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MAY 2018

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SUNDAY SERVICE

April 29th at 6 p.m.: Hilda Dumbleton
Fellowship: Alun and Anne Watts
Flowers: Angela & Richard Jones

May 6th at 6 p.m.: Dr. Rory Castle Jones
Fellowship: Joy & Tony Foster
Flowers: Anne & Eric Jones

May 13th at 11 a.m.: Sarah Boyce, Cardiff
Fellowship: Merrilee Jones
Flowers: Barbara Hughes

May 20th at 5 p.m.: Tea and Church AGM followed by Service.
Fellowship: Anne & Eric Jones
Flowers:

May 27th at 6 p.m.: Anne Jones
Fellowship: Angela & Richard Jones
Flowers:

June 3rd at 6 p.m.: Ken Morgan, Cefncoed
Fellowship: Christine Roberts & Dilys Evans

FUTURE EVENTS

28th April: District AGM at H. Place at 11 a.m, followed by Sponsored Hymnathon from 1-2.30pm. See notice below.

28th June: Annual Lecture delivered by Prof. Emeritus, Robin Atfield from Cardiff at 7pm

July; 1st *District Rally to Dynevor*

15th July: Annual All Present Service.

18th Aug: Wedding at Highland Place.

4th-11th Aug: Unitarian Tent at Cardiff National Eisteddfod.

25th Aug: Unitarians join the Pride March in Cardiff. Names to Rory Castle Jones.

15th Sept: Executive Meeting at Wick

29th Sept: Annual Harvest Thanksgiving



Left:
Elizabeth Valencia with Joy

Right:
Imam Nadeem lights the Chalice at the joint service.



COFFEE MORNING

There is a Coffee Break for the Community every Monday morning from 10 a.m. Could you please encourage friends to attend. Just a £1 for Tea or Coffee and Toast

DONT FORGET OUR REGULAR EVENTS

- Mondays from 10am: Coffee Morning for the Community.
- Monday at 2.30pm: Meditation Group
- Wednesday at 2pm: Women's League.
- Craft & Chat on 2nd & 4th Tusedays from 2 - 4 p.m..
- Food Bank: Always open for contributions

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Weds. at 2 p.m

- May 2nd: Quiz with Anne Jones
Thought: Anne W. Hosts: Christine & Margaret.
- May 9th: Talk: Andrew Lloyd Webber (Pat Evans)
Thought: Joy Hosts: Barbara & Pat
Collection for League Project.
- May 16th: To be arranged.
Thought: Christine. Hosts: Lis & Anne J.
- May 23rd: Spinning Demonstration by Bella Rosa of Mountain Ash.
Thought: Joan. Teas: Joan & Dilys
- May 30th: Women's League Lunch
- June 6th: Beekeeping with Mr. Phiben
Thought; Anne J. Hosts: Joy & Anne W

SIOP GORNEL CORNER SHOP

Have you browsed around the Siop Gornel in the hall ? Now offering new and almost new items as well as some homemade products - gifts, cards, jam, chutney etc.

They are offered for sale with an Honest Box placed there for your money. Every item will be priced and the items will be changed every week or fortnight.

We are now short of items for sale. Can you help ? See Anne or Joy.

VISITOR FOR WORSHIP:

We were very pleased to welcome Elizabeth Asmaa Valencia from Indianapolis to Highland Place on two Sundays in April.

On the second Sunday, she spoke of her spiritual journey from Catholicism to Islam and to Unitarianism. Elizabeth is a Highland Place Facebook fan and was visiting Wales for a short time. Thanks to Tony and Joy for helping to show her around the area. She is studying for the Unitarian Universalist Ministry at Chicago.

CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

The event was well supported with a talk from New Horizon official regarding the work of the charity which helps people suffering from mental illness. We were able to raise £205. A good effort by one congregation. This was part of a Welsh Unitarian effort in aid of Mental Health and over £1,100 was raised in all.

GRANTS FOR BUILDING WORK

As reported last month, the estimate for repairs to the roof at the church is just over £45,000. We have now applied for Grant Aid to three Trust Funds and await their decision. In the meantime, the leak above the kitchen needs urgent attention and we have asked the Builders to carry out urgent repairs at a cost of around £4,000. This work will begin in a week's time. Any donations towards the cost will be welcome as we have established a Repairs Fund with the hope of reaching £45,000 as soon as possible. Thank you.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS:

Anne & Eric Jones attended the Meetings for just a short time this year. We were pleased to have some of our District members take a prominent part in the meetings - Isabel and Elizabeth Rosenberg were mainly responsible for the Opening Ceremony with Carrie Boyce also taking a prominent part. Both Rhys and Rory Castle Jones spoke at two different meetings and Hilda Dumbleton spoke as a member of the Executive Committee. We were very proud.

MEN'S GROUP: Spent the day exploring Ystradfellte - the ancient church building and the local New Inn Public House. We also met some local inhabitants and found out a little about local happenings !

HAPPY EVENTS

HYMNATHON: The Sponsored Hymnathon went well with some robust singing accompanies by Laurence Bowen (Organ), Stephen Wilson (Piano) and our very own Grace (Flute and Organ). The proceeds for the sponsored sing goes to the Pituitary Foundation - our President's daughter suffers from the condition.

To date, the sum of £300 has been received but the Fund is open until the end of June.

On the morning of the Hymnathon we attended the District AGM with reports from various sections of the District and Officers were re-elected. Copies of the Reports are available on request.

JOINT SERVICE: The Joint Service with the Muslim Community was held on **April 22nd**. Both Imam Nadeem from the Robertstown Islamic Centre and Imran Ali who works with the Abrahamic Centre in Birmingham address the congregation of over 50. We were pleased to have the 1st Aberdare St Fagans Cubs present also and they were able to ask questions at the end as part of their Inter Faith Badge requirements. We had a taste of a traditional Muslim service with readings from the Koran in Urdu and Welsh. Imam Imran Ali explained the Faith of the muslim and he also mentioned his connection with Powys Castle in North Wales. We had a brief history of Highland Place Church and of the Muslim Community Centre in Robertstown. A very friendly occasion with and we look forward to a return visit to the Muslim Centre.

THANKS to Joy and Tony for the wonderful display of flowers on the outside of the church.

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