

NEWSLINK

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER, 2026

CANTON UNITING CHURCH



Canton Jazz Day, October 10th, 2026

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Dear Friends,

October 2026

As you sit down to meals with friends, Harvest Suppers, Commitment for Life quizzes, charity coffee mornings, and personal celebrations, I thought I would give you a brief update on the first few weeks of my sabbatical.

While David works away in Cardiff, I have been in Northern Ireland at Corrymeela. As I sat on a bench overlooking the North Atlantic, I thought of my university friend who first told me about a place where people worked for peace. It has clearly changed over the years. The site is a beautiful facility with worship and peace at its heart. It, like so many charities, is in a time of transition—their director has moved on; they feel called to discern the next direction

Corrymeela is a place that has many paid staff and yet it still relies heavily on volunteers. I met new volunteers and returning volunteers whose work is to create a place of peace for those who meet there. Corrymeela is a place filled with stories—of welcome, of transformation, of safety, and of hope. As I listened to people, I heard a few of these stories. One such story came from a Muslim woman who said Corrymeela is the only place in Northern Ireland where anyone, and everyone is welcome. (Corrymeela opened space to some in Belfast threatened by recent riots.) That struck me—no other church or community have managed to help anyone and everyone feel safe within their buildings? Her answer was clearly no. So I have been reflecting on what it means to create a community that is open and safe for everyone. Her statement will remain one of the stories I carry with me.

As I journey through my sabbatical, I am wondering how are we being called to continue the vision of being welcoming communities? What does that need to look like today—which may be different from when we began the journey? I ask this as the leaders and staff at Corrymeela ask themselves the same questions.

I have also been to the Festival of Preaching in Cambridge. There I heard Rev. Dr. Mark Oakley speak about what needs to shape our preaching in a 'pitiless' world. In a time when it is so easy to focus on fear and anger, he said we need to tell the stories of love—love shaped by Jesus' revelations to us. So my next question is how does having love at the heart of what we do together shape us and shape our church? Mark indicated he felt that telling stories of love would continue to form us into a community shaped by the cross and responsive to the needs of people around us. Stories of love inspire us to act in love ourselves.

So after three weeks I am carrying some big questions. I will carry these questions with me as I travel on to my next place of exploration—the Othona Community in Dorset, founded at the same time as Corrymeela with a vision to be a place for people to gather and find peace and rest. I'll update you with my thinking in November!

Yours in Christ,

Martha (and David holding down the forts!)

Canton Jazz Day

10 October 2026

Afternoon Programme 1:30-6pm

Evening Programme 7-10:30pm

**Fundraiser for Canton
Uniting Church Building and Garden Project**

**Canton Uniting Church
Cowbridge Road East at Theobald Road
CF5 1LQ
music@cantonuniting.org.uk**

Scan for tickets



**Tickets: £25 for the whole day
£15 for afternoon or evening only
Half price for children and students
Tickets available online at TicketSource**

Afternoon programme:

1:30pm Heads Up

2:30pm Women in Harmony

**3:15pm Geoff Eales and
Andrew Wilson-Dickson**

4:15pm Hiroko Sue

**5:15pm Rhys Ponting and
Tom Barber**

Evening programme:

7:00 Brenda Ford and

Michael Munnik

8:00 Ben Creighton Griffiths Trio

9:00 Ray Roughler Jones

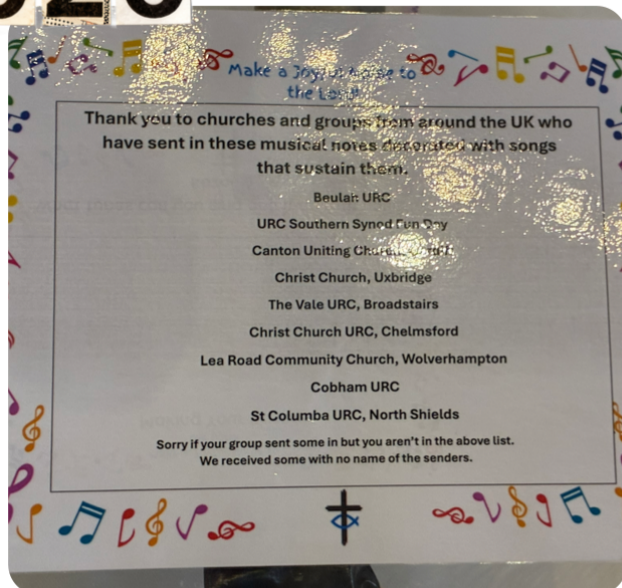
9:30pm Geoff Eales Trio





Greenbelt

August 2026



PIC-COLLAGE

What's On in our Pastorate

This news page is where we celebrate everything that is happening in the churches of the URC Cardiff and Penarth Pastorate. Everyone is always welcome at any of the churches at any time but here we share information of events and services which may be of particular interest.

