

Salisbury Park United Reformed Church

Newsletter

June and July 2018





Salisbury Park United Reformed Church

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A warm welcome to everyone



A word from our minister

Dear friends,

I am on the threshold of a very exciting time in my life as on July 11th at Capel y Groes I will be installed as Moderator of the General Assembly in the Presbyterian Church of Wales. I knew it was going to be a busy year but after a visit to the Office in Cardiff yesterday, I realise that I shall be busier than I thought. However, I shall still be your minister during this period though you may find that there are changes to Sunday services as I have to travel to various places and attend many functions, most of them will be a delight, thankfully. So I shall continue to serve you will find that I cannot be with you every time something is on. It begins straight away, I shall miss the Trinity Handbell Ringers and the Summer Lunch because I shall be in Serbia attending the Assembly of the Council of European Churches.

What is my message to you in this month? Firstly, I hope that my head remains the same size, if you notice me changing, please tell me. In the New Testament, Jesus reserves His wrath for those who are full of themselves wearing their robes and tassels etc in order to impress. Our Lord was never impressed by those who flaunted their religion before others and I hope that I shall be reminding myself of these truths as I conduct myself in my year of office. Secondly, following that, it is well for us all to remember what the Church is. It is not the institution but it is the people of Christ who seek His Kingdom, who wish to proclaim it and practise it. We do this by serving one another in love and we remember the words of the apostle, Paul, "until that time comes, there are three great pillars that stand firm. They are trust, hope and love. The best of these is love." (Good as New.)

Best wishes and blessings to you all,

Brian.

Sunday Morning Worship

June 3rd 2018

Leading Worship – Rev Chris Howard

Duty Elder – Mr John Houghton

Morning Tea – Barbara and Sheila

Flowers – Mrs Susan Rowlands

Door Steward – Merfyn Jones

OT Reading – Deuteronomy 5.12-15 **Shirley Devaney**

NT Reading – Mark 2.23–3.6 **Thelma Jones**

Epistle – 2 Corinthians 4.5-12

Psalm - Psalm 81.1-10

June 10th 2018

Leading Worship – Junior Church Anniversary with Rev Brian Matthews

Duty Elder – Mr John Houghton

Morning Tea – Mark and Collette

Flowers – Mrs Doreen Pryce Jones


Door Steward – Merfyn Jones

OT Reading – Genesis 3.8-15 **Collette Rodgers**

NT Reading – Mark 3.20-35 **Mark Rodgers**

Epistle – 2 Corinthians 4.13–5.1

Psalm – Psalm 130



June 17th 2018

Leading Worship – Mrs Carole Blackwell

Duty Elder – Mr John Houghton

Morning Tea – Glenys and Merfyn

Flowers – Miss Sharon Langford

Door Steward – Merfyn Jones

OT Reading – Ezekiel 17.22-24 **Paul Fewings**

NT Reading – Mark 4.26-34 **Gordon Burgess**

Epistle – 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, (11-13),14-17

Psalm – Psalm 92.1-4,12-15

June 24th 2018

Leading Worship – Mrs Judith Dolben

Duty Elder – Mr John Houghton

Morning Tea – Sharon and Terry

Flowers – Mr Gordon Burgess

Door Steward – Merfyn Jones

OT Reading – Job 38.1-11 **Merfyn Jones**

NT Reading – Mark 4.35-41 **Glenys Jones**

Epistle – 2 Corinthians 6.1-13

Psalm – Psalm 107.1-3,23-32



July 1st 2018

Leading Worship – Rev Chris Howard

Duty Elder – Mr Mark Rodgers

Morning Tea – Gordon and Thelma

Flowers – Mrs Christine Anderson

Door Steward – Thelma Jones

OT Reading – Lamentations 3.23-33 **Carole Blackwell**

NT Reading – Mark 5.21-43 **Barbara Jones**

Epistle – 2 Corinthians 8.7-15

Psalm – Psalm 30

July 8th 2018

Leading Worship – Rev Brian Matthews (Communion)

Duty Elder – Mr Mark Rodgers

Morning Tea – Mark and Collette

Flowers – Mrs Yvonne Owen


Door Steward – Thelma Jones

OT Reading – Ezekiel 2.1-5 **Corbin Winter**

NT Reading – Mark 6.1-13 **Sharon Langford**

Epistle – 2 Corinthians 12.2-10

Psalm – Psalm 123



July 15th 2018

Leading Worship – Mrs Judith Dolben

Duty Elder – Mr Mark Rodgers (Needs cover)

Morning Tea – Christine and Michelle

Flowers – Miss Sharon Langford

Door Steward – Thelma Jones

OT Reading – Amos 7.7-15 **Isabel Winter**

NT Reading – Mark 6.14-29 **Megan Winter**

Epistle – Ephesians 1.3-14

Psalm – Psalm 85.8-13

July 22nd 2018

Leading Worship – Mr Mark Rodgers

Duty Elder – Mr Mark Rodgers (Needs cover)

