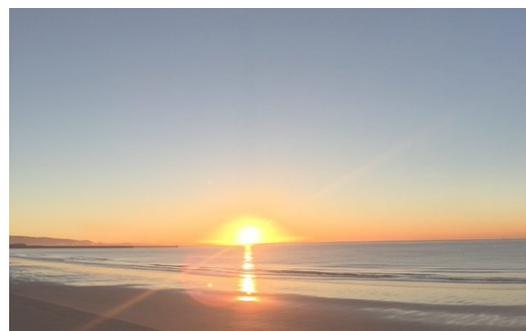


A new chapter



At the start of a new year, a new decade we are also starting a new chapter in the life of Pantygydr. No one person will write all of it and none of us know how or where it will end. Perhaps all we can do is set the scene or the direction.

We all have a history. When we tell our story and include how God has become part of our life-story we call that a testimony. As a church, Pantygydr has a testimony of how God has been glorified in and through the lives of the congregation here, and it is a good story.

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at the way ahead and the new chapter in the story of Pantygydr.

Read Luke 12:35-48

The passage is part of some pretty tough teaching that Jesus gives and by verse 41 even Peter isn't too sure who Jesus is aiming at.

1. What stands out to you from what Jesus said?
2. Which bits did you find difficult or challenging? Why?
3. What have we been given, and what have we been entrusted with that v.48 might refer to? (verse 32 will help you with the first part)

In the sermon we went with a very simple definition. "The _____ of _____ is the place where God reigns."

- Where might this be true?
- How can we make it true?
- What are the things you need to do to make it true for your life?
- How can you tell it is true?

Slightly harder, what have we been entrusted with? (Romans 1:16 will help you here)

- What are we to do with it?

In deeper

Before I spring it on you I will announce it, to misquote Isaiah 43:19. This is a diagram of the way forward as I see it. Today we looked at the first step, the Mission.

• Mission → • Vision → • Model → • Programme

Our **Mission** will not change. It will always be doing the thing that Jesus told his followers to do and that was to make disciples (Matthew 28:19). The study we have looked at today reinforces how important it is not to let our mission change.

The next step will occasionally be adjusted, it is our **Vision**. Our vision is how we see ourselves accomplishing the mission. Our vision answers the question, how will we know we have achieved what have we set out to do? When we see our vision being fulfilled.

The **Model** is more flexible again. This changes with time, culture and society. It is reason we don't chant our services in Latin anymore. The model is always adapted to communicate in the most effective and relevant way possible. It is possible to have more than one model, but not too many.

Finally, our **Programme** will change frequently, to keep things fresh, effective and appropriate. The programme is designed to meet the specific needs of a target audience.