



**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022**

**Worship Onsite at Awel-Y-Mor Community Centre.**

**10.30am Sunday Celebration Service - "I am Andrew Sunday"**

**Guest Speaker: John Stewart of our own fellowship**

**Theme: Evangelism/Sharing our faith with others focused on the life of Andrew. Bible Readings: John 1:35–42, John 6:1-12 & John 12:20-22**

Refreshments will be served after the morning service.

**5.00pm Disciples Service. Guest Speaker: Rev Gareth Evans from Cardiff**

**Theme: Who are the people God uses?**

**OT reading: Judges 6:1, 11–23, NT reading: 2 Timothy 4:6–8**

**Worship Online led by our pastor, Martin Gillard.**

**Series – Know Your S.H.A.P.E., Today – "P" - Personality**

**Bible reading: John 1:29-42**

For those unable to attend in person, our Online Service is available on our website or our YouTube channel. We also have video recordings of our Disciples Service series 'Praise the LORD/Hallelujah', looking at what the bible says is the correct way to praise God. If you would like a copy please contact our Pastor.

## **Prayer Needs & Praise Reports**

**In Hospital:** Terry Needs (having caught Covid while on the ward)

**At Home:** Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Hilary Oatridge; Alan Lee; Lynda Edwards.

**In Residential Care:** Ann Thomas (Picton Court); Doug Davies, Pat Eales (Monkstone House); Beryl Surringer (Newton Care Home); Carole Vanden Branden (Breaksea); Margaret Carey-Jones (Glanffrwyd, Pencoed); Sally Westwood (Brocastle Manor, Eweny, Bridgend).

**Please continue** to remember the people of Ukraine and Russia in your prayers.

**Our Pastor is leading** Christian worship at Orchard Place Baptist Church, Neath this Sunday. Also, David Porter is speaking at Barton Hall Christian Fellowship.

**Prayer Chain Requests:** To help ensure your prayer requests get circulated promptly, please send them to any two of the following: Rachel Phillips at [crossmonster7@gmail.com](mailto:crossmonster7@gmail.com), Alan Harris at [a.harris476@btinternet.com](mailto:a.harris476@btinternet.com) or Caryl Gill at [carylgill1@gmail.com](mailto:carylgill1@gmail.com). Alternatively, ring Alan on 01656 784118.

## **Bible study group meetings this week**

**Monday evening 7.30pm:** Leaders John Hornsby/David Redhouse via Zoom (Meeting ID: 86333182507, Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86333182507>)

**Tuesday morning 10:30am:** Leaders Eirwen Harris/Megan Washbourne at 22 Adrian Close (the home of Eirwen Harris) – Home group for new Christians or those unfamiliar with studying the bible.

**Tuesday evening 7pm:** Leaders Pastor Martin/David Porter/David Brownnutt via Zoom (Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85864047429>)

**Tuesday evening 7pm:** Danygraig Home Group, Leader Gordon Lovering at 19 Birch Walk (the home of Gordon & Joyce Lovering).

**Tuesday evening 7pm:** Fulmar Road group, Leader Ray Jefferies via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83992413087?pwd=RmpRd3lUzUvK2lGbFBFbmJXdWEwUT09>

**Friday morning 10am:** Leaders Carolynne Gillard/Caryl Gill/Linda Harber at 79 Fulmar Road (the home of Graham and Avis Watkins).

## **Other activities this week:**

**Monday 1pm: World Mission Team Meeting** will take place in the church hall. If you require further info or would like to join us just ask Linda Harber.

**Tuesday 10am: Jellybeans Toddlers** at the Woodland Avenue Scout Hall.

**Tuesdays on John Street** from 11am to 1pm opposite the “Y”. Some really good conversations and lots of tracts and even Bibles were received gratefully. Is the Lord asking you to join us? See Gordon.

