lloyd	25th	Debbie Cheshire, Paige and Lola
24th	Angie Luther	26th	David Cooke
25th	Children at risk	27th	Clive Curtis and Constantino Dumangane
26th	Millie McQuade	28th	Fred and Rowena Davies
27th	Audrey Morgan	29th	David Dean, Martha McInnes and family
28th	Barbara, Hugh and Bence Morgans	30th	Those working with animals
29th	Michael and Katie Munnick, Isla, Leo and Tate	31st	Ann Dobbins
30th	Danielle Phillips, Laura, Will, Cian and Ruby	August	
July		1st	Marc and Alison Dummer
1st	Mandy and Steve Phillips	2nd	Gareth Dyer
2nd	The URC General Assembly	3rd	Hiroko, Richard and Emily Edge
		4th	Toni Edwards

Canton Uniting Church Services Rotas: June/July 2023

If you cannot do duties, please find someone to replace you. Thank you

Sunday 4th June, 2023

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13.11-13; Matthew 28.16-20

Worship Leader: Worship Subgroup

Deacon/Steward: Ken Woods

Readers: The Munnik Family

Refreshments: Sian and Josh Jones

Sunday 11th June, 2023

Lectionary Readings: Hosea 5.15-6.6; Psalm 50.7-15; Romans 4.13-25; Matthew 9.9-13,18-26

Worship Leader: Revd Dr Tom Arthur

Deacon/Steward: Megan Atherton

Readers: Alison Walker and Hugh Morgans

Refreshments: Katie Munnik and family

Sunday 18th June, 2023

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 19.2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5.1-8; Matthew 9.35-10.8

Worship Leader: Revd Martha McInnes (9-23)

Deacon/Steward: Jan Richens

Readers: Steve Phillips and Eva Elliot

Refreshments: Ann Lloyd

Preparation of communion: Marieke Arthur

Serving at Communion table: Fiona Harding and Audrey Takle

Sunday 25th June, 2023

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 20.7-13; Psalm 69.7-10,11-15,16-18; Romans 6.1b-11; Matthew 10.24-39

Worship Leader: Judy Harris

Deacon/Steward: Steve Phillips

Readers: Fiona Harding and Lucy Wilson Dickson

Refreshments: Rob Harding

Sunday 2nd July, 2023

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 28.5-9; Psalm 89.1-4,15-18; Romans 6.12-23; Matthew 10.40-42

Worship Leader: Ken Woods

Deacon/Steward: Ceri George

Readers: Jan Richens and Taiwo Kassem

Refreshments: Abigail Powell

Sunday 9th July, 2023

No Service in Canton Uniting Church

Pastorate Service in Trinity Church Porthcawl, John Street, Porthcawl at 10.30am

Sunday 16th July, 2023

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 55.10-13; Psalm 65.(1-8),9-13; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

Worship Leader: Revd Dr Martha McInnes

Deacon/Steward: Eva Elliott

Readers: Ceri George and Andrew Wilson Dickson

Refreshments: Hiroko Edge

Preparation of communion: Alison Walker

Serving communion at table: Eva Elliott and Alison Walker

Sunday 23rd July, 2023

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 44.6-8; Psalm 86.11-17; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

Worship Leader: Dr Ceri George

Deacon/Steward: Alan Farnham

Readers: Mairieke Arthur Richard Edge

Refreshments: Megan Atherton

Sunday 30th July, 2023

Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 3.5-12; Psalm 119.129-136; Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

Worship Leader: Revd Dr Tom Arthur

Deacon/Steward: Richard Edge

Readers: The Munnik Family

Refreshments: Marieke Arthur

Sunday 6th August, 2023

Isaiah 55.1-5; Psalm 145.8-9,14-21; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21

Lectionary Readings:

Worship Leader: Revd Gareth Dyer

Deacon/Steward: Fiona Harding

Readers: Ken Woods Alan Farnham

Refreshments: Hugh and Bence

CANTON UNITING CHURCH was established in 1995 when New Trinity United Reformed Church joined with Llandaff Road Baptist Church and in 2013 joined with Grand Avenue United Reformed Church Ely which in 2005 had united with Saintwell URC. We are committed to ecumenism through our links with Cytûn, the Covenanted Churches and Churches Together in Canton. Our previous minister was the Chair of the Committee of the Covenanted Baptists which, with the Church in Wales, the Presbyterian, Methodist and United Reformed Churches seeks to bring about the goal of uniting together.

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USUAL WEEKLY DIARY & MONTHLY EVENTS -

The Wednesday evening prayers on Zoom have finished.

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

AND FINALLY ... Please hand in material for the next Newslink to Hugh Morgans by the end of the Morning service on **Sunday, the 23rd of July, 2023.**