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Front page photo: President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference, Rev Gill Newton and Deacon Kerry Scarlett, pictured with the Chairs of Wales Synod Cymru, Rev Andrew Charlesworth and Rev Jennie Hurd and the circuit staff team, Rev Louise Gough, Rev Andrew Pearce, Rev Andrew Walker and Rev Howard Long at the Centenary Celebrations at Wesley Brynhyfryd.

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A Letter from the **Superintendent Rev. Howard Long**



Welcome to the Summer edition of Connect, a magazine about the work of the Methodist church here in Swansea and throughout the UK. A big thank you to Louise Davies, our circuit administrator for all her hard work editing and producing the magazine and to all those who have contributed to this edition with interesting stories about the exciting work of God taking place in our churches and communities.

We were delighted to welcome the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference to the Circuit in May. Rev Gill Newton and Deacon Kerry Scarlett visited the Ogof Adullam Project at our Penlan Church and also lead the celebrations at a special Centenary service for our Wesley church in Brynhyfryd.

Things have moved on quite quickly since then and following the recent Methodist Conference in Leeds we have a new President and Vice President, Rev Helen Cameron and Carolyn Godfrey. We hold them in our prayers and wish them well during their term of office.

We have also seen a change of Government following the recent General Election. With all of the issues facing our nation at the moment including the cost of living crisis, immigration and the NHS as well as world events such as the climate crisis and the war in Ukraine to name just two then our new prime minister and his cabinet need our prayers and support.

In 1 Timothy Ch 2 vv 1-4 St Paul writes I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people, for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. God wants us to pray for our leaders even if we disagree with them and didn't vote for them. God wants them to be saved as much as He wants us to be saved. They are also responsible for carrying out God's will to bring peace and goodness into our world. God is going to require that of them because they're in authority. The more power you have in this life to influence people, the more God requires of you.

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. Luke 12:48

A prayer

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen. *United Methodist Book of Worship*

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Brunswick 1st and 3rd Sunday 10.00am Meeting ID 834 1537 4083

Passcode 355450 Telephone 0203 481 5237

Mumbles

See plan for more information Log in details as Mumbles Sundays

Gower Online

See plan for more information Meeting ID 846 691 2796 Passcode181272 Telephone 0203 481 5240

Live Streamed Sunday Services

Uniting Church Sketty 10.30am

Meeting ID 897 0380 5889 Passcode 334226 Telephone 0203 481 5240

Mumbles 10.30am

Meeting ID 865 569 9224 Passcode 430913 Telephone 0203 481 5237

Swansea & Gower Circuit Churches & Service Times



Brunswick Meet at St James' Church Walter Road, Swansea, SA1 4QA 1st & 3rd Sunday (Zoom) 10am 2nd & 4th Sunday (St. James) 3pm 5th Sunday (St. James) 10.30am



Morriston Meet in Community Centre Pentrepoeth School Road, Morriston, Swansea, SA6 6HZ Every Sunday 11am



Penlan (Home of The Ogof Adullum Project) Heol Gwyrosydd, Penlan Swansea, SA5 7BT Services as announced





Clydach Heol-Y-Nant, Clydach, Swansea, SA6 5HB Sundays 3pm In the Church Hall



Mumbles Mumbles Road, Mumbles SA3 4EA Sunday 10.30am Wednesday (Zoom) 12.00pm



Pitton Pitton, Rhossili, Swansea, SA3 1PH Alternate Sundays at 10:00am

Uniting Church Sketty

Dillwyn Road, Sketty, Swansea, SA2 9AH Every Sunday 10.30am Wesley

> Eaton Road, Brynhyfyd, Swansea, SA5 9JL Every Sunday 10.30am Asian Christian Fellowship Every 1st & 3rd Sunday 3pm



Horton Horton Methodist Chapel, Horton, Swansea, SA3 1LB Alternate Sundays at 10:30am



