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IS YOUR CHURCH NOT IN THIS NEWSLETTER?

I can only include the articles you send me.

It only needs to be a couple of sentences, or even a poster from which I can take the details. Long articles are also welcome!

Email me at laurajevans@me.com with your stories by **7th December** or drop me an email at laurajevans@me.com to discuss ideas.

This is your newsletter.



to **Cathays Methodist Church** for achieving their Bronze Eco Church Award! A great achievement and completed following the new tougher survey questions!

As a Circuit we now have a total of 7 individual church awards - 4 bronze and 3 silvers!

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION



CIRCUIT CREATION SUNDAY

Sunday 13th September 2026 was our first Circuit-wide Creation Sunday! A resource pack was put together by the Circuit Eco church group to help preachers/worship leaders plan the service and youth breakfast also took part. Three common elements were encouraged; a responsive intercession prayer, a leaf prayer activity and a discussion activity to gather people's thoughts on the impact of climate change.

The thoughts are being collated by the Circuit Eco church group and will be sent to MPs as part of a joint circuit letter encouraging them to prioritise issues of the climate and the environment.

Please send back the results of your discussions to the circuit office and let us know what you did!

Thank you to those who put so much work into making this Sunday special.



PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING ON THE CLIMATE AND NATURE CRISIS

Cardiff Eco Churches (ecumenical group) held a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing film <https://www.nebriefing.org/the-film> at Chapter Arts Centre on Sunday 19th July. Our Methodist Circuit was heavily involved in pulling this together and Cathy Gale helped facilitate the event and post film discussion on the evening.

The People's emergency briefing is a public information film presenting the national implications of climate and nature breakdown and is hosted by Chris Packham and 12 experts. Despite the difficult issues, there is a lot of hope and a number of positive solutions presented in the film.

The aim of the film is to bring together people in local communities across the UK to hear the evidence and discuss how to respond.

Another screening will be held at Beulah URC Church on 3rd October 6.30pm.

Film screening | Discussion | Refreshments

www.nebriefing.org

Seats are FREE, but please book in advance using the QR Code or at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/peoples-emergency-briefing-rhiwbina-tickets-1998351055802>



CREATION SUNDAY AT LLANDAFF NORTH

On Sunday 13th September we held our Harvest Festival which coincided with the Circuit Creation Sunday.

A few days prior to the Sunday we delivered letters around the streets close to the Church requesting donations of tinned food items, rice etc. for the Space 4 U project which operates

from the Trinity Centre. In the letter we also offered a warm welcome to join in the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.



The Church was decorated on the Saturday in preparation for the Harvest /Creation Sunday Service. A large box for the food donations was placed in the Church Porch on the Sunday and the response from the local community was really good.

Rev. Stephen Wigley led the service which included material and prayers prepared by the Circuit for Creation Sunday. The service was followed by a Harvest Lunch which everyone enjoyed and the proceeds of which raised £152 for the ongoing work of the Trinity Centre.

The Harvest was another successful outreach into the local community and a sharing in the mission and witness of Llandaff North Methodist Church.

'In the beginning, God created...'

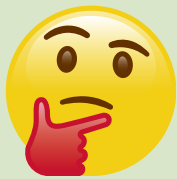
WHAT HAPPENED

AT CIRCUIT MEETING

The Circuit Meeting took place at Conway Road Methodist Church on Wednesday 9th September at 7.30pm.

Rev'd Cathy opened the meeting with devotions on the theme of 'a new start'.

The meeting was delighted to hear that Cathays have appointed a Music Missioner, Megan, who has previous experience working with the Methodist Church in Cardiff. Meg will start work later this month. Exciting times.



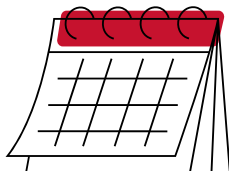
The meeting was reminded that funding is available within the Circuit and District for lay worker roles such as this, so please do think outside the box.

A representative from your church should now be receiving material from 'The Vine'. They are providing full services for use during Local Arrangements.



Cathy mentioned that over 100 people attended the eclipse event at Cyncoed on 12th August – church members from all over the Circuit, but also a lot of people from the community. A good time was had all round.

The Circuit Calendar is now available, and contains meeting dates and venues for the whole year. If your church has not received one, please contact Lisa.



The Circuit Invitation Committee have met to discuss the reinvitation of Rev'd Evelyn Bhajan. Papers have already been circulated and no formal objections have been received. Thus, Evelyn is being re-invited for a period of 2 years from September 2027. Rev'd Alexis led us in prayer, giving thanks for Evelyn's continued ministry among us.



The Circuit Leadership Team Report was brought before the meeting. We are at a significant point in the journey of the Methodist Church in Wales and conversations are ongoing. More information will be available following Synod. Conversations at the Circuit Away Day, relating to how churches can be helped to flourish, are still important and relevant. Those who attended the meetings have been asked to form a strategy group. This meeting will share regularly with the Circuit Meeting.

