

If you are visiting us today, we offer you a warm welcome. Please make yourself known to any member of the leadership team.

If you require more details of events or would like a visit please speak with one of the Deacons.

We look forward to enjoying worship and fellowship together.



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Newsletter
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Chaos Now For Beauty Later

For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland."

Isaiah 43:19 (NLT)

I am in the midst of a kitchen renovation and my house looks like a disaster zone.

The simplest tasks are complicated and frustrating. The kettle is in the ensuite bathroom, the tea bags are on the settee, the mugs are somewhere in the living room. Everything takes longer. Nothing looks familiar.

Even when it's time to rest it's hard to relax in a room that is literally stacked to the ceiling. The other day I stood on the bare concrete floor and thought about the beautiful kitchen that is going in. I remembered all the years I had prayed for a place of my own and I took a deep breath. "*It's chaos now for beauty later,*" I said to my roommate and I heard a whisper in my heart. Oh, there's a lesson in that.

If your life feels like a frustrating mess right now is it possible that God has renovations underway?

Isaiah 43:19 reminds us that God is at work before we've even noticed what He's up to. We see the inconvenience; God sees a temporary diversion that sets us on the right path. Renovations, whether they're in your kitchen or your heart, are a messy business. But it's easier to tolerate the inconvenience when you have a picture of what's coming.

WILL YOU HELP?

Following the extensive damage caused by Storm Dennis, over 500 homes are suffering damage from internal flooding.

RCT Council is appealing for food donations to help those who have been impacted.

Many of the residents affected have been left without white goods including fridges and freezers, while hundreds of cars across RCT have been written off.

To help those who have lost so much, the Council is now issuing a call to action to local supermarkets, businesses and residents to donate non-perishable items over the next week so that every home affected is able to receive a food parcel.

Bethel Baptist Church will be open to receive donations during these times:

Mondays 2:00pm until 3:30pm

Thursdays 10:30pm until 12:30pm

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS REQUIRED		
UHT Milk	Savoury rice etc.	Paper kitchen towels
Cereals	Pasta'n'Sauce	Toiletries
Beans	Snack Bars	Hand sanitiser
Spaghetti	Canned fish/meat	Towels
Cans of soup	Disposable items e.g. Plastic Cutlery	

Please note that donations of clothes and toys are NOT required due to the volume received to date.

Thank you for your support

Quotes

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present.

Bill Keane



God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Psalms 46:1-3



We just cannot worry about ourselves.

Pope Francis



The LORD is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 27:1



We should always pray for help, but we should always listen for inspiration and impression to proceed in ways different from those we may have thought of.

John H. Groberg

God's plans for us are so much more beautiful than the kitchen my little brain dreamed up. His plans give us hope and a future. (*Jeremiah 29:11*) So if you're in the midst of unwanted change, take a deep breath. It's chaos now for beauty later.

Father in Heaven, When I look around me and see confusion and loss, pain and longing, injustice or slander or lack, remind me that You, the very God of Heaven know my name. You know the cry of my heart and You know the character I need to build to live out the plans You have for me. When it's time to renovate, help me to yield graciously to the changes You have ordained for me. Help me to be quick to see You in the chaos and quick to remember that You have not forgotten me, or left me behind. I am never leftovers in your economy, never second best. Give me Your peace as I wait to see the beauty you are creating. In Your name I pray, Amen

Question: Is your life under construction? What verses do you find helpful when the world tilts? How has God brought beauty out of your chaos in the past?

By Claire Colvin

BMS World Mission Collection

There will be a collection towards the work of BMS World Mission in March. BMS are active in a number of countries across the world providing church, education, health, development, justice and relief ministries with the aim of transforming one million lives by 2020.

www.bmsworldmission.org has details of projects and stories of people who have benefitted from this valuable help.

Prayer Time with Christine

I Will Lean In

(a daily prayer to say during Lent)

I will lean in, retreat from the pressures I face, and move closer and deeper into your love.

I will breathe out, refrain from the distractions I seek, and become open and receiving of your grace.

I will linger, encircled by the depth of your care, and receive the endless nature of your mercy.

I will whisper, in the quiet of this sanctuary, and be honest and real in your presence.

I will listen, awaken all my senses to your voice, and become expectant and hopeful of your kingdom work in my life.

Music in Church

The Church is considering purchasing a **Hymnal Plus** system to provide music for Sunday worship, weddings, midweek meetings etc. as an alternative when our regular pianists are not available. This system has thousands of hymns and modern worship songs ready to play in a variety of music styles and tempos. Please see Mary if you are interested to know more details or log on to www.hymntechnology.com.

Many in the locality have suffered due to the adverse weather conditions and flooding. Please pray for them. Our church will be helping by storing some essentials for RCT which will be distributed as necessary to those in need.

Lent Lunches

This year's calendar for the Bread and Cheese lunches is as follows. There is a suggested donation of £2.50.

Fridays in Lent

12.00-1.30pm

February 28 th	—	St Mary's, Glyntaff
March 6 th	—	St Dyfrig's, Treforest
March 13 th	—	no Lent lunch
March 20 th	—	St David's, Hopkinstown
March 27 th	—	Bethel Baptist, Hawthorn
April 3 rd	—	Norton Bridge Methodist
April 10 th	—	St David's Uniting Church

Please could all contributions for the **April Newsletter** be given to Sally by Friday March 20th.