Murton Manselfield Road, Murton, Swansea, SA3 3AR Sundays 10.30am & 5.30pm



Reynoldston Reynoldston, Swansea, SA3 1BR Sunday 10.30am



Easter Around the Circuit

He is Risen

Matthew 28.6

UCS Adventurers Easter Garden

Banner at Wesley made by Nancy

Good Friday Churches together at Mumbles

Easter Cross at Mumbles

Easter Crosses at Uniting Church Sketty

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Horton Chapel held a World Day of Prayer service on March 15th with representatives from Churches and Chapels all over South and North Gower. There were 40 people there altogether and the service had been prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Palestine - the land in which Jesus was born, ministered and died, where the Christian faith began and is rooted.

The worship service, shared stories of three Palestinian Christian women from three generations, which illuminated their experiences and showed their witness to the power of bearing together in love.

Hildegarde Roberts

Sketty - WESLEY CLUB 70 YEARS ON Janet Neilson

In the 1950s, the then minister of Sketty Methodist started a social meeting, which was inter and non-denominational. It was named Wesley Club and was open to women and men. It had drama, tennis and craft groups, darts and snooker. It always ended with short devotions, taken by the minister.

Eventually the numbers dwindled until just a few women met in the (old) kitchen.

But all was not lost and as "a Phoenix rose from the ashes" the numbers grew again. Speakers were invited to talk on a variety of subjects, which continues to this day, as well as many hilarious members evenings. Wesley Club has always included women who do not attend worship at UCS, but together share a special bond of friendship and care.

It has become a tradition to meet for a new year lunch in January. This year thirty women enjoyed each other's company at lunch in Norton House. We were delighted that our minister, Louise, was able to join us for her first Wesley Club lunch.

Clydach - Our 2024 Lent lunch team were missing Marilyn, our usual organiser, but had help from one of our Morriston friends - and we got through a busy session without any mishaps! Thanks to Andrew and Kath of St Mary's Church, Clydach for making soup for us and providing some of the bread. Total raised for Christian Aid over the four weeks was $\pounds 684$. Thinking of Marilyn as she continues her treatment at Singleton. *Pam Cram*





Murton Church Strategy

We have exciting news from Murton of a decision taken to secure the future of the work and mission of the Methodist congregation in Murton. Some of you will know that there has been an ongoing review our use of our two buildings, the Chapel and the Church Hall over the other side of the road, for some years.

After much prayer, discussion and detailed work supported by the Circuit Leadership Team, a decision has been taken by the congregation, Trustees and the wider Methodist Circuit:

To develop and enhance the Church Hall as a focus for our Worship, Mission and Outreach. Redevelopment costs of the Hall to be covered by the sale or (long term) lease of Chapel building, and through grants and fundraising.

The vision behind the Strategy is:

To enable all the Mission, Outreach and Service of Murton Methodist Church to take place in one warm, welcoming, and accessible premises which is refurbished to a high standard and which is efficient to run.

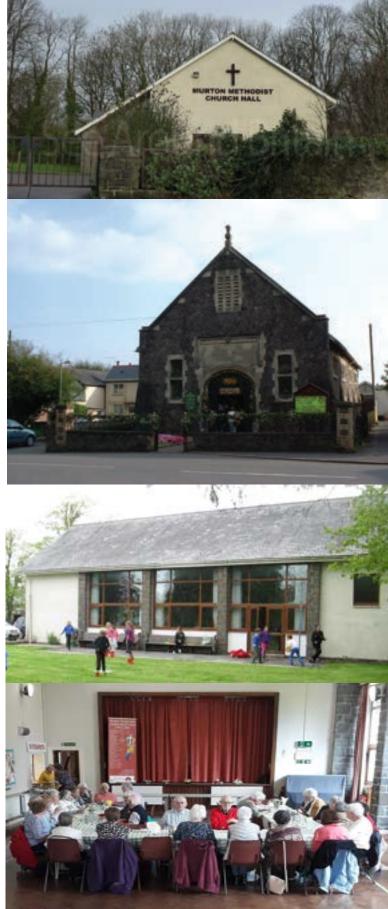
To create a space where Christian resources such as the Alpha Course, Services of Prayer, Study Groups and Young People's Ministry can be offered easily alongside other activities of the Church and Community.

