

AFAN VOICE



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EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERAVON

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

A Food Bank under the auspices of the Trussell Trust has just been launched in Port Talbot under the direction of local churches. The steering committee includes representatives from the town's churches. The planning of the Food Bank has been some months in the making.

The Food Bank was initiated by the Presbyterian Church of Wales. However it is an inter-denominational project with an Anglican as its Chairman, a Presbyterian as its Manager, a Baptist as its Secretary and another Presbyterian as its Treasurer. The venture relies heavily on volunteers from the local churches, some of whom come from Ebeneser.



PORT TALBOT FOOD BANK

The new Food Bank provides an excellent opportunity for local churches to reach out to the surrounding community, to put faith into action and to work together. It will be open to people in desperate need of food at Carmel Presbyterian Church on Fridays between 1-3pm. People in such circumstances will be referred to the Food Bank by local welfare agencies. As well as the provision of physical food people will also be offered the opportunity for spiritual food should they wish to take it.

It is a sad reflection on our society that a Food Bank is needed in our country today but the involvement of the church demonstrates God's love at work towards people. It is through us that God reaches out to people in need of His love and care. Such a provision offers hope to people in dire straits.

There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be open-handed towards your brothers and towards the poor and needy in your land (Deuteronomy 15:11)

MISSION STATEMENT/DATGANIAD CENHADOL

To proclaim the Word of God in order to make Him known to people and so extend His Kingdom
I gyhoeddi Gair Duw er mwyn ei wneud Ef yn adnabyddus i bobl ac felly estyn Ei Deyrnas

ACTIVITIES LIST/PRAYER POINTS

- Sunday (*Sul*) 11am & 6pm: Service (*Oedfa*)
- Sunday (*Sul*) 11am: Sunday School (*Ysgol Sul*)
- Monday (*Llun*) 7pm: Prayer Meeting (*Cwrdd Gweddi*)
- Tuesday (*Mawrth*) 12pm: Bible Study (*Astudiaeth Feiblaidd*)
- First Tuesday of month (*Mawrth Cynta'r mis*) 2.15pm: Bible Time (*Amser Beibl*) in Central Junior School
- First & Third Wednesday of month (*Y Cyntaf a'r Trydydd Mercher o'r mis*) 2.30pm: Sisterhood (*Chwaeroliaeth*)
- Friday (*Gwener*) 9.30am: Coffee Morning (*Bore Coffi*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



- ☞ A Service is scheduled for residents (and staff) at Swn-y-Môr on Wednesday 17 December at 11am. You're welcome to join us as we sing carols together.
- ☞ Thanks to all of you who submitted a total of 23 shoeboxes towards Operation Christmas Child. The boxes will be gratefully received by children who would otherwise have little or no presents on Christmas Day.
- ☞ Christmas celebrations include a Children's Christmas Party on Saturday 13 December at 11am; a Family Christmas Service on Sunday 14 December at 11am; a Civic Carol Service on Tuesday 16 December at 7pm; and a Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday 24 December at 8.30pm.
- ☞ We prayerfully remember those of you from our fellowship in a home or hospital.
- ☞ We sympathize with Howard James in the death of his nephew Philip Wilkins.

CONGRATULATIONS:



Our congratulations to the following people on their birthdays:

Holly Thompson	4 December	Mary Warlow	16 January
Joan Richards	9 December	Blodwen Freeth	18 January
Linda Morgan	14 December	Diane Pike	24 January
Paul Thompson	16 December	Dylan Law	27 January
Eli Worgan	19 December	Eiluned Rees	28 January
Gwyn Woolcock	24 December	Aneurin Bealing	31 January
Rhian James	9 January	Vivienne Davies	12 February
Hannah Tomlinson	9 January	Gill Soderstrom	14 February
Norma Wagstaff	9 January	Jean Harpwood	25 February

Gweinidog/Minister: Peter Davies

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