## Swansea and Gower Circuit E-newsletter

July 2025

Welcome to our monthly newsletter. A faster and more environmentally friendly way to keep you updated with all the wonderful things happening in the Swansea and Gower Methodist Circuit.

### 10 Years of UCS



Congratulations to the congregation of UCS for reaching their 10th anniversary.

They celebrated on Saturday evening (5th July) with a Madcaps Drama Event and members of the craft group made this beautiful banner to commemorate them reaching a special milestone.

Congratulations

### **Regular Circuit Events**



### Come and Craft Murton Chapel, Wesley Room

2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 8pm

Bring your own project and share skills. Drinks provided

£2 per session - please check the sessions are running before attending

### Coffee Morning Uniting Church Sketty

Saturday 5th July 10am - 12pm Proceeds Action Aid



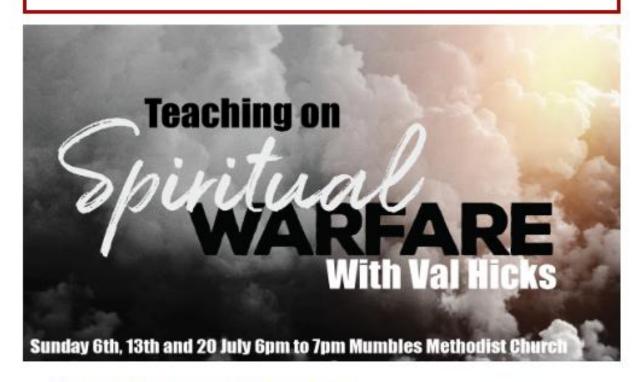


#### **Summer Coffee Mornings Murton**

Begins Thursday 17th July and every Thursday after until late August 10.30am - 12pm

A wonderful event with fresh Welsh cakes baked to order! Come on your own and enjoy some good company, or bring your friends along

### What's Happening?



#### TEACHING ON SPIRITUAL WARFARE

There will be 3 sessions on the teaching of basic Spiritual Warfare to be held on Sunday the 6th, 13th and the 20th July between 6pm to 7pm at Mumbles Church.

The teaching will be led by Val Hicks and all from the circuit are welcome.

The topics covered will be:

SESSION ONE: True Foundations - The Kingdoms of Light and Darkness

SESSION TWO: Wearing The Right Garments - Robes of Righteousness and the Armour of God

SESSION THREE: Encounters of the Power Kind - Altars; The Power of God's Word; The Power of a Prayer

# Messy Churches and Children's Activities



Sunday 20th July 10.30am - 11.30am

Info.? Emily Walker

07908 408681





+ £1 per additional child.

### **Preaching plan**

This is the current months preaching plan. Click on the picture to see the rest of the quarter.

2025		July			
		6	13	20	27
		Bible Month 4	Action for Children	Sea Sunday	Rural Mission Sunday
UC Sketty LS	10.30 LS	Gough/Walkling S	Gough	Davies	Long
U C Sketty Thursday	10.30			17th Gough	
Clydach	3.00	Gough S	A Cram	4.00 Hurd/Gough	LA
Morriston Community Centre	11.00	Pearce S	A Cram	at Clydach	Pearce
Brunswick Online	10.00	Raad		Gough	
Brunswick at St. James' Uplands	3.00		Pearce S		Pearce
Mumbles LS	10.30 LS	Long S	Long OS	Buckler 10.30 The Ark	P Cram
Mumbles Wed LS	12.00			23rd Long	
Wesley	10.30	J Coleman	Jones	Long S	Charlesworth
	3.00	ACF		ACF	
Reynoldston	10.30	W Hawkins	LA	Q Hawkins	J Coleman
Murton	10.30	Walker F	10.30 Pennard Carnival	Raad	Walker S
Murton 4pm	4.00		6.00 Walker S		
Pitton	10.30	Taylor	at Horton	Walker S	at Horton
Horton	10.30	at Pitton	LA	at Pitton	Taylor

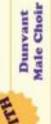


Please be aware that there are road closures around Swansea due to the Ironman race this weekend (13th July). Rev. Howard Long's service will be and Online Service because of these closures.

Whilst these closures are frustrating we still pray that all have a safe and enjoyable event.



An Open Air Concert on Horton Village Green in aid of Horton Chapel Renovations



Daniel Davies (Tenor Solo)

Gwyr Choir Lleisiau

In Aid of Horton Chape



Bring a chair, bring a blanket, bring a picnic. Bring yourselves and relax in the late summer sum.

