

Memories of our Third Year



Three years
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Looking Up

Our third year was a year where we really looked to God to lead us and move us forward. We had got to where we were because of His grace and it would be His grace that would continue to grow us in 2013—2014. We had a great year and God blessed us throughout. We hope this leaflet will show how God has moved this year and how He has been glorified through The Mission Church.



Signing Up

November saw the high point of the life of the church so far as we signed our Constitution and officially became a church as well as signing up our first 8 members.



The 8 members (7 leaders and Mary Skinner) met at Mark and Mary's house, all the documents were completed and we were officially a church and charity in accordance with the charities commis-

sion!!

Connect Groups

Another important part of our church life are our connect groups. These meet fortnightly at different venues. Through the third year we have had 5 running. We feel it is important that we have this chance to connect as people of the church. Each group is different and is set up for different types of people. We have groups with families, a group for the older members of our congregation and one with people in their 20's 30's and 40's.

Discipleship groups

We continue to run discipleship groups as a way of getting to know and love our Lord more and more. There are a number of groups running at the church at the moment, for, men, women, mature and new Christians alike.



Family Services

This year has seen an addition to our Family Services in the form of Naomi who comes along to do some face painting and also a pool in the summer. This sits well next to the bouncy castle and the food as well as the service itself where we have been looking at the story of Joseph. These services are great to invite our non-Christian family and friends and the whole family of the church has a great time every 6 weeks. This year we have been able to welcome Dan Marks from Essential Swansea and Chris Screen from Lifewell Church.



Moving up



After two more members joined in February and became leaders we welcomed 12 people into membership at our church meeting on 18th May 2014. It

was great to see the Lord growing His church in Cwmrhydyceirw.

Speaking Up

The Mission Church has a group of Elders who want to grow in their ability to teach God's Word. One of the ways that they do this is through preaching regularly, whether that is in the Mission itself or at other churches. Throughout the third year Steve, Mark, Ian and Simon have preached at Aion Baptist in Bryncoch, Memorial Baptist Chapel Swansea, Lifewell Church, and Oasis. Alongside this Mark and Steve have also had the opportunity to speak at Swansea and Usk Prison.



Travelling up

One of our identifying marks at the Mission Church are the trips that we embark on each year, and the third year was no different, the next section is a look back on those events in year three.

London Women's Conference

In October a group of women from the church travelled up to the London Women's convention with a brief trip down the river at Windsor. Everyone had a great time and God spoke to the group clearly through the speakers.



Christmas Stall

At Christmas the Christian Bookshop in Swansea had the opportunity to open a stall in the Swansea Christmas Market. They sent out an appeal for people to come and help man the stall. The response from the people of the Mission was encouraging and we managed to have people on the



stall throughout two days. We managed to help the bookstall raise some money. We also held a raffle for a Swansea City shirt as well as giving out copies of the book Christmas Unwrapped by Carl Laferton.

Memorial Hall

We are continuing to serve the local community and through the third year we have been serving the Hall in two ways. Firstly through two of our leaders sitting on the committee of the hall and then through trying to help with the gardening at the hall through gardening days.



Church Activities

On top of the trips that we have run through the year there have been various church activities. This next section is dedicated to some of these.

Christmas Dinner

It was lovely at Christmas to host the Mission Church Christmas Dinner. A lot of hard work went into the organisation of the food and celebration and around 60 people came and enjoyed. It was a great time to celebrate the Birth of Jesus and sent us into a lovely restful time of the year.



SWAGG weekend away

In May the youth spent a weekend at the St Madoc Centre in Llanmadoc. A great weekend was had by all, time down the beach, a treasure hunt, a DVD night and continuing going through the Christianity Explored material were just some of the things they got up to!



EMA 2014

In July the four elders went up to London for the EMA. It was three days of great teaching from excellent preachers and the guys got a lot from the week as well as some leaders meeting one of their heroes!!



Evangelist Conference

In October 2013 a group of men from the church visited All Souls Church in London for the second time. Richard Cunningham led the sessions on the forgotten Evangelist. This year the main theme was the value of one to one meetings in evangelism.



TENBY

Following our trip in 2012 we decided that 2014 was about time for us to make another visit down west. A small group of us travelled by train again from Swansea to Tenby to spend the day sight seeing, shopping, having fish and chips and messing about on the beach, some of the party didn't want to leave!!



Folly Farm

At the end of August the church family had a trip to Folly Farm. We took around 70 people up on a Saturday to enjoy the animals, funfair and rides. The kids had a great time and even the adults enjoyed themselves, especially seeing the Penguins!!



As you can see we have had a busy year just with our trips!! They're not the only thing that we do but they are a brilliant way of getting the community of the church together to spend time with and get to know each other. They are a highlight of our year and in the case of the conferences are a good way of getting to know more of our Lord Jesus Christ.