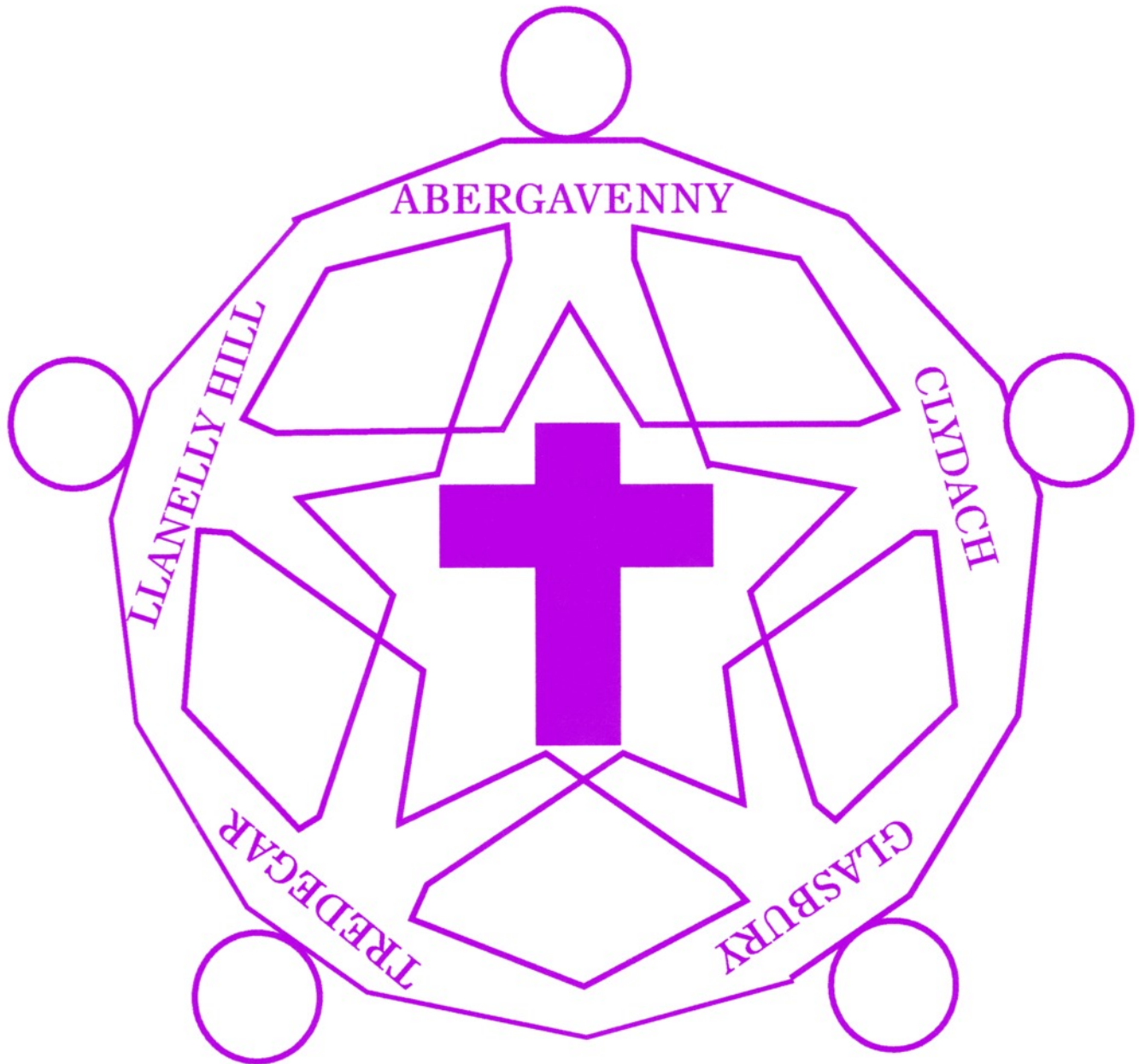
