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CANTON UNITING CHURCH



Canton Uniting Church Secretary Annual Report May 2019

I have been trying to think of an analogy for what our church has been experiencing for the last few years, since Marc became unwell, into a period of being without a minister, through to our working with other churches in the area and exploring our future... and coming out the other side (nearly).

The last few years my annual reports have talked about the 'challenges we are facing' and I think have contained news of what we have been doing... but also the sense that we were looking to the future, but really didn't know what to do with it.

This year has also been a year of challenge – challenge to uncover what our future holds, what God wants us to do in this area and with other churches. It has been a trying time. We have had to work really hard to come closer together as a church, to find out what our future should hold, what our priorities should be, what is our mission? We have had days out as deacons and as a whole church to try to find the answers to these questions, and although at times we may not feel that we have made progress, just look back 12 months and think about where we were and see where we are now.

We made big decisions about working together with the URC churches in the Cardiff and Penarth Area, and thank Ceri and Chris in particular for the time they have dedicated to this. It is not easy, bringing 6 churches together, to work together, to minister together. If you think one church is difficult, imagine 6 lots of us!

I came to the conclusion - it has been like childbirth. The long waiting time, anticipation, wondering, pain, anxiety, joy, hope for the future, wondering what the future holds... all of the emotions that new parents go through (whether or not the baby is royal!)

But progress has been made. And it feels as though, even if we are not quite there yet, we are getting there.

If I can quote Winston Churchill, '.... this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.'

We have seen developments in how we do worship – there is a lot more detail about this in the Worship Group's report by Phil. About how worship belongs to us all, and we don't have to do things how they have always been done. Not having a minister has helped open our eyes to see that we don't have to have a minister to lead our worship on a Sunday – and we have heard a lot this year about churches being 'minister fed, not minister led' – and in fact the knowledge that we would not be having a full-time minister no longer feels like a problem to overcome, but an opportunity to look forward to. At this point I must thank Megan for her tireless work as pulpit secretary, and those who continue to lead worship.

We have been learning together and look forward to continuing to learn... about

worship.... about prayer....about scripture.... And this learning takes place within our church but also has opened up the opportunities to work with other churches in this area. We were blessed to share a service with City last October, when one of their young people was baptised. The future holds many more opportunities to work with others across the city, and our tweens are showing the rest of us the way with this. The young people in Canton, City and Beulah have met together about 6 or 7 times this last year or so, to worship and learn in all sorts of different ways, and they have really grown in fellowship together. Some of our members have joined with the other churches in the pastorate for the Bible studies, and there will be opportunities for being together during the training opportunities that are coming our way. These are exciting times!

More recently we have been looking at the area of pastoral care within the church as this is something that is particularly difficult to get right when a church is without the overarching guidance of a minister. Our official membership stands at around 95, but there are a number of people who are on this list that we haven't seen for a while – some have moved away, however there are others that have drifted and perhaps these are people who we need to re-establish contact with, to let them know that we are still here if they want to be part of our fellowship again.

We have been saddened by the loss of dear friends this year: Alwyn Tyrrell, Siarlyns Evans, Joan Phillips, and Gareth Williams, and we remember their families and all of those in our fellowship who have lost loved ones this year.

We have shared in good times of fellowship together this year – the Agapé supper, bring and share lunches, and the Fish and Chip supper -cum- Gift Day 'Beetle Drive' of course. We are also thankful to those who make it possible for us to chat over a cuppa and biscuit on a Sunday – the tea rota is sometimes more a 'cry for help' in the notices but we are no less grateful to the last minute volunteers!

As ever we have supported several charities - our commitment to charities has been demonstrated through our communion collections, coffee mornings and other events. This year we have supported several including Cardiff Foodbank, Macmillan, and Health Help International, and the deacons welcome suggestions for future charities to consider. Thanks to all who have organized and supported any events this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev Gareth Dyer for his support over the last couple of years – helping to direct us as we wandered in the wilderness – and although we may be relying on him a little less, he will always have a home here – especially as he is a member!

We should be excited about the opportunities our future holds, for ministry within CUC and across the Cardiff area. May God bless us and help us to grow closer together as a fellowship as we discover how he wants us to serve him in this church, and in Cardiff.

