

**Aberdare Unitarians at
Highland Place.
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SUNDAY SERVICES

July. 16th at 6 p.m; Anne Watts

Fellowship: Janis Roberts & Mark Jones

July 23rd at 6 p.m: Flower Sharing Service
and All Present (Rev. Eric Jones)

Please bring up to 4 stems of flowers
and invite guests to join us.

Fellowship: Alun and Anne Watts

July 30th at 6 p.m: A very special and
different service. Join us on the occasion.

Fellowship: Tony & Joy Foster.



AUGUST 6th at 6 p.m: Stephen Wilson,
Swansea

Fellowship: Richard & Angela Jones.

Aug. 13th at 11 a.m Lis Dyson-Jones

Fellowship: Christine & Hilary

Aug. 20th at 6 p.m: Ken Morgan

SERVICE AT HEN DY CWRDD

Aug. 27th at 6 p.m: Philip Griffiths

Fellowship: Anne & Eric Jones.

DONT FORGET OUR REGULAR EVENTS

**Mondays from 10 a.m: Coffee Morning
for the Community.**

**Monday at 2.30 p.m: Meditation Group
Wednesday at 2 p.m. Women's League.**

FOOD BANK: Please help to contribute what
you can to the Food Bank. Non perishable food
only please. Thanks to Tony & Joy for taking the
food to Dowlais.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Weds. at 2 p.m

July 12th: Trugareddau.

Thought: Pat. Hosts: Anne W. & Joy.

July 19th: Desert Island Choices

Thought: Barbara. Hosts: Lis & Anne J.

July 26th: Lunch at New Inn

Sept. 13th: Opening Meeting and Planning event.

FUTURE EVENTS:

July 17th: Meditation Group Lunch.

July 26th; League Lunch at New Inn

July 29th: Possible visit of Prague Unitarians to
Nottage and Capel Penrhiw.

Aug. 20th Service at Hen Dy Cwrdd at 6 p.m.

Aug. 19th: Coffee Morning at 14 Clifton St in aid
of Alzheimers Research and WaterAid. £3

Sept. 10th: Sunday Schools Rally at Penrhiw, St
Fagan at 3 p.m.

Sept. 12th at 11 a.m: Church Committee

**Sept. 14th at 7 p.m: Lecture on Aneurin Bevan by
Nick Thomas-Symonds M.P. for Torfaen**

Sept. 20th: District Exec. at Cefncoed.

Sept. 21st : Hen Dy Cwrdd, Trecynon Open Day
from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Call in at any time during
the day.

Sept. 24th at 6 p.m: Harvest Thanksgiving Service

**Oct. 8th: Visit of Carwyn Jones, First Minister
who will give an address at a Service at 4 p.m.
We invite other churches to come and join us
for the occasion.**

Oct 29th: District visit of G. A. President. Service
at Nottage Chapel.

Dec. 23rd: Wedding at Highland Place.



WE WENT TO LLANGYNDEYRN A total
of 37 of us visited the village of Llangyndeyrn on
July 2nd. Rev Cen Llwyd spoke to us about the life
of Rev William Thomas and we were shown a
memorial stone in his memory, proclaiming that he
was "the first Unitarian Minister of this

congregation". That chapel is now known as Bethel, Baptist chapel. Cen briefly went through the controversies of the time when the General Baptists were taken over by the Particular Baptists, The stone was covered in whitewash until it was recently discovered and restored by the present congregation. The Secretary of the Congregation welcomed us in a friendly manner and we were delighted to be there. Alun Watts presided in the absence of Diana Bianchi, whose former husband, Tony Bianchi died that morning at the age of 65 years. Our thoughts are with Diana and their two daughters.

We then called in at the Botanical Gardens at Llanarthne and a jolly time was had by all. Where to next ?

ARE YOU SUPPORTING ZISIZE ? Christine is collecting for this Charity and is anxious to receive your contributions at any time when she is present at the church. Try not to forget

DEATHS; Our condolences to Richard Jones on the death of his mother recently. We have also lost District members , Gwen Everett and Megan Lewis at Cefncoed and Colin Morgan at Trebanos. Two of the people who have delivered our Annual Lectures have died recently - Rhodri Morgan and Dr. John Davies.

CONGRATULATIONS : Anne and Alun Watts are very proud of the achievements of their grand-daughter, Lauren who obtained a First Class Honours Degree from Liverpool University in Archaeology. Well done from all of us. Congratulations also to Dafydd Jones on his success in winning a first prize for "Ymgom" under 19 years at the Urdd National Eisteddfod at Bridgend in May. An Ymgom is a sort of conversation piece between two people. Not to be outdone, his sister Menna boasted a distinction in her Piano exam and brother Osian (six) boasted a night out in a tent on the Brecon Beacons with the local Beavers. Dyfan also wrote the music for the children and youth shows at the Urdd National Eisteddfod.

FACEBOOK: Thanks to Joy for keeping up the Facebook image of Highland Place and providing the photographs. One such report recently had over 650 hits.

There is also a newly formed Facebook for South East Wales Unitarians and an internal Facebook which is private for members of the District only.

SERVICES: A good number attended the 240th Birthday of Capel Penrhiw at St, Fagan on June 11th. Rev Eric Jones gave a brief history of the chapel from 1777 until 1953 at Drefach Felindre and then at St. Fagans from 1956 to the present.

The Highland Place Women's League Service was well attended when we were reminded of some of

the sad events at Manchester and London as well as the tragic fire in Kensington. A contribution was made for individuals and families who suffered from the effects of the fire.

Cardiff Unitarians hosted an inspiring service for the Group Service on the last Sunday in June.

Thanks for the welcome and the lovely tea.

THANKS to Tony and Joy for their gift of new shades for the vestibule. They do make a difference.

CONSTITUTION: The Highland Place Constitution has been revised and re-written. It will be brought before the congregation in September for final approval.

We are also in the process of collecting everyone's Mobile Numbers so that texts of events or change of details can be sent out quickly.

Have your mobile numbers at the ready !

MEN'S GROUP recently met at Pont Nedd Fechan. After a walk towards the Falls on a very hot day, we returned to The Angel for a drink and a simple meal, when, lo and behold, a member of the Women's League appeared, no doubt having been sent to check on the activities of the menfolk. We all spent the rest of the afternoon on our best behaviour. It is hoped to meet once again before August but the location is a secret at present.

COFFEE MORNING AND STALL: Welcome to 14 Clifton St for a Coffee Morning on August 19th from 10 a.m Please provide a small item for sale on the Sales Table. Invite friends to join us for the occasion. Proceeds: Alzheimers Research & WaterAid.

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