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by Dick Shenton
Vice Chairman

From the Vice Chairman

Recently I attended a New Wine Cymru conference at Lampeter and was delighted to catch up with a number of former ARM members and visitors to Flames of Fire. The influence which ARM has had in their lives still manifests itself in their enthusiasm for the Lord and the stories they tell of how Christ is working through life in the parish. My word for them and for you is that these wonderful tales deserve a much wider audience and should be published in this magazine. Some people are daunted when asked to give their testimony but most have seen or experienced lives changed by both small and large initiatives in which they have participated. We hear how God is at work in placing His servants in close proximity so that the outworking of the Holy Spirit can be more powerful; of how church based interactive events can influence the community to be more open to the gospel.



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Prayer Corner
by Pam Worsey

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That is far more uncomfortable, much easier to resist and complain about, because we may not find support for our point of view. Most of the time it is down to our desire to remain in our comfort zone, not wishing for any change. After all, we have methods and new ideas thrust upon us in school, by our family and at work, so why should we want anything to be different in our church? Perhaps we ought to look at the world of Jesus and his disciples. They went out and about seeking to alter people's outlook, meeting with much opposition on the way. Yet here we are 2013 years later with the same message which needs to reach all those people who do not wish to step across the threshold of a church. So what do we do - sit with a door half open hoping that only the "nice" ones come in, just in case we may be contaminated and their involvement may disturb our comfortable seclusion? Jesus used to invite himself into the very homes of people leaving them questioning their beliefs, but he met them with love, forgiveness and healing in his heart. He has implanted the same gifts in us and charged us to give these gifts away, not exclusively to each other, but to all with whom we come into contact, inviting them to be a part of His family.

Prayer Corner

"O Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make Yourself known! In wrath [earnestly] remember love, pity and mercy" Habbakuk 3:2b [Amplified version]

Do you feel the lovely fresh breath of the Holy Spirit blowing through our Land? In His goodness and grace, our loving Heavenly Father is so encouraging us His children, as prayers of decades are being answered – from north to south.



Not only are we being blessed by the wonderful reports from Cwmbran <http://www.victorychurch.co.uk> and Ffald y Brenin <http://www.ffald-y-brenin.org>, but there has been the prayer walk which encircled Anglesey, followed now by 3 weeks of mission; together with many other stories from various places in between. Praise God!

Let us begin our ARM Wales prayers in this edition with the words of *Hosea 6:1-3* to encourage us. These including His wonderful promise "to come to us as the rain, as the latter and former rain upon the earth". Let us thank Him for beginning to fulfil this promise in our generation!

Praise and Thanksgiving

- For abundant showers of blessing this year, *both in the natural and spiritual realms*, since after the glorious summer weather of recent weeks, refreshing rain is falling even as I type!
- For a 'full house' at our recent Executive meeting, when all members were able to be present, after many health and other challenges had been preventing this over past months.
- For God's gracious answer in giving us more Executive Committee members.
- For God's blessing on the Trefeca retreat.

Prayer Needs

- While praising God for an increase in numbers on our Executive committee, we are still greatly in need of some younger members! ARM Wales is NOT an organisation just for the 'oldies'! Just the opposite in fact!
- Please continue to ask God to supply what are now even more urgent needs – a Chairman; webmaster; magazine editor and secretary. As we pray, let us remember Jesus' promise that whatever we ask for in prayer, **believing**, we shall receive, (*Mark 11:24*) so that our prayers are not just words hitting the ceiling, but a true and heartfelt cry of belief to our generous God, Who delights to supply His children's needs! (Maybe it is well to take to heart verses 23 & 25 that surround this promise, if we really want to

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Thank you for praying – we so appreciate you. May God so richly bless and reward you.

get serious with God!).

- We thank God for answering our prayers for a venue in North Wales for our retreat next Spring. However, Father God may have other place[s] for us – please ask Him to help us find, and guide us to them. They need to be fairly central places, enabling all who wish to attend to be able to do so, without huge travelling time and costs; places with many single rooms, as that is usually the main requirement; reasonably priced and preferably in beautiful localities, to aid our worship of our wonderful Creator.
- Please ask God to guide Bishop Andy John as he kindly leads us during our Spring retreat and pray that our mid week timing will also encourage clergy and their wives to attend and to be blessed by a short time away from their duties.
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- Please pray for our Spiritual Advisors and all their contributions to ARM Wales, especially advising and guiding us on the Executive Committee.
- Finally, let us pray for one another as the Holy Spirit leads. He alone knows the needs of every heart and life, and as we make ourselves available with quietened, open hearts, He can and will bring people, situations and prayer needs to us, that we may never have thought of. He is such a caring, loving, faithful Father. Let us just enjoy Him as we pray! His Presence is so indescribably wonderful, strengthening and encouraging. Romans 8:26–27 “...we do not know what we should pray for, but the Spirit makes intercession for us...”