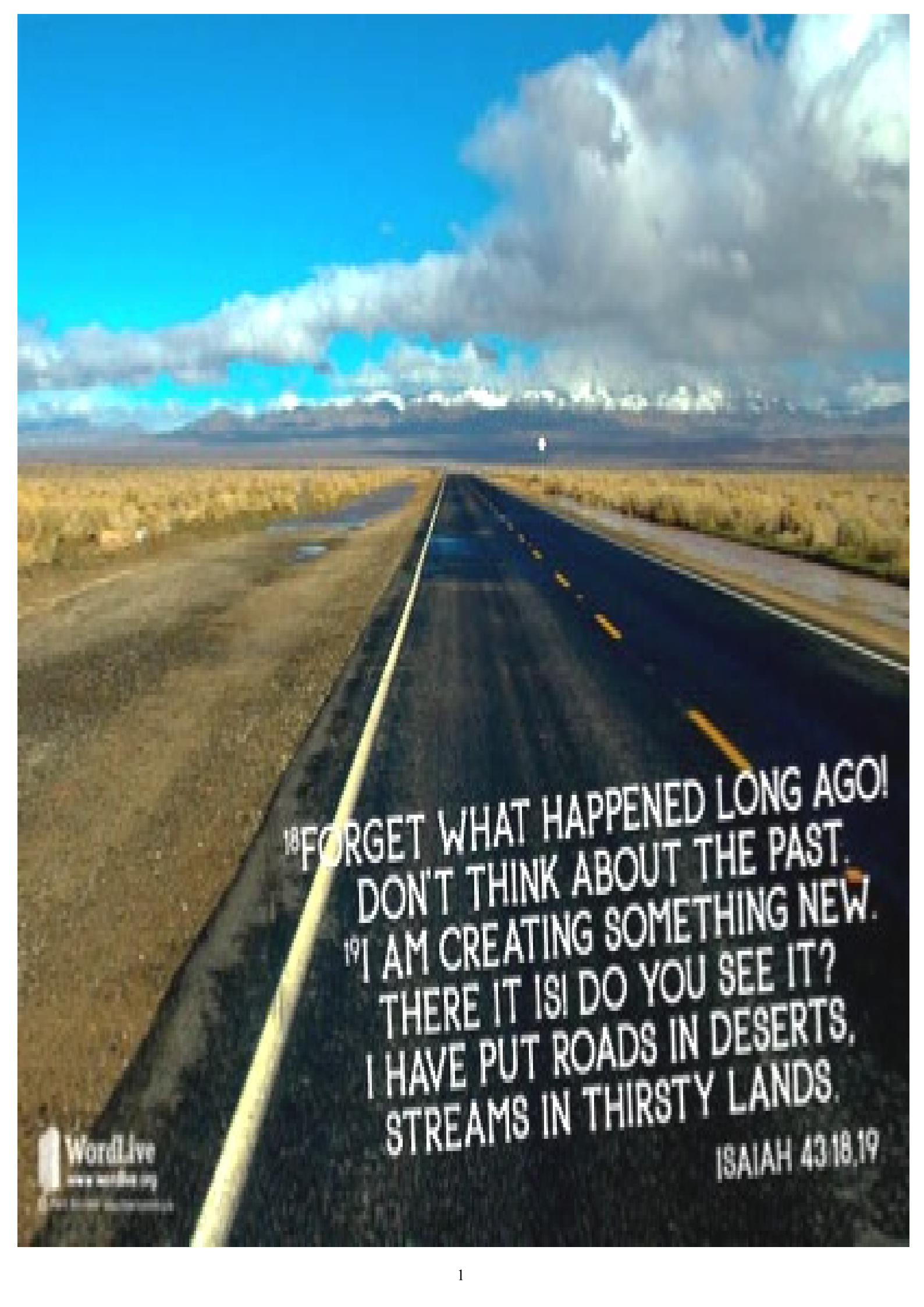


