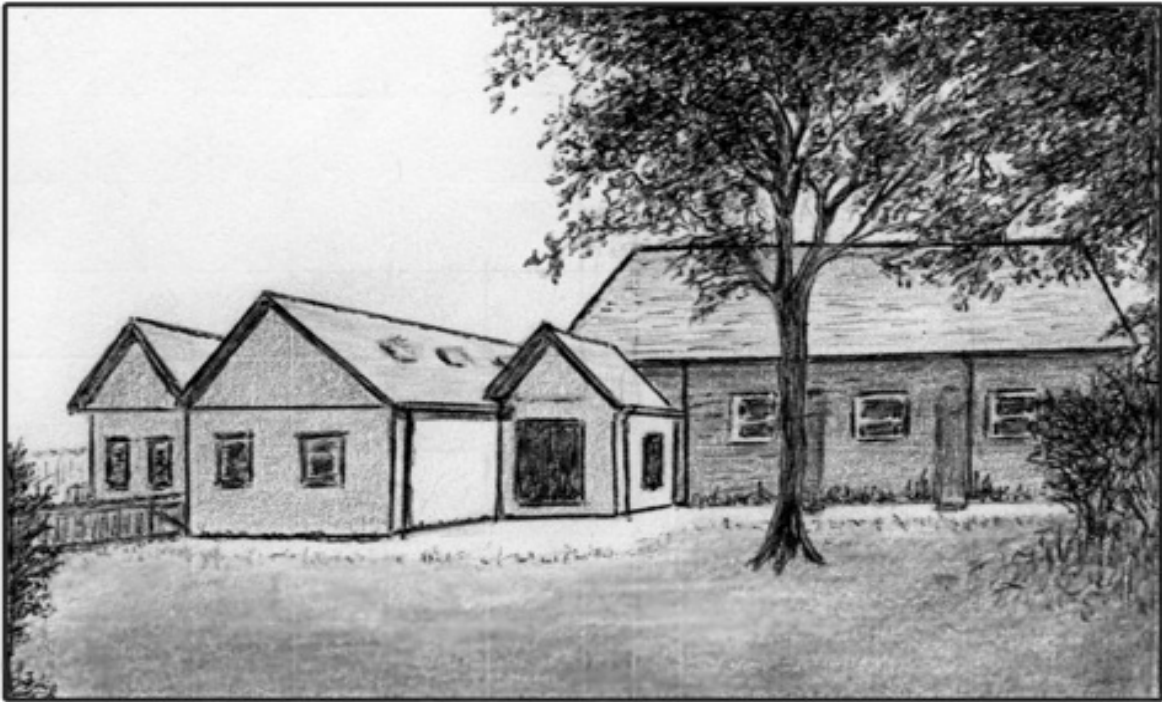


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“I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust.”

*Psalm 91:2 NIV*

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## **EBENEZER EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

### **Doctrinal Statement.**

The church believes the fundamental truths of Christianity, as revealed in Holy Scripture, including the following:

- 1 The unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
- 2 The sovereignty of God in creation, providence, revelation, redemption and final judgment.
- 3 The divine inspiration, infallibility and inerrancy of Holy Scripture as originally given, and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- 4 The universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since the fall, rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
- 5 The full deity of the Lord Jesus Christ the incarnate Son of God, His virgin birth and His real and sinless humanity; His death on the cross; His bodily resurrection; His ascension; His present reign in heaven and on earth; and His intercession on behalf of the church.
- 6 Redemption from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial and atoning death, once and for all time, of our representative and substitute, Jesus Christ, the only mediator between God and man.
- 7 Justification as God's act of undeserved mercy, in which the sinner is pardoned all his sins and accepted as righteous in God's sight, only because of the righteousness of Christ imputed to him, this justification being received by faith alone.
- 8 The need for the Holy Spirit to make the work of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting him repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.
- 9 The church as the body of Christ, both locally and worldwide, its members consisting of those only to have been born again through the work of the Holy Spirit.
- 10 The indwelling of the Holy Spirit in all those thus regenerated, producing in them an increasing likeness to Christ in character and behaviour, and empowering them for their witness in the world.
- 11 The future personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge all men, executing God's final just condemnation on the impenitent and receiving the redeemed to eternal glory.

A further explanation of the things we believe is set out in the 1646 Westminster Confession of Faith

## **A LETTER FROM THE MINISTER**

Dear friends,

If you are visiting North Wales on holiday, then welcome to this beautiful part of the world. We hope your time in the area is a relaxing and a refreshing one and that the beautiful surroundings bring you to an even greater appreciation of the power and wisdom of the God who created it and sustains it. That is a realistic hope on our part because as Paul says: “Since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen” (Rom 1: 20).

