

Sunday 8th December 2019

Our Services today will be led by Pastor Mark

11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship
Theme	Advent – Prepare the Way of the Lord
Bible Readings	Malachi Ch. 3 vs. 1-4 Luke Ch. 3 vs. 1-6
Hymns	1141 673 503 211 345
6.00 p.m.	Evening Worship
Theme	Fear Not Mary
Bible Reading	Luke Ch. 1 vs. 26-38
Hymns	491 1045 1000 1151

Please use your copy of ***Bethesda News*** as a daily prayer reminder.
Tea and coffee are available in the Hall downstairs after our morning service and upstairs after our evening service today. Please stay for a chat.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY	10.00 a.m.	Cefn Wood Coffee Morning
	1.00 p.m.	Bethesda Toddlers
	7.30 p.m.	Bethesda Linx – Ladies Group <i>Debra John</i> -Victorian Christmas Traditions and Customs
TUESDAY	9.30 a.m.	Story and Rhyme Time – Cefn Wood
	12.30 p.m.	Fellowship Lunch

	2.30 p.m.	Friendship Hour - Cefn Wood
	8.00 p.m.	Home Group
WEDNESDAY	10.00 a.m.	Bethesda Toddlers
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	7.30 p.m.	Prayer in the Church
	8.15 p.m.	Bible Study
THURSDAY	2.30 p.m.	Ladies Fellowship Carols, Readings & Christmas Quiz
FRIDAY	5.00 p.m.	Sparks (For 3 to 5 year olds)
	6.30 p.m.	Ignite (For 6 to 10 year olds)
SUNDAY	10.00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting
	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship (Bethesda and Cefn Wood)
	2.30 p.m.	Messy Church
	4.30 p.m.	Christmas Choir
	6.00 p.m.	Evening Worship

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

A Choir will be taking part in the Carol Service on December 22nd. Practices will be taking place in Bethesda on Sunday afternoons starting at 4.30 p.m. Please see Rachel Stephens ☎ 891421 for further information.

HOME GROUP

One Home Group will be meeting this week at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, in Roger and Dorothy Davies's home, 2, Bentley Close, NP10 0AJ.

MESSY CHURCH

This month's Messy Church will be held next Sunday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. in Bethesda.

CHRISTMAS MEAL FOR MEN

This year's Christmas Meal for Men is on Tuesday, 17th December at 7.15 p.m. It is important that you let either Allan Parsons ☎ 893778 or Geraint Stephens ☎ 895835 know as soon as possible if you intend to come. The cost is £10.00.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

A baptismal service will be held on the evening of the 29th December during which Lewis Jones will be baptised.

HELP REQUESTED

We shall be holding a Christingle Service in Bethesda on Christmas Eve. Volunteers are needed to make Christingles on Monday 23rd December, 9.15 a.m. for a 9.30 a.m. start. The more who can help the quicker we shall be.

STAMPS

We can assist medical mission through our used postage stamps. Please keep your stamps, cut around them leaving a small trimmed edge and place them in the box at the bottom of the stairs. These will be sold as foreign stamps by BMS World Mission, which uses that income for medical assistance around the world.

HELP FOR LOCAL CHAIRITES

Today there is an opportunity to contribute to two local charities:

Oaklands Home, Rogerstone needs finances to support respite care for disabled children. You may give your gifts to either Beryl James or Pam Williams or put it in an envelope and place it in the offertory bag. The home has been very grateful for the support that has been given over the years.

Risca CAP Debt Centre are needing items for hampers to be distributed to those with the very least. The items needed are: Christmas pudding, Christmas cake, Chocolate (Roses, Heroes, Celebrations), Selection boxes, Mince pies, Soft drinks (Schloer, Non-alcoholic wine), Tinned meat, Jams, Chutney, Tea bags/Coffee/Hot Chocolate, Cheese biscuits, Bath/Shower products, One size unisex gloves and Socks.

THANKS

Margery Pryce-Jones wishes to thank the fellowship for the beautiful flowers received from Pastor Huw and Pam Williams. We pray that Margery will be well enough to join in worship again soon.

WORLD MISSION - ALBANIA

On Tuesday the 26th November a big earthquake struck with a 6.4 magnitude, followed by many hourly aftershocks, some of those up to 5 on the Richter scale, an event that hardly made the news in this country. To date it would appear 51 people have lost their lives, 900 are injured and thousands without homes. The areas hardest hit are Durrës, Thumane, Shijak and Tirana.

It would appear that 4 churches are no longer able to meet in their buildings and the evangelical community is asking for 4 large tents seating 100 – 200 people so that they can continue meeting regularly. Churches across the country are mobilising with practical help and personnel to show God's love.

- Pray for the bereaved, the injured, the traumatised and the homeless.
- Pray for the means to meet short term needs as well as long term.

Pray for Ian and Caralee Loring of Korca Evangelical Church together with Open Air Campaigners and their teams engaged in relief.