To build a growing community of disciples of Jesus Christ in space that is fit for purpose.

To reduce the burden of maintenance, renewals, time and finance by focusing the Mission of the Church on one premises.

Whilst our detailed plans are still in development, the concept is that the half of the existing hall nearest the car park will be divided off to form a new space for worship. The existing stage area will be incorporated into the remaining hall, to form a new and modernised space for use by our various community groups. These spaces will be fully refurbished, with new audio-visual capability. We will also have a car park, toilets, kitchen, small

meeting room, vestry and store room on the same site.



With these spaces, we plan to strengthen and grow the relationships between the church itself and our own regular and thriving toddler group, youth club, messy church, lunch clubs, bowls club and coffee mornings, and attract new initiatives. We already have extensive engagement and outreach with the community and a renewed and centralised all-purpose building will be more attractive as a community venue and hub.

There is much to do and we are moving move forward in faith and hope.

Some of you will have heard me speak about my support for various projects in Tanzania at the Circuit Service back in October. This involvement over the past 13 years has focused on the Heshima project (<u>www.heshima.org.uk</u>), raising money for a local man to build a school, and supporting children who are being sponsored by people in the UK. Here's a brief update following my visit to Tanzania in November.

Heshima: this community project was established initially as a textile training centre for local Maasai ladies, giving them the skills to make and sell products and earn a small income. Some of the women have gone on to set up their own business. Heshima also hosts a small nursery school and provides a Saturday afternoon club to assist older children with their basic English skills, before proceeding to secondary education. Up to 60 children take advantage of this, and also enjoy the opportunity to play soccer, netball and generally have fun. The latest venture is the building of a carpentry training centre, which will hopefully open later in the year.

Sponsored children: around 40 children are being sponsored to attend schools which offer a better standard of education than government schools. These children are sponsored by individuals and a charity based in Glasgow. Some of the original primary school children are now studying A levels. My friend Sulle keeps an eye on them all throughout the year, informing me of their progress but also any problems that arise, such as their need for new school shoes. On my annual visit, I attempt to visit all of them, either in their school or at home.



Moses School: Since Heshima has a number of regular donors and therefore is more-or-less financially solvent, my major fund-raising activity over the past 13 years has been to enable Moses to build a school which provides good quality education for children in his area. Initially, Moses rented a single room, and as the number of children increased, more rooms were rented whilst the search was on for a suitable piece of land. The school now has 5 classrooms, a hall/library, a staffroom, toilets for children and staff, and piped water (when it flows!). Moses has also opened a small shop on the premises selling school items, but also basic foodstuffs for local people: the only shop within a 4 mile radius! The shop of course brings in a small income for the school. The next stage of the project is to provide solar panels to generate electricity: this at a cost of around $\pounds1000$.

I am very grateful to everyone who has contributed in the past, in the Circuit Service and since: a total of \pounds 1060 has been raised so far since October, which Pam and I promised to match. All of this money has been sent to Moses, which he receives immediately on his mobile phone, avoiding punishing bank charges! The wonders of modern technology!

Of course, further donations will be gratefully received, and I am always happy to come and speak to church groups and others.



Who's in your Pulpit? Rev. Andrew Pearce

What brought you to ministry?

What a question to start with. The complete answer would be long, very involved and (probably) not that interesting. So I'll just consider this latest phase of ministry, within the Methodist Church. What brought me to that? Well, the blame lies with Revds Andy Walker and Howard Long. And God, I suppose.



Who inspires you?

Many people, of course, both living and departed. Given that I'm a bit of an amateur writer myself, it might be no surprise that two of the figures that inspire me most are the mid-20th century Christian fantasy authors CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien. They are leviathans of English literature. If I could write just 10% as well as either of them, I'd be deliriously happy.

What 3 things would you take to a desert island?