We are now one year into the Mission Grant system. Sandy – the Mission Enabler working out of Wesley, Canton – gave us a presentation on her role. The details of Sandy's presentation are available later in this newsletter.

Cathy reminded us that an increasing number of churches are gaining experience creating lay worker roles, which can be shared with others.

We have a wealth of information accessible to us and are in the privileged position of being able to finance new roles.

The Treasurer's Report and Property Report were brought before the meeting and accepted. The meeting approved a request from Conway Road to replace the wooden front doors with glass ones.

Congratulations to **Cathays**, who have achieved their **Bronze Eco Award!**

Despite the Connexion no longer committing to being carbon neutral by 2030, the meeting agreed that the Circuit should still try to achieve this as far as is possible. Such changes benefit the individual church, as well as the community. Cathy commended the Eco Church committee for the work they do behind the scenes.

Churches were reminded to send in their carbon footprint details. Sarah is happy to work with anyone who is struggling to make this happen.



Lisa reported that 18 young people and 7 leaders will be attending 3Generate at the NEC on 2nd-4th October. A number of young people have 'outgrown' 3Gen and work with young adults is developing within the Circuit. An additional 2 young adults are attending 3Generate as event volunteers, which speaks volumes about their commitment to the weekend.



Lisa noted that all members of Church Councils – and circuit meeting – need to attend Safeguarding Training. There is an online course available on 12th October, and a date for in person training will be available shortly. In addition, the Circuit now has a Critical Incident Policy which is available online.

Cathy reported that the work of the Trinity Centre is developing well, and that 'normal service' is resuming slowly. If you are interested in joining the Trinity Executive Committee, or have skills that would be useful to the project, please get in touch.



As the Centre develops, there is a need for regular income. Please prayerfully consider whether you could give to the Trinity Centre by Standing Order, and contact Laura if you would like a form.

The next Circuit Meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd December, 7.30pm at Wesley, Canton. This meeting will include feedback from Synod.

CHURCH ONLINE

Several churches in the Circuit hold worship that is accessible online.

On Zoom:

Weekly from Radyr Methodist: contact radyrmc@gmail.com

On Facebook Live

Weekly from Wesley Methodist, Canton: www.facebook.com/wesleycardiff

On YouTube (Live)

Weekly from Church of the Resurrection, St. Mellons. You can join from their website www.cotr.org.uk



WHAT'S YOUR PLAN FOR ADVENT?

I know. Some of us have only just celebrated Harvest. But the Advent season has a habit of creeping up on me and preparation which could have been done slowly over a month or two becomes a mad panic involving next day deliveries, a floor strewn with craft materials and an overheated printer. Or perhaps that's just me. Anyway, in the hope of avoiding that I've put together this 'cheat sheet' of ideas and questions:

What are you doing?

What does a 'normal' Advent and Christmas look like at your church?

Not just services but other activities.

Are there events or services that might appeal to older adults, or to people who struggle at Christmas, or to those with children?

What might you do differently?

Is there something new you would like to try? Some churches hold family fun days, outdoor carol singing or singing at a local pub, Blue Christmas services or Christingles.

How are you going to let people know?

People may not know that they are welcome to come into the church when there is something going on. It's sad but true. How are you going to spread the word? Could you do a leaflet drop around local houses, or knock on the doors, or put up a few posters in local shops? Is there someone who is good on social media? Have you told the groups that use your church building?

How are you going to bless your community?

Do you have a Junior Church, or a craft club, or just a group of folk who like making things? Perhaps they could make something to put through local doors along with a simple card so that people know you're praying for them. In the last few years several churches have made angels and stars, so there are plenty of examples around. Or maybe advertise and host a Foodbank collection or a collection for the Trinity Centre. It's lovely to meet new people, and to have a full church for the carol service, but our priority is to show the difference Jesus makes in our lives. And Christmas is a great time to do that. And ground it in prayer. Always.

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME HELP?

If you would like to chat through ideas, or could do with some practical help to get things going, please get in touch with me at laurajevans@me.com

Laura (Circuit Mission Enabler)

TRINITY CENTRE NEWS



HOW YOU CAN HELP:



Tom Oborski is taking on the challenge

of the Cardiff Half Marathon to raise money for Trinity. Please support Tom by sponsoring him using this link: <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/cardiff2026>

GO TOM!

The Trinity Executive is recruiting!

The Trinity Executive are the people who oversee the work of the Trinity Centre on behalf of the Circuit. It's a vibrant and friendly group, who care deeply about making a difference to the Trinity Community. 'The Exec' are not a detached committee but engage in the life of the Centre.