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Praying the Lord's Prayer

In most of our Churches every Sunday and in meetings and Schools, we say the Lord's Prayer.

When in Luke's Gospel chapter 6, the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray he gave them this example. These words are familiar to almost everyone nowadays. However, we may not always stop and think about what we are saying. So let us stop and look at this in detail.

*Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come
your will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven:*

Jesus is reminding his disciples to remember to whom we are addressing our prayer.

This is followed by reminding them and us, that God is our Father and is Holy and should be acknowledged as such. The prayer then goes on to remind us of God's eternal desire for the whole World to eventually become part of his kingdom. In order for this to happen we must be obedient to his will. Therefore, it is our first responsibility to submit to our Heavenly Father, to worship and honour him before we bring to him our own needs.

*Give us today our daily bread
forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil:*

The prayer now turns to our needs and desires. We are encouraged to ask God to provide what is essential for our daily living.

It then goes on to ask God to forgive us our sins, but we can only expect this if we are ready to forgive those who have wronged (upset) us.

by
Joseph E Hague



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Next we pray to be kept free from the temptations of the world and be kept safe from the evil one.

*For the Kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.*

The final part comes back to the acknowledgement that everything belongs to God and he alone has all the power and all the glory. When we have honoured God, sincerely, in this way then we can come to him with petition expecting him to answer our prayers.

How often do we come to God as a last resort with our requests instead of worshipping and seeking his will from the outset? Countless Church meetings over the years have been full of plans to be discussed and needs to be addressed before finding out first what our Heavenly Father desires. We so often discuss, make plans then ask God to bless them!

We should always start Church meetings by spending time in prayer, seeking his will and waiting for him to answer. This may be in a surprising way, he often has a much better plan for us and we may find we have more important things to do than we first thought of. We may, perhaps, see a much clearer way forward than our own desires.

Going to church for nearly 50 years –
but was I going to heaven?

The Team Leader was interviewing me about my testimony. He said, “Henry you told us you went to Church for nearly fifty years before you became a Christian. What took you so long?” I did not answer, the Holy Spirit did. Out of my mouth came His words - “Bad preaching”. The whole Mission Team and congregation burst out laughing. I didn’t. I was mortified. How could they laugh at the truth?

But how did it happen? I came from generations of Welsh churchmen, brought up in the church as a child, baptised, prepared for and confirmed, a regular churchgoer and communicant. What else was there?

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by
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Thomas

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The fact is I, like so many of my generation, was a churchgoer but not a Christian. We were brought up to be good, but not to have a personal relationship with Jesus. Prayer was just saying the responses in a service and if you wanted



specific prayer for somebody or yourself you went to the vicar to get him to do it.

The Holy Ghost to us was just what anyone else would think – some sort of ghostly apparition, not something we understood or thought important.

Our basis of faith was that if you were baptised and confirmed in the church, went to services regularly,

and lived a reasonably good life you went to Heaven. Even today many who say they are Christians believe this or other incorrect doctrines. Sadly many will not get to heaven.

So what changed for me? My own journey with God started when I was dying of a heart attack. That was the moment I put my trust in Jesus only. I immediately experienced an intense feeling of peace such that I did not even think of what was happening to me in the physical world. I just waited contented and patiently for Jesus to come to either heal me or take me to Heaven.

For about four years afterwards I struggled in my own strength to live the Christian life. In the end I realised I could not do it and gave up. I told Jesus He would have to do it for me. That broke another barrier and enabled me to receive the ministrations of the Holy Spirit. It not only changed me personally in who I was and how I lived – a work still very much in progress, but started me doing works through the Spirit that God had ordained for me to walk in.

I can’t truthfully say it was altogether easy. It took me way out of my comfort zone. I experienced such an intensity of God’s Spirit that even Pentecostals might find it strange.