And yet, however spectacular it is, this world is not what it once was. Being the pinnacle of creation, man’s rebellion towards his Creator had a devastating effect upon the entire creation. Following Adam’s sin in the Garden of Eden, the earth suffered as well as its inhabitants. That is why it produces undesirable things, behaves in unpredictable ways and takes a lot of work to live off (Gen 3: 17 – 19).

But although the surrounding scenery continues to be a testimony to the existence and power of God – and so much so that it leaves us “without excuse” – the surrounding scenery does not and cannot tell you the good news of what God has done to rescue us and the creation from the deserved consequences of our rebellion. To hear that great news, we need the greater revelation of God’s Word. It is “the holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim 3 v 15). It is the Bible that tells us: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3 v 16).

And so that being the case, we are delighted that during your stay in this beautiful area, you have taken the time to join with us in Ebenezer to hear the good news of God’s Word. And our prayer is that as we meet together, His Word might fall on open ears and prepared hearts, and in doing so have a lasting effect which will be for your good and God’s glory.

David.

## **Amongst Ourselves**

Whilst we were visiting family in Western Australia we missed the church's day out at Beechwood Court, Conwy at the end of May. As the day was felt to be worthwhile, the church has decided to plan another for next year DV!

The Sunday ministry continued with David preaching a series on Jonah. Whilst David & Kyung-Ju were on holiday in June some of the Sunday services were taken by visiting preachers: Dafydd Job from Capel y Ffynnon, Bangor, Stephen Dunning and Morgan Britton both from Mold and Paul Kusuma. Since then David has started a series on the 'I Am' sayings of Jesus from John's Gospel. Paul Kusuma has now been appointed trainee minister at Rhosneigr Evangelical Church; his induction service took place there on Sunday afternoon 21<sup>st</sup> June. Some of us were able to attend which proved to be a very happy occasion.

We commenced Fellowship Groups in mid-April with two in Bangor, West & East and one on Anglesey which was also on Zoom. The object was to have a devotion & discussion, prayer time & fellowship over drinks. These have taken a break over the summer as has the Explorers Bible Study. The Ladies have concluded their studies on 2 Samuel which they found profitable.

Sadly, one of our regulars, Mrs Audrey Roberts passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> May. Her funeral took place here in Ebenezer on 5<sup>th</sup> June and was led by Rev Peter Gordon Roberts (Rhosneigr). Our sympathies go to her son Richard and daughter Sarah. Shortly after this, one of our oldest members, Mrs Marian Owen had a fall and was admitted to hospital and then passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> June. Her funeral took place here on 8<sup>th</sup> July. Our prayerful sympathies go to her son Cynrig.

One sunny Saturday afternoon in early July we enjoyed a Tea Party on the church lawn and it was encouraging to have some visitors join with us. On July 16<sup>th</sup> the wedding took place of Roland Finnie to Audrey Lam at Styal Lodge near Manchester. Several of us were able to attend on what proved to be a very enjoyable occasion. We wish them both God's richest blessing on their marriage.

At our recent members meeting it was agreed to appoint Dr Ioan Burridge as a deacon. One Tuesday evening, Fiona Earnest gave us a fine presentation

of the work of the Albanian Evangelical Mission concentrating on Memaliaj. The summer is also the time for beach missions, JP & Fiona Earnest at Tenby, West Wales (OAM) and also at Benllech on Anglesey (UBM).

Let us continue to pray for those who find it difficult or impossible to attend our Sunday Services including Malcolm, Sydna, Gwynfor & Tim.

*John P Gough*

### **August/September Missionary Prayer Points**

**Sunday: Johnny and Ann McClean. Bangkok. Thailand** Thank the Lord that they are now settled in their new home in Udon Thani, got their work permits and driving licences and car. Pray for Ann as she settles into her new role at ICS school. Pray for Johnny as he continues the work with the Langham Training as well as ministering locally and learning the Lao language.

**Monday: Memaliaj, Albania. Geni and Niki.** Pray for Geni as he preaches a series through the Psalms. Remember especially Riza who has expressed a desire to be baptised. Pray for her family to be saved. Pray for the children's work where the numbers attending vary from week to week.

**Tuesday: Bangor Christian Union** Pray for the members of the new committee as they prepare for the new term. Welcome week (Freshers' Week) begins on 21 September. Pray for the CU as they attend Serendipity (Freshers Fair) where they will have opportunities to meet and invite new students. Pray that churches will make the students feel welcomed.