**Wednesday 7pm: Deacons Meeting** in the church hall.

**Thursday 7pm: “God Loves You Tour” Prayer Meeting** at 22 Adrian Close

**Friday 7pm: Rededication Prayers** at Park Avenue

**Next Sunday, 10 April 10.30am and 5pm:** We will be holding our Sunday services back home in Park Avenue for the first time since June last year. Parts of the building will still be undergoing upgrading work, thank you for your patience and support. An official re-opening will take place later in the year. Glory to the Lord.

**A big thank you to everyone** who has worked so hard to help us get the church hall looking fresh, clean and tidy ready for our move back to our buildings.

### **Other Announcements**

**There is a sign-up sheet** in the foyer of Awel Y Mor for those who would like to volunteer to serve tea and coffee after the morning service.

**Homes for Ukraine:** If you would like to make available a spare room or a property for Ukrainian refugees, the Baptist Union of Great Britain are offering information on their website. Please go to the Ukraine information page or the Baptist response form page which will help match up offers of accommodation to specific needs, thank you.

**Fairtrade Easter Eggs:** If you wish to order any of these Easter eggs would you tell me this Sunday at the latest please. Many thanks, Hazel Calder.

The Real Easter Egg Milk Chocolate (which contains an Easter story activity book) is £5, Divine Milk Chocolate Foiled Mini Eggs (152g) cost £4.04 and Divine Milk Chocolate Speckled Mini Eggs (155g) also cost £4.04.

**Food Hygiene:** As the exciting future of the new cafe unfolds, we will need people to help staff it. If you are thinking of volunteering, it would be good for you to have up-to-date Food Hygiene training. These courses can easily be done on-line. Please contact Margaret Hornsby for further details.

**Good Friday “Walk with the Cross” 15 April:** Starting from Gilgal at about 11.15am and walking to the Bandstand. We shall need volunteers to help carry the BIG cross, and many distributors of church invites and Easter tracts. See Gordon for details.

**Church Directory amendment:** Mary Gough’s new landline number is 01543 742972. A reminder that her address now is 17 Andrews House, Lower Sandford Street, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6QY. Her mobile phone number and email address are unchanged.

**Christian Life & Witness Course (CLWC) Follow-up – Saturday 9 April at 9:30am in the church hall.** David Redhouse writes: I attended the CLWC held last Saturday at Swansea City Church. On reflection what was missing for me was a basic input on conversational skills that would help individuals share their story alongside the helpful process and scriptures presented.

**CLWC Follow-up** (continued): David would like to offer such an opportunity in the form of a 3-hour course exploring conversational skills with the goal of helping individuals to be better placed:

- 1) To share their own experience of coming to know Christ as Lord and Saviour, *participant story, and*
- 2) To lead others in coming to know Christ as Lord and Saviour, *their story.*

**The course approach to learning will be experiential**

Duration of course: 3 hours, including ½ hour break

Delivery: Whole group – short presentations/handouts, to facilitate small group working.

Content:

- exploring how people communicate
- practice the use of Socratic questioning
- the use of open and closed questions
- small group working to help each other build *their story*

Number of participants – minimum 6, maximum 9.

To express interest or find out more, please speak to David or ring him on 01656 772384 or email [dredhouse19@gmail.com](mailto:dredhouse19@gmail.com).

**The “God Loves You” Tour** with Franklin Graham visits Newport on Saturday 21 May at 7pm. For more information, visit <https://godlovesyoutour.org.uk/>  
All the events are FREE.

- a) **Informal prayer gathering** Thursday 7 April 7.00 pm at Eirwen's home
- b) **Discovery Groups** (training sessions for group leaders, to support those who come forward at the main event and are referred to our church.)

Monday 4 April at Thornhill Church, Excalibur Drive, Thornhill, Cardiff CF14 9GA

Tuesday 5 April at Warehouse Church, 23 Mill Parade, Newport, NP20 2JQ

Both courses from 7.30pm to 9.30pm

- c) Have you taken some "**I am Andrew**" pledge cards?

Have you got names on them?

- d) Saturday 21 May - have you signed up for the **coach**? (Leaving about 5pm)  
Deadline for booking is 20 April. Guests go free.

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