First (and most importantly), a photograph of my wife and daughters: to remind me just how much I would need to escape from the island. Secondly, a solar-powered, self-repairable laptop: I would need to write (whilst planning my escape), but my longhand is shockingly bad now. Thirdly, a Willy Wonka everlasting gobstopper. (What do you mean, it hasn't been invented yet? In the words of Veruca Salt: I want it NOW!)

If you had to listen to one hymn forever what would it be?

I could think of other things I'd rather listen to forever, frankly. This is meant to be in heaven, right? Okay, if I must, then it has to be Cwm Rhondda: no, that doesn't make sense, does it, as I would now have trod 'the verge of Jordan' (figuratively), won't I? So why sing about being a 'pilgrim through this barren land' anymore? You see the problem, yes? So pass. Please let me have some Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald instead.

What do you like doing in your spare time?

Writing articles for the Connect magazine. Ha! Well, not specifically: but writing generally, for sure. And reading. And reading about writing. (Amongst other things, I'm currently enjoying Stephen King's memoir 'On Writing': thanks, Susie!)

What is your favourite scripture passage and why?

How long have I got, again? This is harder than the hymn question. Okay, in no particular order, my top three: Job 38 & 39 (Why? Read it, it's magnificent); Mark 16:1-20 (Yes, even including the ending of uncertain and almost certainly unoriginal provenance: I love the fact that the first eight verses contain what is, most probably, the earliest surviving narrative account of Easter Day, and yet it's so terse, and mysterious); and finally Revelation 22:1-5. Who doesn't live the idea of being a king for ever and ever? (So long as I don't have to ask everyone else I meet, for ever and ever: 'Have you come far?' and 'What do you do?') Favourite Psalm, by the way: it's 139.

If you had a time machine when would you travel?

Well, that's easy. Not the future (I'll get there the long way round, thank you very much), but the past: October 23rd, 4004 BC. Just to see if Archbishop Ussher was right (I doubt it enormously: but, you never know). And assuming he's wrong, I'd then 'park' my time machine in the Jurassic: I'd be in dinosaur heaven.

Do you have a favourite time of the church year?

Easter Day. Specifically, Easter Dawn on Cefn Bryn. With the lark ascending.

And finally Verdis or Joes?

Verdi's, for sure. Not so much for the ice cream, but more for the view of the Bay, on a sunny summer's evening (!), pretending I'm looking towards Napoli and Vesuvius, not Swansea and Port Talbot. 'O sole mio!



For the first time Uniting Church Sketty took part in the BIG PLASTIC COUNT. This is organised by Greenpeace, but doesn't take place every year.

This count is for SOFT plastic. What is SOFT plastic? SOFT plastic includes items such as sliced loaf packaging, yogurt pot lids, frozen fruit and vegetable packets etc. It is any kind of plastic which you can squeeze in your hand and when you open your hand it pops out.

Why did UCS decide to do this? It was not because we are an ECO Church, but because two members, one being me, were shamed into realising that we had been putting this type of plastic in our black bin bags when, actually, we can recycle it! We were made aware of this by a 90+ years old member who gives her soft plastic to a friend to be recycled regularly. UCS managed to collect, from 29 households (plus those who were already collecting soft plastic) 14

We urge everyone in the circuit to start collecting SOFT plastic. Most Co-op stores will accept soft plastic, plus Tesco, Sainsburys, and you probably know of other supermarkets too. Please spread the word!

Mr Les Want B.E.M.