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# LINKS



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<sup>18</sup>FORGET WHAT HAPPENED LONG AGO!  
DON'T THINK ABOUT THE PAST.  
<sup>19</sup>I AM CREATING SOMETHING NEW.  
THERE IT IS! DO YOU SEE IT?  
I HAVE PUT ROADS IN DESERTS,  
STREAMS IN THIRSTY LANDS.

ISAIAH 43:18,19

# Where?

## Where are we going as a Church?

What a question! How big is that? Yet despite the enormity of the question it is one that we must all answer. I find that some people say that the Church has changed too much (modern hymns, different pews, irreverent worship etc.) and others will say that it hasn't changed enough (ancient hymns, too many pews, stuffy worship etc.). People tell me that they won't go to Church until it reverts back to being how it was when they were children and I also find others who tell me that they won't go because it's still the same as it was when they were children! How can we know the way forward with such contrasting views?

So, where do we go from here? Do we become hard line and revert to traditional Methodist ways of doing things (and before anybody shouts "yes" it includes things like weekly attendance at the class meeting as well as Sunday attendance and Bible Study) or do we scrap everything and say "lets do it differently"? I want to say that the answer should be neither for I believe that the biggest mistake that the Christian Church has made over the last 40-50 years has been to jump on the latest band wagon trundling into town. I think this has caused uncertainty, loss of confidence, and a general lack of direction.

I say that the answer should be neither simply because Churches (i.e. all its people) should be listening more to what God wants than what the community around us demands, more than the loudest voices within any particular congregation. As I look around I see growth in the areas in prayer, the week of prayer was amazing – the presence of God was incredible. Prayer is the key. Prayer of individual Christians on their own in their own homes and also regularly in communal prayer groups. This prayer should also not be a spiritual shopping list asking God to "do things our way" but it should also include a time of listening for what he has to say to us.

I have long been interested in the Welsh Revival of 1904 and over the years as I have studied this I have regularly been returned to the concept of people gathering to ask for God's direction and to pray for revival. 100,000 people were converted in Wales as a result; swearing stopped in many communities; fighting and violence disappeared and even football matches had to be postponed because the supporters were in Church!!

Similarly the Moravian Community of Hernhut (Saxony) began a 24 hour prayer meeting that would continue non-stop for over a hundred years. This was in 1727

and as a result by 1791 that small community had sent out 300 missionaries to other parts of the world. They had committed themselves to pray, in turn, for an hour each day until God sent revival.

I don't recite these stories as anything other than to say that prayer should be at the heart of all that we do, and all that we are. We were created as human beings to have an ongoing relationship with God our Heavenly Father and yet we have subjugated that so often into a once a week gathering to sing hymns that we like. If we want to know where we are going as a Church then we need to begin by seeking God's will and direction. We will flourish only when God leads and we follow.

And so I come back to the original question, "Where are we going as a Church?" and my prayer is simply that it should be "wherever God leads us".

Let's try and pray for God's guidance.

*Rev Andy Williams*



## House Groups

To spend time talking with other Christians, praying together and sharing one another's burdens is immensely important for our spiritual growth. Will you join a house group? You will get a very warm welcome.

Every other Wednesday there are house fellowships run by:-

Margaret and Rhylda

Hilda and Margaret

Hugo and Dollie

Peter and Pat

On a Thursday there is one house group fellowship run by  
Graham and Ken.

Finally, there will be a new course beginning in the next few weeks that will focus on inner healing and dealing with the past, please see Jan Williams or Mary Morgan for further details.

"The closer you get to God the less you understand Him  
but the more you trust Him."

**The Rev Andy and all the family are going to Bible  
Camp – are you coming too?  
You can stay in a Tent, Caravan or Hotel.**

### **A Week to be refreshed**

It is often said we are on a journey and anyone who has travelled with children will be familiar with the question “are we there yet?” At times it can feel like we are travelling slowly for all sorts of reasons however there are a number of things we can do in order to move more quickly towards the destiny that God has for us. Sometimes we need to change gear, put our foot down and as Paul said “press on towards our goal.”

**The good news about Jesus is not just for adults, it is for children and young people too. The programme at camp reflects Good News Crusade’s commitment to make the Good News available to everyone. There is something for everyone, every day.**

#### **SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**

Steve Double, Carl Beech, David Cleave and Jeff Lucas.

Further details – Rev Andy Williams

*<http://www.gnc.org.uk/camp.htm>*

# News from 7Corners January 2011

Well, it's been quite quiet since last time I wrote.