Fiona Harding,

Church Secretary

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Cardiff Churches Tweens Day 18th April 2019

On Maundy Thursday, the children aged about 10-15 from Beulah, City and Canton Uniting churches met up in Beulah for a youth day. We have been meeting in the school holidays for over a year. We played a lot of fun games like trying to find your partner's shoe that they had hidden, and trying to remember everyone's names when they are hiding behind a sheet and the sheet is taken away! In groups of 2 and 3 we made bread together and at the end of the session we had a Bible study about when Jesus met with the disciples in the upper room and shared the Last Supper. We then shared communion together. For the communion we used apple juice and the bread that we made ourselves. It was really great fun and I would like to keep on doing these days!

By Isobel Harding



PIC•COLLAGE

Cardiff and Penarth Regional Pastorate

On the weekend of 10-12th May, the churches in the pastorate hosted Revs David Dean and Martha McInnes who came to Preach with a View.

They visited the 6 churches who have come together – Bethesda (Tongwynlais), Beulah (Rhiwbina), City (Cardiff), Elfed Avenue (Penarth), Parkminster (Roath) and of course Canton Uniting – and met with members of the churches, as well as looking at manses. On the Sunday, David led worship at Canton and Martha at Beulah which was then followed by a shared lunch at City and a question time. The weekend concluded with Martha and David jointly leading communion at City. The following Sunday 19th June, all 6 churches took a vote and the positive outcome led to a call being made to Martha and David, which they then (thankfully!) accepted. As a church we are, I am sure, very happy with this news and now look forward to working together as a pastorate with them both.

David Dean was born in Georgia, USA, into a traditional Baptist family. Following his university, David moved to Louisville, Kentucky, to train for ministry. David then embarked on interim ministry work and worked for an AIDS organisation in North Carolina

Martha McInnes was born in Iowa, USA, but spent her childhood in Northern California and Kentucky. Martha did not grow up in the church, but felt a call to ministry during university and returned to Louisville to train for ministry, where she met David. Following her training she worked as a hospital chaplain and it was in that time that David and Martha married and found the United Church of Christ as a faith home.

Following their ordination into the UCC in 1990, they worked together in a small town in North Carolina where a friend encouraged them to think about a call to the URC. In May 1993, they visited the Wirral and were called to two churches there, Prenton URC and St. George's URC. In 1999, David was called to be the Free Church chaplain at Aston University and shortly afterwards Martha was called to Sutton Coldfield URC.

After some time in the West Midlands, in 2005, Martha and David, and their daughters Hannah and Amelia, decided to return to the USA. David was called to a campus ministry in Florida and Martha became the director of a small charity for a homeless families.

Life changed again in 2011 when the family decided to return back to the UK. Hannah was already back in the UK at university when David was called to work with an interfaith organisation in Leicester, the St. Phillip's Centre. David was also called to a small congregation in Leicester. Martha became the minister of Wellingborough URC. When David's role in the St Phillip's Centre ended, he became a chaplain at Northampton General Hospital. Recently, Martha has taken a post as a hospice chaplain.

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JUNIOR CHURCH REPORT 2018

During 2018 we have managed to maintain our numbers, with an average of 7-14 children attending Church on a regular basis with the age range running between 1 year to 12/14 years old.

Junior Church still continues to play an active part within various services and have assisted with Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Harvest & Christmas services. In addition we continue to usually take some part in most Morning services, either with a reading, prayer or Call to worship as requested by the person leading worship, to assist with the theme of the service. We still see a number of the children rush to assist when Andrew asks for help on the small percussion items.

We continue to support Dashley Phalove who lives in Haiti via Tear Fund / Compassion. Any donations to our Tear Fund contributions are most welcome and may be passed to any of the Junior Church staff to assist with our monthly payment of £25.00. We also support the Birthday box appeal each Sunday morning.

At the Christmas Service, the loose collection was donated to the Noah's Ark Hospice Appeal and this raised the sum of £150.00.

