

AFAN VOICE



EGLWYS FEDYDDIEDIG EBENESER ABERAFAN
EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERAVON

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WINTER 2013

ON OUR DOORSTEP!

According to the Aberafan Electoral Register for 2001 there are 2304 properties in the area and 5335 people living here. Given this it's noticeable how important is the service of Ebeneser church to the people of the area. Our main work is to bear testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ to those people who live around us.

At this time of year Christmas celebrations feature prominently in our schedules. Christmas lights have been lit in Civic Square and the Shopping Centre will be busier than ever. The Pantomime will also soon be starting its season at the Princess Royal Theatre.

As so much is happening around us here it's important that we offer people a visible reminder of the Gospel. Ebeneser is strategically sited to act as a beacon of light in a dark world. Let us therefore make the most of the opportunities we have to shine forth the light of the Gospel in this place.



CHRISTMAS AT EBENESER

What's in a name? Much! Consider the name *Jesus* and you notice that it means *the Lord saves*. This expresses the purpose of Jesus' mission in the world. He lived in heaven as God before He became man. At His Incarnation He not only assumed flesh but He was also ascribed a name.

When you hear your name mentioned then you're likely to turn round to look in that direction. When Jesus' name is spoken He turns to see who speaks to Him. His name possesses enough power to draw His attention!

You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21)

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*) 6.30pm: Prayer Meeting (*Cwrdd Gweddi*)
- Tuesday (*Mawrth*) 2pm: Bible Study (*Astudiaeth Feiblaidd*)
- First & Third Wednesday of month (*Y Cyntaf a'r Trydydd Mercher o'r mis*) 2.30pm: Sisterhood (*Chwaeroliaeth*)
- Thursday (*Iau*) 4.30pm: Children's Club (*Clwb Plant*)
- Friday (*Gwener*) 9.30am: Coffee Morning (*Bore Coffi*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



- ☞ Christmas celebrations include a Christmas Concert which featured the Salvation Army at Ebeneser on 29 November; a Family Christmas Service on Sunday 8 December at 11am; a Christmas Buffet on Friday 13 December at 7pm; a Civic Carol Service on Tuesday 17 December at 7pm; a Children's Christmas Party on Saturday 21 December at 11am; a Family Christmas Service Film on Sunday 22 December at 11am; and a Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday 24 December at 8.30pm.
- ☞ A Service was held for residents (and staff) at Swn-y-Môr on 5 December. Many of the residents and some of the staff were present. Welsh and English carols were sung after which coffee and mince pies were served.
- ☞ A Dedication Service is scheduled for Dylan Christopher Law at Ebeneser on 26 January. The purpose of such a service is to thank God for the child, to pray that He would bless the child as Jesus blessed the children of His age, and to promise as parents and church to raise the child in the Christian Faith.
- ☞ We prayerfully remember those of you from our fellowship in a home or hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS:



Our congratulations to the following people on their birthdays:

Joan Richards	9 December	Diane Pike	24 January
Linda Morgan	14 December	Dylan Law	27 January
Eli Worgan	19 December	Eiluned Rees	28 January
Gwyn Woolcock	24 December	Vivienne Davies	12 February
Hannah Tomlinson	9 January	Gill Soderstrom	14 February
Norma Wagstaff	9 January	Jean Harpwood	25 February
Mary Warlow	16 January		

Gweinidog/Minister: Peter Davies

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