WEEKLY MEETINGS

Sunday: Morning Service 10.30am

(Includes Sunday Club for the Young Ones)

Evening Service 6.00pm

Tuesday: Ladies Group

2.00-4.00pm

Worship Team Practice & Prayer 7.00-8.30pm

Wednesday: Knitters & Natters – Church Fellowship Group 10.00-11.30am

Thursday: Parents & Tots 9.30-11.30am

Bible Study 6:30-8.30pm

Friday: Morriston Camera Club 7.00–9.00 pm

Saturday: Talking Box, Men's Health 10.00–12.00noon

(Second Saturday every Month)

Cuppa & Chat / Prayer Station: Open when we're in the building

Please take this newsletter home and use it during the coming days/weeks.

Contact Details:

Pastor: Rev. Phil Denyer pastor@aenonbaptist.org 07795314646 or Church Office 01792-791611

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Serving the Community

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Services in August - Everyone is Welcome

Sunday 6th August 10.30am Service

Led by Aenon's Sunday Club

6.00pm Communion Service

'Protector' (Psalms 140)

Sunday 13th August 10.30am Service

'No Hiding Place from the Love of God' (Psalms 139)

6.00pm Service

'The Rock of Refuge' (Psalms 61)

Sunday 20th August 10.30am Communion Service

'Singing For Joy' (Psalms 92)

6.00pm Service

'God Our Hope' (Psalms 43)

Sunday 27th August 10.30am Service

'Are You Thirsty' (Psalms 42)

6.00pm Service

'Dwelling in Safety' (Psalms 4)

Sunday Club for the Young Ones is held as part of the Morning Services

Unless otherwise stated Services are led by our Pastor, Rev. Phil Denyer

Prayer Guide for the Month

<u>Community</u>: Woodfield St, Cwmbath Rd, Strawberry Place, Rock Terrace, Bryneithin Terrace, Treharne Rd, Bath Rd, Bath Ave, Lan St, Horeb Rd, Bath Villas, Slate St, Uplands Terrace, Crown St, Clyndu St, Tan Y Lan Ter, Vicarage Rd, Llys Y Graig, Pleasant St, Springfield St, Rosemary Cl, Penrice St, Maes Y Bryn.

<u>Organisations</u>: Voluntary Groups, Churches Together in Morriston, Police, Fire and Ambulance Services, Primary & Senior Schools, Charitable Groups, Doctor's surgeries, the Hospital and A&E,

Church:

Please pray for Pastor Phil & the Diaconate-

For the Holy Spirit to Strengthen & Guide them.

Please pray for all our Church Members and friends at Aenon, and for all who may visit our services and meetings this month.

Please pray for our Church Groups and Organisations: Ladies Group, Parent & Toddlers, Knitters & Natters, Worship Team, Bible Study, Working Party, Talking Box.

Building Project: For the full completion of the work as we seek to better serve the community and bring glory to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, as we make Him known.

Useful Information and Links



Aenon Baptist Church Website





Mobile App Website <u>www.youversion.com</u>



www.biblegateway.com



www.mind.org.uk
We're Mind
charity

Cymru, the mental health



www.papyrus-uk.org



24 Hour Helpline
For free confidential support and advice, contact our helpline on:

01792 644683

Empowerment, safety and support for women and children experiencing domestic abuse.

From the Study

Matthew 4:4 (Amplified Bible)

⁴ But Jesus replied, "It is written and forever remains written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.""

Sadly, we live in a world / society where attitudes and practices are constantly changing, where the Bible, the Word of God, is rejected, overlooked and even changed to reflect those attitudes and practices. My message this month is simply this –

God's Word doesn't change because God Himself doesn't change!

Jesus says that our earthly life is not all there is, living on solid food (bread alone), but, there is another life, an eternal life which is only possible by believing every word God has said. God first said this in Deuteronomy 8:3, but Jesus reiterated it – the Amplified translation actually reveals its deeper meaning when it says, 'It is written and forever remains written'. We cannot change thousands of years of truth because to even try would be only a lie. Jesus said to those who persecuted Him, "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies." (John 8:44 NIVUK)

Jesus also said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 13:6 NIVUK)

Be blessed and **be a blessing** this month in the mighty name of Jesus,

Pastor Phil.

Lord Jesus, please help us to know You more and to see Your Truth; help us to work out our faith through Your Word in Scripture, and walking in Your Holy Spirit. Thank You Lord, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Diary Dates

BAPTISMAL CLASSES

Starting in Tuesday 1st August – 5.30pm

Anyone is welcome to attend these classes, exploring the meaning, method and practice of baptism in a Baptist church, as well as what it means to be a Christian and Church Membership. If you have questions about Christianity, Church and Baptism please do come along to these classes. If you attend another church and desire Baptism by full immersion you are welcome to attend without committing to join Aenon.

for further information contact Pastor Phil Denyer



If you have questions about Christianity

Ask about ALPHA

For more info go to www.alpha.org

Bible Word Search: Psalms 42

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This month's prize is A MYSTERY PRIZE

£1.00 to enter on / or after August 27th. Last Entry September 24th, draw takes place after the evening service.

AUGUST 12th

A place where you can fit in, and everything stays in the box.

Board Games, Tea / Coffee; A place where you are free to talk, if you want to.



THE TALKING BOX Men's Health Matters

2nd Saturday of Every Month

10am - 12noon

AENON BAPTIST CHURCH, STRAWBERRY PLACE, MORRISTON, SA6 7AG.

Eco Church:

August Update Food and Eating

The Bible has a lot to say about food and eating. Think of the creation account, in which God gives 'every green plant for food', or the imagery of feasting in heaven, or the political challenges of food insecurity in the story of Joseph, as well as the references to food scattered throughout the Psalms and Proverbs. Food and eating are also deeply rooted in the spiritual practices of the Christian Church, in saying grace for example, in practising hospitality and 'table fellowship' and taking communion. At the core of a biblical approach to food is an attitude which deeply considers the food we eat not just as a commodity, but as a good gift from God, connecting us as individuals to a global web of people, culture and ecology.

- -We need to acknowledge the *generosity of God* (See Genesis 1:29-30).
- -We need to <u>connect</u> with others over food by thanking God for those who produced and prepared the food. Eating together was a characteristic of the early followers of Jesus who 'broke bread together in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts' (Acts 2:46).
- -Be <u>thoughtful</u> about food. We in the developed world have access to convenient food as a result of developments in food production and distribution. But the knowledge is lacking of where it *actually* comes from, what it took to grow the ingredients, the web of ecology and cultural traditions that made that food possible, the health impact on our diets, the impacts of food systems on nature and the injustices hidden in those systems. The fault stems from an inability to see beyond our plate.

BUT a biblical response understands that we eat within a context of climate and ecological breakdown and considers the impact of food on the non-human creation.

Norman Wirzba said,

'Thoughtful eating reminds us that there is no human fellowship without a table, no table without a kitchen, no kitchen without a garden, no garden without viable ecosystems, no ecosystems without the forces productive of life, and no life without its source in God.'

(Taken from 'A theology of food and eating', by Hannah Eves, A Rocha UK's Executive Assistant and Policy Officer.)

