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# Services in January Everyone is Welcome

Sunday 7th

10.30am Baptism Service
'Begotten of God' (John 3:1-21)
6.00pm Communion Service
'Joseph's Dreams' (Matthew Chapter 2)

Sunday 14th

10.30am Service 'Jacobs Ladder' (Genesis 28:10-22) 6.00pm Service

'Peter's Vision' (Acts Chapter 10)

Sunday 21st

10.30am Communion Service
'The Burning Bush' (Exodus Chapter 3)
6.00pm Service
'Stephen's Vision' (Acts 7:54-60)

Sunday 28th

10.30am Service
'Isaiah's Vision' (Isaiah Chapter 6)
6.00pm Service
'John's Vision' (Revelation Chapter 21)

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



## **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.

# <u>Bible Wordsearch -</u> <u>Dreams, Visions and Prophecies</u>



Ananias, Baker, Beast, Bethel, Brothers, Burning Bush, Cedar, Centurion, City, Cup bearer, Daniel, Descendants, Dragon, Drought, Elijah, Ezekiel, Fire, God, Heaven, Isaiah, Jacob, Jeremiah, Joseph, Kings, Ladder, Lamb, Light, Moses, Nineveh, Pharaoh, Plagues, Prophet, Rain, Reign, Saints, Seven heads, Seventh seal, Statue, Temple, Wings, Witnesses.

This month's prize is a Mystery Prize £1.00 to enter on / or after January 28th. Last Entry February 25th, draw takes place after the evening service.



# From the Study John 8:31-32 (NIVUK)

31 To the Jews who had believed him, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really

my disciples. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'

On August 28th, 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. made that rousing speech, "I have a dream ...". King was referring to a hope and a future he longed to see, where he longed to his nation (America) and the world united in freedom from racial inequality:

'when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, Black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: Free at last. Free at last. Thank God almighty, we are free at last.

Its surprising to learn how many people reject the Christian faith, reject Jesus, because they believe being a Christian is restrictive, binding, that it takes away their freedom to enjoy life. They have never read or heard the words of Jesus when He says, 'I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].' (John 10:10 Amplified Bible)

Here in our verses Jesus declares, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.' The Truth is Jesus Christ, the Saviour who came not to burden us but to set us free from the things which do burden us, the things which separate us from God, our sins.

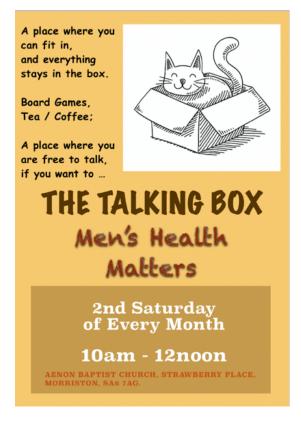
# From the Study (Continued)

It's true there are many stern and miserable Christians about, but they have never read where Jesus said, '*My yoke is easy [to bear] and My burden is light.*' (Matthew 11:30 Amplified Bible)

As long you think of being a Christian as a burden you will never know the joy of a relationship with Jesus. I have a dream, and it's my prayer, that all who read this, and many, many more will know that wonderful relationship with the Saviour.

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

## Pastor Phil.





If you have questions about Christianity

Ask about
ALPHA

For more info go to www.alpha.org

## **ECO-CHURCH**

As we know, climate change is a real problem, and scientists agree that 2024 is the year to start making a difference before it's too late. Some progress was made during the climate discussions at COP28 in Dubai, but it could and should have been more and we need to continue to hold politicians to account.

Making some positive changes now is a great way to start the year off on the right foot. So why not take advantage of the New Year by making resolutions that counts?

- ✓ Buy a reusable coffee and drinks bottle
- ✓ Use eco friendly toilet roll and household cleaning products
- ✓ Cut down( or ideally stop) buying single use items e.g clingfilm, foil, wet wipes/ makeup wipes
- ✓ Sow your wild flower seeds in a pot or a garden.
  - ✓ Use only rechargeable batteries

# **ECO-CHURCH**

- ✓ Have a meat free meal at least once a week
- ✓ Make your / outside garden more habitable for wildlife
- √ Take some time to research more ethical financial products, and switch wherever you can e.g. current & savings accounts, ISAs etc.
- ✓ Get into a habit of switching off
  lighting and appliances when not in use
- ✓ Make the most of public transport or car-sharing



### 🚨 FIT FAN's IS COMING TO A VENUE NEAR YOU 🚨

The start of Swansea City AFC Foundation's expanded FIT Jacks programme is fast approaching, and you can now sign up for the new sessions - which will start from January 15 2024 - at a venue near you.

Fit Jack's is a free 12-week health and wellbeing programme, which combines fitness sessions with advice about healthy living:

There will be sessions at the following venues and times:

Tuesdays at 10am – Morriston Memorial Hall, Cwmrhydyceirw, Swansea, SA6 6JR.

Wednesdays at 6pm – Aenon Baptist Chapel, Morriston. Swansea. SA6 7AG.

To register visit:

https://www.swanseacity.com/news/sign-fit-jacks-now-venue-near-you

# Poets' Corner

### A New Year's Plan

I tried to think of a clever new phrase— A slogan to inspire the next 365 days, A motto to live by this coming New Year, But the catchy words fell flat to my ear.

And then I heard His still small voice Saying, "Consider this simple, daily choice: With each new dawn and close of day Make new your resolve to trust and <u>obey</u>."

"Don't look back, caught in regret Or dwell on the sorrow of dreams unmet; Don't stare forward <u>anchored by fear</u>, No, live in this moment, for I Am here."

"I am all you need. Everything. I Am. You are held secure by my strong hand. Give me this one thing—your all in all; Into my grace, let yourself fall."

