

The year in pictures



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As we celebrated our 5th Anniversary in August 2016, no-one would have been able to predict what the Lord would do amongst us over those five years. So it was with Year 6. Join us as we document some of the events from August 2016 to July 2017



Ray and Vi

Ray and Vi Donovan are a couple that are known to the church through the work that they do with the Sycamore Tree course at Swansea Prison, which Mark helps with. They stay with Mark and Mary when they come and will often attend Mark and Mary's connect group when they are here. Sycamore Tree is a faith based but not faith promoting restorative justice course that encourages prisoners to think about the consequences of their actions on all around them. Ray and Vi's son was killed in May 2001. Ray and Vi attend the course to speak about their journey since then. As a church, this year we have been able to co-ordinate raising funds together to send Ray and Vi on a short break in their favourite place, the Lake District!!



Decisions

In recent times the Mission Church had made some decisions that came into effect in our 6th year. In July 2017 the decision to provide Mark with a salary came into effect. And in October 2017 the church leaders made a decision that was ratified by the members that saw Ian and Dawn being paid full-time for the work they do.

ROPE

As a church we continue to support the work of ROPE throughout the world, specifically Dolpa Hope Home in Nepal. Our sixth year saw a visit from Jay Hay CEO of ROPE and his wife Gay. Ian was delighted to be joined by another Wycombe fan!! Also in the 6th year the Lord has lead us to plan a trip to the home in Nepal which will be taking place in October 2017, stay tuned for our year 7 brochure to see that!!



New Life

In August 2016 we were pleased to welcome Laurence into the church as he began to attend on a Sunday morning. We praise the Lord that He has shown him grace and saved Laurence. In April 2017 Laurence was baptised at the church. We also thank God that He has brought Laurence to us as he has amazing gifts when it comes to music and the Lord is starting to develop a music team in our church.



More New Life

On April 24th 2017 we were delighted as Gary and Heather welcomed their new-born son Zechariah into the world. Our 6th year has also seen Gary and Heather become members. The ladies of the church held a baby shower for Heather that was a great success.



Involved Together

One of the benefits of having Ian and Dawn available during the week in the new work that has started. Involved Together. Born out of the Senior Connect Group. We meet every Wednesday at the Memorial Hall from 10-12. this group was set up firstly for our people but secondly to reach out to the local community. It developed over time and has between 10-15 people coming along. We usually have a talk on a subject relevant to the group, try to engage with technology and have visiting speakers. In our first six months we were joined by The Fire Service, Police, Ageing Well Swansea,



Morrison Historical Society, and the Lord Mayor of Swansea. We have also been out for meals together and visited the TLC group at the Mission Church Cwmtwrch.



Beginnings

Our baby and toddler group completed its third year in July 2017. It has been a great year for us. We have seen our attendance rise to averaging 30-35 most weeks with one morning having 69 people coming along! We welcomed Dawn to the team full-time and were helped out massively by some of the youth as they had time off for exams. We have even seen people from Beginnings start to attend church on a Sunday Morning!!



SWAGG

Our SWAGG group still meets on a Sunday evening. This year has been filled with teaching, evenings out and visits to other groups. We also welcomed Daniel into the fold!!



JUICE

At the Mission, we really value our children and believe that the Lord wants us to teach them about Him which is why we have Join Us Investigating Christ's Existence, our Sunday Morning children's ministry. We have had some changes in the leaders this year welcoming some newcomers who have taken to teaching our children excellently.



Events

Throughout the year we were able to attend and host events. These included the Wales launch of Life explored, Libanus Men's meal, Midlands Women's conventions, Evangelical Ministry Assembly as well as using the

