



Newsletter



Welcome

Welcome to the June issue of the Cardiff Unitarians/Undodiaid Caerdydd newsletter. This month starts off with one successful 'new style' service under our belt and many more to look forward to! This month many of us will be celebrating LGBTQ+ Pride month, as well as acknowledging the summer solstice on the 21st. As we enter the summer months there's much to look forward to, both in our local community, as well as further afield.

CU News

May hybrid service a success!

Our congregational service on the theme of 'New Beginnings' on the 21st May was a success, with both in-person and online members enjoying music, creativity, and sharing. Thank you to everyone who attended both online and in-person and those who volunteered their time to set up and clear away before/after the service.

Below: Images from creative activity imagining what 'hope' would look like as we move forward on our congregational journey.



Newsletter Highlights

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BIRTHDAY CORNER

Happy birthday/penblwydd hapus to Natalie Davies (1st June)

Belated birthday wishes to Lis Dyson Jones and Paul Roberts for their birthdays in May.



17/05/2023

Climate Justice vigil

On 17th May ex CU minister Stephen Lingwood, along with committee member Robin Attfield, attended a South Wales Quaker-organised vigil outside the Senedd. Attendees express concern for both the Earth and the life forms which inhabit it. Please see 'events' for details of the next vigil.

Thank you to Stephen Lingwood for supplying photo's.

Upcoming AGM advance notice

Suggested dates for CU's AGM are:

Tuesday 11st July

Sunday 16th (after hybrid service)

This will be confirmed closer to the time.

CU member supporting animal charity

CU member Robin Rees will be selling summer raffle tickets for the animal welfare charity 'Viva!'. Viva! was "founded in 1994 by Juliet Gellatley" and has "spent almost 30 years creating a kinder, more sustainable world for humans and animals alike" (Viva! 2023). If you would like tickets please contact Robin, or purchase online directly from Viva! here: <https://raffles.viva.org.uk/product/summer-raffle-2023/>

Upcoming Services

Sunday 4th June 2023, 6PM: Visiting Service

We will be 'visiting' Swansea Unitarians online as a congregation. The service will be held by Worship Group member Julie Nedin. Joining details are as follows:

[https://zoom.us/j/96048300117?](https://zoom.us/j/96048300117?fbclid=IwAR1PFih3rwLiGjK9PluGFI9erJvYUaleN6eWyup5xWdEXUnxjF8RabKEYPg#success)

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Meeting ID: 960 4830 0117 Passcode: 197897

Wednesday 7th/14th/21st/28th June, 7-8:30PM: Heart & Soul

Run by CU member Shana Parvin Begum as part of her ministry training. Joining details are as follows:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85489517050?pwd=VDBHVEI1ZktZc0FTdlBqZDFwRjdLZz09>

Meeting ID: 854 8951 7050 Passcode: 753907

Sunday 18th June, 3:30PM: Hybrid Service

This month's hybrid service will be led by Robin Attfield on the theme of 'Creation'. You're welcome to come in-person, or join online. Joining details are as follows: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/329899644>

Meeting ID: 329 899 644

Further Afield: Other Unitarian News

Unitarians make the news!

Last month we saw Rory Castle-Jones make the Wales Online news with an article titled: "The beautiful LGBTQ+ inclusive church in the heart of the Swansea Valley. You can read the full article here: <https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/swansea-valley-church-gay-gellionnen-26886522>



Gellionnen Chapel, Media Wales Ltd, 2023

Events

18th June, 11AM: International Religious Freedom group meeting at Penrhiw Chapel, St. Fagans

June 21st, 2-3PM: Interfaith Silent Vigil for climate justice and sustainability (part of the International World Peace and Prayer Day) at the Senedd. You can find out more about International World Peace and Prayer Day here: worldpeaceandprayer.com

The deadline for registering your interest in Hucklow Summer School has been extended to 18th June. Find out more, and register your interest, here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/gaunitarians/880476>



Viva! The Vegan Charity (2023) Who We Are. <https://viva.org.uk/about-us/who-we-are/>
Media Wales (2023) *Gellionnen Chapel*. Available at: <https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/swansea-valley-church-gay-gellionnen-26886522>

Recommended Read

Seeking Paradise; A Unitarian Mission for Our Times by Stephen Lingwood

A look at what our future as Unitarians could hold, depending on how we envision our mission and how we enact upon this.

'Seeking Paradise' is this year's FUSE festival theme, at which Stephen is the theme speaker.

A copy is available to borrow for CU members.

