



BABELL ZION NEWYDD

Cylchlythyr Misol yr Eglwys | The Church's Monthly Newsletter



'O give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good...'

'Diolchwch i'r Arglwydd,
oherwydd da yw...'

Psalm 107:1

Rhiw Babell, Pensarn, Caerfyrddin SA31 2DJ

CYFLWYNIAD INTRODUCTION

Corey Hampton



It's a delight to be writing to you for the first time in a couple of months. As you've already noticed, the newsletter has had a bit of a makeover, and that's because I've taken over as its editor. Helen, Carole, and others have done an amazing job over the past few years, but have decided to pass the baton. And one of the things that I would love to include in future newsletters is 'testimonies' of how God is at work in your lives as church members, because sharing our testimony is an amazing way to 'testify' to God's goodness, to the God who is alive and with us. So please connect with me if you have anything that you'd like to share. My contact information can be found at the bottom of the last page.

I pray that the information within this newsletter will be of help to you. Remember that, as your pastor, I'm always available for you. Don't hesitate to get in touch.

On October 31st, we invite you all as our church family to celebrate with us in the baptism of our son, Peris, during the morning service. It's an occasion we are really looking forward to, and I just wanted to share a few thoughts about why we have come to this decision, so that we can hopefully all look forward together!

Baptism is a welcome, and we are so grateful that we can accept God's welcome to Peris James by baptising him into the family of believers at Babel Zion Newydd. One of my favourite authors said this of baptism; "In baptism, we are identified as beloved children of God, and our adoption into the sprawling, beautiful, dysfunctional family of the church..."

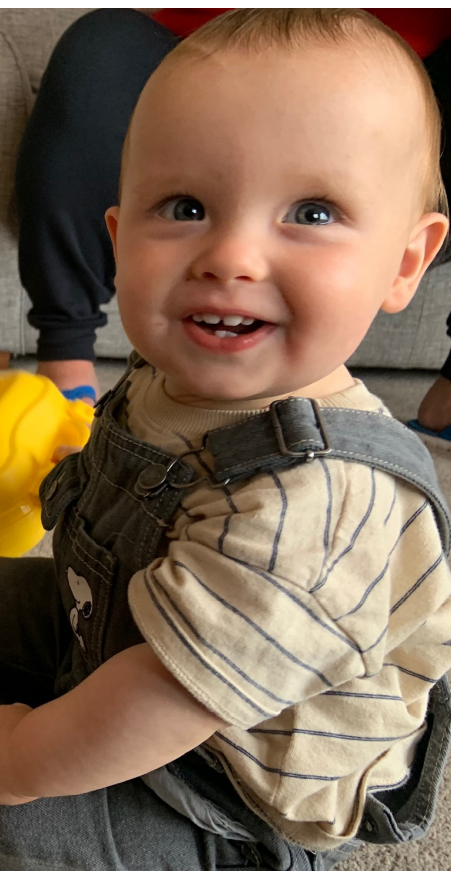
AM FEDYDD ON BAPTISM

Catrin Hampton



'WE HAVE BEEN BURIED WITH HIM BY BAPTISM INTO HIS DEATH, SO THAT, JUST AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, SO WE TOO MIGHT WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE.'

ROMANS 6:4



Peris will celebrate his first birthday on the 30th of October.

Throughout the bible we see God forming a people, caring for them, giving them ways to live as His people, and making a special covenant with them. In baptism, we are brought into that special people, and what a joy and privilege it is! Baptism is a gift, a gift to the church, God's family. It's a gift that comes, like all God's gifts, free and abounding in grace, to those of us who cannot understand the nature of a free gift like this. We often hear in our world, "you don't get anything for nothing", but the glorious thing about Jesus' kingdom is that it is "upside down", as Corey has reminded us many times! Grace does not work like the instincts of the world, and in baptism, we are reminded powerfully that we are receivers, it is something done to us, a welcome that we just receive.

Although it is a free gift, a sacrament full of grace, it's not one we take lightly. During the service both of us as parents, and you as church members, are asked to make promises before God, that we will do all we can to nurture him into the ways of our faith, to try in all we do to show him the beauty of Jesus. It's a job I'm certain we will all do imperfectly from time to time, but there is even an "upside-down ness" in that too isn't there – in our imperfections we will even more be able to point to the one that accepts us in all our mistakes, gives grace upon grace, and seals us into the family through baptism into the perfect life of Jesus.

"Baptism reminds us that there's no ladder to holiness to climb, no self-improvement plan to follow. It's just death and resurrection, over and over again, day after day, as God reaches down into our deepest graves and with the same power that raised Jesus from the dead wrests us from our pride, our apathy, our fear, our prejudice, our anger, our hurt, and our despair."

NEWYDDION | UPDATES

Congratulations to Liz

We, as a church, would like to give a massive congratulations to Liz, who has completed (yet another) marathon this month.

Through this challenge, Liz raised money for Parkinson's disease. If you would like to donate to this cause, let me know, and I will give you the information. Llongyfarchiadau, Liz. Gwych!