Bar and other drinks will be

available.

£5 Children (under 16) Tickets now available from xxxx

postponement or ticket refund will be given) E10 Adults

With kind permission of Penrice County Council (In the event of poor weather, there may be

HORTON HALL Thurs. 7th Aug md9



# Summer Break to Ilfracombe with Murton

Come away on Holiday to Ilfracombe! Join us for a 3 day 2 night half-board coach holiday to Ilfracombe, staying at the Dilkhusa Grand Hotel with Murton Chapel & friends. Including excursions to Dunster and Bideford, and optional boat and steam train ride! (Fares payable!) Cost per person: Single room £299. Twin £269 (per person sharing).

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 31st August (the weekend <u>after</u> the Bank Holiday week)

This gentle, and supportive coach trip is for everyone - but especially those who might otherwise holiday alone, or lack the confidence to go away.

Please book a.s.a.p. (spaces limted) with Rev. Andy Walker on 01792 232867.

Testimony from a previous holiday... "Mum had the confidence to come away with her friends, because of the gentle and supportive way in which the holiday was organised. Thank you so much." (Daughter of M)



### **Outside the Circuit**

### **Methodist Conference Telford**

Taken from Dr Alan Cram's weekly newsletter (Thank you Alan!)

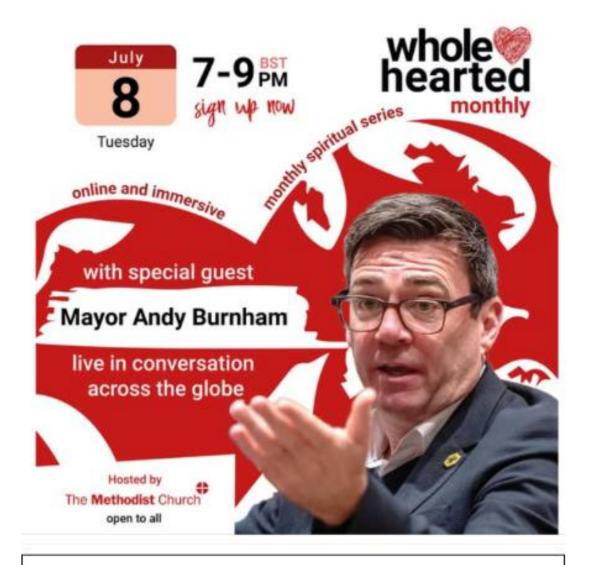
The annual conference of Methodism met last week in Telford. As well as the business sessions, there are all kinds of 'fringe events' hosted by e.g. Action for Children, Methodist Women in Britain, and Cliff College, and this evening the ordination services take place, two services in Shrewsbury, one in Shifnal and one in Wellington.

This is also the time when the new President and Vice President take over, and next year's are elected. Rev Helen Cameron, President 2024–5 and Carolyn Godfry, Vice-President 2024–5, will pass on the baton (or rather Wesley's Bible and the Vice-Presidential Cross) to Rev. Richard Andrew, Chair of Darlington District and Matthew Forsyth, a Mission Team Leader in Northampton.

The Revd Richard says, "I am humbled and excited by the nomination of the Conference. I have always believed that it is essential that we live by hope and I am really encouraged by everything we are doing together as a Church as we join together with God as we seek to be a growing, inclusive, evangelistic and justice-seeking Church. God is bringing something new to birth amongst us and I pray we might be open to the leading of the Spirit as we recognise that and follow in the footsteps of Jesus."

And Matt writes, "I am humbled to serve the church in this role. I am deeply aware of the responsibility to represent the voice of the lay leaders across the Connexion. I hope to listen well and work in partnership with the President Designate so that together we can encourage the church to continue its journey on becoming an inclusive, justice seeking and evangelistic church."

Please pray for Helen and Carolyn as they step back, and Richard and Matt as they take over, leading sessions of the Conference and preparing to visit Methodists in the UK and abroad between now and next June.





### GOWER VOLUNTARY TRANSPORT

### Volunteer Drivers Needed Urgently

to help those housebound and elderly needing transport in the GOWER Area.

Have you got a few hours to spare?

For information on how you could help please ring 01792 851942 between 9-11 weekdays

Or leave a message and we'll get back to you a.s.a.p.

Mileage paid.