In the New Year's Honours List for 2023, His Majesty, the King awarded Mr Leslie Want the British Empire Medal for services to the community of Sketty. I am sure that everyone here today has their own special thoughts of Les. One thing I believe we will all have in common is that they make us smile. For so many of us Les is our "go to" person. Whether that be finance, sound effects for a production, support for the film club, ensuring technical access for the housebound, supporting ECO and messy church, circuit activities, Talking Magasine, assisting and advising outside groups, etc., etc. Les is quick to offer his extensive technical expertise to all. He is never concerned about a persons faith or lack of it. Their culture or circumstance, only their needs. Les has links from 9 to 90. He gives of his many talents unstintingly yet never seeks recognition. Indeed we always hear accolades from others, never from Les himself. He is an excellent ambassador linking with the circuit, community and most recently with Townhill school where he helped children understand that giving of oneself to a charity, is as important as any financial contribution. With Les, adjectives such as caring, inspirational, patience, dedication, tireless enthusiasm, quiet unselfishness spring easily to mind. However, it should also be recognised that Les is someone with high ,moral principles who is never afraid to speak his mind for what he believes in, and, people listen, because he is worth listening to. I could continue to detail all the comments made by those supporters of this nomination and so many others. However I fear that our L.L. would never be able to make the actual Award. So, I will close by saying I know that everyone here feels privileged to know Les and count him as a friend. He is one in a million, and as one of his supporters wrote "You will probably never meet a quieter more humble man. Neither will you meet someone so deserving of this Award."

Citation read by Mrs. Jan Chaplin at the Service Celebrating Mr. Les Wants' Award 30th June 2024



Charity begins at Home Rev. Pam Cram

I remember when I was a teenager and starting to get involved in social action through a project run by my school, my father said in a cynical tone 'Charity Begins at Home'. I can't remember whether I voiced any response, but I think my inner reaction was 'but it shouldn't stop there'!

Our relief and development charity, All We Can, has launched a new campaign under that heading and have a series of interesting videos online, one of which reflects on that slogan



and its implications (much a I did in my own way as a fifteen-year-old!). Over the past few years All We Can has helped us focus on their partners in Malawi, but now they want us to think about their partners in Liberia and specifically the Self-Help Initiative for Sustainable Development (SHIFSD), a link that started in 2021. SHIFSD was started by a group of refugees and promotes adult literacy and entrepreneurship especially amongst the young, refugees, and women. Information and resources should all be on the website by the end of April. In the meantime, you can check out SHIFSD on their own website (shifsd.wordpress.com).

Throughout my Ministry I've tried to help church members see the church as much wider than our own church/Circuit. Especially as we struggle with issues 'at home', it's sometimes difficult to think more widely. However, John Wesley said, 'The World is my Parish', and we are surely called to let our charity extend globally. Of course, there are many 'good causes' to support (not just Methodist ones), and with dwindling funds we may have to be selective. Uniting Churches have an even more complex web of interests and links to consider. I hope UCS will forgive me for looking only at Methodist funds in what follows. As Mission Secretary, I just want to remind everyone of the major funds in Methodism, as well as mentioning another small charity we're being asked to promote.



Of course, we support the World Mission Fund each year through Easter Offering, but historically I know that some churches have contributed to this fund at other times of the year. We had/have members and churches who have given generously year on year to that and the Mission in Britain Fund (collecting box available from Methodist Publishing). The Methodist Church has three main funds: Mission in Britain which mainly supports 'New People New Places' projects, and from which we once had a grant for our project at Penlan; World Mission Fund which currently supports 107 partner churches and groups in over 65 countries in partnership with the Methodist Church in Ireland (see image, which is one of 4 posters available from Methodist Publishing); and the Methodist Church Fund, from which are funded e.g. the Learning Network, the Joint Public Issues Team, and other projects that support our work as Circuits and Districts. Donations to all these funds can be made online, as well as through our local treasurers.

Finally, you may not be aware of the small 'Fund for Human Need'. This is a Methodist linked charity which gives small grants to individuals (up to $\pounds 120$) in emergency situations, especially helping those who are destitute and/or facing an unexpected health or family challenge.

An informative video is at www.fundforhumanneed.org.uk Charity does begin at home but don't let it stay there!

A Hidden Gem John Wesley's New Room by Selina Taylor

Continuing this year's prayer handbook theme of 'hidden treasure', a recent visit to John Wesley's New Room and museum in Bristol really got me thinking. Over the years I'd heard about the New Room - the oldest Methodist building in the world - built in 1748- and which became the 'cradle of Methodism' but I hadn't realised until I looked on the website, that there is an award-winning museum attached which opened in 2017.

