**Home Mission Sunday**

19th November 2023

**Prayer Guide**

The following people, projects and ministries are supported by your Home Mission giving. Each one is seeking to share the good news of Jesus within their local communities praying that people will encounter God, come to faith and be added to the church.

*“In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Phil 1:4-6*

* **Pray for York Place Baptist Church in Swansea with Rev Eunjig Yang**

1. Boyd & Chantelle (from Uganda) -youth and young adult ministry and Abir &Joseph (from Syria) -Arabic-speaking people ministry, received their visas (hallelujah!), so their ministry will begin in October. Pray for these two families to be settled in.
2. Pastors, Gareth & Howard from the USA will be visiting for about 2 weeks with a heart for revival in Wales. An evangelistic meeting is planned at our (York Place) church. Pray that many people will receive the Lord through these meetings.
3. A worship service for Spanish-speaking Latin Americans has started every Friday. Anoint Jonathan, who leads the group, that it will grow well, and that the gospel will be witnessed to Latin Americans in Swansea.

See also this [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-n-H9Xj1RYw&list=PLBx84r90rdfYWtliVdwDq6aDoFwg6hE2V) we made last year about the exciting work going on at York Place.

* **Pray for Llanfair Uniting Church in Penrhys with Sharon Rees**

1. Pray for Sharon Rees, Neil, Paul and others in the team as they prepare for the difficult challenges that winter will bring to the community they serve.
2. Pray for the new headteacher and staff at Penrhys Primary School where Sharon is also on the governing body.
3. Pray for the families who continue to access the foodbank and clothing bank.
4. Pray for the children, young people and volunteers who go to the after-school clubs each week.
5. Give thanks for all the volunteers who give their time every week to serve.
6. Pray for the Sponsoring Body which is responsible for the support and oversight of Llanfair Uniting Church and is made up of representatives from 8 different denominations. Pray especially for David Brownnutt who is our SWBA rep.

For more info about Llanfair Uniting Church check out their [website](https://llanfair.org.uk/).

* **Pray for Rev Nick Bradshaw, Missioner to Outdoor Pursuit Communities.**

It’s amazing how so many people have had a new appreciation for the outdoors since covid. I meet hundreds of people every week who are ‘getting out there’ to address their wellbeing alongside the hard-core adrenaline junkies who have always met with any excuse to be ‘way out there’.

1. Please pray for direction towards areas that need most focus as the grant begins to come to an end.
2. Give thanks that Relationships have been established and Respect earned and pray for gospel Relevance to be realised that leads to Responses made.
3. Pray for more people to take the plunge in witnessing to those they meet within their hobbies, sports and pastimes.
4. Please also consider how you might get involved in [Sports Chaplaincy](https://sportschaplaincy.org.uk/wales/) Wales.

I am so thankful to home mission for enabling me to experiment in this particular field (or river) of mission within my tribe! Go find yours!

* **Pray for Rev Naomi Dickerson, our Renew Wellbeing Coordinator**

1. Pray for the 12 Welsh Renew spaces that open each week thanking God for each centre, the good news stories we are hearing coming out of them and all that is being done to help reduce isolation and improve mental and emotional wellbeing.
2. Pray for those churches who are currently considering how they can respond to the needs of their communities and whether a Renew space could be part of that.
3. Pray for those individuals who are finding their local Renew Space to be a place where they can belong and journey with others amidst the struggles they are facing and for those who need a space like this but either haven't discovered one or for whom there isn't one close enough for them to access yet.

Here’s the recent [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lDEGsN67DhA) we showed at the association AGM.

* **Pray for Rev Vaughan Rees, Director of Chaplaincy Services and the University of South Wales Chaplain**

1. Pray for the new students settling into university life for the first time. Especially those who are finding the new environment difficult and unsettling.
2. Pray for those who work and volunteer at the chaplaincy centre, that they might have the wisdom and compassion they need.
3. Pray that God will bless the regular pattern of meetings, opportunities to worship, discussion groups and social activities that the chaplaincy provides.
4. Pray for students anxious about their future, struggling with their studies, their mental health, and other issues in their personal lives.

Find out more about the work of the University Chaplaincy [here](https://chaplaincy.southwales.ac.uk/).

* **Pray for Rev Jon Vaughan-Davis, our Digital Communications Lead**

1. For God to use the videos to help deepen our connection and communication in our work as one church together for His glory!
2. For fresh ideas and energy in seeking to harness the power of digital technology for ministry and mission.

Have a look at our SWBA YouTube page [here](https://www.youtube.com/@southwalesbaptist).

* **Pray for Mark, Karen and Rob, the association core team, as they seek to support and encourage churches and church leaders across the association.**
* **Pray for Kath Needham, our Safeguarding Lead.**
* **Pray for our Association Trustees as they oversee and guide the work of the association.**

Find out more about the wider work of the association [here](https://www.southwalesba.org.uk/).

* **Pray for an increase in giving to meet our shortfall.**
* What’s our association fundraising target for 2023? **£150,000**
* How much have we so far raised? **£92,607** (end of August 2023)
* *How much had we raised by the same time last year?* ***£102,120***
* **Finally, pray for the team at Didcot, also funded by your Home Mission giving.**

Pray for them as they continue to support churches and associations across the Baptist Family. They provide excellent and wise support to us across a wide and varied range of issues. You can find out more about **Home Mission** nationally [here](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/374909/Home_Mission.aspx), and you can find out more about the **Specialist Teams** based at Didcot [here](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/220633/Specialist_Teams.aspx).

**Thank you once again for your generous support and all your ongoing prayers!!**