**Wednesday: Esther and Emmanuel. Cognin, France.** Pray that they will have a good holiday this Summer visiting family in Wales. Both Jean-Baptiste and Maxime will be in the UK studying in September. Pray that the church in Cognin will continue to grow in numbers and in love for one another,

**Thursday: Christian camps, conferences and mission.** Pray for those attending the EMW Aber conferences. English, August 8-15, main speaker Phil Swan. Welsh, August 18-21, main speaker Emyr James. Pray for JP and Fiona at the OAM Beach Mission in Tenby. Remember the UBM Beach

mission in Benllech, Llandudno and other parts of the country. Gives thanks for the people contacted at the Royal Welsh Agricultural show recently. Pray for the witness of the EMW team in the National Eisteddfod. Pray for the camps for children and young people. The camps will be full of fun and activity, but the greatest prayer is that the Holy Spirit would be at work in lives of the young people bringing them to know the Saviour.

**Friday : David, Rebecca and children.** They are now in Romania. Pray for them as they rest, recover and consider where the Lord will have them go next to share the news of Jesus.

**Saturday : Becks.** Pray that the Lord will comfort and sustain her as her treatment is carefully monitored and planned. Pray that she might be able to fully trust in the Lord and know His peace and presence with her and her family at this difficult time. Remember the Lord's work in North Africa especially those Beck has made good friends with.

*Catherine Davies*



Johnny McClean has finally set up his work station and office in UdonThani, Thailand





**Beechwood Court Day Out**



**Ebenezer Garden Party**

## **Protecting Historical Christian Heritage**

Mohács sits on the Danube near the border of Croatia and Serbia. It was established by the Hungarians in 1093 and had a strong Christian ethos. On August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1526, the Islamic Ottoman Empire invaded Mohács. The Ottomans were led by the Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent.

The twenty-year-old king of the Hungarians fled the scene only to be flung off his horse when crossing a river. He drowned due to the heavy weight of the armour he wore. Suleiman showed no mercy and ordered his army to keep no prisoners. Over 2,000 soldiers were subsequently slaughtered. Christianity was driven underground and it became an Islamic state for some 150 years. Mohács is seen by many Hungarians as the decisive turning point in the country's history, a national trauma that persists in the nation's folk memory. The Hungarian '*Több is veszett Mohácsnál*' ("more was lost at Mohács") has become a national idiom.

But it is not all bad news. In 1687, the Christian king, Charles of Lorraine came to deliver the area from Islamic rule. This is known as the Battle of 'Berg Hasány'. Although the Ottoman army was significantly greater, they suffered a massive defeat with the loss of 10,000 soldiers and most of their artillery. This ended the Ottoman domination of Hungary. The Christian ethos, which had not been extinguished, soon burst forth again. Tragedy reappeared when the Germans invaded Hungary. After the war they came under the control of Russia, which drove Christianity underground once more. Hungary remained a communist state until the establishment of the current Republic of Hungary on 23 October 1989. Christianity was considered as part of its historical heritage and was soon reestablished.

The recognition of this uniquely Christian Hungarian identity was formalized on June 20, 2018, when a seventh amendment was adopted to Hungary's Fundamental Law of 2011 stating that "the protection of Hungary's self-identity and its Christian culture is the duty of all state organizations." (Cited in Gábor Halmai, "The Role of Religion in the Illiberal Hungarian Constitutional System,") Due to Mohács' setting between East and West, both Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches can be seen there in equal numbers, and you will even find the occasional Mosque. There is no obvious Protestant presence, and the impression I had when I visited Mohács last year was that their 'Christianity' was rooted more in historical tradition than in the Gospel. I hope I am wrong.

*Lyn Davies*



## Sadly Missed



It is with sadness that we report the death on 9<sup>th</sup> May of Audrey Roberts a long-term attendee of Ebenezer. For many years she came to Ebenezer with her husband Adrian who died last year. They were both faithful in providing hospitality to the many foreign students who come to the church.

Also, we report the death on the 24<sup>th</sup> June of Mrs Marian Owen who attended Ebenezer almost from its founding in the late sixties. She can be seen here talking to a previous minister of the church, the Rev. Dr. Eryl Davies.



## Three Mrs Finnies and their Husbands



Congratulations to Roland Finnie and his bride Audrey Lam who were married on 16<sup>th</sup> July.



Dr Ioan Burrige was recently made a deacon of the church. He currently works at Ysbyty Gwynedd.

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REGULAR MEETINGS

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| SUNDAY   | 10.10am | Prayer Meeting in Library.                                                     |
|          | 10.30am | Morning Service. Junior Church (ages 4-10) during sermon.                      |
|          | 5.40pm  | Prayer Meeting in Library.                                                     |
|          | 6.00pm  | Evening Service                                                                |
|          |         | The Lord's Supper 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. evening & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun. morning. |
| TUESDAY  | 7.30pm  | Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study Fellowship Groups*                                 |
| THURSDAY | 10am    | Ladies Bible Study                                                             |
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