#### **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

Copper City Chorus 7.00-9.00pm

**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:**

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Church Secretary: secretary@aenonbaptist.org

# SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Aenon Baptist Church



Serving the Community

1880 - 2023

#### <u>Services in September - Everyone is Welcome</u>

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 10.30am Service

'Wisdom & Foolishness - 1' (Proverbs Chapter 1)

6.00pm Communion Service

'Why Are You Afraid?' (Mark 4:35-41)

#### Sunday 10th September

Sisterhood Sunday

10.30am Service

Guest Preacher - Sylvain Nash

6.00pm Service

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#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am Communion Service

'Wisdom & Foolishness - 2' (Proverbs Chapter 2)

6.00pm Service

'He Has Done Everything Well' (Mark 7:31-37)

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am Service

'Wisdom & Foolishness - 3' (Proverbs Chapter 5)

6.00pm Service

'I Only Want to See' (Mark 10:46-52)

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.

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

<u>Persecuted Christians:</u> Pastors and their congregations in India and Pakistan, and organisations / charities supporting them.

#### Our 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.

#### **Useful Information and Links**



Aenon Baptist Church Website

www.aenonbaptist.org



Mobile App Website www.youversion.com



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**

**Proverbs 13:9** (Complete Jewish Bible)

The light of the righteous [shines] joyfully, but the lamp of the wicked will be extinguished.

Are you a happy person?

I ask this question in all seriousness because the New Testament talks about 'light' and 'darkness', and even has Jesus referring to Himself as 'the Light of the World' (John 8:12). Those who are one with Christ are those who are 'the righteous', forgiven and united with Him through His blood shed on the cross.

Proverbs 13:9 says, 'The light of the righteous [shines] joyfully'. If the Light of the World is in you, shining from you, then your countenance (your facial expression) should show this; your countenance should be one of joy. When we come into the presence of God, in worship, people should be able to see that joy in us, that light of Christ. When we talk about Jesus, salvation, the Holy Spirit, our Heavenly Father, people should be able to see our countenance dance with joy like the chasing lights on a Christmas tree.

If you walk around with a face like thunder, or come to worship with the weight of the world on your shoulders, how will anyone see the joy you claim is in your heart? When we speak in an unkind tone, or grunt in our reply to a genuine question, how will people be convinced that our hearts are dancing with the righteousness of Christ?

Be blessed and <u>be a blessing</u>, (shine joyfully) this month in the mighty name of Jesus,

#### Pastor Phil.

Lord Jesus, please help us to shine joyfully for You in all we do – let others see Your love in our joy as Your light shines from us to them. Thank You Lord, Amen.

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - 10amb



#### **Eco Church:**

#### September Update

As we continue to strive towards our silver Eco Church award, a timely campaign that we can involve ourselves in is the *Make Polluters Pay* being run by Christian Aid. An action day planned for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September when people across the UK will come together in their local area and call on the UK Prime Minister to make polluters pay for climate-related loss and damage. Even if we're not keen on going to a demonstration or holding a discussion, we can make our voices heard by contacting our local MP. You don't need to be an expert on the subject- you just need to be motivated by the injustice of 'Loss and Damage'.

#### So what is it all about?

The climate crisis is leading to more frequent and severe climate disasters, and they are happening on a scale so large that communities don't have the resources to adapt, causing them to experience loss and damage. Loss are things which can never be replaced like loss of lives, livelihoods and culture. While damage, such as to homes, roads and schools can be repaired, but it takes resources.

# Bible Word Search: PROVERBS

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Youth	Church	Life	Foundations
Bible	Teacher	Failure	Act
Before	Think	God	Rely
Solomon	King	Proverbs	discipline
wisdom	despise	fools	knowledge
true	foundation	Lord	Fear

## This month's prize is a Prayer Journal Notebook

£1.00 to enter on / or after September 24<sup>th</sup>. Last Entry October 29<sup>th</sup>, draw takes place after the evening service. 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.



# If you have questions about Christianity

<u>Ask about</u> ALPHA

For more info go to www.alpha.org



The most affected communities are in the global south, who have done the least to cause climate change. Those affected by disasters lead the response- they rebuild their homes, plant new crops and make up for lost income. They pay the bill for loss and damage.

Meanwhile, those responsible for the climate crisis like fossil fuel companies, continue to make vast profits from their polluting industry, and turn their back in the damage they've caused. In 2022 the combined total profits of BP, ExxonMobil, Shell and Total Energies was \$159.5 billion.

As fossil fuel companies post record-breaking profits, the rest of the world posts record-breaking climate disasters. So, as the campaign says 'It's time to make polluters pay'.

#### What is the solution and what can we do?

As well as doing all we can to limit our own contribution to temperature rises to minimise future loss and damage, we must ask our local politicians to put pressure on the Prime Minister to urgently make polluters pay. World governments agreed in 2022 to create the international Loss and Damage Fund, but at the moment, it is empty. Those responsible for the damage now need to pay into the fund. In doing so, it could allow affected communities to access money to support their recovery.

So let's get writing or emailing our MPs here in Swansea and elsewhere to tell Mr Sunak that we need this to happen. You can use some of the text from here or look on our Eco Church notice board where more information is placed.

#### <u>Prayer</u>

God of love, hope and justice. We give thanks that governments agreed to create a Loss and Damage fund in 2022. We pray for UK leaders. Bless them with boldness and a heart for justice like yours.

May they act humbly and reproachfully by making polluters pay for loss and damage. May you gift them with the skills and opportunities required to ensure the fund enables loss and damage affected communities to repair. And may we all lament for our polluting lifestyles that damage your creation.

Amen.

