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Christ Church



Merthyr Tydfil

Sunday 28th of April 2024
11am Communion Service
Fifth Sunday of Easter



At a glance:

Readings :

Acts 8. 26-40

1 John 4. 7-21

John 15. 1-8

*(Readings in **RED** may be used. Please check with who is Preaching)*

Worship	David Blandford
Leading	Marc Walford
Preaching	John Fenton
Reading	Mary Hopkins
Intercessions	Marian Evans
Communion helper	John Parkin
Personal Prayer	Angie Parkin Eileen Williams
A.V. Desk	Steve Booth
Welcoming	Albert Howells
Tea & Coffee	Brenda Abraham

This week

Monday:

11.00am until 2.00pm

Where we are going as
a Ministry Area
(SEE PAGE 4)

Tuesday:

10.00am until 11.00am

Prayer group
(In the church hall)

11.00am until 12.00pm

Tea, coffee and fellowship
(In the church hall)

Wednesday:

6.00 pm Rainbows, Brownies
and Guides

(In the church hall)

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Please send any items, notices or info for this news sheet to Steve Booth at the above Email no later than Thursday evening for the following Sunday.

Prayer

Personal Prayer

Every Sunday morning during the service you can have prayer in one of the church transepts.

**Cadet officer Paul Sass
of the Salvation Army.**

Paul is still not very well. Please continue to pray for him.

**Albert and Ann
Howells**

Albert and Ann are on the mend and thank you for your prayers. Please continue remember them both in your prayers

Ceirion Rees

Ceirion is out of hospital and on the mend. Please continue to lift him up in prayer for a complete recovery.

**Lynne Green's
sister in law Gill**

Gill has had a lot of trouble with her eyes over the last 6 months. Please remember her in your prayers.

*We come before You today Father, as Your children, longing to hear Your voice and ask for Your healing grace to be poured out upon us. There's so much we don't understand, but we know that with one touch, one word, You can make us whole. Please forgive us our sins, cleanse us of our unrighteousness, and begin Your healing in us from the inside out. **Amen***

He will do it again!

'Jacob set up a stone...in that place where God had talked to him.'

Genesis 35:14 NCV

There are events in all our lives that, looking back, had to be God at work. One author puts it like this: 'Maybe you bumped into somebody who introduced you to your spouse...or a co-worker resigned and suddenly you were promoted...or a stranger said something that spoke to your heart. These are all signs of God's favour, and when you're tempted to get down, you need to remember how God opened the door for you...how he made a way...how he spared your life...how he healed your child. There is no such thing as coincidence...when something good happens, recognise that it's God, and recall it often.'

In the Old Testament, *'Jacob set up a stone...where God had talked to him'* (Genesis 35:14 NCV). Have we established any stones to God?

A great way to build our faith is to remember all the times God made a way when every door was locked and barred against us...days when we were lonely and God brought the right person into our life...nights when we felt so much fear that we dreaded the morning coming. Then suddenly, out of nowhere, God turned things around...gave us the oil of joy for mourninglifted us out of the pit...gave us a new beginning...and today we're happy, healthy and whole. And best of all: if he did it before, he will do it again!

So *what now?* Jesus is the same today as he was yesterday. When you take time to remember his goodness and faithfulness, you are declaring to Jesus that you believe he'll be faithful again.

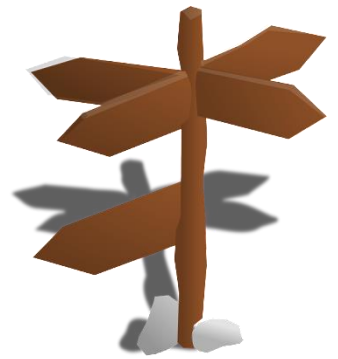
What could God accomplish through you if you let go of the "right way" and focused on "His way"?



Ministry Area

Update on - Where We Are Going?

Rev'd Marc-Ashton Walford



By now I have made my way around most of the churches in this Ministry Area, sharing with you some of the problems we face, but also the exciting opportunities those problems give us as we move forward.

As part of the process of discerning God's will for our Ministry Area, where we are looking to be reshaped into something new, sustainable, growth-enabling, life-giving, and God-forged, we will be holding our first round of workshops over the next month. This will be an opportunity for us to take time out of our busy schedules to listen, share, and imagine together. We would urge everyone in our churches to make the effort to come to one of these sessions. We will hold the same session on three occasions at different times and in different locations, to try and give everyone the best opportunity to make it. So, you only need to come to one, as the other two will be repeats of the same thing, but please do make the effort to come to one. Remember decisions are made by those who show up, and we need each of you to help us discern God's will for our churches together!

So please save the date that works best for you, and signup at the back of the church.

Monday 29th April 11am - 2pm

(Soup lunch part way through)

Location TBC





Christ Church Safeguarding Representative

Brenda Abraham – Tel.: 07769 045411

Forthcoming Safeguarding Training Opportunities

Every church member is encouraged to complete **Module A** and will have an opportunity to participate in person, locally, later this year.

Roger Morgan will be leading the training session and will let us know the exact date, time and venue when arrangements are complete.

Module B – no training dates arranged locally at the moment.

Module C _ this mandatory for church leaders and MAC members. Individual safety officers, church officers and LCC officers are encouraged to complete the module also. There will be an opportunity for this group to participate in this training later in the year. Roger Morgan the MA Safeguarding officer is currently organising a venue, dates, etc. and will inform us when exact arrangements are agreed. Roger himself will be leading this session

As I've mentioned previously, if you need to ask me about any aspect of Safeguarding, please contact me on the above number at anytime.

Brenda Abraham

*Father God, we pray that the churches in our Ministry Area may be places of welcome, security and compassion. Keep us watchful yet caring, trusting yet ready to question, that all who worship here may do so in safety and in the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen***



Phone: 07427 537437

Email: info@merthycynon.foodbank.org.uk

Website: <https://merthycynon.foodbank.org.uk>

Here's a list of items that they still need.

There's a recent newsletter on the church notice board for more information.

Food

Long life Milk
Tinned fruit
Tinned tomato
Tinned meat
Tinned soup
Instant coffee
Biscuits
Cereals

Toiletries

Shampoo
Toothpaste
Toilet rolls
Deodorants
Shower gel
Bars of soap

Thanks again for your generous donations and commitment to this ministry.

Your continued support is very much appreciated.

If you wish to make a donation of food, please leave it on the table at the back of church or if you would prefer to donate money, please give it to

Mary and Gareth Hopkins.

Next Week's Service Details

Worship Service 5th of May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rogation Sunday

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TBC

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