AFAN VOICE

STAND UP FOR JESUS!

Ebeneser had a stall at the Aberafan Beach Festival this Summer. It was the first time the church held a stall at this festival. Previously the church had a presence at the town's former spring festival.

Running a Christian stall is an exciting venture. It provides an excellent opportunity to reach out to the local community with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. People both visited and passed by the stall to receive Christian leaflets and refreshments.

EBENESER'S STALL AT THE ABERAFAN BEACH FESTIVAL

Unfortunately many churches today remain within their own comfort zones. Reasons for this include fear of ridicule, lack of faith and an apathy towards people's spiritual welfare. We need boldness to step out into the local community with the free offer of God's wonderful salvation to all who are willing to respond to it.

Our Mission Statement is to proclaim the Word of God in order to make Him known to people and so extend His kingdom. We therefore need to avail ourselves of the opportunities presented to us to put this statement into action. The world is our mission field and we are to obey Jesus' Great Commission.

If people don't come to church then the church is to go to them. This we do with natural apprehension but also with the knowledge that God is with us in our work for Him. We need to pray that the Holy Spirit would accompany the proclamation of His Word for the eternal salvation of precious souls.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).

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I gyhoeddi Gair Duw er mwyn ei wneud Ef yn adnabyddus i bobl ac felly estyn Ei Deyrnas

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

☞ A Food Bank under the auspices of the Trussell Trust was launched in Port Talbot on Friday 12 September. The event was attended by representatives from various local organizations. The Food Bank was officially opened by the Mayor Hugh James and local actress Di Botcher. This inter-denominational project seeks to alleviate the physical needs of local vulnerable people whilst offering an opportunity for spiritual support. The Food Bank itself will be open at Carmel Presbyterian Church on Fridays between 1-3pm.

☞A Service is scheduled for residents (and staff) at Sŵn-y-Môr on Wednesday 24 September at 11am. Your attendance would be very welcome as is the welcome we receive whenever we visit the care home.

☞We prayerfully remember those of you from our fellowship in a home or hospital. Amy Richards has moved to Tŷ Nant Care Home in Cymer but has still managed to attend meetings at Ebeneser. Norma Wagstaff has moved to Parkview Residential Home in Neath and has managed to attend the Coffee Morning.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Our congratulations to the following people on their birthdays:

Rhian James	13 September	Elizabeth Toghill	6 October
Michelle Romaniw	19 September	Erin Tomlinson	13 October
Malcolm Tomlinson	27 September	Mary Powell-Miles	9 November
Mair David	29 September	Terri Hamilton	12 November
Susan Booth	1 October	Reginald Freeth	14 November
Betty Jeffs	4 October	Jealian Davies	22 November
Margaret Rees	4 October		

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