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Supernatural experiences of God gradually became natural to me.

What I was led to do, experienced and saw, would make many Christians throw up their hands in horror. But the reality was that extreme though these were to man, they were all written down in God's word. I was experiencing something of what Jesus' disciples had experienced.

I can confess that I am now no longer just a Christian, but a disciple of Jesus the Christ.

Have I now received all that there is? Yes. Because I am baptised in the Holy Spirit. My spirit is now wall to wall Holy Ghost able to do everything Jesus did and greater works.

Ok, I am still learning what much of it means and how to use it to build God's Kingdom on earth. The beauty of it all is that the same anointing is available to any follower of Jesus that wants to become a disciple and will accept and use the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The first key to becoming a disciple is to believe. Belief is more than faith. Faith, says the bible, tells us Jesus healed people. Belief says 'I know Jesus healed me today'. Believe what you imagine and see in your heart as already there, even when it has not yet appeared in the physical.

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When you are baptised in the Holy Spirit believe on God's power within you. Stop pleading with God to act, and just do what the Holy Spirit leads you to do about it. If Jesus did it in the New Testament you can do it too.

To those of you in ministry and/or with the care of souls I give this challenge:

- Preach the true gospel of Christ with signs and wonders following.
- Ensure that all who come to your church know exactly what they need to do to get to heaven.
- Actively encourage the seeking and receiving of the

baptism of the Holy Spirit for all who truly ask.

- Support and motivate those baptised in the Holy Spirit to do as the disciples did.
- Expect all these things to happen and they will.

What a church we now have! Forget the secular economy. God's word will prevail in your community. His Blessings in full will fall on all who come. His provision is health, happiness, security, economic and personal prosperity, and a love and care for others beyond human understanding.

The Joy of Shed Praise

One day my good friend and prayer partner Jon felt led by the Lord to build a shed at the bottom of his garden. He obeyed this call and after buying all the necessary bits and pieces, he built a shed, and as sheds go, it is a good one, strong, dry and well built. Jon built this shed with love and care, and to the best of his ability, as one does when doing work for the Lord, but as he stood looking at his finished handiwork, (a shed, which he had filled with all the normal things you will find in a mans shed), he, like Noah, had no real idea of the impact that this shed would have on certain peoples lives.

Now you may be thinking why on earth would God tell someone to build a garden shed?, initially, I thought the same, but then ask yourself the question, why did God tell Noah to build a big boat, on dry land, in the middle of a country, miles from any water? If History has taught us anything, it has taught us never to question what God tells us to do, but to just get on and do it. When God asks us to do something he seldom tells us why, and it is only with hindsight that the reason becomes clear.

After Jon and I became friends we started attending Christian events together outside of Sunday services, one of which was a men's breakfast, which was held in a large, but rather rickety shed at the bottom of his father-in-law's garden. This event was great fun, a really good way for Christian men to enjoy fellowship together, and it sowed the seed that was to become Shed Praise. Jon and I also

by Steve Waters

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started meeting weekly for coffee, and these coffee meetings, by mutual agreement (and I suspect under the Lord's leading), became prayer meetings. But we had a problem. We couldn't really make the prayer meetings work because my house was too small, and his house was too busy. This problem was solved by the building of the shed. We both decided that if you could have a men's breakfast in a shed then why not hold a prayer meeting in one. Jesus was born in a stable, and being a carpenter, spent most of his life in a shed. It seemed a perfectly logical and sensible thing, therefore, to worship him in one. Jon added two chairs and a CD player to the rest of the sheds

contents and we went for it. Initially it was strange, talking to God surrounded by spades and lawn mowers, and hammers and nails, but it quickly became a special place. Every meeting was started with an invitation to the Lord to come and join us, and fellowship with us.

After a very short while you could tangibly feel the presence of God there as you walked in. Worship and prayer became very easy in there and we came to a place where we looked forward to our time in the shed. Indeed, we felt deprived if we missed it. It became for us the place where God strengthened us, guided us and reproached us.

During our time in the shed, God led us both out of our respective wilderness places and into his glorious presence. He soothed our wounds and healed our hurts. He turned the relationship Jon and I had around, taking away the friendship we had for each other and giving us a David and Jonathon relationship, and he led us both out of our



respective churches to Trinity Faith and Healing Centre. We also found that as we spent time with God throughout the week he would prepare us for our time in the shed; giving us certain praise songs or music to play, certain bible readings to bring, and even words of knowledge. On one occasion, the Lord gave me a vision as I sat praying, and as time has gone on, the Lord has also brought other people, (one at a time) to the shed for him to minister to them through Jon and I. They usually only come two or three times and leave blessed and changed.

