

Memories of Year 7



Seven years of
The Mission Church

We made it to 7!!!

So here we are, August 2018 all the way from August 2011, and what a seven years it has been. If you've read our previous issues you will have a taste of some of the ways that the Lord has been with us in that time. So grab a cup of tea sit back and see what we've been up to from August 2017—July 2018!!

Baptisms

On a cold December morning at the end of 2017 we saw Sherness and Jamie prepare to be baptised until at the last minute Tracie felt the Lord calling her to join them. And so it was we filled the pool, opened the garden and saw the three of them make a declaration of their love for The Lord and symbolise the death of their old life and the start of their new life in Christ. What a lovely, if a bit chilly, day!!



Church Connections

Our 7th year has seen The Mission Church grow our relationship with other churches. We enjoyed Easter with Lifewell, held a joint Men's conference with Oasis and Hope, had a lovely hot



and super-soaked day at Gorsto Farm with Mission Church Cwmtwrch as well as holding a Barn Dance in aid of Bloom and Mark helping with the Sycamore Tree



course alongside Linden Church and have attended Bethlehem Chapel in Ynsymedwy.



Acts 29

Building on our journey with church planting and Acts 29, Mark and Mary attended an assessment conference in Germany, and through this have been moved from Applicant to Candidate status, we have also heard Dai Hankey preach to us through 2018.



The Lord's blessings

The Lord has continued to provide for The Mission Church. Through His goodness we have been able to continue to provide a salary for Ian, Dawn and Mark through our seventh year and we have seen Ian and Dawn provided for over a year further than we first expected, PRAISE YOU LORD!!



Women's conference

Once again we saw a group attend The Midlands Women's convention the 7th time we have sent women to a conference in October. The theme this year was Glorious Jesus and the ladies that attended had a lovely blessed time.



Dolpa Hope Home Nepal



If you don't know that we went to Nepal last year then you may have been asleep!! Through our relationship with the charity ROPE we felt the Lord leading us to visit Kathmandu to continue to build our relationship Dolpa Hope Home. A hardy team of 12 people, Sylvia, Kerri, Dave, Mark, Dawn, Ian, Lisa (from Oasis), Gareth, Kieran, Dylan, Jamie, Dan left on 26th October from Heathrow and spent 6 days spending time with all the guys from the home. The Lord blessed our time in many ways including providing the funds to go, and the funds to enable the outside of the home to be painted. With all of the trips and relationships starting we were also thrilled that Jamie and Sylvia gave their lives to the Lord while we were there!! We continued to meet after the trip and in May the decision was made to go again, so keep your eyes peeled for the 8 year issue as we leave on 25th September!!



Involved Together



We continued to meet as a group with Involved Together and had another great year. We started to go through “A Good Old Age” by Derek Prime looking at the challenges that older Christians face

from A to Z. On top of this we continued to look at matters that impact our lives, benefits, PIP, etc. And we also had exterior agencies come and visit us, Care and repair, Public Health Wales, and more. And we began the academic year with incorporating a light lunch at the end of each Wednesday. We were sad to see the loss of Barbara and Dave as they were called home, and have been privileged to support Mike and Wendy in their loss. We were pleased to secure enough funding from Catalydd to run IT until at least July 2019. We finished the year with another boat trip, this time on the Tawe.



Family Services

At the Mission Church we love inviting people from outside of the church to come along and experience what we do. The family service is a great way of doing that. We have a Bible Story, action songs, bouncy castle, and face painting. They are held once every 6-8 weeks, usually in line with the school half-terms. This year we were also delighted to have a Dedication Service for Micah and Zechariah



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JUICE



Another great year for our children’s ministry. We’ve loved welcoming new children in and even bringing in some new leaders to teach our kids all about the Lord.