During September we lost Jenny Keenor as a Teacher due to her work commitments now including Sunday work but we are lucky as a Church to still have Debbie Cheshire, Toni Edwards, Ann Lloyd & Abigail Powell who are willing to give their time to teach the youngsters of Canton Uniting Church on a Sunday Morning.

Toni Edwards also acts as Chairperson / Morning Leader and Alan Farnham as Secretary & Treasurer and we thank the Church Family for their assistance and support of our activities during 2018.

We continue to look forward to the further support & love of the Church Family as we teach the youngsters of Canton Uniting Church during the coming year.

Alan Farnham

Worship Group Report

The Worship Group meets monthly to review how our worship is going, how we can develop and enrich our worship together and to make and support arrangements for services and festival occasions. The members are myself in the chair, Tom, Megan who is the Pulpit Secretary, Toni, Fiona, Andrew and Alison who does an excellent job of writing the minutes and keeping us focused on action points.

We've paid particular attention to the All-Ages dimension of worship, both in that opening part of the majority of services where the children and young people are with us before going out to Junior Church and, of course, in the monthly service where they stay in throughout. We have been keen to develop a style and a language which are accessible and inclusive.

But in the last year, our work has been particularly focused on broadening participation in the leading of the various elements in our services. We've also been looking carefully at the kinds of resources and training that would help and sustain us all in this exciting but challenging journey.

Just as we have a number of regular readers, we're also keen to enable and support more people to take part at other points in the service - through leading prayers, helping with that time when we focus on children before they go out to Junior Church, or even joining in the reflection on the Scriptures that usually takes the form of a sermon now.

We'll still have sermons, of course. But sometimes we could have a personal story that connects with the theme of the day; or we could have an interview with someone about their experiences or their working life; or we could have four people doing short introductions to their favourite hymns in a CUC 'Songs of Praise' format. There are many possibilities.

We have structure and resources to support us. We have a clear shape to our worship. We have the themes and readings for each Sunday that are found in our Christian education resource 'Roots' which guides Junior Church. And we can access other worship resources, as became clear in our excellent session with Rev. Stephen Best.

But involving more of our people in leading parts of worship takes planning. So, we suggested to the March church meeting an approach in which we have a Worship Planning Group that looks ahead for a season of, say, 10 weeks or so. Tom, Andrew, Steve and Debbie agreed to serve on this group for the first season from Easter. The second planning group will be looking after the period from June 16 to the end of August. Debbie and Andrew will stay on from the first group to help build on what's been learnt and they'll be joined by

Hugh and myself.

Each planning group will look ahead with the themes and readings in hand and will come up with suggestions for involving people in worship. They will also work out who holds each service together, linking and introducing the parts.

If we have a visitor leading the worship, they will also be offered people to take part. We are sure they will be delighted to have this resource but they will be free to decide what participation from the congregation works for them.

The planning group will approach people, inviting them to participate, but it would be great if you felt able to approach the group too and have a chat about what you might contribute. And we hope to have a widening range of people from the congregation joining in the planning process as we move forward.

Even before the Easter Season we made some steps in this broad direction of congregational leading of worship. But at the time of writing this report, we've wonderfully seen the fruits of the first planning group's work in the Sundays following Easter Day. I hope you agree that already we are seeing the huge strengths and experience we have as the gathered followers of Jesus Christ in Canton Uniting.

In the coming months, we may well be calling two new ministers to the Regional Pastorate of which we are a member church. But as you all know, our new approach to congregational leading of worship will need to continue.

That is much more than an organisational necessity. It is a profound expression of the traditions of the churches who joined to form Canton Uniting and indeed of the Church from its earliest days. Above all, it will be an enriching and joyful process and one which, with the help of the Spirit, will build us up as a community strengthened for service as Christ's body in our part of Cardiff and more widely in our world.

Phil George
Chair, Worship Group
May 2019

3rd Cardiff BB Company

We continue to meet on a Tuesday Evening from 6.30pm until 8.00pm as a whole Company, the Officers/helpers will lead the boys in some games, then they settle down for a class / craft session before they have some more games (They do like Hide & Seek in the dark in the Winter months) before having their Tuck Shop as the parents pick the Boys up.