Jon and I started Shed Praise at a time when we were both having a hard time in our walk with God, in a desert place, discontented with the churches we were attending and so thirsty for more of God. We were desperate and hurting, and God responded to our need in a way that has, and continues, to amaze us. During our times of Shed Praise we have seen God change our relationship and even ourselves. We find ourselves reacting to the trials and tribulations that the enemy throws in our path in a completely different way compared to a few years ago. Things that threw us into a panic or the pits of despair only a few years ago we are now able to take in our stride, knowing for certain that nothing happens to us that our Lord doesn't allow. And we find that as we stay close to the Lord in our shed, He warns us and gives us a chance to prepare for the coming attack. Our shed is a special place, one that Jon and I will cling to and fight fiercely to protect as long as the Lord tells us too.

The Monk's Vision

An old monk prayed many years for a vision from God to strengthen his faith, but it never came. He had almost given up hope when, one day, a vision appeared. The old monk was overjoyed. But then, right in the middle of the vision, the monastery bell rang. The ringing of the bell meant it was time to feed the poor who gathered daily at the monastery gate. And it was the old monk's turn to feed them. If he failed to show up with food, the poor people would leave quietly, thinking the monastery had nothing to give them that day.

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More Sower's Seeds**

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The old monk was torn between his earthly duty and his heavenly vision. However, before the bell stopped tolling, the monk had made his decision. With a heavy heart, he turned his back on the vision and went off to feed the poor. Nearly an hour later, the old monk returned to his room. When he opened the door, he could hardly believe his eyes. There in the room was the vision, waiting for him. As the monk dropped to his knees in thanksgiving, the vision said to him, "My son, had you not gone off to feed the poor, I would not have stayed."

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<http://www.inspirationalstories.com/christianity-1.html>

School Pastors

Have you heard about School Pastors?

A School Pastor cares for and supports a 'school community'. They promote safety, aim to reduce anti-social behaviour and are there to listen, care and help young people to become good citizens.

What are the responsibilities of a School Pastor?

- To go on patrol at times and locations agreed with the school.
- To listen, be observant and look out for young people that are vulnerable and respond accordingly.
- To build links with school community – young people, parents, school crossing patrols etc.
- To observe school pastor principles, health and safety guidelines and to only work within the remit of the role of a school pastor.
- To be prayerfully aware of God's direction and share that with their team.
- Other duties, as requested by the school, e.g. mentoring, attending special events.

Role

The role of the School Pastor is also to work with pupils

who are experiencing difficulties in some area of their school life. They will work with, build relationship and develop communication with pupils who are:

- disruptive in class;
- finding it difficult to participate/engage in classroom learning;
- regularly being excluded from class;
- on final warnings for exclusion from school;
- presenting with a host of social issues.

The aim of the school pastor is to engage with the pupils, identify their concerns and, in liaison with their tutor, develop an individual learning and behavioural support package that will enable personal development and an enriched school experience.

History and Development Background

School Pastors is an initiative operated by The Ascension Trust, a national Christian charity, established in 2002, that oversees a number of projects. It is best known for the Street Pastors movement, which now has more than 9,000 volunteers in teams all over the UK and internationally.

Inspiration

Revd Les Isaac, founder and director of The Ascension Trust, pioneered Street Pastors because of his belief in the Bible's challenge to the church to be a catalyst for social action.

The Ascension Trust originally planned School Pastors to be the first expression of their vision for social action in urban communities, but in the end it was Street Pastors that came first and School Pastors took several more years to reach fruition.

Like Street Pastors, the School Pastors initiative helps Christians to be relevant to and engaged with their communities. School Pastors teams are now operating in sixteen areas across the country, in secondary schools and in the post-16 sector. A number of new areas are at various stages of set-up or information gathering.

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work in partnership with other Christian organisations in schools, for example, with sexual health projects or life coaching groups.

As well as patrolling at the end of the school day, School Pastors teams are also involved in mentoring schemes, leading assemblies and running reading clubs. There are many opportunities, with School Pastors finding that once a relationship with a school is established, schools often say to them, 'We like you ... what else can you do for us?'

