

Boldness!

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Sunday February 28, 2021

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Welcome!

We're really glad you could join us! We hope you find warm friendship with us and clear practical help to follow Jesus. Please note the following

- Kids are welcome here! Kids Church happens during the Bible talk.
- A parent's room is available in the Church. Care is provided in the cottage during the second half of the service for children 0-3 years.
 - If you have a hearing aid, switch it to "T"



For Prayer This Week

- **Pray for the country of Libya** (Population 7 million, Christians 34,500). Libya has no freedom of speech, no freedom of religion and it is almost impossible to follow Jesus publicly. Sharing your faith is illegal and Libyan Christians from a Muslim background face violent and intense pressure to renounce their faith. The majority of Christians are not locals but expatriate and migrant workers. Pray for Libyan believers who are imprisoned. Pray that new converts will be able to meet with other believers. Pray for Libya's leaders that they will make wise decisions.
- **Pray for our sister Church, Hog Harbour Presbyterian in Vanuatu.** They have asked for prayer for 1. Find help to change Church roofing which is now very rusty. 2. Church leadership, they now have a new elder, clerk and leading elder and so beg changes after the death of their leading elder last year. Pray for 10 Ni-van students stranded in Israel due to the COVID restrictions, one of the them is the daughter of Elder Philmone, named Mayline. She spent time with the mission team in 2020.
- Pray that we can have a reasoned **debate over the taking of the COVID-19** Vaccine. Pray that people will not be compelled against their wishes to take it. Pray that herd immunity will be achieved and the vaccine will be successful in protecting all people (those who take it and those who don't) from future outbreaks.
- Pray for our Church that **our young people** will be taught the trust of the Christian faith and be modelled the faith at home and in Church.
- **Pray for those caught up in the world of gambling.** That they will see their need to remove themselves from it. That they will be given the strength and the support to leave it behind. And that they will replace it with a love for Jesus that will consume them instead of gambling. Pray that we as a society will be less dependent upon gambling money and see the real problems it causes in families and individuals.



What's Happening?

- **World Day of Prayer – VANUATU.** A service will be held here at St. David's at 10.00 a.m. on Friday 5th March, and is open to all. Our own Stephen Taylor will be giving the message "Build on a Strong Foundation" Matt. 7:24 The Swansea version will be held at the Anglican Church in Swansea at 11am. See Annette Phillis for more information
- **JOY** will be on this Friday @ 10am at the Belmont 16 footers.
- **Focus for February – Vision.** What are we trying to do with our kids and youth work? We want to train our young people in the ways of God so that over time they take more and more responsibility for their own personal faith. This year we hope to do that by teaching a Biblical and engaging curriculum, partnering more with parents to encouraging a love for Jesus across the whole week and by helping them walk through a series of rites of passage over their time under the Church's care. For more details please go to <https://youtu.be/SX3MMgLEv9U> where we have an interview with Suzie Chesterfield , our kids and families worker.
- **Church Camp.** Registrations close today for our Church Camp. Please consider coming for the whole weekend or even just a part of it to receive good teaching and great fellowship. Please note that next weekend that there will be no 8am (Swansea) or 9:15am (Charlestown services. Instead service will be at 10:30 (followed by a lunch) and 5pm (followed by dinner). To help with numbers please register to attend these services. We would love to see everyone come for some time next weekend. Please make a special effort to do so.
- **Prayer on ZOOM.** Each month we will try and change the ZOOM prayer meeting to a different time to see what time would suit us best as a Church. In March it will be held every Wednesday at 7am (for 30mins)
- **Annual Congregational Meeting.** Please can you note that our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday 21st March from 11:40am.
- **Men's Beach Breakfast.** Some of the men are going to meet at Blacksmith's beach on Saturday 20th March from 7am for a walk, run, swim or surf (or maybe all four!) followed by a BBQ breakfast together at 8am and a short devotions. Why not plan to join them? More details to follow.
- **Kids Spot.** We look at a 5th and last question about suffering this week in Kids church: So how should followers of Jesus live now? We will learn that we are to live by faith (in Jesus who knew suffering for us), in hope (because Jesus beat death and will one day bring a brand new, perfect, fixed-up world for everyone who trusts in him) and showing love (just as Jesus loved us). Question for the week: When you go through hard times, what could it look like to live by faith, in hope and showing love?

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