We managed to maintain our numbers for the first six months with our 6 Junior Section Boys and the 2 Company Section Boys assisting with the Games. During these months we managed to complete numerous items of Badge work including Crafts, Cooking and learning new Games. We also went Ten Pin Bowling, Swimming and again visited the Crazy Golf venue in St David's Centre.

The Boys also enjoyed a visit to Cardiff Bay Police station in the Summer where they were allowed to wear some of the Equipment carried by the Police Officers. They also made Fingerprint Key-rings and were locked in a cell (only temporary!!!)

When we returned in September , we lost Ross & Peter (our Company Section lads) due to their College Work but gained several younger boys (brothers & cousins of existing boys). Suddenly we had 12 Boys in the Company , 5 Anchor Boys aged between 5-7and 7 Junior Boys aged between 7-10.

Although it is disappointing we do not have any older lads, it is encouraging that we have kept all of the younger lads, they are a handful at times as we have Boys with various abilities and some who have a short fuse !!!

I would like to thank Ann, Anthony, Hugh & Jack for their assistance with BB over the last year and helping to ensure that the 3rd Cardiff still continues to maintain its record as the oldest Company in Wales with an unbroken record of 123 years BB work (we started on 4th February 1896) and we thank the Church for their support over the past 12 months.

Alan Farnham.
Captain /Leader in Charge.

2nd Canton Rainbows 2018 Report

It has been a difficult and ultimately sad year for the 2nd Canton Rainbows.

In July 2017 Trudi Faulkner, a long time and faithful servant of the Brownie Guide movement, stepped down as pack leader and was followed late in the year by Sian O'Grady stepping down as helper/deputy leader to focus on her work with the 4th Cardiff Brownies.

With Jennifer Keenor taking over as Rainbow Leader and initially supported by Ellie Keenor, the pack started out 2018 with a full complement of girls, and a long waiting list. Significant investment was made in the new Rainbow Jigsaw program, with the purchase of new handbooks, book bags, badge and planning resources. Spending on the right thing is always a difficult area as funds are always tight.

For information purposes, subs in 2018 were £30 per Rainbow, payable 3 times per year (the pack has 'space' for 15 Rainbows). Annual registration with the Girl Guide association costs £32 per pack member including Leaders, Junior Leaders & Volunteers plus administration fees. In 2018 we paid £520, and according to registration records although £16 per Rainbow finds its way back into the Welsh Region none of it ends up in the Canton & Butetown District.

In the run up to the summer break the pack meetings were as busy as ever, filled with craft, cooking, games and lots of fun. The Rainbows really enjoyed following the new program and achieving badges to celebrate their success along the way. During this time, it became increasingly difficult to maintain good numbers of attendee's at church parade/all age worship services.

At one leadership training day, senior members of the district openly advocated that the pack should distance itself from any church activities. These individuals were reminded that at one time Canton Uniting 'housed' Guides, Brownie's and Rainbow Packs without any cost being levied for use of the premises. Should such charges have been made on a commercial basis, the packs would likely have ceased to be.

After the summer break it became necessary for Ellie Keenor to step down from her supporting role and an appeal for volunteers or Junior Leaders was made direct to District. Unfortunately, no assistance could be made available from district, as it transpires qualified or 'in training' leaders were in short supply and even two out of three of the district commissioners' posts were vacant.

Appeals were then made for volunteers to support the pack through several independent voluntary services organisations and a direct appeal to the congregation here at Canton Uniting. One volunteer, aged just 14 years and on the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, made herself available to support the pack through until December.

In late January 2019 Jennifer Keenor's employers lost one of their major contracts and began to lay off significant numbers of staff. Those that remained had their working hours changed and Jennifer could no longer get to Rainbow meetings. An urgent appeal to District to help save the pack was made and two senior leaders were found, but only to guide the pack initially through to June 2019.

The latest (disappointing) news is that the 2nd Canton Rainbows has ceased to exist having been amalgamated with 10th Ely Rainbows, based at Ely Methodist Church.
28th April 2019

Jenny Keenor

CUC Community garden report

Amazingly, we are well on the way in our second year of growing flowers and vegetables!

