

GREENFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, LLANELLI

NEWSLETTER. SUNDAY 6th AUGUST, 2017

159 years of Christian Worship and Witness in Llanelli.



11am Family Worship.

Announcements.

Call to Worship.

Hymn: 870 'Jesus is the Name'

Junior church time.

305 'I will build my church'

The Offering.

Reading: Ephesians 2: 1 – 22.

Prayers.

151 'For I'm building a people of power' 454 'Majesty'

Sermon: Ephesians 2: 19 – 21

769 'Who is on the Lord's side'

The Blessing.

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EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements.

Call to worship – the church choir.

Hymn: 708 'To God be the glory'

Reading: John 13: 1 – 17.

Galatians 5: 22 - 26

200 'Great is Thy faithfulness'

Prayers – the Lord's prayer (sung)

The Offering.

297 'I stand amazed in the Presence'

Sermon: Galatians 5: 22 - 23

708 'Come Thou fount of every blessing'

Communion hymn: 755 'When I survey'

The Blessing

TODAY

159th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

11am Family worship with Junior church and creche.

6pm Evening Communion Service followed by coffee.

TUESDAY

10.30am Morning Worship

NEXT SUNDAY

11am Family Worship with Junior church and creche.

Guest Preacher

Mr Steve Tucker.

6pm Evening Worship

Rev David Jones.

(All other services and meetings are in summer recess)

Welcome to Greenfield..... *If you are visiting 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.*

FAMILY NEWS

Mandy Howells has been admitted to Glangwili Hospital. Our love and good wishes to Mandy for a speedy recovery.



Our warmest congratulations to *David and Joan Lewis* who celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary next Wednesday 9th August. Joan and David live in Gowerton and faithfully attend our Sunday evening services. *We wish then God's richest blessing on this special Anniversary.*

REV MAURICE LOADER

Rev Maurice Loader died last week following a long illness. Mr Loader was a faithful Minister of the Gospel for over 60 years and retired from Ministry in 1994 following 19 years as Minister of Capel Als where he was much loved and respected. Mr Loader began his Ministry in Brynaman and also ministered at Bethesda Llangennech before taking up a lecturing appointment at the Coleg Cofa Theological College in Swansea. He was supportive of all the churches in Llanelli and will be remembered fondly by us all. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Mair Loader, Aled and Meinir in their sad loss.

'Well done good and faithful servant'

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS – Available for prayer requests during the month of August when our prayer meeting is in recess. Please place any requests in the box on the vestibule table and we will offer these prayers on Tuesday morning and Sunday evenings.

CD RECORDINGS

Next Tuesday is the last day for ordering CD copies of the two BBC Celebration services. If you would like a CD than please enter you name on

the clip board in the vestibule with the number you would like. These are free of charge.

THANKS The Communion offering on 23rd July for Leukaemia Research raised £340. – Thank You.

FOOD BANK

Thanks for the regular and generous donations to the Food Bank at Myrtle House. In these summer months with many on holiday the bank is experiencing shortages and have made an appeal for some extra help. If we could bear this in mind in these next few weeks and give some extra help it would be very much appreciated. – Thank You.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY 13th AUGUST

11am Mr Steve Tucker. 6pm Rev David Jones.

SUNDAY 20th AUGUST

11am (Communion). 6pm Evening Worship.

Rev David Jones

SUNDAY 27th AUGUST.

11am & 6pm Guest Minister

Rev Mark Lewis. Blackwood Baptist Church .

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

11am & 6pm (Communion) Rev David Jones.

SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

11am & 6pm Rev David Jones.

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

11am (Communion). 6pm Rev David Jones.

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER (Harvest thanksgiving)

11am 'All age' Family worship.

6pm Harvest Praise with Christopher Davies and his band,

Rev David Jones.

(Please ensure we give our presence and support to all our visiting Ministers)

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Duty Deacon this month is Darryl Benjamin

Flowers are kindly given by Mr and Mrs Denis and Lois Jenkins

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

My home church at Bethel Llanelli marked the first Sunday of August as a day of prayer and thanksgiving. There would be an early morning prayer meeting at 7am and the later morning service would be the same. I recall the passion of the prayers offered in thanks for the freedom of worship and the sacrifice of those who had suffered for their principles of religious freedom. Those memories remain but for me at that time the significance of first Sunday of August was still a mystery.

It's quite a remarkable story! - centring around Queen Anne who became the monarch of England, Scotland and Ireland on 8 March 1702. On 1 May 1707, under the Acts of Union, two of her realms, the kingdoms of England and Scotland, united as a single sovereign state, the Kingdom of Great Britain.

It was, however, her death, on 1st August 1714 which was significant in Free Church history. The reason being was that there had been great condemnation of those who were considered by the Anglican Church to be 'dissenters'. The Nonconformists (as they became known later) grouped together all those different Christians such as the Baptists, Congregationalists, and others who would not conform to the liturgy of the Church of England.

Queen Anne was intolerant of all such dissenting groups and a Parliamentary Bill was designed to close Dissenting academies (colleges), to ban from public office those of dissenting faith and therefore to severely restrict non-conformist worship. The 'Schism Bill' as it was known was rushed through Parliament and passed on to the Queen for Royal assent. It was due to be signed on 1st August 1714 which would have made the bill law. However, by some act of providence Queen Ann died suddenly in the early hours of that morning and the bill never received the assent it needed to become the law of the land. It was eventually repealed and this was reason for great relief and rejoicing for all dissenting believers. Isaac Watts in celebration of this penned his much-loved hymn '*O God our help in ages past*' ironically to the tune 'St Anne'!

Perhaps we can take some time today to remember those who still suffer persecution for their faith. To uphold them before God and to pray that all who suffer the evil of harassment and imprisonment for their faith in Jesus will have the freedoms which we today take so much for granted.

Finally, I wonder if it's significant that those dissenting believers from Bethel and Seion who established the church here at Greenfield chose 1st August, 1858, 159 years ago to open the doors of this chapel for the first time? *I'd like to think it was.*

Welcome to Greenfield today

David