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## Services in April Everyone is Welcome

Sunday 7th

10.30am Service

'We Have Seen the Lord' (John 20:19-31)

**6.00pm Communion Service** 

**'Living In Jesus'** (1 John 1:1- 2:6)

Sunday 14th

10.30am Service

'Space Age God' (1 John 3)

6.00pm Service

**'Do You Have Anything To Eat?'** (Luke 24:36-49)

Sunday 21st

10.30am Communion Service

'God is Not a Toy' (Acts 8:1-25)

6.00pm Service

'Are You Prepared to Lose?' (Philippians 3:1-11)

Sunday 28th

10.30am Service

'Defending Truth' (Galatians 2:11-21)

6.00pm Service

'The Lord is My Helper' (Psalm 118)

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

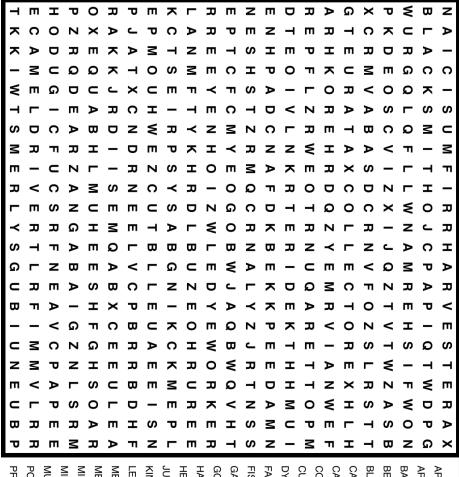
Saturday: Talking Box, Men's Health 10.00–12.00noon

(2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 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.

#### **Bible Wordsearch -**



MUSICIAN MIDWIFE JUDGE MERCHANT LEATHERWORKER HEALER GOATHERD GARDENER FISHERMAN DYEWORKER CUPBEARER CARPENTER

This month's prize is Inspiring Mug £1.00 to enter on / or after April 28th. Last Entry May 26th, draw takes place after the evening service.

# Thoughts From

The Study

#### From the Study Psalm 119 (Amplified Bible)

1 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are the undefiled (the upright, truly sincere, and blameless) in the way [of the revealed will of God], who walk (order their conduct and conversation) in the law of the Lord (the whole of God's revealed will).

- 2 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are they who keep His testimonies, and who seek, inquire for and of Him and crave Him with the whole heart.
- 3 Yes, they do no unrighteousness [no willful wandering from His precepts]; they walk in His ways.

Do you ever have cravings? I have no personal experience, but I'm told women often crave strange food choices during pregnancy. Some people crave food, be it snacks, sweets, ice-cream, or a Chinese Take-Away.

Some people crave adventure - hiking in the wilds of the Appalachian mountains, climbing rock faces with no safety ropes, diving with sharks, or bike riding in the Gobi Desert.

Some people crave attention, being noticed by their appearance, or having people know what they do or have done.

The Amplified Bible translates Psalm 118:2 this way:

'Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are they who keep His testimonies, and who seek, inquire for and of Him and crave Him with the whole heart.'

There is an important lesson here, because, if we're honest, we don't seek or crave God with all of our heart (the whole *heart*) and most of our time is taken up with 'things'; television, leisure, shopping, even work. Again, if we're honest, many people find it difficult to find time for God at all.

#### From the Study (Continued)

Walking in God's ways is not easy because He is perfect, we are not. Walking in God's ways requires discipline, something many of us struggle with. But if we crave the things of God, even God Himself, Jesus has made that possible in His death on the cross and in His resurrection from the dead.

We all make mistakes, but our mistakes don't define us; what we do about those mistakes is the defining feature of our personality. I choose Jesus in the place of my mistakes, He will direct my path in the Holy Spirit.

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

#### Pastor Phil.

Lord Jesus, please help us in our struggles with the world around us; encourage us to be an encouragement in Your name.

Thank You Lord, Amen.





#### ECO-CHURCH - Continued

The good news is that some green banks are already paving the way. Green banking is the practice of using customer power to support a bank which does not actively contribute to climate breakdown. Plus, giving support to the social and environmental projects green banks often invest in instead.