Last summer and autumn the vegetable boxes were very productive. Once or twice a week the produce was shared with church and neighbourhood - potatoes, green beans, beetroots with tops, lettuce much sweeter than from the store, onions, chard, aubergines, and there are plenty of herbs to pick fresh. If you missed the carrots, it was because some of the 4-year olds from the neighbourhood liked to pick and eat one super fresh in return for hard work watering or writing the signs (!). We also learned that cabbage white butterflies really like cabbages, so we are going to use fleece to cover and protect the plants this year. We also hope to have more ladybirds to protect the green beans. The worm population in the soil is impressive this year, a good sign.

The neighbours and wider community have given very positive feedback about the flowers, plants, and of course the sunflowers grown from seed at Mothering Sunday into almost- trees.

An application to the community scheme of the COOP next door to us was successful. Along with two other projects that the scheme supported, the share our garden-project received from the scheme was £ 3786. We spent a sensible amount of this on watering equipment, soil, compost and plants . We also had some B&Q chairs for a year, but they must have been valuable to some individual this spring. We are looking for hospitable but less easily movable alternatives.

In October we organised a stall in the Coop foyer to tell people about the project. We spoke to dozens of Coop customers and explained what we have been doing. We had some positive feedback and new ideas for future developments.

For the future, we are excited by the possibility of developing a larger garden on the land to be made available by the demolition of the back hall.

We found there is a network of local community gardens we can link to. Also, the Welsh Government is promoting "Growing the Future" advice and support through the National Botanical Gardens.

We would like to thank David Williams in particular, for his steady hand keeping us on track with the planting schedule and giving hands-on professional advice. We thank Andrew and Lucy, David Smith, the Sunday school kids, Alan and the BB for all they contributed, and specially we are very thankful for the enthusiasm of everyone who has stopped and enjoyed this garden.

We look forward to develop the vision for the future garden as a valuable contribution to the life of community and CUC.

Marieke Arthur

Music Group

An organisation is only as strong as its membership. Last year was a lean one for the Music Group. We were decimated by the loss of Gareth Williams and Siarlys Evans, psychological blows as much as practical. Audrey Morgan too, a key player on keyboards wisely felt the need to step down. There were occasions when Lucy and I came to the practise to find we were joined by one other..

But this year the Music Group has gained in strength, particularly with the engagement of younger members who have dramatically reduced the average age. They also demonstrate how humans have innate musicality. So we find them making useful contributions: beyond their vital capabilities is singers, we find Emily Edge to be a mean conga player, Ore as a bassist and Gloria already participating in our ensembles even though she has started the piano completely from ground zero only a few months ago. The continued commitment of the considerable talents of Jeslyn Asir on keyboards has been of extraordinary help.

Together with a stronger adult contingent, this has allowed us to be our more ambitious selves again - singing 16th-century music in four-part harmony, and even an excerpt from Stravinsky's Petrushka. The Music Group offers a wonderful opportunity to become involved in an art form that only comes alive through participation. We can enjoy the art in novels, poetry, paintings and stage plays by lying back and receiving what is on offer. Music can operate that way of course, but there is a special thrill in being involved in the artform from the inside. Beyond that there is an enriching social dimension and finally the bonus of being able to give back to God the gift he's given us, enriching our lives and those of the people around us.

So what's not to enjoy? My ambition is for the entire congregation to become the music group! If you're not sure, give it a try...

Andrew Wilson-Dickson

Health Help International Lent Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the Lent Appeal through donations, the purchase of Easter goods and the noisy collection. The final total, which included a donation of £99 from the tea/coffee fund, was **£300** which far exceeded our expectations. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks.

Fred and Rowena

Buddy Groups or Friendship Groups?

This was a hot topic at the church's AGM on 8th May! [Well, maybe a warm topic.] The meeting agreed, subject to a few open issues, that we would pursue the concept of Buddy/Friendship Groups for our church.

The idea will be to invite church members and others of the congregation to join one of (say) 6 groups - these groups being formed mostly on a geographical basis. The number one objective will be to provide a formal structure for giving **pastoral care** to everyone who belongs to the church. This is a positive response to the developing situation of no more than 2 stipendiary ministers for 6 churches - the days are ended whereby 'our Minister' would be able to visit all individual households.