Saying that, each member takes a lead in a specific area, according to their individual skills. We are looking to recruit three new members to fill gaps that have been identified within our team:

- property, and health and safety
- accounting
- fundraising



Do you have skills in any of these areas and want to make a difference? Get in touch with Lisa at the Circuit Office and we'll get back to you with more information.



The Trinity Toiletries Bank

Each month, the Trinity Toiletries Bank provides at least 40 people with essential products. It is entirely dependent on donations and recently some items have run out completely.

We desperately need:

- Shampoo
- Shower gel
- Liquid hand soap
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste

**YOU AND I
CAN HELP**

Of course, items must be in good condition and unopened.

If you need help to get items to Trinity, contact: facilitator@trinitycentre.wales and collection will be arranged.

With grateful thanks to our funders, including:





WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH, CANTON

After our July craft morning celebrating God's creation, we asked ourselves: how can we make more of our church garden? We wanted another summer event that could raise our visibility, invite conversations with passers-by, and give us a chance to enjoy the season together.

An eco theme felt like a natural fit. It connects with people who care about the environment, while reflecting our Methodist Way of Life and our journey to Flourish, Share and Open.



A small event with a big heart.

Although the weather on the day kept turnout modest, we were delighted that everyone enjoyed a relaxed morning of crafts, games and conversation. The children were the stars, transforming everyday "throwaways" into something fresh and fun. Their creativity encouraged us to think twice before putting things into the recycling bin, and to see the world's resources as precious gifts from God, entrusted to our care.

This event reminded us that outreach doesn't need a grand programme. Small steps can also open doors to connection. We're already thinking about similar activities in the future, listening to what matters locally and learning how to make our church a warm and welcoming space for all.

Most of all, we want to put our faith into action through simple acts of love for God's creation, our community and one another.



Recently I took 2 bags of knitting to the Ronald McDonald Home opposite the children's hospital at the Heath. All the garments and blankets are made by **Wesley Canton's** nitter natter group.

We regularly donate blankets, baby hats and mainly baby cardigans and Jackets to Ronald McDonald, for the families who are looked after by them. Whilst the babies are in hospital.

We also knit for our Christmas bazaar which is held in December. All the wool is bought by our ladies from our group out of their own money.

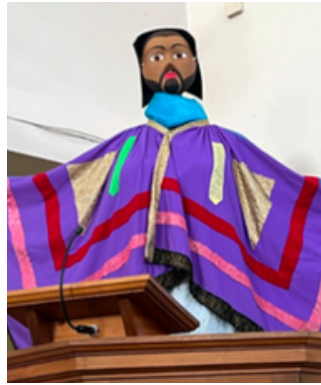
If anyone has any knitting wool double knitting suitable for babies or toddlers, we would be very grateful of donations,

Please contact Julia knight or Heather Taylor from Wesley.



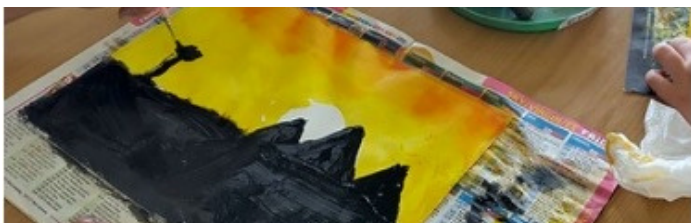
ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

At the start of the summer holidays, you might have been forgiven if you thought St Andrew's renovation work had been completed! With palm trees down the aisle, pyramids all over the place, backdrops of Egypt, together with a puppet theatre and even a Joseph with his technicolour coat preaching from the pulpit, when actually we were decorating the church to set the scene and welcome children from the local schools and community coming along to our holiday club based on Scripture Union's Pyramid Rock.



And yes, the place did rock despite the constraints of the pews! The children - Green Crocs and Blue Beetles - loved joining in the action songs, swimming down the Nile like crocodiles, riding like camels, walking like Egyptians, and generally having a fun time.

The children were told a part of the story of Joseph each day, as well as watching the rest on film. Our wonderful puppets, Ebb and Flo, gave a contemporary message, each day, based on the themes of the Joseph story. There were bible verses to memorise and lots of Joseph related quizzes and team games, (including the infamous teapot game.)



Every day there were active games sessions in the hall as well as craft activities in our smaller rooms. The temperature was only in the mid- twenties that week! There were camel creations, hieroglyphic T shirt decorating, hippo and crocodile models, painted Egyptian sunset scenes, fine necklaces and masks fit for a Pharaoh were stuck and coloured and we even made scarab beetles. This meant we had a complete range of activities for all the 5-11 year olds who came as well as a picnic lunch together each day.

By the end of the week, each of the children knew the story of Joseph but more than that, with the help of our daily bible memory verses, they learned that God is planner, provider, helper and King. They learned that God loves them and that he has a plan for each of us.

A big thank you goes to all the members of St Andrew's (and others) who helped in big, and small ways, to make our holiday club run smoothly!

