

It's a Sizzling Summer Special!

This is the last weekly email from us until the beginning of September. If you're going on holidays, we trust you'll have a happy and safe time. If you're staying at home over August, we hope you'll have some time to recharge and find rest.

Sundays in August

Summer Sunday mornings will see slightly shorter services, aiming for 60 minutes or less. Our preachers are following the theme of Summer Soul, reflecting on a few of the many songs found in the Bible. Here are the preachers for this Sunday and August:

31 July: Gethin

7 August: Rev. Peter Slee (Peter and Gethin trained together as Baptist ministers in the dim and distant past).

14 August: Rev. Juliet Lloyd

21 August: Gethin

28 August: Gethin

Sunday evenings will be on Zoom and we're going to be following a dynamic new series on the books of Luke and Acts. Using some of the amazing videos and resources at Bible Project [Learn the Bible for Free Online | BibleProject™](#), we are going to get an in depth overview of Dr Luke's two masterpieces.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82201850871?pwd=bDVXMjJNT0FNNHVVVGXWUwY0EtNQ09>

Meeting ID: 822 0185 0871

Passcode: 469582

Volunteers

Vaughan Williams has agreed to take on the voluntary role of volunteer coordinator for the Church and its community. A first step is to identify all those in the fellowship, both members and friends, who volunteer their services in any way. Some voluntary roles are more obvious than others and there are some of you who work hard behind the scenes. Vaughan would like to know who you are! Please can you contact Vaughan, either in person or by email vwilliams@doctors.org.uk to let him know who you are and what voluntary work you undertake for us.

Volunteers needed...Tidy Up Outside the Ark

We're looking for a few people who could tidy up the space outside the Ark: remove litter, uproot weeds, pressure hose the pod and flag stones. If you'd like to help and get wet in the hot weather, please see Deb our centre manager.

Volunteers needed... Holiday Club help

We have 100 children booked into our Summer Holiday Club from a wide range of schools across Cardiff. Some of our regular volunteers are unable to help this year, so we are in need of extra hands. At the moment we need some help on Thursday. Please have a chat with Rachel or email Rachelpowell@ararat.org.uk if you're able to help.

Summer Break for Luncheon Club and Midweek Service

Luncheon club and the midweek service are taking a summer break during August, although the Ark will remain open as usual.

Coming up this week...

30th July – Churches Together

Churches Together in Whitchurch, Rhiwbina and Birchgrove meet for prayer on Saturday 30th July 10.15am – 10.45am at Beulah United Reformed Church, Beulah Road, Rhiwbina.

August, summer activities

During August, there will be different activities aimed at children and their families both here at the church and at some local parks. If you're interested in coming along, please sign up here just to give us an idea of numbers:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/ararat-baptist-church-31223331009>

3rd August – Sing a-long

On Wednesday at 2.30 – 3.30pm we'll be holding a Sing a-long with tea, coffee and cake in the Ark Café. We'll be singing some of the golden oldies! £3.00 per person.

18th August, Women with Spirit

Come and join us on Thursday 18th August for crazy golf on Barry Island. Meeting outside Marcos café on the seafront at 12:30pm. For more information contact Marianne (mshepherd230@gmail.com)

Poets Corner

Ararat's community of poets have published their own compendium of poetry. A Poetry Miscellany is available from the Ark.

**Be Blessed and be a Blessing,
Rachel, Gethin, Deb, Sam & Aly
The Staff team**