So, at last, I'm ready; I see the way.
It's to daily follow, trust, and obey.
I enter the New Year armed with a plan,
To give Him my everything—all that I am.

-- Mary Fairchild

#### **Helpful Contacts and Information**



#### **Aenon Baptist Church Website**

www.aenonbaptist.org





#### **Mobile App**

Website www.youversion.com

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#### **OPENING TIMES**

FRIDAY from 11am until 1pm

Contributions will be welcome during the above times, or on a Thursday from 6-8pm

#### LOCATION

Mount Zion Baptist Chapel Mansel Road Swansea SA1 7JR email Eastsidefoodbank@gmail.com



Please send us your prayer requests:
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## **Prayer Guide for the Month**

Community: 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.

Persecuted Christians: 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.

# **Bible in One Year Reading Plan**

# **January Readings**

| _ |    | Old Testament              | New Testament       | Psalm          | <u>Proverbs</u>  |
|---|----|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|
|   | 01 | Genesis 1:1-2:25           | Matthew 1:1-2:12    | Psalm 1:1-6    | Proverbs 1:1-6   |
|   | 02 | Genesis 3:1-4:26           | Matthew 2:13-3:6    | Psalm 2:1-12   | Proverbs 1:7-9   |
|   | 03 | Genesis 5:1-7:24           | Matthew 3:7-4:11    | Psalm 3:1-8    | Proverbs 1:10-19 |
|   | 04 | Genesis 8:1-10:32          | Matthew 4:12-25     | Psalm 4:1-8    | Proverbs 1:20-23 |
|   | 05 | Genesis 11:1-13:4          | Matthew 5:1-26      | Psalm 5:1-12   | Proverbs 1:24-28 |
|   | 06 | Genesis 13:5-15:21         | Matthew 5:27-48     | Psalm 6:1-10   | Proverbs 1:29-33 |
|   | 07 | Genesis 16:1-18:15         | Matthew 6:1-24      | Psalm 7:1-17   | Proverbs 2:1-5   |
|   | 08 | Genesis 18:16-19:38        | Matthew 6:25-7:14   | Psalm 8:1-9    | Proverbs 2:6-15  |
|   | 09 | Genesis 20:1-22:24         | Matthew 7:15-29     | Psalm 9:1-12   | Proverbs 2:16-22 |
|   | 10 | Genesis 23:1-24:51         | Matthew 8:1-17      | Psalm 9:13-20  | Proverbs 3:1-6   |
|   | 11 | Genesis 24:52-26:16        | Matthew 8:18-34     | Psalm 10:1-15  | Proverbs 3:7-8   |
|   | 12 | Genesis 26:17-27:46        | Matthew 9:1-17      | Psalm 10:16-18 | Proverbs 3:9-10  |
|   | 13 | Genesis 28:1-29:35         | Matthew 9:18-38     | Psalm 11:1-7   | Proverbs 3:11-12 |
|   | 14 | Genesis 30:1-31:16         | Matthew 10:1-23     | Psalm 12:1-8   | Proverbs 3:13-15 |
|   | 15 | Genesis 31:17-32:12        | Matthew 10:24-11:6  | Psalm 13:1-6   | Proverbs 3:16-18 |
|   | 16 | Genesis 32:13-34:31        | Matthew 11:7-30     | Psalm 14:1-7   | Proverbs 3:19-20 |
|   | 17 | Genesis 35:1-36:43         | Matthew 12:1-21     | Psalm 15:1-5   | Proverbs 3:21-26 |
|   | 18 | Genesis 37:1-38:30         | Matthew 12:22-45    | Psalm 16:1-11  | Proverbs 3:27-32 |
|   | 19 | Genesis 39:1-41:16         | Matthew 12:46-13:23 | Psalm 17:1-15  | Proverbs 3:33-35 |
|   | 20 | Genesis 41:17-42:17        | Matthew 13:24-46    | Psalm 18:1-15  | Proverbs 4:1-6   |
|   | 21 | Genesis 42:18-43:34        | Matthew 13:47-14:12 | Psalm 18:16-36 | Proverbs 4:7-10  |
|   | 22 | Genesis 44:1-45:28         | Matthew 14:13-36    | Psalm 18:37-50 | Proverbs 4:11-13 |
|   | 23 | Genesis 46:1-47:31         | Matthew 15:1-28     | Psalm 19:1-14  | Proverbs 4:14-19 |
|   | 24 | Genesis 48:1-49:33         | Matthew 15:29-16:12 | Psalm 20:1-9   | Proverbs 4:20-27 |
|   | 25 | Genesis 50:1 - Exodus 2:10 | Matthew 16:13-17:9  | Psalm 21:1-13  | Proverbs 5:1-6   |
|   | 26 | Exodus 2:11-3:22           | Matthew 17:10-27    | Psalm 22:1-18  | Proverbs 5:7-14  |
|   | 27 | Exodus 4:1-5:21            | Matthew 18:1-20     | Psalm 22:19-31 | Proverbs 5:15-21 |
|   | 28 | Exodus 5:22-7:25           | Matthew 18:21-19:12 | Psalm 23:1-6   | Proverbs 5:22-23 |
|   | 29 | Exodus 8:1-9:35            | Matthew 19:13-30    | Psalm 24:1-10  | Proverbs 6:1-5   |
|   | 30 | Exodus 10:1-12:13          | Matthew 20:1-28     | Psalm 25:1-15  | Proverbs 6:6-11  |
|   | 31 | Exodus 12:14-13:16         | Matthew 20:29-21:22 | Psalm 25:16-22 | Proverbs 6:12-15 |







Parents & Tots Group Thursday 9.30 – 11.30am

# **Sunday 7th January 2024** 10.30am Baptism Service



