

See you in Year 11



Ten years at
The Mission Church

Our First Ten Years

The start of August 2020 saw the beginning of our Tenth Year the culmination of which would see us celebrate a full ten years of The MIssion Church in Cwmrhydyceiriw. It was for many reasons been a strange year but one that we are thankful to the Lord for. We spent the whole year under the shadow of the Global Covid-19 pandemic which meant a variety of changes to our normal church life and church activities, but that did not in anyway stop the Lord working in the life of the church or of the individuals in the church.

We give thanks to the Lord for all that he has done amongst us from August 2020 to July 2022 and look forward to documenting the year in these pages. We hope that you enjoy reading about the year as much as we did in going through it!

Psalm 18:1-2

I love you, Lord my strength

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;

my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,

my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Nepal

It will be obvious to anyone reading this that our annual trip to Nepal which had been booked for September 2020 was cancelled due to the global Covid-19 pandemic.

In January 2021 we did meet to discuss a trip in 2021 but it seemed clear that that would not be possible in 2021 so we took the decision that there would not be a visit in 2021 either.

Despite the lack of a visit Mark and Ian had a regular monthly meeting with Amos from Dolpa Hope Children's home and Jen from King's Church Kathmandu together and also Narayan and Hemanta from Message of the Cross Church in Kathmandu.

We have been blessed by having zoom to enable us to keep meeting with these guys, having fellowship, praying together and studying.



I.S.C.R



In May 2020 the Church received a number of formal complaints from ex-members and attendees and after a period of communication with the Charity Commission Christian Safeguarding Services were commissioned by the in February 2021 to undertake an Independent Safeguarding Culture Review of The Mission Church.

Paul Harrison from C.S.S conducted meetings with leadership, constructed questionnaires that were given to anyone who had an interest in taking part, reviewed the current safeguarding policies and procedures and as of July 2021 was finalising the report of the review.

We are thankful to Paul and C.S.S for going through this and to the Lord for His shaping upon us as a Church and as individuals. We look forward to the report in August 2021

Romans 12:18

If it is possible,

as far as it depends on you,
live at peace with everyone.

Covid-19

No re-telling of August 2020 to July 2021 would be able to escape mention of the global pandemic of Covid-19. As with the whole world at the time the pandemic had a significant impact on the life of the church. Lockdown had just come to an end for the first time, but November would see the UK enter into a second lockdown. Taking into account the fact that we hire the Mission Church did not actually have any in person meetings for the whole of our tenth year. This meant that all of our meetings were held over zoom details of which can be seen throughout the leaflet.

Sunday Mornings

Continuing on from our previous year we continued to meet on zoom, for two meetings from 10:30 until 11:10 and then after a 10 minute break we would join back at 11:20 until 12:00.

The first meeting would be a time to involve all of the family, with prayer songs and a talk for the children.

The second section would focus purely on GOD's word.

Kidz Connect

In September 2020 the leaders felt it would be good for our younger people under the age of 18 to have a weekly meeting to stay in touch with each other and church life, and to learn more about the Lord. We focussed on 5 things at the beginning, learn the bible, pray the Bible, sing the Bible, read the Bible and buy Bibles.

Each Thursday we would meet from 6:45 until 7:25 on zoom. It wasn't just for the under 18's also for the young at heart and enjoyed spending time with others from the life of the church.

Through the year we studied the book of Genesis looking at a story per week usually from one chapter at a time, we even reached Ch 26!

This was a great time of fellowship each week where the children had a great opportunity to learn more about the Lord.



Holiday Connect

Towards the end of the year at the beginning of the Summer Holidays we held our Holiday Connect Group. Following the same format of our Kidz Connect but going through the book of Jonah we had three days of icebreakers, Bible lessons and cartoons from Saddleback Kids.

Here are some photos of our three days together.