#### The Big Bank Switch -

https://justmoney.org.uk/the-big-bank-switch

The Big Bank Switch campaign is encouraging people to switch their bank account to a green bank on 21 April 2024. Operation Noah, Just Love and JustMoney have partnered with Switch it Green who have made it easy, quick and safe to switch to a trusted, ethical UK bank. Their aim is that many Christians taking this action on the same day will deliver a clear message to bank executives that we have no faith in fossil fuels, pressuring these banks to stop funding climate breakdown.

You can join The Big Bank Switch by making a Fossil Free Pledge

By pledging, you commit to taking meaningful action against harmful fossil fuel-funding by switching your bank account to a green bank during the switch week in late April.

#### **ECO-CHURCH**

#### **Spring Cleaning**

Often at this time of year we think about spring cleaning and we usually mean our house or garden. But what about our finances? Yes, you did read that correctly! It's good at any time to take stock of where we are with any investments, savings and current accounts, but have we ever thought about it from an ethical point of view?

This Lent, you are invited to join Christians around the UK who are choosing to align their money with their values by switching from a bank that funds planet-destroying fossil fuels to one that doesn't.

The climate crisis isn't just happening, it's being funded – sometimes by those of us who are most concerned about caring for God's creation, and all because we have a bank account with HSBC, Barclays, Santander, NatWest, Chase, Lloyds or another high street bank.

Banks make their profits by investing in projects, owning shares in other companies, and lending money (with interest). For most banks in the UK, this involves directing a portion of their funds towards companies which are involved in fossil fuel extraction and expansion: the driving cause of climate breakdown. Between 2015 and 2021 banks have pumped over £4.4 trillion into the fossil fuel industry.

## Poets' Corner

This Month's Poem found in the Friendship Book and has been submitted by Avril Harris.

I WAKE up every morning full of hope That, trusting in your guidance, Lord, I'll cope With obstacles which block the way ahead, Or worries that might strike my heart with dread. For while my faith assures me you are near My courage always overcomes my fear. There's joy to be discovered every day In love and beauty, laughter, work and play, Til stars come out and I lie down to rest I give you thanks, for I am truly blessed.

Laura Tapper

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



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

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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

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#### **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.

<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 members who are sick or housebound, those undergoing or awaiting medical tests

**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**

### **April Readings**

#### **April**

	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalm	<u>Proverbs</u>
□ <b>0</b> :	Deuteronomy 18:1- 20:20	Luke 9:28-50	Psalm 73:1-28	Proverbs 12:10
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□ <b>0</b> 3	3 Deuteronomy 23:1-25:19	Luke 10:13-37	Psalm 75:1-10	Proverbs 12:12-14
□ <b>0</b> 4	Deuteronomy 26:1-27:26	Luke 10:38-11:13	Psalm 76:1-12	Proverbs 12:15-17
□ 05	Deuteronomy 28:1-68	Luke 11:14-36	Psalm 77:1-20	Proverbs 12:18
□ 06	Deuteronomy 29:1-30:20	Luke 11:37-12:7	Psalm 78:1-31	Proverbs 12:19-20
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□ 10	Deuteronomy 34:1- Joshua 2:24	Luke 13:22-14:6	Psalm 79:1-13	Proverbs 12:26
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□ 30	Judges 11:1-12:15	John 1:1-28	Psalm 101:1-8	Proverbs 14:13-14







Parents & Tots Group Thursday 9.30 — 11.30am

## This Month's Colouring Picture: Jesus cooks breakfast on the beach. John 21:1-25

After Jesus died and came back to life, some of Jesus' friends went fishing. They fished all night long, but didn't catch any fish. They were still in their boats on the lake when morning came. As it got light, they could see someone standing on the beach. He called out, "Do you have any fish?"

Jesus' friends answered, "No."

"Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some fish," the man said. When Jesus' friends threw out the net, they caught so many fish that they couldn't pull the net back onto the boat. Peter knew it was Jesus talking to them! Peter jumped into the water and swam to the beach to see Jesus. The others followed in the boat. They towed the net full of fish behind them.

When they got to the shore, they saw that Jesus was cooking breakfast. There was a fire with some fish on it and some bread. Jesus invited them to have breakfast with Him.



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