Current locations are at Aberdeen, Bideford, Cheshire West, Fair Oak, Ilfracombe, Isle of Wight, Newcastle, Plymouth, Southampton, Tavistock and Torbay. With ongoing initiatives in Bexley, Chesterfield, Minehead, Brixton, Rochester and Minehead. But none you will notice in Wales! Of all the people that I have spoken to about this at a recent gathering of Welsh Church Leaders only one was aware of this vital initiative which will shape the future of the next generation and draw them away from the evil threats.

For more information visit www.schoolpastors.org.uk

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Profile of Julia MFLane (aka Jackson)

Julia was seconded onto the Executive committee of ARM Wales soon after the AGM last year. She writes:
'I was born in Portsmouth in 1938. During WW2 we lived in the New Forest, to where the school had been evacuated, and my earliest memories of Christianity are of the church we attended in the village, and of the church in Ryde on the Isle of Wight where my godmother's husband was the vicar.

by Julia Lane

He was a very high Anglo-Catholic, and also had the gift of healing. I was a very sickly infant and blind from birth, but through his ministry and laying-on of hands while I was still a very young infant, I was able to see and am still here, by the grace of God. After the war, we returned to Portsmouth and I was



educated at Portsmouth High School for Girls, during which time I continued with the local church, joining the youth club as a teenager and attending the Bishop's Summer School for young people for several years, gaining a reasonable academic-type knowledge of the Bible and an intellectual understanding of faith, but without it being in any way life-affecting. University at Southampton followed in due course, and this was to be a turning point for me – towards the end of my first year, during which there had been a number of personal crises, I encountered a Christian Union member on a Physics Society outing to Harwell one Saturday and was invited to the CU meeting that evening. I met with such a welcome and friendship, and was promptly invited to go with them to Above Bar Church (FIEC), then pastored by the Rev Leith Samuel. I had never heard the Gospel preached as he did, and went to talk to him the next evening – that night I gave my life to the Lord, and things changed instantaneously. From Christianity being an intellectual assent to a series of dogmas, it became a relationship with a person, the Lord Jesus. Not that the intervening years (now numbering 54!) have been plain sailing in any way – I'm far too stubborn and the Lord has had to push me into a good many tight corners to get me to listen to Him. That included getting me into teaching, which I had always vowed I would NEVER do, but eventually realised that was exactly the path I needed to take and was, indeed, called to do.

I have been married 3 times – during my first marriage I

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joined my husband in a Baptist church in Watford, where we both helped in various ways. I was much involved with the music, and also with the Baptist Womens' League, where I became a speaker as well as singing for them, and eventually was made President of the county federation, when I had to preach in chapels at Womens' services. During this time, in the late 1960s, we also got involved with the burgeoning Charismatic movement in the area, and I received the gift of tongues (and thereby hangs another tale!). The marriage, sadly, broke up in 1978, after I had had 6 miscarriages, and I came out of teaching for a while and joined the Lee Abbey Community at the Lee Abbey International Students' Club in London as Housekeeper for 2 years, after which I returned to teaching, and also as a housemistress. In the early 90s I remarried for a very brief and unhappy few months (a dreadful mistake that came about partly due to my stubbornness!). After that period of about 15 years in the wilderness, I came back to the Lord and found myself involved with the Society of St Francis at Hilfield Friary in Dorset, as well as attending the church in Hordle (back to the New Forest). I investigated joining the Third Order of SSF, which seemed to be the way I was being led at the time, and am now a fully professed member of the Order. Not too long after this I met Peter, to whom I am now extremely happily married, thanks to the Lord for bringing us together (another amazing tale!) – he came to me for singing lessons (I taught singing as a sideline, my main educational activity being Maths, and later IT). In due course we decided that marriage was the way forward for us – then both in our 60s - and also that we should move away from the area that held very mixed and rather sad memories for us (he also had been married twice before, having lost his first wife to cancer in her late 40s, and been left by his second wife not long before I met him). So in 1997 we arrived in Wales, in the beautiful area of the Vale of Kerry east of Newtown in Montgomeryshire, and have never regretted it. In fact, the way we have been led is quite miraculous. Since arriving here, I have been involved with St Michael and All Angels Church in Kerry (and the other churches in

our group and Deanery), first as Choir Director and then Worship Leader and then Reader for about 10 years. I was also involved with EFCW for a while, and with various Diocesan committees, but the travelling was getting a bit much as I'm registered disabled. At last I've returned to the renewal/charismatic fold, and it's proving to be a great blessing after many years without real fellowship, except within the Franciscan groups. I may have to be pushed hard by the Lord, but when I have eventually listened and followed His lead, He has certainly given me so many good things - 'pressed down and running over'. I do pray that my time on the Executive will be a blessing for us all, and that I may be of use.'

