

**GREENFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, LLANELLI**  
**NEWSLETTER. SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2017**

*Slappy*  
**Father's**  
*Day*

The righteous  
man walks in  
his integrity;  
**His children  
are blessed  
after him.**

PROVERBS 20:7

11am Family Worship.  
Announcements  
Call to Worship.  
187 'God is love'  
Junior church time –  
133 'Father I place into you hands'  
The offering.  
Reading: Luke 11: 1 – 13  
Romans 8: 12 – 17  
Prayers – The Lord's prayer (said)  
766 'Who can sound the depths'  
Sermon: Luke 11: 1 – 4.  
Hymn: 590 'Seek ye first'  
Communion Hymn:  
130 'Father God the Lord Creator'  
The Blessing.  
6pm Evening Worship.  
Announcements.  
Call to Worship (choir)  
560 'Praise my soul'  
Reading: Psalm 84: 1 – 12.  
Luke 15: 25 – 31  
132 'Father, hear the prayer we offer'  
Prayers – The Lord's prayer.  
760 'When we walk with the Lord'  
Sermon: Luke 15: 31 – 32.  
449 'Love divine'  
The Blessing.

TODAY

11am Family Worship with Junior  
church and crèche.  
with Communion  
6pm Evening Worship  
Rev David Jones

TUESDAY

10.30am Morning Worship  
followed by coffee.  
2.30pm Service of thanksgiving  
for the life of Ryan Bowen.  
7.30pm Bible study and prayer.  
Dr. Doreen Hartland

WEDNESDAY

2.30p, 'Open Door'

THURSDAY

6.30pm Choir practice.

FRIDAY

6pm Junior Youth.

NEXT SUNDAY

11am. Family Worship with Junior  
church and creche.  
6pm Evening Worship  
Rev David Jones.

**WELCOME**  
**Happy Father's Day**

**Welcome to Greenfield**..... If you are visiting us, please be assured of a special welcome. All children and young people are more than welcome to 'Junior' church - the children leave the main service following the second hymn. As a church, we adhere to the Baptist Union Child protection scheme 'Safe to grow' Hymns and Scripture readings are projected on the screens and the chapel has a loop system for the hard of hearing. Large print Newsletters and hymn books are also available.

**PASTORAL CARE.** Joan Jarvis continues to be at Prince Philip Hospital. Joan has been in hospital for some time and we send to her our love and best wishes.

***Our warmest congratulations*** to Bryan and Christine Nicholas 2 Browen, Cefncaeae who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday of this week. They were married at Greenfield on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1967 by the late Rev Tom Michael. Christine has given lifelong service to the church and now leads our 'Open Door' fellowship on Wednesday afternoons. *Our love and best wishes to Christine and Bryan on this special anniversary.*

### **IN SYMPATHY**

We remember in our thoughts and prayers two families who have suffered the loss of two young men. Daniel Davies from Caswell Street who was 28 years of age. Our sympathy to his parents *Marie and Leighton and Dan's younger brother Ben* at this sad time. Daniel's funeral will be held at the Llanelli Crematorium on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon.

We also remember *Andrew and Samantha Bowen* in the loss of their son Ryan. Ryan was just 18 and the younger brother of Luke and Curtis. There will be a service of thanksgiving for Ryan's life at Greenfield next Tuesday at 2.45pm.

*Our Minister will be officiating at both funerals. Please remember these close and loving families in prayer that they may know the peace of God at this sad time.*

### **THANKS**

- Last Tuesday we were able to present Mrs Marion Vaughan with a donation of £500 towards relief work in Uganda. Marian shared with us the great need for medical and

supportive work which began when their son Geraint travelled to Uganda and saw such need. Marion and Dr, Mark Vaughan have visited Uganda and hope to return in the near future with the help and resources that are much needed.

- The offering taken at the 'Swansea Male voice 'festival of praise' held at Greenfield last Saturday raised £430 which we were able to increase to £500 through the Tuesday offerings. This donation was presented to Huw Jones for the Blythewood trust. Huw shared with us the work of the trust which during the last thirty years has sent over three million Christmas boxes to many parts of Africa.

*Thanks to everyone who supported these very worthy causes.*

- Cheryl and Terry Pike would like to thank David and the church family for their prayers and good wishes on the birth of their granddaughter Cari, a sister for Alys and Owen (Photo next week)

**CHURCH TRIP TO TENBY** Saturday 22 July – Names to Carol.

**STRAWBERRY TEA** – for Home Mission. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Tickets £4 from Janice Davies and Christine John.

Home Mission is our lifeline as Baptist Churches in the UK. Helping to support Ministers for smaller churches and providing chaplaincies for the armed forces and hospitals. Home Mission is Mission to the UK supporting Baptist churches all over the country in mission and special projects in sharing the good news of the Gospel. Many smaller churches also rely on Home mission for Ministry – Please support this Mission which is our Mission.

Thanks for your support of Home Mission.

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Duty Deacon today is Sheenah Angelone

Flowers are kindly given by Bryan and Christin Nicholas in celebration of their Golden wedding Anniversary



### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The devastating fire that engulfed the Grenfell Tower which resulted in such great loss of life and injury has left us all with a great sense of sorrow for those lost, bereaved and injured together with a sense of indignation that such a tragedy could

occur in our day and age. With so many seriously injured, families left bereft and bereaved, and many more unsure what has happened to their loved ones the depths of sorrow and every other emotion from anger and a deep passion for justice is totally understandable. As many now wait for news of those unaccounted for, others seriously injured and traumatised, hundreds who have lost their homes and a smouldering building that stands in its stark blackness as a cruel reminder of such a tragedy it's a hard and heavy burden to bear.

Then again, the enormous bravery and dedication of the support services was exemplary. Within the community itself people of all ages and backgrounds, of all faiths and none came together and in simple acts of care and kindness giving us a glimpse of what community really means. Food, clothing, offerings of hospitality flooded in from near and afar. Royalty, political leaders representing the wider community stood with the hurt and bereft giving the assurance that they were not alone in their deep sorrow.

If such a movement of love and empathy arise within us when we hear of the pain and sorrow of others, how much more is God's heart moved. The Bible recognises the weakness of human experience because we are all subject to the circumstances of in which we find ourselves. As history records, human failings often of titanic proportions sadly do occur. Last year we remembered Aberfan and the tragic loss of life which devastated that community fifty years ago. Long after the TV crews will have left Grenfell the pain will continue and those affected will have to bear the burden of sorrow which will remain. Then begins the long process of coming to terms with such tragedy and that in itself will seem like an unending path for so many. It's at such times we remember the promises of God who is the Good Shepherd of Psalm 23 leading through the valley of the shadow of death to the still waters of peace. Jesus never gave us the assurance that we would be exempt from the losses and tragedies of life, but the certain promise that within such sufferings God would make His peace and presence known. Our prayers and love go out to the people of Grenfell – *May the peace of Christ be theirs.*