

The Week's Activities

- Monday 10th**
7.00pm Pop in and Pray
7.30pm Craft Corner
7.30pm Limitless
- Tuesday 11th**
2-4pm Renew Wellbeing
@ The Stream
- Wednesday 12th**
9.30am Tiny Tots
2.30pm Women On Wednesdays
7.30pm Blackpill Housegroup
- Thursday 13th**
11.00am Central Bible Study
5.00pm Rainbows
6.00pm Brownies
8.00pm Music Group Practice

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Street Pastors Swansea

We are holding a Commissioning Service & AGM, at Waterfront Church SA1 8QY, on Tuesday 18 March 2025 at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited to join us, as we celebrate what God has done among us and through our work. As well as commissioning 6 new Street Pastors, including two of our very own, we will be giving you the low down of what we've been up to. No previous knowledge needed, just turn up. Oh! Please share this event widely through your networks.

Financial Giving

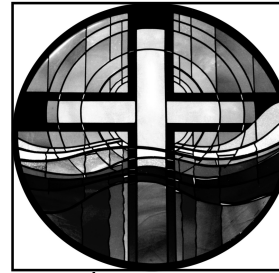
If you would like to contribute financially to the church, we now have an option for you to do so by scanning the QR code opposite.

Next Sunday 16th March

**9.15am
Matt Carter**
*Questions Jesus asked:
"Who do you say I am?"
Mark 8: 27-30*

**11am
Matt Carter**
*Questions Jesus asked:
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Mark 8: 27-30
Communion*

**6pm
Bread**



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Weekly News Sheet ***9th March 2025***

9.15am Service - Matt Carter
*Questions Jesus asked - "Who touched me?"
Luke 8: 42-48
Communion*

11am Service - Matt Carter
*Questions Jesus asked - "Who touched me?"
Luke 8: 42-48*

11am - Sunday Club

*Tea & Coffee is available in the hall after the
11am service*

***"Jesus in the Church,
Jesus for the Community"***

Please send all comments / input / details **by Monday evening** by e-mail to: office@pantygwydr.org.uk Alternatively you may leave details of your insertion in a box located in the church foyer. **Notices must be received by the Sunday BEFORE the week you want the notice to go in.**

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to Pantygydr Baptist Church.

Anyone who has been around church long enough, will surely know, that when the preacher asks a question, the answer is usually Jesus. Of course it is! We think of Jesus being the answer and we turn to his teachings and sayings to give us answers to questions we have, but how often do we stop to hear His questions?

Jesus was full of questions. As a boy, in Luke chapter 2, we find him sitting among the teachers in the temple asking them questions. *'And all who heard him were amazed'*. In fact, if you were to scan through the gospels, you will find 307 questions Jesus asked. You will also find, that he was asked 183 questions and perhaps, most annoyingly, He only answered three of them directly. More often, Jesus would answer a question with a question. Then on one occasion, He even admitted to not knowing the answer to the question posed Him. *"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."* Mark 13:32

Jesus asked questions that could easily be answered (Matthew 5:13) and questions with no obvious answer (Luke 18:19). He answered questions with questions of his own, either to drive home a point (Luke 7:42), to expose duplicity (Mark 12:14-15), or to get people thinking.

It can be tempting for us to give answers, sometimes even to questions that no one is asking. We can remain deaf to what's actually going on around us. That was not the way Jesus did things; He was radically different. In inviting those around him to live in God's kingdom, Jesus was acutely aware of what's going on around Him, and He asked His questions accordingly. Jesus used questions to confer dignity on people, initiate conversation, and lead people to a deeper knowledge; of God, the world, others, and self. In doing so, He opens up the possibility of a new world, for those with eyes to see!

God Bless

Matt

For your information...

Prayer Meeting...

... for services on Sunday, meet at 10.40am in the Coffee Lounge before the service, open to all.

Pastoral Care

As a Church, it is our desire that everyone is cared for pastorally. If you or your family want a visit or support at any time, or if you know of anyone who would appreciate this, please contact Morag Eddyshaw.

Renew Wellbeing Café

Our "Renew@The Stream" community space, is open on Tuesdays from 2-4pm. All welcome, to take time out of the busy week.

Points for Prayer



Please pray for:

- ✓ Erica Fothergill, following a stroke.
- ✓ Jean Davies, Esme Kilner, and Lionel Winsor, who all now reside in care homes.
- ✓ Those from our fellowship, who are struggling with health issues and other difficulties at this time.
- ✓ Phil Hill, who is recovering from a stay in hospital, and the church at Burry Green whom he Pastors, that God would be their strength at this difficult time.
- ✓ The work of Rev. Thankachan in India.
- ✓ Ben Francis, our BMS partner missionary, and his team in India request prayer, as they seek to achieve goals this year of sharing the good news of Jesus with another 500 000 people and creating another 5000 church leaders.
- ✓ Continue to uphold the situation in Israel and Gaza. Pray, for a lasting peace. Pray, for the many mission organisations working in the area, as they seek to support those who are displaced and have lost loved ones because of the conflict.
- ✓ Continue to uphold in prayer, organisations such as CEP, working to support those in Ukraine who have been affected by the war there.
- ✓ Tearfund asks for prayer, for communities living in poverty who will be directly impacted by cuts in overseas aid budgets. Give thanks to God, for female leaders among BMS' partners, who willingly volunteer to serve within rigid cultural systems.

Suzanne Edwards is our Prayer Chain co-ordinator. If you have an urgent issue that you'd like her to pass around the prayer chain, or to join the chain and receive messages by e-mail, text or phone, please contact her directly. There is also a book in reception, for requests and answers to prayer, to encourage us.

Church Gift Day

Our Gift Day fund will be held open until Sunday 30th March. The gift day is for:

- a. General use-The mission of the church including preaching and youth work. (this is our preferred option)
- b. Building renovation, including preparing for extensive restoration of the roof.

We would ask, however you make a gift, that it is clearly marked with a "G" for general use or "R" for building and roof works. Thank you, in advance, for your gifts, which will be greatly appreciated.

Church Spring Clean

Thank you to those who helped out with the Church Spring Clean yesterday - it was greatly appreciated.

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