Tyler has been very busy building shelves in the store room and IT suite. Very substantial and should last a very long time! It also means we have been able to tidy up all the bits and pieces and market stall bric-a-brac that have been accumulating in the building. He has also done a grand job of painting the office, which is now looking lovely and clean and bright.

Now all this is done we are hoping to refurbish the chill room, which has become very scruffy following the building of the extension. We intend to replace the carpet and buy a couple of new sofas and chairs. This will make it a more welcoming area not only for our young people but also for the other advice organisations that use our rooms. I'll let you know how this is going next time I write.

And finally, the most exciting news for this year is our plan to put on a performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Midsummer night, possibly in the Castle grounds with the help of the Covenant Players, a local theatre group, and involving as many local youth groups as possible. We have had a preliminary meeting for this and have been promised funding, so if anyone fancies getting involved with this please contact us.

*Judith E.*

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## **Sankey Evening**

**Sunday 20 February 6 p.m.**

**An old fashioned gospel service! With preaching on the "Power of the Blood" and raising the roof with several Sankey hymns.**

**Is there power in the blood?**

**Please come along for this evening service.**

# **The New Team Structures for discussion at Church Council**

## **Evangelism**

Chair: Chris Everitt  
Secretary  
Missions – Home & Overseas  
Alpha  
Rep from service  
Rep from Learning and caring  
  
+anyone with a heart for evangelism

## **Learning and Caring**

Chair: Hilda Turnbull  
Secretary  
Reps from:  
Pastoral  
Housegroup leaders  
Sunday School  
Friendship Group  
Tuesday Club  
Pastoral Support  
Rep from Evangelism  
Pastoral Visitors  
  
+2 to be elected when needed

## **Service**

Chair: Diane Cooke  
Secretary  
JMA  
NCH  
Methodist Homes  
Christian Aid  
Social Responsibility  
Special events organiser

Treasurer  
A Rep from Each Team  
Deputy Property Secretary.  
Deputy Treasurer  
+2 to be elected when needed

## **Worship**

Chair: Peter Millward  
Secretary  
Reps from  
Band  
A Organist  
All Castle Street Local Preachers  
Senior Steward  
Sunday School  
Communion Steward  
Readers Secretary  
Door Steward  
All the ministry Team  
Audio/Visual Person  
Member of evangelism team  
  
+2 to be elected when needed

## **Housegroup Leaders**

Chair: Minister  
All Bible Study and Housegroup  
Leaders/ Pastoral Support  
  
Minister is a member of all Teams.  
  
A Leadership Team person is a member  
of every team.

# **CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH**

## **Church Council Agenda**

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Thursday 17 February 2011 at 7:30 p.m

### **1. Devotions**

### **2. Apologies– letters of greeting –**

- i) Temporary Appointment – John Beaton Church Council Secretary*
- ii) Letter to Brenda Woodier*

### **3. Notification of AOB** (only urgent items will be accepted on the night. Matters relating to Finance/Property will not be discussed as A.O.B.)

### **4. Minute of previous meetings**

### **5. Matters arising not covered on the Agenda**

- i) Churches Together – result of vote*
- ii) Election to Vice Presidency – Rev Andy Williams*
- iii) Close Encounters*

### **6. Leadership**

- i) Report on Leadership Team (Hugo – verbal)*
- ii) Discussion on Structures*
- iii) Appointment of Team Leaders*
- iv) Roles of Chair Secretary of Teams*
- v) Stepping Down by John Marsh*
- vi) Appointment of Deputy Stewards – John Marsh*

### **7. Evangelism**

- i) Bible Fresh – 40 hours to read the Bible*

### **8. Worship**

- i) Prayer Meetings*

- ii) *Door Stewards*
- iii) *Wednesday Service - Gwenllian and Hillary*
- iv) *8 a.m. Communion*
- v) *Prayers for healing*
- vi) *Week of prayer – Report Hilda*
- vii) *Sankey Evening*
- viii) *Easter*
- ix) *Celebration – 21<sup>st</sup> May 7 p.m. ?*
- x) *Baptisms*
- xi) *Preaching Plan dates –*  
*Chapel Anniversary – Ken Morgan 12 June (Family Weekend)*  
*Walk 11 June 10 a.m. – 1p.m.*  
*Buffet night -11 June 7 p.m. (Talent Show)*