Pentecost Praise at Llanidloes

Mid May and a glorious sunny Saturday found people coming together in Llanidloes church hall to lift hearts and voices in praise to God as we celebrated the birthday of his Christian church. Worship was led by Andy Herrick who managed to combine excitement with prayerful connections with our Lord which put us all in the right mood to hear the Word preached by John Parkin.

Initially John spoke of broken cisterns referring to when he replaced a large ceramic toilet cistern. Carefully placed upon the floor it cracked, but although most of the water leaked out there was still some water left in the tank. This illustrated that in his graciousness God always allows something of worth

to remain within us. Travelling to Llanidloes John and Angie met all sorts of delays, particularly at Builth, where there were long queues due to a broken water main (a broken cistern). If you are concerned about the



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- ‘Because I’m worth it’.
- ‘I’m loving it’.
- ‘The ultimate driving machine’.
- ‘Does exactly what it says on the tin’.
- ‘The best a man can get’.
- ‘Just do it’.
- ‘Every little helps’.
- ‘The world’s local bank’.
- ‘The real thing’.
- ‘A diamond is for ever’.

We studied Luke 24, starting at verse 13 – the walk to Emmaus when Jesus suddenly appears from nowhere and joins 2 disciples asking them to explain what they thought had happened. They had not seen the signs even though clearly laid out in scripture – then Jesus opened their eyes putting his death into context. However they still did not recognise him until he was at the table breaking bread, a familiar gesture. We need to be aware of the signs of the times.

There are slogans all around us. Over the gates of Liverpool football club, “You’ll never walk alone”. How true is that of a believer in Jesus (whatever the highs and lows God is with you). Churches have strap lines; “Serving the community”, “Growing faith - extending the Kingdom”, “Loving God

Loving People”, “Encouraging people to live in a closer relationship with God”... We then heard some personal testimonies and how God is pouring out his Holy Spirit in Victory Church, Cwmbran.



Here are some answers (you’ll need to match the company with their strapline above):

- O’real – (God thinks you are worth it)
- McDonald’s – (God loves us; we love worshipping Him)
- B.M.W. – (Isn’t that what the Gospels are?)
- Ronseal – (tht’s what the church should de doing)
- Gilette – (Jesus is.....)
- Nike – (It’s obvious, God needs us to be action people)
- Tesco – (God can use every thing you give or say)
- HSBC – (‘for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills’ Psalm 50:10)
- Coca Cola – (God is.....)
- De Beers – (God is a precious diamond)

Here are some other straplines for you to try:

- SPAR - There for you
- Guinness - Good things come to those who wait
- Sony - Like no other
- American Express - Don’t leave home without it
- Apple Macintosh - Think different
- BT - It’s good to talk

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Forthcoming Events

Praise Day
November 2013

Praise Day
at
Llanidloes Church Hall
Saturday 16th November 2013
speaker
Miriam Lowe
(meeting will include the AGM)

Retreat in North
Wales
March 2014

Retreat in North Wales
at
Quinta Christian Centre
Oswestry
11th -13th March 2014
led by
Bishop Andy John

More details will be put on the website
as they become available



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- Rejoicing in our membership of God's Church
- and our calling within the Church in Wales
- and recognising that through the activity of the Holy Spirit we are brought into a personal relationship with God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
- we commit ourselves to be faithful members of our church, loyal to its leadership and structures.
- We desire to enter into the fullness of all God's gracious gifts to his Church, to display the fruit of the Spirit and to exercise the gifts of the Spirit as he sovereignly and freely distributes them for the building up of the Church
- and to grow as individuals and Church into the likeness of Christ.
- Being dedicated to renewal we hope that individually, corporately and by open gatherings we can be led by the Holy Spirit to encourage the Church in:
 - a worship which expects to encounter the living God
 - a desire to be caught up into the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the communal expression of a living, loving and serving church.

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