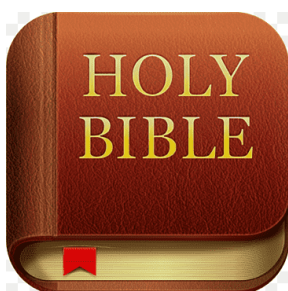
Yr Ysgol Sul | Sunday School



We're very pleased that the Sunday school has re-started after a long season of absence, or meeting online. Helen, and Siân are faithful leaders, with Catrin and Peris now joining in too. We have lots of fun, well, not sure 'fun' is what Helen and Sian would say when asked to join in the very active games after a previous day's walk with Cerddwyr Cynnwr! Over the last month we have been looking at some incredible things Jesus did, like calming the storm, and making five loaves and two fish feed 5,000+ at an amazing picnic!

We would love to see more kids and adults joining in the informal time of learning from the bible, worship, prayer and creative activities. You can chat to Catrin if you want to know more, and this could be a fantastic slot to invite your neighbours to church for the first time.

ADNODD | RESOURCE OF THE MONTH



YouVersion Bible App

If you're anything like me, your phone or tablet travels with you wherever you go. It's a handy tool to access lots of information. So, why not join the 500 million others who've downloaded the YouVersion Bible App on their phone or tablet completely free of charge? There are lots of different reading plans and resources available on the app, which can help you to read Scripture (in every translation and language available) and grow in your walk with God. You can also access it at bible.com.

DIGWYDDIADAU | UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Services | Oedfaon Dydd Sul

Diolchgarwch | Harvest with Corey Hampton

14:00 | 24.10.21

Bedydd | Baptism with Rev. Meirion Morris

10:30 | 31.10.21

Mr. Corey Hampton (Cymun | Communion)

10:30 | 7.11.21

Mr. Hugh Waddell

14:00 | 14.11.21


Mr. Corey Hampton

10:30 | 21.11.21

Mr. Corey Hampton

14:00 | 28.11.21

Cofiwch, os yw'r oedfa yn y bore, y bydd yr ysgol Sul yn y prynhawn (a vice versa).
Remember that if the service is in the afternoon, the Sunday school will be in the morning (and vice versa).



Byw mewn Gobaith
Merched yr Hen Destament
Cyfres o 7 astudiaeth feiblaidd ar Zoom

Dydd Llun 7yh Medi 27/ Hydref 4,18 / Tachwedd 1,15,29 / Rhagfyr 13
Dydd Gwener 1.30 yp Hydref 1,8,22 / Tachwedd 5,19 / Rhagfyr 3,17

Trefnir gan
Is-bwyllgor y
Chwirydd

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83243383071> Meeting ID: 832 4338 3071 / ar y ffôn 0208 080 6592

Living in Hope Bible Studies

You're warmly invited to join a series of seven Bible studies based on the women of the Old Testament, which is run by the Women's Dept. of the Presbyterian Church of Wales.

The information for the Welsh sessions are to the left, and the next session in English will be on Wednesday, November 3rd at 1:30pm. If you would like to join, send me an email and I will send you the Zoom link.
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Pregethau Arlein | Sermons Online

The Christian year is an invitation to a journey, to follow the story of the God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit throughout the Scriptures. And what an exciting trip indeed!

If you have missed one of the stops along the way, you can access all of Corey's sermons at the following link:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/a27dglls4x254hg/AACV7oc503PFRhsFwl4UY5Wca?dl=0>

The link is to Dropbox, which is completely safe to use, but if you'd like a printed copy, let me know. You're more than welcome to share these with whoever might benefit from them.



DYMA FY STORI | THIS IS MY STORY



In the introduction of the newsletter I said that I would love to include 'testimonies' in the newsletters, stories from our journey of faith as church members. And I suppose it's only fair to be the first to share! So here's a little of the story of how I came to faith and ended up in Carmarthenshire.

I grew up in a small town in rural West Tennessee called Savannah. And though I lived in the 'Bible Belt,' where there's a chapel on every corner, I did not regularly attend myself. I suppose I believed in 'God,' but I did not *know* him or see him as particularly relevant to my life. But when I was seventeen years old I met someone called Stephen who showed up at just the right time. Stephen loved Jesus and talked about him all the time. Quite honestly, it was contagious. I'd never met a Christian who spoke so fondly and warmly about his faith. He told me all about God's great love for me and that he created me to live in fellowship with him. He told me about the 'good news' of what Jesus had done for *me* so that *I* might know and love God. Over a short period of time exploring these things with Stephen, what once felt irrelevant and cold felt overwhelmingly beautiful. Looking back, it felt like the words of Charles Wesley's great hymn 'And Can it Be' when he writes,

*Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.*

I soon found myself reading the Bible for myself and going to church every time the doors were opened. And I loved it, because it felt like God was drawing me closer to himself through these things. And since then I've become more and more passionate about knowing God and telling others about his goodness and grace. I began preaching and teaching the Bible soon after coming to faith, which led to an opportunity to do an internship in Caernarfon, in north Wales in the summer of 2013, when I was twenty years old. And after six months spent learning the language and culture of Wales, I felt like God was calling me to stay here long term. I also met Catrin that summer, who's from the Vale of Clwyd and we got married in October 2014.

