

AFAN VOICE



EGLWYS FEDYDDIEDIG EBENESER ABERAFAN
EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ABERAVON

HAF 2016
SUMMER 2016

STEELY DETERMINATION!

A Service of Support for Steelworkers was held in Ebenezer on Sunday 24 April 2016 at 3pm. The idea for the Service originated with Rick Hayes who is the Chaplain at Tata Steelworks. His wish was to demonstrate the concern of the churches for the Steelworkers and their families at this critical time in the industry.



STEELWORKERS SUPPORT SERVICE

This idea was warmly supported by the churches of Port Talbot. Like the churches the Steelworks have been part of the fabric of the local community for many years. The churches therefore wanted to show their solidarity with the Steelworkers and their families.

The Service contained contributions from local Ministers, Elizabeth Blackham from CAP (Christians Against Poverty), Rhosafan Welsh Primary School, Maesteg Gleemen Male Voice Choir and an address by Rick Hayes. Refreshments followed in the Vestry and £300 was raised towards the Steelworkers Benevolent Fund.

Much interest was shown in the Service by the media. Amongst those who covered the event were the BBC, Premier Christian Radio and The Western Mail. It was an opportunity for a wider audience to learn of the care of the churches towards the vulnerable in their midst.

Above all the Service afforded the opportunity to the Steelworkers to know that the churches of the town support them in their current plight. At a time of industrial instability it offered them the hope of the Gospel that there is a God who made them, who cares for them and who loves them.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9).

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*)
- Tuesday (*Mawrth*) 12pm: Bible Study (*Astudiaeth Feiblaidd*)
- Tuesday (*Mawrth*) 1pm: Prayer Meeting (*Cwrdd Gweddi*)
- Wednesday (*Mercher*) 4.30pm: Kidz Club (*Clwb Plant*)
- First & Third Wednesday of month (*Y Cyntaf a'r Trydydd Mercher o'r mis*) 2pm: Sisterhood (*Chwaeroliaeth*)
- Friday (*Gwener*) 9.30am: Coffee Morning (*Bore Coffi*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



- ☞ A Missionary Tea in support of Michelle Romaniw's BMS visit to India took place at Ebenezer on Saturday 16 April 2016 at 3pm. A Valedictory Service will be held for her and other students from the Baptist College at Bethel Baptist Church Pontyclun on Thursday 16 June 2016 at 7pm.
- ☞ The West Glamorgan Baptist Association Annual Conference was held at Ebenezer between Monday 6 June and Tuesday 7 June 2016.
- ☞ Angus and Helen Douglas visited Ebenezer on Sunday 12 June 2016 at 6pm when they talked about their work in Nepal under the auspices of the Baptist Missionary Society.
- ☞ A Service is scheduled for residents (and staff) at Sŵn-y-Môr on Wednesday 15 June 2016 at 11am.
- ☞ Paul Davies has been admitted into the Diaconate at Ebenezer. Paul has previously ministered in Baptist churches and acted as a Deacon in another Baptist church.
- ☞ We prayerfully remember those of you from our fellowship in a home or hospital. Linda Morgan has returned home following her stay in Neath Port Talbot Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS:



Our congratulations to the following people on their birthdays:

June George	15 June	Lisa Hearn	20 July
Nia Ruth Law	15 June	Joan Clifford	21 July
Meirwen Stephens	16 June	Susan Holmes	24 July
Elaine John	25 June	Howard James	4 August
Kenneth Rees	25 June	Tony Lee	5 August
Gwyneth Lane	28 June	David Jenner	9 August
Anne Gray	14 July	Irene Lewis	14 August
Fiona Jayne Hamilton Mills	14 July	Enid Ridsdale	18 August
David Romaniw	19 July		

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