## 9. Learning and Caring

- i) *Pastoral – Appointment of new Members – Membership Service*
- ii) *Housegroups – Report and appointment of Hugo and Dollie, Hilda and Margaret*
- iii) *Sunday School – Report*
- iv) *GNC Camp*

## 10. Service

- i) *Finance Report -Jaya*
- ii) *Budgets – Sunday School*
- iii) *Property - Diane*
- iv) *Purchase of Piano*
- v) *Schedules*

## 11. A.O.B.

**12. Date of Next Business Meetings** *(all at 7:30 p.m. )*  
 9 June 2011, 6 October 2011.

- i) *AGM 15 May (after the morning service)*



What did the grape say when he was squeezed?  
*Nothing, ... he just wined!*

## **(Living God's Way)**

### **THE COMMITTED BODY**

Is God calling you to be a member?

**“Put in your diary Sunday the 20 March – Membership Service”**

**Membership Classes – 15 and 22 of February in the Upper Room (at Church) 7:30 p.m.**

When someone mentions "church" what do you think of? The drudgery of attending some place of worship while others are enjoying themselves? Singing dreary hymns? Listening to boring sermons? Be prepared for a whole new perspective. Real church is not like that at all. In the first place it is a commitment – not just "going to church" once a week, but discovering a new and joyful way of living in harmony with other Christians. It will be the most demanding and fulfilling thing you've ever experienced. Those who get the most out of it are those who put the most in! As you explore the real thing, you'll never want to opt out again.

**Read Matthew 16:13-20**

#### **What is the church?**

The church is not a religious club (pay your dues and obey the rules), but a body of committed people who have all found a new togetherness with God and with one another. You can't get in without being "born again." The New Testament speaks of Christ as the head and the church as His body (Col. 1:18) – that is people who share His life and come under His control. Just as the parts of a human body are varied, so are we. We can think of the church in two ways: the universal church and the local church.

1. Jesus said, "I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18), meaning the universal church for whom Christ died (Eph. 5:25). This encompasses all believers, regardless of "label" or race, past or present. It has a unity that is invisible but real. Meet a Christian, even from another race or culture, and immediately there is a oneness.
2. The instruction, "Tell it to the church," found in Matthew 18:17 must refer to a congregation which gathers together, whether it's a city church (1 Cor. 1:2) or a church in a house (Rom. 16:5). It's a visible body of committed people. "Church" in the New Testament is a company of "born again," not simply religious, people. It never refers to a building. Jesus promised that when the church met together He would be there with them (Matt. 18:20).

## **What about denominations?**

Denominations have come through divisions in the history of the church and were not in God's original plan. Jesus only founded one church, "one body" (Eph. 4:4), to which all true Christians belong. Your loyalty is first to Christ and His universal church and then to the local church where He has put you. Open your heart to all believers and pray for them (Eph. 6:18). Don't be put off by "labels." One day all will be united (John 17:20-21).

## **Any place for "loners?"**

What about Christians who don't have a church? Imagine that your hand decided to "go independent" and not receive signals from your head through your arm. If all the other parts did the same, the body would be paralysed and die. "Church" is not meetings or activities, it is people in relationship.

The New Testament doesn't say, "Go to church and so be a good Christian." It says in so many words, "You Christians belong to each other" (see Rom. 12:5), "so get it together" (see Eph. 4:2-3).

## **Giving and receiving**

This is what the church is all about. If you want to receive in a big way you must learn to give in a big way, and we are not simply talking about money. That's what Jesus said (Luke 6:38). Start asking, "What can I put into this?" not "What can I get out of this?" and then you will get far more out than you put in. You may ask, "What will I be expected to give?" We'll be answering that in greater detail in the following studies in this section. But first and most important, you must give yourself (2 Cor. 8:5).

