

GREENFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, LLANELLI

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NEWSLETTER

23rd April, 2017



Girlguiding UK



11 am Family Worship

Announcements.

Entry of the flag standards

Call to worship.

Hymn: 691 'This is the day'

Renewal of the Promises.

Junior church time - verses

'Jesus love is very wonderful'

'He's got the whole world in his hands'

The Offering.

Reading: Mark 6: 1- 15.

Prayers – The Lord's prayer.

Hymn: 'Let there be peace of earth'

Message: 'Listening, learning and loving'

Hymn: 445 'Lord the light of your love is shining'

The removal of the standards

The Blessing

6pm Service

Announcements.

Call to worship – the church choir.

Hymn: 77 'Christ Triumphant'

Reading: Luke 24: 13 – 35

Hymn: 52 'God sent His Son'

Prayers – The Lord's prayer (sung)

The Offering.

Hymn: 366 'Jesus is King' (track)

Sermon: Luke 24: 33 – 34.

Hymn: 266 'I cannot tell'

The Blessing

Today

11 am Family Worship with

Llanelli Scouts

6 pm Evening Worship

Tuesday

10.30 am Morning Worship

followed by coffee

7.30 pm Prayer and Bible Study

(Life Explored)

Wednesday

2.30 pm 'Open Door'

7 pm Deacons Meeting

Thursday

6.30 pm Choir Practice

Next Sunday

11 am Family Worship

6 pm Evening Worship

Welcome to Greenfield... We warmly welcome any visitors who may be with us today, please be assured of our welcome. 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 and schoolroom have a 'Loop' system for the hard of hearing. Large print Newsletters and hymn books are also available.

SCOUTS AND GUIDES

A warm welcome to all Scouts, Guides, their leaders and families who are joining us here today for their founders day service.

ALAN HANCOCK

Alan passed away on Wednesday tea time this week. Alan was a much loved member of Greenfield and served as a deacon for many years. Our sympathy goes to Joan, Wendy, Tracey and all the family. The funeral will be held at Greenfield on Friday 5th May at 10.45 am followed by a service at Llanelli Crematorium at 12.00 pm.

MARJORIE DAVIES

Following the recent passing of our dear sister Marjorie a service will be held at Greenfield on Thursday 27th April at 2:00 pm followed by a service at Llanelli Crematorium at 3:00 pm.

PASTORAL CARE

Alan Griffiths has been unwell this week and has suffered a stroke. He is in hospital at the moment. He is able to speak and is recovering well. If anyone requires Alan and Megan's address in Hendley-in-Arden then please see Darryl after the service.

Beth Bonnell has been in hospital this week but is now home and making a good recovery.

TUESDAY – LIFE EXPLORED

Begins on Tuesday. Please join with us. Fill in a form (available from the vestibule table) and let us know you are coming or just turn up. Led by our Minister, this seven week course will bring us closer to God and deepen our faith and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome.

THANK YOU

- Sincere thanks to Major Sylvia Watts who led us in worship last Tuesday. We were greatly blessed and thank God for her ministry.
- Sandra & Stephen Davies wish to thank everyone for their gifts, cards and best wishes on their 25 years of marriage.
- To David for what has been such an uplifting Easter. The services have been well attended and we were spiritually blessed throughout.
- Jacqueline Atkinson, Community Officer of CBM, thanks Greenfield Baptist Church for the kind and generous gift of £300 to enable the vital work among the most marginalised people in the developing world. God calls us by name to do his work, and together we're a part of his team enabling disabled people, living in poverty to reach their full potential. You're helping to bring life changing transformations to both individuals, and their whole communities; together we're ensuring they can see God's love in action. I'm delighted to know that you are supporting our work, enabling practical action, providing medical services, health treatment, education, livelihoods and ensuring safety in disaster situations for vulnerable people with disabilities. Thank you for becoming a part of our team at CBM, and if there is anything I can do to help Greenfield Baptist Church, during the year, please contact me. May God bless you in all you do throughout the year.

LOOKING FORWARD

BBC Wales will be recording two 'Celebration' services in the Chapel on Thursday 18th May at 6.30 pm. Please make a note in your calendars. Transmission dates are 11th June and 30th July.

Mission through Music An evening with Paul Jones and Fiona Hendley
Saturday 20th May at 7 pm

Tickets available from Carol or Darryl

Donation tickets £2 with money going to Ty Bryngwyn Hospice

Thought for the Week

The local County Council elections will be held early next month when we will have the opportunity again of voting for those we feel are most suitable to represent us at county council level. The manifesto leaflets have been dropped through our letter boxes and now we have to decide who to vote for. It's often difficult because all those standing have a desire to serve their communities and most if not all are well intentioned in doing the best they can for the good of all and this is something we need to recognize as we make up our minds. It's a major concern then that such a low percentage of the population actually does vote in these elections. One thing that politicians fear, and something which we should all be concerned about is the apathy that surrounds the whole political process here in Wales and indeed the UK as a whole. The Welsh Assembly election last year in Carmarthenshire didn't reach 50 percent and even as low as 29 percent in some areas. The last general election the percentage of voters in the UK was 66 percent while in 1950 that figure was around 85 percent. How different to many emerging democracies in parts of the world where we see people often walking great distances and queuing for several hours and even days to cast their vote. Apathy, it seems can throw a very real spanner into the whole political works.

Jesus came to Nazareth at the beginning of his ministry. He led the reading of the Scripture 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to set free the oppressed and to announce that the time has come when the Lord will save His people'. There has never been a greater and more dynamic manifesto. No one can force us to vote, and it's a sure thing that God does not force us to believe. Rather God invites us to find in Jesus the love and inspiration that we too can share with others. It is in believing that we move from darkness to light and from apathy to rejoicing, citizens not only of this land but of the Kingdom of God where justice and peace inspires us to live together in tolerance, harmony and love.

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Flowers are kindly given by Jeanette Soale