Morning Tea – Susan Rowlands

Flowers – Mrs Thelma Jones


Door Steward – Thelma Jones

OT Reading – Jeremiah 23.1-6 **Christine Anderson**

NT Reading – Mark 6.30-34,53-56 **Michelle Berry**

Epistle – 4 Ephesians 2.11-22

Psalm – Psalm 23



July 29th 2018

Leading Worship – Mrs Barbara Jones

Duty Elder – Mr Mark Rodgers

Morning Tea – Shirley and Thelma

Flowers – Mrs Pat Taylor

Door Steward – Thelma Jones

OT Reading – 2 Kings 4.42-44 **Judith Dolben**

NT Reading – John 6.1-21 **Mark Rodgers**

Epistle – Ephesians 3.14-21

Psalm – Psalm Psalm 145.10-18

Note to the reader – Roots has changed the way it displays the Lectionary Readings. Traditionally it has been Old Testament/New Testament/Other. This has now changed to Focussed Reading and Other. In Roots the focus is on Corinthians and Ephesians. I have kept with the tradition Old Testament/New Testament, but as always these might change depending on who is leading service and what God is asking them to say!!

Footnote – Change is inevitable and this is something I mentioned in my last sermon at Johnstown on the 20th May. If you wish to read this or any other of my sermons, you can do at –

<https://sheshbazzarnow.wordpress.com/>

Thanks. Mark



A Big Thank You

I would like to say a big “Thank You” to everyone for their kind words, cards and flowers, and all those who have come to visit me after my operation. Thank you all, and thank you to our minister, Rev Brian Matthews and Glenys and Merfyn for the cake!! It has helped me to feel much better.

Elfair

Prizes wanted

Would anyone like to donate a prize for our Saturday Coffee Morning Draws? We are currently running a bit low and would appreciate any gifts you may have at home that you wish to donate. Regulars to the coffee mornings will know the popular prizes including beauty products, sweets and chocolates, household items, books etc. Whatever you would like to give would be greatly appreciated. You can donate to Shirley or Carole. Many thanks.

Carole

Birthday wishes

Thank you to everyone who wished me Happy Birthday for my 40th. We had a lovely time in Colmar, Innsbruck, Bolzano and Spa. It was very tiring but highly enjoyable and the perfect way to celebrate becoming middle aged!

Collette



Notices

Get Well

We send get well wishes to Elfair following her recent operation and look forward to seeing you back with us soon. We also remember members of the church who are unable to join us on a Sunday morning due to ill health.

Gift Aid

Thank you to everyone who has completed a Gift Aid declaration form agreeing that their weekly offerings or donations can be taken into account when claiming Gift Aid.

We are able to claim 25 pence in every pound on all collections and donations given by you, provided you are an Income Tax payer, and that the total amount of your yearly donations does not exceed the total amount of Income Tax you pay each year. This provides valuable additional income for the work of the church.

If you are an Income Tax payer and are yet to complete a declaration form and would like to do so, then please let me know and I will gladly complete a form for you. Thank you for your continued help and support.

Michelle Berry

Exam Good Luck

Good luck to the young people of the church who are sitting GCSE's and A levels over the next month. We wish you well and are thinking of you.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helps on a Sunday morning either door stewards, reading, collection, bringing flowers, making refreshments after the service and tidying the church grounds and planting. Your help and work in the church is greatly appreciated.

And I'm sure everyone will agree, we appreciate all your hard work for the Church too Michelle.

Carole's Poetry Corner

I praise Your name

Yes the Lord is love, from his throne above
He came down to Earth, to reform me with new birth
Spirit so divine, cleanse this soul of mine
Lord of Heaven and Earth, I praise Your name

Be my strength and guide, never leave my side
Let me shine for you, in the tasks I plan to do
I will trust, obey, show me Lord the way
Lord of Heaven and Earth, I praise your name

Help me every day, guide me, come what may
Keep me close to you, 'til my life on Earth is through
Father, faithful friend, your love will never end
Lord of Haven and Earth, I praise your name.

A View of today

Sometimes it's hard to be of good cheer
When we read in our papers and see TV news
The havoc that's caused through violence and drugs
I'm sure many other folk share the same views

It's sad to see faces of worry and stress
Of families who struggle to manage a wage
Each bill that is due, rises higher and higher
So typical this, of this modern day age

The wars on the earth seem to go on for ever
The thirst to gain power is craved for, with hate
Why can't men realise they're destroying the planet
Little time left, before it's too late

Our time in this world is short in duration
So why don't we pull up our socks, as we should
There is much work to do as we travel each highway
To change this old world, and seek chance to do good

Thursday 31st May 2018
7.30pm
At Salisbury Park URC

**BACK BY
POPULAR
DEMAND!**

The Trinity Handbell Ringers



Join us for a special evening of entertainment as the Trinity Handbell Ringers play a selection of well known tunes to raise money for our nominated charities of 2018

There is also
a quiz!

Donations Welcome