## **Wholehearted commitment**

"The team won because of their total commitment," says a sports commentator. This is what Jesus expects of His disciples (Luke 14:33) Didn't He give Himself totally for us (Gal. 2:20b)? Imagine a wife saying to her husband, "I am fond of living with you but I don't like living with your body!" Your real attitude to Christ is seen by your attitude to His body, the church. You cannot be wholehearted to the one and half-hearted to the other (Matt. 25:40; 1 John 4:20).

## **Commitment means faithfulness**

That means:

1. Being faithful in meeting with your brothers and sisters to encourage them (Heb. 10:25).
2. Being faithful in sharing your life, your time, your gifts, your money (Heb. 13:16). Fellowship ("two fellows in one ship!") is sharing.

3. Being faithful in submitting to the elders and leaders who are shepherds of the flock (Heb. 13:17).

### **Memorize:**

**Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity (Heb. 6:1).**

### **For reflection**

1. The New Testament tells us that Christ is the head of the church, which is His body (Col. 1:18). Write down what you think this means in practical terms (see also 1 Cor. 12:14-27).
2. You have seen that being part of the church means being wholly committed to your fellow believers. What do you think such a commitment would mean for you?

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## **Do you want to be Baptised? Or reaffirm your baptism?**

***6 p.m. Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of June in the river.***

Speak to Rev Andy Williams for further details .



Although it might appear a simple outward act or just a religious ceremony, baptism is an act of the utmost importance and significance for us. It not only speaks of what has happened to us now that we have come into Christ, but it is also designed to foster faith in us for the future, to live from now on in the full blessing of our salvation. In non-Christian lands, people don't always take a lot of notice when a person of another religion professes to believe in Christ, but when he (or she) follows this by being baptized the opposition breaks out. Everybody understands that baptism is the outward sign that you mean business.

As you read the New Testament epistles you will find that nowhere are believers exhorted to get baptized. It is taken for granted that this happened when they were born again. We don't come across any unbaptized Christians in New Testament churches. If you are not yet baptized, this study will help you to see the importance of obeying this command of Christ. If you are baptized, this will help you to understand more perfectly what has happened and what should result from it. **Read Romans 6:1-11**

## What does it mean?

- 1. I've been initiated.** Baptism is a ceremony of initiation. We are not baptized "into a denomination," but "into Christ" (Rom. 6:3), and thus into His body, the church.
- 2. I've been sealed.** It's like circumcision was to Abraham, "a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith" (Rom. 4:11). It should confirm and strengthen your faith. Let's say there's a letter representing you and an envelope representing Christ. The letter is placed in the envelope, just as in conversion you are placed in Christ. Then the envelope is sealed. That's like water baptism. It makes you feel secure.
- 3. I've been cleansed.** Bathing the body is an essential part of hygiene. Conversion, "the washing of rebirth" (Titus 3:5b), deals with the grime of sin, and baptism reminds you that you are now to live as a cleansed person. Read Ananias' words to Paul at his baptism (Acts 22:16). They show how new birth and baptism belong together. We must not separate them. Once you're born again you qualify for it.
- 4. I confess Christ.** New birth may be in the seclusion of your own room, but you can't have a "private baptism." In the New Testament it was in rivers and city pools. It's no "hush-hush" affair. It's like an enlisted soldier putting on the uniform (Gal. 3:27).
- 5. I am united with Christ** in His death and resurrection, as in our reading (Rom. 6:1-11). Think of the pool as the grave and your body as the corpse. What do you do with the corpse? Bury it. What do you do with your old life, with its sinful ways, now that you are a Christian? Bury it in the act of baptism. Christ rose again. Going under is followed by coming up. That's reassuring! United with Christ you rise to "live a new life" (Rom. 6:4). Believe for the symbolic act to be a reality in your life.

## Conclusion

Baptism is not an "optional extra" to salvation.

***Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life (Rom. 6:3-4).***

# Violence and incredible church growth in Nigeria

It is not all bad news from this huge West African country

By Helen Bako

**JOS, NIGERIA (ANS)** -- There were rumours in Nigeria that the Christmas Eve bombings in Jos and Maiduguri, could have been a "dress rehearsal" for a more devastating attack on New Year's Eve or more likely New Year's Day.

