

May 2019 Update

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At our recent gathering in Pandy on Saturday 13th April we considered the telling of our story and looked at why we may struggle to do so. The top 3 struggles we agreed on together were:

Shyness– Fear of how my words of faith may be interpreted

Self-Conscious– Is what I say correct? Others say it better

Peer Pressure– How will I be seen? What will people think of me? Will I be judged by others or mocked?

We will look at these in some more detail at a follow up session on Saturday 28th September - put the date in your diary! More details to follow.

In a recent Baptist news item [The Gospel in your pocket](#) was promoted. (Click on the link for more information). Linda Hunt, from Zoar Chapel, Pandy has spent a lot of time resourcing a range of quality small items that we can all use in our local communities, from out of our pockets or handbags! Come and hear her story and many others at the Rural Churches Fellowship Summer Praise in Pandy on Saturday 1st June at 4:30pm.

Or maybe you'd like to come to the Sankey Evening at Cwmerra Chapel Friday evening this week

(24th May) from 7pm - 9pm.

And to complete the music and singing theme, Llangwm have a concert with the Monmouthshire

Community Choir at 3pm on Saturday 22nd June.

In other local news ... Llanddewi Rhydderch will continue on with a workshop follow up on sharing our faith on 23rd June.

Garway's 1st Café Style church was really well received with over 60 attending, surpassing all our expectations. The 2nd on will be at the new Community Hall on Sunday June 30th at 4pm.

Laura Toomer has helped Evi, Anne and I with one *Open the Book* assembly in Cross Ash Primary school recently. Pray the head teacher will be in favour of us returning next term. Besides school work she is getting married this weekend!

Laura is also keen as many as possible may be able to make use of a 2 day training session in [Walk through the Bible](#) (See link) over the summer. Ideal for schools work but also will help to bring the bible alive for any who may be interested. Dates will be finalised early June once those wishing to attend confirm and we can discuss together the best time and venue to hold the training. Let me know if you are interested.

And looking further ahead - save the dates - Paul Jones and Fiona Hendley will be at Monmouth Baptist Church, Saturday 19th October. They have been in the [music and entertainment business for years](#). Do we all know *Manfred Mann* or *The Blues Band* or the TV Series *Widows*?

And finally the proposed trip to visit [Judy Cook, one of our linked BMS Missionaries, based in Thailand](#) is planned for January 2020. Contact me if you are keen to know more or join us. No experience required - just a willing heart!

May God Bless us all

Grace & Peace

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