The next Theology Book Club will be discussing Joyful, Anyway by Kate Bowler. The meeting will take place on Monday 30th November, 7 p.m., at Martha and David's house. If you are interested, let Martha know you plan to attend.

At **City URC Church** (Windsor Place CF10 3BZ)

Saturday 3 October from 10:30am-12 noon, Pastorate Worship leaders training in the Upper Room at City URC. Everyone is welcome. Nici Lintern-Gittens will be leading the session on the topic of Inclusive Language.

Due to the Cardiff Half-Marathon on 4 October making access to City URC almost impossible, there will be no worship at City URC that morning.

At **Canton Uniting Church** (Theobald Rd, Canton CF5 1QL)

FUNDRAISING for Building Development/Community Garden Fund:

Saturday, 10th October: This will comprise a half day of jazz from 1.30pm to 10pm, including refreshments.

Sunday 25th October: 'Sunday at Six' – an hour of mediaeval Welsh music and poetry by Bragod. Tickets from: Bragod Tickets, Sunday, October 25 • 6 PM - 7 PM | Eventbrite or on the door.

At **Beulah** (Beulah Road, Rhiwbina CF14 6LT)

Tuesday, 13th October at 7.30pm: Theology on Tap in the Deri Inn.

Saturday, 17th October at 3pm: Family Film Show in Canolfan (free of charge, including internal ice cream).

Sunday, 18th October 5.45pm: TED service. We are invited to gather at 5.45 for tea & cake ahead of the service at 6.00.

Sunday, 25th October at 12.00pm: Community Meal.

Wednesday, 28th October 1.00pm: Lunchtime Concert: Rhys Herbert - 'cello & James Southall – piano

What better way to enjoy an autumnal Wednesday afternoon than with music for 'cello and piano. This talented duo will perform some of the most loved pieces in the repertoire, Rhys last performed for us in 2024, and returns with his exceptional pianist, James Southall, both of whom are in high demand as musicians in Wales and beyond.

Canton Uniting Church Services Rota October/November, 2026

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

Sunday, 4th October, 2026

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46

Worship Leader: Revd Dr Tom Arthur

Welcome Deacon/Steward: Audrey

Deacon on Notices: Ceri

Readers: David and Alison

Refreshments: Abi

Sunday, 11th October 2026

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46

Worship Leader: Worship/Garden Group

Welcome Deacon/Steward: Steve

Deacon on Notices: Fiona

Readers: Taiwo and Ken

Refreshments: Sian

Sunday, 18th October 2026: Communion

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22

Worship Leader: Revd Gareth Dyer

Welcome Deacon/Steward: Jan

Deacon on Notices: Eva

Readers: Sian and Alan

Preparation of Communion: Alison

To serve at Table: Steve and Megan

Refreshments: Fiona and Rob

Sunday, 25th October 2026

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6,13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8; Matthew 22.34-46

Worship Leader: TBA

Welcome Deacon/Steward: Ann

Deacon on Notices: Megan

Readers: Ceri and Eva

Refreshments: Hiroko

Sunday, 1st November 2026

Lectionary Readings: Revelation 7.9-17; Psalm 34.1-10,22; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

Worship Leader: Revd Dr Tom Arthur

Welcome Deacon/Steward: Alan

Deacon on Notices: Alison

Readers: Becky and Megan

Refreshments: Alison and Marieke

Sunday, 8th November 2026

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18; Matthew 25.1-13

Worship Leader: Chris

Welcome Deacon/Steward: Rob

Deacon on Notices: Ken

Readers: Steve and Fiona

Refreshments: Hugh and Bence

Sunday, 15th November 2026

Lectionary Readings: Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30

Worship Leader: TBA

Welcome Deacon/Steward: Megan

Deacon on Notices: Ceri

Readers: Jan and Hugh

Refreshments: The Munnik family

Sunday, 22nd November 2026: Communion

Lectionary Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46

Worship Leader: Revd Gareth Dyer

Welcome Deacon/Steward: Sian

Deacon on Notices: Fiona

Preparation of Communion: Hugh

To serve at table: David and Fiona

Readers: Abi and Ceri

Refreshments: Megan

Sunday, 29th November 2026

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80.1-7,17-19; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-37

Worship Leader: Joint Pastorate Service at Canton Uniting Church

Welcome Deacon/Steward: Abi

Deacon on Notices: Megan

Readers: David and Alison

Refreshments: Ann

Sunday, 6th December 2026

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.1-2,8-13; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8

Worship Leader: Revd Dr Tom Arthur

Welcome Deacon/Steward: David

Deacon on Notices: Megan

Readers: Taiwo and Ken

Refreshments: Abi

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.

AND FINALLY ... Please hand in material for the next Newslink to Hugh Morgans by the end of the Morning service on **Sunday, November 22nd, 2026.**

Christmas Greetings for the next edition please!

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