Sure enough, on December 31, 2010, another bomb went off at the Mammy Market in the Sani Abacha army barracks, named after Nigeria's late military dictator, officially renamed the Mogadishu Cantonment, although the barracks is still known to many by its old name.

The blast occurred very close to Nyanya where a local pastor and his church members



**Pastor's house burned by Fulani militant in Jos Nigeria 2010**

observed what they called the strange movements in the mosque. Initial report indicated that 30 people were killed in this bomb blast; however the BBC later reported that 11 people died in the blast.

On December 30, 2010, this minister, known as Pastor Okoro, called some news agencies to complain that his church members had complained of strange happenings at a mosque in Nyanya Abuja. While he went out to verify what his members had said, he discovered that some people were in a mosque in area C of Nyanya at about 3.00 am.

Similarly, a pastor at Holy Ghost Assembly, Kuje, called a relative living in Karu at about 11 pm on Tuesday to also complain of "strange movement" around his area, alleging that he saw some young Muslim fundamentalists in the area looking for large empty and then purchase several gallons of gasoline to put in them.

In other news, some churches in Jos decided to protect themselves against further attacks by Islamic militants, after the militant group, Boko Haram, had claimed responsibilities for the Christmas Eve attacks in Jos and Maiduguri. Boko Haram not only took responsibility for the attacks, but vowed to continue carrying more attacks on Christians and non-Muslims alike.

On Sunday, January 2, 2011, worshippers at the Church of Immaculate Conception (CIC), in Jos, Plateau State, were, on Sunday, made to go through security checks at the gate before entering the church. The security team conducted the checks as worshippers arrived at the church premises.

Even though the Islamic militant group Boko Haram has taken responsibility for the Christmas Eve bombing that killed many Nigerian Christians, many people, including the Nigerian government, are sceptical about their claim. This type of asceticism and mind set has resulted in the loss of thousands of lives in Nigeria.

In fact, many Christians in northern Nigeria feel that the threat to the church in Nigeria is not taken seriously by the Nigerian government and much of the world.

Many are reporting that Nigerian security officers were warned that the Islamic militant group was planning to attack Christians several days before the Christmas Eve bomb blast. Once again it appeared that the government did not take the warning seriously.

The youth in Jos are feeling frustrated and helpless that the government of Nigeria is not doing much to protect them, and so they took matters in their hands and retaliated against their Moslem brothers.

I recently spoke to Dr. Elijah Ipole, an evangelist living in Jos who is also actively involved with the local youth regarding this matter. He assured me that many pastors and Christian leaders in Jos have had numerous meetings and are working so hard to “calm them down”.

I encouraged Dr. Ipole to please reach out to the pastors and encourage them to make every effort to see that the local youth are encouraged and reminded that the Scripture teaches that we are not to take revenge for any wrong done toward us. The scripture teaches that vengeance belongs to the Lord. Instead, we are to show mercy to our enemies. The Lord Jesus set as an example and as His followers we must, it is not an option follow in His footsteps. That is to pray for our enemies and to ask God to help us to love them. I assured Dr. Ipole that there are Christians around the world praying for their fellow brothers and sisters in Nigeria. Dr. Ipole said he is personally encouraged to hear that other believers around the world are praying for the church in Nigeria.

Did you know that not all Hausas are Muslim? In fact, there are many who are pagans! They are called the “Marguzawa” (people who have dodged Islam). The Marguzawa Hausa are the most responsive to the Gospel. Many thousands have come to Christ in recent years

Although the Hausa and Fulani are the largest tribes in the north and are considered to be totally Muslim, there are tens of thousands who have turned to Christ and who are openly worshipping in Christian churches. Most of these have endured

threats and attacks, been rejected by their families, have lost their homes and are in danger of being murdered. Some of them go into hiding after their conversion. In spite of the persecution, many are coming to Christ through dreams and appearances of Jesus Christ. Some are so strong and bold in their faith and are not ashamed or fearful to share their faith. They boldly witness to other Muslims.

One of such groups is known as “Bazata”, and the founder, Yakubu Gidado, is a Fulani who was once a Muslim and accepted Christ in Jos in 1980. In 1991, he became a full-time evangelist who has since dedicated his life to winning Muslims to Christ. He named his ministry “Bazata”, which means “unexpected”. Bazata’s method of evangelism is through the use of drama, films and Gospel music in the traditional Hausa style.