Requests for Prayer

A number of our church family are concerned about family and friends. If you would like to share any prayer requests, there is a box available at the rear of the church.

All requests will be treated confidentially.

Please remember in your prayers

Barbara has been admitted to hospital again. Please continue to pray for her and the family during these anxious times.

Dorothy has made some improvement but is still in need of our prayers.

Many within our congregation are unwell and unable to meet with us. They are greatly missed and we hope to see them back with us soon. Please continue to bring them before the Lord in prayer.

Continue to remember our Pastor Andrew and our church in prayer as we continue to be a witness in this community.

Mary who attends our coffee morning has had her home flooded. Please pray for her and the situation she finds herself in.

Mug and Muffin

The weekly coffee morning continues every Thursday from 10.30am to 12.00pm.

A very warm welcome awaits not only chapel members but friends, family and neighbours too. There is always a delicious selection of eats and as much tea and coffee as you can drink, for only £1.50 per person.

We look forward to seeing you.

FREE Aged between 13 - 18?
Love to sing?
Glee Club

Wednesdays Bethel Baptist Church,
Hawthorn, Pontypridd
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Jenkins MUSIC LESSONS
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Paul Hamlyn Foundation

This Month...

What?	When?	Programme
Prayer Meeting (7.30pm)	Thursday 5 th	Led by Christine
Bible Study (7.30pm)	Thursday 12 th	Led by our Pastor
	Thursday 26 th	Led by our Pastor
Women's League (2.00pm)	Monday 2 nd	To be announced
	Monday 9 th	To be announced
	Monday 16 th	To be announced
	Monday 23 rd	To be announced
	Monday 30 th	To be announced
Hawthorn Senior Citizens	Thursday 14 th	
	Thursday 28 th	
Junior Church	Every Sunday 11.00 -11.45am	Activities and games

Today we pray for:

- those who are grieving the loss of their mother,
- those who never knew their biological mother, and now yearn for her
- those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love
- the families separated by war or conflict.
- Lord, give them special blessings.

Keep us united with you and with each other, so that we can be and become all that we are meant to be.

Bethel Baptist Church, Hawthorn goes worldwide.

Watch this space - new website and twitter account launching soon. If you have any upcoming events you would like included, please let Sally know. If you have old photos you would like to share on the website, again please pass them on. A reminder that photographs of children can only be included with written parental consent, as according to Baptist Union guidelines.

An internet presence will allow us to share news and engage with people of all faiths and people with none, within and away from our local community, and share both Sunday Worship and what we do Monday to Saturday.

Prayer for those affected by floods

Compassionate God, source of all comfort,
We pray for the people whose lives have devastated by
rain and flood.

Bring them comfort, we pray.
Protect the vulnerable.

Strengthen the weak.
Keep at bay the spread of disease.
Have mercy on all those working to rescue the stranded
and to feed the hungry.
And may our response to their suffering be generous
and bring you praise.

For we ask it in Jesus name,
Amen.

From Christian Aid

A Prayer for Mothers

We thank you for adopting us into your family through
the miracle of your grace, and for calling us to be
brothers and sisters to each other. Today, loving God, we
pray for our mothers:

- who cared for us when we were helpless
- who comforted us when we were hurt
- whose love and care we often took for granted.

Sunday Worship

March

Morning service
and Junior Church
11am

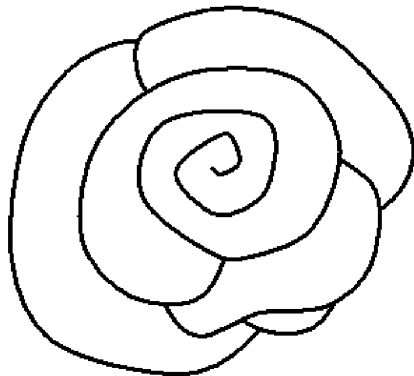
Evening service
5.30pm

March 1st	<i>Morning:</i> Pastor Andrew McLaughlin <i>Evening Communion Service:</i> Pastor Andrew McLaughlin
March 8th	<i>Morning:</i> Rev Wayne Evans <i>Evening:</i> Mrs Catherine Hewitt
March 15th	<i>Morning Communion Service:</i> Pastor Andrew McLaughlin <i>Evening:</i> Pastor Andrew McLaughlin
March 22nd	<i>Morning - Mothering Sunday Service:</i> Pastor Andrew McLaughlin <i>Evening:</i> Pastor Andrew McLaughlin
March 29th	<i>Morning:</i> Mr Martin Nash <i>Evening:</i> Rev Lyndon Evans

Mother's Day Word Search

R H H I A Z E B A P M Y S S C
 L E E E R P L V Q J R A T P A
 O O H O L E P Z I C O D F E R
 V D N T S P S R W G X I I C N
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appreciate
 blessed
 carnations
 commandment
 example
 forgive
 gifts
 help
 holiday



honor
 listen
 love
 mother
 obey
 pleases
 respect
 special
 thank