More informally, the members of each group will consider how they can help build up **discipleship and friendship ties** – with whatever get-togethers, email groupings, telephone networking, etc. that they would like to try.

This is an exciting opportunity. But we do have to take careful account of the open issues:

1. The pastoral role of the deacons in all this needs to be thought through.
2. There is a challenge for the group members to come up with informal activities that seem worthwhile, to attract enthusiastic participation.
3. We should take time (but not too long!) to decide what we call the groups – buddy groups, friendship groups, or whatever.

Over the next few months, the committee set up by the deacons – Audrey, Bev, Toni and Ken - will work in conjunction with the deacons to establish the buddy/friendship groups that church meeting has agreed to.

Written by: the Committee.

Evening Communion Services

Here are the dates, and the names of those leading worship for the Evening Communion Services at CUC

2nd June	Alison Dummer
7th July	Toni Edwards
August	no service - summer break
1st September	Alison Walker

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



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FILLED	WIND	FIRE	TONGUES	AMAZED

PASTORAL NEWS

We share our caring for each other in our prayers.

Sadly Mr Grant Gill has died unexpectedly; we think of Rachel, Kate, Evan, Emily and their wider family.

We continue to remember Rachel and Paul Keenor as they still mourn for their respective mothers.

Dr Ellie Kapp
Mrs Millie McQuade
Mrs Pat Marshall
Mrs Nancie Waterfield
Mrs Jean Hawkins
Mrs Toni Edwards
Mrs Barbara Farnham
Rowena and Fred Davies and their family
Mr Stephen Jones

God of mercy, envelop in your love, those who are lonely or grieving. Teach us the art of being welcoming to those in need without imposing our personal expectations upon them.

NB: Thank you for all the cards and prayers during my recent accident. A special thank you

To Megan who stayed with me until the medics arrived.

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Message from Milly McQuade

To the church family,

Thank you for all my cards, messages and phone calls during my recent illness.

Milly

Prayer Call**June**

1st	Toni and Peter Edwards	4th	Janice Richens
2nd	Baptist Assembly in Wales	5th	Lucy Robinson and Andrew Wilson-Dickson
3rd	Eva Elliott	6th	David Smith
4th	Alan Farnham	7th	Missionaries
5th	Barbara Farnham	8th	Audrey Takle
6th	Ceri and Phil George	9th	David and Joy Thompson
7th	Linda Gibbs	10th	Alison Walker
8th	Rachel, Kate, Evan and Emily Gill	11th	Nancie Waterfield
9th	Pentecost – The Church	12th	Liz Williams and family
10th	Bronwyn Gregory	13th	Kenneth Woods
11th	Rob, Fiona, Isobel and Alistair Harding	14th	Children at risk
12th	Jean Hawkins	15th	Rita, Francis, Gloria, Gabriel and Michael
13th	Barbara Jones	16th	Tom and Marieke Arthur
14th	Sian, Joshua and Harri Jones	17th	Chris and Megan Atherton
15th	Elinor Kapp	18th	Geraint Atherton
16th	Trinity – Thanks for good relationships	19th	Gwyn Atherton
17th	Olaide, Taiwo, Ore, Korede and Nifemi Kassim	20th	Lowri and Amelia Baldwin
18th	Adam Keenor	21st	Transport workers
19th	Jenny Keenor	22nd	Barbara Ball
20th	Beverley, Christopher, Ioan and Evelyn Kibble	23rd	Keith Bick
21st	Ann and Tom Lloyd	24th	Catherine Blakemore
22nd	Angie Luther	25th	Doreen Cassam
23rd	URC Big Day Out	26th	Debbie Cheshire, Lola and Paige
24th	Pat Marshall	27th	David Cooke
25th	Cindy and Arwyn McCabe	28th	Artists and Writers
26th	Millie McQuade	29th	Clive Curtis and Constantino Dumangane
27th	Audrey Morgan	30th	Fred and Rowena Davies
28th	Barbara, Hugh and Bence Morgans	31st	Ann Dobbins
29th	Danielle Phillips, Will, Cian and Ruby		
30th	Hospital Workers, Police and Fire Brigade		

August

1st	Marc and Alison Dummer
2nd	Gareth Dyer
3rd	Hiroko, Richard and Emily Edge
4th	Those on holiday
5th	Toni and Peter Edwards
6th	Eva Elliott

July

1st	Mandy and Steve Phillips
2nd	Abigail and Brooke Powell
3rd	Julia Richards

In our worship we try to combine both modern and traditional elements.

