

December 2018 Update

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What's On?

Happy New Year to you all. I am sorry if I have not been in touch with you for a while - I am recovering from an elbow operation.

As always, do let me know if there are events or gatherings taking place in your chapel or local community that may be of interest to us all. I can then include them on our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#). (Click on the links for more details)

Safeguarding Course

I know that some of our congregations have recently completed the Level 1, 2 & 3 training. Please can you check out [this note](#) that Evi Williams has put together for the benefit of us all. You will note that the all-day course is being run in Norton on Saturday 11th May and Evi would like to know numbers as soon as possible.

Tales of Adventure

The spring season of Tales of Adventure starts in Longtown on Wednesday 16th January at 7pm. Future sessions will be on Wednesday 20th February and

Wednesday 20th March at the same time.

Missions Trip to Thailand

It has been proposed that we organise a trip to visit Julie Cook, our BMS linked missionary in Chiang Mai, Thailand. A small group of us are planning to visit her at the beginning of next year. I have mentioned some of these details to congregations in Pandy and Ewyas Harold in particular although the invite is open to all who may be interested. As some of you know, on my first missions trip there was a retired Doctor, who celebrated her 70th birthday whilst taking part! Her heart for mission began at the age of 18 and this was her first ever missions trip, so none of us can say, "I am too old to consider this"! Please contact me if you want further information.

ICE Schools Worker

Village Hope, in partnership with ICE Wales Trust (Initiatives in Christian Education), have started a new project this month, with the aim of supporting and developing Christian schools work in village communities around South East Wales. Laura Toomer is newly employed as a 'Rural Schools Development Worker', and is on hand to help and assist Christians or churches who have an interest in reaching children in this way: for more information you can contact Laura anytime on 'laura.toomer@villagehope.org.uk'.

Saturday 16th March

Keep the date free - Saturday 16th March - A Day for Rural Churches - I'll be heading up this day in Zoar Chapel, Pandy from 10am on 16th March. More details next time

God Bless

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