



## Encouragements

The Induction Service and a move to Monmouth were two major personal events since I last sent out an email. Moving was hard work but we are pleased to be 'on the patch'! Our daughter Maddy is settling nicely into JKHS in Ross-on-Wye.

This week has been really encouraging. Including ...

- An inspiring meeting with some of the deacons in Raglan
- A great conversation with one local asking many questions about Jesus
- Meeting "S" who didn't know if he believed in God. When we prayed together, "S" met with the Holy Spirit in such a way that he reported he was the happiest and the most positive he has been in the five years since his wife became ill. He's a full-time carer for her, and is still adjusting to giving up his 30 year career. At the same time he now faces the highs and lows of caring for his wife in her failing health. Please remember this family (S & T) in your prayers, and their 14 year old child who is now home schooled after being bullied.

## News in Brief

- Three ladies from Llangwm Chapel, two from Gaerllwyd Chapel and one from Penycaemawr Methodist are hoping to meet and pray after



- Zoar Chapel, Pandy have launched their first (successful) monthly Luncheon Club with their first Supper Club to follow. Minister, Sue Barker, also reported many have experienced healing as a result of recent services of prayer for healing. Do you have encouragements to tell us all about?
- Longtown's Tea & Toast sessions have not been as popular as they'd hoped. As they now have adopted a constitution do pray they have wisdom for the way ahead in all ways.
- On the streets of Reading, Berkshire, a Baptist church leader has seen over 1,800 people respond to the gospel over the last year. In Norton recently we were challenged, 'are we prepared should we be faced with discipling any new believers'? Many missions are planned for Wales over the next season. Will we see new life in our rural communities?

## Questions for you!

- The website [www.hope4rural.org.uk](http://www.hope4rural.org.uk) has launched but we've not had much chance to take it forward yet. What would you like to see included in this resource for us all?
- What community events take place in your locality that may be an option for us to be part of?
- My biggest question at the moment is how can we encourage and disciple men in our rural areas. Please do get in touch if you want to join me or have a conversation. How many men do we know who are on the fringes of our chapels but may be willing to meet together in a neutral venue, outside of our buildings? Statistics tell us - lead a father to Christ and there is a 5 times more likelihood that the rest of the family will follow.

## Dates - An encouragement to pray

There are a number of prayer hours planned. Sorry that you may have missed some recent ones without this email update!

**Thursday 23rd March 7pm:** Raglan Baptist Church

**Monday 27th March 12pm:** Zoar Chapel, Pandy

**Sunday 2nd April 3pm:** Llangwm Baptist Chapel

**Wednesday 19th April 7pm:** Norton Baptist

## Other Events

**Tuesday 28th March 7pm:** Sandra Williams' home - (The 1st) Care, Share, Prayer & Dare evening (A Working Title!)

**Sunday 9th April 3pm:** Cwmerra - 1 Week trial of *What is Church?*

Other sessions dependent on how this goes!

**Saturday 22nd April 12pm:** Garway. Rural Churches Fellowship Prayer Lunch with Ifor Williams, Brecon's Rural Missioner (not to be missed if you enjoyed his visit to my Induction Service)

**Blessings & Peace to you all**

**Ian**