Our Morning service usually lasts for about an hour. Children are welcome and we have an active Junior Church which, after sharing the first part of worship, leaves to follow the theme in their own age groups. At our youth services on the second Sunday of the month we stay together.

Our Sunday evening communion service is held on the first Sunday of the month at 6pm. All are welcome to this quiet, reflective service.

2nd June, 2019: Songs of Praise Morning Service. Evening Communion Service

Acts 16.16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17.20-26

Worship Coordinator: AM Dr Andrew Wilson- Dickson PM Rev Dr Alison Dummer

Deacon: Beverley. Steward: Alan.

Readers: Alison & Barbara J.

9th June, 2019 All Age Worship

Pentecost Breakfast 9:00am

Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.24-34,35b; Romans 8.14-17; John 14.8-17(25-27)

Worship Coordinators: Hugh and Barbara Morgans

Deacon: Audrey. Steward: Janice.

Readers: Angie & Steve.

16th June, 2019: Morning Communion Service

Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5.1-5; John 16.12-15

Worship Coordinator: TBA

Deacon: Alison. Steward: David T.

Readers: Ceri & Fiona.

To serve at Communion: Beverley, Ceri, Megan & Andrew.

23rd June, 2019

Isaiah 65.1-9; Psalm 22.19-28; Galatians 3.23-29; Luke 8.26-39

Worship Coordinator: TBA

Deacon: Steve. Steward: Mandy.

Readers: Beverley & Alan.

30th June, 2019: Morning Communion Service.

1 Kings 19.15-16,19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5.1,13-25; Luke 9.51-62

Worship Coordinator: TBA

Deacon: Barbara. Steward: Hugh.

Readers: Ceri & David S.

To serve at Communion: Alison, Debbie, Fiona & Steve.

7th July, 2019: Evening Communion Service

Isaiah 66.10-14; Psalm 66.1-9; Galatians 6.(1-6),7-16; Luke 10.1-11,16-20

Worship Coordinator: AM TBA PM Mrs T Edwards

Deacon: Megan. Steward: Alan.

Readers: Marieke & Megan.

14th July, 2019

Deuteronomy 30.9-14; Psalm 25.1-10; Colossians 1.1-14; Luke 10.25-37

Worship Coordinator: Rev Dr Tom Arthur

Deacon: Fiona. Steward: Rob.

Readers: Janice & Phil

21st July, 2019: Morning Communion Service.

Genesis 18.1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1.15-28; Luke 10.38-42

Worship Coordinator: TBA

Deacon: Ceri. Steward: Linda.

Readers: Andrew & Steve.

To serve at Communion: Audrey, Ceri, Sian & David.

28th July, 2019

Genesis 18.20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2.6-15,(16-19); Luke 11.1-13

Worship Coordinator: TBA

Deacon: David S Steward: Joy.

Readers: Linda & Hugh.

4th August,2019: NO EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE

Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; 2.18-23; Psalm 49.1-12; Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21

Worship Coordinator: AM TBA

Deacon: Sian. Steward: TBA

Readers: Ceri & Marieke.

We are grateful to all those who serve as Deacons on Duty, Stewards and Readers. If you would like to act as a Steward or read the Scripture or lead the Prayers, then please let Alan Farnham know. We are trying to keep as full and up to date list of people as we can.

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 – check below for further details

Sunday	10.30am	Family Church
	6.00pm	Evening Service (1st Sunday of the month)
Tuesday	6.30-8.00pm	Boys' Brigade
Wednesday	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship [Fortnightly] (Please see weekly notices for exact dates)
Friday	5.30pm	Rainbows

29th June **URC Big Day out**

AND FINALLY ... Please hand in material for the next Newslink to Barbara Ball or Hugh Morgans by the end of the Morning service on Sunday **21st of July, 2019**