

Memories of Year 9



The Mission Church
in it's Ninth Year

Eight years

At the beginning of August in 2011 a small group of Christians started The Mission Church in Cwmrhydyceirw, Morriston. That church has now been going for nine years. The Lord continues to work amongst us in everything we have faced. This year has seen some really tough times and some great highs. The Lord has been faithful to us throughout and we are thankful to Him for that. This leaflet is just a very brief record of what we have been up to between August 2019 to July 2020. Enjoy!!

Tough times at The Mission Church

Unless you've been living under a rock since March anyone reading this will understand Coronavirus and the impact that has had on people's public and personal lives. This was no different for The Mission Church and we have a whole separate section towards the end of this leaflet.

But it wasn't just Coronavirus that had an impact on The Mission Church in our ninth year. The Lord has allowed us to go through some extremely testing times. He has allowed us to be able to work through issues over leadership and suffering and to be crystal clear now where we stand on specific issues. This has not been easy and we have lost members because of it, we have also left the Acts 29 network a decision that was very difficult to make.

But we believe in the sovereignty of GOD and that what he allows to happen is always for our shaping and our good even though it may seem hard at the time. We thank the Lord for what He has allowed us to experience this year.

Church Ministries

Throughout our 9th year our main church ministries continued up until March when the Covid-19 pandemic meant restrictions in how and when we could meet.

I.T was a regular presence at the Memorial Hall as we met with our older folk even heading out for meals at Christmas and at the end of terms.

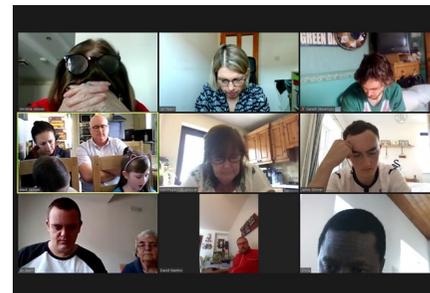
Beginnings continued to meet three times a week at the Memorial Hall and attracted mothers, fathers, grandparents and guardians between 9-11:30.

Covid-19

Of course, all of this came to quite an abrupt stop in March when the UK government added restrictions to how much people could meet. Our services moved online through the medium of zoom. This took quite a lot of getting used to, but we eventually moved to two meetings on a Sunday morning as well as a Wednesday morning prayer meeting.

We have continued to seek the Lord as to the best way we can serve our church and our local community at this time. In light of that we have supported people from the church as well as people in the community through links with Byron Measday the Local Area Coordinator for Morriston during the "lockdown" period.

We've done this through regular phone calls and practical help such as fetching shopping, prescriptions etc.



Wedding of the Year!!

August 3rd 2019 saw a fantastic start to our 9th year as we celebrated the union before GOD of Phil and Sheress Griffiths. What a joy as family from all over England and Wales joined with friends also from all over, but mainly Bristol, Mersea and Swansea!!

A great day was had by all as we witnessed the marriage ceremony at Lifewell Church and then the reception at our own Memorial Hall.

The people of the Mission Church played a great part in the day, whether that was taking the marriage ceremony, being ushers, helping with food, setting up etc. It was such a good day we've given it it's own page!!



Preaching

Year 9 has seen a continuation of Mark preaching through Matthew for the main part of the year. As the Covid-19 pandemic began to impact the world he took us through the Psalms of David to end the church year. We have also seen a few guest speakers this year, Ian Walsh from Mission Cwmtwrch joined us for a thanksgiving service and Andy Jong from ROPE visited with his wife Fiona for our Family Service in September.

As well as this Mark has still been able to support other churches through his own preaching especially on Sunday evenings and mornings when the Mission has not had a service or Ian has been taking a Family Service. This year saw visits to Swansea Prison, Mission Church Cwmtwrch, Penclawdd Tabernacle and for the first time Mumbles Baptist Church.

Lastly Mark was able to preach at the ordination service of Steve Dyer at Mission Church Cwmtwrch something that he was pleased to do.



Nepal 2019

In September of 2019 another intrepid group of travellers left Swansea to spend a week with Amos, Doma and the children at Dolpa Hope Home in Godawari, Kathmandu, Nepal. Once again the Lord blessed us with an amazing stay. It was a bit more rainy this year but our hard-wearing team battled through.

The rain highlighted this year an issue with drainage within the 'yard' at the home so Phil and his "gardenforce" team set to making a French drain to allay the flooding issues and they did a great job.

The ladies spent time with Doma again this year and also with some of the ladies from Kings Church Kathmandu and Message of the Cross Church.

This trip gave us a chance to meet up with Narayan from Message of the Cross Church who we had been meeting with on zoom. The Lord

blessed us in such a way that we have been able to support

him and his wife Isha financially through the year.

On the Saturday Mark and Ian both preached as the group split into two to attend both Kings Church where Ian preached and Message of the Cross that heard Mark deliver the message.

For the first time this year we also held two mornings of Bible teaching with leaders and members from both churches. What an encouraging time!!



To add to all of those events we once again were able to take the children from the home shopping and pizza / burger afterwards, they loved the milkshakes (!!), make a trip to the Godawari Botanical Gardens and some even explored the local streets and shops. It is fair to say that it was another year of really being blessed by the Lord both in teaching and in fellowship. Our fourth trip in year 10 has had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 but we are looking forward to getting out there whenever the Lord next allows.



Conferences

Another year and another Midlands Women's Convention for the ladies of the Mission Church. This year we sent a team of 8 to the conference who all had a great time. This year the theme was The Lord our Rock and Hannah Fox was the main speaker. What a blessed time had by all.



The women weren't alone this year as the Men held a joint conference alongside Mission Church Cwmtwrch and Oasis Church where Steve Dyer ministered to men from all over Swansea and the surrounding areas.