The worship area itself was not built just as a chapel. It was built as a multi-purpose meeting room that was used as a school room, a library, a medical dispensary, a food bank (have we progressed at all over years?!) and a clothes bank. There were no windows on the ground floor in order to keep those gathered safe from mobs. Furthermore the preachers' pulpit was accessible only from upstairs in order to keep the preacher safe and enable a quick getaway should the need arise – such was the nature of that that was being preached!

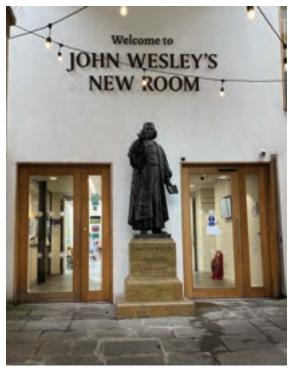
The hub of activity was centred above the chapel meeting room in the domestic rooms that Wesley and his preachers used. These rooms have now been turned into an absolutely amazing museum which is really interactive, informative and inspirational.

Apart from Wesley's own bedroom and study, each room is dedicated to one or moretopics that Wesley spoke up about; education, poverty, care for creation and the slave trade to name but a few. It also gives a potted history of the life of the Wesley's and many of their well-known preachers who changed the course of British and world history. s you progress through the museum there are jigsaw pieces on the wall asking pertinent questions e.g. what would you speak up about? These questions lead sequentially to perhaps the biggest question of all - what is the missing piece of the jigsaw today?

Well, I won't tell you what the answer is in case you want to visit for yourself. If that's not possible, get in touch and I'll gladly tell you the answer. There is also a library and a visitor's centre with gift shop and cafe. All floors apart from the chapel gallery can be accessed by lift or stairs.

I can't recommend a visit enough. It would be a great place for a church/circuit trip. Allow plenty of time if you want to absorb it all. We were there for over two hours and could have stayed longer. One other word of caution if you do decide to make the journey; the signage in Horsefair is very 'in-keeping' and subtle and we had quite a bit of difficulty in finding it with Google Maps. My advice would be to say that it's a few doors down from Burger King, diagonally opposite Greggs. It really is a hidden gem!





Entry to the chapel is free, the museum is \pounds 7 adult, \pounds 6 concession but the ticket is valid for 12 months. www.newroombristol.org.uk

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference's Visit to Swansea

We were honoured to have the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Gill Newton and Deacon Kerry Scarlett visit us on 11th and 12th May.

On Saturday, they visited the Ogof Adullam project in Penlan where more than 80 people attend weekly. They visited the Men's Shed and the Gardening Project and then enjoyed a performance from The Phoenix Choir. They were presented with a gift of wooden lovespoons and welshcakes before enjoying some ice creams on the beach.

On Sunday, they both attended Wesley Methodist Church for the Centenary Celebration at which Revd Gill preached and Deacon Kerry led prayers.





















Wesley chapel in Brynhyfryd was officially opened in 1924 and this month celebrations were held to mark it's 100th anniversary.

The final renovations were completed on the chapel earlier this year so members of the church threw open their brand new doors and welcomed members of the community in for a coffee morning and a display of 'Then and Now' photos from their archives. My personal favourite was a preaching plan from Winter 1962/63 with 21 churches in Swansea and Gower listed!

Wesley were then visited by the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference as part of their visit to Wales and a Centenary Celebration and Dedication of Renewed premises was held on 12th May 2024. Again a highlight being Rev. Gill Newton's sermon and the wonderful singing from The Asian Christian Fellowship lead by the Revd Irfan John.

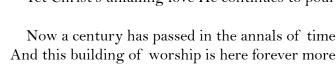
Many congratulations on your 100th Anniversary and thank you for your ministry in your community, may the new doors be always open.