In 2018, Catrin and I both had the opportunity to move to Carmarthenshire and work with Babel Zion Newydd and the Myrddin Presbytery. And we both hope to develop a flourishing ministry here together. I look forward to hearing your stories of your journey with God!

Darllen y Beibl gyda Diolch | A Thanksgiving Bible Reading Plan



At the centre of Scripture are stories, poems, and songs about giving thanks to God for his good gifts. So this November, we invite you to spend some time exploring a few of these passages for yourself. It might just change your life.

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| 1. 1 Chronicles 16:1-8 | 16. Isaiah 12:1-6 |
| 2. Psalm 7:10-17 | 17. Psalm 69:29-34 |
| 3. Philippians 4:1-7 | 18. Psalm 147:1-7 |
| 4. Psalm 9:1-9 | 19. Colossians 4:1-6 |
| 5. Psalm 145:1-10 | 20. Psalm 75:1-7 |
| 6. Psalm 105:1-7 | 21. Psalm 30:1-12 |
| 7. Psalm 95:1-6 | 22. Psalm 116:14-19 |
| 8. Psalm 136:1-9 | 23. 1 Chronicles 16:27-34 |
| 9. Ephesians 5:15-21 | 24. Psalm 26:1-7 |
| 10. Psalm 107:1-9 | 25. Psalm 28:1-7 |
| 11. Psalm 107:10-21 | 26. Hebrews 12:22-29 |
| 12. Psalm 107:22-31 | 27. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-17 |
| 13. Psalm 100:1-5 | 28. Jeremiah 22:1-11 |
| 14. 1 Timothy 4:1-5 | 29. Psalm 106:1-5 |
| 15. Colossians 3:12-17 | 30. Psalm 28:1-7 |
| | 31. 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 |

Gwaith Adnewyddu yn y Festri | The Vestry is Finished



If you've been to the chapel within the past couple of weeks, you'll have noticed that, after several months of work, the vestry is finally complete! We're very pleased with how the vestry looks and we're hopeful that it will be a great space for our events and activities.

There's also a designated space for toddlers to use during our services, so if you'd like to join a service, but are feeling a little nervous about your children, we have a designated space for them! So please come along if you'd like. You can send Catrin an email if you have any questions.

'Felly dylen ni byth flino gwneud daioni. Os gwnawn ni ddal ati daw'r amser pan fyddwn ni'n medi cynhaeaf o fendith. Felly bob cyfle gawn ni, gadewch i ni wneud daioni i bawb, ac yn arbennig i'r teulu o gredinwyr.'

-Galatiaid 6:9



How Can We Pray for You?

The Apostle Paul instructs us to 'pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.' And it is one of the great privileges of pastoral ministry to pray *for* and *with* members of the local church.

So if you have any prayer requests, or would like to join a prayer group, please get in touch. I, alongside any of the elders, would love to hear from you.

Gweddi gan Padrig Sant

Grist, bydd gyda mi, Grist bydd ynof fi.
 Crist y tu ôl i mi, Crist yn fy rhagflaenu i,
 Crist gerllaw imi, Crist i'm hennill i,
 Crist i'm cysuro a'm hadfer i,
 Crist oddi tanaf fi, Crist uwch fy mhen i,
 Crist mewn tawelwch, Crist mewn perygl,
 Crist yng nghalonnau pawb sy'n fy ngharu,
 Crist ar wefus ffrind a diethryn.
 Amen.

A Prayer from St. Patrick

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
 Christ behind me, Christ before me,
 Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
 Christ to comfort and restore me,
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
 Christ in hearts of all that love me,
 Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
 Amen.

Rotas

Mis Month	Blodau Flowers	Glanhau Cleaning	Cyhoeddi Announcements
Hydref October	Maisie Johnson	Helen Gibbon	Molly Thomas
Tachwedd November	Nelda Davies	Janet/Lynn Davies	Meurig Rees
Rhagfyr December	Nan Thomas	Molly, Doreen, Charmaine, and Pat	Siân Cassell

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Mae Babell Zion Newydd yn eglwys ddwyieithog ym Mhensarn / Llangynnwr. Rydym yn gynulleidfa o Eglwys Bresbyteraidd Cymru a Henaduriaeth Myrddin. Os hoffech chi ddarganfod mwy o wybodaeth am ein heglwys, cysylltwch â Corey Hampton, a fyddai'n falch o glywed gennych.

Babell Zion Newydd is a bi-lingual church in Pensarn/Llangynnwr. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Wales and the Myrddin Presbytery. If you'd like to find out more information about our church, please connect with Corey Hampton, who'd be pleased to hear from you.