About four million Muslims also watch Mr. Gidado’s 30 minute-long evangelistic weekly TV program in their homes. Although Yakubu realizes that evangelism among the Muslims is risky, he often says, “It is worth the risk.” Bazata is doing a fantastic job by also reaching out beyond the borders of Nigeria.

Did you know that the Church is growing at a phenomenal rate in Africa? In 1900, there were 10 million Christians and in 2000, there were 360 million. It is estimated that this number will be 630 million by 2025 and missiologists say that 1,000 new churches are planted every week in Africa.

The Church is growing so fast in Africa so that the seminaries on the Continent are not able to train pastors fast enough to meet the demand. ECWA Theological Seminary located in Jos is one of the top leading seminary in Africa and has trained over 2,000 African pastors since its inception. It is rapidly growing and, once again, Satan is not happy about it!

**Please pray for the persecuted church in northern Nigeria and the world at large that they would remain strong in the Lord.**

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## **Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal - Editorial Apology**

**Humble apologies to the kind folk of Mount Zion, Llanelly Hill who donated shoebox gifts at Christmas in response to Samaritan’s Purse appeal. Around 20 boxes of gifts were collected at Llanelly Hill and put together with those of Clydach and Castle Street.**

**Apologies for omitting to mention this in the article on the subject in the December/January issue of LINKS.**

*Ed.*



the  
**POWER**  
and the  
**GLORY**

**Saturday**  
**19 March 2011**  
**9.30am - 5.00pm**  
**St David's Hall**  
**Cardiff**

**In partnership with Christian Vision for Men and CARE**

**It's now just 2 months until this year's Cardiff Men's Convention on March 19th at St David's Hall, Cardiff.**

**It's our 8th year and we are praying this will be our biggest and best yet.**

**We have an important subject to examine – success.**

**Some great speakers in Ian Coffey and Roy Crowne plus special guests, and this year the music lead by Graham Kendrick.**

We are often surprised when we hear that some Christian men in this part of the world don't even know about Cardiff Men's Convention. Those of you who have been before know what a great day it is of inspiration, encouragement, teaching, fellowship and 'rubber meets the road' practical challenge to live as men for Christ.

So please help us spread the word. The easiest way is to direct people to our website: **[www.cardiffmensconvention.org.uk](http://www.cardiffmensconvention.org.uk)** As well as details of the 'The Power and the Glory: Cardiff Men's Convention 2011' we have articles about current men's ministry and if you sign up for my CMC you can download some of the excellent messages from previous years. In addition, we are now tweeting on twitter and have a Facebook page. You can access both via the website, so visit us today and please help us spread the news

*The Cardiff Men's Convention Steering Group*

**Bookings: [www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk](http://www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk) or phone: 02920878444**

# A Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Thank You Lord, For Your Blessings On Me

*Written by: 'The Easter Brothers'*

The world looks upon me, as I struggle along  
They say I have nothing, but they are so wrong  
In my heart I'm rejoicing, how I wish they could see  
Thank you Lord, for your blessings on me.

Now I know I'm not wealthy, and my clothes , they're not new  
I don't have much money, but Lord I have you  
And to me that's all that matters, though the world may not see  
Thank you Lord, for your blessings on me.

There's a roof up above me  
I've a good place to sleep  
There's food on my table  
And shoes on my feet  
You gave me your love Lord  
And a fine family

Thank you Lord, for your blessings on me.

# WORD SEARCH - Psalms 103 : 8 - 13



(Psalms 103:8-13 NRSV) The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (9) He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. (10) He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. (11) For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; (12) as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. (13) As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

## Word List

TRANSGRESSIONS INIQUITIES COMPASSION STEADFAST  
ACCORDING ABOUNDING MERCIFUL GRACIOUS CHILDREN  
REMOVES HEAVENS FOREVER TOWARD PSALMS FATHER  
ALWAYS ACCUSE THOSE REPAY GREAT EARTH ANGER  
ABOVE WITH WILL WEST SLOW SINS NRSV LOVE  
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