Louise

Pictures : Members of the congregation off on a Whitsun outing early 1960s Voluntary Workers on the church site; A cross at the centenary

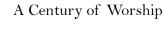


Photos: Janet Neilson, Facebook



Now a century has passed in the annals of time And this building of worship is here forever more Ever thankful of God's love and still in its prime Worshipping the Blessed Trinity since 1924

David Wood - Member at Wesley Church



How many feet crossed this threshold How many souls have been repaired How many sermons meek and bold How many hymns sung and shared.

Of the joy expressed when Christ they found As they were reclothed in Christ's eternal love With songs of praise echoed all year round That such joy was seen from heaven above.

Worship over the past one hundred years In this house of God is a beacon for all to see With the hopes of many and those with fears Who prayed to God and were then set free.

With the hopes of many and those with fearsWho prayed to God and were then set free.Living through a century of societal change

Living through a century of societal change Of history from the Great Depression and war With human innovations in depth and range Yet Christ's unfailing love He continues to pour











After the Centenary Service







Pictures showing Wesley Methodist Church and it's changes through the years.



Floral Fundraising in Gower



An update on the flower arranging coffee morning that was organised by members of the Gower churches. Selina Taylor said

We were well supported and had friends from across the circuit, Rev Gill Evans who was visiting from Scotland, as well as people living in the surrounding area.

Alan Cram gave an illustrated presentation on the school so that people knew where their money was going and finished by showing us a video that the children had made for us to say thank you for supporting them. It brought tears to my eyes.

Daphne then did 5 amazing floral arrangements which were raffled whilst people were enjoying a light lunch.

So far we've raised over £1000 and have a few more promised donations to come in. Thank you very much to everyone who has supported us and helped to make to such a difference to the lives of these children.

Preaching Plan July and August 2024

2024		July				August			
		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25
			Action For Children	Rural Mission					
UC Sketty	10.30 LS	Gough S	Gough	Atkinson	Long	Gough S	Woollacott	Raad	Gough
U C Sketty Thursday	10.30				25th Atkinson S				22nd Gough S
Clydach	3.00	Gough S	Gannon US	Gough	Walker	Gough S	Gough	A Cram	Gough
Morriston Community Centre	11.00	Pearce	at Clydach	Mumford	Pearce S	Buckler	Gough	P Cram	Pearce S
Brunswick Online	10.00	H Coleman		Pearce S		Raad		A Cram	
Brunswick at St. James' Uplands	3.00		Pearce		Taylor		McNiven		Pearce S
Mumbles	10.30 LS	Long S	Long LS	Gough	Hicks	Long S	N Davies	Adams	Mumford
Mumbles Wednesday	12.00			24th Long S				21st Gough S	
Wesley	10.30	Jones	P Cram	Long S	N Davies	Jones	Long S	C Davies	Hicks
	3.00	John ACF		John ACF		John ACF		John ACF	
Reynoldston	10.30	Woollacott	LA	Q Hawkins	McNiven S	Walker	Mumford	W Hawkins	Walker S
Murton	10.30	Walker S	10:30 am Pennard Carnival 6 pm Walker Chapel	Buckler	Walker	Atkinson	Walker S	10:30 LA 6 pm Walker S	Taylor
Pitton	10.30	Evans	at Horton	Walker S	at Horton	Q Hawkins	at Horton	Walker S	at Horton
Horton	10.30	at Pitton	Taylor	at Pitton	W Hawkins	at Pitton	4 pm Walker S	at Pitton	Q Hawkins

New Members at Mumbles

August 6th/7th/8th 10am-2pm Victoria Hall Mumbles Children aged 5-11years

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To book phone 079521 30626

£2 per child

Picnic lunch

games and

crafts

Included

Mumbles Methodist Church

Holiday Club

A special service of baptism was held for Jordan Edmund at Mumbles on 2nd June. Jordan, along with Cerys Watson and Lee Ellery were confirmed and welcomed as members of the Methodist Church.

Black Mountain Voices & Black Mountain Rhiannon

The Black Mountain Voices and Black Mountain Rhiannon held their Summer concert at the church on 23rd June.



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